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DECLINE OF RACE FORESEEN IN 1956

Socratic League Discussion by Lions Reveals Birth Rate Drop.

AID FARMERS' FIGHT Club Opposes Proposed Increase in Freight Rates; To Sponsor Luncheon for Woolmen.

Present statistical trends showing proportion of births to deaths indicate that by 1956 deaths will exceed births in the United States, according to the Socratic league program discussion led before the Lions' Monday noon luncheon by Edward F. Bloom, superintendent of city schools. The discussion was prelude by a statement of facts, in which was included a plea from Robert S. Beddow, ex-president of Lions International, for serious consideration of the problem by the people.

The statistics quoted, tending to verify the discussion topic of "Race Suicide," showed a gradual gain of deaths on births in the country over the last several decades. "Where families of ten and eleven children were quite common, now families of five or six children are considered large," it was stated. "It is also evident that large families are not found among those people more able to afford them. A continuance of the present trend can only mean the eventual suicide of the race. As one of the tenets of Lionism is 'Our Nation's Safety,' Lions cannot ignore this problem, according to the declaration of Robert S. Beddow, then-president, at the last International convention."

Various responses were made to a number of questions on the subject, showing what local Lions believe to be contributing factors to the statistical trends. The tendency toward more centralized population and congested quarters has discouraged the rearing of families, it was believed. Times of depression were also said to discourage parents from bringing children into a world which at the time seems to afford slight chance for them.

While the birth rate has been decreasing, at the same time the infant mortality rate has been cut, it was pointed out. The latter was accredited to great strides by the medical profession in saving children at birth.

Not sufficient time was had to discuss the topic deeply. One Lion, however, quoted a recent statement of an official in Seattle as giving food for thought. This official in addressing a meeting said, "Gentlemen, there were eleven children born yesterday. Ten of them were Japanese." Time was not afforded to answer the question, "Are men or women, either more than the other, responsible for the decline in births?" A bachelor tax was cited as one measure taken in Italy to affect more births.

Lions endorsed the movement of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and Northwest Farm Rate council in their fight to head off the railroads in the latter's demands for higher freight rates. S. E. Notson, who presented the matter, linked in the work of the Inland Waterways association as a worthwhile movement in bringing about lower transportation costs for commodities raised in the county. But the river improvement though essential, is still in the future, while the other matter is immediate in nature and demands quick action, he said. Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney, is now drawing up the farmers' brief, and an additional hearing on the matter is expected shortly.

Morrow county has been asked for \$400 to help with this fight, which if won will give ten-fold returns. Of this amount something over \$100 has already been sent in, reported Chas. B. Cox, chairman of the local committee for the wheat league.

Lions voted to sponsor a luncheon for visiting woolmen on Monday, January 13, the opening day of the Oregon State Woolgrowers convention here. The committee on arrangements included Joe Belanger, J. O. Turner, Dr. R. C. Lawrence, J. D. Cash and Jasper Crawford.

Mrs. Crockett Sprouls and Mrs. Hubert Gaily sang two duet numbers, accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner, which were well received.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Pope announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances Lorraine, to Mr. Carl Anton Lindstrom. The marriage will be solemnized at a public wedding on the evening of December 23rd at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church in this city, and all friends of the family are invited.

WITH PORTLAND SYMPHONY. Laurel Beach of Lexington was recently chosen a member of the Portland symphony orchestra under von Hoogstraten. He has the special tenor solo work for the concert to be given January 7. He expects to spend the holiday season in the city in preparation of the work.

Farm Bureau Program Aids Christmas Cheer

"A bigger and better Christmas tree," Alpine Farm Bureau's slogan when it sponsored its annual pie social for Christmas funds, will indeed be fulfilled. But how could it be otherwise when an enthusiastic and cooperative group filled the Alpine schoolhouse to capacity last Saturday night. Sections far and near were represented, including Butter creek, Lena, Lexington, Ione, Heppner, Hermiston and Pendleton.

The big surprise came when W. J. Doherty, president, announced the program, would be presented in the nature of a radio broadcast. Gradually the voices of a quartet singing the final strains of "Strawberry Roan" were heard. As the curtains were drawn, a broadcasting station came into view with the master of ceremonies advertising "Slap Bang" mouse traps, and speaking into an "honest-to-goodness mike." Two hours of entertainment and fun followed as station AFBS presented such nationally famous performers as Bing Crosby, Harry Lauder, Jackie Cooper, Shirley Temple and others. Also included were tap dancing, highland fling, recitations, musical readings, short plays and skits, singing, music and a beauty discussion by Madame Sylvia. Pine City and Strawberry contributed successful numbers. Announcers Alex Lindsay and Lawrence Doherty interrupted at intervals long enough to give several humorous "sales talks," at one time giving a fine example of static which caused much uproar.

