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LACK OF INTEREST IS BAR TO RELIEF

Geo. Peck Cites Benefits to Which Farmes are Already Entitled.

KEEP FIGHT GOING

Lower Grain Rates Sought for Columbia Basin Points in United Efforts of Organizations.

"Before further lamenting their plight, and demanding relief, the farming interests of Morrow county should stop and consider some things that have already been done in their behalf, from which they have received no benefits because of their own lack of interest," declared George N. Peck, county chairman for the grain rate fight now being made before the Interstate Commerce commission by the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and allied farm organizations of the Columbia basin. In a statement issued this week, Mr. Peck says:

"While the reading and listening public await further action I wish to quote in part from the Morning Oregonian of Nov. 30. In a front page story headed 'Speedy Disposal of Tax Cut Seen,' is contained the following: 'Legislative action on the $160,000,000 program for reduction of taxes on 1929 incomes will be expedited by house and senate leaders in an attempt to get it to President Hoover as soon as possible after congress convenes next week.' In contrast, from the editorial columns of the Oregonian of the day previous under the head, 'Speed Up Railroad Decisions,' we quote: 'Congress passed the Hoch-Smith resolution as an emergency measure to relieve the farmers by reducing freight rates. That was in January 1925. Almost five years have passed, but no decision favorable to the farmers has been given actual effect."

Benefits Still Asked.

In the Hoch-Smith resolution, Mr. Peck points out, the farmers of this section received beneficial legislation, as data gathered by the farm organizations carrying on the rate fight, conclusively show rates here to be too high. Still, as pointed out by the Oregonian editorial, no actual benefits have yet been received from this resolution.

Supposedly to recommend an equitable adjustment of freight rates under the Hoch-Smith resolution, Examiners Hall and Mackley held hearings at Portland and Seattle about a year ago, Mr. Peck cites. Arthus M. Geary, a Portland attorney was retained by the grain growers to present their case. The recommendations to the commission of Hall and Mackley, it is understood, were not acceptable to the farming interests. Following the hearings conducted by the examiners, farm leaders of the section who felt they had not been treated fairly, caused several local meetings to be held in which various farm organizations banded themselves together and pledged support to retain Mr. Geary to carry on the fight before the entire commission. At one of these meetings held in Pendleton last April, Mr. Peck was appointed Morrow county chairman and given a quota of $300 to be raised here to assist in the work. The quotas were made on the basis of the amount of grain raised in each county, and local men present at the meeting deemed the local quota to be very fair. To date, however, only $130 of the amount has been given.

Regarding the report of Examiners Mackley and Hall, Mr. Peck says:

"Even the scale of wheat rates proposed by Examiners Mackley and Hall, if adopted by the commission, would cause sustantial reductions in the rates upon wheat delivered at Portland for export from Lexington. The present rate is 22 cents per hundred pounds. If the scale proposed by the examiners were adopted and applied for the distance of 187 miles to Portland, the rate would be 18 cents per hundred pounds, or a reduction of 2.4 cents per bushel. The proposed report of the examiners was not issued as a final decision but rather as something to form a basis of discussion by briefs and in the oral argument at Washington. The final decision will be out sometime early next year. In view of the lower rates granted to Atlantic nad Gulf ports and Canadian lines, the major farm organizations of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, including the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, have vigorously advocated the granting of substantially lower rates than those recommended by Examiners Mackley and Hall."

No Rebate to Farmers.

The Heppner Lions club recently recognized the farmers' fight as being just, and offered support, appointing a committee to assist Mr. Peck. Members of the committee are E. R. Huston, Chas. Swindig and Claude Cox.

Another instance of benefits allowed but not received, is cited by Mr. Peck in the differential allowed on grain into Portland between grain shipped for export and grain billed for interstate shipment. From Heppner the rate to Portland on wheat for export is 22½ cents per hundred pounds, while on wheat for interstate shipment the rate is 20 cents. While all grain shipped from this point in 1928 was billed at the 22½ cent rate, it is not to be supposed that all of it was exported, as records from the Pacific Coast Headquarters of Federal Grain Supervision show the total wheat receipts in Portland for 1927-28 were 44,561,570 bushels while but 39,212,000 bushels were exported. If there was any rebate on freight for the 5,349,570 bushel difference, local farmers received none of it. It is an old saying, however, that "the farmer pays the freight."

