

Heppner Gazette Times

LIONS BACK PLAY AS RELIEF BENEFIT

Progress of Work to Aid Unemployed Told at Meeting Monday.

REPORTS RAT DRIVE

Inroads Believed Made on Pests; Next Drive Slated December 17; Red Cross Plan Explained.

In lieu of a cash contribution for unemployment relief, which would necessarily be light in view of their pay being received in the form of warrants, W. R. Poulson, city school superintendent, told the Lions club Monday that the Heppner school faculty was willing to present a play, the proceeds of which, less expenses, would be turned over to the local relief committee. The idea met with hearty endorsement from the club, and the date of the play was set for December 22.

Unemployment relief was discussed from several angles, with M. L. Case, chairman of the central committee, reporting that needs of several families of the community were being cared for. He also told of advancing money to one family to pay transportation of the members to Idaho where they went last week to join relatives. Chas. W. Smith, club president and a member of Governor Meier's county committee on unemployment relief, reported that the state road work had started Monday at the rocky point just east of the Petseys farm below Lexington, and that the best efforts of the committee were being used to see that the work went to men most in need of it. Earl W. Gordon reported that the wooden posts, being replaced by metal posts at the cemetery, were available for wood in the administering of unemployment relief.

Club Memberships Cited.

In responding to the Red Cross roll call, attention of members was called to the fact that by forming clubs of five with a single contribution of five dollars, \$4.50 would remain with the local chapter, whereas if each of the five members were taken individually, only \$2.50 would stay at home. John W. Hiatt and W. W. Smead from the Lions club are assisting in the local roll call, having charge of solicitation in the business district.

The drive on wharf rats, started at the club meeting the week previous, was reported by Mr. Smith to have received a good response from interested people. Fifty-two persons attended the meeting, and many baits were distributed, though every section of the town known to be infested by the rats was not covered. Some good reports had been received on the result of the drive, he said, and more reports were welcomed in order that more comprehensive plans for future control might be laid. It was expected the next drive would take place December 17.

Road Money Available.

To correct a report previously given that Morrow county might not get its portion of the last half of the state market road money, S. E. Notson explained that there was no doubt, only in the minds of members of the county court, and that the money is available. Jasper Crawford was appointed to assist F. W. Turner as contact man between the club and the Lion Boy Scout patrol, which it is sponsoring. Francis Nickerson is leader of the patrol.

Earl Hallock, in the city on business from his home at Shaniko, was a guest of the club. Mr. Hallock was the club's first secretary.

TREASURE HUNT ENJOYED.

Miss Jessica Palmiter and Miss Madge Coppel were hostesses Saturday evening for a treasure hunt party which convened at their apartment in the Jones apartments. An automobile tour took the party to seek hidden directions to the treasure which was at last found at the Gay M. Anderson cabin in the mountains up Willow creek, where refreshments were enjoyed before the log fire in the fireplace, made doubly cozy by the eight inches of snow covering the landscape thereabout. Attending besides the hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Gay and June, the Misses Dorothy Straughan, Miriam McDonald, Charlotte Woods, Helen Olson, Mary Patterson, Anna Wightman, Vivian Messers, William R. Poulson, James Thomason, Monte Hedwall, Clarence Hayes, Jasper Crawford, Terrel Bengt, Claude Graham, Harold Buhman, Marvin Wightman and Neil Shuurman.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gemmill was the scene of a very pleasant little party Monday afternoon, given in honor of the 7th birthday of their daughter, Jean. Games were played to the delight of the invited guests, and Mrs. Gemmill served them with refreshments. Those present were Peggy Tamblin, Juanita Phelps, Anna Marie Johnston, Dorothy Wilson, Shirley Wilson, Alberta Adkins, Kathryn Thompson and Jean and Jimmy Gemmill.

JUNIORS MAKE HIT WITH CLEVER PLAY

"Sonny Jane" Presented to Large Audience by High School Students; Much Humor Provided.

