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1930 READJUSTMENT YEAR IN COUNTY

Property Improvement Trend Noted; Heppner Gets New Buildings.

LESS CREDIT SHOWN Business Depressed by Low Farm Commodity Values; Nature in Economic Picture.

Much of the city's enterprise and activity in 1930 is reflected in the report of the review meeting of the Heppner Lions club in another column of this issue. The impetus that work of the Lions has given community activity generally has been widely felt, but in summing up the year for Heppner and Morrow county one may well note the part that individual initiative has played to mark 1930 a year of progress and in some ways a year of prosperity.

While low farm commodity prices have had a depressing effect on business generally, the fact remains that the county's wheat crop was above normal with a total of 1,225,000 bushels. The wool clip brought to Heppner amounted to 1,200,000 pounds. Butterfat produced amounted to 160,000 pounds. Other crops were generally good.

In Heppner and other towns of the county, a trend of progress for the year is noted in the general tendency of freeholders to improve their property. Advantage was taken of low commodity prices in the building and repair lines, with the result of more general property improvement than had been recorded in what were considered more prosperous previous years. While no building boom was experienced, in Heppner especially, much new construction took place. Outstanding were the building of an attractive mortuary to house the Case Undertaking parlors, a reinforced concrete building for the Standard Oil service station operated by P. M. Gemmill, and another reinforced concrete building of most modern design as the home of the Morrow County Creamery company. Enlargement of the basement in the school auditorium-gymnasium was another project which added materially to the value of the school plant.

County road work was active and gave employment to many men until two months before the close of the year, when depletion of funds necessitated a complete shut-down. Stopping of this activity was reflected in the general business, and was a material factor in the local unemployment situation. Many miles were nevertheless added to the county's market road system, with the Morgan North and Morgan South, the Ione-Boardman and Rhea creek market roads receiving the major share of funds expended.

Business in the county generally, though marked by a tightening of credit, reflected a healthy tone with liquidation of outstanding indebtedness taking precedence over creation of new indebtedness. Figures from local bank statements covering the first nine months of the year reflect the general credit tendency. While there was a falling off in deposits of \$211,267.71 from January 1 to September 24, in the same period loans and discounts were reduced \$280,067.65. Still further reflecting the liquidation trend is the reduction of bills payable and rediscounts from \$412,697.15 as of January 1, to \$296,492.14, Sept. 24, a difference of \$116,205.01. Figures for the nine-month period cannot be taken as a true barometer for the year, as much of the new crop of wheat remained unsold at the end of this period. Sales later, however, were made at below cost of production figures and while alleviating exchange conditions to an extent, did not lead to promote loosening of credit.

As a basis for comparison to determine the degree of exchange decrease, total figures from which above computations were made are: deposits, Jan. 1, \$1,108,421.57, Sept. 24, \$897,153.86; loans and discounts, Jan. 1, \$1,025,987.09, Sept. 24, \$745,919.44; bills payable and rediscounts, Jan. 1, \$83,300.00, Sept. 24, \$44,500.00. As an offset to the bearish effect of exchange reduction and low farm commodity prices in the same period is the downward trend of retail commodity prices, with an estimated average of from 15% to 20%, the general national average being reflected in local business.

In every economic picture, factors beyond the control of man play a part, and returns from money invested cannot always be calculated in cold numerical values. Thus did luck play a part in the city of Heppner's expenditure of a few thousand dollars in bringing returns of uncalculable value in the form of artesian water, giving the city a large supply of pure water. Another program of improvement accompanied obtaining of the new water supply, in the installation of water meters. Installation of these has been nearly completed, and it is expected by the time irrigation season rolls around again, users will pay for exactly the amount of water they use.

The picture summed up, shows that Morrow county has withstood the 1930 readjustment period with-

IONE

JENNIE E. McMURRAY.

