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COUNCIL GIVES APPROVAL OF BUDGET

RAISE REVENUES NEEDED COMING YEAR LEVY OF MILLS WILL BE NECESSARY ON REDUCED VALUATION.

COUNCILMEN PRESENT

Pays for Right to Copy Plat Book of Land Ownership in City—Business Ask Damages for Damages Done by Sand and Water.

There was plenty of work for the council which has presided over the business for the past two years. It met at the City Hall Monday night.

The council room held a crowd for the semi-final session of the City Council. It is wont to accommodate the monthly meetings, and persons of the most interested spectators. Mayor-elect R. W. Jones and the following members of his official staff for next year: Councilmen—A. L. McDowell, Hugh Allen and Edwin Troxell.

The meeting proved an adequate example for them of the work they will have to perform for the city for the next biennium and they watched the proceedings with interest.

The principal business which the council had before it was the budget for the coming year for which it was necessary to provide the necessary funds. There was no objection offered to the budget but Councilman C. R. Emlen objected to the levy being raised from 26.7 mills to 23 mills.

Mr. Emlen did not propose to reduce the budget, but argued that the next council could go on a warrant if sufficient funds were not on hand to pay the bills.

Opposed to his viewpoint Councilman A. L. Cokerum, W. W. Letson and W. L. Turner argued that since the valuation of property in the city had been reduced from \$513,000 to \$274,000 there was actually no increase in amount of taxes to be raised and that since the budget had been approved it was necessary to proceed to secure the money to meet it. The levy then passed at 23 mills.

W. E. Lees presented a bill of \$24 for damages and work necessary on plumbing fixtures in his residence and other property owned or controlled by him, due to the presence of sand in the water mains while the filter at the new plant was out of order. Other citizens and members of the council declared that they had suffered similar damage and inconvenience. The bill was laid on the table with instruction to hold it until the total amount of damage done could be ascertained and steps made to collect same from the California Wheel Filter company which had the contract for that part of the system.

The regular reports of the various officials were received and the council also passed on the record leading up to the sale of the Bancroft bonds for the East side sewer.

D. P. Dearborn presented in the council a request for payment for the record and plat of land ownership in the city which he had prepared. This record, he said, had been copied

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RED CROSS CHAPTER HOLDS ITS ELECTION

Dr. H. B. Whitney Re-elected President With Entire Official Family Retained—Reports Are Startling.

The annual election of the Ontario Chapter A. R. C. was held at the City Hall last evening with the result that Dr. H. B. Whitney and the entire board of directors and officers was unanimously retained.

BOOTLEGGERS PLAY RARE JOKE ON SHERIFF'S AUTO

Word was received here today of a mischievous joke played on Deputy Sheriff Lee Noe by some bootleggers near McDermit this week. While out in that section in search of whisky peddlers the officer had an accident to his car and had to leave it to secure help, while he was gone the bootleggers found the car and removed tires, carburetor, cushions and every thing about that would move. The Sheriff has several ideas on the subject of hot leggers now.

FLU INVADERS FORCE OF THE ARGUS THIS WEEK

Homer Maddux who operates the Argus linotype is ill this week with the flu and therefore this issue was gotten out under difficulties. Carl Gamble of the Caldwell Tribune force came to the rescue and relieved the situation.

Mrs. J. A. Maddux is also ill with the flu, having taken sick before Homer did, both are reported as doing well. Among the other flu victims are both sons of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Luscombe.

CHANGES NAME WITH CHANGE OF LOCATION

During the past week the Style Shop made its debut to Ontario business circles. The Style Shop is new, as styles usually are, but like them, too, has the substance of long acquaintance and wear, for the Style Shop is the new name for what was the Millinery & Art Store.

The change in name was made coincident with the change of location, for the institution is now ensconced in the Carter Hotel block where added space and equipment made possible increased service.

Miss Georgia Huff, proprietor of the business, is preparing for important enlargements in the business including the introduction of new lines. The formal opening of the store, on which a week of hard work has been devoted to arrangements, etc., takes place Friday and Saturday of this week.

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GUY C. WEESE MAKES SUPREME SACRIFICE

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weese Reported Victim of Wounds—James R. Feawick Seriously Wounded.

