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## FIVE THOUSAND WILL BE SPENT ON SPORTS

**Program for Thirteenth Annual Malheur County Fair Gets Bigger With Every Meeting of Committee—Barbecue Latest Added Attraction**

The premium list of the Thirteenth Annual Malheur County Fair which will be held in Ontario, September 20, 21 and 22 this year, is off the press and is now being distributed. Premium offerings are made in the ten departments of swine, poultry, farm products, fruits, apiary, boys' and girls' club work, educational, bread, cakes and pastry, canned goods and preserves, fancy work and infants, wear and flowers. Liberal cash rewards, equal to those of the large fairs, will be offered in all departments.

A new feature added to the premium list this year is the First Annual Snake River Potato Show. Several hundred dollars in cash premiums are offered in this department. It is anticipated that this feature will draw large exhibits. Literature has been mailed to the potato growers in Malheur and adjoining Idaho counties. County agricultural agents throughout Oregon and Idaho have been requested to cooperate in making this first annual event a success. Encouraging reports are received throughout Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho.

**Community Exhibits**  
Especially large community exhibits are expected. A number of communities have already reserved space for their exhibits, and have promised larger and better displays than ever before. It is anticipated that this feature of the Fair will greatly exceed all former records.

**Club Work**  
Reports from County Club Leader H. R. Wellman, indicate that club work in Malheur county is well organized, and that the club exhibits this year will be an attractive feature. Club members throughout the county have been preparing their exhibits and have grown choice crops especially for the Fair. This work is of great educational value, and is one that is increasing in volume from year to year.

**\$5000 For Entertainment**  
A meeting of the committee in charge of sports and entertainment was held last Monday evening. The details of the program and purses offered are now being worked out. The total offerings for races and sports of all kinds will aggregate \$5,000.00.

Twenty-five of the wildest kind of range horses have been secured for bucking contests and wild horse races. This feature of the program will be one of special attraction at the Fair this year. Horses and riders of the best in this section will participate in this the ever popular frontier sport.

Automobile and motor cycle races will be on each day's program and liberal cash prizes are offered. A number of persons have already voiced their intentions of participating in these thrilling events, and it is anticipated that these races will be particularly entertaining.

**Free Barbecue and Parade**  
A free barbecue, providing the choicest of beefs free to all Fair visitors, will be on the first day's program. A monster parade will also be staged on the first day through the business streets of Ontario leading to the Fair Grounds. This parade will be several miles in length and will include many new, novel and unusual features.

It is planned that the program for the three days will be varied so as to furnish a continuous variety of entertainment to Fair visitors.

The evening program, up town, will be of the clean, wholesome kind. A particular effort is being made to eliminate the offensive carnival entertainment, and at the same time provide features for the entertainment of everybody after his particular taste. Many new and novel attractions are being planned. Arrangements are now being made for the following: Sage Brush Trail, Seven Up Jack's Place, A Trip to the Moon, and The Submarine Girls.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce will hold a smoker on next Wednesday, August 23rd, to which have been invited delegations of business men from Vale, Nyssa, Fruitland, Payette and New Plym-

## UNTRUE RUMOR ADRIPT ABOUT CADET UNIFORMS

For the past two weeks, rumor has been drifting about Ontario to the effect that the uniforms which the R. O. T. C. here are purchasing from the government are second hand goods. Just where these untrue and misleading rumors originated, neither Sergeant Abendroth or J. A. Turnbull are able to figure out. But both declare authoritatively that the uniforms are direct from the army commissary and no salvage goods are included in the lot. "If the uniforms we are getting were salvage stuff they would cost only about \$6.50", said Sgt. Abendroth, "which is a substantial difference between the new, complete uniform just for the commissary for \$15.50."

Sergeant Abendroth is anxious for all students to get measured as quickly as possible, in order that the uniforms will arrive here in time for the R. O. T. C. to put on an exhibition at the Fair.

## SMOKER PLANNED FOR REPRESENTATIVE MEN

**Commercial Club to be Host For Gathering of Men From Nearby Towns—Unity of Effort in Securing Mutual Co-operation is Aim**

For the purpose of bringing together representative men in all the Snake and Malheur river valley communities to discuss the means by which each can aid the other in their community undertakings and for the mutual interests of all who seek the development of this region, the Commercial club has extended an invitation to ten representative men in Payette, Weiser, Fruitland, in Idaho, and Vale and Nyssa in Oregon to a smoker to be held here next Wednesday evening.

