

## Junior Chamber of Commerce Formed Tuesday Evening

Young Business Men and Ranchers Enroll in Club

Latest addition to Heppner's civic life was the formation Tuesday evening of a junior chamber of commerce, the membership of which consists mostly of business men and ranchers of the surrounding territory 35 years of age and younger. Approximately 35 names were entered upon the roster at the initial meeting held in the rear of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative room in the Oddfellows building.

After the objective of the JCC was stated to the group, the organization was accomplished in short order, with the following officers elected to serve the first year: Bill Barratt, president; Glenn Parsons, vice-president; Walt Barger, secretary; Frank E. Davis, treasurer; A. A. Scoulen, publicity director, and a board of directors including Stephen Thompson, Gerald Swaggart, Tom Loyd, James Healy, Frank Anderson and Nelson Anderson.

Organization of the junior chamber of commerce has been the outgrowth of a desire on the part of the younger business men of the community to see certain civic projects put into motion which up to the present have been talked about a great deal but upon which nothing more than talk has been accomplished.

First matter of importance claiming the attention of the juniors was that of the county-city trade. A committee of four members was appointed to submit a trade deal to the county court at the opening of the April term Wednesday morning. Backed up by a strong delegation of members and other representative citizens, the committee discussed the situation with the court and after different angles had been brought up and disposed of more or less agreeably to both sides, the court asked the delegation to prepare a written statement to present at today's court session. In accordance with this desire on the part of the court, Mayor Conley Lanham called a special meeting of the council at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The new group also has a special project, which ties in with the city-county trade, the acquisition of a civic hall for Heppner. The county buildings on Main street figure in the plans and when the pending trade is concluded the "young fellows" will go to work to see what they can make out of it.

Other plans for civic improvement include night lighting of the athletic field—this, doubtless, regardless of who retains ownership of the field. It is felt that attendance at night games will exceed daylight attendance, particularly with reference to the high school football games. Such lighting might also add lure to the rodeo and fair, in case the fair is established here.

In forming the organization, the young men have taken into consideration the necessity for providing an opening for the boys in the country to participate. A full share in the activities has been accorded town and country alike, as witness the officers and directors.

Wednesday evening of each week has been chosen as the meeting date, which will be carried out weekly as long as it is felt necessary to keep the program moving. The juniors are not planning luncheon or dinner meetings and the town members at least expect to participate in the weekly luncheon meetings of the senior chamber of commerce to the same extent they have in the past.

## March Relatively Dry Month Here

March, month of moods and freakish weather, failed to provide much in the way of precipitation in this region. According to Leonard Carlson, weather observer for the Gooseberry section, 96 of an inch of moisture fell there during the 31-day period.

The month opened with 22 on March 1. Nothing more was recorded until the 7th and 8th when .08 and .22 respectively were the amounts registered. Again on the 22nd a liberal shower brought .25, followed with .10 on the 23rd and .09 on the 26th, closing with a trace on the 30th.

April gives more promise, with probably upwards of an inch already recorded. This is just a guess and in no wise should reflect upon the integrity of the local weather observers.

## Good Friday Closing Hours

Heppner business houses will remain closed from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. Friday in observance of Good Friday.

## Memorial Service To Feature Pomona Grange Saturday

A memorial service to members who have passed away during the past two years will be a featured part of the Pomona grange program Saturday afternoon at the Rhea Creek Grange hall. Another special feature of the program will be a short concert by the Heppner school band.

The program, under direction of Mrs. Harley Anderson, lecturer, will be open to the public. The usual pattern for the Pomona program will be followed, with grange business to transact in the forenoon, lunch at noon, the public program during the afternoon and degree work in the evening.

## Organization of Trail Riders Club Effective Monday

Organization of a trail riders club was effected here Monday evening when a group of horse lovers met at the city hall for that purpose. Meeting with the group were three members of the Mustangs from Pendleton, C. C. Probstel, Harold Brock and Dale Mercer, who outlined plans for conducting trail riding clubs and assisted in organization proceedings.

Cal Sumner was elected president of the club; Jack Loyd, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Man-kin, secretary; Howard Bryant, treasurer, and a board of directors including Mrs. Clyde Nutting, Floyd Jones, Oscar George, Cliff Dougherty and William Smethurst. Including the officers, 35 riders signed the membership roll Monday evening and it is expected that several others will enroll shortly.

