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MRS. RODGERS WILL HEAD STATE ASSN.

Elected to Vice Presidency of OSTA at Portland Meet Last Week.

LIONS BACK PLUNGE

Enthusiasm for Swimming Tank Evidenced in Club Outlook on New Year; Guests Speak.

Election of Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, to the vice-presidency of Oregon State Teachers association at its annual convention in Portland last week end was told the Lions club Monday by E. F. Bloom, city school superintendent. Her selection was cited as a mark of high distinction, as it implies elevation to presidency of the organization during the coming year.

Mr. Bloom, himself recently raised to the presidency of Oregon State High School Athletic association—which met concurrently with the state teachers' meet, thereby claiming much of his time—reported briefly on activities of the organization.

He said a new deal in management of state high school athletics through giving smaller schools more say was put into effect at the meeting. The change was originally sponsored by James M. Burgess, former superintendent here, he said.

Strong sentiment for early construction of a swimming pool in Heppner was loudly voiced by Lions who gave views on the outlook for the new year and ways in which the Lions club might better serve.

In starting the swimming pool agitation before the club, one member said he knew where \$100 was available for the project immediately it takes definite form. Admitted in the discussion was the fact that sufficient water for operating the tank must be assured before the project is undertaken, and several Lions voiced the opinion that the project could be put across without difficulty once water is assured.

A city beautiful was suggested as another venture based on an adequate water supply. And it was proposed that the Lions and other interested citizens could do much toward accomplishing such things by attending council meetings and supporting the city government in action toward that end. It was suggested that the council is loathe to take responsibility without knowing the desires of the people.

Sentiment was voiced that a feeling exists in the community that the Lions club attempts to usurp glory where it is undeserved, and that ridicule is made of the men who attend, sing songs, and pat each other on the back. Lions touching the subject believed this was probably the case but were not willing to desert the only service organization through which united effort may be obtained for furthering community progress simply because their efforts were not always looked upon with approval.

General satisfaction was felt with the club's past record, and a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm was voiced as the club looked forward to the new year as one of enlarged opportunity in which to serve.

Joel R. Benton, a club guest, brought greetings from the Kiwanis club of Fort Benton, Mont., where he now resides. F. A. McMahon, corporal of state police, another guest, cited assistance of his organization in getting serum to La Verne Van Marter when he was recently stricken by spinal meningitis as a type of service which the state police are always ready and willing to give.

RETURNS FROM BAKER.

J. G. Barratt, president Oregon Woolgrowers association, returned the first of the week from Baker where he went to attend an association executive committee meeting and help lay plans for the annual convention to be held in that city January 10-11. Mr. Barratt said he found Baker determined to outdo Heppner's hospitality extended the convention last year and received promises of support on every hand.

IS PIERCE STENOGRAPHER.

Miss Henrietta Ashbaugh of La Grande, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Ashbaugh of that city and formerly of Heppner, has left for Washington, D. C., to become stenographer for Congressman Walter M. Pierce, says "Tuesday's" East Oregonian. Miss Ashbaugh has been employed at the county agency office in La Grande and has been granted a six months' leave of absence.

MORROW COUNTY FIRST.

Morrow county has been reported as the first county in the state to complete the work of signing up wheat farmers for the new allotment contracts. The work was finished here last week end, reflecting credit upon the committee, Harvey Miller, R. B. Rice, George N. Peck and helpers.

PURCHASE NEW HEARSE.

The Laurence Case Memorial mortuary recently purchased a late model hearse, an attractive addition to its equipment. It was previously owned by a leading Portland mortuary which had licensed it for service this year.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.
As a result of the icy highway the car of Mike Harton of Echo and Pat Canning of Pilot Rock overturned about three miles west of here last Wednesday. Mr. Harton was badly lacerated about the face and several stitches were taken after he had been taken to Heppner by the Phelps ambulance. He was later placed in the Heppner hospital.

Joel R. Benton conducted services at the Christian church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bauman entertained with four tables of 500 at their home Christmas night. High scores were received by Mrs. J. E. Gentry and W. D. Campbell and consolation by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller.

