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BANK TO OPEN MONDAY

GALA CELEBRATION BEING ARRANGED

Special Trade Offerings, Band Concert, Banquet, Dance, Features.

MAYOR TO WELCOME

Fete Planned for Visiting Officials; All County Invited to Join in Offering Felicitations.

When the doors of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland open for business next Monday morning, the new bank will be accorded a royal welcome, according to plans laid by the local contact committee for a big celebration of Bank Opening Day. The committee believes from the many expressions of good will and rejoicing on every hand that all of Morrow county is in a mood to make the celebration one long to be remembered, and they, as well as all the people of Heppner extend a hearty welcome to everyone to participate.

Heppner business houses have entered into the spirit of the occasion with enthusiasm by offering a wide array of attractive bargains to make the day one of unusual trading opportunity, and the city and county governments, organizations and professional people as well as citizens of the community generally are joining to make it a gala day.

Matinee Announced.

Entertainment features for the day include a concert in front of the bank at 1:30 in the afternoon by the Heppner school band. A special matinee has been arranged by the Star theater to begin at 3 o'clock, showing Maurice Chevalier in "The Way to Love."

A public banquet to fetter visiting bank officials will be held at the Christian church basement at 6:30 at a charge of 50 cents a plate. Arrangements are being made to seat 200 people and a presale of tickets will be made. Because of the limited seating capacity those desirous of obtaining tickets should get in touch with J. O. Turner, Gay M. Anderson or Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, members of the banquet committee, at the earliest possible convenience, to make reservations.

Judge Sweek Invited.

Features of the banquet will be welcoming speeches from Mayor Anderson of Heppner and other leading people of the county, talks by visiting bank officials, and musical numbers by selected talent from over the county. Ladies of the church will prepare and serve the dinner. Judge C. L. Sweek has been extended an invitation to act as toastmaster.

Following the banquet a public dance will be held at the Elks hall, where everyone is invited to join in the festivities at a nominal charge.

In staging the celebration it is the intention of the committee to give the people an opportunity to call and get acquainted with the new bank and to express appreciation for its display of confidence in the people and economic soundness of the community. The celebration is intended to reflect the confidence of the people in the new bank and in the brighter future which the bank's coming will aid. It is an opportunity for rejoicing and felicitations.

Another Dividend Slated For F. & S. Depositors

A second dividend of fifteen per cent for the depositors of The Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner is announced by Receiver J. L. Gault, checks covering same having been completed in his office, and are now on their way to Washington, D. C. for the signature of the Comptroller of the Currency. It is expected these checks will be returned to the receiver's office and ready for delivery about January 25th.

HAS APPENDIX OPERATION.

Clifford Yarnell, high school student, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Heppner hospital on Monday afternoon. While he was found to be in a very serious condition, the operation is apparently successful and his early recovery is anticipated.

NAMED COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

Dr. A. B. Gray, Heppner physician, has been named by the county court as county physician for the year 1934, the appointment being made this week at the regular January term.

MYSTERY SHROUDS JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

Presentation Tomorrow Evening to Reveal Hidden Secrets of "The Yellow Shadow."

At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening the curtains will open on the first act of "The Yellow Shadow," the junior class play, at the auditorium-gymnasium. Shots are heard in the dark. A man is murdered and people appear, then disappear without explanation. Who are they and what do they want? Who is the dead man? These questions will be answered Friday night by the following characters and their parts in the mystery-drama:

Mildred Marvin (Irene Kilkenny) plays an attractive young lady from New York. She has inherited the estate from her uncle and has decided to live there and get close to nature in the woods of the north-west. Miss Marvin is very brave and not afraid of criminals and hood-leggers but is most certainly not used to this mysterious "wild" west. Mr. Gilbert Wright (Edwin Dick), a middle-aged attorney, and guardian of Miss Marvin, is determined throughout the play to help solve the mysteries of Viewcrest. Jed Travis (Howard Furlong) is a very mysterious character. He places himself in a suspicious position by his wild and weird talk about the gilliee birds. He seems to know more than he admits. Nell Travis (Lorena Wilson) Jed's wife and the housekeeper at Viewcrest, is another of the suspicious characters. She adds to the suspicions against herself by her strange answers and speeches.

