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FACULTY PLAY NETS \$75 TO RELIEF FUND

"Home Town Mystery" Given Before Large Audience.

COMEDY IS RIOTOUS

All Parts Well Taken by Teachers; Local Businesses Contribute Services; Boy Sells Many Tickets.

"The Home Town Mystery," presented Tuesday evening by the school faculty, not only proved to be an evening of hilarious entertainment, but it netted \$75 for unemployment relief, the purpose for which it was given. A comfortably filled house greeted the play and all proceeds over expenses were turned over to the central committee for unemployment relief at Heppner. Expenses were light, as all that was charged against the play was the cost of wigs and a few accessories. Case Furniture company contributed the use of furniture, the Gazette Times contributed the advertising, Andrew Baldwin did the hauling free, and the local telephone office furnished the telephone. Notable work in making the play a financial success was done by Scott McMurdo, who, single-handed, sold 76 tickets. The admission price was 25 cents. Besides taking a part in the play, J. T. Lumley acted as stage manager. His job, complicated by the necessity of much manipulation of the lights, was taken care of without a hitch.

Gram Does Antics. Providing an unusual comedy character was W. R. Poulson, school superintendent, in the role of grandmother, otherwise known as Gram, octogenarian head of a household that is completely upset by the mysterious Black Terror. A personage who enjoyed ill health and who was addicted to the use of every new patent pill that came along, Gram stayed in her wheel chair most of the time, except on such occasion as seeing a mouse when she jumped nimbly up and out and onto a chair, bringing an uproar from the audience.

Gram's valuable jewels were a matter of concern when news of the Black Terror reached the household. Matters were complicated when three members of the family bethought the opportunity ripe for accomplishing their own ends. Edith, interpreted by Dorothy Straughan, who wrote stories, sought to find out how people acted in the face of danger. Her brother Art, played by Paul Menegat, wished to have the family know that he had grown up and was entitled to the place of a man about the house, while Gram, done by Harold Buhman, sought to be a hero to show Gram and the rest that he was still entitled to some consideration in the management of affairs. Hence each conceived a black terror of his own, with Adeleyn O'Shea, Charlotte Woods and Jessica Palmer taking the respective parts. Evelyn, mother of Edith and Art, assumed the lead in affairs when she hired a detective to protect the household.

Girl Solves Mystery. Consternation prevailed when a beautiful slip of a girl reported for the detective duty, one Kay, played by Miriam McDonald. However, the three culprits confided their stories in her, telling how each had been partly responsible for disappearance of the telephone, tampering with locks, throwing bricks with messages tied about them thru the window, queer action of the lights and other mysterious things, but there still remained other unexplained things which led them to believe the real black terror was at work, too.

Kay climaxed the situation when all the black terrors visited the house the same evening, by fathoming the disguise of the real crook who attempted to impersonate the sea captain, head of the household, and called the members of the family for identification. The crook, played by Neil Shulman, was handcuffed, and held in subsalsion when the real captain, with Ted Lumley in the role, arrived home, bleeding and bruised from having been attacked by the crook.

Gram's pills, Gram's "lizzie," Art's affection for Kay, furnished hilarious comedy throughout. All parts were well portrayed by the cast.

HAVE DOUBLE WEDDING. Mrs. Ellen Busch of this city and Mrs. Helen McCullough of Portland and formerly of Heppner, were married recently in Portland in a double ceremony to George E. Schwartz and William A. Morse, both of Portland. Details of the event had not been learned by relatives here. Mrs. Schwartz has made her home at Heppner for several years, owning residence property here, and has a wide circle of friends who will wish her happiness. Mrs. Morse was a resident of the county for many years, and will also have the well wishes of many Heppner friends.

Eastern Star and Blue Lodge Masons Install

Joint installation for the newly elected and appointive officers of Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S., and Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., was held at Masonic hall on Saturday evening. A banquet, of which roast turkey was the principal item on the menu, was spread at 6:30, and a large number of members of both orders participated. A short program followed, with numbers being offered by the mandolin quartet composed of J. O. Turner, L. L. Gilliam, Frank Turner and Jas. T. Lumley; duet by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Chas. Latourell; reading by Mrs. Paul M. Gemmell; and piano duet by Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. W. R. Poulson. The decorations were in accord with the Christmas season, beautiful cut flowers and evergreens being strongly in evidence.

