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## F. & S. Depositors Will Receive Checks Saturday

### Distribution Set for 7.59 Percent Extra Interest Dividend.

A little late for Christmas, but mighty welcome just the same, are the dividend checks to be distributed beginning Saturday morning from the office of J. L. Gault, receiver, covering 7.59 percent interest to depositors on money they had tied up in Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank, when it went into receivership.

The checks arrived back from Washington this week, and Miss Mary Patterson, Mr. Gault's secretary, has been busy writing out the receipts to be signed when the checks are delivered. She urges depositors who have money coming to get them at their earliest convenience.

This extra dividend, declared about a month ago, marks an unusually successful liquidation of the Farmers & Stockgrowers bank. Already depositors have been paid back in full the amount of deposits, the extra coming as interest for the time the money was tied up, or a total in all of 107.59 percent which the bank's depositors have received.

It appears now probable that the trust for this bank will be closed in the near future. Having satisfied the bank's depositors, the trust still has assets to turn over to stockholders which will relieve them of at least part of their double liability.

Mr. Gault has also reported good progress in the work of liquidating the First National bank of Heppner, which he has handled in connection with the Farmers bank trust. This institution has so far paid depositors 55 percent of the amount on deposit when the bank closed.

## Swaggart Horses Slated for Pictures

Dr. R. C. Adams, secretary to Hoot Gibson, and Mrs. Adams were visitors last week at the farm of Mrs. Ben Swaggart northeast of town. Dr. Adams came up from Hollywood to get two of the horses the screen star bought from Mrs. Swaggart some time ago. The horses will be high-schooled and used in his new productions.

Both horses are of the noted creamoline stock developed by the late B. F. Swaggart, of which strain came Palomina, Hoot's famous picture steed of former years, rated as one of the most valuable horses in the movies at the time of his death. One of the stallions will take the lead role and the other is expected to double for him in hazardous parts.

Hoot is reported to have started production on a series of eight westerns taken from B. M. Bower stories. The first, "Chip of the Flying U," has been started and the eighth must be completed by Dec. 31, 1937.

## FIRE ALARM ANSWERED.

The fire truck responded to the siren shortly after noon Monday to find a small blaze around the chimney at the Homer Tucker home already under control, with but slight damage resulting. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker playing upstairs discovered the flames at the start and showed promptness of mind by summoning Mr. Tucker immediately.

Among local teachers spending the holidays out of town are Miss Mary White, at Weiser, Idaho, with her mother and sister; Miss Dorothy Peterson, at Los Angeles; Miss Kathryn Mitchell, at Nyssa; Miss Elta Dale, at Helix; A. H. Blankenship and family, at Seattle and Portland; and Henry Tetz and family, at Moro and Portland.

## FORGERS TO PEN WEEK AFTER CRIME

### Armstrong, Alias Martin, and Lee Plead Guilty and Are Sentenced Two Years Each.

The wheels of justice ground rapidly to send Richard Lee and William E. Armstrong on their way to the state penitentiary at Salem last night, just a week after they cashed forged checks at local stores.

It was on this offense that they waived grand jury hearing and entered pleas of guilty on district attorney's informations and were sentenced to two years each in the penitentiary by Judge C. L. Sweek yesterday. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman left for Salem with them a few hours later.

Armstrong, who first gave his name as Roy Martin, admitted to authorities that he was going under a nom de plume. Lee was said to be facing a warrant of arrest on a similar charge in Grant county.

The men passed checks which they admitted were forgeries for \$42, \$50, and \$42.60 at O'Donnell's pastime and the J. C. Penney store on Wednesday of last week. They were picked up later that night by officers and placed in the county bastille.

## Mart King in Ninth Year With Paramount

With Hollywood facing one of the greatest production years in its history, and already up to its ears in providing the world with the lion's share of entertainment, it failed to get very much excited over the prospect of Edward, the late king of England, and Mrs. Wallis Simpson joining the movie colony. That is one impression of Martin V. King, former Heppner boy who is spending the holidays here with his family and friends, and who just before coming north, signed a contract for his ninth year as trombonist with the Paramount studio orchestra.

"Mart," as he is known to his friends, just finishing assisting with the scoring of Cecil B. DeMille's latest picture, "The Plainsman," and is now working on a picture featuring Martha Ray, the "lady Joe E. Brown" of the movies, who is scintillating with Paramount since leaving radio. He finds the moving picture work interesting though none too easy, as two or more hours practice is required for every hour actually on the job.

