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CANADIAN OFFICERS TO TELL STORY OF WAR

Three Canadian officers who have been through the modern hell of trench life in Europe and who as a result of that experience have been incapacitated for further military duty, will visit Heppner Tuesday evening, January 29th, to tell the people of Morrow county of their experience in the big battles on the western front of Europe. The exact place for holding this important meeting will be announced later. These officers, accompanied by two orderlies, are sent here and their expenses are paid by the State Council of Defense and there will be no admission fee and no solicitation of funds for any purpose whatever.

Tell your neighbors about this meeting and plan to come. It is of vital importance that all the farmers as well as the town people should hear the message these men bring.

The officers who will be here are Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. MacMillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook. They bring from the field of war the direct testimony of men who have been through the ordeal of battle and who bear wounds of service.

Lieutenant-Colonel MacMillan enlisted on the date of the declaration of war and went over with the first Canadian contingent. Among the great battles in which he participated are Neuve Chappelle, the second battle of Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy, the operations before Messines and the Somme. He was later recalled to England as assistant director of supply and transport and is now on furlough.

Major Edwards was in the British Columbia cavalry at the outbreak of the war and his regiment went into the Ploegsteert sector in Flanders, then into the Dichebush sector, followed by service at Hill 63. Later, as an infantry battalion, his regiment was transferred to the Ypres salient. Major Edwards was first wounded in the Sanctuary Wood action, being shot in the hip. When he returned to his regiment it was moved to the Somme. At Regina trench this gallant officer was wounded for the last time and permanently retired from active service. The price he paid was the loss of both hands, torn off by high explosives. He was recommended for the military cross and has received special mention from Sir Douglas Haig.

Captain Gook also entered service in the Western Canadian cavalry and Ypres, the Somme and Festubert are but three of the many engagements through which he passed. At the latter battle, in an assault on German third line trenches, he stopped two soft nosed machine gun bullets, which entered his right side and traversed the stomach. Contrary to all predictions, he recovered. It was also his fortune to be "gassed" at the second battle of Ypres and he was wounded again in the left elbow. This will be an opportunity to

STANFIELD DECLARES CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

At a local gathering of his friends and neighbors of Uma tilla county, held at Stanfield on Thursday of last week, R. N. Stanfield, candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator, was the principal speaker and in the course of his address he made his first formal declaration of principles upon which he will stand in the coming campaign. The speaker pledged all of his ability and energy to the support of the national administration to a vigorous prosecution of the war to a peace satisfactory to the democracy of the world, declared for the selective draft in practice as well as in theory, which will insure organization of an adequate national army and at the same time reserve the necessary labor and supplies for the continuance of industrial pursuits and commerce. He declared for an equitable control of food supplies, commerce and industry and for the establishment of a primary wheat market in Portland, for national prohibition, national equal suffrage, and for a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia; for effective rural credit legislation, for a military highway along the Pacific coast and for federal aid in the construction of permanent highways. He declared for a square deal for Oregon in national trade, commerce and industry and for recognition of this state in federal expenditures made necessary by the war. He favored the development of the resources of the great West and of Alaska, but urged care that these resources shall be used economically; he urged the development of Oregon's great shipping ports through federal improvements of waterways and harbors and finally pledged himself "To have that high regard and consideration for the interest and progress of humanity and the nation at large, which should actuate the motives of every public man."

Food Lectures Postponed

The opening lecture and demonstration of food conservation to be given by Miss Struck, teacher of Domestic Science in the high school, was postponed from Wednesday evening, January 16, to Wednesday evening January 23. All the ladies in Heppner and vicinity are invited to be present next Wednesday evening, when a regular meeting time for each week will be decided upon.

C. J. Osten was in from his ranch near Parkers Mill Tuesday and Wednesday. "But little snow up that way," reports Mr. Osten, "but plenty of mud and moisture."

get a message direct from the battle front, to hear things you never read about and to get from these men who have been through them, the story of the great battles.

FIRST NATIONAL NOW OCCUPIES NEW QUARTERS; INSTITUTION'S EARLY HISTORY INTERESTING

Cashier W. P. Mahoney and his able corps of assistants were a happy and contented bunch of bank workers last Monday morning because for the first time in exactly six months they did not have to begin their day's work by careying a ton or so of books, cash, papers and other paraphernalia which enter into the daily activities of a big bank, from the vaults in the new building across the street to the temporary quarters in the McNamee building. The work of moving and getting settled in the new quarters had been accomplished Sunday and at the stroke of nine Monday morning the First National opened for business in its new home.

J. B. Sparks and Charlie Jayne were the first customers, Mr. Sparks making a deposit of a fraction of his movie magnate wealth, while Mr. Jayne cashed a check at the paying teller's window just to see if the machinery had been properly oiled and was in good running order.

