

Dedication Set for Saturday Evening



Last spring a delegation from the Heppler Chamber of Commerce visited Monument. Photographer Louis Lyons accompanied the representatives and took several views, among them this picture of the thriving little community center and school gymnasium.

Saturday evening, January 15 is the date set for dedicating this fine big hall. The citizens of the community have arranged a fitting program, and there will be a supper, with the festivities winding up with a dance.

Several members of the Heppler Chamber of Commerce have expressed a desire to attend but can't make up their minds to brave the sub-zero temperature that has prevailed for the past week or more.

GOING TO SALEM

Henry E. Tetz will attend a meeting of the board of trustees of the Oregon Education association in More Sunday night, the occasion being the installation of officers of the Mariner's club, young married people's group of the House and Senate for a discus-

sion of legislation affecting the schools of Oregon. He will speak at a Presbyterian church meeting in More Sunday night, the occasion being the installation of officers of the Mariner's club, young married people's group of the church.

Local Branch Of First National Bank Over 5 Million Mark

In answer to the year-end call of the comptroller of the currency, the Heppler branch of the First National Bank of Portland reports deposits of \$5,328,755.85 and loans of \$2,850,280.01. In charge of the local bank is Merle Becket, manager.

A year ago the figures were, deposits, \$4,595,167.28, and loans \$520,028.66. Becket said. Last June's report showed deposits of \$3,943,854.18, and loans of \$1,068,621.57.

For the First National group of 60 Oregon banks, as a whole, the December 31 statement shows loans of \$183,909,404.39, and deposits of \$393,677,800.78. President Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., has reported: A year ago, with 56 banks in the group, the figures were, loans, \$143,653,061.13, and deposits, \$614,019,664.35. On June 30 loans totaled \$163,875,390.13, and deposits \$572,979,049.71.

President Belgrano said that the total deposits, loans and resources of the group as a whole again made the First National group "First in Oregon." He said that from the standpoint of earnings First National had its third

The New Governor



Former Senator Douglas McKay, automobile dealer of Salem, was seated as Oregon's new governor Monday. In his inaugural address, Governor McKay stressed economy and a balanced budget.

RANDOM THOUGHTS . . .

cost the Morrow County Fair fund \$5,000? Well, it did. Flooding of the racetrack in Portland, which put an end to the 1948 racing program—even before it got started—cut the state's revenues to the extent that the Morrow County Fair received between \$7,000 and \$8,000 of an expected \$12,500 or better.

Some of the larger fairs and shows got the usual allotments because they saw to it a number of years ago that they would get a stipulated sum. What was left from the pari mutuel returns was to be divided among the other participating fairs. Representatives of the county fair association, an organization of fair boards on a state basis, have prepared a measure which they will press at the legislature to have all participating units on the same basis.

Jack Frost is surely on a rampage this winter, making his icy shafts felt in even the most sacred precincts. His invasion of the southland may be classed as phenomenal and has certainly been upsetting to the winter playground schedules. If it were not for the serious loss of citrus fruit

best year, with earnings of \$3,722,277.58 after taxes, but before dividends, equivalent to \$10.34 per share. This brings the total capital funds of First National to a new high of \$30,520,735.86, with a book value of \$84.78 per share.

Club News

Skip Ruhl, Lexington, purchased a Shorthorn steer calf from Steve Thompson on Tuesday and will put it on feed at once. Skip is a new club member this year and will exhibit his fat steer at the county fair this fall.

Ronald Baker, Ione, and Peggy Wightman, Heppler, are well prepared for lambing their ewes. The recent cold weather has these club members worried since the ewes are due to lamb any day now. Ronald has converted a round steel granary into a maternity ward. An oil stove, with protective tin guards, supplies the heat. This makes an ideal place to lamb in fact it is much warmer than most houses are these cold days. Peggy has converted the garage into a lambing shed with individual pens and electric brooder for her four registered Hampshire ewes that will lamb soon.