Famous Hollywood boulevard was in holiday garb before he left, presenting one of the most beautiful spectacles imaginable. Holiday spirits were running high, though the movie metropolis was in the midst of a drive on drunkenness.

Mart gets to talking over Heppner old times occasionally when he gets together with some former Heppnerites residing in and about Los Angeles. Just before he left "Jerry" Aiken told him of seeing "Bub" Clark on the street in Los Angeles. He also brought greetings to her old-time friends from Miss Velma Case who now has a position in L. A., and whom he recently saw at the Aiken home.

Mart came north by train, and passed through a foot and a half of snow across the mountains. He was met at Arlington Sunday evening by his mother, Mrs. Leta Babb, and other members of the family. He will leave tomorrow, expecting to arrive back in Hollywood January 4, via Southern Pacific's "Cascade." He has been pleasantly engaged greeting his many friends, and to those whom he failed to see, extends a "Happy New Year."

## SPECIAL SERVICE SET.

A special candlelight service conducted by the young people under direction of Miss Catherine Peterson is scheduled at the Episcopal church at 7:30 Sunday evening. The service is announced as especially attractive and a general public invitation is extended.

## Winter Brings Snow Covering County; Crops Favored

### .77 Inch Moisture Received Here; Highways Icy.

Precipitation of rain and snow this week added .77 inch of moisture at Heppner, according to report this morning by Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer.

The amount includes the rain of Christmas and Christmas eve, and the snow which started falling the day after Christmas and which has continued lightly at intervals since.

Morrow county is now blanketed with snow varying in depth from one to five inches, according to reports coming from different sections. The heaviest fall seems to have prevailed to the north and in the mountains to the south, the north-Ione and north-Lexington sections being particularly favored.

The Christmas rain helped start the grain in places, reports say, and farmers generally have been encouraged by the advent of snow which not only provides needed moisture but gives protection against a severe freeze as well.

To date moderate temperatures have prevailed, and little inconvenience has been experienced due to winter's first real onset. Highways have been covered with ice to make motoring hazardous, however, and extra caution is urged upon those who venture forth in automobiles.

## THEFT OF LIGHTS SAID CHECKMATED

### Sacking of Christmas Tree Told Lions; Free Irrigation Proposal For City Residents Made.

The culprit who stole a dozen colored bulbs from the large decorated Christmas tree on Main street the end of the week was at least partially checkmated, President Ray P. Kinne told the Monday Lions luncheon. The day after the bulbs disappeared the local P. P. & L. office, owner of the bulbs and of which Mr. Kinne is manager, received notice of a 5-cent reduction in price on each bulb.

Lions, with light holiday attendance, voted to carry to the next council meeting the matter of free irrigation during the present season, while much water is to be had, in order to build up a supply in lawns and gardens against another dry season, when the supply may be very short. It was believed overflow from the reservoir might thus be used to very good advantage, it being said that soaking the ground now would obviate the necessity for so much irrigation when the dry season arrives.

Mr. Kinne, who with his family spent Christmas at Yakima, reported that hustling Washington city to have enjoyed a thriving holiday trade with stores almost depleted of merchandise the day before Christmas. It appeared several thousand dollars had been expended for decorations alone, and streets were very gay trimmed in festoons, trees and colored lights.

Attendance at the annual Port of The Dalles New Year's breakfast, being held today on the new docks at The Dalles, was discussed and hopes were held for having at least two carloads of local people in attendance. This event, sponsored jointly by The Dalles service clubs at the beginning of each year, reviews progress of the past year and presents plans for the new year's work.

Mrs. C. T. Walker, lone pioneer residing at Long Beach, Cal., writes, "We are having dandy rains now and everything is looking prosperous."

## MRS. RODGERS IS TEACHERS' HEAD

### County Superintendent Automatically Takes Helm of State Association at Portland.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, Morrow county superintendent of schools, became president of Oregon State Teachers association at its convention in Portland this week. She was automatically raised from the position of first vice-president in which she served last year.

Mrs. Rodgers was the only woman in the group of association directors whose picture appeared in the Oregonian Tuesday morning. The new officers were named at the Monday session.

The Morrow county woman has been active in state educational circles for several years, having previously served as president of the state association of county school superintendents.

This high honor has been heralded by Mrs. Rodgers' wide circle of friends here as a worthy tribute to her ability and leadership.