The first regular meeting of the club will be held April 8 and the directors will meet before that date to formulate a program for the meeting. An important item of business to come before the meeting Tuesday night will be the selection of a name for the club. All members have been instructed to submit names and the one submitting the winning title will be given a year's membership free.

Membership fees were fixed at \$5 per family or \$3 for each individual not included in family group.

## Belanger to Speak To Lex Grangers

Joe Belanger, former Morrow county agricultural agent and now a Umatilla county rancher, will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of Lexington grange the evening of April 12. He will discuss methods of handling trashy fallow and new improved grasses.

This will be a public meeting, according to Orville Cutsforth, and anyone interested in these subjects is extended an invitation to attend. The meeting will open at 7:30 p.m.

## HAVE GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson joined the ranks of grandparents the past week when on March 26 a baby girl, Carol Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oslund at Laramie, Wyo. Although mother and babe were reported getting along nicely, Mrs. Wilkinson left Tuesday for Laramie to spend about ten days with her daughter and getting acquainted with her granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas returned home the first of the week after an absence of several weeks in Portland, during which time Mrs. Lucas submitted to a major surgical operation. Her condition is quite satisfactory but they do not plan to reopen the Lucas House until after she has had a complete checkup, which will be some time in May. In the meantime the chamber of commerce will continue to meet each Monday noon at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells were here Saturday evening to a few former neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake of Redmond who spent the week end in Heppner. The guests came Friday evening when Mr. Blake received the initiatory work of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Joe Hughes was absent from her duties in the assessor's office the past week, being confined at home with a case of the flu.

## Move Started By City to Eradicate Rats From Region

A contract entered into by the city the past week went into effect early this week when representatives of the Paramount Pest Control service went to work on the city dump yard to eradicate the rat population that has been a menace to health and property of the town and surrounding area for a number of years.

The work of poisoning the vile rodents was in charge of John Ahern and Ray Rightmire, who started their operations at the city dump ground and followed up with eradication work at stores, eating houses and a few private residences. Because of the nature of the dump yard the only way of checking on results will be through the absence of the rats, which the exterminating experts feel assured will be quite evident. It is impossible to entirely rid a district of rat infestation, they say, but it is possible through a control campaign to keep them down to a comparatively harmless number.

Ahern, who was in charge of the local work, stated that the results obtained here were highly satisfactory and that the campaign has been given more support by the citizens than his concern usually enjoys. The company has a contract with the city and individuals extending over several months and it is expected the rat population will virtually be extinct by the time the contract expires.

A list of pests controlled by the Paramount service includes ants, mice, roaches, silverfish, earwigs, water beetles, bats, fleas, snails, spiders, bed bugs and flies, as well as rats. Ahern stated that the business houses had been pretty well controlled on the minor pests, although they found a few cockroaches which they hastily despatched.

## Annual Election Slated for Next P-TA Meeting

Annual election of officers is on the schedule for the next regular meeting of the Heppner Parent-Teachers association, at which time Mrs. James Thomson, Jr., chairman of the nominating committee, will submit the group's selection of candidates to be voted on. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock p.m. in the music room at the school house the evening of April 9.

Also featured at this meeting will be the theme, "Appreciation of Music." At this time, Mr. Cochell will speak on the history and significance of music and will have a demonstration of musical instruments. There will be a clarinet trio composed of Danny Enslin, Jimmy Smith and John Bothwell, and Jo Jean Dix will play a piano solo.

The executive committee of the P-TA met at Mrs. Tress McClintock's home Monday evening. Everett Smith was leader of the group in the survey of the goals which had been achieved during the current year. In this summary of facts the committee was pleased to realize that the organization had accomplished its aims and in reviewing its work was interested to see that "our small town group" had had a lively activity program comparable to larger cities. Work which benefitted both the school and the community was accomplished by the P-TA.

At this session, Supt. George Corwin reported on his visit to the state legislature on March 29. He was pleased upon contacting Representatives Gilles French and Henry Peterson to see they were keeping in close touch with the development of House Bill 80. This bill, according to Corwin's report, is still in the conference committee and prospects are that it will not go into effect until January 1948.

