

Crawford Notes Progress For Heppner in Chamber Talk

Art Crawford, now of San Jose, Calif., but for years a resident of Heppner and former editor of The Gazette-Times, described progress that he notes in returning to Heppner when he spoke at the Heppner-Morrow meeting on May 20.

He also reminded on former days, and since his remarks are appropriate for the annual Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic, much of his talk is printed here:

First I want to say it is a great pleasure and a rare privilege to address this important body, an organization which, through the years, has and still is accomplishing so much for Morrow county; shaping up and pushing hard for greater and better things.

As a native son of Heppner, it seems that I never will get the old home town out of my system, nor do I want to. I keep coming back here from time to time. Also I keep close tabs on the city-county growth and continual progress because I get the Gazette-Times every week. My reaction to all this may be a bit keener than yours, since you see it day by day and I see it by years and years where the contrast becomes more vivid.

Sees Fine New School

Coming into town over the Willow Creek highway the casual tourist would note the fine new high school on the west hill and impress him to the point of asking about it. When he learns all about it, he is likely to pass on to other points, knowing nothing of the fact that Morrow county was one of the first, if not the first, to adopt the Unified School District plan in the State of Oregon. Little will he know of the two-story wooden school building that once stood on the hill where now is the handsome and modern efficient Pioneer Memorial Hospital, or of the successor to the old school building built "down on the flat" for high and grammar school that has long since been outgrown. Today, to the lasting credit of Morrow county citizens, education is being given increased impetus in every possible manner.

With school progress in Heppner I note with added pride that such public spirit has brought a brighter and more attractive city in all respects, when compared with the days of yore. It has been said that a city which stands still is in the throes of a slow death. Heppner, it is quite evident, is not standing still. The old town will never stand hitched. I am sure the slogan will always be "forward." In the old days Heppner's verdure was along the near banks of Willow Creek, summer watering of lawns was restricted, as a rule, to no more



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than two hours and if you still had the sprinkler on after 8 p.m. the water master or one of his agents would pop around the corner to give you a stiff reprimand.

So more water has spelled the big difference. Today in Heppner it opens my eyes wide when I see the many beautiful homes and green lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers in profusion and greenery in general. In this respect I am happy to learn that Morrow county farmers move to Heppner, Lexington and Ione to make fine homes for their retirement years. So many of the old timers went to Portland or other of the larger cities when they retired. The new trend appears strongly when viewed by the occasional caller such as I.

In fact there are so many improvements in Heppner and Morrow county that I can't, nor would I try, to mention them all. You would learn nothing new if I did. What I say here is in no manner informative, I am only trying to tell you how good it makes me feel to see so many changes for the better, that Heppner is keeping pace with the times.

Heritage is Deep

We soon will be observing Memorial Day. There will be the annual Pioneers Reunion which draws each year so many of the sons and daughters of the early Morrow county settlers. It is a splendid opportunity to show the love and respect for our forebears—to once again greet old friends at the same time never losing sight of the fact that our heritage is deep in the grass roots of this country here. "The Friendly Country," endowed by the lasting virtues of honesty, integrity, charity. This, and with their faith, hope and endurance, the settlers set the ground-work for future generations to come. May we and those to come after us, never forget it.

It was only a week ago Sunday that I made a trip to Battle Mountain and on my way back paid a long overdue visit to the Vinson and Lena cemeteries, thanks to my nephew, Don Turner. Here rest some of the truly early Morrow county pioneers—the Frenchs, the Brosnans, the Vinsons, the Dohertys and the Newmans, to mention only a few. Then there is the grave of H. Hale, aged 34 who was killed by the Indians at Willow Springs. It is sad that lack of water has prevented these old burial grounds from being in better condition.

