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LOCAL CHURCHES TO SPREAD CHEER

Various Sunday Schools
Will Offer Programs
This Evening.

KIDDIES GET TREATS

Legion Post to Have Public Tree
Tomorrow; Elks to Supply En-
tertainment at Star Theater.

The churches of Heppner will each offer suitable Christmas programs this evening, prepared and delivered by the children of the Sunday schools under the direction of their leaders. These programs are calculated to bring out the facts concerning the birth of the Saviour, and offerings will be taken to go to some benevolence of the church. The programs will be followed by a treat to the children, all of whom are to be remembered and made happy.

The Sunday schools of the following churches have prepared programs, the Methodist Community church, the Episcopal church and Bethel Chapel and the Christian church. Suitable and appropriate decorations of the various buildings, with trees and evergreens will add to the cheerfulness of the occasion.

On Christmas evening the big public tree of the Legion post will be placed on Main street near Hotel Heppner at the intersection of Main and Willow streets, and the post will distribute gifts and treats to all the children of the community up to and including the ages of 12. This is an annual event with Heppner post, and it does not fail to be a great drawing card for the youngsters.

A treat is also in store for the children who are invited to be the guests of Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks at a matinee at 2:30 in the afternoon of Christmas day at Star theater. Manager Sigsbee has prepared a special program for the kiddies and will present Jackie Coogan in "Little Robinson Crusoe," a film that will be greatly enjoyed by the juvenile set. All children up to and including 14 years of age are invited to participate in this treat of the Heppner Elks.

Other Christmas cheer will be distributed by the various institutions of the city, and it is to be hoped none will be overlooked at this Yuletide season.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS LARGE.

At this Christmas season the post-office business at Heppner has greatly increased over what it was last year, and Postmaster Smead states that it is the largest volume of Christmas business that he has experienced in all the years he has had charge of the office. He has estimated that the outgoing mail was 30 per cent greater than last season, and the incoming postal business fully 50 per cent above the 1924 season. For the past week or more the local office has been a mighty busy place, and Mr. Smead appreciates the cooperation he has had from the public in the mailing of their Christmas packages early; it was a great help in expediting business. Mr. Smead states further that the heavy increase in Christmas business through the office would indicate that our people are not suffering the severe pangs of want, but are rather on the royal road to prosperity.

BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED.

The lobby of the First National bank is beautifully decorated in festoons of holly and evergreens in honor of the Yuletide. The profusion of holly is perhaps the greatest display of the shrub that has ever been spread in Heppner. President Mahoney received this from his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mather of Skappoose, who were not satisfied with sending an abundance of cuttings, but shipped small trees that are now very beautiful with their green foliage and bright red berries. Gifts of holly were also handed out to numerous friends of the bank.

INSTALLATION OF MASONIC ORDERS WELL ATTENDED

Splendid Banquet and Program
Enjoyed by Blue Lodge and
the Eastern Star.

At 6:30 on Monday evening members and friends of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. and Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S. gathered in large numbers at Masonic hall to partake of the splendid banquet prepared for the occasion of the joint installation of the two orders by the ladies of Ruth chapter. Tables were appropriately decorated with holly and evergreens, and the abundance of good things to eat constituted one of the finest spreads of the season.

Following the banquet, Ruth chapter, with Mrs. Henrietta Cohn of Portland, as installing officer, inducted the following into office: Worthy Matron, Harriet Gemmill; Associate Matron, Lucile McAtee; Patron, John Wightman; Treasurer, Olive Frye; Secretary, Sarah McNamee; Associate Conductress, Carolyn Johnston; Ada, Frances Morse; Ruth, Charlotte Gordon; Esther, Florence Hughes; Martha, Nellie Anderson; Electa, Hannah Jones; Chaplain, Hattie Wightman; Marshall, Ruth McMurdo; Warder, Vera Crawford; Sentinel, Denn Goodman; Organist, Harriet Mahoney; Grace Goodman, newly elected Conductress, not being able to be present, will be installed later.

