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FATE OF DEMOCRACY DISCUSSED BY LIONS

Socratic League Program Topic Brings Diversion of Opinion.

U. S. SYSTEM UPHELD

Giving Extraordinary Powers to
President Held Indication of
Flexibility; Park Work Up.

Is democracy in the United States falling down? Are the people of this country incapable of self-government, or are such signs of democracy's failure as are evidenced the result of inertia? These and other questions, declared by S. E. Notson, program chairman, to be in the limelight at the present moment, were propounded to the Lions club Monday, in the second of a series of Socratic league discussions undertaken by the club. The first, a week ago, dealt with the advantages of limiting the president's tenure of office to one term an increasing the length of the term to six years.

Cited by some members as evidence that democratic government was falling short was the large amount of unemployment, the growth of racketeering, and the necessity of placing in the hands of the president in order to meet existing emergencies powers that before had been held by other governmental divisions. That the country is not ruled by the majority of the people, as contemplated by a democratic form of government, was brought out by reference to lack of the exercise of the right of the voting franchise by a large percentage of those entitled to the right.

Other members looked upon the delegation of extraordinary powers to the president in order to cope with emergencies as an achievement of democratic government, showing the flexibility of the system. Some were emphatic in their declaration that there is no evidence that democratic government had failed, and that in any event, the United States still has the best form of government in existence in the world today.

There is just as much reason for giving the president a free hand to meet emergencies today as there is for the constitution to give him such powers in time of war, argued staunch defenders of democracy.

Time did not permit going deeply into the question, which, from the interest taken, offered lively possibilities, and Chairman Notson, announced that the discussion would be continued at the next meeting.

The blind committee announced the delivery of glasses to a small girl who was threatened with loss of her eyesight, the glasses having been delivered to her although the family had left Heppner shortly after the glasses were ordered.

Attention was called to the fact that work is needed to be done at the city park in order to protect the trees planted there by the club last year, and due to the absence of two club members who are members of the park holding company, it was decided to get the reorganization of this group in shape soon so that the work might properly be proceeded with.

At the next meeting delegates and alternates will be elected to attend the state Lions convention to be held at Roseburg in June. The local club is entitled to three delegates and three alternates.

Mothers Remembered At Class Entertainment

The Christian church was the scene of a very enjoyable party last evening, sponsored by Mrs. Benton's class of young people in the Sunday school. It was in honor of the mothers, and each member of the class had as a guest his or her mother, or another mother of the church. Dinner was served at 6:30, covers being laid for 40, and the committee of the class having this feature in charge saw to it that all the appointments were completed for a generous repast. As the dinner proceeded, the following program was carried out:

Invocation, Mrs. Benton; scripture reading, Mrs. V. Crawford; vocal solo, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson; duet, Mrs. Crockett Sprouts and Miss Doris Hilt; reading, Miss Straughan; toast, Mrs. F. S. Parker on "What Our Mothers 25 Years Ago Thought and Did," response by Ellis Thompson, "The Result: Our Mothers"; piano solo, Marjorie Parker; toast by Mrs. Chas. Jones on "What the Young People of Today Are Thinking and Doing," response by Miss Juanita Crawford, "The Result: Our Mothers of Tomorrow," dismissal, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

EXAMINER HERE WEDNESDAY
Martin Redding, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Heppner, Wednesday, May 17, at the courthouse between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m., according to announcement from the office of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Redding during these hours.

Harold Buhman Honored At Band Mothers Party

Harold W. Buhman, eighth grade principal and band instructor, was honored by a dinner at the high school Tuesday evening, sponsored by Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo on behalf of the mothers of the school band members. Occasion was taken at this time to express to Mr. Buhman the sincere appreciation of the parents of the children for his untiring efforts in making a success of the musical organization in the school. He has given much of his time out of school hours in the individual instruction of the boys and girls, and his patience and ability is being rewarded by development of much musical talent among the students composing the bands. A jolly time was had at the party, and Mr. Buhman was presented a leather brief case, which he will find useful in his band work.

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Rev. W. W. Head who was to have preached the baccalaureate sermon for the senior class next Sunday writes from Granite Falls, Wash., that due to illness he will be unable to fill his engagement. At the time of writing Rev. Head was to go to a hospital to be under a doctor's care with the possibility of a trip to the operating table in view. He asked to be remembered to the many friends he had expected to see while here.