The P-TA voted to give a donation to the state scholarship fund. This money is used to help in the education of high school graduates who wish to teach.

## Auxiliary Chooses Girls For Camp

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Richard Wells, the American Legion auxiliary chose two girls and an alternate for attendance at the All State girls' camp which will be held in Portland in June. The girls are Joan Hister and Corabelle Nutting, with Betty Smethurst as alternate. All three girls are members of the junior class in Heppner high school.

Selection is made on a basis of scholarship, leadership in activities, cooperation and general attitude towards school work. The choice was made by an auxiliary committee in cooperation with the high school faculty.

Mrs. D. E. Hudson was assistant hostess at Tuesday's meet-



Churches of the county are prepared to make proper observance of Easter and the weather permitting, the day's program will be carried through in traditional manner.

## Annual Dinner of Health Assn. Set For 16th at Lone

Wednesday evening, April 16 is the date chosen by the Morrow County Public Health association for the annual dinner and business meeting. The affair will be held in the lone school gymnasium, with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. Admission to the banquet will be by membership and anyone not a member wishing to attend should contact Mrs. Lucy Rodgers prior to the meeting and obtain a membership, according to Mrs. Claude Graham, president.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar of Portland will be the guest speaker and there will be entertainment features to round out the program.

Business of the meeting will include annual reports of the secretary and the county public health nurse and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Regarding the dinner, the officers would like to have reservations made early to enable them to arrange for the approximate number of servings. This can be done by contacting Mrs. George Gertson, secretary, at Heppner.

## Dr. Dunham Chosen V.F.W. Commander

Election of officers for the ensuing year was the order of business of the Heppner post of Veterans of Foreign Wars Monday evening in a meeting held at the I. O. O. F. hall.

## LEAVE FOR DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engraf of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fouts, parents of Mrs. Engraf, left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich., to attend a meeting of Kaiser-Frazier representatives. The trip was made in the Engraf car and they expect to be gone about two weeks.

This office acknowledges a pleasant call from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark of Corvallis who are Heppner visitors today. Mr. Clark addressed women of this part of the county on landscaping as a feature of the home management program under direction of Miss Katherine Monahan, at the court house this afternoon. Mrs. Clark is a sister of a very dear friend of the Gazette Times family when both families lived in another part of the state, and her husband was formerly engaged in the floral business at La Grande.

## City-County Property Trade Near Solution; Minor Point In Way

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Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. today at the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein officiating and the Phelps Funeral home in charge. Mrs. C. C. Dunham sang the hymns accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner.

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## R. Dell Allstott Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the Little Chapel of the Chimes, 430 N. Killingsworth avenue, Portland, Tuesday for R. Dell Allstott whose death occurred at the family residence in Portland Thursday evening, March 27. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial park.

Mr. Allstott was a resident of Morrow county for many years. He was born at Halsey, Ore., 66 years ago, coming to this county when a young man and engaging in farming. After a number of years residence in Heppner he moved to Portland where he was buyer for the Duffy Commission company until illness forced him to retire.

Surviving besides the widow, Fannie, are five children, R. D. Allstott of Ione; Jack of Portland; Bernice T. of Kelso, Wash.; Jane Smith, Portland and Ione; and Robert A. Allstott of Hermiston and Otis of Paul's Valley, Okla.; a sister, Sallina Saling, Texas, and ten grandchildren.

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## Pinckney Again Heads Cancer Drive

Portland, April 3.—Burnett C. Pinckney, manager of First National bank, Heppner, will direct the 1947 Morrow county campaign of the Oregon division, American Cancer society, it has been announced by W. P. Stalnaker of the Standard Insurance company, state campaign manager.

Morrow county's quota for the campaign has been set at \$262.50, the same as a year ago. The state goal is \$105,000 and the national, \$12,000,000.

## YOUNG IONE COUPLE MARRIED TUESDAY

The marriage of Diana Lorraine Sherman and Donald Jay Ball and the bride is a niece of Ed Tuesday evening, April 1, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager in Heppner, the justice of the peace officiating.

Both young people are members of the senior class of the lone high school. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball and the bride is niece of Delbert Emert.

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