Several of the communities have horse shoe pitching teams and the Commercial club desires to put on a real championship contest during the Fair and thus bring all of the towns closer together in the good time which such a contest will promote.

An interesting program has been arranged for the gathering and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand to take part in the smoker.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP AGAIN ORGANIZED IN ONTARIO

For some time the Boy Scouts have been actively working here, being organized a few weeks ago, and is now headed by J. A. Turnbull. For several times in the past six years the Scouts have been organized, but each time was abandoned through lack of interest and cooperation. Now the boys are closely associated and great interest is being taken in the work, and Mr. Turnbull is highly pleased with the prospects for an active organization.

After spending the summer in post graduate work at the University of Missouri at Columbia, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. J. M. McDonald returned to Ontario Wednesday.

On August 11, at the State Normal school at Cheney, Wash., occurred the graduation of Miss Jessie Griffin. She is the second Ontario girl to graduate from there; Miss Gladys Udick graduating last spring. Miss Griffin is to teach in the city schools at Seattle the coming year.

President C. W. Tenney passed through Ontario Saturday, returning from a coast trip to interview teachers and students who are going to attend Gooding college this fall, which opens September 11.

These delegates will be requested to join in the working out of a program for the entertainment of Fair visitors. As this is the only county Fair in this section it is always patronized by people from neighboring towns and communities, and it is the plan of the management to provide such features of entertainment that will meet the approval of Fair visitors. It should be remembered that it is not an Ontario Fair, but it is officially a Malheur county Fair, and it is even more than that, it is the Fair of Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho.

## Snug Fortune Made by Dairyman Near Buhl in Seven Years of Work

In just seven years from the time that he took a 40 acres tract then all in sage brush, Ben Shick has made a fortune. The story of this remarkable man and his achievement was the most convincing of the many emphatic revelations unfolded before the party of dairy specialists who visited Idaho and Malheur county, Oregon last week. No less astonishing we believe it will prove to many people of this section. Thus it appeals to the editor of the Argus who was privileged to be one of the party on the tour.

Mr. Shick was a carpenter at Buhl, in 1915. He had never milked a cow in his life when he bought the forty and paid down but \$100 on the purchase price which was \$140 per acre. Soon after he took possession he bought nine grade Guernseys on a contract, not a cent down. From that beginning he has raised several fine calves, for he imported a registered bull, and has sold the progeny for \$5,000. Beside this he has secured in milk checks \$21,000 in seven years, or a total of \$26,000 from the herd.

But this is not all. Possessing as he does a trained mechanical mind he has himself built the finest silo on the tract. He has concrete laterals over his entire 40, which has so well designed a fall that he irrigates across the 40 from one ditch. His feed mangers are of concrete with iron pipe stanchions for each of the herd which now numbers 40 head.

All these 40 cows are fed from the products of his ranch, and he was able to sell last year a small stack of hay besides. He did use too, a ton of bran and a few hundred pounds of grain.

That his farm is a remarkable one, and his record exceptional is true, but he had no physical advantage which his neighbors did not likewise possess. These neighbors told the visitors that Mr. Shick has been their best friend, their greatest helper. He has loaned them the forms he built for his silo and for his concrete mangers and

ditches. He has taken days to show them how to make similar structures for their farms—and he has never charged any of them a cent for his services.

The manner of a dairyman that he has made himself can be gained from the following: Nine of his cows under test last year produced an average of 525.3 pounds of butter fat. This is ten pounds above the average for the Guernsey cows of the American that were under test last year. His best cow produced 714.9 pounds.

All this has been done in seven years. His farm is clear of all debt save a \$3000 federal farm loan and he has money enough in the bank to discharge that, but he is to use that money to build a modern home, for this is all this farm lacks to make it an ideal property. The herd is all paid for and is worth as much, if not more, than the ranch itself. Mr. Shick was offered this spring, when others were going broke and ranches were being sacrificed, \$20,000 for his 40, but he figured that if he did sell he would lose money were he to take the cash and loan it at the prevailing rate of interest.

This story of Ben Shick will be carried in farm journals all over this nation. It will bring to the attention of the dairymen of America the possibilities of this region as the ideal dairy country. It is a concrete example of what a dairy-minded man can do here. Of course not all men can do this, but there is no denying that it can be done. Ben Shick has proven this.

