

BOND ELECTION SET FOR MARCH 18TH

Petitions Presented Monday Evening; Supt. Burgess Relected.

The date for the election to decide whether or not School District No. 1 will endorse a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of erecting an auditorium-gymnasium, was set on Monday night at the regular meeting of the school board. Petitions asking the board to call such an election were presented, containing the names of 61 legal voters residing in the district, so there was nothing left for the board to do but set the date for the election. This will be held on the afternoon of March 18, from 2:00 o'clock until 7:00, as may be seen by the notice published elsewhere in these columns.

Another matter of importance that was attended to was the election of superintendent for the coming year. There being no applications in for this position, save the verbal application of James M. Burgess, present incumbent, the board proceeded to reelect Mr. Burgess by a unanimous vote. This year will close up two years of service in this position by Prof. Burgess, and the board is fortunate that he has consented to remain with the school for another year.

The matter of electing the teaching force of the school will be taken up at the March meeting, we understand.

Mrs. Wicklander Dies; News Shocks Friends

By Boardman Correspondent.

The community was shocked beyond measure on Friday afternoon when news came of the sudden death of Mrs. Lulu Wicklander at the hospital in Pendleton. The news came as such a shock because scarcely anyone knew she was away from home or that she was ill. Mrs. Wicklander's death was a sacrifice on the altar of motherhood, death coming as preparations were being made for a Caesarian operation. Mrs. Wicklander has been under the care of the doctor at Hermiston, and on Friday morning when she did not feel quite well, she decided to go to Hermiston. An examination revealed the need of immediate attention and a hasty call was sent to Pendleton. A hurried trip was made there where three doctors awaited her coming. Everything possible was done but her life ebbed away.

Lulu Dillabough was born and raised in Michigan and 20 years ago she was united in marriage to Chas. Wicklander at Escanaba, Mich. They have been residents on the project for the past six years. Mrs. Wicklander was the mother of a large family, six children surviving, Hector, Gladys, Glorie, Ellabelle, Carl and Alice. Two children died in infancy as did the tiny son for whom she gave her life.

Mrs. Wicklander was an unusual woman. Although having a large family and being a devoted mother, she took an active part in all civic work, was a very active member of the Grange, was president of the Boardman P. T. A. for 18 months, relinquishing that office in January. She was president of the North Morrow County board. She had a much class to whom she gave instruction. She was an indefatigable worker, a person who could always be depended upon when put in charge of community work. Mrs. Wicklander took great pride in her family and sang and played with them, always taking a keen interest in their school work, and was very much interested in the club work and encouraged her children and others to take part in this.

Her father, C. H. Dillabough, and one brother, Brice Dillabough, survive in addition to the husband and children.

Funeral services were held from the church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Methodist minister from Hermiston had charge of the service and gave a sermon full of comfort and hope. Mrs. Wicklander looked very sweet in the beautiful casket as she lay nestled on her arm. Messrs. Howard B. Calkins, A. P. Ayres and Mrs. Boardman and Mrs. Bands with Mrs. Mead at the piano sang several selections at the church and at the cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. Ray Brown, C. Berger, J. R. Johnson, Paul Smith, L. Packard and John Brice.

There was a gorgeous array of beautiful flowers sent by sympathizing friends and by various organizations. Grange members marched to the church in a body. Grangers from Irrigon, Willow creek and other points were present at the service.

The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Wicklander and family.

W. O. Dix, of the firm of Hiatt & Dix, who has been laid up at his home by illness for the past two weeks, is again able to be at his place of business, though not fully recovered from his trouble.

Chas. Latourell returned Saturday from a fishing trip on the Trask river in Tillamook county, bringing with him several speckled beauties of the steelhead variety. He reports an enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Jeff Jones, who has been quite ill the past two weeks at her home in this city, suffering from influenza, is now reported on the road to recovery by her physician, Dr. A. D. McMurdy.

Frank Turner made a trip to Pendleton Friday, returning Saturday.

DEBATE ENDS IN TIE

Much interest by local people was manifested in the debate at the high school auditorium last evening between Hermiston and Heppner. The negative teams from each school traveled, and Orrin Bishop and Marjorie Clark went to Hermiston. The affirmative was upheld here by Marvin Gammell and Margaret Notson, who over their opponents by a unanimous decision of the judges, while a similar decision went to the affirmative team at Hermiston. It is also understood here that a tie occurred between the teams of Pendleton and McLaughlin high of Milton, so the team that is to represent the district in the finals failed to be chosen.

