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ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR LOCAL BANK

First National, Portland, Makes Application for Heppner Branch.

OFFICERS VISIT

E. B. MacNaughton, President, and J. H. Mackie, Vice-President, Meet Large Group Here.

The First National Bank of Portland will open a branch in Heppner just as soon as approval of its application for permit is received from Washington and arrangements are completed for local quarters. That was the statement of E. B. MacNaughton, president, who with J. H. Mackie, vice-president, waited upon a large delegation of people from all parts of Morrow county at the Elks temple Tuesday afternoon. Mr. MacNaughton said that application for charter had been made. A unanimous expression of opinion was voiced by her people that Morrow county sincerely wants, sorely needs, and warmly welcomes a bank. The sentiment heartily endorsed the interest expressed by the Portland institution, and Mr. MacNaughton's statement was received by a round of hearty applause.

Signifying the interest of the local people, a committee was appointed, largely from among the people present, to extend cooperation to the bank in such ways as it may be of service. The committee, including leading citizens representative of the various sections of the trading territory, was named as follows: C. W. Smith, Chas. Thomson, R. A. Thompson, W. F. Barnett, Bert Mason, J. O. Kincaid, Henry Peterson, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, A. E. Wright, D. A. Wilson, D. T. Goodman, John Bronsan, J. W. Beymer and Jack Hynd.

News that the strong Portland bank had decided upon opening a branch at Heppner was received as a compliment to the trade potentialities of this district, which for years has been among the leading wheat and wool producing districts of the state. Confidence was expressed on every hand that business conditions here are on the upgrade, and a sincere faith was shown in a rosy future for a banking institution with the solidarity of that of the First National of Portland.

While many approaches upon the Portland bank had been made by local people, and it was known that some consideration of this city was being given by it, the news given by Mr. MacNaughton Tuesday was the first public assurance that the bank had definitely decided to enter this field.

Since starting upon its branch banking program a few months ago, the First National has opened 15 branch institutions, entering the eastern Oregon field first at The Dalles and Pendleton and at the plans laid for here materialize Heppner will have the sixteenth branch.

While in Heppner Mr. MacNaughton and Mr. Mackie conferred with J. L. Gault, receiver for the local banks which have been in course of liquidation since the first of the year. Negotiations were discussed toward obtaining the old First National bank quarters.

MASONIC ORDERS INSTALL OFFICERS

Many Folks Enjoy 6-o'Clock Turkey Dinner; Blue Lodge and Star Officers Inducted.

Turkey and all the trimmings were served in copious quantities to members of the Heppner Masonic orders, their families and friends, convened last evening for the joint installation of officers of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., and Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S., at Masonic hall. It was necessary to lay the large tables twice to serve the large number in attendance. The dinner was served shortly after 6 o'clock in the dining room, followed by installation of officers in the lodge hall.

Featuring the installation ceremonies was the presentation of a past master's jewel to Len L. Gilliam, retiring master, by Earl W. Gordon, and the presentation of gifts to Mrs. F. S. Parker and Mr. Gordon, retiring worthy matron and worthy patron respectively, by Mrs. Paul M. Gemmill and J. O. Turner. Sarah McNamer was installing officer for the Eastern Star, being assisted by Mrs. Jessie Priddy, chaplain, and Mrs. Florence Hughes, Marshal. Officers installed were Earl Huston, W. M.; E. R. Huston, W. P.; Hazel Vaughn, A. M.; F. S. Parker, A. P.; Harriet Gemmill, Sec.; May Gilliam, Treas.; Lena Cox, Cond.; Gladys Goodman, A. Cond.; Virginia Turner, organist; Rosa Howell, chaplain; Elizabeth Bloom, Ada; Ethel Smith, Ruth; Anna Wightman, Esther; Oma Cox, Martha; Coramie Ferguson, Electa; Juanita Leathers, warder; Madge Coppock, marshal, and J. O. Turner, sentinel.

With F. S. Parker as installing officer, W. O. Dix as chaplain and P. M. Gemmill as marshal, the following Blue lodge officers were installed: Earle Gilliam, W. M.; Marvin Wightman, S. W.; Lawrence Beach, J. W.; F. S. Parker, Treas.; Spencer Crawford, Sec.; W. O. Dix, chaplain; C. J. D. Bauman, marshal; J. O. Turner, S. D.; Vawter Parker, J. D.; Terrell Bengie, S. S.; Chas. B. Cox, J. S.; S. P. Devin, Tyler.