Following the seating of the new officers, Elizabeth Dix, retiring Worthy Matron, welcomed the new Matron and officers, and graciously thanked the chapter for the splendid cooperation and assistance rendered her during the past year. Mrs. Gemmill responded in a happy manner, and then Gay Anderson made a neat little presentation speech and handed a token of esteem to Mrs. Dix, the gift of the chapter, being a beautiful star pin. At this juncture, Miss Noreen Nelson gave a recitation and responded to a hearty encore. Spencer Crawford was the installing officer for the Blue Lodge and the following will serve the lodge during the ensuing Masonic year: Worshipful Master, Clarence Bauman; Senior Warden, Fred E. Farrer; Junior Warden, Robert Wightman; Treasurer, Frank Gilliam; Secretary, Leon Briggs; Senior Deacon, Harvey Launtz; Junior Deacon, A. H. Johnston; Chaplain, L. L. Gilliam; Marshall, Earl Gordon; Stewards, F. S. Parker and J. G. Barratt; Tyler, A. L. Ayers.

While not making any pretense at public speaking, Master Bauman, upon assuming the responsibilities of his office, made a taking speech that brought forth applause at several points, and proved that he is capable in this line and cannot escape being called on for speeches in the future. The past masters apron was presented to John Wightman, the retiring officer, by Frank Gilliam, and Mr. Wightman feelingly expressed his appreciation of the honor.

Janitor Is Remembered On Silver Wedding Day

Gally Johnson, who has been janitor of the Lexington school for the past eight years, and by reason of the faithful performance of his duties has not failed to gain the esteem and affection of every corps of teachers in the school during that time, was kindly remembered on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of himself and Mrs. Johnson on Wednesday.

The teachers of the school presented Mr. and Mrs. Johnson with a beautiful silver cake plate as a token of their appreciation of the attentive services of the janitor, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson expressed great pleasure in being thus remembered.

NEW PASTOR CHOSEN.

Milton W. Bower, of College City, Calif., has been chosen as pastor of the Christian church at Heppner. He will arrive here to begin his work with the church on Sunday, January 3, expecting his family to arrive a little later.

Earl Warner, extensive wrenraiser of Lexington, was doing business here yesterday afternoon.



To all our readers we extend the
Season's Greetings
and wish for each one
A Merry Christmas



JUNIORS VICTORS IN INTER-CLASS FORENSIC COMBAT

Tryouts Are Held Preliminary to
Contesting for Cup Offered
By Parent-Teachers.

(From The Heppnerian.)

Inter-class debate was held last week for tryouts preliminary to winning the cup which the Parent-Teachers association gives annually to the class that has won in the debating contest. The juniors won the cup when they were Freshmen and since they did not debate last year the cup still belongs to them unless they are defeated by the other classes.

Monday, December 14, the junior affirmative met the senior negative, when the seniors were defeated. Also the sophomore negative met the freshman affirmative and were defeated. The question upon which the four teams debated was "Resolved, That primary elections should be abolished in Oregon."

Wednesday, December 16, the sophomore affirmative met the junior negative, which was another victory for the juniors. Also the seniors met the freshmen but the freshmen could not be defeated. The question debated upon was "Resolved, That the plan of Divided Sessions of the legislature be adopted in Oregon."

It then stood between the freshmen and juniors. On Friday, December 18, the junior affirmative met the freshman negative and defeated them in a unanimous victory.

The question which was debated was "Resolved, That Oregon should adopt a law concerning old age pensions." The seniors and sophomores also debated Friday and the sophomores were defeated.

It now lies between the seniors and the juniors for the cup as the freshmen refused to meet the juniors in the finals so it was up to the seniors as they were next in running.

The senior class challenged the juniors and the debate will be held after the Christmas holidays.

Automobiles Collide On Lexington Street

In attempting to negotiate a turn about the Lexington road delivery wagon Tuesday forenoon, M. L. Case of this city and Earl Fitch of Lexington came together with their automobiles, much to the damage of the cars, but with the fortunate result that neither driver was seriously hurt, though Mr. Fitch received a cut on the face and was somewhat dazed by the jar he received.

Fitch was driving a Ford and had just left the postoffice with his mail. Mr. Case was returning from a trip to Ione. At the intersection of the street just after crossing the concrete bridge, the Case car fell in behind the wood wagon that apparently was going to make a turn, but neither car driver noted the approach of the other as they each attempted to pull around the wagon, and when the discovery was made it was a little late for either driver to stop. Mr. Case put on his brakes but his larger Cadillac car skidded into the Fitch machine, the street being very slick from recent rains. Damage to the heavy car was the smashing of two front fenders, two front fenders, bending of front axle and injury to steering gear, and tearing of new tire, a total of about two hundred dollars, while the other machine was pretty badly jammed. No fault seems to attach to the drivers of the cars, at least neither blames the other for the accident.

MRS. J. C. OWEN PASSES.

Mrs. Lena Owen, wife of J. C. Owen, passed away at her home in this city at 4 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, following an illness of some eight days with pneumonia. Mrs. Owen had rallied from the disease and apparently was improving satisfactorily, when she was attacked by heart failure and died in a very few minutes. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, all residing here. Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Community church on Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock, Rev. E. C. Alford officiating, with interment in Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Owen was born in Ohio, her maiden name being Lena Glasford, and had been a resident of Oregon for 50 years, coming to this state with her parents when but three years of age. At the time of her death she was aged 52 years, 11 months and one day.

GIRL RESERVES HONOR LEADERS.

In honor of their leaders, Miss Elizabeth Phelps and Miss Helen Fredrickson, the Girl Reserves gave a banquet on Tuesday evening at their quarters in Bethel chapel, being assisted by a few of the members of the Chapel. The tables were very nicely arranged by the reserve girls, covers being spread for 36. Miss Phelps, who was instrumental in organizing the corps and who was their leader during all of last year, is home on her vacation from school at Eugene, and Miss Fredrickson, teacher in the school here has been the leader this year. In this little banquet the girls did themselves proud, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all. Following the banquet, the girls and their leaders visited a number of the "shut-ins" about town, bringing them greetings and cheer of the Christmas season.

EVANS BROWN BILLED

Legion Auxiliary Will Sponsor Entertainment Here January 18th,
at the Star Theater.

Magic—mirth—mystery and music. Varied indeed is the entertainment of Evans Brown, accordionist, harpist, magician and pianist, who is to appear here on January 18th, 1926, at the Star Theater under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary. This most interesting and accomplished artist gives a big "3 in 1" program, for he alternates his varied lines of artistic achievement in such a fascinating way that his entertainment might be said to be the ideal program. It's entertaining, first of all; it's mystifying to a high degree, and the musical side of his program is artistically worthwhile. The grownups like his work as much as the youngsters and the musically cultured in his audiences can enjoy his harp, accordion and piano work because Evans Brown is an exceptional artist.

It is hard to say just where Evans Brown excels. In his musical work he stands high among the accordionists of the country, not only as an artist, but as a composer as well. His compositions for the accordion have been published and are in use by the accordion stars of this and other countries. His harp work adds additional charm to his program. He carries the finest instruments that money can buy, both harp and accordion. He is a gifted pianist, but because of the wide variety of his program he seldom uses piano numbers, unless especially requested.

His work in the field of magic would fill an evening's program for he has gone far in delving into the magician's bag of tricks. In addition he has invented many of his own, which are being used successfully by other tricksters as well as himself. Some of these might be mentioned, such as "The Latest Thing in Gloves," "Duplex Furniture Trick," "Flag Tableaux," "The Watch Manipulation Act," "The Joker's Own Wonder Deck," "The Mystery of the Egyptian Jars," "The Dollar Bill Mystery," "The Rainbow Enigma," "The Spirit Message," "The Floating Table," "The Acrobatic Cards," (his own) "The Cylinder of Surprises," and a series of Oriental mysteries, entitled, "Magical Miracles of the Orient." He has long been a student of Chinese and East Indian magic and his demonstrations are bewildering in the extreme.

Miss Noreen Nelson, grade teacher in Heppner schools, departed for her home in the Willamette valley on Wednesday and will spend the vacation season with her parents.

JOHN DAY YIELDS FOSSIL OF TURTLE AFTER HARDSHIP

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Dec. 23.—"Did you ever hunt fossils? There are many hardships to be encountered before you may bring your trophy home," said John B. Horner, professor of history at the Oregon Agricultural college, in relating a story of Rex Spangle, of Pendleton, and a fossil turtle.

"It was while hunting in a fossil basin of the John Day country that Mr. Spangle found the turtle," Dr. Horner explained. "It is 18 inches wide and 24 inches long and weighed in life about 70 pounds. While standing in the bottom of a basin Mr. Spangle noticed the sun shining on an olive gray object in the side of the basin. After a dangerous climb he reached it and found what appeared to be a rock. Digging around it he discovered marks on it similar to those made by the teeth of wood rats. This and the appearance of a piece he had broken off convinced Mr. Spangle that he had found a fossil.

"After two hours of work it was loose enough to remove. With a great deal of care and many narrow escapes two men lowered the turtle 150 feet down the basin wall. After reaching the bottom it was carried two miles up a 50 per cent grade indicating that there are thrills as well as scientific finds to be gained by those hunting fossils. The turtle was sent to the college museum for exhibition.

"Nature lovers who care to know some of the mysteries preserved in the earth should visit the John Day fossil beds," continued Dr. Horner, adding that at a point six miles from Dayville, on the south fork of the John Day river, colored cliffs may be seen on either side of the road. "Leaving the highway and walking about a mile, preferably in caulked boots, you enter one of many small ravines. These widen into large basins. There are many pinnacles and caves around the edges of these basins. In some of the ravines there are small springs, the water being of the color of the surrounding formation. In places it resembles red paint of the thickness of syrup. Mr. Spangle and his friend found that the water was charged with sugar."

Louis Padberg speaks very encouragingly of the crop outlook in his locality, as the grain is now all coming along well. For a time it looked like the dry weather was going to have the best of it, and much of the grain was slow in germinating. Since the good rains this has all changed. Mr. Padberg was in the city a short time yesterday from his farm west of Lexington.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

At the Christian church next Sunday morning, the congregation will be addressed by Rev. W. O. Jones of La Grande. Bible school at ten o'clock and Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. There will be no evening services. Because of a very severe cold Rev. Albyn Esson was unable to be with the church on last Sunday.

W. V. Crawford came in early this morning from Portland and will spend the Christmas season with his wife and little daughter and other relatives here. Mr. Crawford is traveling salesman for the Remington Cash Register Co. and has been at work in the southern Oregon territory.

Dean T. Goodman departed for Portland this morning to spend Christmas with his family and other relatives in the city. He has hopes that Mrs. Goodman will soon be sufficiently recovered from her illness to return to Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huston were in Heppner Wednesday from their Eight Mile home. Abundant rains are hoping to make the grain grow in fine shape over the Eight Mile country, and springlike weather prevails.

There will be a special meeting of Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S., on Wednesday evening, December 30, for degree work. A good attendance of the membership is requested on this occasion.

M. L. Case made a distribution of apples to the schools and Sunday school committee at both Lexington and Ione on Tuesday in accordance with his promise of last week.

Miss Helen Fredrickson departed Wednesday evening for her home at Stanfield, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Frank Turner drove to Portland with a truck on Tuesday. Leaving the machine there, he expected to return home today by train.

Mrs. Vida Clark of Freewater is a guest for the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael in Lexington.

Oscar Keithley and daughter were visitors in the city for a short time yesterday from their Eight Mile home.

