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Chamber Works for Community

"If Chamber of Commerce members didn't care what happened to their community, they wouldn't be here," said the Rev. Al Boschee in installing new officers of the organization Monday. "They want to make our community the best place possible to live and to raise their families. Members are willing to give of themselves, of their time and income to be of benefit to the community."

These statements will stand scrutiny. Because of the fact that there are so many professional and business people here who are genuinely interested in Heppner and Morrow county, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce is a particularly strong organization. Attendance at each weekly meeting has been running at about 35 persons, and this is a fig-ure that Chamber of Commerce in many communities with population up to 5000 cannot exceed.

At a recent school board meeting, a question was raised about a bill presented for a district membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Supt. David Potter, in reply, said that the directors could act on the matter as they wished but that he sincerely believed that this organization was the best in the county for the interest, concern and active work it demonstrates towards betterment of the entire county in all phases.

Primarily, a Chamber of Commerce is designed to promote business and commerce. In a rural area such as ours, however, it extends itself to cover a considerably wider range of activity. As the Rev. Boschee so aptly put it, it is concerned with everything of community betterment.

The Chamber of Commerce here is a symposium where ideas are brought up and discussed freely. These may be matters related to schools, business, agriculture, recreation, roads, taxes, legislation, or any of many subjects. From the ideas brought up by members in this free interchange action is often generated that results in constructive good and

The Chamber here also works as a liaison between official and unofficial agencies. City, county and state officials come to speak and report on needs and problems, and the Chamber steps in to work cooperatively. Members have joined with county officials in attending highway commission meetings to ask improvements on state highways; they worked towards securing industrial sites on the Columbia riverfront when the entire area was designated to become a wildlife refuge; they have given every support to the Willow Creek project; they are assisting the county and other agencies in developing recreational areas; they back merchandising promotions; they express themselves on legislation of importance to the area, regardless of whether it concerns only a specific segment of our population or the entire county. Innce of this organization has helped shape some state,

and even national legislation. While most of the members are from Heppner, the organization has devoted as much of its time in working for development of North Morrow county and other parts of the

county as it has towards Heppner and the southern part.

In the coming year, the Chamber of Commerce faces what could be its most important time. This is the year that the Willow Creek project could become a certainty. This is the year that significant matters are fomenting in the north, notably the proposed development of irrigation lands and changes in progress because of the impending completion of the John Day dam; this could be the year that Heppner business moves forward with alert and concerned effort by business people and residents or it could sag from indifference

and apathy. Morrow county people cannot afford to be indifferent. There are too many horizons opening. The stake is too great. The challenge is here. Those currently active in the Chamber of Commerce understand this.

The organization has one noticeable weakness. While it gets exceptionally strong support from professional people, from county officials, from school administrators, from industries and even from agriculture, it gets only fair support from those who should be among the most concerned.

We're speaking of the retail business people in Heppner. Many of those operating businesses are not members of the Chamber and a relatively small percentage attends regularly. It is understandable that those who operate single proprie-torships or husband-and-wife partnerships have a difficult time getting away to attend meetings and that they have their hands full managing their businesses. However, those who do attend have similar problems.

In a community such as this, each business is dependent on the other. All need to work for the common good, and all should be vitally concerned with matters of fundamental interest to the community.

No matter how self-sufficient a businessman may be nor how successful his firm, he would have a difficult time without the other businesses which surround him. A business community such as Heppner may be likened to a large department store. Each of its segments performs a different service or offers different goods for sale, but each segment supports and benefits the other, and all need to be efficiently coordinated and work together cooperatively.

As this new year starts with the many important things in view here, it is vital that all business people pitch in to take part voluntarily towards the end that Heppner and Morrow county may move ahead strongly.

The Chamber of Commerce needs the help of all these good people and a hearty welcome awaits them.

Fee Increase Fair and Sound

Action by the Heppner city council to increase monthly sewer charges by \$1 per month "across the board" to residential and commercial users alike is fair and sound in meeting the problem of insufficient revenue to pay costs of operation and amortizing indebtedness against the sewer system. An ordinance with emergency clause included is expected

to be adopted at a special meeting next week so that the increase may go into effect for the month of February.