From the Rockford (Wash.) Register is taken the following: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McDaniell of Clatsone, Idaho, are guests this week at the home of the latter's aunt, Mrs. G. T. Harrison. They expect to locate in Rockford. Mrs. McDaniell is a daughter of J. W. Stevens of Heppner.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

W. H. Wehrung, in charge of the interests of the Northwestern National bank at the Bank of Ione, accompanied by Victor Peterson, formerly cashier of the latter institution, were visitors here for a short while Wednesday forenoon. Mr. Wehrung has called a public sale of personal property on which the bank holds mortgages at the Chas. Huston place on Eight Mile, for Saturday, March 5th, beginning at 10:00 in the forenoon. A lot of good work horses and mules, as well as much other property in the line of farming implements, will be disposed of at this sale.

Judge R. L. Bengtson returned the end of the week from Salem, where he spent several days in the interest of some legislation he wished to see put over, as well as opposing some other bills he felt detrimental to this part of the state. He was gratified to have the governor place his disapproval on the Wilson River toll road bill, Morrow county, for the initiative in expressing opposition to this measure, and naturally Judge Bengtson was pleased to have it vetoed.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rogers were visiting with Heppner friends over the fore part of the week, having arrived from Salem, where they had been spending a couple of weeks. They departed this morning for Bend, and from there will go on to their home at Lakeview where Max is watermaster on an irrigation project. The news of Mr. Rogers being married came somewhat as a surprise to Heppner friends. This event took place last Halloween.

Squire Ayers performed his initial wedding ceremony at the court house on Monday of last week, when he united in marriage Martin Anderson of Idaho and Miss Eunice Mattie Darr of Boardman. The squire put one over on our worthy county judge, who happened to be absent from the office and our new justice of the peace stepped up like a little man and performed the ceremony in proper style. Chas. Heckman of Hardman suffered a dislocation of his right shoulder in a fall from the porch a his home on Sunday evening. He had started to leave the house for a pail of water and slipped and fell a distance of about four feet, striking his shoulder with such force as to cause disastrous results. Dr. McMurdy was called from Heppner to attend him and the shoulder was put in place.

B. R. Finch writes friends in this city that Eugene has been hard hit the past few weeks with the flu epidemic, and the school which he teaches there has had as high as 70 per cent of the pupils absent in one week. Both he and Mrs. Finch are students at the University and like their work, and Mr. Finch is teaching a part of each day in the junior high school.

Judge Gilbert W. Phelps, accompanied by Mrs. Phelps, was here from Pendleton on Saturday. Judge Phelps took up some matters on the circuit court docket while here. His many friends are glad to note that Judge Phelps is very much improved in health, though he states that he is not running many foot races yet.

J. W. Cowins underwent an operation on Wednesday at the office of Dr. McMurdy for the removal of a tumor from his neck, a growth that had been bothering for a number of years. The operation was performed under local anesthesia.

Gay M. Anderson, county clerk, has been absent for several days this week, going to Vancouver, Wash., where he enjoyed the festivities of a family reunion in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his father and mother. He is expected home this evening.

Chauncey Standish, who works at the McRoberts stables, was taken to Heppner Surgical hospital last night suffering from a severe heart attack. A few days of quiet at the hospital should put him in shape to resume work.

Lee Cantwell and wife and baby, who were in the city for several days the past week on account of the death of Mr. Cantwell's grandmother, Mrs. James W. Cowins, returned on Sunday to their home in Portland.

Karl Beach of Lexington was in the city Wednesday, quite well recovered from his recent severe injuries. His burns caused some injury to his eyelids which will have to be remedied by a slight operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Clark of Eight Mile were visitors in the city yesterday. They report a heavy wind over their part of the county Tuesday but no evil effects, as it helped a lot in drying up the mud.

City Grants Franchise To Sherman Electric

The Sherman Electric company was granted a franchise to operate their service in the city of Heppner at the special council meeting Monday evening. Final action was taken after two readings of the ordinance were made two weeks previously, and full consideration taken. The ordinance granting the privilege is numbered 231, full text of which will be found on page 6 of this issue.