Heppner chapter No. 26, R. A. M., will install new officers at Masonic hall this evening.

Jack Dossier Answers Summons in Texas

James Gentry is in receipt of a letter from Adrian, Texas, announcing the death there on Sunday, December 10th, of Jack Dossier, recently of Heppner. Mr. Dossier left here for the South the day following the Rodeo, and just at that time he was not feeling any too well. His funeral occurred at Adrian on the Tuesday following his death, and his friends here are not informed as to whether he had relatives residing in that part of Texas.

North County Farmers Want Arlington Road

Bert Palmateer, in town Tuesday from the Morgan district, was interviewing the county court on behalf of completion of the Arlington road from Morgan. Completion of the road would enable farmers of the west Morgan district to put their wheat on shipboard at The Dalles for nine cents a sack direct from the fields, making a saving of at least five cents a bushel over present charges, Mr. Palmateer said.

Judge Campbell Tells of State Pension Situation

In response to numerous inquiries at his office, W. T. Campbell, county judge, gives some information relative to the situation of the old age pension in Morrow county.

Thirty dollars a month is the maximum amount to be paid any beneficiary under the pension act which becomes effective January 1, and the county is not obligated to pay the full amount to anyone, the judge said, in answer to many folks who held the belief that they were to get \$30 a month from the county as soon as the act becomes effective.

To keep from exceeding the 6 percent limitation, the county was able to budget but \$6000 for the pension fund. With 74 applications for pensions already received, it will be impossible for the county to pay all eligible persons \$30 a month, which would require a fund of \$27,000. Exactly what the county will do has not been definitely decided, with the matter still under consideration by the court. Each individual case will be considered separately and the court will do the best it can under the conditions. Should the county pay all applicants \$30 a month as required, Judge Campbell said.

While the judge expressed an appreciation for the purpose of the old age pension act, he believed those entitled to pensions should understand the dilemma faced by the court and not be too severe in their criticisms.

LEXINGTON

The smoker staged at the Lexington school gymnasium last Saturday was full of action and fun. Seven wrestling and boxing matches and three comedy stunts kept the crowd in hysterics.

The matches were as follows: Asa Shaw and Ellwayne Peck wrestled three four-minute rounds to a draw. Both boys were active and clever.

Laverne Wright won a decision over Clayton Davis in their three rounds of boxing. Laverne had the advantage because of greater experience but Clayton holds terrific punches in either hand.

Albert Huff and Virgil Smith renewed hostilities with a terrific onslaught to settle the draw they got at the last smoker. Each was determined to mow the other down. The result was a draw for the two battered gladiators.

CORN & HOG PLAN MAY BRING \$20,000

New Production Control Association to Affect 1000 Acres in Morrow County.

A potential income of \$20,000 for producers of corn and hogs in Morrow county is offered through the second production control association to be organized in the county soon, announces C. W. Smith, county agent. The \$20,000 represents the total amount of benefit payments should all corn and hog producers contract to reduce their production of these products by 20 to 30 percent for corn and 25 percent for hogs.

Mr. Smith is in receipt of bulletins from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration giving full details of the plan and the necessity for it. As in the case of wheat, the plan is intended to eliminate surpluses of corn and hogs which are depressing the market, and to establish the market prices of the commodities on the basis of a fair exchange value for commodities the farmer buys.

Mr. Smith was unable to say just how soon steps of organization are to be taken in this county, though it will be in the near future. In perfecting the organization an educational campaign will be conducted similar to that employed in putting across the wheat allotment plan.

While Morrow county does not figure largely in the production of corn and hogs, it is none the less the interest of raisers of these commodities to investigate the plan thoroughly, Mr. Smith said. It was estimated that 1000 acres are devoted to raising corn in this county, while many farms have hog broods, the operators of which should investigate the plan whether or not the hogs are raised for market.

More particulars of the plan are given in another article from the state college in this issue.