The county agent recently weighed 4-H fat calves for club members Betty, Rieta and Dean Graves, Johnny Brosnan, Allen Huges, Ronald and Duane Baker, Herbert and Dick Ekstrom, Jean Coleman and Ingrid Hermann. All calves are making good gains. The rest of the fat calves on feed will be weighed soon.

Meeting at the county agent's office Monday evening Morrow county 4-H leaders reorganized the 4-H club council for the year. Attending the meetings was Ruth McCabe, Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. Vernor Troedson and Mrs. E. M. Baker of Ione; Mr. and Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Heppler; Mabel Wilson and N. C. Anderson, county agents, were also present. Plans

and other crops one might be tempted to comment on the "unusual" nature of the weather, but such comment would be unorthodox. There will be a shortage of these products of the soil for which the larger part of the nation looks to California and we won't feel much like jesting about the weather when we go in search of the more or less tropical fruits, or pay the price of such of them as we are able to buy. And there's another point to consider. While we are grouching around about near-zero—and in some instances, sub-zero temperatures—we should remember that we are more accustomed to freezing weather and that our homes are, or should be if they are not, equipped to combat cold weather, whereas the people of the southern areas are neither accustomed to not prepared to withstand brief cold snaps, let alone extended periods of frosty weather. So, we will not say let's be charitable, but rather let's be sensible.

There is a Congressional legend about the newly elected Congressman who, in his maiden speech on the floor of the House, said, "As Daniel Webster makes clear in his famous dictionary. . . ." He was interrupted from the floor by a cry of, "Noah Webster wrote the dictionary." "Noah nothing," replied the speaker, "Noah built the ark."

For the benefit of our friends who have not heard of Mrs. Crawford's condition since last week's issue of the paper, we are glad to report that she is somewhat improved and is resting easily. She is deeply grateful for the many nice things that have been done and will try to thank each one personally when her strength has sufficiently recovered.

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were made for the 4-H club activities of the year and election of officers was held. Those elected were Ruth McCabe, Ione, president; E. M. Baker, Ione, vice-president; Ingrid Hermann, Ione, secretary. The group chose Ingrid Hermann, Ione; Lorene Mitchell, Heppler; and Ronald Baker, Ione as older club members on the council. Merle Becket and Henry Tetz, Heppler, were selected to serve as members of the council.

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denney of Gresham were business visitors in Heppler Monday while spending a few days in the county looking after business interests. Born Monday, January 10, at Salem, a nine-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cook. The proud papa, instructor in agriculture at the Heppler high school, was handing out cigars and candy bars the first thing Tuesday morning. This is their first child. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bucknum went to Portland Monday where Billy was to have a check-up on his knee. He flew Joe Delameter's plane to the city to have it licensed for 1949. Grandmother Fay Bucknum is taking care of their young son in their absence. Clarence Rosewall attended a meeting of Ford dealers and officials in Seattle the first of the week.

Mayor Conley Lanham returned Tuesday from San Francisco where he attended a meeting of Western Stores dealers and executives.

Charles Hodge Sr. is in San Francisco this week attending a meeting of Pacific coast Chevrolet dealers. The dealers are being given a preview of the 1949 Chevrolet which will be on exhibition throughout the area Saturday, January 22.

From the Pacific Power & Light Co. Bulletin we learn that Carter House, son of District Manager and Mrs. K. A. House of Dayton, Wash., spent a week at home while en route to Williams Air Force base in Arizona, where he now is stationed. Carter was a student in Heppler high school when his father was transferred to the Dayton district.

LEXINGTON HOME EC

Mrs. Cecil Jones will be hostess at her home in Lexington January 20 to the Lexington Home Economics club. The meeting is scheduled to open at 1:30 p.m. A good attendance is desired as the program for the year is to be discussed, as well as making arrangements for two dinners during the month of February, the annual meeting of the Lexington Oil Co-op and Pomona grange.

HIGH TERM AVERAGE

At the close of the fall term at the Oregon College of Education seventy students earned mention by carrying at least 15 term hours and earning a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Among them was Jack Cantwell Holt of Heppler.

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