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PEOPLE RECOGNIZE SUPERIOR SCHOOLS

Advantages in Burns Brings Many Here; The Library, Churches, Clubs.

The Harney County High School will enroll prospective students and inaugurate the fall term on Tuesday Sept. 7. A large attendance is confidently expected this coming year as only eight graduated last spring and very few of last year's student body have signified their intentions of going elsewhere. With Principal D. M. McDade will be associated the same faculty as last year, the Misses, Wheldon, Anderson, Krichesky, Freese and Furlington.

It augurs well for the success of the institution when capable teachers such as these choose to return to a field where they have previously taught.

Extensive preparations have been made to make the school building and surroundings as habitable and attractive as present conditions warrant.

A new roof, fencing, flag pole, sanitary toilets, modern boiler and wash rooms will add to the many other features and render this school worthy of comparison with any other of its size in the state. It is to be hoped that patrons and friends will not neglect the opportunity to evidence their genuine interest in this home institution by an occasional visit.

If the present prospects materialize H. C. H. S. will be fittingly represented on the gridiron this fall. A strong eleven is in sight if the many "huskies" who are in sight, enter. Mr. McDade is busy now arranging for equipment and games.

Other tentative plans for the year embrace a track team, dramatic performances, a debating team, basketball, tennis, baseball and general gymnastic work in conformance with the state program of physical training.

The weekly "school notes" will be presented in the local papers affording everyone an opportunity to gain some indication of just what the school is doing.

A scarcity of houses for rent is seriously handicapping the school situation in Burns. This week several have visited this office inquiring for suitable houses in which to reside for the coming school year. The people of the county recognize the superior advantages of this place for the education of their children. In addition to having the best schools of the entire territory, the larger attendance of children and the advantageous equipment coupled with modern school buildings with heating, ventilating, lighting and gymnasium, together with the teaching force which includes some of the best instructors to be had in the state all tend to bring favorable attention to Burns.

In addition to these advantages one must not overlook the further advantages of the only public library containing over three thousand volumes of best selected books; five organized churches; musical organizations; the Ladies Library Club, one of the recognized federated clubs of the state where the ladies of the community meet at stated intervals and study the best in art, music, literature, history, etc; the Mothers Club, another organization of women of Burns, which is incorporated and has acquired valuable property interests on which it is the ambition to erect suitable buildings for recreation and instruction of the younger people. The object of the Mothers Club organization is to provide healthful recreation and proper supervision and surroundings of the younger generation that it may be molded under right influences.

The new modern hospital with the capable physicians and surgeons located in Burns are other features that attract the family man to prefer this to other places in the county to bring his family for the school year or the permanent home.

The signing up of a six number Lyceum course for the school year is a matter of consideration and one that should be recognized. This brings some of the best talent avail-

able to the very home of the student during the school year. The Ellison-White Bureau has been successful for years and the same class of talent is used on the Lyceum course as the Chautauqua during the summer months. The object of the organization bringing this course to Burns is not to make money but to give the citizens, especially the younger people, the right kind of entertainment that will harmonize with their school work and raise the standard.

The social life of Burns may not be on a par with larger centers but it is equal to any to be found in towns of the size. The dramatics offered by local talent not only are of a high class but are presented with a view of instructing and educating as well as entertaining. The same object prompts the selection of the motion picture programs that are presented in the local picture theatre. In many instances special programs are selected and presented solely for the benefit of the school children of the city and these are always with the active cooperation of the instructors.

New regulations have been made by the city authorities in respect to public dances for the coming season and these will be conducted under proper supervision and censorship.

One matter that should be given some consideration by the citizens of Burns in connection with the high school students who come from a distance, is the provision of suitable living quarters for them. So far these conditions have been met by taking them into the private families but from present indications the demand will likely to come within a short time, perhaps before the present term is fairly started.

OREGON SURVEY MAKES SPECIAL STUDY

Citizen Cooperation Invaluable—Miss Mozelle Hair, secretary of Extension Teaching in the Extension Division of the University of Oregon, Eugene, has just completed the gathering of data concerning the insane both in and out of institutions in the western part of the state. Miss Hair has been acting as one of the special field investigators of the Oregon State Survey of Mental Defect, Delinquency and Dependency which the United States Public Health Service is directing for the University of Oregon at the request of the legislature. The facts concerning the insane in the eastern part of the state were contributed by Dr. Wilson D. McNary, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital at Pendleton.