The differential above cited was allowed effective January 1, 1927. At the present time a number of claims are before the Interstate Commerce commission for rebates due to this ruling, while the shipping interests are asking why there should be any differential at all. They can see no reason why grain for export cannot be hauled just as cheaply as grain for interstate shipment. Local men having claims have been subpoened to appear in Pendleton some time this month, though the exact date of the meeting has not been set.

"It behooves the farmer to take an interest in these problems, which are his very own, if he is to receive relief," Mr. Peck asserts.

Departed Elks Honored In Memorial Services

Memorial services in honor of departed comrades of the organization were held Sunday afternoon by Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks in their temple. With the public in attendance, the auditorium was nearly filled.

Members of the local lodge who have departed during the past year and to be remembered are: George Mayhew, J. T. Fagan, Charles O. Ayers, George D. Anderson, J. W. Morrow and George Thomson. The holding of services here was in accord with the nation-wide decree of the organization.

Earl W. Snell, member of Arlington lodge, and an officer in the state organization of the lodge, gave the address in honor of the departed brothers. A funeral march was played by Mrs. W. R. Poulson while members of the lodge entered. Opening ceremonies were directed directed by Earl W. Gordon, exalted ruler, who with the aid of the officers of the lodge and the memorial committee was responsible for successful presentation of the afternoon's program.

Invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. B. Stanley Moore, chaplain. The high school girls' glee club sang "Whispering Hope." Roll call of departed brothers was made by C. L. Sweek, acting secretary. The high school chorus sang "Unfold Ye Portals." Glee club and chorus were directed by Kate F. Ede, music supervisor of the local schools, and accompanied by Mrs. Poulson at the piano. Miss Ede sang "Crossing the Bar," with Mrs. Poulson at the piano. The lodge and audience joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Heppner Business Men Seeking Better Roads

Thirteen Heppner business men attended a meeting of the Pilot Rock Commercial club in that city Tuesday night, held in the interests of better roads. A joint resolution was passed and will be presented to the state highway commission urging the resurfacing and oiling of 13 miles on the Heppner-Pilot Rock highway. About half of the proposed work would be done near Heppner and the other half near Pilot Rock. The Pendleton commercial association will be asked to work with the highway commission in urging this improvement.

Pendleton has been asked to send a representative when inspection of the road is made and Heppner and Pilot Rock will also be represented.

Resolutions were passed at the meeting favoring the completion of the Heppner-Spray road. Pilot Rock will send representatives to the highway commission to urge that this work be done. The Heppner men at the meeting pledged support on the north and south road from Pendleton to the John Day valley.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN.

A farewell party was given in Eight Mile Wednesday, November 27, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lovgren and family. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments were served at midnight. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lovgren, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lovgren, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keithley, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Alfrey, Mrs. O. Bergstrom, Mrs. J. S. Young, Mrs. S. A. Esteb, Mrs. Wash Thompson, Mrs. Chas. Furlong and Kathleen, Miss Catherine Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Driskell, Miss Alice Keithley, Miss Lena Redding, Miss Ethel Craddick, Miss Eva Adkins, Miss Mildred Hanna, Miss Erma Lovgren, Miss Ruth Adkins, Darle Akers, Carl Bergstrom, Lawrence Williams, Alfred Lovgren, Tilden Williams, Victor Lovgren, Everett Keithley, Howard Keithley, Everett Harshman, Nola Keithley, Hazel Adkins, Jean Adkins, Boyd Redding, Mary Lovgren, Ernest Lovgren, and Gordon Akers.

The Catholic Ladies of Heppner will hold a food sale at Curran's Hat Shop, Saturday, December 7.

MORROW SCHOOLS GET MORE PUPILS

Largest Enrollment Gain is 29 Per Cent, Made By Grade Schools.

HEPPNER H. S. GAINS

Committees Making Preparation for Declamatory and Spelling Contests This Spring.

Marked gains in enrollment have been made by the elementary schools of Morrow county, according to the reports received in the office of Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. Considerable increase in enrollment has been made in the Heppner high school. Only a slight increase was made by the Heppner elementary school, and in the combined enrollment of high schools in the county.

Enrollment in the elementary schools of the county for the month ending in October, 1928, was 612 as compared to 792 for October of this year, an increase of more than 29 per cent. All the following enrollment figures are taken over the same period. Total high school enrollment in the county increased from 272 to 278, an increase of slightly more than 2 per cent.

Heppner High School Gains.

An increase of nearly 3 per cent was made in the Heppner grade school, advancing from 242 to 249. Heppner high school enrollment figures jumped from 111 to 129, an increase of 17 per cent.

