

Democratic Committee backs Nelson as Judge replacement

The Morrow County Democratic Central Committee Monday voted to recommend D.O. Nelson, of Heppner, as the replacement for County Judge Paul Jones, who last week announced his resignation from the position.

Jones, in making his formal statement during court session on Wednesday, May 11, said his resignation will become effective July 1 of this year.

The committee's recommendation, in resolution form, will be sent to Gov. Straub today. Straub will appoint a successor to Jones under terms of the law requiring the appointee be affiliated with the same political party as his predecessor.

Ed Sullivan, legal counsel to the Governor, has requested nominations for the appointment be made in writing and filed with the County Clerk by May 31. The nominations

should include a statement of background and qualifications for the position.

Jones said he thought the Governor would give "a great deal of consideration" to the committee's recommendation.

"I'd be disappointed if he chose to do otherwise. I feel Morrow County will be extremely fortunate to have a person of Nelson's caliber as County Judge," Jones said.

Following the committee session, Jones attended a meeting of the East Central

In last week's story about Grand Squares' ninth anniversary, Dan and Barbara James were inadvertently listed as Dan and Barbara Jones. We regret the error.

Oregon Association of Counties in Pendleton and said the feeling was present that Nelson would cooperate fully with other county officials if appointed.

"As government continues to expand, the job of County Judge must be considered to extend beyond county lines," Jones said.

Two Heppner school teachers were honored on their retirement during a recognition dinner at West of Willow restaurant in Heppner Wednesday, May 11.

The retirees are Inez Erwin, sixth grade teacher, and Pauline Miller, remedial reading teacher.

Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Miller have spent three decades or better in the field of teaching.

Mrs. Erwin began teaching in Heppner 31 years ago.

Mrs. Miller has been teaching special reading in the district for 16 years. She taught in Iowa, Illinois, Utah, and Burns, Ore., prior to coming to Heppner. She has a total of 36 years of teaching.



Heppner elementary teachers Inez Erwin, left, and Pauline Miller are shown with Don Cole, principal, during recent retirement and recognition dinner at the West of Willow restaurant. Mrs. Erwin currently teaches sixth grade. Mrs. Miller is a remedial reading teacher.

Boardman pair named to potato committee

Donald R. Brewer and Al Adamson, both of Boardman, were among nine members and their alternates recently

appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to serve on the Oregon-California Potato Committee.

The two men were assigned alternate positions for the two-year terms ending May 31, 1979. John A. Prag, of

Boardman, was nominated as a producer alternate to fill an unexpired term ending May 31, 1978.

The committee administers locally the provisions of the federal marketing order on potato handling. The order sets grade and size specifications to insure steady movement of uniform quality potatoes throughout the marketing season.

Teachers retire from years of service

Amelia Griffith passes May 14

Death claimed one of Ione's oldest residents with the passing of Fannie Amelia Griffith, 88, Saturday, May 14, at Hiersche's Nursing Home, Pendleton, where she had resided for over a year.

She was born Feb. 12, 1889 at Ladd Canyon near Union, Ore., the daughter of Oliver H.P. and Grace Gray Goodall, who were early day pioneers of that area. She spent her childhood in and near LaGrande, with the exception of a few years spent in the Willamette Valley and California. After receiving her certificate to teach, she taught in Klamath County for a year, then in the Pendleton Public Schools before coming to Morrow County, where she taught at Rhea Creek and Pine City Schools and later was the bookkeeper at the Bert Mason store in Ione.

On Feb. 14, 1918, she was married to Elmer Griffith, Ione, and they lived there with the exception of 18 years when they lived on their ranch at Morgan.

Mrs. Griffith was very interested in community life and was one of the founders of the Ione P.T.A. She became a member of the Ione Topic Club, a women's study group, soon after its inception in 1931, and devoted many hours in support of their philanthropic project, the Ione Public Library. She worked as a substitute librarian until her

early eighties. Her constant love of flowers and gardening showed in her lovely yard. She was a long-time member of the Ione Garden Club and worked many years on the horticulture show at the Morrow County Fair. Mrs. Griffith was a past matron of Locust Chapter No. 119, Ione, and a 62 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Ione United Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 17, at Ione United Church of Christ at 2 p.m., with the Rev. William Graham officiating. The church choir sang an anthem, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Tews, organist.

Casket bearers were Paul Tews, Robert Rietmann, Ted Palmateer, Gene Rietmann, James Barnett and Arthur Lindstrom. Honorary bearers were Omar Rietmann, Herbert Ekstrom, Sr., Verner Troedson, Kenneth Smouse, Milton Morgan and Lewis Halvorsen.

Concluding services and vault interment were at High View Cemetery, Ione, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Griffith's husband, Elmer, preceded her in death in 1946.

She is survived by three daughters, Virginia G. Burns, Eagle River, Alaska; Katherine Lindstrom, Ione; and June J. Haugen, Lake Os-

wego; one son, George G. Griffith, Cecil; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Contributions may be made to the Ione United Church of Christ Memorial Fund, or to the Ione Library Fund.

Heppner man sentenced

Larry D. Groce, 19, of Heppner, was fined and sentenced Wednesday, May 11, by Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen after pleading guilty to a

charge of theft in the first degree.

The action stems from an April 8 robbery in which \$385 was taken from the Pettyjohn

Oil Co., in Boardman. Groce had been an employee of the service station at the time of the holdup.

According to the terms of the sentencing, Groce will be placed under three years of formal probation and will also serve two days in the county jail. He was fined \$305 and ordered to pay \$166 in court expenses.

In addition, Judge Olsen directed Groce to work towards achieving his high school diploma through an authorized G.E.D. program and to participate in a Mental Health Program as recommended by Dr. George B. Rex of the Morrow County Mental Health Clinic.

A Hermiston man was sentenced Wednesday, May 11, to a two-year term in the state penitentiary by Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen after his conviction on a charge of theft in the first degree.

Lawrence R. Barnes, 32,

was arrested Dec. 30 of last year in connection with the theft of a shotgun from a car.

Barnes was found guilty by a jury on March 25 and Judge Olsen sentenced him to two years of a possible five year term.

Justice Court News

—William E. Mabe, 22, Arlington, was arrested May 16 on warrants for DWS and contempt of court.

—Charles C. Terry, 41, Umatilla, cited May 9 for DUI and DWS.

—Estin W. Stevens, 74, Monument, cited May 10 for careless driving.

—Raymond Peck, 27, Lexington, cited May 7 for careless driving.

—Tommy R. Ayres, 21, Heppner, cited April 21 for careless driving.

—Steven J. Stai, 19, Port-

land, was arrested May 13 in Pendleton on warrants for DWS and DUI.

—Perri R. Gaustad, 18, Ione, was cited May 13 for breaking the window of a phone booth on Main Street in Heppner.

Cattle vote

Cattle producers will vote on the proposed Beef Research and Information Program Tuesday, July 5, through Friday, July 15, at their local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office.

In order to vote, producers must first register at the ASCS office from June 6, through June 17.

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