A large audience was pleased with the presentation of "Sonny Jane," a three-act comedy drama given by the junior class of Heppner high school at the gymnasium last Thursday evening. Moving slowly at the beginning, the play gained impetus as the plot developed and the cast warmed up to their parts to unravel a maze of complications in an uproarious climax.

Viola Brown presented the attractive Sonny Jane Marquard, who, after having lost one newspaper to three male adversaries, turned the tables and, unbeknownst to them, operated another newspaper for them and made them like it, at the same time winning the heart of one Charles Mitchell, with Herman Green in the role. The other avowed enemies, Sam Streck, bald-headed candidate for congress, and Larry Randolph, cheerful, humorous and happy-go-lucky, were portrayed by Ted McMurdoo and Ralph Forgye, respectively. Mrs. Amelia Spitzendorf who had lost two husbands and was determined that Sam Streck should be the third, was a humorous German character who made a hit with the audience as played by Phyllis Pollock. Randolph was not adverse to the charms of Lucille Brandon, a pretty neighbor, presented by Hazel Beymer.

All scenes were laid in the living room of the Foster Boarding house, whose capable and energetic manager, Peggy Foster, was portrayed by Beatrice Thomson. Pansy Prosser, the hired girl whose drollet-out witticisms added to the humor of the play, was done by Annie Crump. She was not too slow to keep out of the way of one Joe Martin, aspiring young journalist, with Billy Becket in the role.

The real Ruby Wade whom Sonny Jane impersonated to gain control of her rival's newspaper, was played by Nancy Jane Cox. Nancy Wade, her cousin, who befriended Sonny Jane, was played by June Anderson. Freddie Beadle, whose father was the richest man in town and which fact landed Freddie a job on Sonny's newspaper in spite of his shishish tendencies, was portrayed by Edmond Gonty. The play was presented under the direction of Miss Dorothy Straughan, English instructor, with Ted Lumley, advisor. Members of the faculty and student body assisted in its presentation.

Unemployment Register Shows Increasing Total

With Lexington, Ione, Irrigon and Hardman unheard from for the last two weeks, total registration of unemployed people in the county yesterday showed 124 with 274 dependents. Latest figures gave 74 unemployed in Heppner, with 172 dependents. The registration of unemployed now exceeds that of a year ago, last year's total being 115, although the number of dependents is less, as the total dependents last year numbered 284, just ten more than the total to date this year.

Ten men are being employed on the state emergency road work in the county this week, and it is announced that 20 will be used next week.

GRANGE HAS SOCIAL EVENING.

Rhea Creek Grange met at their hall on Saturday evening for a social gathering, the first item on the program being a Thanksgiving dinner served at 6:30. The festive board was surrounded by a total of 125 persons, who were amply served with turkey and chicken, with all the fix'n's. At 8:00 o'clock the entertainment features were begun and the large crowd enjoyed the presentation of the program, the first number of which was a flag drill by Velma Huston's school; reading by Frances Rugg; piano solo by Doris Allstott; recitations by Lerry Stephens and Don Allstott; piano duet by Frances Rugg and Velma Huston; playing grange by Evangelina Phillips' school; two readings by Mrs. Paul Menegat and a short talk by Mr. Menegat. Dancing and a general good time followed the program.

FIRST SNOW FALLS.

Rain which began at an early hour Tuesday night, with moderation of the weather, turned into snow yesterday morning, which continued to fall at the time of going to press yesterday afternoon. The heavy wet blanket of snow is welcomed on top of the rain which is believed to have thawed the ground thoroughly, as it is expected to assist growing grass and grain.

GEORGE HARVEY PARKINS.

George Harvey Parkins, 75, died at his home three miles from Palouse, Wn., Thursday November 22 according to word received by relatives here. He formerly lived for several years at Ione. He leaves his widow, Effie Parkins; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Parvin of Colfax, Wash., and Mrs. Foster Daily of Palouse, Wash.; and one son, Wilber Parkins.