In the casualty list of American heroes who paid the supreme sacrifice was the name of Guy C. Weese. The address given, however, was Annon, Oregon, but it is believed here that a mistake in the address was made in the transmission of the list, and that the young man was Guy C. Weese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weese of this city, and a brother of Dr. W. J. Weese.

This belief is based upon two facts: that the first name and initials are those of the Ontario boy, and the further fact that the name of the nearest relative was given as Mrs. Nancy Weese, which corresponds with that of Mrs. Weese here.

Mr. and Mrs. Weese also knew that their son was in France and had been in action, so that they are convinced that it is their son who has died.

Young Weese enlisted in the regular army three years ago at the time of the Mexican trouble. He was then only 19 years old and saw service on the border before going to France. He had not long been a resident of Ontario, having come here the year he enlisted, with his parents from Missouri.

Another Ontario resident who received sad news following the signing of the armistice was Miss Ruby Feawick of the Public School faculty. This week she learned of the serious wounds suffered by her brother James R. Feawick on September 29. Young Feawick entered the army from Jordan Valley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Feawick of Jordan Valley. Young Feawick was a member of the 51st Division attached to the intelligence department of the 361st Infantry.

Dr. A. G. Moore was called to Bryan on Tuesday. He reports that work on the canal for the Warm Springs system is booming ahead.

Red Cross Christmas Membership Is Answer to Destitute Millions Appealing to America for Relief

Millions of men, women and children in Northern France, in Belgium, in Italy, in Serbia and in the near East will die this winter unless the American Red Cross can give them the needed relief.

To fulfill its mission of mercy, to succor the destitute the American Red Cross has as much work to do now as the war were still going on, only the nature of the principal work has changed. Instead of concentrating on surgical dressings and hospital supplies for the army, the energies of this merciful organization are now bent on relieving the suffering of the innocent victims of the conflagration that has swept over Europe and Asia.

That is the message that the directors of the Red Cross Christmas Membership campaign want to bring before the American people. They know that having entered this great war for the purpose of establishing the principle of justice for the small as well as for the large nations, the American people will not now turn a deaf ear to the call for help from the nations with whom we have fought on the side of righteousness. They know that this war has quickened the sympathies of the people thru its terrible agencies, and that Americans at

home will not desert the nations with whom our soldiers have fought.

But with the attention of the people centered on the coming peace conference, and on the influenza situation, many will not manifest the interest in the Red Cross heretofore shown. "That is why," said Mrs. W. J. Pinney, Chairman of the local membership drive committee, "we are appealing to every man and woman within the jurisdiction of Ontario Chapter and its auxiliaries to be a committee of one to urge everyone to pledge anew his or her allegiance to the Red Cross by taking a Christmas membership."

Membership Week December 16 to 23

The big drive for members will start on December 16 and will continue thru December 23. In that time there must be enrolled in the Ontario Chapter and its auxiliaries 2551 memberships, unless the Chapter is to show a decrease on its roll.

Of the number now members, Ontario proper has 1800 while the auxiliaries have 751. It does not take great study to see that a gigantic task faces the membership committee unless the public gives generous and voluntary response to this appeal.

IRRIGATION MEETING ATTRACTS INTEREST

Excellent Program Offered—Every Phase of Irrigation Farming To Be Discussed—Banquet Closing Number

Plans for the irrigation and drainage meeting to be held in Ontario Friday and Saturday of next week, December 13 and 14, under the auspices of the Ontario Commercial Club and the Oregon Agricultural College are rapidly nearing completion and indications of a large attendance from all points in Malheur County and nearby districts in Idaho are already apparent.

The program is being arranged to afford topics of interest on all phases of irrigation development, and practice. Percy Copper, newly appointed State Engineer, and John B. Lewis, retiring State Engineer, have been invited to take prominent places on the program and have signified their intention to attend. Among others who will lead in a discussion of various topics of interest will be M. R. Lewis, drainage engineer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; John Cunningham, irrigation engineer, Portland; Professor W. L. Powers, head of the department of irrigation and drainage of the Oregon Agricultural College.