It might be added, too, that he has no large family to milk his cows. He milked them all himself, until the number grew so large that a hired man was needed. All the facts given above were verified and from the testimony of neighbors. The eastern experts at first could hardly believe the statements which they heard of repeated about Mr. Shick. They were "from Missouri," they had to be shown. They were shown and thoroughly convinced.

## EASTERN OREGON DOKIES GOING TO DO LA GRANDE

**Sessions of Amusement Order Have Record Smashing Program Be-fore Them—Tyros Ready**

With the 2nd annual convention of the Pacific Northwest association of Dokie Temples two weeks away frantic haste is noticeable in all Eastern Oregon points where Dokies and Knights of Pythias reside. Most of the lodges in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties are entering floats in the parade and several points in Umatilla county are doing the same. This convention is drawing a big delegation from every town and hamlet in eastern Oregon, and the reason is that there will be 2 days of unalloyed fun and amusement not only for the Knights of Pythias and Dokies, but for the public at large.

The convention opens on Friday, the delegates attending from Dokie Temples in western Canada, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. The program for the two days starts off with a big ceremonial at 2 o'clock at which Tyros will be brot in from all the nooks and crannies of the entire Eastern Oregon section, in fact some Tyros are coming from Canada. Dokies from this whole section of the state are rigging up candidates for initiation, knowing that the honor of being initiated in a class of this kind appeals to everyone.

Friday night is stunt night, and arrangements for seating 400 people at the Fair grounds have been made. This program is free and open to the public, although sections will be reserved for Dokies wearing their Phexes. One of the feature numbers will be the Enterprise Philharmonic orchestra and the Enterprise Madrigal Club. Numbers will be rendered from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon also appeal to the public at large because the contest for big cash prizes between drum corps, patrol teams and bands will be an interesting treat for everybody. This

## RECORD WHEAT YIELD IS PRODUCED ON OREGON SLOPE

**Dicklow Spring Wheat Yields Seventy Bushels Per Acre For Dead Ox Flat Rancher on Twelve Acre Field**

Oregon Slope, Aug. 15, Special: What is believed to be the record yield of spring wheat on the field basis was threshed here last week by A. A. Gutteridge. The field, containing twelve acres, yielded at the rate of 77 bushels per acre.

This yield is more than six times the average yield of spring wheat for the United States, and therefore speaks well for both the soil and the farmer who raised it. The Dicklow variety of spring wheat was used and the threshed wheat is of good quality.

On another field containing ten acres Mr. Gutteridge harvested 70 bushels per acre of the same kind of wheat. A two acre field of Federation yielded 62 bushels per acre. However, he does not consider this a reliable comparison between the two varieties owing to the difference in the land on which it was grown. He thinks that the Federation may outyield the Dicklow under like conditions if more seed is sown than he used this year.

## NAME OMITTED IN LAST WEEK'S TEACHERS LIST

Last week when the Argus carried the story about the opening of school, and the list of teachers for the East and West Sides and the High school, one name was omitted in the force for the west side grade. This teacher was Mrs. J. W. Springer, who will teach arithmetic in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

too, is free. Saturday night comes the closing event in the way of a monstrous parade in which several thousand people will be represented. La Grande is making arrangements for entertaining the biggest crowd that has ever been in this city.

## FARM BUREAU COMMITTEE ELECTS NEW SECRETARY

At a meeting of the county committee of the Malheur county farm bureau held at Ontario last Saturday, P. M. Boals of Oregon Slope was chosen to succeed Thomas W. Clagett of Ontario, as secretary of the organization. Mr. Clagett tendered his resignation because of pressure of other work which will keep him out of the county much of the time for the next few months. His resignation as secretary was accepted by the committee, but he is retained as a member of the board.

It developed at the meeting that there are about 373 members in the county organization, some fifty having enrolled since the last meeting. The board instructed the secretary to communicate with the state farm bureau with regard to marketing turkeys for the members this fall, and to work out some feasible plan whereby assistance could be rendered members having birds to market them to best advantage.

## LEASE HOLDERS MADE DRILLING IMPOSSIBLE

**A. F. Boyer in Letter to Argus Gives Reasons For Not Attempting to Drill For Oil When Here—Still Ready to Proceed**

The Argus this week received the following letter from A. F. Boyer who is in San Diego, California, giving the reasons which accented him in not undertaking to drill for oil here this summer:

"As I have received many letters from Ontario asking why I did not drill an oil well there after I had been promised money to do so, I wish to state that when I started to get leases I found that much of the land I needed had been leased by parties who either could not or would not drill, but who have held the leases for several years and are still holding them for speculative purposes.