The line to conduct the juice to this city will carry a maximum load of 22,000 volts, according to word given out by G. C. Sawyer, district manager of the company. The service will be 24-hour, the same as at present. Power will be furnished by the plant at De Moss Springs in Sherman county, but the lines will be so connected that power from the plant at White River in Tygh valley or at Hood River may be switched in if necessary at any time.

No guarantee has been made as to just how soon the new power line will reach here. Construction is now under way, and it is probable that it may be here in the summer, Mr. Sawyer said. However, it will reach here by late summer at the outside, was his belief.

The company expects to install a store in Heppner for the sale of electrical appliances, the use of which, it is asserted, will be found economical under the cheaper rates for the new service. Just how much lower rates will have not been made known. This is in the hands of the Public Service commission of the state. But by comparison with rates at other places where the company is operating present rates should be cut nearly in half.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson drove up from their Portland home the end of the week and spent a few days in this city, guests at the home of Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Campbell.

W. W. Head, head push of the Ione Independent, and also pastor of the Congregational church of his home city, was a visitor in Heppner for a short time on Monday.

Mayor Noble who has been quite ill and confined to his home during the past two weeks, is reported to be up and about but unable as yet to return to his place of business.

Mrs. A. J. Westoff, confined at the Morrow General hospital during the past week while recovering from an attack of influenza, has returned to her home in this city.

J. O. Turner and Raymond Ferguson are farmers of this section driving new Pontiacs, purchased the past week of the local agents, Ferguson Motor Co.

J. H. Leadbetter of Rhea creek came to town on Monday and underwent an operation at Morrow General hospital for removal of his tonsils under local anesthesia.

Bernard Allott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Allott, returned the last of the week from an extended visit to Oklahoma at the old home of the family.

Mrs. J. H. Leadbetter of Rhea creek, who was a patient at Morrow General hospital, was able to return to her home with her baby during the past week.

Mrs. M. D. Clark is confined to her home this week, suffering an attack of influenza. She is reported to be improving but not able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer and family came over from Monument Tuesday and are spending a few days in the old home town.

John Kilkenny is quite sick at his home on Hinson creek, suffering from an attack of flu.

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I. O. O. F. Enjoy Big Get Together Meeting

The hall of Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., of Heppner was the scene last evening of a fine get-together meeting of the various lodges of the county, and the attendance was large enough to tax the capacity of the lodge rooms. By way of entertaining a program of music and addresses was given. S. E. Notson welcomed the visitors and W. W. Head of Ione made the response, both talks being largely of a humorous nature.

There was a large attendance from Ione lodge, Morgan had a good delegation, and many were in attendance from Hardman, but owing to so much sickness on the part of the Lexington people, their lodge was not so well represented. At the close of the general good time, the company was invited to the dining hall where they were regaled by a splendid repast furnished by the Rebekahs of Heppner.

Locals Break Even In Initial Trap Shoot

Heppner Rod & Gun club won from Enterprise on a forfeit and lost to Medford 73-71 in the opening shoot of the Oregonian state telegraphic trapshooting tournament Sunday. The three-man team of the locals, composed of the men making the three highest scores, was Charles Latourell 24, Bert Bowker 24, and Dr. A. D. McMurdy 23.

Heppner will shoot against Toledo and Astoria in next Sunday's match. Both opponents are below Heppner in the percentage column.

Lexington School Enjoys Washington Program

In commemoration of the event of Washington's birthday, the Lexington school rendered a program Tuesday afternoon. The high school auditorium was crowded with the friends and patrons of the school, who greatly enjoyed the entertainment. The program was varied and each number was well presented, and is given here:

- America, entire assembly.
- Opening address, Mr. Mauney.
- Vocal solo, Mary Slocum.
- Owl Song, first and second grades.
- Cornet solo, Edward Keller.
- Song, third and fourth grades.
- Reading, Eva Padberg.
- Piano solo, Lester Cox.
- Convolve chorus, fifth grade.
- Mount Vernon Bells, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Turner.
- Song and colonial dance, first and second grades.
- Flag drill, high school and upper grade girls.
- Star Spangled Banner, assembly.

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Vaudeville to Offer Variety of Stunts

A stunt to satisfy every whim. That's certain, promise Professor Johnson and Mrs. Roy Missildine, the committee in charge of the library vaudeville coming to the Star theater on March 8. They didn't have any idea of the preponderance of entertainment ability in the city until they started in on this show, they aver. Their first opinion was that it would be a mighty hard job getting performers enough to put the thing across, but they have found the hard job to be to select and arrange a program from the overwhelming amount of talent they have uncovered. Though this has made it hard to give all the applicants a place in the performance, it has helped a lot from another angle. It has enabled the managers to choose a widely varied and attractive program, and assures there will be something to try all the feelings and emotions.

The curtain will rise at 8 o'clock for a two hour and 15 minute performance. A musical prelude will entertain the audience while the house is filling up and musical numbers will also take up the intervals. Not a thing is being overlooked to make the occasion the superb entertainment event of the season.

It is rumored that a negro minstrel is the headliner. But we haven't been able to get hold of all the facts, yet so you will have to bear with us for one more week. Keep the date in mind—don't forget March 8, when the biggest and best vaudeville performance ever shown in the city will be produced by all home talent.

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ESTHER, THE QUEEN.

Much glamour and romance is bound up in the story of Esther but there are also some splendid lessons to be learned from the book. The story will be the basis of the evening sermon at the Church of Christ.

The morning sermon will be "Christian Liberty and its Limitations."

Other regular services of the church are Bible school at ten and Christian Endeavor at six thirty. Also midweek Bible study each Thursday evening at seven thirty.

MILTON W. BOWER, Minister.

BIG CAR LEAVES HIGHWAY.

F. R. Isaacs of Arlington was quite seriously injured by a cut on the head in an automobile accident Saturday below Lexington. The big sedan he was driving left the highway and turned over on a curve. Mr. Isaacs' cuts were received by contact with the windshield which was broken. Further damage to the car was the loss of a wheel and a broken window. Dr. Johnston was called from Heppner to attend Mr. Isaacs.

GRAND OFFICER TO BE HERE.

Mrs. Myrtle Bennett, Grand Ada, and deputy of the Worthy Grand Matron of O. E. S. of Oregon, will meet with Ruth Chapter No. 32 at its regular communication Friday evening, Feb. 25, for the purpose of instructing officers in the work. Exemplification of the work will be given and refreshments will be served. A large attendance of members is desired.

Ed Magrave, who ranches on Rhea creek south of Jordan Siding, was at Monday to business in this city on Tuesday. He reports crop conditions in his neighborhood as O. K.

The next regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday evening, March 1st. The hostesses will be Mrs. Wm. Cowins and Mrs. J. G. Cowins.

MR. AND MRS. OLSON DEPART.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson departed on Sunday for their new home at Baker, where Mr. Olson will be in charge of the Union Oil company station. On Friday evening a farewell reception was given Mrs. Olson by the Auxiliary of Heppner Post, American Legion, of which she was a worthy member, and she was also remembered in a similar manner by the members of All Saints' Episcopal church on Saturday evening, these good people giving a surprise in her honor at the church. After a residence of a little over two years in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Olson leave behind a large circle of friends who wish for them the greatest success in the future. They are returning to Baker, from which city they came to Heppner, and Mr. Olson has been advanced to a more important position by his company. He is succeeded here by Mr. Ramsay, who arrived on Sunday from Goldendale, Wn., to take over the Heppner station the first of the week.

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A handsome embroidered center piece, made by the Catholic Ladies Altar society, is now on display in the window at the Curran Hat Shop. Later on this beautiful piece will be sold. Tickets can now be secured from Mrs. Ed Buckman, Mrs. John Skuzeski and Miss Mary McVenna.

Lawrence Palmer, prominent farmer of the Lexington section, was attending to business affairs in this city on Saturday. Lawrence is wearing a smile that will not come off these days, for the crop conditions are just ideal and he looks forward to a fine yield.

In the published obituary of Mrs. J. W. Cowins last issue, there was an error in the date given as the time of the arrival of the family. It should have been in the fall of 1879, instead of 1899, or 20 years earlier than the date given.

Mrs. Maurie Frye received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Heers, at Ervinton, Ill., on Tuesday. Mr. Heers, her father, passed away about four months ago.

Charles Becket of Eight Mile was a visitor here yesterday.

HARDMAN.

