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## COUNTY BENEFITS BY CWA PROJECTS

### Road Work Leads in Improvement to Date; All Sections Helped.

### FEB. 15 IS DEADLINE

#### New Alignment on Willow, Rhea Creek Routes Used; School Projects to be Pushed.

That Morrow county is obtaining a large amount of improvement of a permanent character through the expenditure of CWA - locally matched funds is evidenced on a visit to the various projects now under way or which have been completed. All parts of the county are receiving the benefit of the work, which largely to date has been in the nature of road improvement.

Among the most noticeable improvements is the result of the project on the upper Willow creek road, one of the first projects to be started. The original project is now nearing completion. It called for widening and straightening of the road where needed over a distance of seven miles reaching down Willow creek from the old McCullough sheep corrals a few miles above the forks of the creek. Beginning at the forks of the creek an entirely new alignment was made up the creek, putting the road down on the creek bottom and eliminating the long narrow grade formerly existing on the road at this place. At other points bad curves and narrow spots have been eliminated and widened and the grade bank built up in a substantial and permanent manner with hand work. This, as well as other road projects of the county, have been under the supervision of H. A. Tamblin, county engineer. The new construction on the upper end has all been done to date with county machinery.

#### Route Change Made.

On upper Rhea creek, beginning at the bridge at the Groshens place, another road project is under way, with a crew engaged so far in clearing the right-of-way for a new alignment which will put the road entirely on the north side of the creek up to the forks of the creek. This change will eliminate many curves and jogs in the road and give a much straighter and even grade.

On lower Rhea creek the county has been busy for some time extending the surfacing on the former grade of the Jordan market road, and in addition a CWA crew is busy further up, a short way south of the Hoskins place, making improvements of the grade.

At Lexington the project of improving the cemetery hill road is nearing completion. The use of county machinery in making the grade was employed here with the use of caterpillars to pull the grader. A wider, more gradual grade, with improved surface is the result here, giving Lexington a good all-year road to the top of the cemetery hill.

#### Make Rock Fill.

The Johnson hill road, which residents say has not been touched for fifty years, is the project being carried on at Ione. Here elimination of the former steep narrow road going up the canyon just out of Ione is being accomplished by dropping down more on the side of the hill, cutting through a sector of solid rock and throwing in a good sized fill to make a wider, more gradual grade with solid rock foundation. A large tonnage of wheat comes into Ione over this road which will be transported much easier another year.

On down at Boardman the CWA crew has been busy cleaning up the right-of-way of several of the irrigation project roads. The improvement here is very noticeable. Before the crew started these right-of-ways were a mass of new growth trees on either side of the narrow roadway, starting from the roots of the large poplars along the fence rows. The grubbing work necessary landed itself especially well to the hand work required by the CWA and good progress is evidenced.

Through CWA funds Irrigon is obtaining a good surfaced road to the river and the ferry crossing to Plymouth Wash. Heavy wagons and teams of farmers have been largely used in transporting the gravel, and with the headway already made it was expected the work would be completed this week.

#### City Hall Progresses.

In Heppner two major projects have been under way for some time. One, re-roofing of the schoolhouse, was completed the first of the week, and the other, renovating of the city hall, is making good headway. Both are permanent, needed improvements of real value to the city. Several other minor projects have been completed or are under way, and all of the projects now going are expected to be finished by February 15, the first dead line set under the CWA setup.

How far the CWA work will be extended depends upon action of congress at the present session. There is a large popular demand for the government to carry on this

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## "ROAD TO GLORY" TO BENEFIT BAND

### Date of Legion Auxiliary Home Talent Play Changed to 22nd; Seven Choruses Arranged.

"The Road to Glory," musical comedy romance of Old Mexico, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, will benefit the Heppner school band as all the proceeds above expenses will be added to the band's fund for the purchase of new uniforms. The date of the production has been changed from January 19 as announced last week, to the 22nd, next Monday.

The comedy is one which has received much favorable comment throughout western states where it has been presented in the last few months, and the cast is all local. Ninety local people take part in the production, with seven choruses included besides those cast in the play roles. The choruses are elaborately costumed and present many clever songs and dances.