Mrs. Walter Cochran of Arlington spent several days of last week at the home of Mrs. E. G. Sperry. Mrs. Cochran has recently spent several weeks in The Dalles hospital. On Sunday she returned to Arlington expecting to be able to finish her year's work in the school there. Mrs. Cochran has been re-elected to her present position for next year.

Mrs. Lee Howell has received word of the death of her aunt by marriage, Mrs. Bert Barlow at Portland on May 2nd. Mrs. Barlow had had poor health for several years and was in St. Vincent's hospital for treatment at the time of her death. She leaves her husband, O. E. Barlow, a former resident of Ione, a four-year-old son, Jimmie, and one sister, Mrs. Floyd Barlow, all of Portland.

Bert Mason has had a very attractive fence built along the front of his yard. It has a concrete foundation, with iron posts and wire fencing. J. E. Swanson has completed a similar fence adjoining Mr. Mason's and the result is very attractive and adds greatly to the appearance of their homes.

Miss Maude Knight was pleasantly surprised on Sunday by a visit from her brother, Robert Knight, of Portland. Mr. Knight was accompanied by Miss Marie Olson, also of Portland.

The Past Grands club held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Swanson Friday afternoon. The ladies met to work on paper flowers to be used on the float to be entered by Morrow county I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges at the state convention at Pendleton during the latter part of May.

Mrs. George E. Tucker entertained Wednesday evening with three tables of bridge. The affair was given in honor of the birthday of Mr. Tucker. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Corley, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blake, Mrs. Roy Brown and Mrs. Harold Guillard. High scores were won by Mrs. Guillard and Mr. Corley.

Mrs. Frances Sharp of Condon spent the first of the week in Ione. She was giving permanent waves at Allyn's barber shop.

Fred Buchanan took a truck load of cattle to Portland for T. E. Peterson Sunday.

Raymond Fletcher and Marquis Greenwalt have secured appointments for work on the Federal reforestation project. They will report at Vancouver, Wash., by the 15th of May. From there they will probably be assigned to work on Wilson creek, beyond the Harry French ranch in the Blue mountains south of Hardman.

Mrs. Victor G. Peterson of Heppner is spending the week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rietmann.

Mrs. Roy Lueallen who was called to Portland a short time ago by the sudden death of her father returned home Saturday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. W. Brown, and her sister, Mrs. Zada Nyberg, who will visit at her home a few days, returning to Portland Friday.

Mrs. Lonnie McCabe had a quilting party at her ranch home Saturday afternoon. About fourteen ladies were present to work on her quilt and enjoy the delicious refreshments served. Ladies going out from Ione were Mrs. A. A. McCabe, Mrs. Hal Ely, Mrs. Wallace Matthews and Miss Margaret Ely.

The Women's Tople club held their regular study meeting at the home of Mrs. Inez Freeland Saturday afternoon. Subject: Japan. Mrs. Walter R. Corley reviewed the book, "Japanese in the U. S." by Ichihashi, a Japanese who gives his countryman's side of the problem. "Meet the Japanese," a book of recent travel in Japan by Phillips, was outlined by Mrs. M. E. Cotter. "The Book of Tea," by Okakura Kakuzo, a story of the use of tea and the part it has played in the lives of different peoples and the history of nations was reviewed by Edith Bergvein. All reports given.

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LOCALS BEAT CONDON IN EVEN BALL GAME

Much Hitting, But Few Safe Blows, Result in Good, Bad Fielding.

VISITORS TAKE LEAD

Gilliam Lads Score Three Tallies
Second Time Up; Heppner
Breaks Tie in Eighth.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Fossil	3	0	1.000
Heppner	2	1	.666
Arlington	2	1	.666
Blalock	2	1	.666
Ione	0	3	.000
Condon	0	3	.000

Last Sunday's Results—Condon 5 at Heppner 6, Ione 5 at Fossil 9, Arlington 5 at Blalock 2.

Where the teams play next Sunday—Heppner at Condon, Fossil at Ione, Blalock at Arlington.

Honors were as nearly divided as the 6-5 score indicates in the ball game between Condon and Heppner played at Rodeo field Sunday amid intermittent sunshine and showers of hail, braved by a loyal group of fans who stayed throughout the fray.

Plenty of hitting with few safe bingles resulted in lots of field work and a proportionate amount of errors, of which each team made an equal portion of nine as chalked up by the official scorer. On earned runs he gave Heppner the edge, 2-0. Chuckler Ray Massey worked with a score arm in spite of which he held the visitors to a meagre seven hits and struck out two batsmen without giving a single walk. Hollen, Condon pitcher, gave out four walks, got two strikeouts, and allowed but five safe hits, three of which, made by Crawford, did not feature in the scoring.