"The Oregon State Survey contemplates making a study as to the number and type of cases of mental disorder in Oregon as part of its studies in mental defect," said Dr. Carlisle, director of the survey. "Having no state appropriations, the survey is being carried forward entirely by citizen cooperation. This active cooperation of Oregonians in this pioneer movement in mental hygiene indicates that every one is interested in pushing forward a project which has for its ultimate end the increased happiness, through better care, treatment and training, of the handicapped," continued the doctor. "Sorrow, failure and inefficiency touch us all so closely in our everyday life that a scientific analysis of ways and means to avoid such grief, and disappointment is of vital interest to village, town, state and nation. The cooperation of hundreds of your citizens in this great referendum on matters relating to mental, child and social hygiene has been wonderful. Every one who has taken an active part in it may well feel that he has contributed a distinct service to his state. There are over 39,000 square miles of territory to be covered. Much work has been accomplished but as director of the survey I wish to invite all who have not so far taken part in the work of the survey to do so. This is a non-partisan project of the people, by the people, and for the people's benefit. Any of the special voluntary assistants who have data cards in their possession which have not yet been returned are requested to fill them out and send them in to the headquarters at Eugene, at their earliest convenience. Every citizen of Oregon as well as every public officer, institution and hospital head is urged to actively participate."

"HOME SPENT DOLLAR" PROVES A "FROST"

Changes Hands Four Times First Day But Later It Gets "Pigeonholed."

Whether it was from indifference or lack of understanding of the object in The Times-Herald starting the "Home Spent Dollar" on a tour of two weeks, it was returned yesterday without having accomplished what it should in the time it was circulated. The object was to show what one dollar would do if spent at home. It changed hands four times the first day, one of the holders being an out of town man, but he evidently understood the intent for he spent it with a local firm but later it was given out to a farmer, the second day, in fact, and kept it for several days and when it was returned to town and spent at a local store it was held there for a couple of days and then the poor thing was buried for a whole week. The Times-Herald is ashamed of its record, for it does not redound to the credit of the store people of Burns, therefore it will not enumerate—but had it been used as it should have been it would have been on of the best object lessons of trading with the home merchant that could have been devised. However, it is simply another case of lack of cooperation that is manifested so frequently in Burns.

STOCKMEN ASK FOR PRIVILEGES IN THE FOREST

County Agent McDaniels accompanied a party of Silver creek men to Prineville yesterday to present a grievance to the Forest Supervisor in connection with the range out in that territory. They claim that local land owners and stockmen have been discriminated against by the Forest officers for the past few years and since the big holdings of range land recently acquired by the Stanfield interests have been devoted exclusively to sheep and are so situated that it is almost impossible for local stock to range on the adjacent lands without trespass, the lack of former Forest range is keenly felt, therefore they are attempting to recover some that had been what they consider arbitrarily allotted to nonresident sheep men. It is hoped they will be successful as many of them have resided there for years and pay a big tax, for that reason they are entitled to consideration.

LABOR DAY OBSERVED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

Holiday For Business Houses But Everybody Works to Get Grounds Ready.

Every citizen of Burns will have an opportunity to show his or her public spirit and interest in community undertakings on Labor Day when it is planned to see what volunteer help will do toward getting the fair grounds, buildings, fences, track and a general cleanup in readiness for the coming community fair.

This was decided upon at a meeting of business men at the Commercial Club rooms on last Monday evening when the proposition was put up to them to take hold and make the fair go. Up to that time more or less indifference had been displayed toward the coming fair and several of those interested asked the business men of the town to meet and discuss the matter. Some of the old time enthusiasm was manifested at this meeting and a disposition shown to take hold of things and make them go. If that spirit continues the fair Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2, will prove success and one that will be a credit not only to Burns but Harney county.

Three of the old time business men, Harry C. Smith, Ben Brown and M. H. Brenten, were placed on the finance committee to raise funds with which to provide suitable purses for amusements and entertainment for the three days. They have circulated a subscription paper and sufficient sum is in sight to insure some good sports. These will consist of horse races, Indian pony races, and other trials of speed and it is also the intention to have an aeroplane here for the period of the fair to do some fancy "stunts" and also to take passengers for flights.