In this overall review, so far as it goes, of the Heppner-Morrow county of today as compared to the earlier era as I knew it, I would be remiss indeed if I failed to tell you how deeply impressed I was with the "new look" up at the Masonic Cemetery when going back in memory to this hallowed ground where so many of our loved ones rest. The current Cemetery Improvement Association has well-earned its fine reputation for getting things done. May I say this—today the cemetery is a great credit to the entire county.

Reviews Bank History

Probably the record for continual improvement in Heppner business property is held right now by the First National Bank, which will have open house on Thursday, marking the completion of its building annex and a remodeling of the main building, as all of you well know. In the old original bank building, business had been carrying on for some time before I came into the world, and Lord knows I have been here quite awhile. The first bodies of victims of the Heppner Flood of 1903 were brought into the loobies of this bank but it became quickly inadequate and the upper floor of the Roberts building, now Murrays Drug Store, was given over to taking care of the dead. The old original bank building was razed to make room for the present structure.

Early cashier of the old First National was the late George Conser, for years one of Heppner's leading citizens. At one time he had a beautiful flower garden going on the parkway, May street side of the bank. Among the flowers was a vine, that for lack of name was dubbed the appendicitis vine because of its resemblance to the human appendix. Then came the hard freeze of the first winter and the flower garden was a goner. Its obituary was penned by the local bard, "Baron" Currier, when he wrote: The days are dreary and the nights are dark. The flowers lie withered in Conser's park. Around the trellis in death, doth twine the lone Appendix Vine.

Morrow County Teachers Host Luncheon

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN—The Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority met here Saturday, May 18, in the Greenfield Grange hall. Luncheon was served to them at noon by members of the Home Economics Club of the grange.

The hostess committee for the meeting included Velva Bechdolt, Heppner; Gladys Ely of Ione, Joy Smith and Ruth Bentley of Irrigon, and Zoe Billings and LaVern Partlow of Boardman. There were 50 present, representing all the teachers of Umatilla and Morrow counties. The sorority scrapbook was on display. Reports were given on the state convention held in Ontario May 4-5.

At the end of the meeting LaVelle Province of Pendleton, outgoing president, in charge of the meeting, handed the gavel over to Velva Bechdolt, the new president. This was the last meeting of this school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gronquist of Pendleton were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary when a reception was held for them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West, Jr. Assisting the hosts were the honoree's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gronquist, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Black.

Mrs. Ray Gronquist cut and served the cake, made by Mrs. Dan Daltoso, her daughter Karen poured the coffee, and Mrs. R. B. Rands, sister of Mrs. Gronquist, served the punch.

Guests included the honored couple's son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Keith Gronquist and daughter Melinda of Austin, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Flug, Zoe Billings, LaVern Partlow, Mrs. Bernard Donovan and daughter Sharon.

Program Entertains Grange

The junior members of Greenfield Grange presented a mock style show during the lecturer's hour preceding the last meeting of the grange at the hall, Mrs. W. G. Seehafer was in charge of the program. The juniors and their matron, Mrs. John Phillips, also presented their drill which they will do at the state grange session in June at Gresham.

Guests at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holsman of Parkdale Grange, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Davies of Rockford Grange at Hood River. Holsman is master at Parkdale grange, and Mrs. Holsman is state junior grange chairman of district five.

Nathan Thorpe was appointed to serve on the rural fire district committee to replace Arthur Allen, who resigned.

The \$10 collected by the Home Economics Club will be turned in for a grange scholarship.

Nathan Thorpe was appointed a delegate to the state grange Mutual Insurance meeting, and Mrs. Thorpe will be an alternate.

It was voted to join the granges of Umatilla county to promote an annual multi-county grange potluck picnic. Announcement was made that the next meeting concerning this would be held at Tillicum Grange at Pendleton May 23.

Twenty-four year pins are to be ordered for all members who have been members that long during this year.

Mrs. Seehafer, lecturer, asked that the Home Economics club put on the program for the June meeting. During June, July and August, meetings will start at 8 p.m. and there will be no potluck suppers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West, Jr. received word last week that their son Larry, who has been in Vietnam since last January, received his first lieutenant bars May 15, and is now a mortar platoon leader in Dang Tam by My Tho.