John Barrymore in THE MAD GENIUS, Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

THANKSGIVING DAY :: 1931

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Proclamation

We approach the season when, according to custom dating from the garnering of the first harvest by our forefathers in the New World, a day is set apart to give thanks even amid hardships to Almighty God for our temporal and spiritual blessings. It has become a hallowed tradition for the Chief Magistrate to proclaim annually a national day of thanksgiving.

Our country has cause for gratitude to the Almighty. We have been spared from pestilence and calamities. Our institutions have served the people. Knowledge has multiplied and our lives are enriched with its application. Education has advanced, the health of our people has increased. We have dwelt in peace with all men. The measure of passing adversity which has come upon us should deepen the spiritual life of the people, quicken their sympathies and spirit of sacrifice for others, and strengthen their courage. Many of our neighbors are in need from causes beyond their control and the compassion of the people throughout the nation should so assure their security over this winter that they too may have full cause to participate in this day of gratitude to the Almighty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HERBERT HOOVER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, November 26, 1931, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do recommend that our people rest from their daily labors and in their homes and accustomed places of worship give devout thanks for the blessings which a merciful Father has bestowed upon us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this 3rd day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-sixth.

(SEAL) HERBERT HOOVER,
By the President: Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State.

Cast Selected for Benefit Play by Heppner Faculty

"The Home Town Mystery," comedy-mystery play to be given by the Heppner school faculty for the benefit of local unemployment relief on the evening of Tuesday, December 22, has started rounding into shape since announcement at Lions club Monday that the play would be given. W. R. Poulson, superintendent, announces the cast as follows:

Art, Paul Menegat; Evelyn, Madge Coppel; Edith, Dorothy Straughan; Gram, W. R. Poulson; Gramp, Harold Buhman; George, James T. Lumley; Captain, Neil Shuurman; Alice, Adelyn O'Shea; Fred, Charles Woods; Ted, Jessica Palminter; Kay, Miriam McDonald.

Only expenses of the play, expected to be very light, will be deducted from the receipts, the balance of which will be turned over to the central committee in charge of local unemployment relief.

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JENNIE E. MCMURRAY.

Mrs. Nancy Matthews who died at her home in Pendleton was laid to rest Sunday in the cemetery near the old Dean homestead. Mrs. Matthews was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dean and was a sister of Mrs. Adrian Engelman.

Alfred Balsiger was a passenger to Portland Saturday where he went to resume his studies at Adcox aviation and automotive school.

Louis Balsiger and his mother-in-law, Mrs. McNay, attended services at the Methodist church in Heppner Sunday where Mrs. McNay has many old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stefani motored to Portland Saturday. Mr. Stefani drove the truck which took a load of the Rankin turkeys to the city market and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin went down to superintend the sale.

Week-end guests at the Henry Clark home were Mrs. Mary Rood, her daughter Betty, and nephew, Bobby Sparks, all from Portland.

Mrs. Blain Blackwell and Mrs. Oliver Haguewood drove to Hood River on Wednesday of last week, returning Thursday. They were accompanied home by their sister, Mrs. C. J. Calandra, who will visit here for some time.

Will Ryan of Beach Creek was seen on our streets one day the middle of last week.

The O. E. S. social club held its regular meeting at Masonic hall last Friday afternoon. Eight ladies were present. Mrs. Lee Beckner was hostess, serving vegetable salad, wafers and coffee to the guests.

Jack Warren of Kinzua has been visiting the past week or more at the Charley Botta home.

Basketball practice for both girls and boys is on in earnest at the school gymnasium. Several interclass games have already been played.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin were called to Walla Walla Friday by the death of Mr. Bergevin's uncle, Joseph LaFortune. Funeral services were held Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Griffith is very ill with influenza at her home in Ione. A road camp has been established at the Fred McMurray ranch on Willow creek. The state road work started Monday. Four Ione men have been given employment. The first work being done is on the rock point just above the Petseys ranch.

