

## Desert Operetta Appealingly Given By High School

Music, Mystery, Romance, Comedy, Provide Entertainment.

"Jewels of the Desert," comedy-romance operetta, was presented before an appreciative audience at the gym-auditorium last Friday evening by high school students under direction of Norbert E. Peavy.

Dora Bailey as Nana and Ellis Williams as Benarulah were the charming young lovers about whose happily-ending romance was woven a theme of comedy and mystery, set in a desert camp ruled over by Andrew Shoun as Abdullah. Professor Lythe (Bill McCaleb) and comely daughter Betty (Harriet Hager), were domiciled at the camp under pretense of the professor to be bug hunting—much of which was done late at night.

Betty was captivated by Lt. Andrews (Norton King), a member of the British expeditionary forces. Gerald Cason as Caesar, colored gen'man from U. S. A., and Jack-son Gilliam as Cheeks, the lieutenant's Arab boy, carried the weight of the comedy, climaxed by Cason's very realistic fall which brought a gasp from the audience.

In other supporting roles were Maxine McCurdy as Miss Lythe, the professor's devoted sister; Ruth Cowins as Carrieal, Nana's nurse; Neva Bleakman as Lady Grady, just over from London, and Don Turner as the Arab.

In the end Professor Lythe turned out to be a representative of Scotland Yard, and Benarulah a U. S. sleuth, both interested in a jewel of fabulous worth which came to light in Nana's possession.

Helping to tell the story of love and romance throughout were solos, duets, and chorus numbers carrying plaintive desert melodies. Piano accompaniment was played by Marjorie Parker. Adding to the aesthetic appeal were dances by a group of girls in bright costumes.

Members of the chorus were Betty Happold, Louise McFerrin, Betty Bergevin, Patricia Cason, Richard Hayes, Gerald Roberts, Lela Edmundson, Betty Robinson, Juanita Phelps, Anne McIntyre, Irena McFerrin, Donald Turner, Hubert Hudson, Harry Tamblin, Marjorie McFerrin, Margaret Browning, Norma McFerrin, Carolyn Vaughn, Omer McCaleb, Jack Merrill, Bill Barratt.

Soldiers, comically mustached and ill-behaved, were Leland Edmundson, Harry Tamblin, Scott McMurdo, Gerald Roberts, Jack Merrill, Bill Barratt, Omer McCaleb and Hubert Hudson.

Dancers, coached by Miss Mitchell, were Cora Scott, Betty Hughes, Margaret Doolittle, Frances McCarty, Jeanette Blakely, Shirley Wilson, Rose Cunningham and Eileen Kelly.

## BPW Enjoys Party, Gives Children Toys

Business and Professional Womens club annual Christmas party was held Tuesday evening with dinner at Hotel Heppner followed by a social hour at the home of Mrs. Lucile McAtee. Clara Beamer's talk on "White Collar Unions" featured the dinner hour, and greetings were extended by Miss Evelyn Humphreys, past president, in the city from Los Angeles for the holidays.

At the McAtee home, Christmas carols were sung and Christmas tree enjoyed with exchange of toys which members played with for a while then turned over to the church welfare council for distribution to less fortunate children.

## CONVENTION SHAPING.

J. G. Barratt, president, was in Ontario Monday to assist in completing plans for the Oregon Wool Growers association convention there January 11-12-13. He was accompanied by Walter Holt of Pendleton, secretary. Enthusiastic welcome is being extended by the host city to all visitors, with arrangements in hand to entertain 500 delegates.

## LIFE'S BATTLE ENDS FOR T. J. O'BRIEN

Prominent Butter Creek Sheep Operator Dies at The Dalles; Rites Held Here Yesterday.

Funeral rites were held from St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning for Thomas J. O'Brien, prominent Butter creek sheepman who died at Eastern Oregon hospital in The Dalles Sunday night following a seven years' illness. Father James O'Rielly conducted the services which were largely attended by relatives, friends and neighbors. Interment was in Heppner cemetery in charge of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, of which Mr. O'Brien was a member.