Members of the Boardman Garden club went to Pendleton for a meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Anderegk. Mrs. Anderegk served luncheon to the group at noon. There were four visitors, Mrs. Earl Briggs, Mrs. Hugh Brown, Mrs. Nate Macomber and Ms. Lee Mead, all of Pendleton. Attending from Boardman were Mrs. Arthur Allen, Mrs. Rollin Bishop, Mrs. Glen Carpenter, Mrs. Ralph Erwood, Mrs. Zearl Gillespie, Mrs. Ed Kuhn, Mrs. Haze Miller, Mrs. Walter Wyss and Mrs. Frank Marlow.

Roll call was answered by giving the name of the flower for the birthday month.

It was voted to donate one-half a 4-H scholarship for summer school to a Boardman 4-H club member.

Mrs. Bishop told what flowers to plant to attract humming birds, namely, pink zinnias, trumpe vine, scarlet runner beans, red snapdragons, nasturtiums and coral balls.

Mrs. Marlow presented a program on the origin of May Day and the Maypole. Mrs. Gillespie received the door prize.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Roy Ball's for the annual Sandflower sister party and installation of officers June 17.

The old Boardman school have been ordered. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ronald Black on June 11. There will be no meeting May 28. Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting. Mrs. Lawrence Kaseberg of Wasco, 7th district president, will install the following: Mrs. Frank Bates, president; Mrs. Vernon Russell, vice-president; Mrs. Ron Daniels, recording secretary; Mrs. Dewey West, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Rod Flug, corresponding secretary.

Members of the senior class of Riverside High school attended a banquet at the Dodge City restaurant with Dan Daltoso, school principal, and Mrs. Daltoso, and their class advisor, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leroux. The Gollyhorn twins, Gene and Darlene, were presented with birthday cakes since the occasion was on their birthday.

Four tables of pinochle were in play at the card party held at the home of Mrs. Chub Warren. Mrs. Bernard Donovan was hostess for the affair which is sponsored by the Home Economics Club of Greenfield Grange. High prize was won by Mrs. Carmelita Berghese of Arlington, and low went to Mrs. W. G. Seehafer, Mrs. Arnold Classen and Mrs. Berghese won the pinochle prizes.

A new TOPS club has been formed in Boardman, the Waist Away TOPS. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dave Larson. Mrs. Larson was elected leader. Mrs. Frank Marlow, co-leader; Mrs. W. G. Seehafer, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Chub Warren, weigher. The club will meet each Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Seehafer.

Mrs. Loye DeVore of Portland visited at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Albert Schunk, on her way to visit relatives in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Leonard Bedord took her mother, Mrs. Guy Ferguson, to Kennewick, Wash. to visit at the home of Mrs. Ferguson's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zunker.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie,



ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard, is wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a fugitive in the investigation concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Anyone having information about this individual (pictured above) is urged to contact the Portland FBI office immediately.

Irrigon Council Acts on Issues

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—The regular monthly council meeting for the City of Irrigon was presided over by Mayor pro tem Warren McCoy in the absence of Mayor Wilson.

A resolution was adopted for transfer of \$500 from the general fund to the City Hall Building Reserve fund.

Mrs. Rita Creamer submitted her resignation as Recorder as she will leave for the summer to join her husband in California where he is now employed.

The Council was reluctant to accept it in view of the fact that she may return this fall for school and it was suggested that a pro tem recorder be appointed for the summer months. If this can be suitably arranged it will be the course that will be followed.

Other business included a report by McCoy on his contact with railroad officials in Portland recently, regarding the request to have the track and fence removed through town.

Discussion of appointment of a Planning Commission member to replace Mr. Keith, whose term had expired, Elbert Eppenbach was named to the office. A proposed plan for development of 10th Street into the park was presented and after discussion was tabled until the June meeting. The question of a suitable wage scale for city work was also discussed and tabled.