With Charlotte Gordon, past worthy matron as installing officer and Eppa Ward, marshal, the ceremonies for the chapter were carried out in a very creditable manner, many interesting and attractive innovations being introduced to brighten the usual routine of inducting the newly chosen officials into office. Those installed were Florence Hughes, worthy matron; E. R. Huston, worthy patron; Gertrude Parker, associate matron; Earl W. Gordon, associate patron; Vivian Ball, secretary; Nellie Anderson, treasurer; Einar Huston, conductress; Hazel Vaughn, associate conductress; Virginia Turner, chaplain; Alice Pratt, marshal; Lenore Poulson, organist; Mary Patterson, Ada; Gladys Goodman, Ruth; Faye Ferguson, Esther; Oma Cox, Martha; Lena Cox, Electa; Anna Wightman, warder; Chas. Cox, sentinel. Gifts were tendered Sara McNamee and Spencer Crawford, outgoing worthy matron and worthy patron, and also to Mrs. Gordon as installing officer.

The new officers for Heppner lodge No. 69 were installed by Frank S. Parker, past master, C. J. D. Bauman acting as marshal. The lodge will be served the coming year by E. R. Huston, worshipful master; L. L. Gilliam, senior warden; E. E. Gilliam, junior warden; F. S. Parker, treasurer; Spencer Crawford, secretary; W. C. Cox, senior deacon; John Lawther, junior deacon; Stanley Reavis, senior steward; H. A. Duncan, chaplain; W. E. Prun, Tyler. A past master's jewel was presented by the lodge to Earl W. Gordon, outgoing master.

Program Closes School; To Take Up January 4

Christmas exercises in both the grade and high schools featured the closing of the Heppner schools yesterday for the Christmas holidays. School will be reconvened on Monday, January 4, allowing just 11 days recess from activities until the beginning of the new semester which will start with the opening January 4.

All the faculty with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lumley have announced plans to spend the holidays either at respective homes or elsewhere outside the city. W. R. Poulson, superintendent, will attend the convention of the Oregon State Teachers association to be held in Portland during the holidays, and will stay with James M. Burgess, assistant state superintendent of public instruction and former superintendent here. Paul Menegat, high school principal, will also take in the convention.

TEARING DOWN BUILDINGS.

The McMurdo building and the Heppner bakery building, both of which were badly damaged by recent fires, were attacked by razing crews early in the week and are well on the road to demolition. No rebuilding plans have been announced by owners. The recent rampage of the fire demon has left several gaping vacancies on Main street, and additional store and office space is now at a premium.

THREE DEERSLAYERS FINED.

Complaints against three men for killing deer out of season were made in the court of Justice Huston by State Policeman Francis on Wednesday of last week, resulting in conviction of each. Harvey Hamilton, charged with killing doe out of season, was fined \$100, and Wm. Rolph and Richard Schoonover, each charged with having deer meat in their possession, were each fined \$50. Costs of \$2.50 were assessed each.

ERECT ILLUMINATED TREE.

Heppner post American Legion, which last week distributed small fir trees along the curb for the decoration of Main street, added to the attractiveness of the display by the erection of a large tree the first of the week on the vacant corner lot across from the First National bank which they have illuminated with many colored electric lights, helping to shed the Christmas glow over the business district.

Jon Conder, teacher of piano at Pendleton, is spending the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Conder.

Mrs. Josephine Mahoney expects to leave Sunday to spend a portion of the holiday season in Portland.

Cantata Ushers in Yule Season

"The Christ Child" Given by High School Chorus; Community Treat Today; Programs Set.

Opening the Christmas season last Sunday evening, the chorus of Heppner high school under the direction of Miss Charlotte Woods, supervisor, presented the cantata, "The Christ Child," before a large audience at the school auditorium. Pleasingly given, the music portrayed incidents of the life of Christ.

Numbers included recitatives by the various divisions of the chorus, with solo parts sung as duets. Miss Anabel Turner and Miss Jessie French sang the soprano numbers, and Miss Nancy Cox and Miss Phyllis Pollock sang the contralto parts. Songs included "He Shall Feed His Flocks," "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," "Sing O Heaven," "Adeste Fideles," "The Plains of Bethlehem," "Glory to God," and "Holy Night, Peaceful Night." The cantata was given by the young folks.

cantata was given in two parts chorus and audience at the close of the first part.