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RUMORS AND REPORTS ABOUT THE FLU VARY

City Treated to Reports to Deaths of Various Citizens—Number of Cases Increase Somewhat—Ban Still Off

Ontario was genuinely stirred up about the flu this week, but not half the statements concerning the situation were correct and many exaggerated rumors were spread broadcast, and proved without foundation when investigated.

At least three citizens who are now recovering were reported to the Argus as having died during the week, and the number reported was greatly exaggerated.

The facts are that there was an increase in the number of cases between last Friday and Monday, and three deaths. One of these, however, a Mexican, came from without Ontario. The two victims here were Mrs. Michael Joyce and Mrs. Mattie C. Redsell.

Mrs. Joyce's death was extremely sudden. She had been ill but a day or two when she died Saturday afternoon.

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BEE MEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING THIS WEEK

Over a Quarter of Million Dollars Added to Wealth of This Section By the Busy Bees During Summer

Ontario entertained the annual meeting of the Idaho-Oregon Beekeepers Association on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The big outstanding feature of the meeting was the report of the Secretary P. J. Farrell of Caldwell who announced that during the past season the association had sold \$223,000.00 worth of honey and that with the supply still on hand to be sold the gross business would be somewhere between \$260,000 and \$270,000. This is by far the biggest business ever done by the beemen of this section. Never before have the prices been so high and the demand so strong.

The beemen also decided on the request of beemen to increase their territory and add a new director for the territory around Meridian. This was done and the following directors were elected: C. E. Dibble, Payette; Homer Chaney, New Plymouth; E. H. Nelson, Vale; A. B. Cain, Ontario; H. M. West, Parma; H. C. Dudley, Middleton; P. R. Randall, Nampa; and E. T. Atwater, Meridian.

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JUDGE ORDERS COURT TO PROVIDE H. S. FUND

County Court Is Ordered to Meet Provisions of Law Which Are Declared Constitutional.

In an opinion handed down today Judge Dalton Biggs sustained the demand raised by Attorney McCulloch & Wood for School District No. 5, to the answer given by Attorney Davis & Kester to the complaint filed against the County Court for its failure to make provision in the county budget for the payment of High School tuition to the school districts which are educating children from outside of their jurisdictions.

Minus legal verbiage Judge Biggs' order in effect tells the County Court that the law providing for such High School tuition is constitutional, that it is an involuntary tax so far as the County Court is concerned and that if by its inclusion the budget exceeds the six per cent limitation that the County Court must pare down items which it has voluntarily placed in the budget accordingly.

Since the budget was acted upon at

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FORMER ONTARIO GIRL IS BRIDE OF WENDELL MAN

The following news item from the Wendell Irrigationist will be of interest to many Ontarians who knew Miss Lillian Johns as a girl here while her father, Thos. Johns, was pastor of the Methodist church:

Miss Lillian Johns and Mr. Harry J. Barton were married Sunday, November 24, at the Methodist parsonage in this city, the father of the bride, Rev. Thomas Johns, performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families of the contracting parties. Miss Johns came to Wendell about two years ago with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thos. Johns, and by her many womanly traits has made a wide circle of friends, not only in the town, but throughout the country as well. She has been one of the county's successful teachers, and at the time of her marriage was engaged in teaching the school in Orchard Valley.

The groom is one of Orchard Valley's well to do farmers, and a man of unquestioned integrity, who, like the lady he has chosen, has a wide circle of friends in this section. He is a brother of Mrs. M. B. McCoy of this city.

The many friends of the contracting parties will join with us in wishing the happy young people a long and pleasant journey together.

They will make their future home on the farm of the groom, south of Wendell.

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BIBICAL PICTURE IS REALIZED IN ONTARIO

Joint Gathering Represents Hebrew Picture of Land of Plenty—Milk and Honey Men Gather.

According to the picture presented to the children of Israel when they fled from Egypt, the land they would inherit would flow with "Milk and Honey," and judging by the reports of the men who gathered in Ontario this week, this is that land.

Here in this city were entertained this week the Dairyman and the Beekeepers. Both declared that milk and honey will make this region rich, and literally they proved their assertion, at the luncheon given in their honor at the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday noon.

The luncheon, a buffet affair was arranged by a committee composed of D. M. Taggart, H. H. Tunny, W. L. Turner, H. C. Smith, Frank Rader and E. A. Frasser. G. K. Aiken, president of the club, presided at the informal program which followed.