Most of the elementary schools of the county have enrollments equal to or greater than those of last year. A few schools have been closed and their pupils are transported by bus to adjacent districts. Pupils from Cecil attend at Morgan. Devine pupils are taken to Lexington. Fairview pupils are transported to Ione. Four high schools in the county declined slightly in enrollment, but this was more than offset by increases at Heppner, Irrigon, Pine City and Alpine.

Schools Make Progress.

Mrs. Rodgers has visited most of the schools in the county this year and reports them all making satisfactory progress. Since the installation of a water system at the Golden West school at Rhea creek, it has been considered the best equipped rural school in the county.

Committees are at work in preparation for the county-wdie declamatory and spelling contests to be held in the spring. Declamatory contests have been well established here as they have been held annually the last five years. This year marks the beginning of the spelling contests. The spelling contest committee is preparing rules and regulations and a list of 1000 words which will be used in the preliminary contests.

The county will be divided into zones for the contests. Winners in each zone will be eligible to compete in the final contests at Heppner. Grade and high school students will be eligible to compete in the declamatory contests, and pupils in sixth, seventh and eighth grades may participate in the spelling contests. The committees will report scon after the first of the year, setting dates for the contests. It is probable that both declamatory and spelling finals will be on the same day. They will be held in Heppner. Prizes for the spelling contest are being provided by the Heppner Lions club.

Heppner Motorists Skid Along Columbia Hi-way

Heppner motorists returning here from Portland Sunday report that the Columbia River highway between Hood River and Heppner Junction was dangerously slippery because of frost and a thin coating of ice.

Among local residents having trouble on this road were Dean Goodman and R. L. Benge. Goodman's car went off the grade on a fill without injury to car or occupants. R. L. Benge's car skidded, turning it around on the highway so that it faced in the opposite direction. Many cars left the road along the icy stretch, but only a few of the cars were seriously damaged.

PAPER INCREASES STAFF.

Kenneth J. Ackley, who was formerly on the news staff of the Daily Times at Anchorage, Alaska, has returned to Oregon, after more than three years there, to become a member of the staff of the Gazette Times handling news and advertising. Prior to going to Alaska, Ackley was employed on Oregon newspapers, and was graduated from Oregon State college. During his vacation of nearly three months before coming to Heppner, he represented the department of Alaska at the national convention of the American Legion in Louisville, Ky., and ,visited in British Columbia Washington, Oregon and California.

Miss Elizabeth Galloway, of Payette, Idaho, graduate of Whitman college, will begin teaching ir Heppner high school Monday, handling the subjects taught by James M. Burgess, former superintendent.

Wool Growers to Meet To Consider Problems

For the controlling of cattle being driven through the forests on their way to market, the clearing of ranges of unclaimed stray horses, and the setting aside of permanent driveways for sheep, a joint meeting of the Morrow County Wool Growers and the Umatilla Permittees association has been called by R. A. Thompson, president of the latter organization. The meeting will be on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Heppner Elks hall.

It has been reported that portions of the driveway in this district are being closed. Closing started several years ago, but was reopened, but not before several sheepmen were forced to pay toll to get thru. Another consideration will be the working out of some better means of controlling predatory animals.

Speakers on the program in addition to local men are W. A. Holt, secretary Oregon Wool Growers association; Mr. Irwin, district forest supervisor, and Stanley A. Jewett, leader of state predatory animal control work.

Thompson urges that everyone interested be present, as resolutions will be prepared to present to the Oregon Wool Growers association, which meets next month.

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MRS. JENNIE E. McMURRAY, Correspondent

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 26, at the Ione hotel, Mrs. Walter Corley acting as hostess. It being little Miss Marianne's fifth birthday, she assisted her mother in receiving and entertaining the guests. Seven ladies were present, as follows: Mrs. Gladys Drake, Mrs. Beulah Mankin, Mrs. Amy Sperry, Mrs. Snoda Blake, Mrs. Maud Ferris and Mrs. Helen Farrens. Delicious refreshments of fruit salad and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lieuallen entertained at bridge Thanksgiving evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dick, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brown and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Lieuallen.

The regular meeting of Locust Chapter No. 119, O. E. S., held Tuesday evening was well attended by members and visitors. The degrees of the order were conferred on one candidate, after which there was a social hour followed by refreshments. The next meeting will be Tuesday vening, Dec. 10, and at this time there will be election of officers.

Mrs. Carl Leathers spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Grimes. Mrs. Leathers had been at Hyak, Wash., where her husband was doing road work, and visited in Ione as she was returning to her home in Hardman.

