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BOY SCOUT TROOP ORGANIZED HERE

Lodges and Legion Join In Giving Boys Support of the Community.

ACTION CONCERTED

Citizens' Advisory Council Formed to Give Assistance; Milton W. Bower Is Scoutmaster.

Shortly many Heppner boys will again be proudly wearing the uniform of the Boy Scouts of America, the result of the effort of local fraternal and other organizations which culminated this week in the organization of the Citizens' Boy Scout Advisory Council. And after more than a year of inactivity a smile of gladness has bespread the countenances of old and new members of the scout troop, in being allowed the privilege of donning the scout uniform, and participating in the work and pleasure it signifies.

The recent agitation to get the scouts going once more was brought to a head last Thursday evening when members of Boy Scout committees of various lodges and American Legion heeded the call of H. J. Hickerson, representing the Knights of Pythias, and met at the Heppner Hotel. As evidence of the whole-hearted desire to have an active Boy Scout troop in Heppner, it was unanimously voted that the members of the committees present at this meeting form themselves into a permanent organization, to be given the name of Citizens' Boy Scout Advisory Council, and as such take the steps necessary to starting and successfully maintaining a Boy Scout troop.

To this end Milton W. Bower, pastor of the Church of Christ, was unanimously elected scoutmaster, and a meeting was arranged with the boys at the schoolhouse Monday afternoon. A large number of boys attended this meeting with the Citizens' Advisory Council and signified their willingness and desire to become Boy Scouts, whereupon Mr. Bower immediately arranged to have two more meetings to carry out the work of preliminary organization.

Wheat Conference To Have Dr. Spillman

The Eastern Oregon Wheat conference at Moro, February 11 to 13, is to have the cooperation of the federal department of agriculture, as well as the state college extension and station specialists.

W. J. Spillman, consulting economist of the federal bureau of agricultural economics, will attend to consult with the growers and their committees on various phases of their problems, chiefly in those of farm management and of world supply and demand of wheat. Dr. Spillman has for the last several years directed the most searching investigations in these factors of economical production and comes prepared to place his findings at the disposal of the growers.

Although now at the national capital Dr. Spillman gave much of his early life to the solution of western problems. He made a specialty of western range grasses while teaching science at the Oregon State Normal school and later conducted investigation of ranges for the government. He then went to Washington State college as head of the agronomy department, and engaged in extensive wheat breeding. One result of his work is the famous Hybrid 128, much used in the west.

When called to join the department of agriculture, he was made chief extension service in collecting and arranging data on the world's supply, demand, and tendencies in production and consumption. The figures will be tabulated and charted by the department experts in such manner as to make their significance readily plain to the growers in their work of projecting a program.

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Heppner Rod & Gun Club Starts Year's Activities

Charles Latourel was elected president, Leonard Gilliam, secretary and Frank Little, assistant field secretary, at a meeting of the Heppner Rod and Gun club last night. The club expects to become active at once, and take part in the state shoot to be held soon. Immediate steps will be taken to put the club grounds and clubhouse in shape, and necessary supplies ordered.

The club also passed a resolution to be sent to the state fish and game commission, expressing the sentiment of the club that those parts of Big and Little Butte creek, recently closed to fishing for a ten year period by the commission, be reopened. In the opinion of the club the conditions under which the commission has a right to close streams to fishing, do not exist in the case of the streams mentioned, and they have considered it an unjust procedure.

Most of Reseeding Loans Are Repaid in County

Morrow county has repaid \$89,205.86 of the \$100,323.61 borrowed by farmers from the state for reseeded purposes last spring, on January 1, 1926, leaving a balance of \$21,517.75, according to a report from the office of Sam A. Kezer, secretary of state. Applications to the number of 129, for which 141 notes were given, covered the amount borrowed by this county. The report gives the status of the whole account as follows:

Of the \$1,500,000 made available from the sinking fund of the Veterans' State Aid fund, to be loaned to farmers for the purchase of seed grain for reseeding areas upon which the growing crops were frozen out during the winter of 1924-25, by the legislature of 1925, an aggregate of \$396,431.29 was loaned to 836 farmers of six counties in Eastern Oregon during the year 1925 by the State Board of Control. Of the total amount loaned \$369,928.59 has been repaid on the principal and \$10,601.22 has been collected in interest to January 1, 1926, leaving a balance of \$23,602.80 outstanding on the principal of the loans on that date. These loans were made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 18, Laws of 1925.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE DIES.

John T. Cantwell, for many years a resident of Heppner and Morrow county, who for the past several years has resided at Walla Walla, died at his home in that city on the 19th of this month. His death came suddenly, as relatives here were not aware of his serious illness when the news was received. His son, M. L. Cantwell, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Wright of this city, were in attendance at the funeral, Mr. Cantwell rushing on to Walla Walla after driving home from Portland the day before his father died, and was able to reach his bedside but a few hours before he passed.