Following the broadcast, as the pies were brought in, G. L. Bennett, well known local auctioneer, found willing buyers and the bidding was brisk and spirited. Thus, another annual pie social opens the festive season at Alpine and surrounding communities, with thoughts of Christmas sweets.—Contributed.

Elks' Departed Brothers Honored at Sorrow Lodge

James Hart, Charles Thomson and Arthur A. McAtee, departed brothers of the last year, were paid solemn tribute by Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, in appropriate public ceremonies at the lodge hall Sunday afternoon. A fitting address, based upon the teachings of the order, was well delivered by C. J. D. Bauman, past exalted ruler, in which he named each of the departed as one who loved Heppner and who contributed much to the community in charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

Invocation and benediction were pronounced by Joel R. Benton, Christian minister. Mrs. J. O. Turner played the entering march and accompanied the quartet, F. W. Turner, J. O. Turner, Dean T. Goodman and John Anglin, who sang "The Wondrous Cross." Bert Evans, high school English instructor, recited "Thanatopsis." The lodge and audience sang "Auld Lang Syne," which with the lodge ceremonies, presided over by Jas. G. Thomson, Jr., exalted ruler, completed the program.

LEXINGTON TRIMS LOCALS.

Lexington high school and town teams were victorious in both games of a double header played in the local gym Tuesday evening. The town team game, nip and tuck throughout, ended 26-25, after a last minute rally by the locals featured by several long scoring shots by Al Massey failed to overcome the visitor's lead. Joe Green led the scoring for the local high school to get their part of the 19-12 score. The outcome of this game was in doubt until late in the final period when Lexington opened up a series of flashy scoring plays. Harold Euhman refereed both games, and a good sized crowd attended. The next high school game is slated for Saturday night at Ione, and the local town team hopes for a double header for the evening.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

At a regular communication of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., Saturday evening, the annual election of officers was held. Marvin R. Wightman was chosen Worshipful Master; Lawrence Beach, Senior Warden; J. O. Turner, Junior Warden; Frank S. Parker, treasurer, and Spencer Crawford, secretary. Installation of the elected and appointive officers will be held later in the month and will be a joint affair with the other Masonic bodies of the city. Claims are served following the lodge session.

ON ANNUAL STAFF.

Frances Nickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson and a freshman at Oregon State college, has been appointed to a position on the Beaver, college yearbook, staff. Other activities of young Nickerson include secretaryship of the freshman class treasury and a place on the class debate team.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Outstanding warrants of School Dist. No. 12, Lexington, Oregon, up to and including warrant No. 561, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest ceases with this notice.

DONA E. BARNETT,
Clerk, Dist. No. 12.

CLAM FEED SET.

Rhea Creek grange is sponsoring a clam feed for Saturday evening at their hall, with all grangers invited, according to announcement by Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stephens, in the city Tuesday.

CHANNEL WORK ON RIVER SET

\$400,000 for Next Year to Make Columbia Navigable by Barges as Far East as Umatilla.

Walla Walla.—Announcement has been made from the United States district engineer's office in Portland that the \$400,000 PWA appropriation for the channel improvement program on the Columbia river between Celilo and Wallula will be available next year. Completion of the open river work will permit barge operation where today only river steamers are plying. This provides an improved Columbia river as far east as Umatilla to date.

The brief asking the \$400,000 appropriation was filed August 22 and this announcement was made November 26. That the appropriation has been granted is evidence that repeated urgings from granges and chambers of commerce of the three Pacific northwest states are being heeded.

An outstanding development from the standpoint of the Inland Empire Waterways association, which filed the brief asking the appropriation of letters and telegrams on the PWA from the northwest, is the perfecting of regional committees in several districts of Washington and Oregon to handle its membership activities. This plan was first put into operation in Whitman county, Wash., where O. E. Barbee, Pomona grange master, called a meeting of key men from subordinate granges. The regional group plan developed.

Since then it has been extended to The Dalles where a similar committee was formed. Others are being organized in various other districts, especially at Arlington and in Yakima county, Wash.

