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## THE BURNS COMMERCIAL CLUB IS REORGANIZED

### New Officers and Executive Committee Elected at a Mass Meeting Held.

Mayor Huston called a mass meeting of the citizens at the court house last evening for the purpose of taking steps to reorganize the commercial club. This was done for the purpose of getting a live organization to handle questions of a public nature that confront the people from time to time.

A large number gathered for the meeting and an organization was effected with Dr. L. E. Hibbard as president, Robt. M. Duncan vice president, James J. Donegan secretary and Ernest Smith as treasurer.

After announcing the object of the meeting Mr. Huston asked the further pleasure of those present and Charles W. Ellis asked to read some resolutions that had been prepared for consideration. At this time Mr. Ellis said that before the resolutions were considered he had understood I. S. Geer desired to address the meeting. Upon being called Mr. Geer said he was glad to see such a large gathering present and wished the organization success. He told of having been elected president of the Burns commercial club some three years ago and there had never been an election since. He felt he had served as long as any citizen might be expected to. Mr. Geer expressed a desire that the reorganization be made and accomplish results; the organization he had been working with the past two years had accomplished its purpose and was ready to retire, therefore he did not want to take an active part in the reorganization, but merely a high private in the rear ranks. Before closing he again stated the organization had his best wishes but asked permission to withdraw from the gathering. Upon conclusion Mr. Geer retired from the room as did also Archie McGowan and Wm. Farre. In explanation of this action, it should be stated that these men did not intend the impression to go out that they were opposed to reorganization, but their object in withdrawing was to avoid any embarrassment or possible acrimonious argument that might come up in discussion. This explanation was given by Mr. Farre this morning and it was the intention of Mr. Geer to make this plain in his remarks but he was not fully explicit.

The resolutions were then taken up and passed. Following this the election of the officers and general discussion. The officers were all elected by acclamation there being no contest. The resolutions provided the election of five additional men to act with the officers as an executive committee and the following were elected: George Shaw, J. J. Lamphire, J. S. Cook, Sam Bolton and Emmett Reed.

Among those who addressed the meeting were Wm. Hanley, Dr. Hibbard, A. E. Brown, W. M. Sutton, P. S. Weittenhiller, Dr. Ward, R. M. Duncan, J. E. Rounseville, Sam Mothershead, A. A. Traugott, Charles W. Ellis. The writer had another engagement and did not remain for the entire meeting, therefore cannot quote to any extent the remarks of the gentlemen but all were along the line of organization and a united community. Mr. Hanley paid a high tribute to the men who had been active in bringing about the development of the railroad extension aided in the sale of the timber tract and establishment of the sawmill. He stated this work had been most commendable and creditable.

Following Mr. Hanley's remarks it was suggested that an opportunity to give those present to sign the membership roll and during this time the writer also left to look after other matters that required his attention.

From notes of the secretary it is found that a committee on membership consisting of Mrs. Nell T. Smith, Maurice Schwartz and Ernest Smith was appointed. It further shows that by motion the citizens of Harney county who are non-residents of Burns were invited and urged to become members of the organization. Further, that a copy of the membership roll be placed at The Times-

Herald office for the accommodation of country residents where they could sign.

87 names were appended to the membership roll at the meeting. The writer feels that some comment should be made in connection with the resolutions adopted, since the question has been raised by one of the members of the "committee of ten." The opening paragraph recites that there had been no active commercial club for a number of years, etc. This was taken by this individual as discrediting the work of the men who had been active in bringing about the timber and railroad development. The facts are that every man on the "committee of ten" was an active, contributing member of the Burns commercial club and its acting officers were also members, shows its standing. When the plan to finance the furthering of the endeavor to give aid to the proposed development was put in motion more than twice the number of ten were asked to take part; the men invited were those engaged in active business who could best afford to contribute toward such a cause and who were most vitally affected. Only the ten responded. They started this move in the best of faith and had no motive of a personal nature, to profit at the expense of their neighbor, but to help the entire country. They accomplished this. They are entitled to credit for it—not because the writer was a member, is this said, but in defense of any criticism that may be cast upon their actions. Every move made by this committee was in the interest of the entire community. Their work should not be discredited by the impression going out that it was not a public benefit that was actuating the actions of these men.