AUXILIARY TO MEET.

The regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the dining room of Hotel Heppner on Monday evening, February 1st. Hostesses are Mrs. J. D. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman. New members are especially requested to be present at this meeting as there will be work.

MRS. D. A. WILSON, Sec.

MA'S NIGHTMARE

By A. B. CHAPIN

AFTER TRYING TO SATISFY DAD'S APPETITE FOR BUCKWHEAT CAKES ON A COLD JANUARY DAY



HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS

With the opening of the new semester the seating arrangement of the high school assembly has been changed somewhat. Though the order is still alphabetical, students who occupied back seats last semester have front ones now, and similarly those who were formerly in front have been moved to the rear.

The chorus class is devoting its class time to work on the opera to be produced in the course of the next few weeks. During the regular chorus period the songs which are to be featured in the opera are practiced, and in addition evening rehearsals of the cast principals are held four times a week, under Miss Denn's supervision.

Two new sections of bookshelves have been added to the school library on the wall next to the office. These are being used to accommodate the overflow which followed the acquisition of new books from the library of Mrs. Woodson and from the purchases made possible through the donation from the town library and P. T. A. funds. Re-cataloging of the entire library is nearing completion, and within a short time all volumes will be readily accessible, numbered according to the standard Dewey decimal system.

The enrollment of two additional freshmen has brought the membership of the news staff up to 13. Gertrude Doherty and Henry Peck, both mid-year graduates of the 8th grade, are the two who entered this week. Others in the January, 1926, class are Virginia Dix, Mary Beamer, Katherine Bisbee, Evelyn Swindig, Thelma Starkey, Duane Bown, John Parker, John Sharp, Roderick Thomson, Nolan Turner and Harry Wells.

In connection with their study of the ocean and its life forms, members of Miss Simpson's geography class recently wrote themes describing the probable experience of a deep-sea diver with emphasis on the different kinds of plant and animal life to be met on such an expedition.

No basketball games have been scheduled for this weekend, and unless a last-minute arrangement is made the Heppner high team will not play in an interscholastic contest until the following week end, when it meets lone at Heppner the night of February 5 and Condon at Condon on February 6.

Coach Finch and several of the high school football players are planning to go to Portland to see "Red" Grange famous football star, in action Saturday on Multnomah field.

Student body taxes have been lowered from one dollar to seventy-five cents per semester. This action was first taken by the student council in a meeting Monday afternoon, and was approved at a general student body meeting held Tuesday.

Louise Thomson and Howard McDuffee, editor and business manager of the annual, are making definite arrangements with the printers and engravers for the Heisch work. Members of the staff are being given instructions about their dummies and other preliminary arrangements.

Mrs. M. B. Scrivner Was Long a Heppner Resident

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Martha B. Scrivner, who passed away at her home in this city on last Thursday afternoon, were held at 11:00 o'clock a. m., at the Methodist Community church Sunday, Rev. E. C. Alford, pastor, officiating and delivering the discourse. A large number of friends and neighbors filled the church and later accompanied the remains to the cemetery where they were laid to rest beside the husband who departed this life several years ago.

Mrs. Scrivner suffered a stroke of apoplexy from which she failed to rally, and her death came peacefully at her home on South Court street, where she had lived for the past 35 years. She had always been an ardent church worker up until about four years ago when attacked by ill health she was not able to get about without much effort. She was a member of the M. E. church, South, and in years past had much to do with the church of that church in this city.

Martha Bannum Meek, daughter of Eli and Nancy M. Meek, pioneer of Eastern Oregon, was born near Mount City, Mo., August 26, 1856. In her early womanhood she taught school and music for a livelihood and was one of the early teachers of Gilliam county, to which part of the state her parents moved when she was yet a young woman. At Condon, Oregon, in the fall of 1881, she was united in marriage to William B. Scrivner, and they immediately came to Heppner, which place has been her home ever since. One child, Clarence M. Scrivner, was born to them, and he, with his two little daughters, Marie and Norma, are her sole immediate survivors. She also leaves four sisters and four brothers, these being Mrs. A. L. Putnam of Fossil; Mrs. E. M. Curran of Portland; Mrs. S. P. Shutt of Harrisburg, Oregon; and Mrs. Clint Ogel, residing in Kansas. The brothers are Wm. Meek of Bend, Oregon; J. C. Meek of Drummond, Idaho; and Joe and Clarence Meek, whose present address is unknown to the members of the family here. Besides these, the passing of Mrs. Scrivner is regretted by a host of friends in this community where she has been an honored and respected citizen for so many years.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

A little change in the weather today would seem to indicate that Heppner may yet have some winter. It has turned some cooler, but is foggy. Reports state that there is a heavy fall of snow—between 3 and 4 feet—on Ditch creek, and it reaches well down Willow creek, being somewhere between 15 and 18 inches at the Rasmussen mill. While it was raining in the lower country last week, it was snowing in the mountains, and there is now sufficient snow there to guarantee plenty of water for irrigation purposes in Willow creek valley the coming season.

