

Purpose of Junior C. of C. Recited at Charter Banquet

Local Unit Now Member National And State Groups

The Junior chamber of commerce has two main objectives, Frank Merrill, state president of the Jaycees told the more than 100 diners at the Charter Night banquet in the Oddfellows hall Saturday evening. Merrill, here to present the charter to the local chapter, gave a brief history of the Junior chamber of commerce since its organization in 1920.

One objective is the improvement and development of the community, the other is the improvement and betterment of local, state, national and world conditions for the benefit of young manhood, for, as he said, the Junior chamber of commerce is now a worldwide organization looking to the development of better conditions in all lands for all peoples.

There are now 1200 chamber of commerce chapters with a membership of more than 150,000 members in this country and 35 foreign nations. Organized for the purpose of giving young men an opportunity to participate in civic affairs it has come to be the leading organization in that sphere of community endeavor. "It is up to the young men to save the world and our purpose is to develop a desire for peace among the young men of other nations by fostering a program of mutual understanding," Merrill said.

William Barratt received the charter for the Heppner chapter and Arthur Hawman of Walla Walla accepted the plaque awarded to the sponsoring chapter.

Mayor Conley Lanham welcomed the guests and visiting officials. O. G. Crawford commented upon activities of the new chapter since its organization, and Francis Nickerson gave a history of the chapter. Eugene Struthers of Walla Walla entertained with a monologue as a contribution from his chapter and there were musical numbers by the high school girls sextette under the direction of William Cocheil, and two vocal solos by Mrs. C. C. Dunham, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, President William Barratt "emceed."

Introduction of guests revealed the following from Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater chapters: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawman, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Healey, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Struthers, Al Giese, Earl Roberge, and Jack Davis, former president of the Pullman, Wash., chapter; and Mr. and Mrs. John Yantis and Mr. and Mrs. John Monahan of Milton-Freewater. Arthur Hawman is state director of the Walla Walla club.

The banquet, turkey with all the trimmings, was served by the Elkhorn restaurant.

THIRD SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Dick are being felicitated over the birth of a baby boy, Gary Louis, born Wednesday morning, Dec. 17, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. This is the Dicks' third boy, the others being Dennis and Daryl Kay. Gary Louis tipped the beam at eight pounds 10 ounces and both he and his mother are doing nicely.

Better Living for County Families Is Conference Aim

Better living for Morrow county farm families is the big objective of the Farm Home and Rural Life committee, which is now working on recommendations to be presented at the Morrow county planning conference on January 30.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Lexington, is chairman of the group, which held its initial meeting on December 3 and mapped out a listing of the problems to be considered by subcommittees. These problems are grouped under the headings of Youth, Recreation and Family Living; and Foods, Nutrition, Housing, Home Furnishing and Health.

Sub-committees met on December 16 to consider their topics and to make recommendations for the report. Among the topics considered by the Youth, Recreation and Family Living committee are ways of encouraging a more unified youth program with stress on parent interest and leadership training, and the development of recreation areas and community centers. Family life came under consideration with the committee recommending preparation for family life courses in grade and high school. Chairman of this subcommittee is Mrs. Fred Hermann, Ione. Committee members include Mrs. Steve Thompson, Heppner; Mrs. Mike Tom-



Roger W. Babson

The Gazette Times will publish Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1948" on January 1, 1948.

We are calling this feature to your attention because 1948 may bring World harmony leading to a long peace or World discord which may eventually lead to a war approaching annihilation. Mr. Babson's 1948 outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as: General Business, Commodity Prices, Farm Outlook, Lower Taxes, Retail Sales, Foreign Trade, Labor Outlook, Inflation, Stock Market, Bonds, Real Estate, Politics.

Mustangs To Open Basketball Play Tomorrow Night

The Heppner high school Mustangs open their basketball season by engaging Ione at the local gym Friday night, December 19.