Both teams went scoreless in the first inning, with Condon making three tallies in the second time up to take the lead. Ashenfelter struck out, Allen singled and took second on Ferguson's bobble of Collie's grounder, and both runners scored on successive hits by Tippley and Blake, Tippley in turn scoring on a passed ball. Murtha grounded out, Ferguson to Thomson, and Hollen repeated, Massey to Thomson to end the spurt.

Condon's other two runs came in the fifth. Murtha grounded out, Roy Gentry to Thomson, C. Hollen singled and took second on Harold Gentry's bobble of A. Hollen's roller. C. Hollen scored when Thomson bobbled H. Gentry's throw on Baker's grounder, and A. Hollen scored on a fielder's choice of Ashenfelter's roller. A moment later Ashenfelter, who was safe on the play, was caught off first base on a nice peg by Robertson Allen.

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ENJOY FAMILY REUNION.

Members of the J. D. Bauman family enjoyed a reunion at The Dalles, Sunday, spending the day picnicking and partaking of a big family dinner. Mr. Bauman and other members of the family went to The Dalles from here where they met members of the family from Portland. Going from here were Mr. Bauman, son C. J. D. Bauman, son Harvey Bauman and family, daughter Mrs. Helen Christenson and children. Coming from Portland were daughter Mrs. Walter Lyons, husband and children, and granddaughter Mrs. H. A. Kessler, husband and baby daughter, Mr. Bauman's one and only grandchild. An enjoyable day was spent at the end of which all departed for their homes.

Ferrold Owen, secretary of the Veterans' State Aid commission, with offices at Salem, was in Heppner Sunday on business in connection with the commission. An ex-service man and active member of the American Legion, Mr. Owen enjoyed a visit with friends among local legionnaires.

HONORED AT UNIVERSITY.

Miss Jeanette Turner, sophomore in music at the University of Oregon, received notification this week that she had been elected to Phi Mu Alpha, national honorary music fraternity for women, according to word received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner. The honor accorded Miss Turner is unusual in that it is usually awarded only to junior or senior music students. Miss Turner has been quite active in campus music circles, having appeared in a number of student entertainments both on the campus and in radio broadcasts.

HAVE DINNER PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Snider and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson were hosts at a delightful dinner party at the Snider home. About twenty guests were present, and following the dinner bridge was enjoyed. Present besides the hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gemmell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Mrs. Adelyn O'Shea and Dr. J. H. McCrady.

Historical Receipt Book Found; Museum Needed to Preserve Flood Mementos

To many now living it will recall naught but tragic and heart-rending memories of the catastrophe of June 14, 1903; but in a few short years it will be of important historical moment to the city of Heppner—a small book of receipts showing distribution of the Heppner Flood Relief funds, used by the late Frank Gilliam, then Heppner's mayor and chairman of the relief committee.

The little receipt book was uncovered this week by Leonard Gilliam and L. E. Bisbee in going through the files kept by Mr. Gilliam at the Gilliam & Bisbee store. Already, documents and records connected with the flood are becoming rare, and they will gradually disappear altogether if a concerted attempt is not made to preserve them. No more worthy project could be undertaken by the people of Heppner than the establishment of a museum for the collection and preservation of all historical data and mementos of the city's major catastrophe.

Club Studies Japan; New Officers Named

A charming program with Japan as the motif for decorations and discussion was held at the home of Mrs. J. O. Turner Monday evening by the Woman's Study club, with Mrs. Earl W. Gordon and Mrs. Conrad W. McNamer directing the program. Mrs. Turner played "Poor Butterfly" as the piano prelude, followed by a song by Mary Moore, Elizabeth Healy and Lucile Barlow, representing gelsia girls. Map study was conducted by Mrs. Harold Case. Other numbers were "Romantic Japan," by Mrs. A. Q. Thomson; "Court Ladies of Old Japan," Mrs. E. P. Bloom; "Japan in the World of Today," Mrs. W. J. Beamer; "Japan and Korea," Mrs. J. F. Lucas and Mrs. Lester White; and "Japan's Case," Mrs. F. W. Turner. This was the last meeting of the year and included election of officers. A pot luck supper will be held at the Lucas home in Lexington in June.