The new building is a handsome and substantial structure and no expense has been spared to make it at once modern in design and convenient for customers, employes and officers.

The lobby is large, well lighted and handsomely furnished. The new mahogany furniture and fixtures, brass grille work, tile floor and Egyptian marble wainscoting give a degree of elegance to be found in but few institutions of the kind outside the larger cities.

Three teller's cages are provided for the paying and receiving tellers and the bookkeepers, and the large, well lighted working space behind affords every facility and convenience for the working force of the bank. A customer's room, the cashier's private room and the director's room complete the arrangements. The vault is 13x30 feet, one of the largest in the state, by the way, outside the most recently constructed bank buildings in Portland. The vault is divided into three compartments, viz: money and securities, books, and safety deposit. The walls are 12 inches thick of solid concrete and steel construction with three air spaces and lined with hollow tiling, and being as nearly fire and burglar proof as modern ingenuity can devise.

At the rear of the banking quarters, and fronting on May street, is a suite of three office rooms occupied by Sam E. Van Vactor, who is head of the bank's legal department, as law offices. The rooms were fitted up especially for Mr. Van Vactor's use and are perhaps the most modernly appointed legal offices in eastern Oregon.

The second floor of the building is divided into 16 rooms, these being sub-divided into house-keeping suites, all provided with hot and cold water, steam heat and other modern conveniences.

The building is heated through with steam, the American Radiator Co.'s Down Draft boiler being used. The Indirect Lighting system is used in the building.

The building was designed and constructed by F. J. Leonard, of Portland, one of the largest contractors in the northwest, the construction being under the direct charge of E. C. Graham. The heating plant and plumbing were installed by Gilliam & Bisbee of this city, the wiring and lighting work was done by E. J.

Starkey, and the painting and decorating by M. J. Bradford, both of Heppner.

The building and furnishing cost about \$35,000 and it is understood that the rental income will pay a fair income on the entire investment.

The history of the First National Bank of Heppner is interesting, reaching back as it does into the early days of the town and county—those halcyon days when, to quote Frank Gilliam, a director of the bank and the town's oldest active business man, "you could trust everybody and never lose a nickle, when the slick ear calf belonged to the fellow who roped him first and the crime of horse stealing was unknown; when 'a man for breakfast' was a common occurrence and a fatal shooting affray lacked sufficient excitement to disturb a poker game in the same room."

In 1886 J. G. Maddock and Hugh Fields started a private bank in a small building where the Gazette-Times office now stands, later moving into a wooden building where the Odd Fellows building now stands. Later that building was moved to Chase and May streets and is now known as the Eastern Hotel.

July 16, 1887, C. A. Rhea and his associates bought the Maddock & Fields Bank and incorporated the First National Bank of Heppner, with a capital stock of \$50,000. At the first stockholders' meeting of the new institution the following officers were elected: C. A. Rhea, president; E. R. Swinburn, vice president; J. G. Maddock, cashier.

At the annual meeting in January, 1888, the same officers were re-elected with the exception of E. R. Swinburn, who was succeeded by Hugh Fields as vice-president. In October, 1888, J. G. Maddock resigned as cashier and George Conser was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Conser continued as cashier of the institution until his death, which occurred in March, 1908. He was an active business man and under his direction the First National became one of the best known banks in eastern Oregon, and so continued for a number of years. About the time Mr. Conser became identified with the bank the old brick building which was torn down last summer to make room for the present structure was built by C. A. Rhea from whom the bank rented it until March 3, 1905, when the bank bought the lot and building.

Soon after the death of Mr. Conser, which followed a protracted period of ill health, T. J. Mahoney, who had been engaged in banking at Lone, was induced to identify himself with the First National and was made cashier of the institution, remaining in that position until February 1, 1917, when he resigned to become cashier of the Livestock State Bank, of Portland, and treasurer of Portland Cattle Loan Co. Under his management the First National grew and prospered and soon became one of the strongest financial institutions in all of eastern Oregon. In 1909 M. S. Corrigan succeeded to the interests of C. A. Rhea in the bank and became its president, and has since continued in that position. Mr. Corrigan is one of the strongest financial pillars of the county, and his connection with the bank has placed it in a position of financial strength that is practically unassailable.

NEWS ITEMS ABOUT OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Osten received a letter from their son Jake Osten, who has been at the aviation training camp at San Antonio since July, that he is one of the latest class of 78 men selected at that camp for promotion to the Officers' Training School at Leon Springs, Texas, where they will be given a course of special instruction in aviation prior to receiving their commissions as lieutenants in the flying squadron. There are 26,000 men at Kelly Field, San Antonio, now and Jake has done well in fitting himself for promotion in the short time he has been there. His present address is 1st Inf Co. 3d Office's' Training School, Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cohn received a letter from their son Harold Wednesday saying that he has taken up the study of radio and wireless work, and after two months further study at Goat Island he will take the examination there and, if successful, will go to Harvard for a six months course. A number of the other Heppner boys who enlisted in the navy at the same time Harold did have been sent to the naval training station at San Diego.