This afternoon a throng of kiddies are honored guests of the Elks, Lions, American Legion and Business and Professional Women's club at a free show and treat at the Star theater, given as a community treat. "Father's Son" is the featured talkie, and is popular with the kiddies, depicting, as it does, many of the institutions and situations incident to childhood.

Yesterday evening at 7:30 the young folks of the Episcopal church were remembered by a treat and presentation of a lovely pageant, "Suppose a Real Shepherd Came," was given in commemoration of the birth of Christ.

Tonight "In Old Judea," a Christmas pageant, will be given at the Methodist church, at which time the church will celebrate its annual Christmas customs.

The Church of Christ will hold its Christmas service next Sunday evening, with a program of music and recitations commemorative of the Christ child, and a treat for the young folks.

No Mail Christmas Day; Business Equals Year Ago

No mail, excepting the daily papers and special delivery letters and packages, will be delivered through the local postoffice Christmas day, announces W. W. Smead, postmaster. This rule is in accordance with postal regulations aimed to give postal employees Christmas as a holiday.

Business so far this season has been only slightly under that of a year ago, and employees expected that it might yet be equalled as the last few days before Christmas are always heavy. Last year a record business was established for the local office. Monday's stamp sales exceeded \$100, putting it among the heavy days of record, it was said.

STORES HAVE LIVELY TRADE.

Heppner has been the mecca for a large number of Christmas shoppers from over the county for the last week and local stores, many with augmented sales forces, have been enjoying a lively trade. Stocks of holiday goods have been attractively displayed, and the many beautiful windows have been the cause of much favorable comment.

Frank Elder, Native Son, Passes Following Illness

Frank Elder, 57, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David A. Wilson, in this city Monday morning, following an illness caused by a burst blood vessel in the brain, which had kept him confined to his bed for a little more than a week. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Episcopal church, Joel R. Benton, Christian minister, officiating, and interment was in Masonic cemetery. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Benjamin Franklin Elder was born on the old home place up Willow creek, now owned by Bruce B. Kelley, February 23, 1874, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Elder. He spent his boyhood days in this county and attended the Heppner public schools. He was married in 1895 to Miss Jennie Jayne, and to this union seven children were born, all of whom, with the widow, survive. For many years Mr. Elder engaged in sheep raising in this county, and for a number of years the family home was made in Heppner to give the children advantage of attending school. Mr. Elder removed the family home to Rittler for several years, where he engaged in ranching, moving from there to Unasipine where the family lived until they returned to Heppner two years ago. Mr. Elder had been employed as clerk in Wilson's store for about a year and was popular with the patrons of that store.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Jennie Elder, he is survived by the following children: John N. Elder of West Fir, Ore.; Mrs. David A. Wilson, George, Shirley, Maurice, Elizabeth, and Mary Elder.

College Students Home For Christmas Holidays

The annual pilgrimage of students homeward bound began last week end and continued into the early part of this week with the expected arrival yesterday of several, detained by distance or visits elsewhere. Always the spirit of the season is heightened by the presence of these young folks.

Miss Margaret Notson, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Vernon Sackett, arrived Saturday from Salem where Miss Notson is a student at Willamette university. By train that morning came Roderick Thomson and Clair Cox, students at Oregon State college; Vawter Parker, Ellis and Earl Thomson, Miss Katherine Bisbee, Miss Jeanette Turner and Miss Teresa Breslin, University of Oregon students; Homer Hayes from Albany college, and Miss Evelyn and Joe Swindig from Portland business college. Arriving at other times were Stephen Thompson from O. S. C., Miss Mary Beamer from Portland business college, Gordon Bucknum from Mt. Angel college, Glen Casteel and John Parker from U. of O., and Delmar and Lowell Casteel from Portland.

Expected to arrive yesterday were Orrin Bisbee from Stanford university, and Harry Wells from O. S. C.

District Deputy Visits Heppner Lodge of Elks

Nearly a hundred members of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, were present at the meeting last Friday evening to greet the district deputy exalted ruler, W. A. Elkwall of Portland. A turkey dinner was served at 6:30 followed by regular lodge and initiation of candidates. The district deputy paid tribute to the local lodge as having a fine reputation over the state, in a spirited talk on Elkdom.

Accompanying the district deputy from Pendleton, where he spoke the evening before, were Ted Larsen, exalted ruler of Pendleton lodge, Will M. Peterson, Bruce Ellis, J. Folsom and Art Goodwin.

Two entertainments are planned by the lodge during the holiday season. Tonight a Christmas eve dance will be staged, and another dance will be given New Year's eve, both for Elks and ladies only.