The Lexington high school basketball team will play the Stanfield quintet on the local floor Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox were visitors in Pendleton Monday.

Edith Edwards is absent from school on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges and son Danny have returned from Portland where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Myles Martin and Mrs. Chas. Marquardt will entertain the Lexington Home Economics club at an all-day meeting at the grange hall Thursday, January 9. Members are requested to be at the hall by ten o'clock.

Archie Munkers has returned to Salem after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruhl celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with a dancing party at their home Saturday evening. A large number of neighbors and friends were present and all report an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson and children have returned from a vacation in Portland.

Misses Elsie and Irene Tuckers are spending the Christmas holidays here from their schools at North Powder and Nyssa.

Mrs. Elsie M. Beach is spending the week in Portland.

Mrs. Elmer Hunt and child, who returned from San Francisco where they spent the Christmas holidays. They were accompanied home by Mr. Hunt who has been in that city several weeks.

Danny Dinges is absent from school on account of illness.

Miss Betty Skykes has returned from Portland where she spent the holidays.

Miss Harriet Painter of Monmouth spent the week with relatives and friends in this community.

Wibur Steagall is confined to his home with a sore throat.

Miss Shirlee Smith returned Sunday evening from Hillsboro where she spent the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matlock of The Dalles spent the holidays with relatives in this city.

Mrs. W. B. Tucker has returned from a month's visit in La Grande at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul DeF. Mortimore.

Vester Thornburg spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in this city.

Mrs. J. E. Gentry is quite ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whillock of Heppner are visiting at the Charles Breshears home.

Annual Breakfast Shows Big Future for The Dalles

More than 200 men of the mid-Columbia district were seated at the annual Parade of Progress breakfast in The Dalles Tuesday morning, and enjoyed the program of pageant, speeches and fun-making in which was depicted past and future progress. Predicted was The Dalles as the future metropolis of the west when it becomes a seaport and large industrial center following completion of Bonneville dam. Rev. Hopper, Congregational minister of Portland, made the headline address in which he stressed the need of social unity in bringing about progress, and commended the spirit evidenced by the breakfast. Harold Sexton, Wasco county sheriff, was the commodore directing the program from the poop deck of an improvised ship, as toastmaster. The Dalles Lions sponsored the event, and other service organizations cooperated.

Attending the breakfast from here were C. J. D. Bauman, S. E. Notson, Joseph Belanger and Jasper Crawford.

NEW ALMANACS OUT.

The new 1936 Telephone Almanac, an annual publication of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, is now available, and copies may be obtained free at the telephone office, according to Miss Opal Briggs, agency manager here for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. The new almanac, which has 32 pages, contains interesting information on astronomical calculations, temperature data for representative cities in the various states, and other typical almanac information, as well as many facts regarding the history and development of the telephone.

LICENSES TOTAL \$2183.50.

Hunting and fishing licenses sold in Morrow county for 1935 totalled \$2183.50, according to the report of Clerk Charles Barlow just made to the state game commission. The total exceeded that for 1934 by \$200. In his time as clerk, Mr. Barlow issued an even \$2000 worth of licenses.

Charles Notson Tells Experiences In Escaping Chinese Red Invasion

Yellow River Craft



An inflated goatskin pontoon raft like that on which the Notsons journeyed 600 miles down Yellow river in escaping Chinese red invasion of their mission district. A native son—or daughter—was caught in foreground.

In Native Garb



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson pictured with Chinese Moslem priest. They donned robes typical of the section.

House 4, Methodist Mission, Peiping, China, Oct. 30, 1935.

Dear Folks:

Enclosed are some pictures and a few comments on our trip by raft. You may already know the facts as the reporter for the Associated Press met the train at the edge of the city and gathered the information which he said would be cabled to the United States, including our names and addresses.

Communists had entered Kansu province from Szechuan. The large army of government troops sent to repel the communists act only on the defensive, often failing to stop small groups which cut the motor road to Sian, which is the terminus of the railroad. Motor buses and mail trucks were frequently burned on the road between Lanchow and Sian. This situation made it impossible for us to make the trip from Lanchow to the railroad.