Mrs. W. W. Smead, 88, Celebrates Natal Day

Thanksgiving dinner was celebrated on Friday at the home of W. W. Smead, Heppner's mayor-elect, the day's postponement being occasioned in order to celebrate jointly the 88th birthday of Mrs. Smead. The dinner was tendered by her daughter, Mrs. Lena White, and guests for the occasion included Mrs. Jennie Elder, Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson, Miss Anne McNamee, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner, Mr. Smead, Miss Mary White, Mrs. Lida Metcalf, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo called later and spent the afternoon. Mrs. Smead was the recipient of several gifts and many words of cheer.

Mrs. Mattie Thornton Smead was 88 on Friday, November 30. Though practically bedfast for many months due to infirmities of age, she has maintained a bright mind, taking much interest in life. Friday's party was especially enjoyable to her.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church at two o'clock on Friday afternoon for the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck who died Tuesday evening following a short illness. James Robert Peck was born on Dec. 24, 1933, and passed away on November 27, 1934 at the age of 11 months and 3 days. Besides his parents he is survived by one sister, Dorothy Irene, and two brothers, Ronald and Lyle.

In the basketball game at Heppner Tuesday evening the Lexington high school team defeated the Heppner high quintet, the final score being 19 to 15. The Lexington town team was also victorious over the Heppner town team with a score of 25 to 20.

Teddy Leavitt, who is holding a revival meeting at the Christian church in Heppner, will preach at the Christian church here on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. A pot luck supper was served at the Christian church Wednesday evening.

Miss Gertrude Skow, home demonstration agent from Oregon State college, conducted a course of instruction in recreational leadership in Lexington on Monday and Tuesday. The course consisted of instruction in leading group singing, street games, noisy games, grand marches, etc. The various organizations of the county were represented at these meetings.

Installation of officers will take place at the meeting of Lexington grange Saturday evening. A pot luck supper will be served after the meeting.

The following item is from the Colome Times, printed at Colome, South Dakota, Nov. 22, 1934. The Mr. Gregory referred to is Buster Gregory, graduate of Lexington high school and son of J. E. Gregory. "The football game between Winner and Colome on the local field, Tuesday, developed into a real battle and was conceded by everyone to be the best game of the season on a Rosebud gridiron. . . . A few weeks ago Gregory nosed out Colome in a hard fought game 9 to 6. A week or ten days ago Winner defeated Gregory 36 to 0. Tuesday Colome held Winner, undisputed Rosebud champions, to a 7 to 7 tie. Figure it out for yourself. Colome's team is composed mainly of inexperienced men, many of them first year men. Un-

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Illness of Cast Member Delays Junior Class Play

Presentation of the junior class play, "The Patsy," scheduled for presentation at the gym-auditorium tomorrow evening, was unfortunately postponed because Howard Bryant, one of the actors, has the chickenpox, according to announcement from the high school this morning. The new date for presentation is next Tuesday evening.

LOCAL NEWS

C. G. Blayden, Rev. H. E. Thomas and E. W. Peck were Boardman residents here yesterday to meet with the Morrow county relief committee in the consideration of relief work for the north end project. Other men from there were George Wicklander and T. E. Hendrix and all of the gentlemen appeared before the county court on matters pertaining to roads and other improvements in their community.

Hugh Currin of Pilot Rock and his sister, Mrs. Agnes Wilcox of Ione, were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Currin at Gresham for Thanksgiving when all the family were gathered together for a reunion and a grand good time. After spending a few days visiting with relatives and friends in the Clackamas country, Mr. Currin and Mrs. Wilcox returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine and two younger children returned home last night from a trip to Doris, Cal., where they visited for several days with Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Gray, former friends here. They report the Grays nicely settled at Doris, where they moved recently, and enjoying life in their new location.

Miss Juanita Crawford of Adams, Miss Lois Hewitt of Milton and Mrs. Ritchie of Freewater were officers of the Columbia C. E. Union in Heppner on Sunday. They went to Hardman Sunday afternoon and assisted in organizing a C. E. there. They had been in Gilliam county on a similar mission.

C. Gertrude French, M. D., of The Dalles was in the city on Sunday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Bertha D. Gilman. Mrs. Gilman had been making her home with Mrs. French for some time prior to her death.

Clark Stephens and wife were in Heppner on Tuesday from the ranch on upper McKinney creek. Moisture and mild weather have combined to produce an abundance of good fall range on the hills in that vicinity.