#### Resolutions

WHEREAS, there has been no active commercial club in Burns for a number of years last past, the Burns Commercial Club having been inactive and dormant for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, there is need and necessity for the reorganization of the Burns Commercial Club for the purpose of serving the needs of the community, Harney County, and such adjoining sections of the State as are not now served by any such body; and

WHEREAS, we citizens of Burns, many of us being members of the Burns Commercial Club, desiring to reorganize the said club in accordance with the foregoing matters:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burns Commercial Club be, and the same is hereby, reorganized and the same shall be maintained by the citizens of Burns and Harney County, Oregon, and to that end.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby proceed to reorganize said club by the election of the following officers, viz:

a President,  
a Vice President,  
a Secretary,  
a Treasurer, and

an Executive Committee or Board of Directors of nine (9) members, of whom the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members, the other five members to be elected at large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the election of the above mentioned officers, the President shall appoint a Committee of three (3) members on Constitution and By-Laws, who shall proceed to either draft a new Constitution and By-Laws or to amend the old ones, as in its judgment it shall deem expedient, and to make report to the next meeting of the club which report shall not deviate from the matters incorporated in these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual membership fee shall be ONE DOLLAR, which shall make the person paying such fee a member for one year, without the payment of any additional money; provided, however, that the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws may incorporate in its report a provision for contributing membership which shall secure the payment of additional moneys, but which shall give no additional rights, privileges, or voting power over the members paying One Dollar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings of this club and all meetings of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors shall be public meetings and all members

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## FRIENDS LISTEN TO MRS. GAULT SING OVER RADIO

### The Chamber of Commerce of Corvallis Broadcasts From Oregonian.

Every radio set in Burns and vicinity was turned on Portland last Monday night when a group of Corvallis singers and representatives of the Corvallis chamber of commerce broadcasted a program. Unfortunately there was some atmospheric disturbance or something that interfered with receiving during a portion of the program. Mr. Reid's brief talk giving some facts regarding his town and its advantages as a home and school center, which preceded the music, came in fine and very distinct, but later the musical numbers were not so clear, although at times very good.

It was the privilege of the writer and one other of Mrs. Gault's former associates in giving musical numbers in Burns, to sit in her former home, right in the room where they had heard her sing so often, and listen to her voice coming to them from the Portland Oregonian tower, at times just as plain and sweet as in former years when she was in the room. It made it all the more pleasurable and brought the personal touch.

The numbers were rendered by a quartet of exceptional voices in that they showed careful training and excellent voice. Mrs. Gault rendered one solo that was particularly pleasing to her old time friends in Burns.

The Oregonian broadcasting station is one of the popular ones with radio fans in Burns, yet it is not as clear and satisfactory as some at a greater distance. Two stations in Los Angeles, one in Oakland and Calgary are always more satisfactory. Whether this is because of stronger facilities or because of the Cascade range rising abruptly between here and Portland, we are unable to say.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT SERVICE

Mr. Letson and his crew of assistants have been busy with the transmission lines of the light plant during the past week, with the result that much of the difficulties that have hampered the service in the past has been eliminated, and we are now enjoying service. The lights have not yet been turned on in every part of town as yet, because the lines have not been entirely gone over and inspected, but the "shorts" are being taken out as rapidly as they are found and it is hoped to have the entire system in order by Christmas when all the patrons may be served.

W. C. Duvall, of Blitzen, was in town during the week.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ANNUAL "FUMBLES"

### Entertainment Draws Large Crowd to Witness; Clever "Stunts" Are Put on.

Liberty Theatre was packed Thursday night to witness the annual "Fumbles" program of the Harney County High. The stunts pulled by the different classes proved amusing and entertaining.

With such a mob of young people it is natural that more or less confusion may be expected and with excess energy coupled with a lot of mischief the small stage was hardly big enough. The first thing to happen that was not on the program was when the curtain was raised on the first scene. The "fly loft" was pretty well filled with interested "spectators" in the person of groups of students who wanted to see what the freshmen were going to put "over" as each class kept their particular "stunt" to themselves; the curtain rope "mysteriously" parted when it was almost up and it fell. From that time on there wasn't any front curtain and the stage settings had to be changed before the audience.

Of the several "stunts" by the four classes the sophomores were voted first place by the judges appointed to decide the contest, with the freshmen getting second place. Some very original things were pulled off and those present enjoyed it.

The first number was two selections by the girls' glee club which were much appreciated then the freshman class held a session of school with many trying moments for the "teacher" which caused much merriment. It was labeled on the program America's "Future" Citizens. The junior class then put on the "Vanity Box" showing the interior of a beauty parlor with many customers. These customers represented people in various stations in life and there were "some types," including the dude and the farmer and his wife, the "flapper," high society dames and also "Bridget." It was well put on.

"Court Scenes" was the title given the senior class number. It was put on entirely by boys, but two of them were dressed as women. The revenue officer that came to investigate the still made so favorable an impression upon the daughter, impersonated by Arthur Thornburg, who took him for Wallie Reid, the movie actor, that he had trouble in finally "getting" his men.

The sophomores had a modern love affair which was acted out entirely in pantomime with a reader giving a description of each scene from the wings. It was very clever and had to be seen to be appreciated. The judges certainly met popular

approval in awarding this number first prize.

"Lady Luck" was put on by Hal Hibbard, Burns McGowan and Arthur Thornburg in black face, Arthur retaining his woman makeup. They pulled some gags and then gave two vocal selections that were well rendered, although they sang in unison.