At the annual election of stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner, M. S. Corrigan, W. P. Mahoney, John Kilkenny, Frank Gilliam, Jack Hynd and W. E. Moore were chosen directors, and these elected M. S. Corrigan, president; W. P. Mahoney and Frank Gilliam, vice presidents; W. E. Moore, cashier; K. K. Mahoney, assistant cashier. The reports for the year showed the bank to be in excellent condition.

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Word received here this week announces the death of Mrs. Robert L. Shaw at her home in Vancouver, B. C., on Friday, January 22, and her burial took place at that city. Mrs. Shaw who was formerly Nettie Sloan of Heppner, had been a sufferer for a number of years with cancer of the breast, and death resulted from this affliction. She is survived by her husband, one sister and two brothers.

C. J. Walker has opened up his law office in the front rooms upstairs in the Humphreys building. While preparing himself more fully for his profession, Mr. Walker has been teaching for a number of years in the schools of this county, but he is now ready to take on any business that may be entrusted to him as lawyer and advocate before the courts of Oregon.

Boneless tamales at Gordon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cowins, who have been ill at their home east of Heppner, suffering severe attacks of a gripple, are reported to be much better now, and able to be about again. Being well along in years, relatives were pretty much concerned for several days.

Mrs. A. L. Putnam of Fossil and Mrs. E. M. Curran of Portland, sisters of the late Mrs. M. B. Scrivner, spent several days at Heppner, attending the funeral services and remaining over at the home of Clarence M. Scrivner for a visit.

Homemade tamales at Gordon's.

Supt. Jas. M. Burgess visited Pendleton over the week end, meeting with other members of the directorate of the Upper Columbia Athletic League, of which he is the chairman.

Ralph Thompson, who has been confined at the Morrow General hospital for several days, suffering from tonsillitis, was able to return to his Willow creek home today.

Mrs. Clay Clark returned home on Sunday from Morrow General hospital where she was confined for a few days, suffering an attack of pleurisy.

Chicken tamales at Gordon's.

LAND SETTLEMENT NOW INTERESTING EASTERN OREGON

State Chamber Reports Many Counties Waking Up to Development Opportunities.

Looking forward to the opening of Northeastern Oregon to new settlers, an enlivened interest is being taken at the present time by the Blue mountain region counties in land settlement work for the ensuing year.

Arthur Foster, manager of the Land Settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has just returned from a three day trip into this section of the state and reports a lively interest, particularly in Wallowa and Union counties.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Foster met with the Union County Chamber of Commerce at La Grande, and in the evening of the same day attended a meeting with the Union county agricultural committee at Hot Lake.

On Wednesday, January 20th, the regional meeting of the secretaries and directors of the chambers of commerce of Union, Baker, Wallowa and Malheur counties was held at Baker. Mr. Foster was speaker at the noon luncheon and talked on land settlement work.

On Thursday, January 21st, a meeting was held with the Wallowa chamber of commerce at Enterprise.

Mr. Foster reports that Wallowa county is greatly in favor of the state wide development plan for new settlers. Interest is also being taken in Baker and Union counties for the formation of new irrigation districts in that section.

"More than ever before the land settlement idea has hit Eastern Oregon," said Foster. "Incredible perhaps that a Miami breeze has wafted its way to the Pacific Northwest, yet the great land east of the Cascades is awakening to the fact that there are millions of acres of wonderful soil within its borders to be claimed and reclaimed. We are looking forward to a great year for Oregon."

On Saturday, D. J. McLellan, project manager and secretary of the Tumalo irrigation district of Deschutes county, and E. M. Wright, president, were in Portland for a conference with local land settlement committees. They report a wonderful progress in that recently opened district of central Oregon and state that they have just secured a great deal more land having state contract titles, and that there are available now to settlers many choice tracts of Carey Act land at one dollar per acre, as well as more improved tracts at from five to twenty dollars an acre.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

The Monkeys Tried It. Imagination's Power. Corn Low, Hogs High. Zero Will Help.

Charles Garland, an earnest young New Englander, inherited a large fortune, refused at first to take the money, saying no man had a right to money not earned. He changed his mind and drifted into a side-track. Convinced, perhaps, that he was an original thinker, he decided that marriage was an unnecessary institution. Now he is arrested, because a young child born on his farm died, having for its mother an unmarried girl.

The young man should realize that his experience was tried by our alleged simian ancestors for thousands of years before man appeared, and abandoned by our human ancestors of 100,000 years ago.