Little is known regarding the strength of the Heppner boys. Three returning lettermen are on hand from last year's league champions. These are Padberg and Rippee, guards, and Green-up, forward. Indications are the remaining members of the first team will be selected from East, Manners, Waters and Sumner, although others are pushing some of these hard.

Injuries received in the last football game have kept Green-up, member of last year's district all-star team, from doing much work with the squad. It appears he will be in shape for this game, however.

Regarding Ione, they have had excellent teams the past two years, being runners-up to Heppner in league standing last year. To date they have won from Condon and Hermistou and lost by two points to Echo.

There will be a preliminary game between the second teams scheduled to start at 7:30. Adult admissions will remain at fifty cents.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo Heads M. D. Society

At a meeting of the Umatilla Medical society in the Temple hotel, Pendleton, Tuesday evening, Dr. A. D. McMurdo of Heppner was elected president of the group for the ensuing year. "Doc" didn't think he was entitled to the position but the members of the society thought differently and he will serve the coming year.

Others elected at the meeting were Dr. R. H. Wilcox, vice president and Dr. J. P. Brennan, secretary. Dr. McMurdo succeeds Dr. J. B. Easton of Pendleton.

Among callers at the court house Monday was George Fletcher of Lone Rock, who has some ranch land on the Morrow county side of the Gilliam-Morrow line.

Stockmen Seek To Eliminate Disease From County Herds

Would Head Off Possible Epidemic Of Undulant Fever

With the idea in mind of warding off a possible epidemic of undulant fever and at the same time improve the general condition of the herds of the county, the sub-committee on agriculture in connection with the forthcoming planning conference, met with the county court Tuesday to discuss the possibility of obtaining a veterinary doctor for a sufficient length of time to have the herds of the county thoroughly checked.

Bang's disease or brucellosis is the most prevalent disease among dairy herds, as well as other types of cattle, and milk taken from an infected cow causes undulant fever among those who drink it regularly.

While the court was not in a position to make a statement relative to obtaining a veterinarian, the situation was discussed with the committee and a tentative suggestion made that the stockmen of the county be contacted to learn what they think about it before definite action is taken.

It was pointed out that the question is one concerning almost every rancher in the county, since most of them have cattle, and if a majority sign a petition for the appointment of a veterinarian some means will be found for financing the work.

It is estimated that the county now has upwards of 25,000 head of cattle. While this is a healthy stock country there is danger of disease being communicated from outside sources, and there is always some brucellosis to contend with.

The committee, consisting of Frank Wilkinson, Floyd Worden and Cleve Van Schoelack, will report the results of the investigation to the general planning conference scheduled for January 30, 1948.

Dr. Taylor, federal stock inspector, was recently named county veterinarian by the court to enable stockmen here to acquire vaccines. Because of the extensive territory Dr. Taylor has to cover it would be impossible for him to give time enough here to do an effective job. It is the committee's belief that a full-time veterinarian should be employed long enough to clean up the herds, and this might lead to a permanent job for the right man.

Crew of Good Ship Lunga Point Cited By Pres. Truman

Reminiscent of war days, the Gazette Times has been handed a document by Henry E. Peterson which recalls the valorous deeds of one of Uncle Sam's fighting ships, one of the crew members of which was Mr. Peterson's son, Henry "Ted" Peterson. The ship was the Lunga Point.