The Ione-Boardman road camp is being moved this week to the Murray ranch north of town.

Mrs. Minnie Forbes has moved to Heppner where her daughter, Miss Thelma, has employment in the J. C. Penney company store. Mrs. Forbes has an apartment at Mrs. Patterson's.

J. E. Grimes is going to bring a truck load of evergreen trees from the mountains in time for Christmas.

Mrs. Margaret Rietmann gave a Thanksgiving dinner for members of her family. Twenty were present and all had a very enjoyable day.

Please remember Dec. 6, the date of the Minstrel Play and County Fair given by the grade children.

F. H. Robinson returned recently from a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Holman of Yakima, Wash., are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a baby boy at their home Tuesday, Nov. 26. The young man weighed nine pounds and has been named Holmes Archie.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ball on Friday, Nov. 29, at the home of Mrs. Fred Ritchie in Ione. The little lady has been named Betty Jean.

When Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bristow returned Sunday from Baker, they were accompanied by Mrs. Edmond Bristow and small daughter. Mrs. Bristow Jr. will visit for a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grabil.

Jack Whitesides recently received returns for several badger hides which he had shipped. They netted him $7.50 apiece.

Mrs. Holmes Gabbert and daughter, Patricia Anne, of Portland are the guests of Mrs. Gabbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner.

Mrs. Roy Brown's sister, Mrs. P. J. O'Reilly, left Monday for her home in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Brown took her as far as Arlington by auto.

"Bally" Hayes returned last week from Yakima. He found that trapping in the vicinity of Washington city was not profitable.

William Strobel finished baling hay on the Fred Buchanan ranch on Wednesday of last week. His outfit has been moved to the Antone Holub ranch where baling was resumed the first of this week. This hay has been purchased by Ballenger of The Dalles.

Miss Jessie McCabe returned last week from a pleasant visit in the home of her aunt at Mossy Rock, Wash. Robert McCabe who has been working near Portland also returned home last week. Both came home in time for the family dinner which

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AMERICAN LEGION WORK IS PLANNED

Four Heppner Envoys are in Attendance at Meet of This District.

MANY HOSPITALIZED

National Commander Bodenhamer to be Guest of Department at State Convention.

Especial interest was taken in the talks of Sidney George, state commander of the American Legion, and of Dr. C. I. Carter of the U. S. Veterans Bureau hospital in Portland, by Charles W. Smith, P. M. Gemmell, Clarence Bauman and Spencer Crawford, who represented Heppner post at the Pendleton district conference Tuesday afternoon.

Commander George in handling his part of the conference program told of the state program for the coming year. He laid great emphasis on community service work, sponsoring of Boy Scout troops, Americanization, and the sponsoring of junior baseball teams by the Legion. Last year 20,000 Oregon boys participated in the junior baseball teams, and one of the Portland teams reached the semi-finals in the contest for the national championship.

National Commander Coming.

Announcement was made that O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander of the American Legion, had definitely decided to be in attendance at the department of Oregon's convention in Baker this coming June.

Dr. Carter told of the fine work being carried out by the government through the Veteran's bureau, in hospitalization. During the first six months of 1929, the U. S. Veterans Bureau hospital in Portland made an average monthly turnover of hospitalized cases amounting to 351. In the past two months this average has been 400 cases.

Government Offers Trips.

That the United States government would defray the expenses of trips to France for Gold Star mothers having sons buried there, and of unmarried widows of ex-service men, whose bodies are interred there, was announced at the conference. The trips can be made from May to September the coming year. Full details of the trips and necessary procedure to get them, can be had by communicating with the Heppner American Legion post.

Mrs. P. M. Gemmell, Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mrs. D. A. Wilson and Mrs. Marlin Gramse, representatives of the Auxiliary unit of Heppner post, were also in Pendleton Tuesday, conferring at that time with state officers of the organization.

Mass Meeting Arranged.

State officers of the American Legion and its auxiliary will cooperate with the local post and auxiliary unit in staging a mass meeting for ex-service men and the public here on the evening of Friday, December 13. The work of the two organizations will be explained. Explanation of the government benefits offered the ex-service men, such as insurance, adjusted compensation and hospitalization will be made. Most of the legislation giving benefits to ex-service men, and which they rightly deserve, has been passed through the organized efforts of the American Legion.

Preceding the mass meeting the local auxiliary will give a pot-luck supper with the state officers of Legion and Auxiliary as honor guests. If the resolution passed by Heppner post at its meeting Monday night is carried out by the auxiliary, this and future joint meetings of the two organizations will be open to members of the auxiliary and their escorts and American Legion members and their wives or ladies.