Officers elected for the new year are Mrs. H. C. Case, president; Miss Leta Humphreys, vice-president, and Mrs. E. P. Bloom, secretary-treasurer. Attending were Mrs. Lester White, Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Mrs. H. C. Case, Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. F. B. Nickerson, Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mrs. Gay Anderson, Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mrs. Earl W. Gordon, Mrs. Henry Aiken, Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Miss Charlotte Woods, Miss Madge Cockpoth, Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. Josephine Mahoney, Mrs. Charles Cox, Mrs. J. D. Cash, Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. W. O. Dix, Miss Leta Humphreys, Mrs. A. Q. Thomson, Mrs. W. J. Beamer, Mrs. E. R. Huston, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers.

Shearers Go on Strike For Additional Cent

Five shearing crews, comprising between 25 and 30 men, at a meeting here Tuesday evening declared a strike to obtain eight cents a head for their work instead of seven cents. Leaders of the move declared that they were asking only what is being received by shearers in Idaho, Montana and California, and that in other sections where a lower rate is paid shearers are also on strike. The increased wool price makes the rate not out of line, they say. Last year when wool was selling at half the price it is today, they sheared for seven cents. No response had yet been received from local shepherms in regard to the action. Two shepherms who attended the meeting were noncommittal. The strikers are hopeful, however, that the justice of their demands will be recognized. Shearing had already been generally completed in the north end of the county at the seven cent rate.

School Closing Activities Start, Commencement 25th

With the annual Junior-Senior banquet to be held Saturday evening at the Episcopal parish house, activities winding up the year for Heppner high school will be on in earnest. To be concluded by the commencement exercises on May 25. Elaborate preparations have been made for the class banquet, always one of the high lights of the school year. Rev. M. G. Tonnyson, missionary in charge of All Saints Episcopal church, has been invited to deliver the commencement address. Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday, the 23rd, at the school auditorium, with Joel R. Benton, minister of Church of Christ, delivering the address, and special music by the high school glee club.

Farmers Grow Bread Flavoring

Oregon City—Caraway and Blue poppy seed to be used by bakers in flavoring breads are being grown by several Clackamas county farmers this year at the request of a Mountain seed house, reports J. J. Inskeep, county agent, through whose office the seed has been distributed. Farmers raising these rather novel crops this year are Phil Wisniewski, Oregon City; Buxton Brothers, Molalla; Willis Dunton, Molalla; Berg Brothers, Barlow, and Henry Dryer, Canby.

Dance, Fletcher's orchestra, Fair Pavilion, Saturday evening.

GRIST

From Happenings Here and You
Concerning—

A Memorial Project Lawn-Making —and Dogs

and other things of more or less
moment as seen by

The G. T. REPORTER

An appropriate Memorial day suggestion was received this week from a former resident. It should be heeded.

On June 6, 1926, a large concourse of people gathered at Wells Springs when appropriate services were held dedicating a monument, erected by The Dalles chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, in memory of Cornelius Gilliam who was mortally wounded at this spot, though by accident, while engaged in helping subdue the Indian insurrection of 1848, and to other Oregon heroes. Heppner people contributed for the placing of a sturdy wire fence about the enclosure, containing besides the monument a number of unmarked graves, believed to be the final resting place of unsung heroes, or maybe heroes, of the Old Oregon Trail, beside the original line of which the cemetery lies. Captain Gilliam, whom the memorial commemorates, was an uncle of the late Frank Gilliam, honored Heppner pioneer. He left his home in Polk county shortly after crossing the plains by covered wagon over the Old Oregon Trail in 1844, to give the patriotic service which cost his life.

The former resident visited this memorial plot a short time since, and found it in bad repair. Not a great amount of work, but a great deal of money, would be required to remedy the situation.

He expressed his feelings thus: "I really feel that not only should Heppner and its community service organizations be interested in the cemetery at Wells Springs, but that all of Morrow county should take a very intense interest in the care of these graves. It almost amounts to a sacred responsibility that is placed on the shoulders of the good people of that part of the state. Cornelius Gilliam was one of the outstanding men in early Oregon territorial history and his untimely death in 1848 deprived the territory of a man who might have guided its destinies to a pretty high degree had he been permitted to do so. The act of keeping his memorial plot in good shape would require the expenditure of no funds and but very little effort and I believe it would be a very fine gesture of remembrance on the part of the citizens of Heppner and Morrow county to undertake this task."

Rains, copious at times, continuing to visit the county, and Heppner in particular, this week.

Encouraged by the prospect of growing lawns and gardens, residents have accentuated planting endeavors.

There are new lawns in evidence, and dogs rather than the weather are now the chief concern of anxious lawn-makers.