Issued by the Secretary of the Navy, Washington, the document reads:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting to the United States Ship Lunga Point and her attached air squadrons participating in the following operations:

VC-85, Leyte Operation, Nov. 14 to 23, 1944; VC-85, Luzon Operation, Jan. 4 to 18, 1945; VC-85, Iwo Jima Operation, Feb. 16 to March 8, 1945; VC-85, Okinawa Gunto Operation, March 25 to April 26, 1945; VC-98, Okinawa Gunto Operation, May 19 to June 6, 1945; VC-98, Third Fleet Operations against Japan, July 10 to 15, 1945, for service set forth in the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces in the air, ashore and afloat. Operating in the most advanced areas, the U.S.S. Lunga Point and her attached air squadrons penetrated enemy-controlled waters to destroy hostile warships, aircraft, merchant shipping and shore installations despite frequent sustained enemy air attacks. Fighting her guns effectively, she defended herself against repeated Kamikaze attacks, destroying five such planes by her own gunfire and assisting the screen in the destruction of two others. Her air groups furnished powerful fire support for our landing operations and land offensives and they provided aerial photographic coverage of enemy installations, beaches and waterways. Operating as a highly disciplined and superbly coordinated team, the Lunga Point, her officers and her men achieved a notable record of excellent performance in combat which reflects the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

"For the President, John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy."

Christmas Ship Campaign Is In Full Swing This Week

This is the last week to add your gift of food to the Pacific Northwest Christmas Ship which will leave Portland right after Christmas, members of the local Christmas Ship committee pointed out today. A goal of \$300 has been set for Heppner, to be given in food or in cash to purchase food. Let us go over the top!

Donors may pay for their food gifts at the local stores, turn in money and checks at the bank and the Western Auto store, or give food directly from the home. The local stores will turn their orders in to their wholesalers in Portland, to eliminate freight, and the food will be delivered directly to the ship. All shipments are made in case lots.

All checks must be addressed to Christmas Ship Committee.

On Saturday, December 20, the last day of the local drive, Gordon Grady and Francis Nickerson will pick up canned foods at homes in Heppner. No food in glass or cellophane is acceptable for shipment. Those wishing to place food on the gift truck are asked to call Gordon Grady, 2193, or Francis Nickerson, 2374, and they will stop for your gifts, committee members said.

The city hall is the official receiving depot for canned goods and will be open during the week and all day Saturday to receive gifts from people in town and in the county.

On Saturday a Christmas Ship booth will be open all day at Thompson's store on Main street to receive cash contributions. High school girls will man the booth.

Other members of the committee, besides Grady and Nickerson, are Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, Joe Jewett, Henry Tetz, Conley Lanham and Mrs. Tom Wilson, chairman. They are contacting local clubs and organizations personally for Christmas Ship gifts.

To start the ball rolling M. L. Case has made a contribution of \$50 to buy food and several others are turning in sizable sums, the committee reported.

The same kind of food must be packed in each case and the contents marked in heavy crayon on the outside (product and number of cans). Christmas Ship stickers will be available to paste on each carton and individual or group donors may have their names listed as senders of the gift.

The food list includes wheat, flour, dried or dehydrated vegetables, sugar, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, heavy cereals, canned foods, canned whole milk, canned meat (solid types), peas, canned fish, canned poultry, canned baked beans, canned fats, shortening.

All food gathered will be shipped to Portland over the week end and all checks and cash mailed immediately to Christmas Ship Headquarters at 615 S.E. Alder St., Portland 14, Oregon.

Food for the Christmas Ship will come from the four north-west states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The federal government will provide a ship capable of carrying 10,000 tons of foodstuffs to load at Seattle and Portland between Christmas and New Year, reaching European countries during the "death months" of January, February and March. Shipments go only to Germany, Austria, Italy and Greece, and will be distributed by relief agencies.

Letter From Woman In Austria Asking Aid For Needy Sounds Responsive Chord

A few weeks ago the Gazette Times printed a letter from Mrs. Hubert S. Miller, wife of a colonel of the U. S. Army Engineer division stationed in Vienna, Austria, appealing for help for the children of that stricken land. The response has been generous and Mrs. Miller has written Mrs. Treas McClintock of Heppner, telling of her appreciation and the extent to which the relief work is growing. The letter follows:

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 4, 1947.