Thomas James O'Brien was born in County Leitrim, Ireland June 15, 1885, the son of James and Katherine O'Brien. When a young man 18 years of age he first came to Morrow county and entered the employ of C. A. Minor, pioneer livestock operator. He married Lucy B. Corrigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Corrigan, county pioneers, in November, 1917. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien established their home on the Butter creek ranch near Pine City where they have since resided and engaged in livestock raising, while rearing a family of six children, Isabella, James, Malcolm, Gordon, Pat and Catherine, all of whom, with the widow, survive. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Pat Campbell of Lone Rock, Mrs. John Mitchell of Pendleton, Mrs. Lou Bianchi of Atlantic City, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Ann Cafferey of Grandard, Ireland; and two brothers, Pat O'Brien in Ireland, and James O'Brien in England.

Like many another son of old Erin, Tom O'Brien came to Morrow county to make a home in the new world. Like others, he started with little, and with application of toil and talents, became a large individual operator while also becoming a substantial citizen of the land of promise. He was of that substantial type of timber on which the foundation of the county's growth and prosperity has been laid. Respected and loved by all who knew him, Thomas J. O'Brien has left a place which may not readily be filled.

## Ione Masonic Orders Install Jointly

Ione lodge 120, A. F. & A. M., and Locust chapter 119, O. E. S., held joint installation of officers preceded by turkey supper for members and families at Masonic hall in Ione on Wednesday evening of last week. For the Masons, Bert Johnson as installing officer and Walter Roberts as marshal installed the following elective and appointive officers for the new year: Alex Huber, W. M.; E. R. Lundell, S. W.; Henry Smouse, J. W.; E. J. Blake, S. D.; C. F. Feldman, J. D.; George Ely, secretary; Elmer Griffith, treasurer; W. J. Blake, tyler; Roy Ekleberry and George Krebs, stewards; Walter Roberts, marshal.

Viola Lieuallen, installing officer, assisted by Anna Blake, marshal; Della McCurdy, chaplain, and Gladys Drake, organist, installed for Locust chapter as follows: Roxy Krebs, W. M.; George Krebs, W. P.; Mary Beckner, A. M.; Alex Huber, A. P.; Ruth Mason, secretary; Lena Lundell, treasurer; Mabel Krebs, conductress; Beulah Mankin, A. C.; Mildred Lundell, Adah; Elaine Rietman, Ruth; Anne Smouse, Esther; Dorothy Smith, Martha; Alva Mason, Electa; Jennie McMurray, warder; George Ely, sentinel; Orral Feldman, marshal; Ruby Roberts, chaplain; Margaret Blake, organist.

## FARM HOUSE BURNS.

The house on the old Marlatt farm just east of town, belonging to C. W. McNamer, burned to the ground in short order last Saturday morning from fire of undetermined origin. E. E. Adkins and Charlie Ritchie were using it as a sheep camp. Boys from the CCC camp adjoining responded at once when the flames were discovered, but could do little toward saving anything. The house burned so quickly that the city fire truck could not be used. Some insurance was carried.

## Masons, Eastern Star Hold Joint Installation

Turkey Dinner, Presentations Feature Lodge Ceremonies.

Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M., and Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, held joint installation ceremonies Monday evening at Masonic hall. Preceding the installation members of both orders and families enjoyed a bountiful turkey dinner.

Ceremonies were marked by a number of presentations, in which Mrs. Lena Cox, retiring worthy matron of the Star, and Lawrence L. Beach, retiring worshipful master of the Masons, were presented past worthy matron and past master jewels by Mrs. Eppa Ward and C. J. D. Bauman, respectively. Mrs. Cox was also presented a gift from the chair officers by Mrs. Virginia Turner, incoming worthy matron, and J. O. Turner, retiring worthy patron, was given a similar gift by C. J. D. Bauman, incoming patron.

Past Worthy Matrons club presented Mrs. Turner with a basket of large chrysanthemums through Mrs. Gertrude Parker, and Mrs. Ealor Huston, installing officer; Mrs. Hazel Vaughn, installing marshal; Mrs. Jessie Pruyn, installing chaplain, and Mrs. Cora Mae Ferguson, organist, were each presented with flowers.