Warnings were sent out by the American and British consuls to their nationals. The river route (via the Hwang Ho, or Yellow river) being the only way open and likely to be closed by ice by the end of October, or even sooner, we decided to go by raft. And, as I wrote you from Ningsia, we started on October 6th.

Several rafts had carried China Inland Mission folks from Lanchow to Ningsia, in August, and in September the Griebonwas went by raft from Lanchow to Paotow. They are now at Salem, if they had no delays. There were 22 adults and 7 children in our party.

Sheep of the Hwang Ho basin are often amphibious. Although land travelers in life, after death they smoothly shorn skins, well greased and inflated, are the chief support of commerce upon the waters of the upper Yellow river. As a small boy in eastern Oregon, I aspired to become a shepherd, but never entertain a fancy of some day floating down one of China's large rivers on a raft made of willow poles and six hundred sheep and goat skins.

Our raft was a large one. Usually produced for market, light freight, and passengers are floated between neighboring cities on small units of twenty-five to thirty skins. I saw a raft of six skins carrying six men. It looked as if they were squatting on the water itself, for scarcely any of the raft was visible beneath them. If a "flat" appears while on the water, free air is promptly supplied from the lungs of the raftsmen. Punctures are patched just as you would patch a small boy's trousers—with needle and thread. At the end of a long trip, as this one, requiring two or three weeks, the skins are deflated, folded into packs, and returned by donkey to the starting point, an arduous journey requiring twice the time of the down trip.

At the beginning of the trip, our raft was separated into two parts for easier handling, and the first day, as we were rushed through swift waters in the gorges, a double crew manned the oars, or sweeps, used for steering. In the gorges, loud roars pummeled our ears, rock cliffs became a kaleidoscope of jutting angles, while the long poles of the raft's framework buckled and dipped until we felt ourselves on a serpent's back. Three tense hours of this excitement having fled, we finally eluded the widespread trap of an ugly whirlpool and slid away from the tumbling, churning waters to a quiet beach where we tied up for the night.

In prospect lay smooth sailing, moonlit shores with singing to a guitar accompaniment, long days of leisure and quiet, interrupted only by tasks incidental to preparing food for a raft of hungry missionaries. We, as we anticipated, saw camel caravans crossing picturesque sand dunes and had the pleasure of seeing thousands of migrating wild fowl—geese, cranes and ducks.

With the lower reaches of the Gobi desert on our left and the Ordos on the right, solitude enveloped us except during stops at desert cities, when crowds of straggled people, curious but friendly, flocked to the bank to gaze at the "strange people" on the raft.

Favored by tranquil autumn weather, we felt little cause now for anxiety from possible bandits who occasionally puncture the skins with bullets to compel their victims to land. But our peace was to be broken in an unexpected way. Tied to the bank one evening in the glow of a radiant sunset, the party landed for exercise, and found upon the sand in sprawling Chinese characters, sentiments ominous—anti-foreign. Quicksand

FOUR MEASURES TO BE ON BALLOT

Registration Closes for Special State Election January 31st.

SALES TAX IS ISSUE

Voters to Decide Method of Legislative Pay, Student Fees, and Time of Primaries.

Four measures will be given the electorate to decide at the special state election, January 31, registration for which closed Tuesday. Three of the measures, providing for changing primary elections from May to September, legislative compensation amendment, and sales tax bill to raise revenue for paying the state's portion of the old age pension, were referred to the people by the legislative assembly, while the fourth bill authorizing student activity fees in state higher educational institutions was referred by petition of the people.

Texts of the proposed acts, and arguments for and against their passage, are contained in the official voters' pamphlet sent all registered voters from the secretary of state's office this week.

Bill for changing time of holding primary elections provides for holding the elections the first Friday after the first Monday in September instead of the third Friday in May, and making the necessary changes caused thereby in the method of electing delegates to national conventions of political parties and the nomination of national committeemen and committeewomen of political parties and in the time of performing certain other acts and official duties in connection with elections.

The legislative pay amendment provides for amending Article IV, section 29, of the constitution so that members of the legislature shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law instead of, as at present, receiving \$3 a day but not more than \$120 for any one session, and \$3 for every 20 miles traveled in going to and returning from the place of meeting on the most usual route, the presiding officers of the legislature receiving \$5 per day; extra sessions still, as now, not to continue longer than 20 days each.

The sales tax bill would provide funds for old age assistance, aid to the blind and dependent children, by imposing sales tax on gross income from sales of tangible personal property, of two percent for retail sales and one-fourth of one percent for wholesale sales; transferring such property from the state without sale, considered as sale. Exemptions include gross sales up to \$50 monthly; sales to United States, state, their agencies and subdivisions; sales of motor vehicle fuels, fresh sweet milk, canned milk, butter, eggs, cheese, raw unprocessed fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, unsweetened loaf bread, rolls and buns for consumption off premises.

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By MARGARET BLAKE
Many friends and relatives will mourn the passing of Mrs. Alice McNabb, who passed away at her home in Ione Monday evening, December 30, at 5 p. m. Alice Elvora Warfield was born July 15, 1862, at Shedd, Linn county, Oregon. She came to Morrow county at the age of twenty, and was married to Wesley T. McNabb July 4, 1886. Mr. McNabb passed away at Ione October 25, 1920. To this union were born three children, all of whom survive. They are Mabel Reed of Walport, Edna Jewell of Pasco, Wash., Wesley McNabb of California. In 1903 the children of her brother, Samuel Warfield, were orphaned and came to live with the McNabb family. To these children she was a real mother, rearing them as her own. They were Jesse and James of Ione, Chester of Canada, Lovely Fisk of Kennebec, Wash., and Sam, who died Feb. 28, 1934. Except for three years spent at Nez Perce, Idaho, she has lived in Morrow county since first coming here. Mrs. McNabb is survived by two daughters, one son, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Haney, San Francisco, Mrs. Emma Howard, Vancouver, Wash., 13 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, who regarded "Aunt Alice" as a mother. Funeral services are being held at the Christian church in Ione this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Locust chapter, O. E. S., will be in charge of the services.

The fifth annual reunion of the class of '31 was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Marion Palmer of Lexington. Officers elected for the following year were Gladys Brashers, president; Geneva Palmer, vice-president; Norman Nelson, secretary-treasurer. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the 1936 reunion. Members present were Margaret Crawford, Norman Swanson, Earl McCabe, Milton Morgan, Gladys Brashers, Barton Clark, Geneva Pettyjohn Palmer, Dory Mason, Irvin Ritchie and John Eubanks. Guests present were Beth Wright, Clara Nelson, Mildred Eubanks and Marion Palmer. Members unable to attend were Helen Smouse Martin, Veda Eubanks Brenner, Orde Farrens, Grant Conway, Virgil Esteb, Louise Buschke and Francis Troedson.

The class of '32 held its second annual reunion at the home of Miss Clara Nelson Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Howk and children, Alan and Lois, of Condon, being unable to come over for Christmas because of the icy roads, came by train and arrived Thursday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn, and her brother, Elmer Griffith. Mr. Howk drove over after them on Sunday. He stated that the road was slick and icy as far as Olex.

Clarence Linn arrived from Colfax, Wash., Christmas evening for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn. He came by stage, and was delayed by the ice on the roads.

The January meeting of the Women's Topic club will be held at the home of Mrs. Martin E. Cotter on January 4.

Miss Freda Anderson and Miss Grace Duncan, teachers in the Morgan school, returned Sunday from their vacations, spent at Hood River and Oregon City, respectively. Both attended the O. S. T. A. meeting in Portland.

All Ione teachers were present and accounted for Monday morning when schools reopened.

Miss Dorothy Arant accompanied by Miss Maxine McCurdy, departed by train for Portland Wednesday, returning Sunday.

Norman Swanson who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson, returned to Spokane Sunday.

Garland Swanson returned on Thursday from Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pomerantz of Los Angeles were holiday visitors at the home of Mrs. Pomerantz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark. When they returned Mrs. Pomerantz's brother, Lowell Clark, accompanied them.