Mrs. John Farris returned home last week after a pleasant visit in Portland, Salem and Medford.

Mrs. Earl Blake and Mrs. Bert

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CEMETERY FENCE BEING REPLACED

Long Desired Improvement About to be Realized With Placing of Woven Wire About Grounds.

A long talked of and much hoped for civic improvement is about to be attained with construction under way of a new woven wire and iron post fence about the cemetery. A crew of six men has been at work for several days under the supervision of Robert C. Wightman and Clarence Bauman, for the Masonic Cemetery association, and had it not been for the rain that prevented the men from working yesterday, all the posts would have been in place ready for stretching of the wire. As it is all but three of the posts are in place. The work is being done by the Masonic Cemetery association with cooperation of the city.

Inside the new fence is being included six acres of additional ground, recently purchased by the association. The old association plot included about four acres.

For many years the old wooden fence has been in a dilapidated condition, and the best efforts of the association to keep it in repair and to keep the gates closed have not prevented stock from adjoining pastures getting into the graveyard and at times breaking through graves.

Not only will the new fence be stock tight, but it will add much to the sightliness of the cemetery. Along the front side knobs will be screwed on post tops, giving the fence a finished appearance. Two pedestrian gates and two vehicle gates, all of the swinging type, will be placed on the front side.

New rules governing the operation of the cemetery, especially regarding closing of the gates, are expected to be put into effect with completion of the fence.

Turkey Shippers Advised To Meet Tag Demands

Local growers shipping turkeys are reminded of the law which requires that more than ten dead birds in a shipment must be marked by a blue tag, obtainable without charge at the sheriff's office. When live turkeys are shipped, a bill of lading will suffice for identification.

This information, given by C. L. Jamison of Canyon City, secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association and deputy state veterinarian who was in town Tuesday, is published for the benefit of growers who may experience inconvenience in shipping their turkeys if the law is not complied with.

Mr. Jamison said there have been several reports of stolen turkeys so far this season, and that state police are checking over shipments at Hood River to make sure that the rightful owners are in possession. The law requiring the blue tag was passed for the protection of the growers, to make it more difficult for thieves to market stolen produce.

Union Thanksgiving Services This Morning

Union services for Thanksgiving will be held this, Thursday, morning at 10:30 at the Methodist church. Joel R. Benton of the Church of Christ will deliver the sermon and music will be by the singers from the various churches of the city. A special feature of the music will be furnished by Jon Conder and Mr. Davidson of Pendleton. These young men are engaged in teaching piano and voice at Pendleton, and also have the leadership of the choir in the First Christian church of that city. Mr. Davidson will sing, while Mr. Conder officiates at the piano in this morning's service.

ANDREW J. SAFFELL.

Andrew J. Saffell, 61, died at Heppner hospital Monday morning from pneumonia and heart trouble. He came to Heppner a year ago last May and was in the employ of O'Connor brothers, stockmen. He came to Pendleton in 1915 from Independence, Virginia, his former home. Funeral arrangements, in charge of Phelps Funeral home, had not been completed at noon yesterday, though word had been received from a brother, Ralph D. Saffell, 1305 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Neal Cary of Indianhead, Maryland. A nephew from Pendleton was here yesterday. It was expected the body would either be shipped to Pendleton or to Virginia for burial.

BOARDMAN BOY FINED.

On complaint filed by W. E. Francis, state policeman, in the court of Justice C. G. Blayden at Boardman on Monday, Buster Rands of that place was fined \$25 and assessed \$3 costs for trapping fur-bearing animals out of season. Francis said young Rands had three skunks and one muskrat in his possession. The boy plead guilty.

SISTER DIES IN NEW YORK.

Anne Clemens, sister of Mrs. Emma Whetstone of this city, died at Rochester, New York, recently, according to word received by Mrs. Whetstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones were here from their Butter creek ranch on Tuesday, Winterish weather prevailed out their way just now.