To help speed up the signing and acceptance of contracts, farmers are advised by the adjustment administration, (1) to attend all meetings concerned with the corn and hog project to learn the actual workings of the plan and to be entirely familiar with it; (2) to assemble definite figures on the acreage of various crops during 1932 and 1933 on the farm to be operated in 1934, and to determine the acreage taken out for woodlands, pastures, farm buildings, orchards, roads, and the like, so that account may be made for the total farm area; (3) to assemble definite information on number of litters farrowed by sows in 1932 and 1933, and on the disposal of hogs from these litters; also on the number of feeder pigs bought and sold in the 2-year base period (Dec. 1, 1931 to Dec. 1, 1932, and Dec. 1, 1932 to Dec. 1, 1933); (4) to be thinking about the fields which may be contracted to the government, and to determine as nearly as possible the average corn yield for this land during the past five years; (5) to obtain all the data possible on the yields and kind of crops planted the last five years on the lands expected to be leased; (6) to assemble information on uses made of the corn crop during the last two years (on the farm to be operated in 1934), whether for grain, silage, hogging-down, cash sale or other purposes; (7) to assemble all sales slips, farm records or other kinds of evidence to support claims as to corn and hog production before the county and community committees which must administer this plan locally; (8) to obtain this information for all farms or fields owned or operated; (9) to fill out as completely as possible the answers to all the questions asked on the farmer's work sheet, this sheet to be distributed soon.

Special Music at Church of Christ Sunday A. M.

Two of the beautiful numbers of the cantata, "The Angel and the Star," will be repeated at eleven o'clock this coming Sunday morning by the ladies choir. A number of requests have been received for a repetition of this beautiful presentation with the original setting and the ladies have prepared two numbers for the Sunday morning service. You are invited to come and enjoy this worship in song. Plan also to be present for the song service and the evangelistic sermon at 7:30 on Sunday evening. This will be a great service and you are urged to come and bring a friend. The topic, "The Lifted Christ."—J. R. Benton, Minister.

CHRISTMAS MATINEE SLATED

A free Christmas matinee, showing "Black Beauty," will be given the children of the community at the Star theater beginning at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon through the courtesy of the theater and Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks. A very special invitation has been extended by J. O. Turner, exalted ruler, for all kiddies to come and enjoy this fine show. It has always been the policy of the lodge to give the kiddies some kind of a treat at Christmas time, and it is pleased to announce the hearty cooperation of the theater in being able to permit the kiddies to see the show free on Christmas afternoon.

"H" Club Smoker Set For Saturday Night

Heppner high school's honorary lettermen's club will put on their second annual smoker at the gymnasium Saturday night. The main event is a mixed bout between Francis Nickerson and Albert Huff. Nickerson will wrestle and Huff will box. There are nine other bouts which are all first rate matches.

As a curtain raiser the lettermen have arranged a battle royal as part of the initiation for the boys who make their first letter this year. Seven boys will take part in the battle royal and each will be blindfolded and given a pillow. This is an event seldom witnessed in Heppner.

The funds received from the smoker will be used to purchase letters and sweaters for the lettermen. The price of admission is 25 cents and the lights begin at 7:15. The bouts are arranged as follows:

Junior Barratt vs. Dick Ferguson, box; Richard Cash vs. John Crawford, box; Lyle Cox vs. Pete Christensen, box; Richard Hayes vs. Riley Munkers, box; Alvin Pettyjohn vs. Alton Pettyjohn, box; Don Jones vs. Boyd Redding, wrestle; Paul Phelan vs. A. Shoun, box; James Shoun vs. Steven Wehmeyer, wrestle; Matt Kenny vs. Reese Burdine, box; Francis Nickerson (wrestle) vs. Albert Huff (box); baton royal, Ed Dick, Howard Furlong, Ray Reid, Don Drake, Howard Bryant, Owen Bleakman, Raymond Drake.

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Charles Carlson will spend the winter months in Portland taking a mechanical course at the Adcox Auto school.

Miss Clara Nelson has returned to her home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson. She has been a student at O. S. C. at Corvallis for the past three months.

