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### Good Work, Boys

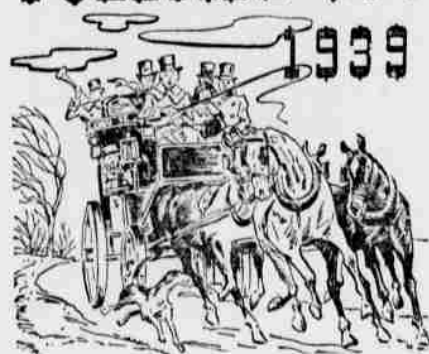
HEPPNER has a good fire department. That fact has been demonstrated on more than one occasion where the services of the firemen were required. Working practically without assistance this group of 18 men has brought the department up to a high standard of efficiency and caused it to be recognized by outside sources. At least one insurance company has shown its appreciation of the department's services by reducing rates on residential insurance. This factor alone should command more interest in the department by property owners and



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business concerns. It should cause our citizens to inquire in what way they may be of assistance to the firemen. A little inquiry might bring a surprise to many of us.

### Holiday Spirit Rules Lions Meeting

Serious business, if there were such in mind, gave way to a spirit of levity at the Lions luncheon Monday. Music, talks and even an oration were included in a program that required considerably more than the allotted hour to run off.

First and foremost, musically was two accordion solos by Walter Skuzeski. Walter tried to apologize for lack of preparation by stating that he had had but two lessons on the instrument, an apology that proved needless as the little boy played two waltz numbers with the skill of one having had many lessons. A male quartet was forced to sing before its members were allowed to eat and it was not learned whether the music was so good that the Lions demanded a second number or that possibly they wanted to see if a second number could be worse.

A special guest at the luncheon was Miss Lucille H. Vale who was introduced by program chairman Clarence Bauman as representative of the county health nurse service. Miss Vale spoke briefly about the objectives of the county health service, stating that her first work will be that of making a survey of health conditions of the entire county. Supervised medical examinations, care of infants, communicable disease control and general organization were included in a program that touched briefly by the speaker.

Lt. Marius P. Hanford introduced two guests, Capt. B. O. Garrett, district quartermaster, and Lt. Bruce Price, district exchange officer of the Vancouver headquarters, CCC. Purchase and distribution of \$70,000 worth of groceries a month is one of the items coming under his direction and he also stated that \$2500 is spent for laundry work and \$1500 in shoe repairs over the district each month. A few sidelights on eating habits of some of the boys proved amusing. Lt. Price responded with a few words about his work. The visitors were here on an inspection tour and gave Camp Heppner a clean bill of health.

Russell McNeill was the orator of the day. He spoke as a representative of the public speaking class being conducted by J. O. Turner this winter. Economics was his theme and he recited figures showing that the tendency to retire so-called old people from positions in favor of younger people is placing too great a burden on the earners of the country. He expressed the belief that many of those undergoing and facing enforced retirement are capable of producing far better than those succeeding them and that their experience and skill should be used as long as they are able to fill their positions. If this were done, the speaker continued, there would be less need for a system of pension and relief and would restore the self-reliance that has brought this country to the position of world power it now enjoys.

### Ballard to Take Over Reins at OSC Next July First

Oregon State College.—Selected as the eighth president of Oregon State college, and the first alumnus of that institution to be placed in this highest office, Frank L. Ballard, at present vice-director in charge of the extension service, has announced that he will stay distinctly in the background until he takes office on July 1, next.

Although he has received numerous invitations to speak, he plans on filling only such engagements as are directly connected with his work in the extension service, he says. Dr. G. W. Peavy, who is retiring because of age limitations, will be president until July 1, and there will be no disposition on Ballard's part to infringe upon the normal completion of this term of office, he said.

The president-elect has also refrained from outlining any definite program or policies other than to say that he believes in keeping the entire institution closely geared to the needs of the people of the state, and in using every agency connected with the college toward the development of the state's industries and fostering general educational welfare.

Ballard, a native of New Hampshire, is 48 years old, is married, and has two children, Richard, 17, and Nancy, 11. He was graduated in agriculture at Oregon State college in 1916, after having been active in campus affairs, including editing the Barometer, college newspaper, in his senior year.

Most of his professional career has been spent in the extension service in Oregon, where he has been successively field agent in marketing, assistant county agent leader, county agent leader, and finally vice-director in charge of extension. During the period of his service in extension work in this state, county cooperation has grown until, for the past three years, there have been extension agents in every county on a cooperative basis.

### Midwest Weary of Stagnant Business

People of the middle west would like to see an upswing of business according to Harry Duvall, who, with Mrs. Duvall and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice returned Saturday from an extended visit to that section. There were complaints on every hand, the Blackhorse man stated in Heppner Monday, and farmers and business men alike would like to see a change in conditions in the immediate future.

The Duvalls and Rices spent more than a month visiting relatives in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. They crossed and visited nine states on their trip and found conditions in the coast states better than in other states visited. Returning home the Morrow county folks left Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday morning and arrived at the Rice place early Saturday afternoon.

### Many Enjoy Program At Methodist Church

A large crowd enjoyed the presentation of the Christmas play, "Nobody's Child," Sunday evening in the Methodist church. The little beginner children almost stole the program with their hilarious enjoyment of their half hour of entertainment.

The pastor and his wife, and the Sunday school superintendent, wish to thank all who gave so generously of their time to make the program a success.

Special thanks is due to Miss Virginia Dix who acted as organist, and to the singers who furnished the musical background. Also appreciation is felt for the splendid cooperation of the mothers who made costumes.

Perhaps no one contributed more toward the program success than Mr. Thomas Wells who looked after the lighting.

Sincere thanks of the whole church goes to the entire cast of the play for their devoted service, and last but not least, thanks is due to the splendid audience who gave the wonderful offering which is to be used as usual for Christmas relief.



We wish to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and to express our appreciation for the friendly relationships of the past year.

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