Dear Friends: There has been such an overwhelmingly generous response to the letter sent my sister in Vancouver, Wash. I am forced to resort to a form letter because my correspondence is more than I can handle. Letters and packages and requests for individual names and pictures and case histories are arriving in every mail from many cities and towns the length of the Pacific coast. It is my earnest desire to answer every letter and acknowledge every package immediately but no one individual can possibly handle this amount of correspondence. I must spend my days going about the city, interviewing and choosing the most deserving families and institutions and also find time to unpack and sort the great quantities of wonderful things that have already arrived from you generous people in the States. The most important thing, of course, is to get the things that have come into the hands of those who need them so badly as quickly as possible.

Nickerson Again Heads March Of Dimes Campaign

Announcement that Francis Nickerson of Heppner would act as Morrow county director of the 1948 March of Dimes was made today by Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state campaign chairman.

"I am certain," Dr. Hedlund said, "that under Nickerson's leadership Morrow county will have the most successful campaign in its history." The 1948 March of Dimes to be held January 15-30 marks the 10th anniversary of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. During this time county chapters of the foundation in Oregon have helped provide medical, hospital and nursing care to more than 900 polo patients.

Such care is exceedingly costly, Hedlund pointed out, stating that Oregon county chapters with only 97 cases reported have expended more than \$100,000 this year on patient care, hospital equipment, and training of professional personnel.

Hospitalization for a single patient for a full year can cost \$2,500 and up. Respirator cases, requiring 24 hours nursing service may cost as high as \$20,000. With rising prices it is estimated that hospital and medical care for the average polo case approximates \$2,000 per patient. "Few families," Hedlund declared, "can weather such a financial burden. It is our hope that through the 1948 March of Dimes it will be possible to raise sufficient funds to assure continued care required by past victims of this disease, to provide adequately for whatever emergency 1948 may bring, and to maintain and extend the research and educational program designed to unravel the secrets of this baffling disease."

Troop No. 2 Girl Scouts Has Party At Adams Home

A surprise Christmas party was held for Girl Scout Troop No. 2 at the home of Mrs. Floyd Adams Monday afternoon, Dec. 15. The rooms were gay with Christmas ideas as was the table where refreshments were served.

The girls had assembled for their regular meeting, not expecting such a pleasant surprise. The basement of the Adams home was recently redecorated and the girls greatly enjoyed. Each guest received a corsage of mistletoe and each Girl Scout was presented by the leader with a membership star and a poster of the Girl Scout promise and laws. Gifts and candy were then distributed from the tree.

Sixteen girls and 11 adults attended the party. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. E. O. Ferguson, Mrs. Alva Jones, Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Mrs. Harold Peck and Mrs. Elbert Cox.

William, David and Miss Annie Hynd were Pendleton visitors Tuesday where Miss Hynd received treatment for her eyes.

Odd Bits From Here and There

IT'S THE TRUTH . . .

E. R. Schaffer dropped into the office a few days ago to square his subscription account. We asked him if the Cecil ranchers were getting ready to cut the alfalfa, the weather being what it is and all that. Schaffer replied in the negative but brought up something else for the book. He said he had occasion to visit the George Miller place recently and along the road where a cloud-burst tried to level the country last summer he saw wheat nearly ready to head out. He thought it was volunteer growth but at that the grain was well in advance of the season.

THE COLORS MATCHED

Two little boys were wending their way home from school Monday evening. Apparently they were discussing a new Mackinaw the larger one was wearing for as they passed we describe the younger was heard to say, "the red stripe matches your freckles and red hair."

And we thought all the time that such discernment was the property of the opposite sex.

A MATRIMONIAL AGENCY?

Frances Mitchell, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collection, is wondering whether she is running a tax collection business or a matrimonial agency. It seems that each time she gets a new assistant in the office Dan Cupid has already gotten in his work or gets on the job shortly thereafter. Clerks come and stay a little while and the first thing she knows they announce they will be quitting at such and such a time. Reason? Matrimony.