The Past Noble Grands club of the Rebekah lodge held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Howk last Friday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, the Masonic lodge and Eastern Star chapter held a joint installation of officers at Masonic hall. Mrs. Ruth B. Mason acted as installing officer for Locust chapter, assisted by Mrs. Martha Dick as marshal, Mrs. Clara Howk as chaplain and Mrs. Margaret Blake as organist. The following officers were installed to serve during 1934: Orval Feldman, Worthy Matron; George Krebs, Associate Matron; Viola Liviallen, Conductress; Ruby Krebs, Associate Conductress; Ruth Mason, secretary; Hilda Timm, treasurer; Lola McCabe, chaplain; Anna Blake, marshal; Margaret Blake, organist; Mabel Krebs, Ada; Mary Beckner, Ruth; Kathryn Feldman, Esther; Fannie Griffith, Martha; Della McCarty, Electa; Grace Misner, warder, and George Ely, sentinel. Officers of the Blue lodge were installed by Bert Johnson as installing officer and Elmer Griffith, marshal. They were: Carl Feldman, W. M.; H. V. Smouse, S. W.; Roy Ekkeberry, J. W.; George Ely, secretary; Laxton McMurray, treasurer; John Krebs, S. D.; Walter Dobyns, J. D.; Earl Blake, S. S.; Joe Howk, J. S.; H. D. McCurdy, chaplain, and Elmer Griffith, Tyler. Following the installation a supper was served to members and invited guests in the dining room.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Victor Peterson and Mrs. Ed Dick of Heppner entertained a group of Ione ladies at the home of Mrs. Dick. Four tables of bridge were at play. Four prizes were given, one each for 100 honors, a grand slam, a small slam, and a hand with no card higher than a jack. These prizes were awarded in rotation to each person who during the afternoon had one of these items and the person in whose possession they were at the end of the afternoon was allowed to keep them. The final possessors of the prizes were Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Clyde Denny and Mrs. George Tucker. Guests were Mesdames George Tucker, H. D. McCurdy, Carl F. Feldman, Walter Corley, Bert Mason, Garland Swanson, Cleo Drake, D. M. Ward, C. W. McNamer, Clyde Denny, W. A. Wilcox, Omar Rietmann, Louis Bergerson, John Turner, C. W. Swanson and Miss Norma Swanson.

LIONS CLUB ACTS ON BANK MATTER

Committee Organizes Meeting to Welcome First National Officials; Turner Talks.

In response to word of the proposed visit of E. B. MacNaughton, president, and J. H. Mackie, vice-president of the First National Bank of Portland, the Lions club Monday appointed a committee which arranged for the mass meeting and spread the word that resulted in a large group of representative Morrow county farmers and business men being present at the Elks hall to greet the bank officials. Members of the committee were C. W. Smith, L. E. Dick, Gay M. Anderson, Frank W. Turner and J. O. Turner. The club was favored by a short review of some of the main legislation passed at the special session, given by J. O. Turner, the county's representative. Limited time permitted Mr. Turner to give but a few of the highlights of the Knox liquor plan, the sales tax, and the truck and bus bill.

Because of the great amount of explanation already disseminated on the first two measures, Mr. Turner touched them lightly, stressing more the importance of the revision of the truck and bus law which gives relief to the farmer by permitting him to haul his products by truck at the car license fee of \$5.

Earl Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomson, home from the University of Oregon for the Christmas vacation, gave a short and stirring talk depicting the university angle in the fight launched to remove W. J. Kerr from the chancellorship of higher education.

Mrs. Margaret Jones Was Morrow Pioneer

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Jones were held at All Saints Episcopal here yesterday afternoon at 2:30, with interment following in Masonic cemetery where other members of the family are buried. The remains arrived from Portland on the train yesterday morning and were taken in charge by Case Memorial mortuary. Mrs. Jones died at her home in Portland on Sunday, Dec. 15. Rev. John Dawson, rector of Church of the Good Shepherd of Portland, delivered the sermon and conducted the ritualistic services of the church of which Mrs. Jones had been a lifelong member.

Mrs. Jones was a pioneer resident of the Heppner community. She was a native of England, born at Preston, Dec. 28, 1854. She came to America with her parents when a young girl, and at the age of 19 came to Pendleton to make her home with a sister there. Her maiden name was Margaret Tompkins. She was married to Henry Jones at Pendleton on Dec. 12, 1880, and came to live on the ranch near Lena in this county. Mr. Jones died several years ago, and of her family she is survived by two children, Mrs. Stella Bailey and William H. Jones of Portland.