One step on shaky ground when he approaches the subject of the town dog. In many instances the culprit is the valued property of some resident—either he is a good hunter, or he is the warm companion and playmate of the owner, or children of the family. Therefore he claims admiration and affection on the one hand while being regarded as a despicable cur on the other.

In some places, it is said, the town dog went out of fashion with the passing of hitching posts. But tires of parked automobiles suffice for the Heppner breed, not one whit awed by the advance of civilization, or apparently no less fecund than of old.

During the recent legislative session at Salem, no more fervid speech-making was engendered by any proposed laws than these touching dogs. It takes an Albert Payson Terhune to properly eulogize them. Next to man himself no animal plays a larger part in human affairs than the four-footed canine, the friend of one and unwanted antagonist of another, whose capricious antics and detested deprecations alike are engendered by a beastly nature incapable of distinguishing right from wrong, except as a choice morsel from the hand of his master or a roek in the ribs from a foe may teach him.

More and more are we setting aside some day in commemoration of some person, event, or inspiration, but for many years in the northern United States an entire season has been set aside in recognition of the dog. But what is the mental reaction of "dog days" as compared with "Mothers Day," the one representing the lowest ebb of mentality; the other, the highest flow.

Business is getting better. Reports local and from afar, make this assertion. With price trends upward, people are quite sure they will be able to buy no cheaper than now. The result is the putting into circulation of much idle money.

Scout Degrees Awarded At Lex Court of Honor

Twenty-eight boys from local Boy Scout troops, together with Marvin R. Wightman and Clinton Rohrer, scoutmasters, and Chas. W. Smith, Spencer Crawford, C. J. D. Bauman and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, members of the local advisory board, attended a court of honor at Lexington last evening at which members of both the Heppner and Lexington troops were advanced Ladies of the Lexington community served chicken sandwiches, cocoa and cake for those attending.

Robert Cash and John Arbogast were Heppner boys taking the tenderfoot class. Don Turner was advanced to the first class, and Dan Chinn to second class. Merit badges were awarded to Jackson Gilliam, William Thomson, Emory Coxen, La Verne Van Marter, Richard Hayes and Paul McCarty.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS

An event of interest this week was the marriage on Thursday of Miss Margaret Smith of Heppner to Mr. James Leach of Lexington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith of Heppner and the bridegroom is the only son of Mrs. Minnie Leach McMillan of this city. The wedding took place in Vancouver and immediately following the ceremony the young couple departed on a wedding trip which will last several weeks and will take them to Oakland, Calif., Tucson, Ariz., and other points of interest. While in California they plan to stop at San Leandro for a visit with Mr. Leach's sister, Mrs. Ray White. Mr. Leach is a well known young farmer of this vicinity and his bride has for some time past been employed in the office of the county agent at Heppner. Their many friends wish them happiness.

Lonnie Henderson, local garage man, was severely burned about the face Monday morning as a result of an explosion in the garage operated by him and his brother, Harold. He was soldering a gas tank and using a blow torch when the explosion occurred. He was being ing over the tank and received the full force of the explosion in his face. A physician was called from Heppner to attend him. He was so badly burned about the eyes that at first it was feared that he might lose his eyesight, but the physician now thinks that his sight will not be impaired.

June, the 11-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle has been very ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Van Winkle and the baby have been staying at the Earl Eskelson home in Heppner where it is more convenient for the baby to have the care of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox have gone to Volle's mill where Charles now has employment.

The regular monthly business meeting of Lexington Grange will be held at the hall Saturday evening. Willows Grange will be the guests of Lexington at this meeting. A pot luck supper will be served at 6:30 and immediately following this there will be an interesting program, the main feature of which will be a debate between Lexington and Willows Grange: "Resolved, that farming with tractors is more economical than farming with horses." Willows Grange will have the affirmative side and Lexington will uphold the negative. Each side will have three speakers.

At two o'clock in the afternoon of this same day the Morrow County Pomona council will hold a meeting at the hall. A good attendance is expected, both at the afternoon and evening meetings.

The baccalaureate service for the class of '33, Lexington high school, was held Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the Church of Christ. Rev. Sias delivered a very inspiring sermon for the occasion. Other numbers were: Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," by the congregation; invocation, Rev. Sias; "Let Us Forget," Girls' Glee Club; scripture reading, "All Hail, Immanuel," Girls' Glee Club; Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," by congregation; benediction, Rev. Sias. The church was filled to capacity for the excellent program and sermon.