Many residents will recall that property owners paid a 10mill levy for 10 years with the proceeds being applied against

bonds that were sold to finance the city's disposal plant and sewer system. This levy was discontinued in 1961. It was felt then that revenues had accumulated sufficiently and that income was sufficient to continue without it. Elimination of the levy was quite a benefit to taxpayers, Certainly it had imposed a financial burden far beyond the

\$1 per month increase now pending. However, the bonds were not retired as of that time. They will not be amortized until The bonds were voted by the people as general obligation bonds; that is, to be paid back by a tax levy, but they carried a revenue feature which permits them to be retired from

income received from monthly sewer fees. Allen Langenwalter, accountant, in making his report on

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN CONVIVIAL friends gather to see the old year out on New Years eve, some surprising things happen. It was such a gathering at the Herman Winter home Friday night that the group conceived the idea of telephoning the Nels Andersons in Niger. Africa.

Seems that the year before, when the Andersons were in the group, the men became involved in a friendly wager on some-

group, the men became involved in a friendly wager on something that was to be determined during the course of the year. As the year 1966 neared, they were a bit confused as to what the bet had been, so they decided to call the Andersons for Nels to settle the matter, and at the same time to wish the departed Heppnerites a Happy New Year.

York, Ora Evans, mother of Yvonne and now of Portland, and Emma Evans were also visiting. We saw Ora on television in the audience on last Thursday night's Tonight show, which was produced in New York a day earlier.

Well, Herb said he had a great time in New York. He and Beth attended one program and Doc got them spots in a bal-

Happy New Year. It proved to be a rather involved process. The call first went to Pendleton, and it took a bit of doing to convince the operator that the call was in earnest. She finally connects the convince the convince the convince that the call was sat with an NBC censor, Jane operator that the call was in earnest. She finally connected Winter, who was doing the phoning, with the New York exchange for the international hookup. From there the call had to be routed through Paris, and the line was held open for a half-hour while this was being accomplished.

During this time, Herman that the performers went over

in this column recently on Oregon and Morrow county to ac-U. S. In turn, she reported that she had never been out of New Sork City and live of New Porkefeller Center building and But now the question is: How

cent but got the message on was really impressed. listened to some French dia-logue while the Paris operator streets of New York. was reaching Niger. Since Winter didn't know Nels' address in Nlamey nor his phone number, it took a bit of doing to run this information down. Finally honk and yell, but it dosen't they got a neighbor on the description of the street and pay no attention to anybody." he said. "They'll honk and yell, but it dosen't they got a neighbor on the do any good. I've never seen phone, and eventually about anything like it." 12:30 a.m., Herman heard Nels'

asked Nels if he remembered tag said \$70, but closer inspection showed that it was \$7,000.

ply to this question is unreported, but Nels, in his newly-acquired French might have replied, "Yous etes mal a la Doc introduced the Hynds to Doc introduced the Hynds to plied, "Yous etes mal a la Doc introduced the Hynds to members of the NBC orchestra, and the visitors were really taken with them.

exclaimed.

Doc introduced the Hynds to members of the NBC orchestra, and remain silent when told to be quiet."

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During this time, Herman that the performers went over gave the New York operator this commercial, a singing one quite a Chamber of Commerce pitch on Heppner and used some of the questions we had when it was completed, it was perfection indeed.

She had never been out of New York City and lived in a 23. story apartment building.

Finally the French operator came on She had a heavy accept but got the message on was really impressed.

what was wanted. Herman then He was amazed at the jay-

2:30 a.m., Herman heard Nels' They strolled by Tiffany's.
Herb saw a diamond ring in
the window that caught his fancalling, and the only response cy and thought he might buy was "Oh!" Whereupon Herman it for his wife. He thought the

ly, "You're crazy!")