Ione was gay in decorations for the Yuletide season. The large evergreen tree on Main street with its red, white, green and blue light bulbs gave a touch of color. All business houses were appropriately decorated and from most of the homes shone forth a kindly Christmas greeting. J. E. Grimes, as is his custom, brought loads of evergreens from the mountains, and all who wished to buy, could have trees of any size. Mr. Grimes' yard is still a small forest of evergreens. Many a home in Ione was the scene of a merry gathering on December 25. At the Frank Engelman home 26 gathered at the festive board: Mr. and Mrs. Engelman, Fern and Joel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Gene Engelman of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Bobby and Billy Joe, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Norma and Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell and Billy, Mrs. Katie Pettys, G. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson and Alice Katherine. At the Emil Swanson home were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lundell and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lundell and family, F. A. Lundell, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake and son, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore entertained at a large family dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Bryson had as guests Mrs. Della Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Battersby, Earl and Arley Padberg, At the J. W. Hawk home on Riverside drive, besides the Hawk family those present were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn, Clarence Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linn of Vernonia, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and family, Miss Elmira O'Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Charley O'Conner and Charley Jr. Mrs. Emily McMurray entertained Fred McMurray, Hazel Ledbetter, Crystal Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hale and Miriam. The Balsiger clan ate turkey at the Balsiger home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balsiger, Alfred Balsiger, Mrs. Allan Leaned of Darrington, Wash., Wendell Balsiger of Moro, Elva Balsiger, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger and their house guest, Melvin Kathon of Riverton. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yarnell and sons Clifford and Alton were pleasantly entertained in the Edw. A. Lindeken home. The Charley Botts home was the scene of a large family gathering. Those present from away were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith and four children of Yakima, Wash. Mrs. Margaret Rietmann was kindly hostess at a 6 o'clock dinner Christmas day at her farm home near town at which all her children and their families were present except her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith of Meridian, Idaho.

It is estimated that more than three hundred people attended the community Christmas program given at the school gymnasium Christmas eve under the auspices of the American Legion and Legion auxiliary. The program opened with the beautiful Christmas story and prayer by Rev. W. W. Head; dialogue by Earline Farris and Walter Corley; recitations by the following children: Paul Rietmann, Bobby Rietmann, little Miss Ball, David Cantwell, Bernice Ring, Charlotte Sperry; duet by Mildred and Helen Lundell with Mrs. Cleo Drake at the piano; vocal solos by M. Matthews with Mrs. Earl Blake at the piano; music by Bill and Emmitt Botts. At the close of the program Santa Claus arrived and treats of candy and nuts were distributed to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle are in Ione at the home of Mr. Pyle's mother, Mrs. J. E. Grimes. Mr. Pyle has been in poor health for some time and plans on staying in Morrow county until he is stronger.

Charley Shaver was greeting old friends in Ione Monday. He had been spending a few weeks with friends at Boise, Idaho, and was on his way back to Bend where he and his brother Albert Shaver are engaged in well drilling. He states that they have many wells to drill. While in Boise, Mr. Shaver had a short visit with Jack Ryan, a former Ione man. Mr. Ryan has had employment contracts for two years with a contractor at Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett and children were out-going passengers Sunday bound for Portland where they plan to spend a week with Mr. Barnett's mother, Mrs. Charley Nord, and other relatives.

One of Mrs. Loren Hale's Rhode Island red pullets presented her with five young chicks on Christmas day.

Last week the members of the missionary society of the Swedish Lutheran church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom and the following officers were elected for the year 1931. Mrs. Carl Bergstrom, president; Mrs. Beulah Lundell, vice president, and Mrs. Oscar Peterson, secretary-treasurer. Willow Grange met in regular session Saturday evening at Cecil hall. Election of officers was held with the following results: O. L. Lundell, master; Mrs. Vida Heliker, overseer; Mrs. Mary Lundell, lecturer; Walter Gibson, steward; Elmer Nygaard, assistant steward; Dwight Misner, chaplain; H. E. Cool, treasurer; Carl W. Troedson, secretary; Harlan Lundell, gate keeper; Edna Gibson, Ceres; Beulah Pettijohn, Pomona; Geneva Pettijohn, Flora; Lucile Bristol, lady assistant steward; George Krebs, Herbert Hynd and Joe Gib-

son, out distressing effect, and will start the new year with an outlook which, while it may not be considered bright, neither is it gloomy.

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FROST CONDITIONS WORST IN YEARS

Power Service Interrup- tion Explained; 30 to 40 Men Patrol Line.

RECEPTION HELPED New Transformers at Heppner Said to Have Eliminated Radio Interference.

"Frost conditions affecting the high power line of the Pacific Power and Light company in the Sherman district for the last few weeks are the worst in the company's history," G. L. Corey, district manager, told Paul L. Marble, local manager, in a telephone conversation yesterday. In some places where conditions are extremely bad, ice to the thickness of from 8 to 10 inches has frozen on the wires, while the temperature has maintained at a freezing state almost constantly several weeks ago. A crew of from 30 to 40 men is being maintained to patrol the line and to knock the ice from the wires.