The plot is centered around several young people from the United States who have gone to Old Mexico for various reasons. There are many comic situations. Cast in the various roles are:

Bob Jackson, in search of a bit of glory, Clarence Hayes; Joe Joyce, Bob's best friend, Claude Peavy; Margery Moore, Bob's fiancée, Mrs. Fern Turner; Virginia Vamuus, the girl from Wyoming, Patricia Monahan; Pedro, bell hop and general nuisance, Francis Nickerson; Prof. Buggsby, who pursues the Stuff-Stuff (when he has time), Crockett Sprouts; Carita, the local enchantress, Josephine Mahoney; Simpson, an American with racketeering ideas, Paul Gemmill; Manuel, leader of the Indians, Phillip Ford; Jones, Simpson's "yes" man, Hubert Gaily.

The comedy is under the direction of Verne B. Reed of the Rocky Mountain Productions of Sheridan, Wyoming.

## Was Resident of Heppner For More Than 50 Years

Nels Magnuson, a resident of this community since 1882, was called by death at Heppner hospital in this city on Sunday afternoon, being aged 90 years, 3 months and 7 days. It was last October 7th that Mr. Magnuson celebrated his 90th birthday, and at this time he was confined at the hospital where he was being cared for and treated for serious internal ailments, and death came to him as he slept peacefully. Funeral services were held at Case Memorial Mortuary on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with Rev. Joseph Pope, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge, and interment in the Morrow plot at Masonic cemetery. Mr. Magnuson had no relatives in this immediate vicinity, and it is not known whether any of his people reside in America.

Nels Magnuson was a native of Sweden and came to America when a mere lad, residing for a number of years in Illinois, then later in Missouri, and coming to Heppner in 1882 from the latter state. During the greater portion of the time since arriving here, he resided in Heppner, working as a teamster and in the livery barn of Nels and James Jones. He also worked for a number of years for the late William Penland as camp tender. When the Heppner Gazette was established, Nels brought in the plant from Alkali (now Arlington) and he was always proud of his part in getting the paper started. During the time J. W. Morrow was running the Palace hotel in Heppner, Mr. Magnuson worked for him, driving the bus and doing such other work as was required of him, and he continued in the employ of Mr. Morrow for many years, living in the Morrow place here and looking after it in the absence of the owner, eventually making purchase of the residence property in town and establishing his home there.

Nels Magnuson was a mighty fine old gentleman, and his long residence in this community was rewarded by the great number of fast friendships he made. His funeral on Tuesday was largely attended, and there were many expressions of sorrow at his passing. He had been a life-long member of the Lutheran church, consistent in his faith, and he passes to a well earned reward.

#### AUXILIARY MEETS.

The local unit of the American Legion auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Victor Peterson with Mrs. L. E. Dick as associate hostess. Four new members were initiated. Plans for the play, "The Road to Glory," to be presented on the 22nd were discussed and it was decided to give the proceeds above expenses to the school band to add to its uniform fund. Also discussed were plans for entertaining the Hermiston unit, a duty devolved upon the local unit through losing in a recent membership contest between the two units. More details of the latter entertainment will appear later.

#### LEGION TO MEET.

A special meeting of Heppner post No. 87, American Legion, has been called by Commander Harry Tamblin, for this (Thursday) evening, at the office of the county judge in the courthouse. Important business makes the attendance of all members imperative, says the post commander.

## MORROW COUNTY PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY



This is the advertising display of Morrow county products presented in the windows of the Pacific Power & Light company office in Portland that has been causing much favorable comment. Many people not acquainted with Morrow county are reported to be

amazed at the variety and wealth of products the county produces. Material for the display was taken to Portland by Chas. W. Smith, county agent, the first of the month. It is one of a series of similar window displays shown for two-week intervals to pub-

lize products of the territory served by the Pacific Power and Light Co. The Morrow county display was sponsored jointly by the power company and the Heppner Commercial club. The attractiveness speaks for itself in the picture.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE NAMED.

A Farm Debt Adjustment committee for Morrow county has been named by Governor Meier in accordance with a request by the governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The duties of the committee will include arbitration of debt disputes and otherwise looking after the interests of farm debtors to avert unnecessary mortgage foreclosures, and so far as possible,

to see that applications of farmers for loans from government credit associations obtain just consideration. O. M. Plummer of Portland is state manager of the new setup. Appointed on the local board are John J. Wightman, Bert Johnson, Henry Srouse, Joe Devine and George Peck. It is expected a district meeting will be held shortly for dissemination of more detailed information on the functioning of the new setup.