Mrs. Glen Carpenter and nephew, Frank LaChance, and Mrs. Frank Marlow went to Rufus to the smorgasbord put on by the Rufus grange.

Members of the eighth grade graduating class in Irrigon who are from Boardman this year include Bill Acock, Miles Altman, Ron Baker, Larry Ball, Tony Barnhart, Charlene Flock, Jerry Hascall, Georgia Hinton, Linda Hoffman, Rick Partlow, Larry Shoemake, and Michelle Wilkie. Graduating exercises were held in Irrigon at the A. C. Houghton cafeteria on the evening of May 28, at 8 p.m.

New 4-H Food Club Has First Meeting

Our 4-H Food club started May 22. We met at the home of Mrs. Arbogast on West Willow. We elected the following officers: Kimmie Lou Hagwood, president; Lori Dunlap, vice president; Ruth Ann Keithley, secretary; Janette Hust, reporter, and Kathy Schwarzin, song and game leader. We have not chosen a name yet for our club.

We made a cold fruit drink, with raspberries, and it was very good. We passed out record books and talked about things we are going to do in our club. We will meet again May 29. Janette Hust, reporter

bled pending information to be solicited on the subject from neighboring towns for comparative purposes.

A report of progress of the water system indicated that Mayor Wilson had been contacted the past week by Farmers Home Administration officials. County Supervisor Ronald Freiden and State Engineer Spindler to discuss the project. Don Russell of Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, who will act as project engineer, was also in the area during the week with an assistant to do some ground work connected with design of the system indicating that progress is being made toward construction.

Mrs. Daniel Creamer and Mrs. Margie Shade were named as delegates to represent Irrigon at the League of Oregon Cities meeting in Pendleton on May 23.

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Inspections Start On Farm Safety

Four farm safety representatives are now making routine farm inspections around the state, according to James E. Wiles, director of the Accident Prevention Division of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Named to the four positions were: Merrill L. Reed, Ted R. Jones, C. D. Blalock and Norman R. Brothers.

Norman Brothers of Pendleton, will be serving in the eastern part of the state and brings a vast amount of farm experience to his position. He was an active wheat farmer in the Pendleton area for some 15 years following service with the Army Air Corps during World War II. The four men have recently completed their indoctrination as safety inspectors and will be making calls on all farm accounts that are subject to the law which became effective on January 1 of this year.

Parents to Receive Immunization Cards

The Morrow County Health Department wishes to notify all parents of Morrow county school children who received immunizations in the 1968 clinics that an immunization record card will be included with the report card at the end of the school year.

Immunizations given at clinics in prior years are on record in the Health Department office files, according to Mrs. Lowell Chally, R. N. If anyone wishes this information, it can be obtained by calling 976-9911 between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon daily.

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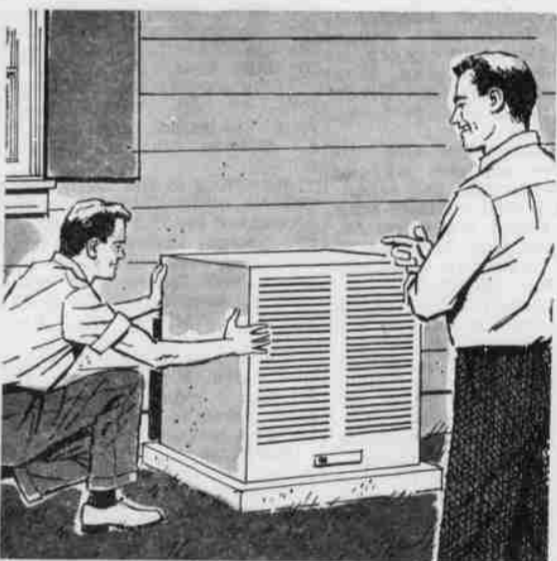


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