"It is this process of knocking ice off the wires that causes the 'jolt' to be off for short periods at intervals, such as has been experienced for several days," Mr. Marble answered in explanation to the query about this interruption in service that has given electricity users in Heppner much grief and caused them to wonder. "When the ice is knocked off the wire jumps back, and sometimes strikes against the other wire. If this happens, the master control switch is thrown out, or a fuse is blown, and it is necessary to communicate with the crew in the field to learn if everything is again all right before the service can be connected. About four minutes is usually required to go through the procedure to make the connection from this cause," he explained further.

To determine measures necessary to improve conditions and assure better service, Mr. Marble says a complete check is being kept of service interruptions, when, where and how caused, and every effort is being made to give patrons of the company the best possible service under the adverse conditions now prevailing.

Recently transformers at the Heppner substation were replaced by new transformers of the most modern type, and besides giving greater efficiency in the distribution of electricity, this improvement has entirely eliminated radio interference caused by the old transformers which were damaged by lightning last fall. Mr. Marble also said.

The local steam plant is being kept in readiness to supply current within a short time should any major interruption develop in service given by the high-power line.

While the local postoffice force was not "snowed under" at any time during the Christmas season, W. W. Smead, postmaster, reports that there was little, if any, falling off in total business for the season from that of last year, the office's banner year. There was a notable increase in the number of Christmas cards, he said.

The Christmas season started earlier this year than ever, beginning about the 17th of the month, increasing steadily up to Christmas day, and thus being evenly spread out over a longer period was more easily handled by postmen. If the amount of package and letter mail handled by the local postoffice may be taken as a barometer of business, there was no slump this Christmas, the postmaster says.

Total figures for the month of December, 1930, are \$1097.79, as compared with \$1117.32 for December, 1929, a decrease of only \$19.53. Total figures for the year are \$8,694.91, as against \$8,725.50 for 1929, a dropping off of \$30.59.

Miss Lois Reid and Lowell Turner were united in marriage at 10:30 o'clock Christmas morning in Portland, according to report received at Heppner. Mrs. Luella La Valley, spiritualist minister, performed the ceremony in the presence of the bride's immediate family. Both are well known Heppner young people.

Mrs. Turner having conducted a beauty parlor here for several years in following school work in the Heppner schools, and Mr. Turner being especially prominent in sports. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Reid, now of Portland.

Morrow county school folk in Portland this week to attend the Oregon State Teachers' association convention include Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent; Mrs. F. W. Turner, principal Lexington grade school; George E. Tucker, Ione principal, and Mrs. Irl Clary, Alpine principal. Sessions opened Monday and closed yesterday. Robert Turner accompanied his mother, Mrs. F. W. Turner, and Mrs. Rodgers to the city.

Flag Code Questionnaire.

For boys of 7th and 8th grades, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

1. When was Stars and Stripes adopted as United States Flag?
2. Quote the language of the resolution of the Continental Congress establishing the United States Flag.
3. During what period in United States history did the flag consist of (a) Thirteen stripes and thirteen stars? (b) Fifteen stripes and fifteen stars?
4. How many stars in our flag? Why?
5. How many stripes in our flag? Why?
6. What is the color of the uppermost stripe? What is the color of the lowest stripe?
7. When a United States flag is suspended on a wall with the stripes vertical, is it in reality and legally the flag of the United States? If not, why not?
8. How early in the day and how late in the day should the flag be displayed from the mast?
9. When a flag is suspended across a street between buildings, what should be the position of the stars?
10. What date do we observe the birthday of our flag?

TREND OF THE TIMES

By SEYMOUR JONES, Market Agent.

Elements of Cooperative Marketing.

George O. Gatlin, professor at O. A. C., furnishes the Eggaminer, organ of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers, a very intelligent summary of the essential conditions and policies necessary for successful cooperative marketing organizations, from which the following are taken: An organization must furnish a definite service needed by producers. It must have sufficient volume of business to enable it to operate efficiently and economically. It must have a loyal membership. It must have good management. It should confine its marketing activities to a single commodity or to a group of related commodities. It should be the outgrowth of economic necessity. A local organization should confine its membership in as restricted an area as possible.

Surplus Reduced by Feeding.