Harlan Devin, manager of Safeway stores at Condon, was here Saturday night and part of Sunday. He came for his wife and son who had been enjoying a visit of several days with relatives in this city.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church will hold their annual bazaar and cooked food sale at the church parlors on Saturday afternoon. They will welcome and appreciate your patronage.

Mrs. J. E. Daniels of Weston and her friend, Miss Kathryn Nordeen of Pendleton, were Thanksgiving visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry, parents of Mrs. Daniels.

Mrs. Carrie Vaughn returned home on Sunday from a visit of several weeks with her sister and family at Sunnyside, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vaughn drove over for her.

Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle of Pendleton will be in Heppner on Sunday evening and will hold services in the Episcopal church at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ingles were in the city Tuesday evening from Boardman, taking in the basketball games. Mr. Ingles coaches the Boardman high team.

C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, departed for Portland Wednesday where he is attending the convention of Oregon sheriffs being held in the city this week end.

Miss Margaret Woodson, attorney, was here over the week end from her home at Los Angeles. She was looking after her property interests in this city.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS ORGANIZE.

Nakomis Camp of Campfire Girls was organized Monday night with Miss Dale as their guardian and Miss Peregrin as assistant guardian. The new camp has 16 charter members. These are Kathryn Nye, Margaret Tamblin, Frances Egan, Kathryn Thompson, Clara Belle Adams, Margaret Doolittle, Lois Jones, Shirley Wilson, Jeanette Blakely, Helen Egan, Norma Christensen, Virginia Swendig, Carolyn Vaughn, Zelma Eskelson, Frances McCarty and Bettie Marie Adkins. The officers of the new camp are Frances McCarty, president; Carolyn Vaughn, vice president; Helen Egan, secretary-treasurer; Shirley Wilson, scribe. The camp members had a candy sale at the basketball game Tuesday evening.

AUXILIARY MEETING.

The American Legion Auxiliary held their regular meeting in their hall on Tuesday evening. Following the regular business, plans were made for the Christmas party which will be held in the Auxiliary hall, Tuesday evening, December 18. Hostesses for the meeting last Tuesday were Mrs. Ada Eskelson and Mrs. Helen Christensen.

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TWO TRUE BILLS UP TO COURT

Grand Jury Clears Criminal Docket for December Term, Monday; Demands Publication.

Two true bills and three not true bills were reported Monday by the grand jury as it cleared the criminal docket in readiness for the opening of the December term of court next Monday. The indictments were not made known.

The grand jury, named at the June term of court, was A. A. McCabe, foreman, W. Y. Ball, W. C. Cox, A. E. Wright, O. E. Wright, Frank Howell and W. L. Blakely. They were not dismissed by Judge C. L. Sweek on reporting. The jury reported as follows:

"We have been in session four days since our former report. We have returned two true bills and three not true bills.

"We have examined the county house and find it in fair condition. We recommend that Mr. Rule be provided with a better bed.

"We have examined the county jail and find it well kept and in good condition. We have examined the offices of the sheriff and county clerk and find them in good condition and the records protected from fire.

"We have examined the publication of the proceedings of the county court and demand that the proceedings be published promptly each month as contemplated by law."

Adams to Tell How Credit Agencies Serve

A. C. Adams, general agent of the Farm Credit administration for the Pacific northwest district, who will address the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league at Arlington, Saturday, is no stranger at the league's meetings. For several years he has been taking a prominent part in the annual proceedings as manager of the largest wheat cooperative marketing association in the country—the North Spokane Grain Growers' Inc., of Spokane.

This year he comes to the convention in a new capacity as coordinating officer of the Farm Credit Administration's lending agencies for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. But even though his "title" has expanded, his same former interest prevails in the wheat industry of eastern Oregon. In fact, units of the FCA have had an important part in supplying the credit which produced this year's wheat crop, either by individual advances direct to growers for production purposes through the Pendleton and Mid-Columbia Production Credit associations, or by effective merchandising advances to North Pacific and its local units through the regional Bank for Co-Operatives and the Federal Intermediate Credit bank. Many growers also have obtained mortgage refinancing loans through the Federal Land bank.

So General Agent Adams once again will be "right at home" at the Arlington convention and will have a message of genuine interest to the wheat growers who attend, telling them how these credit agencies serve.

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffith and children of Spray were visiting friends and relatives in town on Friday and Saturday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cole Smith returned on Friday from The Dalles where they spent Thanksgiving for a time with his sisters, Mrs. with their daughter, Miss Mildred Smith at the home of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Hoek. They were accompanied back by Arthur Reed of The Dalles who will visit for a time with his sisters, Mrs. Etta Shippey and Mrs. Della Corson.