The matrimonial tendency on the part of the tax collection clerks was well started before Mrs. Mitchell entered the office and she has lost two capable young women from this cause. She is becoming convinced that if there is a young man who can't get his sweetie to say "yes" he should get her a job in the tax division of the sheriff's office and it won't be long until she will react favorably to his humble petition.

Masonic Groups To Install Officers Saturday Evening

Masonic groups centering in Heppner are preparing for the annual installation ceremonies and turkey dinner at the Masonic hall Saturday evening. The three branches include Heppner lodge No. 69, A.F. & A.M., chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, and Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star.

Serving of dinner is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. in order to get that chore out of the way a little earlier than heretofore and give more time for the installation services.

Royal Arch and Blue lodge officers will be installed first. For the Royal Arch the following will be inducted:

High priest, Harley Anderson; king, Gordon Banker; scribe, W. R. Wentworth; captain of the host, Harry Van Horn; principal sojourner, Dr. C. C. Dunham; royal arch captain, Paul Jones; secretary, E. R. Huston; treasurer, C. J. D. Bauman; tiler, Oscar Rippee; master of veils, 1st, Goodrich O. Hayes; 2nd, Sam G. McMillan; 3rd, Charles Stout.

Heppner lodge No. 69 will install the following: Worshipful master, Noel Dobyns; senior warden, Harold Becker; junior warden, Harley Anderson; treasurer, R. B. Rice; secretary, C. R. McAllister; senior steward, Millard Nolan; junior steward, Dr. C. C. Dunham; senior deacon, Harry Van Horn; junior deacon, Paul Jones; tiler, O. G. Crawford.

Ruth chapter No. 32, O.E.S.: Worthy matron, Mrs. Frank Connor; worthy patron, James Hayes; associate matron, Mrs. Frank Wilkinson; associate patron, O. G. Crawford; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Davidson; secretary, Mrs. Frank S. Parker; conductress, Mrs. Harley Anderson; associate conductress, Mrs. Floyd Worden; marshal, Mrs. C. C. Dunham; organist, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael; chaplain, Mrs. Gordon Banker; warder, Mrs. Oscar Rippee; sentinel, Dr. C. C. Dunham; star pupils—Adah, Mrs. James Hayes; Ruth, Mrs. Roy Quakenbush; Esther, Mrs. William Cocheil; Martha, Mrs. Carl Bergstrom; and Electa, Mrs. Harold Becker.

Mrs. Archie Ball will be the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. E. O. Ferguson as installing marshal; Mrs. Claude Graham, chaplain, and Mrs. Fred Hoskins, organist.

BUYS IRRIGON TRACT

Bill Francis, former game protection officer here, was the successful bidder for a tract of land put up at county sale at the court house Saturday. Other bidders on hand were W. B. Dexter and Robert Smith of Irrigon. The land is a piece of acreage just outside of Irrigon.

Merchants Enjoy Brisk Trade As Holiday Shopping Reaches Peak

Streets To Take On Holiday Attire By End Of Week

Heppner's business district will be given a touch of the Christmas spirit this week end, according to Frank Davis, local scoutmaster, who says that his troop will go to the mountains and bring down greenery to decorate with. He asked for assistance from members of the senior chamber of commerce if any felt so inclined.

Election of directors for the ensuing two-year term was held with the following results: Henry Tetz, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Floyd Tolleson and Jack O'Connor.

A meeting of the board of directors will be held soon to choose the president and other officers delegated to the authority of that body.

Weeds on Highway Cause Car Upset

Noxious weeds are not only pests in a grain field but they are decidedly obnoxious on the highways. This can be attested to by Kemp Dick and Jimmie Driscoll who had an encounter with a roll of tumbleweeds on the highway just north of the Myles Martin place Tuesday evening.

