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## F. & S. Nat'l Bank Stockholders to Be Fully Repaid

### Assessment With Interest Funded in Record Trust

Final liquidation of Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank is set with sale of remaining assets set for January 8, announces J. G. Gault, receiver. When the books are closed, it is expected this liquidation will have been the best of record for any closed bank in Oregon, and will compare favorably with any record throughout the entire country.

Already bank depositors have been paid in full with interest of 7.59 percent, earned in the time the money was tied up in liquidation, paid in addition. When remaining assets have been disposed of, it is expected the full assessment levied on stockholders with interest in addition at the legal rate of 6 percent, will be paid.

Refutation is shown in this liquidation of the claim that the bank at Arlington had made a better showing. Shortly after announcement of the 7.59 percent interest payment to depositors of the local bank, receiver for the Arlington bank rushed into print to say that the Arlington bank had made a better showing, having paid 12 percent interest to depositors with expectation of repaying part of the assessment to stockholders. The figures for interest paid depositors themselves show the local liquidation to have been better than that at Arlington, for in each case the rate of 6 percent a year was paid for the time depositors' money was tied up in liquidation. Depositors in the local bank by receiving only 7.19 percent interest were repaid in 15 months time while depositors in the Arlington bank waited 24 months for full payment as the 12 percent figure indicates.

Another point of interest in the local liquidation is that income figures for the year 1933 were large enough to justify the opinion of Fred Pigg, district internal revenue representative that it is necessary to pay an income tax on the amount remaining after all expenses of liquidation are paid for that year. Though it has not been definitely determined that this is the case, it is taken as a compliment to the receivership that Uncle Sam has interested himself in earnings of the trust.

Mr. Gault was retained by stockholders of Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank to look after their interests after all other claims had been satisfied. As this receivership is being brought to a close, he is today closing former offices in the First National bank building and opening offices at 303-304, third floor, Heppner Hotel.

He reports liquidation progressing nicely of First National Bank of Heppner, which he has handled jointly with the Farmers and Stockgrowers trust.

### EASTERN STAR ELECTS

Officers for the coming year were elected by Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, last Friday evening. Mary Patterson Guild was named worthy matron, C. J. D. Bauman, worthy patron; Faye Ferguson, associate matron; Robert Wightman, associate patron; Madge Thomson, conductress; Etta Parker, associate conductress; Muriel Vaughn, secretary; Emma Evans, treasurer. Virginia Turner is retiring worthy matron, and C. J. D. Bauman, retiring worthy patron.

Past worthy matrons staged a dinner at Hotel Heppner last evening honoring the incoming worthy matron.

### ATTEND MEETING

Several men members of the local school faculty motored to Boardman Monday evening to attend a schoolmasters' club meeting.

## PRIZES OFFERED FOR PRETTY YARDS

Contest Hoped to Encourage  
Christmas Cheer, Announces  
Pacific Power & Light Company

Cash prizes are being offered by Pacific Power and Light company to add to the incentive for exterior illuminated decoration of homes at the Christmas season, with the belief of Ray P. Kinne, local manager, that residents will not only find satisfaction in working for the prizes but that the results will add to the general spirit of good cheer prevailing at the Christmas season.

Homes in Ione, Lexington and Heppner, with the exception of those of company employees, are all eligible to compete for the ten dollars first prize, \$5 second prize and \$2.50 third prize. Prizes will be given those whose decorations comply with the rules and who are entitled to prizes in the opinion of the judges. The rules follow:

1. The decorations must be in place by December 22, and be lighted from 5 P. M. to 9 P. M. daily from December 22 to January 1, 1938.

2. There must be six exterior lights. Silhouettes, wreaths, etc., placed in windows will add to your display but will not be counted as exterior lights.

3. Judging will be on the basis of 60 percent for expression of the Christmas spirit, 40 percent on the basis of simplicity and electrical display.

4. Judging will be made at any time between 5 and 9 P. M., December 22 to January 1.

5. Judges will be four local people not entering the contest.

6. Entry blanks can be secured at the Pacific Power and Light office. All assistance possible will be given the contestants by the light company and its employees.

## Heppner to Play Grant Union High

Heppner will play host to one of the finest B teams in this section of the country on Tuesday when it meets Grant Union high school, situated mid-way between John Day and Canyon City. A team new to Heppner's schedule, Grant Union is on a road trip of which Heppner is the second stop. Andy Hurney, coach of the interior squad, has not yet put out a consistently winning combination, but he has in mind that the trip they are now taking will either make or break his squad. This team played in the semi-finals in the district tournament last spring, but lost to Athena only to turn around and defeat Arlington in the consolation round and come out as third best quintet in this B district, which covers thirteen counties.