Black Christmas Certain As Wind Sweeps Heppner

As the Gazette Times was put to bed yesterday afternoon that all its county readers might be greeted with its holiday sentiments at least by Christmas morning, a warm southwesterly wind prevailed with an overcast sky which threatened rain, making almost certain that Heppner residents would have to be content with a black Christmas. The chinook of last week destroyed the last vestige of snow and ice which held the city in a wintry grip for the three weeks previous, and spring-like weather prevailing most of this week has caused the grass to grow rapidly, and signs of trees budding are to be seen in various places.

This morning for a time the wind was more from the east and a few flakes of snow were in evidence during a light rain storm. Predictions were made by several that snow was again on the way, and should these seers be correct in their judgment, there is yet a possibility of a white Christmas. Residents know from experience that it is possible for nature to pile up a goodly amount of the beautiful on mighty short notice.

SERVICE CLUBS TALK COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lions Host to Women's Club at Luncheon; Projects Cited.

EACH OFFERS HELP

Margaret Notson Describes Journey Through Mammoth Caves; Mr. Notson, Mrs. Rodgers Speak.

Community helpfulness was the theme of the Lions club Monday noon luncheon, when the city's two service clubs proffered each other wholehearted cooperation in fostering the projects of each. The one, the Lions club, was host to the other, the Business and Professional Women's club. Fifty service workers were present at I. O. O. F. hall with the clubs about equally represented.

Organized under similar principles, and having like objectives of community service, the clubs might fittingly coordinate efforts of a civic nature, speakers from each of the clubs believed. S. E. Notson, who spoke for the Lions, and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, spokesman for the women, each conveyed this message in short talks in which they also reviewed some of the activities of their respective organizations.

Projects Are Varied.

Mr. Notson cited the Lions club as being international in scope. The youngest of service clubs, it has made a phenomenal growth to hold a strong relative position to other service clubs of the country. While non-sectarian and non-partisan, it teaches patriotism of a kind that will eventually establish world peace. It fosters education and enterprises intended for community betterment, either of moral or civic nature. Projects for the local club, in line with the tenets of the international organization, have included good roads work; charity and relief work; assisting work of the Red Cross, 4-H clubs, Eastern Oregon Wheat league and state chamber of commerce; sponsoring of spelling contest; cataloguing city with street signs and house numbers; backing swimming pool; obtaining services for a year of a county health nurse; aiding in establishment of a fire-fighting force; assisting with community Christmas; helping in sponsorship of Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Rodgers said the Business and Professional Women's club had not been in existence in Heppner long enough to thoroughly orient itself, though it is an old and well established organization. Such projects as it has so far attempted are generally known, she said, and several other contemplated projects would become known as they are carried out. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity of meeting with the Lions club and hoped the women might be able to return the hospitality at a later date. She asked that her club be notified at any time of projects in which they might be of assistance. Mrs. Rodgers is chairman of the health committee of the state association.

Hugeness of Caves Impressive.

An interesting entertainment feature was provided by Miss Margaret Notson, home for vacation from her school work at Willamette university, who described a trip she made to Mammoth caves, Kentucky, while attending school at Willmore in that state last year.

Most impressive was the size of the caves, Miss Notson said. Of the five routes at different levels, her party took the lower route which carried them 800 feet below the opening at the surface, and a distance of eight miles in making the round-trip journey under ground. Points of interest inside the cave of which she told were Echo river, to which point echoes return as distinct and clear as the original sound; "Fat Man's Misery," a narrow hall which fat men have trouble getting through, and the "Corkscrew," a winding passageway upward, through narrow openings. Always pitch dark, the limestone corridors, apertures and gaps were explored by means of kerosene lamps, and at places the guide tossed torches up down to reveal an enormity of space above or beneath. Stalagmites and stalactites were not seen on the lower route. There were many lakes and rivers inhabited by blind fish. On the trip to the caves Lincoln's birthplace near Harrodsburg, a very humble log cabin now encased in a marble monument, was visited. Miss Notson's informal description of incidents of the journey enlivened her vivid portrayal of the famous caves.

Group singing was enjoyed as an additional feature.

Guests besides the ladies included W. D. Mahoney, Dr. C. W. Barr, L. E. Bisbee, Earl Eskelson, and State Policeman Huston from Pendleton.

To Trade—Duroc boar for what you have. Frank Mason, Ione. 42