Charles Hackman, who received a dislocated shoulder Sunday evening, is at present recovering nicely.

G. A. Farrens and family spent the week end at their ranch six miles south of town.

Neal Knighten returned home Saturday from Lone Rock, where he had been visiting for several days.

Mrs. P. L. Howell and family were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarty last week.

The Hardman I. O. O. F. surprised the Rebekahs Tuesday evening, Feb. 15th, by giving a supper consisting of sandwiches, pie, raspberries, cake and coffee. The remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent in dancing.

Kenneth and Lewis Batty were visitors in town last week.

A free dance will be given by the I. O. O. F. lodge Saturday, March 5. Everyone is requested to bring something for the supper.

Miss Grace Miller and Oren Wright were visitors in town February 14.

Re. Bleakman was a visitor in town over the week end.

A birthday party was given at the home of grandma Howell Monday, Feb. 14.

Hazel McDonald visited her friends in town Sunday.

Dale and Percy Bleakman were visiting their parents and friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Elsa Leathers returned this week from Vancouver, Wash., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Saling were the delightful host and hostess at a card party for a group of their friends Wednesday evening, Feb. 16. At the close of the evening the guests were served a most delicious luncheon.

Carey Hastings returned Sunday from Antelope.

A surprise dance was given at the home of W. W. Brannon Friday evening.

Marion Saling was visiting here Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Steers suffered a foot injury Saturday when she took a bad fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley McDaniell delightfully entertained a group of their friends Friday evening at a card party. A dainty luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Bower conducted services on Sunday afternoon.

Hubert McDonald was in town Saturday evening but left early Sunday morning for work.

Floyd Adams was a visitor in town Monday.

LAND AUCTION.

Twenty-seven ranches in Yakima Valley to sell March 12, 1927, Prosser, Washington. For detailed information write THE FEDERAL LAND BANK, Spokane, Washington.



This Week

There is no question of a third term for a man who has only been nominated and elected once.

If not President Coolidge, WHO for the Republicans? That question interests Washington. Three names interesting the wise are Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hoover and Frank Lowden of Illinois. Secretary Mellon, older than the two others, is young enough to manage admirably after the war finances for this nation and to work nine hours a day at his office.

Herbert Hoover has worked like a slave on development of national resources, including the Boulder Dam and waterways from the Great Lakes to the ocean and the gulf. The country appreciates that.

Governor Lowden, a practical farmer, has millions of farmers with him. But the main question is: Does President Coolidge want the nomination? If he does, it is his.

Montana's Senate last week voted in favor of the Constitutional Amendment against Child Labor. The amendment may be lost, child labor being profitable, and profits hard to give up. But it is comforting to see decency here and there. In the end, of course, the amendment would help every State just as the end of slavery helped all—including States that had the greatest sacrifices to make.

Child labor chews grown men and women of work and cheats the next generation of its chance in life, to say nothing of mocking Christ's warning, "Their angels do always behold the face of my father, which is in Heaven."

Child labor sends plenty of little angels to verify that text.

There are fine women in America. A year ago Mrs. Myrtle Huddleston, of California took up swimming "o reduce." Last week she swam the Catalina Channel, her eleven-year-old boy crying out to her, "Come on, Mamma, don't give up." When she finished the swim, the thirty-year-old mother was delicious, partly paralyzed and had been bitten four times by savage barracuda.

Too bad that such a woman should waste her marvelous vitality on a battle that pleases the morbid but does no good. The nation could afford to pay her to have twenty-one children instead of swimming twenty-one miles in icy water.

Bernard Shaw says mothers should be paid for having children and adds: "I would not have a baby for less than \$10,000." He underestimates it. A few women, with only a man's courage, and had had ONE baby, he wouldn't have another one for a million dollars.

France builds dozens of tiny airplanes, smallest in the world; every French submarine will carry one. One of these submarine airplanes rose from the water nine seconds after the submarine reached the surface, went up 2,000 feet, descended and went aboard the submarine again.

A fleet of submarines coming up near a big city, discharging its swarm of mosquito-like airplanes, each carrying its gas or explosive bomb, could make the next war interesting.

The "jagged" lightning, making "sparks" in the sky is not jagged at all, Mr. Legg, Westinghouse engineer, shows with photographs 150 times faster than motion picture cameras, that the lightning bolt is spiral. That interests those who know that the spiral, as opposed to the circle, is the emblem of progress.