Membership in the Heppner post for 1930 has reached 49 and it is hoped that at least 68 members, or 100 per cent be paid up before January 1. To increase interest in the American Legion and to tell of the work being done by the organization space on two billboards in Heppner is being used. This billboard space has been donated by Foster & Kleiser, outdoor advertisers.

Grade School to Give Cantata Next Thursday

"Rip Van Winkle," a cantata in two parts, will be presented by the Heppner grade school at the auditorium Tuesday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock. Part one tells of the village in the mountains, Rip and his dog, Rip's meeting of the mountain men and his drinking from the magic flagon. Part two tells of Rip's awakening and return to his native village after 20 years and his search for friends.

The finale will tell of the legend. A pantomime in costume will precede the cantata on the program. William Schwarz will sing between the acts, accompanied by Miss Frigaard at the piano.

The Catholic Ladies of Heppner will hold a food sale at Curran's Hat Shop, Saturday, December 7.

In Heppner short time only. Warde Johnson, photographer. 38

Auto Accident Victims Recovering From Hurts

Alonzo Edmundson, son of Mrs. Mattie Huston, and his three companions, who were injured when his coupe left the road near Lexington Saturday evening, November 23, are recovering from their injuries as quickly as can be expected.

Edmundson underwent an extensive operation at the Heppner hospital Monday, when the two fractures of the upper jaw, two in the lower jaw and the several fractures of facial bones were set and put in a cast. He is able to take liquid nourishment, has been gritty thru all his pain, and is optimistic about his recovery. For a while physicians handling the case were in doubt as to whether he would live, but now they are confident that he will be able to withstand his serious injuries.

Wilbur Flower, who received severe leg injuries, and is now confined to the Heppner hospital, is showing improved condition.

Miss Eva Osborn, who lost three fingers on her left hand, is showing gradual, but steady improvement. Miss Osborn is up and around at the home of Mrs. Huston. She is in the best of spirits despite her serious and painful injury.

Miss Irene Yokum, who escaped with an injured toe and bad bruises, has gone to Lexington to stay with relatives.

Mrs. Huston, mother of Edmundson, suffered a nervous breakdown, following the accident and was confined to her bed until Wednesday. Now she is recuperated enough to be up part of the day.

Students Present Play At Lexington Friday

"What Anne Brought Home" is the name of a three-act comedy-drama about "duds," fish farms, and cranberries. What Anne did bring home will be made public Friday, December 6, at Lexington High school.

This laughable comedy with its eccentric characters, centers around Dudley, Anne's husband. Dudley has a hard time proving to everyone that his fish farm is not a foolish idea but——.

Characters in the play are:

Mr. Bennett, Anne's father, Edward Burchell; Mrs. Bennett, Anne's mother, Neva Warner; Mr. Raymond, who buys Mr. Bennett's shingle mill, Emmett Kuns; Anne, Mae Gentry; Dudley, Anne's husband, Dale Hawks; Nina, Anne's older sister, Mary Slocum; Alma, Anne's younger sister, Nelle Davis; Herb, Alma's sweetheart, Maurice Reaney; Uncle Henry, who also has ideas, Kenneth Warner.

The play promises a good evening's entertainment and a large crowd is expected.

ZOE HADLEY IS BRIDE.

An event of Thanksgiving eve was the marriage of Miss Zoe Hadley, teacher of the Willow creek school and former student of Heppner high school, to Ralph O. Fisk of Arlington, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bleakman in this city. Rev. Glen P. White, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends of the young couple. Immediately following the ceremony the newlyweds departed on a wedding trip.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE.

The circuit court is scheduled to convene here Monday with Judge James Alger Fee of Pendleton presiding. A grand jury is to be drawn. Two criminal cases are on the docket. Indictments may be returned by the grand jury, but it is considered doubtful that any cases will be far enough advanced to come up for trial before the petit jury. The grand jury is expected to be in session two or three days.

HOME FOR THANKSGIVING.

Miss Marjorie Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark, who is now attending the University of Oregon was home over Thanksgiving. Miss Patricia Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, was also home from the university. Stephen Thmpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, returned home from Oregon State college for Thanksgiving.

RELIGIOUS TROUBLE.

The subject of the evening sermon at the Church of Christ will be, "Heppner's Religious Troubles." We think we know what the trouble is and we have a remedy to propose.

The morning subject will be, "Is It Worthwhile?"

Remember Bible school and Christian Endeavor at the usual hours.