Sam E. Van Vactor wishes the Herald to announce that he has received a large quantity of Red Cross Buttons and that all members of the organization who failed to receive buttons during the drive will be supplied if they will call at his office.

Upon the resignation of T. J. Mahoney as cashier a year ago he was succeeded in that position by his brother, W. P. Mahoney, who came to Heppner from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where he had been engaged in banking for a number of years, and his record during the short time he has been connected with the bank proves him to be the peer of the best bankers in this section of the state. Under his management the new building has been constructed and with the confusion incident to building and occupying temporary quarters, together with the added handicap of a short crop season the resources of the bank have continued to grow and expand.

At the recent annual meeting held on January 8th, the board of directors voted to pass \$30,000 from the undivided profits to the permanent surplus account, which brings the permanent paid up resources of the bank to \$150,000.

At the same meeting of stockholders the following directors were chosen: M. S. Corrigan, J. B. Natter, T. J. Mahoney, A. L. Ayers, W. P. Mahoney, Frank Gilliam, W. C. Minor. At the directors' meeting which followed, the following officers were elected: M. S. Corrigan, president; J. B. Natter, and T. J. Mahoney, vice-presidents; W. P. Mahoney, cashier; W. P. Cox, first assistant cashier; W. E. Moore, second assistant cashier; Miss Rubina Corrigan, stenographer; David Wilson and Kenneth Mahoney, bookkeepers.

During the existence of the First National it has taken over other banks as follows: The National Bank of Heppner, which was organized about 1889 and was taken over in 1896, and the Bank of Heppner which was taken over August 5, 1911.

Of the older directors of the bank J. B. Natter has served on the board since 1893, A. L. Ayers since 1902, Frank Gilliam since 1910 and W. C. Minor since 1911.

LIST OF MORROW COUNTY ENLISTMENTS

MORROW COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

Army

Chas. Ayers, Percy C. Cox, Thomas Doyle, Chas. Hendry, Linas Judd, Wm. Morgan, Lee Notson, Edward Notson, Hymen Bear, Dr. H. T. Allison, Ralph VanBibber, Chas. J. Osten, Ralph Justus, Stephen Irwin, Lige Pearce, Guyle Shurte, Ray Rodgers, Arthur Chappell, Rudolph Rosti, Leo B. Murphy, Earl D. Jackson, Mead Gilman, Wm. C. Buell, Francis J. Hiatt, Emory Hiatt, Gerald W. Miller, John J. Dundas, Harold Ahalt, Earl Payear, John Helmick, Elbert Colvin, Fred Nicholson, George Duncan, Oliver Hagewood, Luscious Vischer, Ray Sperry, Fritz Meyer, Earl Rand, Ralph E. Gilliam and Alton Colvin, Frank Barlow, Dr. G. G. Gaunt, I. H. G. Ewing, Clarence Howell, W. E. Ahalt, Ernest Woodward, Sam Stephens, Clarence Forbes, Lyle Douglas, Harper Snewart, Merle Saxe, John McEntire.

Navy

Ralph Yeagar, James Adkins, Jas. E. Copenhagen, Harry Groshens, Chas. Groshens, Paul Gemmel, Robt. Hopkins, Cecil Lientzen, Berton Lewis, Elmer Pressley, Joe Pickett, Lamont Slocum, Wm. Mc. Stewart, Marshall Phelps, Harley Sperry, Walter Johnson, Duran, Doyle, Ben Boone, Walter Cochran, Harold Cohn, Buzzell Gurdane, Robt. Myers, Elra Hayes, Sam Turner, Ray Judd, Oscar Phillips, Elmer Hatts, John Mollahan, Nicholas Tyamchek Mike Oster, Percy C. Gentry, Edwin A. Doak, Clarence H. Thatcher, Percy J. Stribling, A. J. Scrieber, Albert Wm. Heater, Loyal R. Parker, Earl Blake, Elisha Sperry, Mansfield Dodson, Ernest Howell, Sam Gauger, Ray Halferty, Glenn Jones, Frank Smith Walter Hays.

Marine Corps

Glen R. Hadley, Cecil Saragoant and Elmer McDaniel. All persons knowing of others who have enlisted are requested to send in names and assist in making the roster complete. We do not want the names of drafted men. They are already of record.

Would Succeed His Boss



THOS. F. RYAN

Thos. F. Ryan, for seven years deputy in the office of State Treasurer Tom Kay, announces that he will seek the Republican nomination for that office at the coming primaries.

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