Not to do away with marriage, but to make men WORTHY of it, is the task of the human race. "Away from the monkey life" is a better motto than "Back to nature."

Imagination is more powerful than fact. James Dempsey, not the Dempsey you mean, owns a restaurant. Two men entered, held him up, he delivered his money.

A policeman dashed in, arrested the man "pointing the gun" at Dempsey. The only gun was two fingers that had been pointed.

The second man escaped, came back that afternoon, pointed one finger at Dempsey, and the latter again gave up what money he had.

Corn prices are low, "hogs are high." This puzzles farmers and packers. Corn and hog prices should go up and down together, since the pig is really corn changed into meat. There is always something to puzzle and distress the farmer. He has no sufficient national organization, and after election day he hasn't much influence in government, compared with railroads and other big financial units.

At the midday luncheon club in New York you can see eating at the same time those that control ten thousand millions of dollars. Farmers are scattered all over the land, and if you could get them together there wouldn't be any hall that could hold them.

Uncle Sam is riding along on velvet. Severe competition abroad in the world's markets at home is said to be ahead of our producers. But everything, including Providence, seems to be with us now.

Citizens of Minnesota get from their state university interesting information about their state. It contained the beginning of life on this planet, in the form of algae, two hundred million years ago. The first life came as soon as the earth's temperature fell below the boiling point.

One of the first real animals was an ancestor of our frogs and salamanders, living on land and in water with a foot four inches in diameter. It is from the five toes of the salamander, you know, that we get the five fingers on each hand, according to the evolutionists.

Mathematicians wish that salamander had had six toes. That would have given us the duodecimal system, which is based on our ten fingers and thumbs. The duodecimal system would be a great improvement on the decimal, twelve having four divisors, ten having only two.

Mr. Green, of the American Federation of Labor, predicts an early end of the coal strike, now distressing the East and other parts of the country. The thermometer at zero may help. Americans are "docile," as Northcliffe said. You must pinch their pockets hard to make them take action. And, unlike mine workers, and owners, the people are not organized.

Endeavorers Will Present Play Tuesday, February 9

The Christian Endeavor society of the Heppner Church of Christ is putting on its annual play in the Star Theater at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday evening, February 9th.

Those of you who saw "When a Feller Needs a Friend" last year may expect something even better than that in "A Poor Married Man," which is a farce comedy of the most laugh provoking nature.

A professor marries a charming young lady whose mother insists on accompanying the pair on their honeymoon, much to the disgust of the groom. His friends mistake the mother for the bride and relate to the professor sundry escapades of the mother's husband and her daughter. Professor Wise naturally thinks they are referring to his wife instead of her mother. A dashing college boy and a pretty reporter add to the professor's growing suspicions. Finally he becomes convinced that his wife means to poison him. The bride, who has married the professor at her mother's instigation, learns that she really loves Billy, and when the mother learns that Billy is wealthy and that he is in love with her daughter, she determines to divorce the professor from Zele. She is successful in this and in the first instance marriage is proved to be a failure. The professor marries again and selects a girl who will not encumber him with a mother-in-law, but to his horror her innocent old father is trapped into a marriage with the woman who caused all his former troubles, and Mrs. Iona Ford once more becomes the professor's mother-in-law. But Billy, who has been on a trip around the world, has located Mrs. Ford's original husband in China. All ends happily and all pronounce marriage a distinct success.

The cast is: Professor John B. Wise, a poor married man, Crockett Sproule; Doctor Matthew Graham, a country physician, James Thomson; Billy Blake, a popular college boy, Earl Merritt; Jupiter Jackson, a black tramp, Ellis Thomson; Mrs. Iona Ford, some mother-in-law, Helen V. Fredrickson; Zele, her charming daughter, Velma Fell; June Graham, a little freshman, Mary Crawford; Rosalind Wilson, a college reporter, Ethel Moore.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend to the many friends our deepest appreciation of the tender expressions of sympathy, manifested in the acts of kindness and aid given and in the many and beautiful floral tributes coming from loving hearts to us in the hour of grief over the departure of our beloved mother. Words are empty vessels at times like this.

Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crawford.

FOR SALE—Or will trade for Portland property, 402 acres in Blue mountains, known as South Jones Prairie, Margaret Jones, 777 Sandy Blvd., Portland, Ore.

Dr. Johnston reports the arrival of a seven-pound daughter on Saturday, January 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson in Lexington.

Douglas Fairbanks in "THE MARK OF ZORRO" at Star Theater Sunday and Monday. Don't miss it.

CARD OF THANKS.

We extend our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in every way in our hour of need and at the burial of our beloved mother and sister. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, and for these, also, we are very grateful.

CLARENCE M. SCRIVNER, MRS. A. L. PUTNAM, MRS. E. M. CURRAN.