A total of 236,000,000 bushels of wheat will be fed to livestock this crop year, compared to 90,000,000 last year, if the intentions of farmers, feed manufacturers and commercial poultrymen are carried out according to reports to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This is the first survey to include wheat fed by non-growers and used in the preparation and manufacture of feeds, in addition to that fed on farms where grown. It is based on the answers obtained from 190,000 questionnaires sent to farmers and 63,000 sent to mills and elevators, commercial poultrymen and other users of wheat. Should farmers carry out their present intentions in feeding wheat, the carry-over at the end of the present season is likely to be lower than on July 1, 1930.

Important Meeting Called.

A state-wide meeting of all people interested in agricultural standardization has been called for January 10, in Portland. Sessions will start at 10 a. m. in the Multnomah hotel. Producing and marketing groups from all parts of the state will be well represented. Laws of adjoining states governing the handling and marketing of farm products have been digested for use at the meeting. The value of standardization laws and other modern arrangements will be presented and discussed. The State Chamber of Commerce aims to make this a most important gathering for the betterment of agricultural conditions in Oregon.

Advances for Sheep Shearing.

Preshearing advances of from 75c to \$1.00 per fleece are now being made on wool that will be shorn in the spring of 1931, by the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers to grower members of that association who wish such an advance, it is announced. This growers' organization, which has been operating in the Pacific coast states for ten years, is a unit of the National Wool Marketing corporation and has delivered ten million pounds of wool from members in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California for sale through the National sales agency.

American Wheat on Hand.

The amount of commercial wheat in storage in the principal grain markets of the United States a week ago was 198,944,000 bushels, compared to 188,254,000 bushels at the same time in 1929. At the Atlantic and Gulf ports there were 21,114,000 bushels; at interior and lake ports 173,829,000 bushels, at Pacific ports there were 4,000,000 bushels. There were 32,522,000 bushels of Canadian wheat in store in bond in this country, and 4,699,000 bushels of U. S. wheat in store in Canadian markets.

K. OF P. TO INSTALL.

Doric lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, will install officers in regular session at I. O. O. F. hall next Tuesday evening. Other business of importance scheduled also. Full attendance desired, announces R. C. Wightman, chancellor commander.

January Clearance Sale—Winter coats and dresses greatly reduced; hats one-half price; also one lot at \$1.00 while they last. CURRAN READY TO WEAR AND MILLINERY. a42-46

CHILDREN RESPOND TO SANTA'S JINGLE

Community Event Marked By Joyous Reception of Saint Nick.

ELKS, LIONS HOSTS 250 Kiddies Each Receive Treat and Gift; Hall Beautifully Deco- rated for Occasion.

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way; Can't you hear those jingle bells Ring out on Santa's sleigh?"

The pent-up anxiety of 250 kiddies at the Elks temple Christmas eve was suddenly released on hearing the jingle bells, and Santa (in the person of Charles Cox) was joyously beseeged by the throng as he doffed the bells and stepped across the threshold to greet Heppner's largest community Christmas gathering, some 500 children and adults in all—though there was no snow, and the reindeer and sleigh were realities only in the child mind.

The Elks lodge and Lions club as hosts, welcomed the crowd in the festively decorated lodge hall, in the east end of which were three medium-sized Christmas trees, one as Nature made it, and two brilliantly illuminated with vari-colored lights, while red and green streamers fluttered over all.

Treats in Christmas boxes and appropriately wrapped gifts were heaped on two long tables near the entrance at the west side, with gifts for girls on one table and those for boys on the other. No little difficulty was experienced in subduing the wild excitement and straightening out the scrambled youngsters following Santa's arrival, but in time two lines were formed, one of boys and one of girls, each line passing by its respective gift table, and receiving from Santa's six assistants a package of goodies and a gift each.

All children under 14 years of age present were remembered and a few remaining gifts were sent other children unable to be there because of illness.

The Elks Christmas committee under Roy Ohleschlager, chairman, handled most of the preparation work and had charge of the gift-giving. The Kanouse orchestra from Condon, which played for the dance later in the evening, obliged with several selections while the crowd was assembling before Santa's arrival.

23 Marriage Licenses, 5 Divorces Granted 1930

Marriage licenses issued exceeded divorce decrees granted in Morrow county by 18, in 1930, with licenses totaling 23 and decrees 5. Both marriages and divorces slumped compared with 1929, when licenses and decrees numbered 31 and 8 respectively. September was the banner month for licenses in 1930, with four, while none were issued in January and April. June, generally considered the most popular month for wedlock, claimed but one.