Miss Eileen and Charlotte Sparry entertained their young friends with a party last Friday evening. Games were played for a time then refreshments served after which the guests were taken to the Legion hall where they enjoyed roller skating for the remainder of the evening. Those present were Dorothy Howell, Earline Farris, Mary K. and Helen Blake, James Durbendorff, Billy Blake and Allen Hawk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bacon of San Francisco were guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay. Mr. Bacon, the brother of Mrs. Lindsay, is employed in the work of diving in the bay region and while here was recalled to his work, cutting short his visit. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Akers of Portland accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bacon here and returned with them as far as Portland on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Akers is the mother of Mrs. Lindsay and Mr. Bacon.

The old time dance given by Willows grange on Thanksgiving night was well attended and a substantial sum of money was raised to help pay for the new seat recently purchased for the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter departed last Tuesday morning for Austin, Minn., where they expected to spend the winter with Mr. Cotter's mother who has been an invalid for several years. On Wednesday morning word was received

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Mrs. Bertha D. Gilman, Pioneer Resident, Dies

Private funeral services were held at the chapel of Phelps Funeral home Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Bertha D. Gilman, pioneer resident of this city who died at the home of Dr. Gertrude French, The Dalles, at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Joseph Pope, Methodist minister, officiated at the services. Interment was in Masonic cemetery beside the grave of her husband, the late David E. Gilman.

Bertha D. Gilman was born August 24, 1862, at Sherbrooke, Canada, being aged 72 years, 3 months and 13 days at death. She was married to Mr. Gilman January 1, 1880, at her home in Canada, the young couple coming from there to the "Cornucopia" ranch, near Spray. They resided there for several years, and removed for a year to Dallas, before coming to Heppner where the family home was made until Mr. Gilman died a year ago. Shortly after her husband's death Mrs. Gilman accompanied her friend, Dr. Gertrude French, to the coast at Seaview, Wash., and remained there until October when she returned to The Dalles.

Dr. French came to Heppner for the last time, as did Miss Lena Gilman of Hamilton, a niece by marriage. The only surviving relatives of Mrs. Gilman are some cousins in the east. Mrs. Grace Nettleton, Portland, and Mead Gilman, Hamilton, are niece and nephew by marriage.

Throughout her residence here Mrs. Gilman had the respect and esteem of all who knew her. She was a loyal neighbor and friend, and evidenced an interest in the community and nation through her work in the Womens Relief corps, of which she was once president, and in the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was one. She showed a high type of patriotism, and was especially interested in the cultural development of the country.

Mrs. Laura Scott Injured In Lexington Car Mishap

The automobile of Gene Gentry of Lexington went into the ditch at a point on the fill in front of the Dick Wightman place on Tuesday evening, as Mr. and Mrs. Gentry, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cox, Mrs. Laura Scott and Louise Hunt were driving to Heppner to attend church. Mr. Gentry reports that he met another car at this point and the lights blinded him so that he did not realize he was too near the edge of the road until too late. The car went over on its side, but was slightly damaged, as Mr. Gentry was driving slowly at the time.

Mrs. Scott received quite severe injuries and was rushed to the Heppner hospital where it was found she had suffered a broken collar bone and had a bad cut on the head that required eight stitches to close, but she seems to have received no internal injuries. She is reported to be resting easily at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were shaken up and are somewhat sore as a result of their experience, while Miss Louise received quite a severe bump on the head. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry escaped injury.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES.

John Weatherford, 59, of Grass Range, Idaho, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Lewiston, on Saturday, November 24, and funeral services were held from Creel's chapel in that city the following Tuesday, according to word received by friends here. He had suffered over a long period with asthma and heart trouble. Mr. Weatherford married Miss Ivy Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, old-time residents of this county, at Ione, May 30, 1900. They took up a homestead on the Chippewa near Grass Range in 1909 where the family home had since been made. Their only son, Harold, died in 1915. Mr. Weatherford was born at Dayton, Wash., April 28, 1875. Of his passing the Grass Range paper said, "John Weatherford was a fine man, a thrifty farmer and stalwart citizen and this community mourns his passing. Mrs. Weatherford will make her home in the future with the Mitchells." He is survived, besides his widow, by two sisters, Frances Barnett of Grangeville, Idaho, and Alice Dehmer of Denver, Col., and two brothers, Alfred of Klamath Falls, and Charles.