Sheriff Macklin (Ervin Perlberg) claims to be the only one in the whole county who has taken a "detective course." He knows all about criminals and their crimes according to his own opinion. Herbert Marvin (Joe Green) is the brother of Mildred Marvin. He appears on the scene shortly after the murder and gives very suspicious accounts of his adventures. The sheriff is sure that Herbert has something to do with the mystery. Hazel Wayne (Jennie Swendig), the cousin of Mildred Marvin, is a very attractive spinster, age "about" 40 years. She does not like the "wild and woolly" west and does not mind telling you so.

Jennie Steel (Frances Rugg) the county coroner, is a very modest young lady. She knows little about crime and murder and is frank in admitting so. Jennie, however, determines to help the sheriff as much as she can and wherever the sheriff goes, Jennie is not far behind.

Alice Perkins (Jessie French) is the life-long chum of Mildred Marvin. She is a very modern young girl and is very brave. Wong Song (William Schwarz), a mystery himself, adds much more to the queer happenings by his appearances and disappearances.

Morrow County Products On Display in Portland

An array of Morrow county products was taken to Portland this week by C. W. Smith, county agent, to be displayed in the Sixth Ave. windows of the Public Service building. The display sponsored by the Heppner Commercial club and the Pacific Power & Light Co., is one of several from various communities in Oregon and Washington which have been shown at two-week intervals during the past few months. The displays have received favorable mention by the Portland press, as well as individuals who had no conception of the resources and productivity of eastern Oregon and Washington. All Morrow county people who expect to be in Portland between January 15th and 28th should take time to inspect the exhibit of our products.

Ralph Scott was in town Wednesday from his place near Lexington. He was exhibiting a front foot of a hog the outside toe of which was split about its full length underneath. Mr. Scott killed four porkers the first of the week, and each of them presented the same phenomena in both front feet, and he was quite puzzled to know the cause. Upon first thought he was impressed that the hogs were afflicted with some sort of hoof disease; however, it is more likely that the injury was caused in some manner while the animals were feeding. This is the opinion of those to whom he presented the case, including one of our physicians who is satisfied the pigs were not afflicted with any disease. Mr. Scott reports the hogs were in fine condition aside from the split toes, and this affliction went no farther than the foot.

Workmen are busy at the Christian church this week making long needed repairs outside and inside.

CLUB LAYS PLANS FOR PUBLIC FETE

Bank Officials, Local Committee to be Banquet Honor Guests.

URGE ROAD'S FINISH

To Ask Completion of Final 2.5-Mile Gap; Alpine Junket, Red Cross Drive Discussed.

News received Monday of the definite opening date of the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland set the Lions club to work on its part of the opening day celebration, the arrangement of a big public banquet to fetter visiting officials and members of the local contact committee. Plans for this event were discussed at the club meeting Monday, with definite arrangements left in the hands of a committee composed of Gay M. Anderson, J. O. Turner, F. W. Turner, Earl Eskelson, J. H. Gault and L. E. Dick. Special musical numbers were left in the hands of the club's regular program committee.

S. E. Notson, president of the commercial club, announced committees that will handle the commercial body's good will junket to Alpine on Saturday, Feb. 3, when local people will present a program before the meeting of the Alpine Farm Bureau. Mr. Notson extended an invitation to all Heppner people to join in this occasion, and especially asked the cooperation of those who may be called upon to assist with the program. The committee named to prepare the program is Jasper Crawford, Earl W. Gordon and Ray P. Kinne. Frank Turner, Earl Eskelson and C. J. D. Bauman were put in charge of transportation. A similar program was presented at Alpine last year, the pleasantness of which was recalled by Mr. Notson, who brought up for discussion by G. A. Bleakman who called attention to the fact that the present link of 3.2 miles would be finished within the next 60 to 70 days with weather conditions remaining favorable, and that the final gap of 2.5 miles, all easy construction, should be given immediate attention. Mr. Bleakman, a pioneer advocate of the Heppner-Spray road, believed the additional link should be advertised for bids at once as the contractor now on the ground is in position to save the state money on the work.

Bleakman Cites Road Work.