"I offered to drill a well if they turned over to me 6000 acres of their leases in one body. But this they refused to do, although I was told they held 18,000 acres of leases. So I was compelled to stop because I could not get leases without paying for them too dearly. But I will say, if the land owners will let their leases run out so that people who would open the oil industry in the Snake river basin, then I will be glad to come back and prove that oil can be found by my electric process just the same as down here in California, where I locate oil for some of the biggest oil companies. If you will print this in your paper, I will be much obliged.

Yours truly,  
A. F. Boyer."  
1025, 10th St., San Diego.

## RELATIVES JUST LEARN OF WEDDING OF COLLEGE COUPLE

Just recently Mr. and Mrs. Connell Cox who live five miles southwest of the city, learned of the marriage of their son, Dwight, who was a sophomore at the O. A. C. last term, to Miss Lillian Barnes of Corvallis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes of that city. The bride too was a sophomore at the Agricultural college. The young couple went from the college town to Salem where the ceremony was performed, and returned to Corvallis, making no announcement of the interesting event. This summer when Miss Terressa Cox, sister of the groom, went to visit him in Portland where he is working she learned of his marriage, and advised her parents. Dwight Cox is well known here in Ontario, for he graduated from the O. H. S. in the class of 1918.

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO MEET STATE CHAIRMAN

George W. Hayes, chairman of the county committee has called a meeting of the Republican central committee to be held at Vale on August 24. In the evening a banquet will be given in honor of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., state chairman who is making a campaign tour of the state. In his call for the meeting Chairman Hayes particularly urged all the women members of the central committee to attend the gathering.

## TUNNY CAUGHT AFTER MANY MONTHS' SEARCH

**State Department at Washington is Asked to Request Canadian Authorities to Turn Over Fugitive—Wife Went to Meet Him**

H. H. Tunny who left Ontario about March 20 leaving behind him many creditors, was captured at Lethbridge, Province of Alberta, Canada on August 9 upon a circular letter sent out by Sheriff H. Lee Noe. He is being held there under arrest, according to a wire received by Sheriff Noe, until extradition papers can be forwarded to the State Department at Washington, D. C.

It will be necessary for the papers to go to the Commissioner of Justice at Ottawa, the Canadian capital before Tunny can be brought back, unless he waives extradition, which apparently he has not done.

Tunny after his departure advised his business associates here, and the First National bank that he had gone. In a letter to the bank he admitted that the cattle which he had mortgaged to that institution were not in existence. The matter was placed before the grand jury, and an indictment returned against him and it was on the warrant issued upon that indictment that he was apprehended in Canada.

For several months following Tunny's disappearance his wife and family remained here. Some time since they went to Boise where Mrs. Tunny announced that she was to resume her studies and training for a nurse.

It is understood here that she left Boise some time week before last and gave her destination as Payette Lakes, but it has since been learned that she went to Canada. Before she reached her destination, however, her husband had been caught by the Canadian authorities.

While in Canada it has been learned that Tunny took the alias of H. H. Bush, or D. A. Bush. How long it will be before Tunny can be brought back to face trial on the charges against him is not known, but it is believed possible that he can be brought here in time for the September term of court.

## DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION SEES WARMSPRINGS PROJECT

**With Chief Engineer F. E. Weymouth and J. B. Bond Manager of Boise-Payette Project Spends Day in Valley**

A. P. Davis, director of reclamation of the U. S. Department of the Interior was in Malheur county last Friday to view the Warm Springs Project and the proposed extension which the directors of that district are asking the government to build. Arrangements have been made for a cooperative survey of the proposed extension. The Reclamation service has set aside \$5,000 for this work and a similar sum is to be secured by the directors of the Warm Springs district.

On the way back from viewing the lands under the proposed extension the directors were in Ontario for several hours and met with a number of men here interested in irrigation development. The visitors were very tactful relative to irrigation development. No statement of views concerning the Owyhee district could be obtained from them.

## FIRE WIPES OUT HOTEL AT BROGAN ON SATURDAY

The Brogan Hotel which has long stood as a monument to the ambitions of D. M. Brogan, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday. How the fire originated is not known, nor is the loss sustained by the owner, S. Giteison of Los Angeles, for whether the building was insured or not could not be learned. The only occupants of the building at the time were Mrs. Mary Coleman who operated the restaurant, and her brother, M. F. Blismeyer who had the pool hall. They lost about \$2,000 in equipment with but \$200 insurance.