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First National Bank Pays 16 Percent Fourth Dividend

Two Banks Release \$50,000; F.N.B. Now 75 Pct. Liquidated

J. L. Gault, receiver, announces a fourth dividend of 16 percent will be paid the depositors of the First National Bank of Heppner as soon as checks can be prepared, forwarded to Washington for the signature of the comptroller of the currency and returned to his office, which should be around February first.

This will increase the dividend returns of this bank to 75 percent, three payments aggregating 59 percent having been distributed heretofore. Mr. Gault states that his last loan made from the Reconstruction Finance corporation through the comptroller in December, 1935, which provided largely for the third dividend of 25 percent, was fully settled last September and that the 16 percent dividend results entirely from collections made by him since that time.

While Mr. Gault would make no commitment at the amount the bank will ultimately pay the creditors, he expressed confidence that a further dividend would be had. It is known that Mr. Gault is working to dispose of the bank's "Coal lands" at the headwaters of Willow creek and that he believes he will be able to make a definite announcement of their sale in the near future.

This dividend and the returns to stockholders of Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank in payments soon to be made, will release more than \$50,000.

H. L. Duvall Bids High on Bank Assets

Opening of bids Monday for sale of remaining assets of Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank of Heppner revealed the bid of H. L. Duvall as high. Duvall's bid of \$750 was for all the remaining assets and was higher than individual bids on partial assets combined.

J. L. Gault, receiver, transmitted Duvall's bid to the comptroller of currency for approval with recommendation of its acceptance. The sale is expected to complete Mr. Gault's trust with this bank, though a distribution of remaining funds may not be made until the matter of making income tax returns is cleared up. The liquidation has made the exceptional record of repaying depositors in full with interest for the time their money was tied up, and in addition, of repaying stockholders' assessments in full with interest.

JOINT MEETING SLATED

A joint pot-luck dinner of Heppner post 87, American Legion, and Heppner unit of the auxiliary has been set for next Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford. All ex-service men and wives and all auxiliary members and husbands are expected to attend. Present from outside will be Robert Burlingame of Milton, commander of the 6th district of the Legion, Hugh Bowman of Pendleton, state chairman of Sons of the Legion, Mrs. Marie Todd of Hermiston, president of the 6th district of the auxiliary, as well as others who may accompany them. Following the dinner the auxiliary will hold its meeting at the home of Mrs. Floyd Adams, local unit president.

YEAR'S FIRST MOISTURE

Rain, snow, wind and sunshine all combined yesterday to give Morrow county a variety of weather and the first precipitation of moisture for the new year. The snow covered the ground for only a short time. Overcast skies and moderate temperatures is the order for today.

LOCAL WOMEN GET RECOGNITION

Woolgrowers and Auxiliary
End Meetings at Prineville;
Labor, Grazing Get Action

The election of Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson as president of Oregon Wool Growers auxiliary, and Mrs. Estes L. Morton as secretary of that organization, again brought Heppner into the limelight as the Oregon Wool Growers association and its auxiliary brought their annual conventions to a close at Prineville Tuesday. The officers were elected for two years.

J. G. Barratt of this city who has completed two terms as president of the wool growers, was succeeded in office by Leo Hahn of Crook county. R. L. Weir of Lakeview was named vice president, and Walter Holt of Pendleton, veteran in the office, was reelected to the post of secretary.

The Morrow county delegation returned home yesterday.

Among resolutions of wool growers was commendation for Governor Martin in his stand on the labor situation, recommendation that the wool industry keep "open shop" in regard to shearers' unions, opposition to the 70-car train and Pettin-gill bills, and opposition to the suggested plan of diverting forest control from the department of agriculture.

Opposition was expressed to any new permits or licenses being issued by the grazing division until range survey and carrying capacity studies are completed. The policy of issuing ten-year permits formerly followed by the forest service was endorsed and asked to be extended to grazing lands falling under the Taylor grazing act. Purchase of county and federally-owned lands within grazing districts of eastern Oregon was recommended.

Antone Vey, Sr., Was Pioneer Resident

Antone Vey, Sr., native of Portugal, early Morrow and Umatilla county pioneer, father of Antone Vey, Jr., the Heppner Rodeo director and noted round-up performer, died at Pendleton Sunday. Funeral services were held there Tuesday, attended by many friends from both counties.

Born Feb. 22, 1847, Mr. Vey came to Umatilla county at 18 years of age, residing continuously on the ranch in the Echo section until retirement in 1918 when he moved to Pendleton. Besides the son mentioned he is survived by his widow, daughters Mamie and Anna Vey of Pendleton, and half brother, Joe Ramos of Echo.