Mrs. Guy Cason and children, Guy and Bobby, of Arlington visited Mrs. Cason's mother, Mrs. Lana Padberg, during the holidays.

James Lindsey and family visited relatives in Portland last week. Mrs. Lindsey, who has been quite ill, is improved in health.

Miss Bertha Akers had as a house guest over the week end Miss Patty Cason of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Hara returned to their home in Kinzua on Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Blake and children, Donald and Joanne, departed on Saturday night's train for Portland. Mrs. Blake will visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jones and will have Joannes' glasses changed. Mrs. J. H. Blake is staying with the older children.

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PRESIDENT CITES LEAGUE AAA VIEWS

Wisdom Upheld as Applied to Wheat; Opposition Political.

ATTACKS EXPOSED

Peculiar Situation of Northwest Wheat Grower Makes Control of Production Necessary.

Lexington.—The Eastern Oregon Wheat league is firmly committed to the wisdom of the AAA program, particularly as applies to wheat, says E. Harvey Miller, newly elected president, who has just issued in condensed form a thorough report dealing with the AAA made at the recent annual convention by a special sub-committee.

This report was the result of extensive study made by this sub-committee, headed by J. B. Adams of Moro and contains much material not found in various national discussions of the adjustment program, according to Miller. Following is a digest of the report:

"There is being prosecuted in Oregon, and over the nation, a concerted attack against the Agricultural Adjustment act. In the east this attack is intensified and bitter far beyond the comprehension of Pacific northwest farmers, who are practically a unit in favor of the act and are puzzled in endeavoring to account for the intensity of this bitterness.

"Part of it appears to be due to the mistaken idea that the act is purely a piece of political legislation. Another part seems to have originated in the fertile minds of eastern politicians who see a chance to carry themselves to political victory by stirring consumer resentment against processing taxes. A third source of opposition lies with the mills, packing plants and factories which have paid large sums in processing fees, although every cent of such taxes has been passed on to consumers. A fourth source consists of those easterners whose views are that the act is a diabolical scheme to take money from the east and give it to the west.

"First, the attack on the act as one of Democratic party policy, it seems to us, is the farthest of all four from being founded upon fact and is the most stupid. It is rural the delivery of mail a Republican act just because it was signed by a Republican president? Is equal suffrage purely a Republican idea because of that fact that it was enacted into law by a Republican congress? Can any other fundamental act be so labeled?

"Pacific northwest farmers have been fighting for the very principles embraced in the Agricultural Adjustment act for more than fifteen years past, and finally in 1932-33 were able to convince a large majority in congress and a presidential candidate that these principles were just. In the fall of 1932, before the new president assumed office, all of the leading farm organizations sent delegates to Washington and these wrote the act substantially as it now stands. It was wholly a farmers' bill and to credit the act now to either political party would be a display of ignorance or falsehood. Republican newspapers are incredibly stupid in shouting hysterically that it is a Democratic plan or scheme.

"Second, the attempt of politicians to stir resentment among consumers was to have been expected. In political life it is every section for itself and the predominant urban states can be counted upon to oppose in the end most plans which promise to benefit agricultural states more or less at the cities' expense. We have here a conflict between the industrial east and the agricultural west that has been active for years past and which is no doubt destined to become more bitter as time goes on. We believe it to be a short-sighted policy on the part of the industrial states, but we cannot change that readily.

"Third, the hope of the mills, packing plants, and certain factories that they may be able to recover the processing taxes they have paid and have in turn passed on to consumers or which is withheld from payment under court restraining orders, is the most sordid of all. Some of the other kinds of opposition are due to ignorance or lack of understanding or shortsightedness. This class of opposition would sacrifice the entire group of American farmers for self-gain.

"Last, the opposition of the easterner who is loath to see money taken from his part of the country and spent in the west or south. That is what the processing taxes are for, more or less amount to in the end. This opposition at least is honest, as the act does tend to move eastern money westward, but that only reverses in a small measure the flow that has been going on for the past 100 years.

"The tariff has enabled manufacturers to pay higher wages in this country and these wage levels have caused farm wages to be two to ten times as high here as in other competing wheat-growing countries.

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