MILTON W. BOWER, Minister.

MASONIC MEETING.

There will be a meeting of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., on Saturday evening. Work in second degree.—L. W. Briggs, Secretary.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold their annual Christmas bazaar at the Parish house, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7, beginning at 2 o'clock. Tea will be served during the afternoon. In the evening there will be a benefit card party.

The cast for the annual junior class play of the high school is preparing to present "Adam and Eva," shortly before Christmas.

The Catholic Ladies of Heppner will hold a food sale at Curran's Hat Shop, Saturday, December 7.

COMBINED ACTION TO GET ROADWAY

Present Road Conditions For Distance Heppner-Mitchell Outlined.

MOVE IS SUPPORTED

Gemmell, Carsner, Tyler, Sloan and Brownell Give Opinions on Proposed Road Plan.

That concerted action and cooperation of eastern Oregon residents would bring about completion of the Heppner-Spray highway was the keynote of talks and discussion at the luncheon of the Lions club in Heppner Monday noon.

At present the road is graded and surfaced from Heppner to Rhea creek, a distance of 16 miles. The four miles to Hardman is unimproved with the exception of what is known as Hardman hill which was graded to standard grade and partly surfaced by the county. From here the next six miles down Rock creek is unimproved except for a short piece of grade put in by the county. Then comes 11.5 miles of fine macadamized road through the forest completed to standard thru cooperation of the county and Bureau of Public Roads. The road is unimproved from here to Haystack creek where it connects up with six miles of standard macadam to the junction with the John Day highway three miles east of Spray. It is 13 miles from Spray to Service creek on the John Day highway and 24.5 miles from Service creek to the Ochoco highway at Mitchell, part of the latter stretch being macadamized market road. The distance from Heppner to Mitchell by this route is 88 miles, and from Heppner to Bend, via this route, is 198 miles.

Heppner Praised for Work.

P. M. Gemmell, chairman of the Heppner-Spray road committee of the Lions club, reported in brief the trip of the committee to Bend, and their meeting with service clubs in that city on Saturday, Nov. 23, in the interests of the road. Much interest is being shown along the proposed road by residents living in the districts the road will cover, and fine support is being received in Bend. S. E. Notson, district attorney, R. J. Carsner, state senator, and G. A. Bleakman, county commissioner, gave talks at the Bend meeting emphasizing the needs of the proposed road.

Senator Carsner of Spray, a guest at the luncheon, told of transportation improvements, both rail and highway from the time he was a pioneer in this section. He pointed with pride to the fact that Heppner had always succeeded in getting what she desired because of the determined way her objectives were attacked, and stated that he felt sure that that would be the case with the Heppner-Spray road. In his talk he showed that construction of the necessary links in this road would not draw funds from the federal aid provision with the state highway department, but would come from the forest service.

Ask Aid for Cut-Off.

S. H. Tyler of Bend stated that resolutions of the Heppner Lions club are being considered by the Bend chamber of commerce, Kiwanis and Lions clubs. He said that he could assure Heppner of the full cooperation of Bend in the matter. In closing he asked that the local Lions club send a full delegation to the district conference of Lions to be held in Bend next May.

Frank Sloan of Stanfield voiced appreciation of the Heppner spirit, and stated that west Umatilla county would pull with Heppner in the interests of the Heppner-Spray road. He asked the support of Heppner in securing a road from Umatilla to Spokane, via the Wallula cut-off route, if this could be done without deterring the completion of the Spray road.

Portland Meeting on 12th.

D. C. Brownell, Umatilla business man, told of the interest he and Senator Carsner had had in a road from Umatilla to Spray, and believes that should such a trunk line be developed that it would develop this section as has the Columbia River highway the northern part of the state. He urged cooperation of all along the route to get this desired road.

It was announced that the Oregon State Highway commission would meet in Portland December 12, and that its budget committee would meet the following day. Heppner and west Umatilla county representatives will be in attendance to make known their wants.

Visitors at the Lions club luncheon were S. H. Tyler, Bend; R. J. Carsner, Spray; Kenneth Ackley, Anchorage, Alaska; D. C. Brownell, Umatilla, and Frank Sloan and J. C. Hoskins of Stanfield.

PARENTS, TEACHERS TO MEET

Members of the Parent-Teachers association will meet Tuesday afternoon in the auditorium of the high school. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, will speak. Entertaining numbers on the program are: piano solo, Theresa Breslin; vocal solo, Aagodt Frigaard, and vocal solo, Mrs. Glen White.