Completion of the Heppner-Spray road, a major project of the club since its organization, was brought up for discussion by G. A. Bleakman who called attention to the fact that the present link of 3.2 miles would be finished within the next 60 to 70 days with weather conditions remaining favorable, and that the final gap of 2.5 miles, all easy construction, should be given immediate attention. Mr. Bleakman, a pioneer advocate of the Heppner-Spray road, believed the additional link should be advertised for bids at once as the contractor now on the ground is in position to save the state money on the work.

Acting on Mr. Bleakman's suggestion, W. W. Smead, chairman of the club's road committee, said he would have his committee get busy immediately to ascertain the possibilities of getting the job put up for bids. Timber interests in the vicinity are especially anxious to see the road completed, Mr. Notson said.

Some new information was given by Mayor Gay M. Anderson on the matter of Heppner obtaining an airport from CWA division of aeronautics money. Since receiving word that Heppner was definitely out of the picture for this work, Mr. Anderson had received a more recent letter from the Portland office saying that there were prospects of an enlarged appropriation to carry on this work. Blanks were enclosed for making application, which will be considered if more money is provided by congress. The blanks were turned over to the club's airport committee.

Bigger Locks Wanted.

Again bringing up the subject of the Columbia river development, Mr. Notson said that Hood River and The Dalles people are not satisfied with the larger locks authorized by the army engineers in connection with the Bonneville dam, as the locks are not yet large enough to permit ships of any size to pass through, and they are continuing their fight. He also had word from E. P. Dodd, executive secretary of the Tri-State Development league, that there is a good chance of another large appropriation for public works being passed by the present session of congress, in which event the brief of the Umatilla Rapids development, now in the hands of Secretary Ickes, will undoubtedly be in line for consideration. Mr. Dodd also gave the information that eastern Washington people are preparing to carry on the fight for upper river development.

Mr. Notson, Mr. Smead and Earl Eskelson, the club's Red Cross soliciting committee, reported a fine response from the Heppner business district in answer to the relief call for Pacific northwest flood sufferers, with not a single turn-down.

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The Future Brightens--

MORROW COUNTY rejoices in announcement of the opening of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland next Monday. Having been without a bank since the local banks closed under moratorium October, '32—starting liquidation last January—the people have sorely felt the inconvenience of doing business without a bank.

The past is history. And a renewed faith and confidence brightens the prospect of the future. Not only is Morrow county to be served by a strong, substantial banking institution which in itself reflects security for the funds entrusted to it, but with the government standing solidly behind the depositors' money—accounts being insured up to \$2500 in amount—no safer place for anyone's money may be found. No longer is it necessary to stick one's funds away in postal savings, sending them clear out of the county, in order that they may be secure. The government now offers the same security to funds in the local bank, where its freer circulation through checks and loans helps to stimulate local business.

The lack of free circulation of money such as can be had only through local banking facilities has caused much hardship here the last year. When the stringency became so acute at one time that it was necessary to issue local scrip—Sheepskin Scrip, the fame of which spread over the entire country—this comparatively slight addition to the local currency was found to bring alleviation, and many credit it with being responsible for holding up the business structure of the city.

Now the scrip is hardly noticeable. More than half the issue has been redeemed with Uncle Sam's money, and what is left of it, soiled as it is from heavy usage, now changes hands more seldom. It will certainly all be redeemed by the due date at the end of this year, a good servant whose memory will be dear.

Already through the government measures that have been taken to give the people use of Uncle Sam's money once more, impetus has been given to local business. It is hoped the wheat allotment checks will reach the county shortly, and with the CWA funds being released weekly, and the improvement in business conditions generally, Morrow county's new bank should find a fertile field for progress. And in giving the service that is its wont, the bank will assist in upbuilding the economic future of the county.

Therein is real cause for rejoicing.

FAST HOOP GAME SLATED SATURDAY

Undeclared Adams Team to Play Heppner Hi Quintet; Hodgens to Shine for Visitors.