## THE BUILDING AND PERSONNEL OF HEPPNER'S NEW BRANCH BANK



Former home of First National Bank of Heppner now occupied by the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland



E. L. MORTON, Manager



MERLE BECKET, Asst. Mgr.

## Hiram Tash Passes at Home in Walla Walla

According to word received here, Hiram Tash died at his home in Walla Walla on Tuesday, aged 90 years. He was living with his daughter, Mrs. Omar Stanton, and had made that city his home since 1919, going there from Heppner. Mr. Tash was a native of Indiana, and was an early settler in this county, having located on a farm near Hardman, where he resided for many years before retiring and removing to Heppner. He came west to California in 1859, the next year coming to Walla Walla. As a young man he followed mining for some years, and it was while prospecting in the eastern Oregon country that he became interested in this locality. He is survived by two sons, John and Fred Tash, and the one daughter, Mrs. Stanton, with whom he made his home in his declining years.

Isn't it better to have photographs taken than to wish you had? We have prices to suit all pocketbooks. The DeBunce Studio, Heppner, Ore.



MISS REITA NEEL, Bookkeeper

## NEW FARM CREDIT SET-UP IS SLATED

### Organization Meeting Called for Pendleton on Feb. 24 to Start Local Association.

Steps toward organizing an agricultural production credit association for Morrow, Umatilla, Walla and the section of Union county north of La Grande will be taken at a meeting in Pendleton on February 24, called by Irvie Williams, president of the Production Credit corporation, according to announcement by Chas. W. Smith, county agent. The hope is expressed that all interested farmers of this county will attend the meeting, as 30 incorporators will be chosen from among those present, and from the 30 a board of directors will be named.

The matter of location of the various local production credit associations has been gone into thoroughly in the last few months because of protests made against the designation of some already established, and there will be no changes from the designations as announced, it was said.

The production credit associations are set up for the purpose of making loans for general agricultural purposes including the producing and harvesting of crops; breeding, raising, and fattening of livestock; production of poultry and livestock products.

To obtain loans borrowers offer acceptable security to buy voting stock in, and become members of, a local production credit association. Each borrower must own stock in the association of a value equal to about 5 percent of the money borrowed. The association is chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1933 by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The association is supervised and regulated by the production credit corporation of the district.

A loan to any one farmer may not exceed 20 percent of the combined capital and guaranty fund of the association unless the collateral is approved by the production credit corporation. With such approval of the collateral, a loan may be made in an amount not exceeding 50 percent of the combined capital and guaranty fund of the association. No loans for less than \$50 can be made.

Almost all loans are made with maturities not exceeding one year. The maturity of a loan will approximate the marketing period of the crop or livestock financed by the loan.

Primary security must be a first-mortgage lien on personal property, such as livestock, implements and crops. Real estate liens are acceptable only as secondary security.

Interest rates on loans cannot exceed by more than 3 percent the discount rate of the federal intermediate credit bank of the district. At the present time the discount rate varies from 3 to 3 1/2 percent, making the interest charged the farmer vary from 6 to 6 1/2 percent. Borrower pays reasonable inspection charge and all fees for title search and recording.

## LIBRARY PREPARES FOR NEW LOCATION

### Meeting Announced; Book Mending Progresses; Rented Tunes May Returned Free of Fines.

The annual meeting of the Heppner Library association will be held Saturday, January 20, at 3 o'clock in the office of the president, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, at the court house. All members of the library board, its committees and the library staff are expected to be present. Any persons interested in the library are also urged to attend, whether or not they are connected with it in an official capacity.

The work of mending and checking the library's books is going forward under CWA auspices, but due to the nature of the work the staff finds it impossible to keep the library open for circulation during the repairing work. Since the library will be moved to its new quarters in the city hall as soon as they are ready, circulation will not begin again until the move has been made.

In an effort to round up all its books, a few of which are still out, the library board will accept any library book, no matter how long past due, without charging fines. This offer will be good only until the library is reopened. Books may be left at the library or the CWA office near by.

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS.

Ed Shea, governor of Lions International for the Oregon district, was a Heppner visitor Monday. He was pleased to note the progressive and optimistic spirit displayed here in the celebration of the bank opening, and commended the spirit warmly. Mr. Shea was in the city in the morning, leaving for Pendleton shortly after noon, and he expressed regret at not being able to meet with the local club, though he conferred with President McMurdo and other officers and commended the club on its good progress. Conditions generally over his district are on the upgrade as reflected in the work of the service organization, Mr. Shea said.