## Past Matrons Club Enjoys Dinner

Past Worthy Matrons club of Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon at Hotel Heppner Monday, after which they were entertained with a party at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Dix.

Those attending included Harriet Mahoney, Florence Hughes, Gertrude Parker, Rebecca Patterson, Martha Dick, Rose Howell, Lena Cox, Lucille McAtee, Sara McNamer, Jessie Prunyn, Eppa Ward, Blanche Patterson, Elizabeth Dix, Virginia Turner, Viola Lieuallen, Ealor Huston, Charlotte Gordon, Anna Bayless, Della McCurdy and Nora Summers. Mrs. Dix was high at contract and Mrs. Howell high at monopoly.

## L. L. MATLOCK IMPROVES.

Leslie L. Matlock was reported this morning as having a fighting chance against the ravages of pneumonia with which he has been battling for three days at Heppner hospital. This pioneer, who gained fame at the time of the Heppner flood in 1903, when he and Bruce B. Kelly made a breakneck horseback ride from Heppner to Lexington to warn residents there of the impending danger, has had the entire community pulling for him in this fight. A special oxygen tank was installed yesterday to help in the battle, and noticeable response to the treatment was evidenced this morning.

## EVERETT EDWARD JONES.

Funeral rites are being held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Case Mortuary chapel for Everett Edward Jones, 31, who died yesterday at Morrow General hospital from an attack of pneumonia. Rev. E. D. Greeley is officiating minister and interment is being made in Masonic cemetery. He had been a resident of this county for the last two or three years, coming from Idaho, and worked as a laborer. He leaves a widow and several stepchildren.

## HOLIDAY TRADE GOOD.

Mr. Downs, veteran drug salesman from Portland, was working the local trade Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Downs, after an enforced lay-off since August due to illness. He reported the holiday trade generally good in his territory, and considerably ahead of last year.

R. L. Bengel and son Terrel were in town yesterday morning from the Social ridge farm. About twice as much snow had fallen there as had been received at Heppner, Mr. Bengel believed.

Miss Velma Huston, who teaches at Elgin, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston.

## State Wool Growers Meet at Ontario January 11-13

### President Barratt Cites Program as Outstanding.

Oregon wool growers and the city of Ontario are looking forward to the largest convention in the association's history when the 40th annual meet of Oregon Wool Growers association meets in the Malheur city, January 11-13, announces J. G. Barratt, president. Barratt urges all Morrow county woolmen who possibly can to attend the convention as many matters of vital importance to this district will be discussed. Included is the Taylor Grazing act in which local stockmen are especially interested.

Program details include very latest information on plans dealing with grazing on the national forest, and grazing problems generally. R. C. Rich, president, and F. R. Marshall, secretary, of National Wool Growers association, will be present to assist with discussions.

The 1937 range conservation program, administration of the wild life program, and a wide range of production and marketing problems will come in for their share of attention with qualified authorities presenting latest available information.

The plan of committee procedure introduced last year which proved so successful, will be employed again this year with enlargements, and is expected to facilitate grinding out worthwhile resolutions. Committees are expected to report at the Moore hotel in Ontario at 1:30 p. m., Monday, the 11th. All growers are invited to present their problems before the proper committees for consideration.

Sessions of the state auxiliary convention will be held coincidentally with those of the woolmen, and Ontario is preparing a stellar entertainment program to add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

## Full Day's Program Set for Pomona

A full day's program has been lined up for Pomona grange meeting at Boardman Saturday. The forenoon will be devoted to business and the Pomona contest with the "Ceres" charges being given in all four degrees by contestants from subordinate granges of the county.

A program to which the public is invited is scheduled to start at 1:30 in the afternoon. It will include songs, agricultural and cooperative talks, plays, music by Irri-gon school band, and other numbers by the granges. Dinner and supper will be served, with visitors bringing food for dessert. Business will be resumed again in the evening.

## GETS INTERESTING PAPER.

S. E. Notson dropped in this week with part of a copy of the Peiping Chronicle, Chinese newspaper, contained in a Christmas package received from son Charles and family, missionaries at Peiping. This paper is interesting in that it is published in English with only a few Chinese characters. A generous advertising patronage is shown both by English and Chinese firms. The masthead informs one that it is "published daily except days following holidays." If there are any government regulations surrounding its publication, nothing is said about it unless some of the Chinese characters are used for the purpose. World and national news are mainly featured.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kleinfeldt are parents of a six-pound son who was born this morning.