Heppner high school basketball quintet will receive its severest test here Saturday night when it meets the hitherto undeclared Adams basketball team. This game is expected to be a thriller as both teams have shown considerable speed in previous games. "Bunnie" Hodgens, the last of the famous Hodgens brothers in the Adams high school, is the man to be watched on the visiting squad. In the last game Heppner played, Jimmie Driscoll scored heavily for the locals. In earlier games Green, Gentry, Jones and Ayers have led in scoring. Adams can hardly afford to let any of the Heppner boys loose with the ball in basket-making territory.

The preliminary game which is to be played by the two leading grade school girls' clubs will start promptly at seven o'clock. Admission: Adults, twenty-five cents; high school students, ten cents. Grade school pupils will be admitted free if accompanied by parents.

Heppner high school's fast basketball quintet defeated the town team on the gym floor Friday night. The high school team took the lead in the first few minutes of play and were never headed. Driscoll of the school was high point man with 14 tallies. The score was 34-18.

The starting lineup was: Howard Furlong, Roy Gentry, guards; Floyd Jones, Jimmie Driscoll, forwards; and Harold Ayers, center. Substitutions were Hiatt, Gilman, McRoberts, Cox, P. Phelan and Van Marter.

The "Fighting Irish" are now working smoothly together and expect to surprise Adams by the scoreboard route.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

Rev. M. G. Tennyson will hold services Sunday as follows: Holy Communion, 11 a. m. in Heppner; services at Cecil, 3 p. m.; services at Hardman, 7:30 p. m.

AUXILIARY OFFERS HOME TALENT PLAY

"The Road to Glory," Musical Comedy of Old Mexico, to be Presented January 19.

The American Legion auxiliary announces a pleasing home talent production to be staged at the school auditorium the evening of Friday, January 19. Entitled "The Road to Glory," the presentation is in the nature of a musical comedy romance of Old Mexico, featuring seven choruses with a wide variety of clever song and dance numbers besides many local people cast in the leading roles.

Depleted is Bob Jackson, a young mining engineer who goes to Juanita, isolated mountain state in Old Mexico, in search of a bit of glory. Bob learns that there are many devious ways along the road to glory, but under the guidance of Simpson, a crooked political boss, he chooses his way. Bob's American friends are shocked to learn of his ambition to be governor at any cost, but Bob is determined. Professor Buggsby, in his pursuit of the Stiff Stuff and Woolf Rung, furnishes much clever comedy.

The cast includes Virginia Vanmus, a girl from Wyoming, Pat Monahan; Margery Moore, clerk in Hotel Americana; Marjory Clark; Pedro, bellhop in Hotel Americana; Francis Nickerson; Professor Buggsby, who pursues the Stiff Stuff; Crockett Sprule; Bob Jackson, candidate for governor of Juanita; Clarence Hayes; Joe Joyce, who is still his friend, Claude Peevey; Canita, the local enchantress; Adelyn O'Shea; Manuel, leader of the Indians; Phillip Food; Simpson, an American promoter, Paul Gemmill.

County Meetings Set

Under Corn-Hog Plan

Two meetings will be held in Morrow county on Friday, Jan. 19, to present the corn-hog plan under the agricultural adjustment act, according to word received from C. W. Smith, county agent, who is in Corvallis this week attending a state-wide meeting of county agents. One will be held at Root hall in Boardman beginning at 9:30 a. m., and the other at the courthouse in Heppner beginning at 2 p. m.

P. M. Brandt, head of animal husbandry at the state college, will attend the meetings and will discuss the corn-hog plan, while Mr. Smith will tell of organizing the farmers of the county so that they may qualify to receive benefit payments, and setting up a county corn and hog production association. The meetings are expected to be of great importance to many farmers in the county.

Among questions which will be answered are: Who pays the processing tax on hogs? What must a farmer do to qualify to receive benefit? How much money will it bring into the county? Remember the date and time of meetings and attend the meeting closest to your home, said Mr. Smith.

Good Report Received on Local Road Work

E. B. Aldrich, eastern Oregon's highway commissioner, yesterday expressed himself as favorable to the completion of the 2.5-mile gap of the Heppner-Spray road, the last remaining sector to be graded, according to report of W. W. Smead, roads chairman of the Lions club, who with members of the county court and H. A. Tamblin, county engineer, interviewed Mr. Aldrich in Pendleton yesterday. The estimate on this sector is \$15,000. Mr. Aldrich said he would take the matter up at the meeting of the highway commission on the 18th.

The party also interviewed J. F. Irwin, supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest, on the chances of obtaining a new road to connect with the Willow creek and Arbutus roads. The contemplated road of 4 1/2 miles would connect with the Willow creek road about a mile and a half below the old Herren mill, following around Little Round mountain and up Squaw canyon to connect with the Arbutus road at Arbutus spring. Mr. Irwin believed chances were good for obtaining the road this summer, in event a CCC camp is established in this section again this year.

BOOKWORMS MEET.

The ladies comprising the Bookworms club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jas. G. Thomson, Jr., in Jones apartments. The book, "Pageant" was reviewed by Mrs. C. W. Smith and discussed by other members of the club. As an event of the evening, Mrs. Thomson was presented with a present by members of the club in commemoration of her recent marriage. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the following members: Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Arthur McAtee, Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Mrs. George Mabree, Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Miss Leta Humphreys and Miss Lulu Hager.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR OPENING DAY

Permit Received Yesterday; President Gives Warm Statement.

MORTON IS MANAGER

Recent Liquidator at Wasco Will Have Charge Here; Merle Becket, Reita Neel on Staff.

Plans of The First National Bank of Portland to establish a branch office at Heppner took definite form yesterday when a permit for establishment of the branch was received from the comptroller of currency's office in Washington, D. C. "The First National bank applied for a permit after we had been petitioned by Heppner residents to establish an office here," stated E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National bank. "The Heppner district has been without banking facilities for more than a year. Since the community is the natural trading center for the wheat, cattle and sheep industries of that district, the lack of convenient banking facilities was keenly felt. We are glad that, in keeping with our policy of providing adequate state-wide banking service, it is possible for us to open an office where it is so obviously needed."

Bank Manager Named.

E. L. Morton, deputy superintendent of banks in charge of liquidating the Bank of Commerce at Wasco, Oregon, will be manager of the new branch. Morton was born in Ontario, Oregon, and has been for many years in the banking business in livestock and agricultural districts of the state. He has served as director of the Vale Irrigation project and for the past six years has been a member of the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement board formed in connection with government projects in Malheur county. Morton served with the 91st (Wild West) division in France and Belgium during the World War, and was with banks at Harper and Ontario from that time until 1931 when he entered the employ of the state banking department. He is married and has two children, Jack, 10, and Arlene, 13.

Morton's experience in Malheur county projects has made him acquainted with the problems of both the irrigated and the semi-arid farm," said Mr. MacNaughton. "Branch managers must be acquainted with and experienced in the problems of the districts they serve, and we believe Morton's past experiences especially qualify him for managing this new Heppner branch."

Merle Becket has been named assistant manager. Becket is a Heppner resident and was born at Weston.

He has spent most of his life in this district, graduating from Heppner high school. He was an employe of the First National bank of Heppner until 1927, when he left to attend Oregon State college and the University of Oregon.

Miss Reita Neel, also of Heppner, will be the third member of the bank's staff.

Is Sixteenth Branch.

Opening of the branch here will bring to 16 the number of branch offices established by the First National bank since passage of the branch banking legislation last spring. Total resources of the First National Bank of Portland, as of December 30, 1933, were \$54,449,667.42.

"With the improvement of the highway south of Heppner, this district will undoubtedly assume its importance as a trading center for the wealthy wheat section south of Heppner," said Mr. MacNaughton. "The establishment of a branch office in this district demonstrates our confidence in the future of Heppner and our belief in returning prosperity to the ranchers and farmers of eastern Oregon."

Mr. MacNaughton and J. H. Mackie, vice president of the First National bank, were in Heppner recently. Both are well acquainted with this district and are widely known in eastern Oregon.

WILL MOVE OFFICE.

P. W. Mahoney, attorney, is arranging to move his office into the Heppner Hotel building. He will occupy the rooms recently vacated by J. P. Conder. Mr. Mahoney, since locating at Heppner, has had his office in the rear rooms of the First National bank building. These rooms will be occupied by J. L. Gault, receiver of the Heppner banks, and his office force. This will leave the banking rooms ready for the occupancy of Heppner's new bank.