Bobby, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, was thrown from a horse Wednesday evening and was bruised badly although no bones were broken and it was thought that he was not seriously injured. However, he did not seem to improve as rapidly as might be expected so on Saturday he was taken to the Heppner hospital that he might be under the constant care of his physician.

Edwin Ingles made a business

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JUVENILE PROGRAM SLATED.

Juvenile Degree of Honor members will present a program at the school gym-auditorium tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Contributions will be taken at the door with no stated admission charge. Two plays and music will make up the program. A one-act mystery play, "Does Mr. Jones Live Here?" will be acted by Dean Goodman, Marie Barlow, Riley Munkers and Lorraine Cox. A two-act comedy, "Renting Jimmy," will be presented by Katherine Parker, Beth Vance, Katherine Healy, Margaret Farley, Rosanna Farley, Margaret Sprink, Irene Beamer, Lola Coxen and Artie Whelan. Intriguing music will be a piano duet by Katherine Parker and Marjorie Parker, and piano solo by Margorie Parker. A recitation will be given by Dean Goodman.

TRUSTEES ISSUE ALL OF SHEEPSKIN SCRIP

Last of \$5000 Given Out; Much Taken by Sou- venir Hunters.

FAME SPREADS FAR

Record of Secretary Reveals Interesting Letters, Accounts; Success of Plan Foreseen.

Heppner Sheepskin scrip is no longer procurable in exchange for warrants of school teachers and city employees, trustees having announced that the final issue was made the first of this month, taking in all of the \$5000 originally planned.

To date \$215 worth of the scrip has been redeemed in cash, and a small amount taken back in exchange for warrants. Twelve hundred dollars of the entire issue was put out in sheepskin, the remainder in paper. These figures were secured from the office of Leonard Gilliam, secretary, who has a complete and accurate record of every transaction in his office. Only a small amount of the leather money remains in the hands of the secretary, and the paucity of the "skin" money in local circulation indicates that it has already largely been taken up by souvenir collectors.

In the slightly more than two months time since the scrip first made its appearance, it has gained nationwide recognition, as evidenced by the voluminous letter file of the secretary. Included in the files are letters on official stationery from almost every state in the union as well as from cabinet members, congressmen and senators of the national government, all expressing thanks for pieces of the leather money sent them by the trustees.

From New York to California, letters were received requesting souvenir pieces. It has gone into museums in Austria, New York, Cedar Rapids, Minneapolis and Astoria; authors and writers of these have requested and received data on it; pictures of it and stories about it were disseminated by newspapers and by radio broadcast throughout the country.

The secretary's letter file discloses all this. It also shows that the Chase National bank of New York was the largest single purchaser of the scrip, buying at told, six complete sets of it. But probably no greater demand was shown from any place, in proportion to its size, than from Silverton, Oregon, to which place the secretary was kept busy for a time filling repeat orders.

It is impossible to determine just how much of the scrip has been taken by souvenir hunters. Much of the sheepskin put out in exchange for warrants has been sold in addition to more than \$400 sold directly by the secretary which is not likely to be presented for redemption.

That which remains in local circulation has become widely distributed, so that, while occasionally one business house gets more than its share, all told it has worked no considerable hardship on anyone, and especially has it helped, to assist those who have received their pay in warrants the last two months.

The scrip issued, if distributed equally to every man, woman and child in Morrow county, would give each person but one dollar's worth. With the large amount taken out of circulation for souvenirs and the amount already redeemed, if so distributed, the actual amount in circulation would give each a considerably less amount.

Dean T. Goodman, president, and other trustees, believe that as much as two dollars per capita could have been issued if it had been necessary. It appears, however, that the scrip has about filled its purpose and should tax collections continue at the good pace started, it appears the warrants behind the scrip will all be paid and the scrip redeemed before the time scheduled at the end of 1934, leaving a neat cash balance to apply on some project for civic betterment.

State President Legion Auxiliary Visits Here

A special meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hugh Snider, to receive Mrs. Alice George of Salem, state president. Mrs. George gave the members much information and many talks to them. She is just returning from attending a successful interstate conference at Ontario, held on Tuesday.

A short business session was had, during which committees for Memorial Day were announced. Mrs. Ethel Smith, poppy chairman, reported her plans for the poppy sale May 27 and named her sales committees. There will be no meeting of the unit next Tuesday, May 16, and the June meeting will be on the 6th. The hostesses, Mrs. Snider and Mrs. Chas. Cox, served dainty refreshments to the nineteen members present.