Anyway, the conversation was as clear as if Nels were in Ione, Herman said. The Andersons appeared to be a bit homesick and were happy to hear from the folks at home. It was 9:30 a.m. in Niger and Nels asked that his regards be conveyed to all their friends.

We kind of get the idea they carous about their jobs. They have gained the top and they know it. They also know that if they make one bobble on a program they may be through and there is a thousand others climbing up ready

To guilet."

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Everybody—We Mean, Everybody—

FOLLOW THE

boys started another wager on the cost of the call. It wasn't until 3 a.m. that they got the word back—\$35. Jim Driscoll had guessed \$37, and he was judged the winner.

and others climbing up ready to take their place."

Doc practices three or four hours per day, Hynd said, and it was a distinct pleasure to hear him practice. "It was the sweetest music I've ever heard."

The Hynds had taken the hol-ANOTHER DISTINGUISHED couple joins the Gazette-Times family of readers this week through the courtesy of Herb Hynd. He has entered a subscription for Doc and Yvonne Severinsen, Warwick, N. Y., after he and Mrs. Hynd spent three days visiting the Severinsens last week. Warwick is about 60 miles from where Doc performs for NBC-TV.

Doc, as virtually all of our readers know, has gained fame with his probably unexcelled skill playing the trumpet and

the city audit last month called attention to the fact that the monthly sewer charges from the city's 600 users are now failing to carry costs of operation and bond retirement, falling behind by about \$8000 per year. At the present time this is draining funds from the water system and presents a situation that cannot be allowed to continue.

Faced with the problem, the city council could have taken one of two courses: 1. Impose a tax levy again, under authority given on the original vote on the sewer system, sufficient to cover the annual deficit. 2. Raise the monthly sewer charge. At the meeting Monday night, the council decided on the

latter alternative for several good reasons although it might have been easier to re-impose a tax levy. It should be pointed out that this levy would not need to be 10 mills. A con-siderably smaller levy would cover the deficiency. It is the feeling that there is already too much burden on

the property taxpayer and that anything to add to the load should be avoided. A second reason is that the sewer charge increase would reach all users and not just property owners. For instance, those who live in trailer homes will pay their

The current residential rate is \$1 per month but that for commercial users varies, going as high as \$15 in the case of the hotel. The "across the board" increase will mean that all users will pay just \$1 per month more, this on the theory that commercial users' differential is already provided in the current scale.

Sewage users have been getting a good bargain at the residential rate of \$1 per month. Many neighboring cities have been charging much higher rates, going up to \$3 per

month or perhaps more. In reaching the decision to increase the rate, the city council well realize that it may be subject to criticism by some who resist any increase in charge for city services. But it was faced with a problem that it had to meet, and it is

taking the course that is fairest for all. Another thing that the public might bear in mind is that an influx of population that could come with the dam construction here would tend to impose more demands on the sewer system with perhaps some increased cost to the city. Should a good percentage of these newcomers live in trailer houses, they will share in the sewer charges rather than property owners bearing the brunt through a tax levy.

Heppner's city government has been conservative in expenditures and sensitive to the financial interests of its residents. The city operates at minimum cost and our people are getting good value for the money they spend for city services. There is no reason why they should not accept this increase as a necesary step in facing a problem that must

TO THE EDITOR. . .

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you publicly for your cooperation with the domestic utilization committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in publicizing the cooking school and promoting the use of wheat products.

known Doe for many years, probably since the days he gained his start at Arlington.

While the Hynds were in New York, Ora Evans, mother of Yvonne and now of Portland, and Emma Evans were also visiting. We saw Ora on television in the audient of the same and the backbone of Morrow county's economy, but also because it provides valuable nutrients for the daily diet.

Cereal products of wheat products.

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cereal products comprise one group of the basic four foods necessary for good nutrition. Wheat, one of the cereals, is a good source of protein, iron, and B vitamins—all of which are necessary for body building. body maintenance, and a feel-ing of general well being the rescue of a girl from a lake Wheat, in all its various forms near Camas. He was returning Wheat, in all its various forms can provide a good variety of satisfying nutritious foods. No one need apologize for promot-ing wheat—a top Morrow coun-

ty product.
I would like to add that most of us who are active in agriculturally oriented groups appreciate the attention and space you give to the problems and affairs of Morrow county agri-culture in The Gazette-Times. You have proved yourself to be a friend to the farmer.

Sincerely yours Mrs. Grace E. Drake Past Chairman Domestic Utilization Committee

The Severinsens took the seated in his easy chair watch-

condolences to the big city while it is paralyzed with the transit strike. They can throw to in Heppner and we won't rams of the church announces. mind!

IN INSTALLING C of C officers

Monday, Al Boschee interspersed some cute stories that
will make him in demand, we
will make him in demand, we
Father C. Bruce Spencer was appredict, as a local master of ceremonies. He aimed one at Randall Peterson, retiring president, who despite his fine qual-ifications as an ideal husband, remains a bachelor.

Al told the story of the fel-

low who expected perfection in a will be no regular 10:00 a.m. a wife. This man informed a service or Sunday school classfriend that "she must shine like es this week.

Chapins Report Gorge Snow Bad

Driving conditions in the Col-umbia Gorge Monday afternoon were the worst they had ever seen, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose seen, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin reported upon their return from Camas, Wn., after spending the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Slyter, and family.

Ralph J. Voss, president of the First National Bank of Oregon, has announced that the board of directors of the bank has proposed the payment of a 25% stock dividend.

wiper could scarcely carry it away and "big globs" of snow formed on the hearlights, sticking out several inches.

Last week, the Chapins' grandson, Mike Slyter, made the with other Camas High players from a basketball game at Evergreen when the bus was stopped and a frantic mother told them that her car had plunged into the lake and her daugher was still inside.

The Chapins said that the grandson shrugged off all the publicity that he and other team members were getting with the comment, "Hero today, forgotten tomorrow."

The Heppner couple was in Camas for the past two weeks.

Episcopal Bishop Coming Saturday

Bishop Wayne W. Barton of Bend will come to Heppner this week-end to meet with the vestry of All Saints' Episcopal church and to conduct services all the transit strikes they want in the church Sunday, Bob Ab-The bishop will meet with the vestry of All Saints' Saturday

> pointed to Coquille. Bishop Barton, who presides in the missionary district of Eastern Oregon for the Episcopal church, will conduct early communion service Sunday starting at 8 a.m. at All Saints'. There

Bank Proposes 25% Dividend

and Mrs. Clayton Slyter, and family.

"There were more cars off of the highway than there were on it," Mrs. Chapin said. The highway surface was so bad that they dared not stop to lose their traction even though their inclination was to render assistance to others in the ditch.

Heavy wet snow falling clung to the windshield so that the wiper could scarcely carry it

The Gazette-Times appreciates getting news copy early.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Friday, January 7, Enterprise at Heppner Tuesday, January 11, Ione at Heppner

Friday, January 14, Madras at Madras Support the Mustangs! CHILL CHICKEN NOODLE FEED Tuesday, Jan. 11, 5:39 to 7:00 p.m. By Grade and High school

PTA Before Heppner-Ione game Tickets \$1, 75c, 50c. PUBLIC INSTALLATION Rebekahs and Odd Fellows lodges

Installation, 8 p.m. Public invited. OES SOCIAL CLUB Saturday, Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m. Heppner Masonic Hall.

Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 8

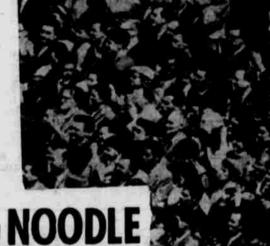
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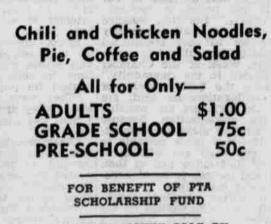


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5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Heppner High Cafeteria



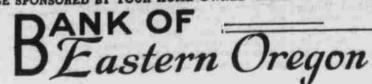
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