ELECT FARM CREDIT COUNCIL.

Spokane, Wash.—Directors of thirty Northwest Production Credit associations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will this week elect their representatives to the farm credit council or governing board which supervises all the agencies in this district for the Farm Credit administration.

Recently the production credit associations made their nominations of six and one of these is to be elected for a three-year term to take office January 1st. These directors cast one vote for each class B, stockholding member in their association. In a similar way the cooperative associations borrowing through the Bank for Cooperatives will elect their representatives to the council next year, and the following year the Land Bank borrowers name theirs.

It is reported that in addition to the nearly 23,000 land bank loans loaned in the last 17 months, more than 4000 applications approved by the bank and amounting to \$18,000,000 are awaiting final action.

EMERGENCY WATER SECURED BY CITY

Agreement With County Last Official Act of Retiring Council.

NEW BODY SITS JAN. 7

Mayor-Elect Smead and Members of Old and New Councils At- tending Cities League Meet.

Providing of an emergency water supply for the city will probably be the last act of the old council. Though the city charter provides for two official meeting nights each month of the city's governing body, the mid-month meeting is rarely held, being used mainly in the case of emergency. Hence, it seemed probable that Monday night's meeting would be the last before the new mayor and council assume office the Monday following the first Sunday in January, or January 7, to be exact, and the matter of an emergency water supply was the last official business transacted at the Monday meeting.

The emergency water was secured by agreement with the county court—the court to furnish water from its new well to the city at cost, in case of emergency, in exchange for a franchise permitting the court to lay a pipe line across Gillmore street from the well on the courthouse grounds to a proposed new 100,000 gallon reservoir on the hill above. Frank S. Parker and George N. Peck, commissioners present, explained to the council that the county's new waterworks are being installed to give fire protection to county records and to reduce the annual insurance premium on the court house, not to deprive the city of water revenue. The county water will be used for irrigating the court house grounds, however, the commissioners said.

The only other matter disposed of, aside from transacting the current business, was the council's endorsement of a new ruling of the water superintendent, W. E. Fruyn. This ruling provides that owners of apartment houses will be held responsible for all water used on their premises. Under this ruling the watermaster will collect the entire bill from the apartment house owner, and tenants will pay their water bill to the owner as part of the rent.

Councilmen present whose terms expire the first of the year were Dean T. Goodman, W. C. Cox and Spencer Crawford, who will retire along with Gay M. Anderson, mayor, the first of the year. Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Jeff Jones, the first a hold-over and the other reelected, were also present. Besides Dr. McMurdo and Mr. Jones, those composing the new council will be Frank Shively, hold-over; C. W. McNamer, elected for the unexpired term of C. W. Smith held until election by Spencer Crawford; P. W. Mahoney and R. B. Ferguson. These will serve with W. W. Smead, newly elected mayor, at the helm.

Today members of both the old and new councils are in Pendleton attending a district meeting of the League of Oregon Cities, in which Heppner holds membership. It was hoped that some useful information with which to attack the city's knotty financial problem, as well as to shed light on the city's rights under the Knox liquor law, could be secured.

Mayor-elect Smead has as yet made no statement for publication regarding his intended program, though he says he expects to have a definite program for the new council to follow when it meets the first of the year. He has been busy "down" on city affairs, and expects to call a meeting of both the old and the new council to receive all suggestions possible in formulating the program.

HERE'S SOME FOR RIPLEY.

J. L. Yeager came to the Gazette Times office the other day with two curios of more than usual interest. One was an oriental poppy which had just blossomed forth all by its lonesome in his garden. While all the other blossoms of the species bowed their heads in August, as is their usual custom in this climate, the one displayed had dared the crisp December breezes in rearing its comely head. . . . Of no less interest was Mr. Yeager's exhibition of a red June apple which first saw the light of day fifty years ago. Wizen-ed and dried now, to be sure, the red-cheeked fruit was given to Mr. Yeager by Mrs. Yeager fifty years ago. It was then punched full of cloves to lend fragrance to a dear old keepsake. . . . Then there's a fresh carrot displayed this week at Ferguson Motor garage. It made its way in a local garden, growing through the handle of a broken teacup which engirdled its middle not unlike some of Mae West's harness. . . . And, believe it if you will, the Gazette Times lays claim to having the shortest toll telephone line in the world. A hole drilled through the concrete wall separating the local phone exchange and the office of this newspaper, gives access to the wire which connects the switchboard and newspaper telephone, only a few feet apart.