The two men were en route to the hospital at Pendleton to see their wives who were awaiting the doctor's arrival. Kemp was driving and saw what appeared to be an animal on the highway. Swerving out to miss the object he struck the soft shoulder of the road and the car upset. Driscoll received a cut over the ear which necessitated two stitches to close. Dick was uninjured but his car was seriously damaged.

Pendletonians Buy M.C. Cleaning Plant

Changing hands twice in less than two months, the Morrow County Cleaners plant was purchased within the week by Harry H. Lane and Harold S. Fordice, both of Pendleton, from Ray Wattenberger who took the plant over from Robert Blackwell on November 1.

Wattenberger had started erection of a cleaning plant in connection with the pressing shop and it is understood the new owners will complete the building and install modern cleaning facilities. At present, cleaning work is being done at a Hermiston plant.

Jack Hynd of Cecil was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Church, Social Events Head Activities During Past Week

By Ruth Payne

The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, bishop of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, was a week-end visitor in Heppner. Friday evening, a potluck dinner was served at the parish hall with over 100 in attendance, at which time Bishop Barton talked informally on matters pertinent to the church. Sunday, a class of 11 members was presented by the Rev. Neville Blunt to Bishop Barton for confirmation.

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Election of officers was held at the meeting of the All Saints Episcopal Guild Friday afternoon with Mrs. Richard Wells, president; Mrs. Marvin R. Wright man, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Davis, secretary; Mrs. Alva Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Wightman will be delegates to the convocation scheduled for February 2 at Klamath Falls.

The annual Christmas party of San Souci Rebekah lodge will be held Friday evening at the I.O. O.F. hall for Oddfellows, Rebekahs and their escorts. Gifts will be exchanged and for this each one is asked to bring a gift.

Stanley Minor left Thursday morning by bus for Los Angeles where he will visit during the holidays with friends, Stanley expected to meet Steward Cole in The Dalles and continue the journey with him. Mr. Cole left Friday for Adams to spend the week end with friends before continuing to California to visit with his four sisters for a month.

Signs of returning to normalcy are seen in the current Christmas shopping season. Stores are laden with a greater variety of items, making for larger quantity—and the quality shows improvement over goods offered in the immediate past few years.

Buying has been brisk the past two weeks and from all indications will continue in that tenor right up to closing time Christmas eve. This assumption is based on the premise that there are two types of shoppers—early and late. The early shopper is the type that likes to paw over a complete stock, making careful selection and getting the gifts tucked away at home or into the mail, as the case may be, long before Christmas eve arrives. The late shopper is the guy, or person, as the case may be, who forgets all about gift shopping until the night before Christmas and has to make up the mind at a rapid rate or else not at all, taking this, that and the other thing and putting pressure on harried clerks to get the parcels Christmas wrapped before store closing time. Most of us are acquainted with this guy because we meet him almost every Christmas eve on our last rounds.

Heppner's stores present a bright holiday appearance. There are numerous beautifully decorated display windows, and the arrangement of Christmas stocks makes the interiors attractive. The state of the weather to date has not been such as to lend a proper tone to the holiday spirit, but remembering the time of year the people are making the best of the occasion to carry out the traditional observance of Christ's birth.

The weather is as unpredictable as a drunken car driver and there may be a white Christmas, and again the guess is equally as good that there will be no snow. This has not deterred people from lighting up Christmas trees in their houses and otherwise manifesting the holiday spirit. At least one tree has been set up in the yard amidst blooming flowers and on lawn grass that needs cutting.

Such is the condition of things as we find them this week before Christmas in the year 1947.

Church Filled For Afternoon Service

Many people of the town and surrounding country turned out Sunday afternoon to attend the vesper service presented at the Methodist church by the Heppner Women's chorus, with the assistance of Pastors Joe Jewett of the Church of Christ and J. Palmer Sorlien of the Methodist church.

The prepared numbers by the chorus were presented with the usual care and musicianship characterizing the organization and the audience joined enthusiastically in the singing of the seasonal hymns.

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