Mrs. Ed. Bristow of Ione spent a few hours in Heppner Wednesday, doing a little Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket were Eight Mile folks in the city yesterday, doing some shopping.

Wanted—Woman for general household work. Phone 785, city.

This Week



The Birth Control Dean. Gas War "Barbarous?" If So, We Need It. Respectable Real Estate.

Be careful about little things. Sig-mund Brietbart, called the strongest man in Germany, bent iron bars with his hands, tore horse shoes apart, held two horses pulling against each other. He scratched himself with his nail, blood poison developed—his dead! Germs too small to be seen with a microscope are stronger than any man. Such germs are usually on the hands.

Dean Inge, eminently respectable clergyman at the head of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, favors birth control. He says "LIMIT FREE EDUCATION to not more than three children, from any one family."

He believes parents will limit the number of children, if they have to educate all but three at their own expense. Good, gloomy dean, he knows little about human nature. And he worries, because common people have most of the children, the birth rate being lowest among the educated classes.

What would the dean have said to Nancy Hanks, with bare feet, a lady unable to read or write, caring for a heavy baby in a hut with a dirt floor, and without windows?

He'd have said "Leave child bearing to the educated upper classes, my dear." But the big baby was Abraham Lincoln. You never can tell.

The latest asinine, intensely dangerous proposition is that the United States should sign an international "protocol," pledging ourselves against the use of chemicals, including poison gases and other gases in future warfare.

Chemical warfare, in addition to being MODERN warfare, is the least brutal, most merciful form of war thus far devised by human brutality. Chemical warfare could render unconscious the inhabitants of a whole city, capturing without killing them. The old style of war was to burn the city, kill the men and women. The poison gases, so called, mustard gas, tear gas and other gases are more merciful than powder or bullets, just as powder and bullets are more merciful than weapons of an earlier kind.

In the big war entire regiments, made temporarily blind by tear gas, were taken prisoners and brought into camp, tears streaming down their faces, unable to see their way, with not a man wounded. Not one died, and the blindness did not last.

Only a sticky sentimentalist can call the kind of warfare "more horrible" than the old fashioned war that shot men to pieces and left them to die of festering wounds on the battlefield.

Meanwhile the army's chemical department, concentrated on study of chemical warfare and chemistry generally, is engaged in work of value to the nation, APART from war.

We are not going to attack anybody, and should develop to the highest point every known method of warfare, including chemical warfare, to be ready for attack.

Meanwhile, poison gases are to be used more and more in LEGITIMATE war, in fighting the boll weevil and the European corn borer, which has already appeared in several States, and might, if unchecked, blight the corn crop as the boll weevil does the cotton crop.

Real estate is a respectable and considerable business. August Heck-scher, who says he is like the old cab horse in Dickens, that would fall down if its driver allowed it to stop, goes on working and occasionally buys something.

A few days ago for "all cash" he bought a 32-story building at No. 61 Broadway, New York, for \$17,000,000. That would surprise old Astor, who used to buy farms on Manhattan Island.

Moral: Buy a piece of real estate now, where the \$17,000,000 building will be later.

DISPOSES OF MORE LAND HERE.

Al Henriksen of Pendleton, who was in the city the end of the week, informs this paper that he has recently disposed of more of his Morrow county real estate holdings. W. V. Pedro, of Ceeli, owner also of the Hamilton ranch in the mountains, has purchased from Mr. Henriksen 1320 acres of what is known as the Slocum land, adjoining his mountain ranch. Mr. Pedro is also adding to his flock, recently purchasing a band of cows down on Butter creek. This makes it necessary for him to have more mountain range.

Miss Harriet Case left for Portland and other valley points on Wednesday evening, expecting to spend her vacation season among relatives and friends.

DOGS

All owners of dogs will be required to procure licenses for year 1926 on or before January 1st or be subject to a fine. This applies to all dogs over 8 months old.

GEO. McDUFFEE,
Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon.