

**Letter to the Editor—
HEPPNER CEMETERY DISTRICT
DIRECTORS REPORT ON PROGRESS**

The directors of the newly-formed Hepner Cemetery Maintenance District have been asked more and more often lately, "What are you doing with the cemetery?" Until now there has been nothing much to report.

Nearly everyone knows that the people voted to establish a cemetery maintenance district, the boundary of which coincides with the present boundaries of School District No. 103; that a board of directors, consisting of Mrs. Harold Evans, Paul Jones, and J. G. Barratt, was elected to begin the work of organizing the district; that a tax levy of 3 mills on a real property valuation of over \$3,000,000 was voted to provide the district with funds; and that Barratt's term of office expired the end of the year, and Harold Becket was elected to succeed him on the board.

It is fairly common knowledge that the function of the district is to acquire and maintain suitable cemeteries within the boundaries of the district, as well as to take over the duties associated with

the sale of lots, make necessary rules governing the use of the cemetery, and set up a fund from the investment of which, in the course of time, an income may be derived that will at least help to maintain the cemeteries in a satisfactory condition.

It is probably not so well known that there are three cemeteries already in existence within the district—Pleasant Point, located on the Curran ranch near Butler Creek, the Rhea Creek cemetery, on the Hayes place on Rhea Creek, and the Hepner Masonic Cemetery, situated on the hill south of Hepner. Since the taxpayers in the area about the country cemeteries are helping to pay the maintenance levy, it is natural that the district should be expected to keep those cemeteries in shape.

Since their election, the directors have been quietly going about the business of acquiring title to the three cemeteries. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Curran have promised to give the district title to the Pleasant Point cemetery,

and a survey and description of that area is being prepared. The title to the Rhea Creek cemetery is being investigated, preparatory to securing a deed. An agreement has been reached with the Masonic Lodge for the purchase of the cemetery at Hepner, and a deed is being prepared. A token offer of \$1000 was made the Lodge, and accepted with the following reservations: the cemetery is to revert to the Lodge if it should cease to be operated as a public cemetery; the name is to be retained.

In view of the fact that the Masonic Lodge has operated the cemetery for some seventy years, during which several generations of Masons have given liberally of their time and effort toward its maintenance, it is felt that their wishes should be followed in this regard, as a sort of memorial. Also, the district is not in a position to refuse this request, as there is no doubt that it is this cemetery that the people wish to repair and maintain, not a new one in a more remote place.

The tax levy of 3 mills is expected to bring in about \$9,000, of which over \$8100 is now in the county treasury.

It should be apparent that up to this time there would not be much that the directors could do, beyond the routine organization of the district, there being neither cemeteries to maintain, nor funds with which to do so.

From now on, however, some action may be expected. Among the first things the board expects to do with the Hepner cemetery are the laying out and improvement of streets and the arrangement of facilities for irrigation. Soon equipment for maintenance will have to be purchased, and one or more persons hired to do the work. Considerable money will have to be spent this year, getting things started. It is hoped that the tax levy can be reduced from now on to one mill. Since the 1953 meeting of the state legislature made it possible to include personal property in the district valuation, a one-mill levy should raise about \$4000.

The law applying to cemetery maintenance districts permits the establishment of a permanent fund, partly from the money raised by levy, and from the sale of lots and contributions. Several citizens have expressed a willingness to make contributions to the fund, which, of course, will be gratefully received, whether large or small, with the hope that we will someday be able to give our cemetery perpetual care from the interest on the fund.

The willingness of the people to establish the district and pay a tax for its use assures the directors that a well-kept cemetery as beautiful as they can afford, is their desire, and it is the purpose of the board to work conscientiously toward that end.

Paul W. Jones, Chairman
Mrs. Harold Evans, Sec'y
Harold L. Becket.

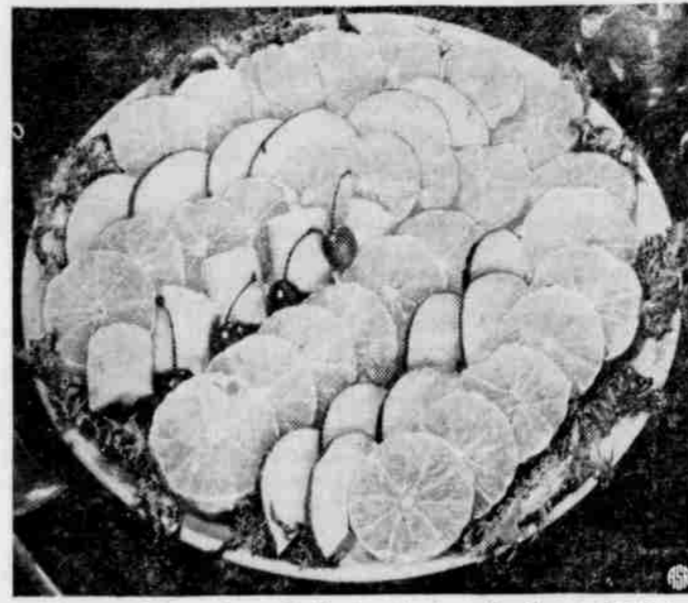
4-H Club News

An organization meeting of a new first year cooking class was held Tuesday at the Hepner school with Mrs. Earl Kendall leader for the new group. There were 22 girls present and several others indicated interest in the club.

County Extension leader Maud Casswell asked, that because of the size of the group, if any local mother is interested in acting as leader, she contact her at her office.

The next meeting will be Jan. 26 at Mrs. Kendall's home.

Fresh Oranges for Tasty Winter Salads



Winter salads are best of all when they're refreshing and tangy—good tasting and good for you, too. Plump California orange cartwheel slices spark any winter salad, are specially good when combined with other fruits. And, in addition to all that fine flavor, you get quantities of vitamin C, as well as protopctins, and other healthful nutrients found in the "meat" of whole oranges—something to remember during the cold, wet winter season.

A handsome, easy to prepare salad like the one pictured will be the center of attraction on the company or family table. Arrange cartwheel slices of California oranges in parallel rows on a big chop plate or serving platter. Tuck alternating rows of apple and banana slices between them, fringe the edges with curly leaf lettuce and garnish with maraschino cherries for color contrast. Guests will be eager to help themselves from this attractive plate. Lemon French dressing is the perfect accompaniment for this salad.

California navel oranges will be coming into the markets soon now—be on the lookout for them. These are the ideal eating oranges—they're seedless and easiest of all to peel. Sweet and juicy, too, just right for salads.

JOLLY CHEFS

The Jolly Chefs cooking 3 club met at Colemans Saturday, January 9th.

Our Leader, Mrs. Baker, gave a demonstration on baking an apple pie.

Five members were present. We had one visitor, Linda Halverson.

News Reporter,
Anna Belle Coleman.

GOOD LITTLE WORKERS

The Good Little Workers sewing club had its third meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Maude Casswell with all members present.

Mrs. Raymond Lundell, Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Mrs. Ray Heim-bigner, and Mrs. Merle Baker attended this meeting with their daughters.

Mrs. Casswell gave us a detailed explanation about the important things to look for when shopping for good quality in cloth material. She spoke chiefly of cotton goods, and recommended heavy duty thread.

Mrs. Casswell measured each one of us for our proper skirt length so that we would know how much material to buy in order to do our skirt and apron project. Our sewing book told how much cloth was needed to make the apron.

We didn't discuss any club business at this meeting because we wanted to spend as much of the afternoon as possible at Penney's store looking at a variety of goods and trying to actually see the things Mrs. Casswell had told us to look for.

Geraldine Morgan and Cheryl Lundell, younger guests of Mrs. Casswell, served hot chocolate and cookies to us all before we left for Penney's.

Mrs. Alice Hastings of Penney's was very cooperative in showing us any material we wanted to see and was very patient with us when we seemed unable to make a decision concerning a selection.

Our next meeting will be at Ann Baker's home on January 20, 1954 at two o'clock and we hope

that all of our members will again be able to attend.

News Reporter,
Linda Heim-bigner

Mr. and Mr. Carl Whillock and daughter Sandra, of Brookings, Oregon are visiting in Hepner. The Whillocks are former residents of Hepner.

Carolyn Sparks of Ellensburg, Washington was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson last week. She is Anderson's niece.

**Big Crowd Attends
Annual Monument
Gay Ninety Dance**

By Millie Wilson

The American Legion and Auxiliary's annual Gay Ninety dance on Jan. 9th was a huge success, both as a source of entertainment for a record breaking crowd and a financial standpoint. Prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cupper for the best dressed couple. To Mrs. Margaret Holmes, best dressed lady; Mead Gilman, best dressed man; Little Micky Mellor, best dressed boy; Little Carrol Mellor, best dressed girl.

Prizes went to Clarence Buxton for the longest whiskers and to Johnnie Stubblefield for the finest whiskers.

The women of the Auxiliary prepared over four hundred plates but could have sold more.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Gates of John Day spent their vacation visiting Mr. Gate's parents in Redding, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Riley and Mrs. Ivan Enright drove to Pendleton last Monday. Mrs. Enright had broken her glasses so visited an optometrist.

The 4-H Sewing Club met at the school house with their leaders, Mrs. Pearl Martin and Mrs. Fay Sweek, and assistant leaders, Edith Batty and Effie Stirewalt. There were eighteen members present. They were divided into two groups. Refreshments were served by Theo Vandeta and Diana Stirewalt.

LONEROCK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Potter and family of Condon, visited with Mrs. C. D. Robinson on Sunday. Mr. Potter also visited the Grange meeting.

Ellis Cason had his own pri-

vate tornado one night last week, when the wind blew the glass out of his bedroom window during the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wick are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a nine pound, eleven ounce son, born Saturday at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Mrs. Wick and baby are doing well. The baby has one brother, Jerry, and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morton and Mrs. Margaret Wick, all of Condon.

Mr. Jess Harris, government trapper has been doing well so far this year—has caught 6 bobcats this month. He had bad luck to sprain his foot while he was hunting cats in the rims above Lonerack, this last week.

F. F. A. NOTES

The F. F. A. Executive Committee, consisting of chapter officers Jack Monagle, Ron Curran, John Brozman, Jim Wightman, Bob Stevens, and Stacey Lovgren, met in the chapter room at 3:45 on Thursday with their advisor, Mr. James Allen, to review last year's accomplishments and plan for the new year.

Recess was called at 6 o'clock and members enjoyed a waffle dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

After dinner the new program of work was completed, and it was decided who would receive F. F. A. letters, based on last year's record books.

Bob Stevens, reporter

DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER SCHEDULED

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the court house in Hepner, Tuesday, Jan. 19 between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., the secretary of state's office announces.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland left Wednesday for a short pleasure trip to Portland.

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| RESOURCES | | |
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| Cash in vault and in Federal Reserve Bank | \$89,276,514.41 | |
| Due from Banks | 42,657,704.43 | |
| Total Cash | | \$131,934,218.84 |
| United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed | | 145,253,470.79 |
| State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants | | 52,579,352.31 |
| Other Bonds and Securities | | 3,408,495.28 |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank | | 1,050,000.00 |
| Loans and Discounts | | 223,594,907.62 |
| Other Loans to Customers (Guaranteed or Insured by the U.S. Gov. or its agencies) | | 77,427,446.75 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | | 2,531,198.16 |
| Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults | | 6,844,043.64 |
| Other Real Estate owned (Branch locations purchased for future bank premises) | | 267,623.83 |
| Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills | | 807,517.60 |
| Other Resources | | 461,751.85 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES | | \$646,160,026.67 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital | \$15,000,000.00 | |
| Surplus | 20,000,000.00 | |
| Undivided Profits | 11,638,400.84 | |
| Total Capital Funds | | 46,638,400.84 |
| Reserve for possible loan losses. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or type of loans | | 2,489,481.66 |
| DEPOSITS { Demand | 381,452,175.10 | } 589,047,433.24 |
| { Savings and Time | 207,595,258.14 | |
| Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills | | 807,517.60 |
| Interest Received in Advance | | 3,842,191.57 |
| Reserve for Interest, Taxes, Dividends, Etc. | | 3,092,946.60 |
| Other Liabilities | | 242,055.16 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$646,160,026.67 |

FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP
Composite totals for the First National Bank Group: The First National Bank of Portland and its 49 state-wide offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 banking offices.

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| DEPOSITS | |
| The First National Bank of Portland and 49 Offices | \$589,047,433.24 |
| 18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group | 139,147,196.98 |
| LOANS AND DISCOUNTS | |
| The First National Bank of Portland and 49 Offices | \$301,022,354.37 |
| 18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group | 57,364,925.94 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES | |
| The First National Bank of Portland and 49 Offices | \$646,160,026.67 |
| 18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group | 151,983,820.27 |
| TOTAL RESOURCES OF THE 67 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP | \$798,143,846.94 |

67 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP

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