Licenses by months were issued as follows: February, William Joseph Bucknum and Cecelia Kenny, O. C. Partridge and Goldie Kramer, Howard Keithley and Erna Lovgren; March, Robert L. McMullan and Elva Mae Uley; May, Wilson O. Bayless and Anna M. Swick, John B. Osteen and Thelma F. Forbes; Ted Leonard Burnside and Esther Adams; June, Carl V. Bergstrom and Mildred Hanson; July, Neal F. Knighten and Ethel Moore, Robert Roy Quackenbush and Melba Mae Hughes; Victor Wilkins and Nellie Miller; August, Stacy Roberts and Leora Wyland, Wilbur Alton Stever and Ruth Brownell; September, Glen Sherer and Margaret Melville, Tighman Beckner and Bertha Humerick, Orlando E. Conlin and Loreta Bradford, Walter R. Wigglesworth and Mildred Schmidt; October, Lee C. Sparks and Olive Anderson, Albert Lindstrom and Blanche Turner, Kenneth Oviatt and Jean Ellis; November, Ben Attebury and Minnie Sype, Lewis C. Dyer and Ruby Flett; December, Rufus Pieper and Ada Jane Doolley.

Divorces were granted during the year to Earl Cramer from Margaret Cramer, Margaret I. Makinster from C. R. Makinster, Juanita Bellemin from Frank J. Bellemin, E. N. Gonty from Ellen Gonty, Lucile L. Fuller from Guy E. Fuller.

HEAD CUT IN FALL.

Austin Gentry is confined to the Morrow General hospital, suffering from the effects of a fall he took Monday evening, when descending the steps at the residence of Henry Robinson in South Heppner. A bad slash was cut in his scalp, requiring some seven or eight stitches to close, and his neck and back were pretty severely wrenched by the tumble.

I. O. O. F. TO INSTALL.

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of Heppner will hold joint installation at their hall in Heppner next Wednesday evening, January 7. The meeting will include a turkey banquet at 6 o'clock. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited to be present.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Miss Elva McMillan who teaches in the grade school at Antone, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McMillan.

Miss Audrey Beymer who has been spending a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Booher, returned to Heppner yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan of Cherryville are spending the holiday season with relatives in Lexington.

A large crowd enjoyed the free dance in Lexington Christmas night. There will be another dance on the same plan at the Leach Memorial Hall New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan are visiting relatives in Arlington.

The ladies of the H. E. C. of Lexington Grange will be entertained at an all day meeting Thursday, Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. George White.

Meeting nights of Lexington Grange have been changed and are now the first Wednesday evening and the third Saturday evening of each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duval, Erma and Winford, spent last week end with relatives in Stanfield.

Word has been received that Mrs. Gerald White, formerly of Lexington, was injured in an auto accident near Hermiston several days ago. She is expected to be able to resume her teaching duties at Pine City school in two weeks.

Given Surprise Party In Honor of Birthday

Mrs. Leona F. Huston, mother of E. R. and Chas. Huston of this city, celebrated her 82nd birthday on Wednesday, and in honor of this event she was given a surprise party last evening. Some twenty relatives and friends came in on her at the E. R. Huston home and Grandmother Huston was made happy by the visitation and numerous remembrances. A very large birthday cake, the handiwork of Mrs. Chas. Huston, was the main contribution to a delicious lunch that was served about 10:30, and the company remained for the advent of the New Year, when the season's greetings were extended all around, and Mrs. Huston was showered with wishes for many more happy returns of her birthday upon the guests taking their departure.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Huston, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green, Mrs. Sarah Parker, Mrs. Daisy Hall, Mrs. Mattie Huston, Mrs. Emma Gemmill, Miss Mary Rood, Katherine Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston. Mrs. Huston was assisted in serving by Mrs. Green and Mrs. Parker.

IONE DEFEATED 23-18.

Ione came out from behind in the third quarter of the town team game played with Heppner in the Egg City school gym Friday evening, and with the score tied, what had before been a languid fray became one of the most hotly contested games participated in by the locals this season. The scoring of Thomson and Bucknum in the final fourth, featuring some beautiful long shots, pulled Heppner's irons from the fire and left the score 23-18 with the final whistle. Fast forward work of Robertson, Heppner forward, high for his team with six points, assisted materially in getting the victory. Outstanding point-makers for Ione were Halvorsen, R. Lundell and Swanson. Aiken, Neel, Ferguson, Farley, Howell and Turner rounded out the Heppner squad. Tucker, school principal, refereed.