Isaac A. Dempsey Dies At Home in Rickreall

I. A. Dempsey, 66, died at his home at Rickreall last Thursday and was buried at Dallas Saturday afternoon. Heart trouble was given as the cause of death. Mr. Dempsey was well known in this county, having worked on Morrow county roads for 12 years, coming here first in the spring of 1919 and working almost continuously up to the summer of 1930 when he returned to his home at Rickreall. A faithful worker and a man of high integrity, Mr. Dempsey was well liked by all who knew him, and he leaves a host of friends in this county who extend sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Isaac Arthur Dempsey was born in the state of Tennessee, May 2, 1865. He came to Oregon as a young man and located in the Willamette valley. He married Jennie Davis July 26, 1887, in Oregon. To this union four children were born, three of whom, with the widow, survive. One child, Ralph, died in early childhood. The living children are Mrs. Mary Adams, Harry and Lynn Dempsey. Two brothers, Tom of Kelso, Wash., and Frank of Harrisburg, Ore., survive, being the last living members of Mr. Dempsey's immediate family.

Funeral services were held at Dallas, with the burial service in charge of the Dallas Masonic lodge, Mr. Dempsey having been a member of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, friends of the family, who went from here to attend the funeral, reported a large concourse of friends in attendance and a great profusion of floral offerings. The Masonic service was held by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell to be the second held in Dallas under the new burial rites of the order, and they were greatly impressed with its beauty.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell returned home Tuesday from Dallas where they attended the funeral of the late Isaac A. Dempsey. They encountered fine driving conditions on the trip both going and coming, getting back just in time to escape the snow storm of yesterday. Mr. Campbell reported seeing much state road work for unemployment relief under way all along the line.

Miss Margaret Wightman, sister of Robert and John Wightman, is visiting at their home during the Thanksgiving season. Miss Wightman, who is engaged in public health work in Alaska, and who has spent many years in the north, will leave immediately for St. Petersburg to resume her labors among the natives in that territory.

John Barrymore in THE MAD GENIUS, Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

Clarence Bauman left yesterday for Portland with 13 of his pet foxes which he expected to have pelted by a taxidermist at Oregon City. Three red foxes and ten silver foxes were included in the lot. Mr. Bauman, Morrow county sheriff, expected to spend Thanksgiving in the city.

Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church in this city on Sunday afternoon for the late Joseph Blessing, whose death occurred some time since in Grant county, and for whose death Ed McLaughlin was sentenced to the penitentiary, at Canyon City the past week.

Miss Helen Curran returned home Saturday night from Portland, where she had been visiting for a week. She was accompanied by her friends, Miss Yvonne Morganson and Frank Burrell, who returned to their Portland homes on Monday.

Miss Marjorie Clark returned on Saturday from Eugene where she attended the home coming of U. of O. and visited with her sister, Mrs. Mary Riggs. She was accompanied home by Miss Marion Jones of Portland, who has been a guest at the M. D. Clark residence this week.

A. J. Saffell, aged 60, died in this city on Monday morning from a protracted illness of heart trouble and complications. Funeral arrangements were handled by Phelps Funeral Home. It could not be ascertained that he had any relatives residing in reach of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Spaulding of Arlington were over-Sunday visitors in Heppner, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case. Mr. Spaulding, who is a talented tenor singer, gave a solo at the Methodist church services Sunday evening.

A pleasant party at the W. O. Dix home on Friday evening honored Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Moore of Ontario, who were in the city for a short visit. As a climax to the enjoyable evening, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Wm. Morgan has arrived from New York to join her husband and son, Milton, who have been in Heppner for several months past. The Morgans contemplate making their home in the west for the future.

David and William Hynd of Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow, were looking after business in the city on Saturday. They report the weather rather "nippy" out their way and winter seems to be in the offing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner and two sons of Democrat gulch, were visitors in Heppner Saturday, spending several hours here while trading and attending to other matters of business.

