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GRADE PUPILS EXCEL IN HIGH CLASS SCHOOL PROGRAM

Entertainment Featuring Costume Drills and Plays Presented to Crowded House.

Many fine entertainments have been given by the students and pupils of the Heppner schools in recent years, but after hearing the program of the grade classes through last Friday evening it is very hard to refrain from saying that was the best ever. We are ever prone to believe that the world is growing better day by day and oftentimes in support of that belief give credit where credit is not always due. In this instance we are supported by the unusual care and preparation and the consequent performance of the young folks. Each and every one had his or her part so carefully committed that there was a total lack of embarrassment and confusion which so often marks an entertainment of this nature. The work of preparation had been long and tedious for teacher and pupil alike, but the final culmination of their effort repaid them fully for their labors.

The varied program was full of interest from start to finish. Each number was properly costumed where costumes were necessary and the little maids and little gentlemen were charming and gallant in their respective stations. Especially was this true in the drills and plays of the little tots.

The program opened with a "Flag Song" by the pupils of the second grade. This was followed by a French Minuet by sixteen primary pupils in colonial costumes. Those taking part were: Kathleen Monahan, Mary Farley, Laura Hall, Margaret Barratt, Margaret Smith, Hazel McDaid, Louise Thomson, Crystal Roberts, James Monahan, John Edward Farley, Evert Boten, Wesley Brookhouser, Onez Parker, Kenneth Merritt, Marvin Brown, Roy Quackenbush.

Elaine Sigsbee gave a reading, "The Runaway Boy."

Childhood plays were recalled to many older heads when the primary grade presented "Three Little Pigs." The little folks were right at home in this play and it was amusing to watch the manner in which the little "pigs" sought shelter from the wolf in their imaginary houses. The cast of this play follows:

Louise Thomson.....Mother Pig
Anna Gentry.....1st Little Pig
Muriel Cason.....2nd Little Pig
Gordon Bissett.....3rd Little Pig
Fred Knauas.....Man with Straw
Laurence Copenhaver Man with Twigs
Eldon Gentry.....Man with Bricks
Onis Grogan.....The Wolf
Marvin Wightman.....Merchant at the Fair

Lovell Lucas warmed the hearts of local Scots in her character song and dance.

The ribbon drill by twenty-four pupils from the second and third grades probably elicited the most favorable comment of any number on the program. The little girls in their dainty gowns and the boys in white linen suits presented a beautiful stage picture and the drill was carried out without a hitch. Those taking part were: Mary Patterson, Francis Gentry, Irene Wattenburger, Leslie Neel, Vawter Parker, Mary Case, Helen Stebels, Ralph Boyd, Margaret Mahoney, Alton Osmiin, Lewis Osmiin, Glenna Kirk, Crockett Sprouis, Fern Johnson, Marie Knauas, Lucile McDuffee, Melba Chidsey, James Hayes, Marguerite Hsler, Neva Brown, Stanley Minor, Stanley Williams, Tom Wells, Donald Bowker.

"The Brownie Song," by pupils of the third grade was a quaint character song. With the tall pointed helmets the little brownies made a realistic appearance and their funny little bows were very amusing.

Mary Clark entertained with a piano solo.

A short play, "Books We Love," was given by seventeen pupils from the fifth grade. Two children, John (Charles Church) and Mary (Ethel Mikesell) being left alone to spend the evening, fell asleep and dreamed of book friends they loved. As each character appeared on the stage Bernice Sigsbee read a short paragraph from the story it represented. Owing to a continual disturbance in the back part of the house it was difficult for many to hear what the young lady read but we were able to understand some of it by the representation of characters as follows:

Heidi.....Cleone Andrews
Little Lane Prince.....Roy McDuffee
Peter Pan.....Austin Smith
Alice in Wonderland Willetta Barratt
Robin Hood.....Leonard Schwarz
Blue Beard.....Alvin Smith
Red Riding Hood.....Margaret Woodson

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

Miss Frances Doherty teaches the school in District No. 20. The enrollment is seven. Several improvements are contemplated. Among them, are some new canvas shades for the windows, a jacket for the stove, and a new book-case. These additions, with the new blackboard, closed water jar, globe, and new furniture, recently placed in the building will bring the equipment up close to standard.

In District No. 9, Miss Sylva McCarty is the teacher. Thirteen pupils are enrolled. This school has a new blackboard, a new set of maps, and a new dictionary.

In District No. 16, Miss Lillian Troedson is the teacher. A new set of maps has been purchased recently. A closed water jar has just been ordered to take the place of one which was racked by the frost during the cold weather.

The school at Irrigon is under the tuition of Prof. W. L. Suddarth and wife. A new heating and ventilating plant has been placed in the high school room. One had already been in use in the other room. Several new framed pictures have been placed upon the walls. A new water fountain has been installed. The playground has been leveled at considerable expense. An excellent lot of play apparatus has been provided, consisting of swings, see-saws, giant stride, horizontal bar, slide and flying rings. A basket ball equipment is also included. The pupils make good use of the apparatus. A new compound microscope has been added to the laboratory. A new four burner oil stove has been purchased for the domestic science class. This, with the other equipment, enables the girls to do some excellent work. On baking day, the class find the demand for their products far greater than they are able to supply. Both rooms of the Irrigon school will reach the standard. Two evening meetings were held while the writer was at Irrigon.

In District No. 25 J. A. Gibbons is still at the helm. The windows have been re-arranged so as to do away with the cross-lights. The heating and ventilating are accomplished by a Smith heater. I noted that the program provided for both study and recitation work. The floor is kept in fine condition. It has been oiled, and sweeping compound is used in cleaning it. The sweeping compound costs about \$2.90 a year.

Mrs. M. E. Clark teaches in District No. 39. The grounds if this school have been enlarged, giving ample play space. I arrived just at noon, and the teacher and pupils were enjoying a hot lunch. They have solved the problem of the hot lunch for a rural school. Mrs. Clark thinks it is an advantage to the work, aside from the training the older girls receive in preparing the lunch. A new encyclopedia has been purchased recently. This school is doing some excellent industrial work.

Dance at Whittingtons.

O. M. Whittington informs us that there will be a big dance and basket supper at his place on Saturday, March 25. Good music will be furnished for the occasion by Redifer's orchestra of this city. The public is invited to come and participate in the events of the evening. A jolly time is assured.

Officers of Kappa Sigma Pi Installed.

A very beautiful installation service was held in the club room of the Kappa Sigma Pi in the Christian Church, Tuesday evening when the newly elected officers of the club were installed. A number of the parents of the members were present and other invited guests.

The officers for the ensuing term are: Chancellor, Garnet Barratt; Vice Chancellor, Frank Edmundson; Scribe, Paul Gammell; Purser, Kenneth Binns; Constable, Jared Alken; Sentinel, Vawter Crawford; Stephen, Robert Notson; Gamaliel, Jasper Crawford; Tentmaker, Ray Shurtle.

Light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed after the exercises.

Dr. Leonard R. Purkey, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived Saturday to take charge of Dr. Conder's practice. Dr. Purkey is a graduate of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathy and the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He practiced in Wallawa, Ore., for some time. He expects Mrs. Purkey to arrive in a few days.

The ladies of the chrysanthemum committee will meet at the council chambers on Saturday afternoon, March 18. Everyone interested in making Heppner famous for the growing of these beautiful flowers is cordially invited by the ladies to attend the meeting. People living in the country, as well, will be welcome should they care to attend.

STATEMENT OF ROAD TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1916.

| ROAD DIST. | VAL. OF PROPERTY | PCT'GE OF TOTAL | TOTAL TAX | 50% OF TOTAL | 70% OF TOTAL |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | \$709,288 | .063 | \$ 1773.22 | \$ 886.61 | \$1241.25 |
| 2. | 377,464 | .034 | 943.66 | 471.83 | 660.56 |
| 3. | 356,260 | .032 | 890.65 | 445.32 | 623.46 |
| 4. | 332,696 | .030 | 831.74 | 415.87 | 582.21 |
| 5. | 501,988 | .045 | 1254.97 | 627.48 | 878.48 |
| 6. | 248,760 | .020 | 621.90 | 310.95 | 423.33 |
| 7. | 349,220 | .031 | 873.05 | 436.52 | 611.44 |
| 8. | 500,072 | .045 | 1250.18 | 625.09 | 875.13 |
| 9. | 244,308 | .022 | 610.77 | 305.39 | 427.54 |
| 10. | 491,268 | .044 | 1228.17 | 614.09 | 859.72 |
| 11. | 630,648 | .056 | 1576.62 | 788.31 | 1103.65 |
| 12. | 1,513,676 | .135 | 3784.19 | 1892.10 | 2648.92 |
| 13. | 203,024 | .018 | 507.56 | 253.78 | 355.29 |
| 14. | 417,780 | .042 | 1179.45 | 589.72 | 825.62 |
| 15. | 370,932 | .033 | 927.33 | 463.66 | 649.13 |
| 16. | 1,535,324 | .137 | 3838.31 | 1919.16 | 2686.82 |
| 17. | 1,085,680 | .100 | 2714.20 | 1357.10 | 1899.94 |
| 18. | 1,262,916 | .113 | 3157.29 | 1578.64 | 2210.10 |
| | \$11,185,304 | 1.000 | \$27,963.26 | 13,981.62 | \$19,574.29 |

ONE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL PRESENT OPERETTA-FEDERAL HUNTERS APPOINTED

Prof. W. K. Davis is preparing under the auspices of Ione High School, the two-act operetta, "Windmills of Holland," drawing his talent from the pupils of the school. It is his intention to have the operetta ready by the 25th of the month, and it will be given in Walker's hall. This is a beautiful arrangement of music, and will be acted out in appropriate Dutch costume, even to the wearing of the wooden shoes. The entertainment will be a drawing card.

On this same date is scheduled also the first game of base ball for the season, which will be played on the lone grounds between Heppner High and Ione High, this being the initial game of the interscholastic series.

J. H. Cochran and Harold Dobyns have been appointed federal hunters for this district, which includes all of Morrow county and a portion of Umatilla and Gilliam counties. The appointment comes from E. F. Averill, of Pendleton, predatory animal inspector of the Bureau of Biological Survey, and gives these gentlemen authority to hunt and trap predatory animals in this section. They will be under the direction of Mr. Averill and will have to be prepared to go where he directs in the district. Both Cochran and Dobyns have many scalps to their credit, and the coyotes and other prowling animals will have to migrate if they expect to save their pelts.

R. W. Hastings, of Portland, owner of the Baker farm west of Ione, was here this week making arrangements to have the place seeded. It is in charge of W. R. Wyrick who has brought his teams and implements over from Umatilla county, and with the assistance of a number of other teams will proceed to get the seed in the ground just as fast as possible. Owing to the dry fall it was impossible to get much seeding done as many farmers were afraid of the great abundance of weeds. The weeds are up in good shape now and every farmer is busy killing them off and getting his seed in the ground at the same time. Wheat that is up promises well and is all growing fine.

D. C. Peterson, of Beach, North Dakota, is here looking after his land interests. He is owner of a part of the T. G. Earhart farm, northeast of Ione and will look after making needed improvements on the place which is now being farmed by A. M. Zink. Mr. Peterson will have a well bored on the premises and is now having some fencing done. He states that he may become a resident of Oregon and get away from the rigors of the climate of the Dakotas.

The people of Morgan are promised a treat on Friday evening, the 24th inst. At that time the minstrels from Ione will appear at Whitcomb hall and present to the people of that vicinity their well-prepared program of music, songs and jokes. The announcement was made on Friday night last at a party dance given there, and the people of Morgan received it with enthusiasm.

E. S. Duran and Chas. Burchell were visitors in Ione from Lexington on Thursday last. Mr. Burchell having recently disposed of his farm near that place, was looking for some prospective buyers for his milk stock. We understand that he will remove to the Willamette Valley to reside.

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HIGH SCHOOL PARAGRAPHS

W. Pearl LeTrace.

A new student, Mr. Ben Griffiths, has joined the Junior class. He makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson.

Don't forget the literary program Friday afternoon. There is a debate of great national interest to be settled and also several musical selections which promise to be good.

The school has just received about 100 slides on tuberculosis from the treasury department of the Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. The slides will be used in both the grades and the high school.

New Rug Purchased.

A new rug has been purchased for the auditorium stage. This rug is to be furnished by the high school, possibly the graduating class.

Grade Entertainment Great Success.

A crowded house witnessed the performance of the grade pupils last Friday evening. Every one spoke highly of it. The gross receipts amounted to \$63. This money goes to buy library books for the school.

Something Terrible.

The manager of the baseball team has among his pitching staff David Wilson, who has during the last few weeks developed the wonderful "mud ball," which he expects to use effectively this coming season.

"Bug Hunting."

The Biology class have begun their regular spring bug hunts. One day this week a troop of them were seen going down the road. Some had rifles. Guess they shoot the bugs they get; in fact one member of the class boasts that he shot the head off a cricket at a distance of 20 yards.

Trees Ordered.

A number of trees have been ordered by the high school. In fact each class ordered one. The board also ordered a number. The class trees, together with the number the board ordered amount to 27 trees. Some shrubbery was purchased also. Two classes ordered the sycamore maple, and three classes ordered the weeping linden. They were ordered from Mr. Burns, the landscape gardener of Condon. He assures us these trees are hardy and thrifty and grow fine in this climate.

Typewriting Tests Twice a Month.

The number of typewriting tests has been changed from one month to two a month. The first test for this month was given the 14th. Miss Hannah Wilson made an average of 31 words a minute and Miss Oma Bennett 31 words per minute. They are both 2nd year typists. Norton Winard made a record of 26 words a minute and Isabel Wilson 17 words per minute. They are 1st year students. A record of 27 words was made by Hannah Wilson and 24 words by Oma Bennett on the Remington typewriter. This is a new machine and more difficult for them to use, not having had any great amount of practice on it.

At the Christian Church.

Next Sunday morning, Minister Handsaker will preach on: "A Model Conversion." In the evening the subject will be: "The Message of the Church."

The Christian Endeavor will meet as usual at 6:45 P. M. Interest is growing each week in the young people's meetings. All young people not attending elsewhere are asked to come.

Let the Heppner Bakery supply your table with the cakes, pies and cookies.

James Gentry and Will Kirk, who have been doing some extensive road grading for the county, in the vicinity of the Thos. Matlock ranch on Hinton creek, brought in the grader Saturday evening. They have also been doing some work on the Balm fork road.

Oscar Keithley, road supervisor in the Eight Mile district, reports that he has been doing considerable work on the Rood canyon road, in the matter of putting in a new bridge and working over the entire road, which was badly cut up during the severe weather of the past few months.

Oscar Davis underwent an operation at the Heppner Sanatorium a few weeks ago for the purpose of having a broken bone in his shoulder wired together. About a month ago he consulted Drs. Winnard and Allison and although the bone had been broken and displaced for nine months an operation was advised. X-ray pictures show the bones being well held together by the silver wire placed there for that purpose. Mr. Davis' friends will be glad to learn that although the arm will never be as strong as before, he has a good chance to recover the use of it.

Former Heppner Man to Wallawa.

Wallawa Sun: Frank McNally, who purchased the Wolf pool hall a couple of weeks ago, has remodeled the interior of the building and has opened up a neat cigar store and billiard parlor for the accommodation of the general public. Mr. McNally formerly lived in Heppner, but until recently has been making his home in Elgin.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS FEATURE OF HEPPNER'S INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Wooden Awnings Are Disappearing.—New Buildings Completed and Others Are Under Construction.

Building improvements are on the up-grade and Heppner's industrial life presents a prosperous appearance. The past week has witnessed the completion of the Masonic building and this edifice will be dedicated some time this month. The furniture for the lodge rooms will arrive this week. On the ground floor the finishers are busy getting things in shape for the reception of tenants. Oscar Borg will move soon into the south room, which is being especially fitted for the jewelry and optical business. Who the other tenants of the building will be, has not yet been announced. Under the supervision of contractor Hedges, the new concrete walks are being put in this week.

Just across the street, Frank Roberts has been making extensive improvements to his stone building. The feature of these improvements is the new plate glass front and the removal of the wooden awning from the front and side of the building. Mr. Roberts has also remodeled the interior for Gurdane & Son, taking out the stairs in front and running them to the second floor from the rear. He intends to work over the second floor suitable for tenants.

C. E. Woodson, owner of the Morrow block, is continuing improvement work on that structure started last fall, by tearing out an old building at the rear of the R. M. Hart confectionary store. This will be replaced by an entirely new building.

Clyde Wells is putting up a building on his Willow street property which will be occupied by Bradford & Son, painters. Mr. Wells has plans under consideration for the erection of still another structure on an adjoining lot. Johnson brothers are doing the carpenter work.

Work of remodeling the interior of the Slocum building, occupied by the City Meat Market, started this week. Ralph Johnson, one of the proprietors of the meat market, returned from Portland the first of the week, where he had gone to make arrangements for installing a cold storage plant. The plant will be placed at the rear of the market proper. In the same building, next door John Maxwell, the candy maker, is adding new shelving and show cases and preparing to install a soda fountain.

D. E. Gilman is preparing to move the old Masonic building onto his Main street lot just south of the Wilson hotel.

At the present time three residences are under construction. Two more were only recently completed. Spencer Akers and Chas. Vaughn in west Heppner are now the possessors of modern bungalows and both dwellings have added much to the appearance of that part of town. Three other dwellings now being built are the homes of Dr. R. J. Vaughn and C. L. Sweek on Court street and the Osmiin Hager home in east Heppner.

Building Large Shearing Plant.

A sheep shearing plant unequalled by any in the country is now being built at Echo, by the wool growers of this neighborhood. The new plant will consist of a large permanent building of substantial construction, arranged so that a large number of sheep can be handled easily.

The building is to have a front of 100 feet and will be 180 feet in depth. Through the center there is to be a shearing deck 36x80, onto which the sheep are driven for shearing. Shutles carry the animals to the ground floor after clipping. A belt conveyor runs down the center of the deck to carry the fleece to the packing machine. Inspection bins will be along the side.

Heretofore the Echo plant, housed in rough temporary sheds, has sheared from 60,000 to 70,000 sheep every spring. The increased facilities provided by the new plant will allow of handling a much larger number. When at capacity the plant will employ 50 or 60 men. A cook house, 20x40, for the shearers, is now being built.—Echo News.

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