The Heppner squad received two set-backs last week end at the hands of Adams and Irrigon but Tuesday's victory over Lexington and a prospective win over Fossil at that city this coming Saturday will give the Mustangs the much needed game experience. Heppner's Coach Knox has been sending his proteges through some stiff practice sessions in preparation for the Grant county boys and expects to give them a rousing welcome this coming Tuesday in the local gym. The game is called for 7:30 p. m.

### NEW BUSINESS COMES

A complete car painting and body repair service is being installed at Ferguson Motor company by Paul Flock, recently of Walla Walla. Mr. Flock has arrived with his wife and son and is taking residence in the George McDuffee house in north Heppner.

### ROAD VIEWERS NAMED

Harry Tamblin, F. S. Parker and A. A. McCabe were named viewers of the proposed Vey gate-Vinson road on Big Butter creek on which a hearing of petition was heard in county court last Friday. Time for viewing the road was set on or about the 13th.

## Rain Continues, Bringing Total Near Record of 1922

### New Snow in Timber as Holiday Garb Reminds of Christmas

A warm, steady rain this morning was gradually increasing the year's total precipitation which up to this morning had reached 14.28 inches,

according to Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer. Precipitation for December up to last night was given at 1.21 inch. The year 1937 is already the wettest of record since 1922, whose total of upwards of 15 inches may be surpassed should present weather hold very long.

While rain was falling at Heppner reports came from the timber that one to two inches of new snow was blanketing the landscape there. Vernon Brown brought one report from the Coal Mine district from where he brought a load of wood.

Nothing but smiles wreath the faces of Morrow county residents over the open winter prevailing so far, as moisture expectations are already above the average and growing conditions are all that can be desired.

While the weather is no reminder of the nearness of Christmas, the fact of its approach is being impressed in Heppner by general store and street decorations, and Main street is more colorful than it has ever been for the season.

## High School Operetta Coming Tomorrow

This Friday evening at eight o'clock in the local gym, the combined high school glee clubs will present "The King's Courtship," an Oriental comic operetta in two acts.

Mons. Q., an American aviator, played by Jack Merrill, falls in love with Cherry Rose, fair flower of Japonica, portrayed by Harriet Hager. The two are secretly married. After the marriage, Mons. Q. leaves. The king of Japonica, played by La Verne Van Marter, falls in love with Cherry Rose but she spurns him, maintaining her love for her husband. Undaunted, the king vows that he merely has to fast for twenty-four hours to claim her as his bride. His efforts to keep his vow to fast result in many amusing situations, with final outcome being a surprise to everybody.

Other characters are as follows: Tong, the King's jester, who provides many amusing moments, played by Donnie Bennett; the Mayoress, mother of Cherry Rose, who is convinced her daughter should marry the king, portrayed by Juanita Phelps; Arreschu, the chief of police, very simple minded but well meaning, played by Jackson Gilliam; Maigold and Silver Bell, maidens in waiting for Cherry Rose, played by Arlene Morton and Alvina Casebeer, respectively; Kalores and Kerocino, two young blades in love with Maigold and Silver Bell played by Buddy Blakely and Joe Aiken, respectively; Zingo, master of the hounds, who has a profound love for dogs, portrayed by Robert Scrivner; Margotte, a very disagreeable and ugly old woman, played by Evelyn Kirk.

The price for the operetta is 35c for adults, 25c for students, and 15c for children.

## Free Band Concert Set Next Wednesday

A free band concert and Christmas music by the grade school choruses will be staged at the gym-auditorium next Wednesday evening. An especially enjoyable program is anticipated, to which the public is cordially invited, it is announced by the school.

## BAD CHECK ARTISTS RECEIVE SENTENCES

Youth Arrested at Ione Pleads  
Not Guilty, in Charge Yesterday  
Before Circuit Court

Two writers of illegal checks found the error of their ways in sentences handed down by Judge C. L. Sweek as work on the December docket in circuit court was ground out from Monday until yesterday.

Ralph Andrews waived grand jury information, Monday, and plead guilty to a charge of forgery for which he was given three years suspended sentence on good behavior, by Judge Sweek Tuesday.

John Ricky was arraigned shortly before noon yesterday on indictment brought in by the new grand jury charging him with writing bank checks with intent to defraud. He entered plea of guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

Ricky's was one of two indictments returned by the newly empaneled grand jury with David Hynd as foreman, and C. R. McAlister, Marion Finch, Roy Quackenbush, Geo. W. Rand and W. E. Pruyn other members of the body. The second indictment charged Ralph Brumfield with receiving and concealing stolen goods, the charge arising from a theft at the Bert Mason store in Ione Sunday night. Brumfield was arraigned just after Ricky yesterday and entered plea of not guilty, whereupon he was remanded to custody of the sheriff to await trial.