Three More Sessions Adult Education

With three more regularly slated sessions of the adult education classes which have been conducted for some time, Mrs. Daphna Sumner, in charge, announces that desires of Heppner people must be made known in this time if the work is to be continued. The classes, one on sewing problems of the homemaker, in the afternoon, and the other on art, in the evening, meet at 2:30 and 7 o'clock each Wednesday.

Ladies with any sewing problems who have not yet attended the afternoon class may receive help at the three remaining sessions. A number of men interested in art have attended the evening class and any others so interested are welcome.

RESIDENCE SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Babb this week sold their recently completed residence on North Court street to Millard D. Rodman. They are completing finishing work before turning over the property.

ANNUAL MEETING CALLED

The annual meeting of the Heppner Public Library association will be held Saturday, January 15th, at the library room at 4:30 p. m. Everyone interested in the library is asked to attend.

Postoffice to Get 2nd Class Rating; 1937 Business Up

Year's Total of \$9562 is 8.7 Percent Increase Over 1936

Heppner's postoffice became entitled to second class rating the first of the year with an 8.7 percent increase in business in 1937 over 1936, announces Chas. B. Cox, postmaster. Total business for 1937 was \$9,562.43 against \$8,779.07 for 1936. The new rating will take effect July first.

The second class rating automatically raises the salaries of the postmaster and clerks, and is the basis for obtaining various improvements in service. This is the first year since 1929 that the office has been so rated.

Comparison of business by quarters for 1936 and 1937 is given by Mr. Cox as follows:

	1936	1937
1st Quarter	\$2163.13	\$2265.59
2nd Quarter	1975.21	2166.15
3rd Quarter	2054.99	2167.11
4th Quarter	2585.74	2963.78
Totals	\$8779.07	\$9562.63

Heppner to Play Fossil and Irrigon

Two games in two nights on the home floor is the schedule this week end for Heppner when it takes on the Fossil quintet Friday and Irrigon Saturday.

Fossil and Irrigon each have a victory over the locals in early season games played on their own courts. A surprisingly strong team, Fossil has a squad that played together last year, and although hardly more than a set-up, they showed promise as a future team. This season, these players have formed a most formidable cage outfit, one that is making it tough for its opponents. In such players as Bird, Wham, Prindley, Viegas and Sean, they have a group of progressive hoopsters out to gain their first conference win.

Saturday's game with Irrigon, the team that has won ten straight games, brings to Heppner a basketball five that is a member of the eastern division of the Upper Columbia Athletic league, the same conference of which the Mustangs are a western division school. This game does not count in the league standings, but it will give a general idea as to the competition offered by the smaller schools of which the eastern division is composed. Lyle Eddy, coach of the river town's basketball representatives, has a team that comes to the mentor of the smaller enrollment schools but few times during a coach's career. This year Irrigon has one of the stand-out teams of the river section, as evidenced by its mounting string of victories.

Their first game in three weeks, Heppner, although losing to Arlington last Saturday, did so by a much smaller score than was generally predicted. Heay practice sessions are on tap for the Mustangs the early part of this week, according to Coach Knox, who hopes to get the boys back in the stride they displayed for the Grant Union game. This week end's games are the first two of five games that will be played on the local floor within the next three weeks.

Both games are scheduled for 8.00 p. m., Friday and Saturday in the Heppner gymnasium.

GRANGE PROGRAM SET

Mrs. Alta Brown, lecturer, has arranged a program for the regular meeting of Lexington grange beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. Report of Marvin Casebeer of national FFA convention at Kansas City, piano solos by Caroline Bauman and Maxine Devine will precede an address by Morton Tompkins, state grange overseer, on rural electrification. The public is invited.

ELECTRIFICATION POMONA TALKS

Outside Speakers Lead Discus-
sions at Cecil Meeting; Joint
Installation Held With Local

All subordinate granges of the county were well represented at Pomona grange meeting at Cecil Saturday afternoon and evening, with between 85 and 100 persons present in the afternoon. Discussions on the rural electrification outlook took prominent place in the day's activities.

Outside speakers included Ralph Perry, master of Pine Grove grange in Hood River county; Mat Glover, former state grange overseer; Mr. Thiessen, master Clackamas county Pomona; Walter Wilcox, manager of Oregon grange wholesale cooperatives, who gave the principal address of the afternoon and told of connections recently made with Massey-Harris Machinery Co., and of organization of districts for the distribution of tires, electrical appliances and various other articles; Mrs. Wilcox, member of state grange home economics committee, and Joe Belanger, county agent, who discussed general agricultural topics of local interest. Pomona and Boardman grange choruses sang Scotch songs in commemoration of the birthday of Robert Burns this month, the Krebs boys gave instrumental musical numbers, vocal numbers were sung by Donald Heliker with guitar accompaniment, and recitation was given by Donald Ball. Minnie McFarland discussed progress of cooperative medicine and hospitalization, and Mrs. Alta Brown told of "Our Goal for 1938."