Our earth, accompanying the sun in its journey through space, travels toward the star Vega, we going around it, following it, take a spiral course. You are many billions of miles from the spot in the universe where you were born, and probably never will go back.

Don't neglect colds, but don't be panic-stricken when told that Europe's influenza epidemic may come here. A wise doctor has said, "The best thing to take for a bad cold is two days," which means two days of complete rest in bed, at an even temperature, drinking much water, eating as little as possible.

TOWN BASEBALL MEETING.

A meeting of all men interested in baseball is called for the council chambers next Wednesday evening. Leonard Barr, last year's manager, says prospects are even brighter this year than last. By starting early the local club may get into the lower Columbia league.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation of the thoughtfulness and kindness of the Heppner friends and for the lovely flowers sent for our dear Bernice.

Clare and Mary Claire Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. Dafoe and the Family.

New Rockford, N. D., Feb. 14, 1927.

Why Another School Building?

THE election to vote on the proposed \$20,000 bonds for a new school building in school district No. 1 has been set for March 18. On that date a major issue of the district will be decided, namely: shall the Heppner schools continue to be standardized and operate at a high degree of efficiency, or shall they be forced to retrogression and the probability of losing their standardization.

Much has been said in these columns in favor of the proposed building project from the phases of betterment of physical education facilities and advantages of the auditorium. However, another and probably greater factor to be taken into consideration is the need of more room to care for the necessary activities of the schools.

With the beginning of the new term at mid-year an added class of 17 pupils in the primary department necessitated building a room in the basement to care for them, every foot of available space at that time being utilized. Prospects are that the school will continue to grow, and Professor Burgess says that very probably within the next five years and within eight years at the outside, the district will be forced to build an additional school building for academic purposes alone at a larger cost and without the gymnasium and auditorium facilities,

if relief is not provided. Sufficient relief will be given by the four class rooms in the proposed building, however, to serve the district for all time to come, barring a gold rush or some other form of boom that might hit the town.

From this point of view alone construction of the proposed building would appear to be good business. But another fact must be taken into consideration. No form of human activity can stand still. It must either go ahead or backwards. There has been a constant, steady growth in the Heppner schools. It has taken years of consistent striving to place them in the high position they now fill. At the present time graduates of Heppner high school are qualified to enter any first class university on the coast or in the northwest. But with the constant raising of standards in the institutions of higher education this standard cannot long be maintained unless our schools improve to meet these requirements. For this reason our school authorities say the proposed building is a necessity and is not to be considered in any sense a luxury.

We admit that times have been none too prosperous in this section for the past few years and that the present may seem an inopportune time for asking an additional money from the district. But can we wait for an opportune time? We are here, we have our interests here, and from all indications we will be forced to stay here for some little time at least. And while we are here we must face conditions as they arise. There is nothing to be gained by denying the oncoming generation the fullest advantages of civilization because we, for a time, cannot enjoy to the extent we would like to enjoy, the products of that civilization. And there is absolutely no need of doing so as long as we are able to pay.

The immediate cost of building the proposed auditorium-gymnasium is negligible considering the investment. It will cost but tenths of one mill, or just enough to pay the 5 per cent interest on the bonds, until the present indebtedness of the district of \$38,000 shall have been paid, when retirement of the principal will start. The present district indebtedness is now being retired on a serial basis. By this system the boys and girls who would be served by the new building would help pay for it, and be in a better position to pay, for having had the advantages afforded by it.

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The immediate cost of building the proposed auditorium-gymnasium is negligible considering the investment. It will cost but tenths of one mill, or just enough to pay the 5 per cent interest on the bonds, until the present indebtedness of the district of \$38,000 shall have been paid, when retirement of the principal will start. The present district indebtedness is now being retired on a serial basis. By this system the boys and girls who would be served by the new building would help pay for it, and be in a better position to pay, for having had the advantages afforded by it.

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indications we will be forced to stay here for some little time at least. And while we are here we must face conditions as they arise. There is nothing to be gained by denying the oncoming generation the fullest advantages of civilization because we, for a time, cannot enjoy to the extent we would like to enjoy, the products of that civilization. And there is absolutely no need of doing so as long as we are able to pay.