Star officers inducted were Virginia Turner, worthy matron; C. J. D. Bauman, worthy patron; Mary Patterson, associate matron; Harold Buhman, associate patron; Faye Ferguson, conductress; Madge Thomson, associate conductress; Muriel Vaughn, secretary; Emma Evans, treasurer; Gertrude Parker, chaplain; Carna Campbell, marshal; Etta Parker, Adah; Lotta Tibbles, Ruth; Nancy Cox, Esther; Oma Cox, Martha; Ella Bengel, Electa; Anna Schafer, warder; Lyman Tibbles, sentinel; Coramae Ferguson, organist.

Lawrence L. Beach and Frank S. Parker installed the Masonic officers as follows: J. O. Turner, W. M.; W. Vawter Parker, S. W.; J. O. Peterson, J. W.; Frank S. Parker, treasurer; Spencer Crawford, secretary; Archie C. Ball, S. D.; Harold Buhman, J. D.; C. J. D. Bauman, marshal; R. C. Wightman, chaplain; W. D. Campbell, tyler. C. J. D. Bauman was installing marshal.

## RHEA CREEK ROAD GIVEN HEARING

Commissioners Peck, Parker Encouraged; Condon Road Awaits Ickes' Signature.

County Commissioners Frank S. Parker and George N. Peck returned from Portland last week end with encouraging reports on resurfacing and oiling the Heppner-Spray road to Rhea creek following a hearing before the state highway commission last Thursday.

They learned from the commission that it had already obtained estimates on this work, though no definite promise was made as to when it might be expected.

They learned that the commission had already placed its stamp of approval on completion of the Heppner-Condon road, and that the project was then awaiting the signature of Secretary Ickes to place it under the PWA program.

## OFF FOR ROSE BOWL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cohn and son Phill and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson and daughter Kathryn left by automobile this morning for Los Angeles and the Pasadena Rose Bowl where they expect to witness the Washington-Pittsburgh football game New Year's day. They expected to be gone about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Troedson and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ekleberry of Morgan were business visitors in the city this morning. Mr. Troedson reported blows the first of the week doing considerable damage in his district.

## 2 MEN ARRESTED, ALLEGED FORGERY

Richard Lee and Roy Martin Face Charges; Lee Said to be Wanted in Grant County.

Richard Lee and Roy Martin were lodged in the county jail last night on forgery charges as the result of passing alleged forged checks at two local business houses yesterday. Complainants were J. C. Penney Co. and Harry O'Donnell pastime, who cashed checks for the men, two of which in amounts of \$50 and \$42.60 were drawn on Joseph Hayes, and one for \$42 on Harry Moore.

Geo. Howard, Penney store manager, became suspicious shortly after cashing the \$50 and \$42 checks, and investigating the signature of Mr. Hayes through the bank found it irregular. The sheriff's office was notified, and finding that the men had gone to the depot about train time last night, it was presumed they had boarded the outbound train. The train had left when the officers started for the depot, but the men were seen coming back up town and were taken into custody.

It was learned that Lee is facing a warrant in Grant county on a similar charge and he may be turned over to authorities there.

Lee and Martin made some purchases of merchandise at the Penney store, taking only part of the amount of the checks in cash, but the cash found on them when arrested did not account for the full amount.

## Legion Auxiliary Prepares Xmas Cheer

The members of Heppner unit, American Legion auxiliary, held their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. O. Turner. Seventeen members were present, and after the regular business meeting children of some of the members provided a short musical program. Marylou Ferguson played a piano solo, Hugh Crawford played two solos on the baritone horn, and Christmas carols were sung by Dorothea Wilson and Peggy Tamblin.

Generous boxes of fruit, jams, cookies, etc., were prepared for the occupants of the county poor house. Also a number of toys were collected to be used for local child welfare Christmas cheer. Reports were made concerning boxes of clothing which had been distributed. The sewing club has completed the piecing and tying of a woolen quilt.