## BANK'S OPENING FETED BY COUNTY

### \$76,000 in Deposits Received First Day; Entertainment Given.

### BANQUET DRAWS 200

### Band Concert, Matinee, Dance Attract, While Many Shop; Good Will, Optimism Expressed.

Morrow county welcomed the 17th office of the First National Bank of Portland with open arms when it opened its doors for business here Monday. Not alone with flowers and banquet did her people show appreciation, but with deposits totaling \$76,000 at the close of the day's business the bank was in fact accorded a royal welcome.

E. L. Morton, manager, Merle Becket, assistant manager, and Miss Reita Neel, bookkeeper of the local bank were assisted in transacting the opening day's business by outside members of the bank's firm including Dave Bauman, assistant auditor, Guy N. Hickok and Grant Hemphill of the new business department, all of Portland. Mr. Hickok and Mr. Hemphill remained over for a few days to help in setting up the new business.

E. B. MacNaughton, president, and J. H. Mackie, vice-president of the mother bank, arrived for the banquet in the evening, and C. C. Colt, vice-president, arrived earlier in the day, greeting some of the bank's patrons during the day and was present also for the banquet in the evening. Members of the staff of the Pendleton and The Dalles branches were also present for the opening and attended the banquet. Included were C. C. Clarkson, manager; Will F. Glass and H. L. Clatwobas, assistant managers, and R. F. Mollner, Ray Hester, Joe Light, Oscar Schultz, Floyd Wilshire and Oswald Wade, all of Pendleton; and Eugene Courtney, manager, and Mrs. Courtney, of The Dalles.

#### Flowers Profuse.

The day was marked throughout by the more than usual trading activity stimulated by special offerings of local stores in honor of the occasion. A profusion of beautiful flowers, tokens of good wishes from business interests of the county, adorned the bank lobby and gave charm to the banquet tables when the outstanding event of the day, presided over by Judge C. L. Sweek as toastmaster, engendered more good feeling among the 200 folks seated at the tables in the basement of the Christian church.

A much appreciated feature of the day was the concert given in front of the bank at 1:30 by the Heppner school band under the direction of Harold Buhman. The band gave an enjoyable half-hour concert in spite of the chilly atmosphere and attracted a large crowd. Their participation brought words of pride and commendation on every hand. At 3 o'clock many folks took advantage of the matinee showing of Maude Chevalier in "The Way to Love," at the Star theater, and a public dance at the Elks hall, which attracted a capacity crowd, wound up the day's activities.

#### Confidence Expressed.

In addressing the folks at the banquet, President MacNaughton expressed appreciation of the good reception given the local branch and reiterated comments made on announcing the proposed opening, at which time he said, "The First National Bank of Portland has long wished to make its services statewide. The branch banking legislation of last spring made it possible for us to extend our banking facilities into communities over the state where the services of this institution are most needed. We are particularly glad to add our ninth out-of-town branch in a district where a convenient bank has been so much needed. Establishment of this branch demonstrates our confidence in the future of the wheat, cattle and sheep industries on which Heppner depends and our belief in returning prosperity for farmers and ranchers of eastern Oregon."

Mr. MacNaughton's talk was given in response to the address of welcome by Gay M. Anderson, mayor of Heppner, in which Mr. Anderson expressed appreciation of the bank's coming and what it signifies toward better times for the community, bespeaking also success for the new bank. The program opened with invocation and closed with benediction by Joel R. Benton, minister of the Church of Christ. Other speakers included Mr. Colt and Mr. Morton on behalf of the bank, and S. E. Notson and J. G. Barratt, Heppner; H. E. Peterson, Eight Mile; Miss Dona Barnett, Lexington; Mrs. Bert Mason and A. E. Johnson, Ione, and R. A. Thompson, Heppner, all of whom expressed appreciation of their respective communities on having banking facilities again conveniently located within the county. Other visiting bankers were introduced by the toastmaster. Miss Lucy Spittle, Ione, and Laurel Beach, Lexington, were well received in vocal solos which added much pleasure to the entertainment. Miss Eula McMillan was accompanist. The ladies of

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