Wool Position Strong Reports Local Grower

That wool now holds the strongest position at any time since the recent decline with prospects bright for still further improvement of the coming year is the report of J. G. Barratt who returned yesterday from Portland where he attended a meeting of the Pacific Cooperative Woolgrowers association.

"All indications point to increasing prices during the first six months of next year. Prices are now on the upgrade, and the monetary situation is reacting especially favorably to the woolgrower," said Mr. Barratt, who added that competition will be keen among buyers for domestic wools.

The Pacific cooperative has announced that it will be in a position after the first of the year to make shearing advances on the basis of a dollar or more a fleece. Indicating the recent price trend, Mr. Barratt said a late sale of their wool netted 27 cents a pound. California wools sold recently netted as high as 31 cents, he said.

SALES TAX WOULD GIVE HEPPNER \$5200

Supt. Howard Analyzes Operation of Proposed Law in This County.

SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT

Referendum Petitions Hold up Effectiveness Until After March; May be on Primary Ballot.

School district No. 1 of Heppner, comprising 13 teacher-classroom units, would receive an annual appropriation of \$5200 from the operation of the sales tax passed by the recent special legislative assembly, according to a computation made by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. The resulting reduction in the district tax would be approximately 4.4 mills.

This was one of several examples given by Mr. Howard on how the operation of the sales tax would affect school revenues in Morrow county, based on the state tax commission's estimated amount of revenue the tax would raise.

Operation of the tax is now held up until after March 16 by filing of referendum petitions, and the people may be given an opportunity to vote on it at the primary election next spring in event enough signatures to the petitions are obtained to place it on the ballot.

The sales tax bill will reduce the county tax levies approximately one mill and will cut \$3,000,000 a year from the school district taxes of the state according to Superintendent Howard's analysis.

Receipts from similar revenue measures in operation in other states indicate that the Oregon bill will produce \$4,000,000 annually. Seventy-five percent of this sum, or \$3,000,000, will be apportioned to the school districts in proportion to the number of classrooms required. This would amount to \$400 per teacher-classroom unit, since there are approximately 7500 such units in the state. On this basis a one-teacher school would receive \$400; a two-teacher school would receive \$800; and a five-teacher school would receive \$2,000. The bill requires the county assessor to cut from the district property tax levy the amount estimated to be received from this fund.

The remaining twenty-five percent, or \$1,000,000 will go to the county school funds of the counties on the basis of the assessed valuations as equalized by the state tax commission and the county assessor of each county is required to reduce the county property levy by the amount received from this fund. This reduction will average approximately one mill.

Superintendent Howard's computation for Morrow county districts is based on June, 1933, attendance records and March, 1933, valuations. Besides district No. 1, Mr. Howard gives figures for districts 4, 12, 35 and 59.

District 4, near Ione, an elementary district, with one teacher-classroom unit, would receive \$400 with a reduction in district tax of 2.4 mills.

District 12, Lexington, high school and elementary, with 5 units, would receive \$2000, with a reduction in district tax of approximately 3.4 mills.

District 35, Ione, elementary and high school, having 5 units, would receive \$2400, with a district tax reduction of 2.9 mills, approximately.

District 59, near Heppner, an elementary district with one unit, would receive \$400, with a reduction in district tax of 3.5 mills.

Students at Home for the Christmas Holidays

The mid-winter holiday season of the schools of higher education will be a few days longer this year than usual and the numerous students from Heppner have been arriving home over the week end. From O. S. C. come Ruth Turner, Ted McMurdock and Nancy Cox; U. of O., Audrey Beymer, Teresa Brazlin, Jeanette Turner and Earl Thomson; Portland, Hazel Beymer, and Adele Nickerson; La Grande, Ted Thomson. Helen Valentine, in her senior year at the university, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Valentine of Lexington.

TWO DANCES SCHEDULED

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, announces the scheduling of two dances for the holiday season. Christmas dance next Saturday evening with Joe Bibby's Dance band of Grass Valley playing, and a New Years dance on the evening of the 30th with Bud's Jazz band officiating. Members and guests are invited.

BEQUEST PAYMENT RECEIVED

The executors of the estate of Fanny Hood, deceased, have paid over to Heppner Library another 10 percent of the bequest set out in the will. This money is to be used by the library association in the purchase of new books, so we are informed by the president, Lucy E. Rodgers.

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