Inexpensive gifts were then exchanged by all present and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson.

## Street Plan Okehed; Settlement Offered

Its tentative action a week ago to retain Frank Hayes, Pendleton engineer, to draft the city's street surfacing project for application for PWA assistance was ratified by the council in regular session Monday evening. Hayes arrived in the city Sunday and has been working on the preliminary survey this week.

Contractors Pierce and Conner, appearing before the council to ask settlement on their work of replacing one and three-quarter mile of pipe line in the city's lead main, which work was rejected by the city on failure of work to fulfill contract, were offered \$4000 to complete payment and to relieve them of liability in completing contract. The contractors asked \$5000.

## IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

John Simas, Frank Gabler and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, all of Monument, received more or less severe injuries in an auto accident Saturday when their car collided with that driven by Henry Gamble. The Monument party was on its way to attend a road meeting at Condon when they met the Gamble car on a curve a short distance below Kimberley. Simas is reported not yet out of danger from severe loss of blood through lacerations. Gabler received a broken arm and Mr. and Mrs. Schafer were each painfully injured. Occupants of the Gamble car escaped injury. All the Monument people are known in Heppner.

## Producers' Head Asks Anti-Strike Legislation

Arbitration Bill Given Support; All Agriculture Hit.

In every agricultural section of Oregon there is a growing demand for immediate legislation which will outlaw strikes and lockouts until every possible means of arbitration has been exhausted.

Such was the belief expressed this week by James B. Adams, prominent Sherman county wheat grower and newly elected president of the Oregon Producers and Shippers association.

"As means of self-protection and self-preservation, agricultural groups in every part of the state plan to sponsor and urge the passage of a measure requiring a 30-day truce while the State Board of Conciliation endeavors to bring about a settlement of disputed points between employer and labor," said Mr. Adams. "Such a measure would at least help to prevent the chaos which now exists in the agricultural industry as a result of the current maritime strike."

"The present shipping strike came at a time when our Hood River apple and pear growers were in the midst of shipping their fruit to domestic and world markets. For more than a month they have been compelled to ship their fruit by rail to British Columbia for trans-shipment by water. This is not only costing them more than six cents a box in added transportation charges but has cut down their available markets."

"In my own county as well as in all the wheat growing counties of Oregon we have millions of bushels of wheat in storage, unable to market it as a result of this devastating shipping strike. Not only are our growers losing the markets they had built up for their wheat, but they are forced to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in added storage and insurance charges."

"The same situation confronts our wool growers, hop growers, fruit growers and other branches of the farming industry. We have thousands and thousands of cases of the finest canned fruits and vegetables in the world packed almost to the rafters in our local warehouses but we cannot move them to the markets because our water-borne transportation is paralyzed."

"The farmers of this state are beginning to wonder just how long public opinion is going to permit this state of affairs to exist. We are not interested in fighting the battles of the employers. But we are interested in protecting ourselves and the public. We simply want an arbitration law which will compel both employer and labor to submit their differences to an impartial board of conciliation before they are permitted to paralyze the agricultural industry and bring want and suffering into nearly every home in this state."

"Our arbitration bill is fast gaining support from responsible agricultural groups and leaders. The Hood River Growers Council and their transportation association already have endorsed our proposed measure. Similar groups will give it their endorsement within the next 30 days. We confidently expect the coming legislative session to pass this fair and just arbitration measure by an overwhelming vote."

## MRS. LEORA WYLAND PASSES.

Mrs. Leora Wyland, pioneer of the Hardman section, died yesterday afternoon at Grandview, Wash., at the home of her son, E. K. Wyland. The body will be brought to Heppner today and prepared for burial by the Phelps Funeral home. Funeral arrangements are still pending, awaiting arrival of relatives.

## EXCHANGE BUSINESSES.

Andrew Baldwin and Pat Mollahan completed an exchange of businesses this week, when Baldwin took over the Mollahan service station and Mollahan assumed control of the Baldwin delivery business.