Prof. E. L. Pitts, of O. A. C. who spoke for the dairymen, declared that this is the ideal dairy country and that here dairy cattle fed with alfalfa can turn that crop into more money than can any other means.

P. E. Farrell, secretary of the Beekeepers association, put the honey into the picture by declaring that already \$223,000 worth of honey had been sold this year, with more to follow.

L. R. Brethaupt, formerly of the Experiment Station in Harney county, predicted a change in conditions in this section which will necessitate different marketing conditions here. He said that with the improvement of the interior the hay now bought from this section will not find a market there and it will be necessary for the alfalfa rancher here to feed his crop.

J. R. Brown, manager of the Payette creamery, declared that on an average the dairy cow brings \$39.000 per month into this section and that one car load of butter sold last week netted \$23,000.

Among the other speakers were C. E. Dibble of Payette, Prof. West, Frank Rader, F. H. Cammack of Boise, P. L. Ballard of O. A. C. and others.

Following the meeting a committee consisting of C. E. Amidon, Lowell Cox and E. B. Conkline were appointed to adopt resolutions thanking the Commercial club for its hospitality and requesting the Extension Department of O. A. C. to make the gathering an annual affair.

F. J. Gallagher was called to Juniper on Monday by the serious illness of his brother, Daniel Gallagher. The sick man so far recovered by Wednesday that Mr. Gallagher was able to return home that day.

DAIRY SCHOOL PROVES TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

RANCHERS PASS RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT SCHOOL BE HELD HERE EACH YEAR IN FUTURE

CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE STOCK

This Is Ideal Dairy Country Declare Visiting Professors—Right Kind of Dairy Cows can Convert Alfalfa Into Big Earnings—To Form Bull Association.

That the Dairy School held here on Monday and Tuesday under the direction of the Extension Division of O. A. C. was a success may be judged from the resolutions adopted by the ranchers who were present. In their resolution they make the specific request that the school be made an annual event.

During the sessions there were between 25 and 30 ranchers from the surrounding country present. Many were present at the sessions each of the days, while some were present on only one day so that all told at least 40 ranchers received the benefits of the lectures given by Professors E. B. Pitts and E. L. Westover.

Following each lecture, too, there were volleys of questions which gave added evidence of the interest manifested by the men and women present.

Ideal Dairy Country

During his lectures Prof. Pitts set forth how, with alfalfa of the high grade raised in this section, if fed to high grade dairy cattle the ranchers here could realize far higher returns than can be secured by feeding hay to stock cattle or sheep. This region he declared is an ideal dairy country.

The ranchers were shown, during the course of the lectures charts of production of various herds which proved conclusively the benefits to be derived from handling pure bred stock. Prof. Westover on Tuesday afternoon gave a stock judging lesson using the fine Jersey belonging to Dr. E. S. Fortner as the specimen.

One of the subjects brot up for discussion during the meeting was that of the co-operative ownership of pure bred bulls as a means of improving the small dairy herds prevailing in the Malheur County dairy district.

It has been recognized among dairymen that the most rapid way to increase the productivity of a dairy district is thru the use of purebred or high grade sires from herds of high producing animals. Where small herds prevail as in Malheur County individual owner can not afford to maintain for their herds the type of sire desired. In hundreds of similar districts the dairymen have overcome this difficulty thru the organization of bull associations. In these associations the owners of 40 cows organize for the purchase of the desired type of sire. These associations are organized in blocks so that when the owners of 50 cows in one neighborhood have used their sire for two years he may be exchanged for the sire of a neighboring block. This sire is thus kept in the neighborhood of

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SOLDIER BOYS START RETURNING THIS WEEK

Chas. Trow and R. B. Wood Back From Training Camp—Others Expected Soon.

The past week has witnessed the return of the first of Malheur county boys who were sent to the service. Chas. Trow who has been in an officers' training camp in Virginia, arrived Tuesday morning, as did R. B. Wood who was in the officers' training camp in Texas.

According to advises by letter other Ontario boys are expected any day now since the Students Army Training Corps are to be mustered out of the service.

Among the list of units abroad soon to return is Aero Squadron No. 22 of which William Blackaby is a member.