HURT IN CAR ACCIDENT.

Report reaching this office today is to the effect that Mrs. Stacy Roberts, who was on her way to Prairie City Wednesday in answer to word that her daughter, Mrs. Archie Saling, had passed away, met with an accident when the car in which she was riding skidded on the slippery highway and turned over. Vinton Howell, who was driving the car, escaped uninjured, but Mrs. Roberts received a broken arm. No further injuries were reported.

SUSPECTED OF FORGERY.

According to a dispatch in this morning's Oregonian, P. W. Underwood was arrested by sheriff's officers at Walla Walla on Wednesday, on the alleged charge of having passed a worthless check on a Heppner bank, and is held for forgery. Underwood is alleged to have forged the name of P. N. Peterson to the check.

Noah Clark, who was in town from the Eight Mile farm home on Tuesday, reports an abundance of fog prevailing in that vicinity.

YEAR'S ACTIVITIES REVIEWED BY LIONS

Roads, Pests, Civic Help, Basic Industries Get Club's Attention.

HELP TREAT KIDDIES Progress of Campaign to Alleviate Unemployment Cited; 51 Men Now Signed for State Work.

A surprise program under the direction of Russell Pratt held the lively interest of Lions at their Monday evening. It consisted of a review of the year's activities of the club, some of which were likened by President C. L. Sweek to a project reported by another club at the state Lions convention at Bend. This club reported that, with the help of the Northern Pacific railroad it had built a branch line into its adjacent trade territory. Thus the club did not take into itself all the credit for what had been accomplished on the several projects reported.

That the club had not fully met its responsibility in promoting the crow-magpie contest was brought out by B. R. Patterson, chairman of that activity, as several prizes promised had not been provided. The club voted that these be given. As a result of the contest, Mr. Patterson reported that 4000 crows, magpies and other predatory bird nests had been accounted for as killed during the campaign which ended with a large banquet last spring at which officials of the state game commission were entertained.

Road Gets \$150,000

Al Rankin reported on cooperation that had been given by the club to good roads movements, especially in behalf of the club's major project, the Heppner-Spray road. In this connection several junkets by club members were made during the year, including trips to Canyon City, Pilot Rock, Bend and Portland. Results for which the Lions might take some credit unto themselves were the apportioning of \$75,000 to the Heppner-Spray road last year by the forest service and another \$75,000 this year, together with oiling of 6 miles of the Oregon-Washington highway on the Heppner end of the Heppner-Pilot Rock stretch. The advanced point to where money now allotted will carry construction of the Heppner-Spray road insures its completion at an early date, Mr. Rankin believes.

One of the year's initial activities and one in which Heppner Lions have felt much pride, was the staging of the club's charter night in March. Expressions of opinion from outsiders who attended were quoted to the effect that it was the most unique, and most enjoyable affair of the kind ever attended. In this connection, Mr. Pratt said consideration was being given to another enlarged evening meeting to which ladies of Lions would be invited. Rumor has it, he said, that such an occasion would be welcomed by many of the fairer sex.

Play Asset to Club

Success of the Fourth of July celebration and dedication of Heppner's artesian well was cited by J. D. Cash, in reporting on the Lions' participation in this project. He allotted equal credit to the Elks, American Legion and city council for this success. "I never attended a celebration at which the kiddies appeared to have a better time," he said.

One activity was responsible for bringing money into the club treasury instead of taking it out. It was the play, "Aunt Lucia," reported by Earl W. Gordon. The play was participated in by nearly the entire Lions membership, and received hearty cooperation from the school and community in general. It netted the club \$200.00. Mr. Gordon announced that a contract had been signed for another play from the same source next year.

Under the international association's plan of membership contest, new clubs have an advantage, and while Heppner won a free trip for its representative to the international convention at Denver this year, it will not be so easy another year, Gay M. Anderson, who made the trip, reported. He suggested that by keeping the club's membership down to the number who actually attend that Heppner might have a chance in the attendance contest, and therein lies probably its only hope for having a representative at the next convention to be held at Toronto, Canada.

Publicity Result of Contest

Paul Marble reported on the club's participation in the state beauty contest, with Heppner one of seven towns represented in the finals at Portland in July. Much favorable publicity was received therefrom, he said.

Other projects that came in for mention were the signing of the streets and numbering of houses of the city, putting on of lamb-cut demonstration that resulted in increased lamb consumption locally, sponsoring of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference and par-

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