Chas. Wicklander, state grange deputy, was present and in the early afternoon presided as installing officer for installation of new Pomona and Willows grange officers. Mrs. Wilcox was installing marshal with two lady assistants. Ladies of the grange served lunch at noon and in the evening.

Tompkins to Speak On Electrification

Morton Tompkins, state grange overseer, will speak on "Rural Electrification" at Lexington grange hall at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, and it is expected he will also be available for a talk in the afternoon, announces Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Willows grange worker. The public is invited to hear him.

Tompkins responded to a request for an informed speaker on this subject sent to the state grange, answering a desire of local grange workers that complete information be obtained on the possibility of benefits from the Bonneville development.

MISSION SOCIETY MEETS

The Womens Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Jennie McCarter, president, presiding. Mrs. Mary Bailey led devotions followed by prayer by Mrs. L. W. Briggs. Mrs. Lulu McCarty read a chapter from the study book, and Mrs. R. C. Young read a paper on the women's foreign mission organization. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Alta Brown and Mrs. Briggs. Others attending included Mrs. Newt O'Hara, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Sam Hughes, Mrs. Sarah Parker, Mrs. Ruth Stevens, Mrs. Alex Green and Miss Ona Gilliam.

WATER CONDITION GOOD

Heppner's water is in "A" condition, safe for drinking purposes, says the latest report from Oregon State Board of Health, whose analysis was made on the 7th from two samples taken on the 6th, one at the reservoir and one at "city tap, drug store." Reports on both samples were "A," though the sample taken at the reservoir showed more than 10 percent gas in 10 cubic centimeters, indicating "B. Colon" to be present. The other sample showed complete absence of any bacterial count. The reports were received by J. O. Rasmus, watermaster, Tuesday morning.

Mill Opposed as Not Conforming to Forest Policy

Wehmeyer Tells Lions that Backing Is Given Kinzua

Antagonism to the proposed mill operation at Heppner was expressed by F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger, before the Monday Lions luncheon on the grounds that the operation does not conform to the policy of administration of the local forest district.

Forest officials have lended their support to a policy of placing timber cutting in the district on a sustained yield basis, and have been cooperating with the Kinzua Pine mills as the logical operators for effecting such a policy, Wehmeyer said. The Kinzua people have recently made large purchases of private timber in the district to the end of establishing a 60-year-cycle perpetual operation. If cutting is thrown wide open, the western yellow pine of this region will disappear in 15 years' time, he declared.

Wehmeyer predicted that several large milling towns would become ghost towns within the next 15 years. The timber available to mills at Bend, Klamath Falls and Redmond, he said, would be practically depleted in that time, thus removing the main source of the economic life of those communities.

He cited the timber in the Heppner district as the last body of western yellow pine large enough to support a sustained yield operation, and predicted that in the ultimate Heppner would be repaid better by supporting the sustained yield policy than it would by encouraging wholesale cutting.

Of course the forest service has no control over private lands, he said, though its influence is being used to throw control so far as possible under the sustained yield plan.

Members of the Lions club who had encouraged the establishment of the mill here said they had not been aware of the forest policy. One member most active in aiding the establishment of the local operation, reported that plans were being made to set up for a 120,000-foot per day cut. It was the general impression of club members that the local timber was ripe and ready for cutting and that much of its value would be lost, through inroads by beetles and otherwise, unless it were cut in the next few years. Wehmeyer estimated that the total beetle damage to date had amounted to about 10 percent.

Mr. Wehmeyer and his assistant, Harold C. Chriswell, reported attendance at recent meetings at Pendleton at which discussions took place as a basis for planning operations of the district next year. All district operations are planned a full year ahead, and the various activities correlated to the end of administering it in the public interest to the largest possible degree, they said.

D. M. Ward and Dr. A. D. McMurdo brought reports from the Jackson Day dinner attended in Portland Saturday night, stressing the address of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Johnson as the highlight of the meeting.

Local Rebekahs Fete County Lodges

Heppner Rebekah lodge was host last evening to other Rebekah lodges of the county at a turkey dinner and joint installation of officers at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Joining in the affair were Hardman, Lexington, Ione and Morgan lodges.

FACES STATUTORY CHARGE

Dick Howard, long-time Heppner resident, was taken into custody of officers this week on a statutory charge.