The girl sextette put on "Long Green Worm," in costume, all in green and representing a worm, serpentine. At the close of their singing, the "moth" that was the result of the gluttonous appetite of the worm, came forth in the person of little Dorothy Leonard, who gave a graceful dance that was highly appreciated.

A good sum was realized from the entertainment which goes into the student body fund to aid in paying expenses of the activities of the students.

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN TREATED TO A MATINEE

Principal Sutton and his corps of teachers gave the school children a Christmas treat yesterday afternoon by taking them to the Liberty Theatre and witnessing the exhibition of the Japanese earth quake scenes and the feature "Grumpy" in which Theodore Roberts played the lead. It proved very interesting entertainment, and in addition quite instructive as the scenes following the earthquake in Japan gave the children much to enlighten them in the way of viewing the disastrous effects, a study of the Japanese people and the country in general.

Each grade was accompanied by their teacher and the assemblage was orderly. The children took a great interest in the unraveling of the mystery of a stolen diamond which "Old Grumpy" did in a more or less exciting manner. They cheered him when he was on the right "track" and groaned very audibly when they thought the burglar was going to get away. The love affair that made up the pretty part of the story also came in for much satisfaction to the children as they always want it to end with "and they lived happily ever after."

#### MR. HERRICK PAYS US A VISIT

Fred Herrick, of the Herrick Lumber Co., was a visitor to Burns for a couple of days this week. He was here for a general conference with his subordinates and discuss matters with our citizens. It was hoped that during Mr. Herrick's visit the site for the depot might be determined definitely, but according to information given this paper, the matter is in the hands of the Union Pacific engineers and will be announced at no distant date, we hope favorable to the wishes of the Citizens of this place who have expressed their preference.

R. J. McKinnin is getting around with the aid of crutches from an attack of rheumatism.

## CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE FEATURES PREPARED

### Usual Exercises in Churches At 7:30 Monday Evening; Community Tree, Also.

The churches of this city have provided suitable exercises for the Sunday school children of the community and in each of them, the Baptists, Nazarens and Presbyterian churches will be held Christmas programs and trees on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Elks are furnishing the funds for a community tree and exercises. This Order has asked others to aid in this and the program will be one of cheer and good-fellowship. The tree will be followed by general distribution of suitable presents and remembrances to those who need it.

A large chorus of voices will be heard in Christmas carols at the community tree. H. V. Hopper has been directing a large chorus for several weeks in general community singing, giving aid at the Baptist church and this chorus will be augmented on Christmas Eve by all the singers it is possible to get at the outdoor exercises. It is hoped that all who can will cheerfully join in this community singing and make it rousing. Copies of the carols will be distributed and the singers should be grouped in order to give it best effect. Mr. Hopper desires that all come forward who are taking part and arrange themselves according to the part they sing. Do this. Don't stand back—make it a real Christmas service. The selections will be "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night." Familiarize the words to these selections.

The community tree exercises are to be held at 5 o'clock in order that it will not conflict with the church arrangements. The following is handed in by an interested party giving details of the community observance:

A Community Christmas tree under the auspices of the churches, Elks and America's Legion, will be held on the vacant lot north of the Levens Hotel at 5 o'clock P. M. Monday, Dec. 24th, 1923.

The hour of 5 P. M. was fixed by the Committee in order that the children would have an opportunity to attend the Christmas exercises of the churches at a later hour. The main feature of the Community tree will be a beautiful illuminated Christmas tree, Christmas carols and a visit from "Santa Claus." Each child will be provided with a package of candy and nuts, and the relief committee headed by the Rev. C. A. Waterhouse at a later hour will make a delivery of Christmas packages. The following committees have been appointed to carry out the programme. Rev. Waterhouse will preside, prayer by Dr. Harris.

General Manager, E. H. Conser, Securing and Decorating tree, James Girard, Frank Klouber.

Purchase of supplies, Harry Z. Smith.

Distributors of candy to children, E. H. Conser, H. Z. Smith, J. J. Donegan.

Distribution at homes, Rev. Waterhouse, Chester Dalton, Madison Richardson, Archie McGowan.

Music, R. V. Hopper, Florabelle Smith, Mrs. Archie McGowan.

Communication with "Santa," Archie McGowan.

Everyone invited to attend.

Married—Sunday, December 16, at the home of the bride's parents, Walter J. Scott and Miss Lulu Baker, Rev. C. A. Waterhouse performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family of the bride. Shortly after the wedding the newlyweds took their departure for Winnemucca, Nevada where they will make their home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, oldtime pioneers. She was for a long time an operator on the local telephone switchboard in Burns and one of the dependable young women who won the friendship and appreciation of the public. Mr. Scott is a rancher, having recently bought a farm near Winnemucca. He is a brother to Allen Scott, who married another Baker girl. The many friends of the bride in this vicinity wish her a life of happiness as she well deserves.