Motions were given in a number of suits in law and equity cases. Motion of non-suit was ordered in the case of Lotus Robison vs. O. E. and Delbert Wright, and motion of voluntary non-suit was given in the case of C. L. Swormstedt vs. Ernest Christopherson and Ada Christopherson, his wife.

Order sustaining demurrer was granted in case of C. Lowell vs. Katherine L. Washburn, et al.

Decree of divorce was granted Virginia Amorelli vs. Frank Amorelli, with custody of child, Jo Jean, given plaintiff and requirement of \$25 a month support by defendant.

Order was issued confirming trustees on petition of J. H. Dunlap, et al. General Motors Acceptance corporation was given judgment against E. R. Lundell, on default, giving plaintiff's mortgage precedence over defendant's labor lien on a truck held by defendant, and requiring payment of \$26.30 costs by defendant.

Out-of-town attorneys appearing before the court included Mark Weatherford of Albany, C. Z. Randall and J. B. Perry of Pendleton.

### JONE LOSES BY POINT

Condon's town hoopsters edged out Ione by one point in one of the hottest contested games staged in the county this season when the two teams met on the Ione court last Saturday night. The final score was 27-26. Jim Webb, son of Paul Webb, was a new addition to the Ione squad hanging up nine points. Echo will be the opponent on the Ione court next Saturday night. With a team that has played together for eight years and suffered only two defeats in the last two seasons, they will offer the most formidable competition so far, Coach Fred Hoskins of the Ioneites believes.

### PAPER RECOGNIZED

A four-star rating was given the Heppner Round-up, Co. 297, CCC monthly paper, by Happy Days, the national weekly newspaper for the CCC's, published in Washington, D. C. This is the highest rating given any camp paper in the nation by this official paper. Happy Days mentions the Heppner Round-up as a "very witty monthly of 15 pages, backed up, has the services of two clever artists in Editor Charles Evans and Nick Talalaeff."

### SUFFERS STROKE

Mrs. F. D. Cox suffered a paralytic stroke at her home on the Hinton creek farm Monday and her condition is reported as critical. Mrs. Cox is a pioneer settler of the Hinton creek district.

## Sawmill Located On Land Leased From Wightmans

### H. O. Wray, Yakima, Expects to Start Operations in Spring

A new payroll industry for Heppner was assured Tuesday morning when lease was signed with Wightman brothers for site, and the first truckload of machinery was unloaded for the establishment of a sawmill by H. O. Wray, recently of Yakima. The site is located about a mile north of the city limits.

The mill, which has been in operation for several years, will be set up and put in good running condition this winter with the expectation of starting operation, in the spring. It will be equipped with new gang saws to give a capacity operation of from 40,000 to 60,000 feet of lumber a day. The employment of 25 men is expected when cutting starts, with labor to be obtained locally so far as possible.

Mr. Wray and brother, N. E. Wray, spent the week here in completing negotiations for a site. Support of local business interests in helping them get located was proffered at a meeting at the Elks club Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Wray comes from Yakima with excellent credit credentials, having assisted in the successful operation of the mill there for several years.

Cutting of locally acquired ponderosa pine logs is expected to keep the mill in operation for the next five to fifteen years, with site lease taken for the 15-year period.

## Mayor Jones Has Operation in Portland

Mayor Jeff Jones was reported this morning as making good progress from a stomach operation which he underwent in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones who were in the city with Mrs. Jones at the time of the operation, returned home yesterday. They were accompanied by Alvin Hendrickson who came north with his mother, Mrs. Ellis Hendrickson, from their home at San Leandro, Cal. Mrs. Hendrickson was also present when her father underwent the operation. She remained in the city with her mother and father.

## Rate Council Calls Shippers' Conference

All shippers of the Mountain-Pacific northwest and their representatives interested in opposing the proposed 15 percent increase in freight rates are invited to meet with the Farm Rate council at 508 American Bank building, Portland, on Monday, Dec. 20, at 9 A. M.

It is vital that the four days of hearing at Portland, January 11 to 15 before Interstate Commerce commission representative, be divided among the different commodity groups and that plans be made for putting in a coordinated defense, announces H. R. Richards, president, through Bert Johnson, Morrow county director, who says:

"Proposed increases, if granted, will cost the producers and consumers of the four northwestern states over forty million dollars a year.

"A percentage increase would be particularly injurious to the Mountain-Pacific northwest because the hauls to market average much longer on the products of this section than upon the products of most other sections of the country. This is true both as to outgoing and incoming freight.

"The American Truck association and intercoastal steamships are also seeking 15 percent increases."