POA BULBOSA MAKES INITIAL BOW HERE

Famous Grass of Rogue and Willamette Valleys May Prove Savior.

PLANT FIVE PLOTS

Thrifty Bulbous Plant Has Good Record, and May Offer Relief Needed for Range Land.

The day when cattle and horses roamed knee-deep, and sheep over their bellies in the native bunchgrass of Morrow county, bringing a string of clinking shackles into the pockets of stockmen, has passed with the passing of the bunchgrass. Fond recollections of those days, in which many independent fortunes were made from the natural increase in value of pioneer lands, remain in the minds of those familiar with local history as they shake their heads and say, "Times ain't what they used to be."

But what nature once did for man, man may some day do for himself. The hope is conveyed to some visionary minds by the magic words "poa bulbosa."

Poa bulbosa, bulbous grass, otherwise known as winter bluegrass, was isolated several years ago near Medford on the farm of Hanley and Hoover. It has proved to be a thrifty plant, combining food values of grain and forage crops, on which sheep, cattle, hogs and poultry thrive. With the hope that it may do for farmers here what it has already done for some in the Rogue and Willamette river valleys, test plots were planted last week on five Morrow county farms by A. E. Brockway, representative of Hanley and Hoover, and Chas. W. Smith, county agent.

Plots were planted as follows: Wightman Bros., 5 acres; R. B. Rice, 2 1/2 acres; J. G. Barratt, 5 acres; W. P. Mahoney, 10 acres, and George Woodward, 2 1/2 acres.

Of the plant, it is said: "Bulbosa blue grass or poa bulbosa is distantly related to the famous Kentucky blue grass, although very distinct from it. Its name is very appropriate as may be seen from its description. It possesses characteristics which are rarely found among grasses. This plant never produces flowers or seeds. In place of seeds it produces a great abundance of small bulbs or bulbets which appear where flowers and seeds normally appear on other blue grasses. These bulbets are very small and superficially resemble grass seeds, but they form without blossoming, while seeds on other grasses cannot form except from blossoms. Furthermore, it also produces below ground enormous quantities of bulbs the size of a small grain of wheat; these occur in dense mats just below the surface of the soil and possess short, shallow, matted roots.

"Bulbosa blue grass also reverses the normal order of growth. It goes on a vacation during the entire summer. Soon after the first fall rains the bulbs revive and send up a beautiful green, dense growth from three to six inches high. In the Rogue River valley it remains green and furnishes a splendid pasture throughout the entire winter and spring. This characteristic is its chief claim to notoriety. During April and May the plants send up slender, almost leafless shoots, from 8 to 12 inches high on light soil, and from 12 to 20 inches high on fertile soil. The tops of these shoots branch and produce an abundance of minute bulbets. The plants then dry up, become perfectly dormant and remain so throughout the entire summer. This is the rest period and it is very profound indeed. Irrigation, fertilization and cordoning have no effect on its growth at this season. Usually about the first of September it starts growth again and the year's cycle has been completed."

Experiments with the grass in the Rogue and Willamette valleys have shown that it grows well on various types of soils; that it grows well in connection with alfalfa; that it holds its own with and even crowds out various obnoxious weeds and that it grows better when being pastured off than when allowed to stand unmoleted.

Experts have recommended poa bulbosa as a likely pasture grass. And while it may not prove the valuable forage crop that the bounteous bunchgrass once was, its local adaptation will be watched with interest by stockmen.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish by this means to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors and the good people of Heppner in general, for their help and assistance rendered when our home burned, and since.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reid.

GRAND JURY MEETS 3RD.

The grand jury for the December term of circuit court will be convened December 3. Making up the body are Frank Saling, Ed Bennett, Floyd N. Adams, H. A. Cohn, Chas. Vaughn, T. J. Jones and Guy Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Taylor of Portland have been spending the week visiting at the home of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston.