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Heppner Elks Burn Mortgage At Celebration

Sweek, Cohn Pay Tribute; Large Class Initiated

Two charter members, Frank Roberts and Leslie L. Matlock, touched the match to the mortgage evidencing removal of all debt against its home when Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks staged a big celebration for the event Saturday.

Judge C. L. Sweek of Pendleton, a past exalted ruler of Heppner lodge, inspired his large audience with a short address before himself introducing the mortgage-burning ceremony, in which he paid tribute to the older members whose constant and faithful effort made the good lodge home possible and resulted in final payment of the large indebtedness which they had the courage to incur. Introduced as playing an important part in lifting the mortgage debt were the trustees who served for many years of the most trying times. L. E. Bisbee, Chas. B. Cox and D. A. Wilson.

Judge Sweek especially paid tribute to the order of Elks for its high ideals of Americanism. Its more than two million members serve as a real bulwark against subversive elements within the country, for it offers refuge to no isms except Americanism, he said.

In making his official visit to his home lodge, Harold A. Cohn, district deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon northeast, reemphasized the words of the principal speaker in offering commendation to the lodge for passing the important milestone recognized by the occasion, and in calling attention to the Americanism program which is being strongly emphasized by the grand exalted ruler. Bringing the grand exalted ruler's greetings, Mr. Cohn said everyone can most effectively combat the enemies within the country by full cooperation with regularly constituted authorities rather than by attempting to take corrective measures into his own hands. He also outlined the grand exalted ruler's program of assistance to underprivileged children which the order is carrying on throughout the country.

Harkening back to inception of the local lodge in 1897 when it was instituted by The Dalles lodge 308, was the exemplification of initiatory work by officers of that lodge headed by W. R. Webber, exalted ruler. Twelve candidates were inducted in the name of General John J. Pershing whose name was being similarly honored by lodges all over the United States in compliance with desire of the grand exalted ruler.

The lodge session was held beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and during its progress, ladies of Elks were entertained at cards at Lucas Place with Mrs. J. G. Barratt, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mrs. Gene Ferguson as hostesses.

Visitors from neighboring counties, members of Heppner lodge as well as members of sister lodges, came for the day's events which culminated in a grand ball in the evening at which a special floor show from Portland was presented.

Among distinguished visitors was Earl Snell, secretary of state, a member of Heppner lodge, and his chief clerk, George Flagg, who arrived too late for the lodge session from a goose-hunting trip. They were accompanied by Dave Lemon of Arlington, and departed early in the evening. Other visitors registered for the day included Henry Scherer, J. E. Peck, E. E. Phetteplace, L. K. Dunahoo, W. R. Taylor, S. P. Jurgemeir, Vince Corrigan, Jim McHale, Edward B. Cosgriff, Rodney B. Cooper, Roy Phillippi, Fidelis Wilson, Ed Wasse, Thomas Glavey,

LARGE AUDIENCE GREET'S OPERETTA

Charming Foster Music Gives Students Outlet for Talent In Well Acted Vehicle

A near-capacity audience gave "An Old Kentucky Garden," annual high school operetta, a hearty reception at the gym-auditorium last Friday evening. Featuring the charming music of Stephen C. Foster, action of the play moved smoothly through the picturesque setting in the garden of Colonel Staunton's home in Kentucky, period 1850.

Humor and romance were well interspersed throughout, and those cast in character roles all gave true portrayals. Music was directed by Miss Jean McElhinny, dramatic direction was by Norbert Peavy, Miss Martha Blair directed the dances, and Mary E. Curran was piano accompanist.

Cast and chorus personnel included:

Stephen Foster, beloved troubador, H. Crawford; Jeanie, Colonel Staunton's niece, L. Barlow; Colonel Staunton, poor but aristocratic, J. O'Harra; Phillip, Jeanie's brother, D. Bennett; Joy, Phillip's fiancée, D. Wilson; Hannah, thrice a widow, P. Tamblin; Henry Blow, a gold prospector of '49, B. Blakely; Richard, Phillip's northern friend, J. Barratt; Majundahr, a Hindu magician, T. Starkey; Joe Buzzard, avacious money lender, D. Evans; Elmina, K. Chapin; William, N. Osborne; Seth, A. Gibb; Andrew, B. Swick; Adaliza, F. Wilkinson; Lily, colored plantation singer; P. O'Harra; Tom, colored plantation singer, J. Kenny; Mr. Moneyfold, music publisher, J. Skuzeski; Mr. Artichoke, music publisher, P. Cohn.

Individual dances were given by J. Farley, Hoe Down; W. Howell, tap dance, and T. Starkey, Hindu dance. A waltz number was done by F. Wilkinson, L. Healy, C. Instone, J. Farley, L. Ashbaugh, B. Pinckney; Schottisch by M. Sims, D. Wilson, F. Wilkinson, B. Pinckney, D. Bennett, H. O'Donnell; and quadrille by K. Chapin, H. Healy, K. Thompson, P. Tamblin, H. O'Donnell, B. Scrivner, J. Farley, B. Blakely, caller J. Kenny, violin L. Warfield, guitar J. Hoselton, oboe P. Tamblin.

Composing the girls' chorus were L. Ball, W. Beymer, N. Bleakman, J. Brown, A. Butterfield, M. Clary, B. Cunningham, P. Dooley, C. Drake, F. Egan, V. Gammell, L. Green, L. Healy, E. Hiatt, W. Hudson, E. Hughes, M. Sims, J. Smart.

In the boys' chorus were I. Clary, H. Gilliam, A. Thompson, J. McLaughlin and L. Pepper.

Lex Grange Slates Christmas Party

Lexington grange has slated a Christmas party for tomorrow evening, which all members and their families are urged to attend.

There will be an interesting program, a tree with treats for the children and old-time dance. The evening will conclude with a pot-luck supper.

An old-time dance will also be held at the hall on Saturday evening, the 21st.

XMAS POSTAL SERVICE SET

The local postoffice will remain open until 6 o'clock Saturday evening, and will remain open an hour after the mail is distributed Sunday morning to assist local patrons in sending and receiving packages, announces Chas. B. Cox, postmaster.

John Helzer, K. K. McDonald, all of The Dalles lodge; John Matlock of Pendleton, H. H. Anderson of La Grande, and Frank Buckmiller of Baker.

Handling local arrangements for the event were J. G. Barratt, E. O. Ferguson and J. Logie Richardson, assisted by Kenneth Akers, exalted ruler.

Santa Claus Will Make Visit Despite Illness Epidemic

Schools Close Til January 2, Program Is Cancelled

An epidemic of illness, with respiratory disorders largely prevailing among cases in Heppner, resulted in closing of the schools at Ione the first of the week and of the Heppner schools yesterday afternoon.

The widespread nature of the epidemic, with many cases of influenza reported at other points, is evidenced by news of closing of schools at Portland, Walla Walla and other places throughout the northwest. California dispatches also tell of prevalence of such illness.

Cancellation of the Christmas program to have been given at the school tomorrow evening has resulted from the epidemic, though firemen report that the treat formerly scheduled at the gym-auditorium will be dispensed at the community tree on Main street at 7 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) evening, with Santa Claus appearing in person to greet all youngsters who attend. Children who are prevented by illness from attending will be visited later in their homes, if names are left with Santa Claus, the fire boys promise.

Firemen, too, are continuing with plans for their annual ball, scheduled for Saturday evening at the Elks hall, and promise all who attend one of the enjoyable social events of the season.

The Gazette Times reader family has the epidemic brought home to it this week by absence of the Ione items. Postcard word comes from the Elmer Griffith family that all members are ill, while conveying word of the Ione school closing.

Continuing increase in absences, reported at 25 percent of total enrollment on Monday, led to advice of the county health doctor for the closure here yesterday. Shut-down will continue through the holidays, with re-opening set for January 2, announces Supt. A. H. Blankenship.

All absences from school were not due to illness, as for the last few days some parents withdrew their children as a measure of precaution. Many students with light colds were also included in the number, as the school authorities sent pupils home upon first indication of a cold.

Planing Mill Starts On 23-Hour Shift

Heppner Lumber company's planing mill that has been under construction for several months started operation Monday night and has since been going on a 23-hour shift, announces Orville L. Smith, manager.

Several million feet of lumber turned out by the sawmill and now stacked in the yards will be put through the planer for delivery to Bridal Veil Box and Lumber company, a large stockholder in the mill.

Sawmill operations were momentarily delayed this week when the main boiler froze, but while the cold snap hindered plant operations it assisted in the logging end, helping to bring a quantity of much-needed logs, Mr. Smith said.

COURT SESSION CALLED

The scheduled term of circuit court called to set last Monday by Judge C. L. Sweek, was adjourned shortly after it convened as a witness in the case to be tried was prevented from attending by illness. Judge Sweek empaneled the new grand jury before adjournment, including Cornett Green, W. T. Gerard, Ralph I. Thompson, Cecil H. Thorne, Noah Pettyjohn, Norman Nelson, Else M. K. Peterson.

SLICK HIGHWAY SPILLS AUTOS

Heppner Paper Carrier Frustrated In Attempt to Speed Service; Travel from Ione Delayed

Freezing rain that covered the highway to Ione with a glare of ice yesterday morning discouraged travel while resulting in at least two accidents.

Walter Carlson, local Oregonian distributor, was the victim of one turn over. Driving down the branch to meet the train and pick up the morning's bundle of Oregonians, as is his wont to give customers better service when the train is late, Carlson found himself upside down in the ditch when the car skidded out of control. The morning paper service was delayed as a result, but the progressive operator escaped unscathed. The car received some dents and the interior was considerably damaged from the spilling of acid and oil.

S. C. Salter, chicken hatchery operator at Ione, is reported to have had a similar experience, though details were lacking.

E. R. Lundell, Ione garage operator called to Heppner on jury duty yesterday morning, reported considerable difficulty in keeping his car headed in the right direction, though he brought his load safely through.

Bert Palmateer started to Heppner early in the morning from his Morgan farm, but turned back on reaching the highway and traversed a round-about route in order to avoid hazard offered by the ice-glazed road. He made it to town in due season to transact business, however.

Heppner saw some slick streets for awhile as a result of the storm, but the freezing north wind was met by balmy south winds in this vicinity. The south wind tempered the lowering temperature during last night and ice which prevailed on streets early this morning was soon dissipated. A soft southern sky for the moment omens at least a momentary respite from the colder north winds.

Football Pictures Mis-Scheduled, and Elks Denied Treat

Heppner Elks had the promise of a real football treat at their lodge session this evening. Dallas Ward, assistant coach at U. of Minnesota who is visiting here at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. Redding, had expected to show moving pictures of this year's Minnesota-Purdue game.

The pictures were ordered to come from Corvallis where Mr. Ward had left them, but through mistake, Bill McKalip, who had them in charge, missent them back to Minneapolis. Mr. Ward didn't learn of their whereabouts until yesterday morning, too late to do anything about it except to extend apologies to the lodge.

GIRLS SELL HOLLY

Heppner Camp Fire Girls are conducting a sale of holly, announces their sponsor, Miss Rachel Forsythe. Anyone desiring holly for Christmas decorations may contact any troop member, or call at Hughes grocery store.

MASONS, O. E. S. DELAY DINNER

The joint installation dinner set by the Masons and Eastern Star for next Monday evening has been indefinitely postponed due to the prevalent epidemic of illness, announces Madge Thomson, worthy matron of the Star.

Herman Neilson was a business visitor in the city Saturday from the Rood canyon farm, it being his first visit to town for some time. Hale and hearty in spite of 75 years of hard work, Mr. Neilson was looking forward to a bright year next year.

Airport Possibility To Be Probed By Commerce Group

Nominations Held; Annual Meeting Set for January 14

Possibility of obtaining airport facilities for Heppner will be pushed, it was determined in action of the chamber of commerce meeting at Lucas Place Tuesday evening.

Report of the airport committee indicated that an appropriate site is available, and it remained to be determined what aid, if any, could be obtained from federal sources. A recent questionnaire from the Civil Aeronautics authority, answered by F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger, showed possibilities of the site location, answering requirements as set out in the inquiry.

To push the work at this time, President B. C. Pinckney added P. W. Mahoney, E. O. Ferguson and Jap Crawford to the committee already named, including J. O. Turner, J. J. Wightman and Orville L. Smith.

Authority of the group was given the sign committee to place a contract for painting the sign to be placed on Main street which will list all chamber members in good standing.

Nominations for five directors whose term expires this year, were made, and balloting was announced for the annual meeting to be held January 14. This will be the only chamber meeting held in January. Nominated were P. W. Mahoney, Chas. B. Cox, Harlan McCurdy, E. O. Ferguson, C. D. Conrad, George Howard, J. O. Turner, L. E. Bisbee, E. H. Miller, Orville Smith, W. C. Cox, J. V. Crawford.

Hold-over directors are W. C. Rosewall, B. C. Pinckney, D. A. Wilson, F. W. Turner and Hanson Hughes.

Locals Defeat Lex; Tonight's Fray Off

Heppner high's basketball team won its fifth straight game Tuesday night by defeating Lexington, 27-20. The Mustang squad has been riddled by flu so that but three of the first squad were in uniform. These three, together with support from the second team, were able to stave off a determined Lexington drive and bring home the victory. The Mustangs built up an 8-0 lead in the first few minutes but from there on the Jackrabbits began to creep up until early in the fourth quarter when they went ahead 19-20. Then the Mustangs began to spark again and threw in four baskets while holding their opponents scoreless. Johnny Skuzeski was the big gun for the Mustangs with 10 points. Padberg of Lexington also had 10 points to his credit.

The second team squeezed out a close 13-10 victory over the Lexington second team.

The game with Hermiston which was scheduled for tonight has been postponed because of the flu epidemic. According to present plans Hermiston will come here January 4 to play this postponed game.

Mrs. Charles Corder of Portland is assisting her mother, Mrs. Lillie Aiken, who received a severe injury to one of her hands last week when the member was caught in the wringer of an electric washing machine. Mrs. Aiken reports the injuring mending nicely, but she can not use the hand as yet. Mrs. Corder will return to her home before Christmas.

Among out-of-town people in the city Monday on jury duty were Laxton McMurray, Frank Lindsay and E. R. Lundell of Ione.