The program committee consists of Joe Thompson, C. C. Page, C. M. Faulkner, T. J. McDonald, D. M. McDade, Gus Bardwell.

Several features will be brought out in connection with the fair as soon as the program committee has made its report. The events of each day will be made to conform to conditions. For instance, Friday should be designated as children's day and a program suitable should be pulled off on that day. It has been suggested that the last day be made Crane day and give our neighbor town a special invitation.

Another committee consisting of Julian Byrd, W. Y. King and T. J. McDonald was appointed as a

grounds committee. This latter bunch looked over the grounds and buildings during the week and found it will be necessary to do considerable work in the way of repairing buildings, mending fences, cleaning the grounds and working the race course before the fair, therefore hopes to have material on hand for the proposed volunteer help of the citizens on Labor Day, Sept. 6. A lot of lumber is necessary as it was found that the windows of the pavilion had not only been broken out and taken but also the frames. Doors are missing, floor torn up; display tables and racks destroyed, fences, pens and barns torn down.

The business men of Burns have said they would turn out on Labor Day and help in putting the place in shape. It is expected that the ladies will provide a noon luncheon on the grounds where coffee can be made and sandwiches and other good things served that working men enjoy. This occasion will provide a means of getting at the real interest shown in the fair by the business men and whether they really will pull together in such an enterprise for its success. Let's have no slackers.

Engineer Ready to Report Water and Sewer Systems

Mayor Leonard this morning received a letter from Mr. Kelsay, the man in charge of the investigation and preliminary survey for a water, sewer and electric light system in Burns, stating he would be here on next Thursday with his report. The letter is dated Aug. 26 from Nampa and reads:

"I shall be in Burns Thursday, Sept. 2 and expect to leave late Friday night.

"I shall have my reports on the Waterworks, Electric Lights and Sewer Systems ready to submit to you and the city council at this time.

"L. C. KELSAY."

WAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS

L. E. McDaniels, County Agent

Web foot weather.

Hard on down hay but good for third crop alfalfa.

The cold snap demonstrated that sunflowers are Harney County's coming crop.

Did you like your copy of the Harney County Farm News? If not don't be afraid to say so.

Constructive criticism is welcomed and is good for County Agents as well as others.

A word of encouragement is also good occasionally. A single bow to the living is worth a dozen flower designs after you have gone west.

Along the same line you are again going to have a fair Sept. 30 Oct. 1 and 2; that will reflect either creditably or otherwise on you as a citizen of the county.

A creditable fair will mean new relations existing between town and country, fresh encouragement to farmers and stockmen to carry on. Attraction of new people to see and hear and later invest in Harney county lands and last but not least new business and greater profits to the merchants and business men who are giving so liberally of their time and money to make it a success.

Do not forget that while the farmer and stockmen with their exhibits are large contributors to the success of a live fair the part played by the merchant and professional men in the towns is equally important since they furnish the stews of war in the way of money and time.

The business men of Burns have taken over the work in a manner that speaks for success as far as they can go in the line of sports, racing and the entertainment line. All that is now required is exhibits from the farm and ranch.

Men and women will be appointed in each community to collect exhibits therefore please save your best products for them, not forgetting that all grains and grasses must be in bundles 4 inches in diameter. Try and bring your own individual exhibits if possible, but if you cannot be sure and save them for the committee.

Honest toil is a credit to any man, but many people object to the credit system.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ACTS ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Moves Toward Improvement In Light Plant; Interest In City Charter.

The club luncheons in this city on each Friday noon continue to bring out a representative crowd and things in general are discussed. Yesterday was no exception. Mr. Traugott was in charge of the discussion on yesterday and several subjects were brought before those present, the most important being the irrigation project. Judge Grant Thompson, one of the directors of the district, was present but could give no additional information as to progress than had been told before. However, others discussed irrigation in a general way, among them being Chas. M. Faulkner who had visited Lakeview earlier in the week where the Goose Lake project has recently been installed. Mr. Faulkner was informed by people over there that the crops under the project this season would be sufficient to pay the cost of construction. That's the report we have from practically every project that has been installed, yet we have people who do not give such undertakings their active support.

The fair was also given some consideration during the luncheon. A business session of the club was held at the club rooms last night at 8 o'clock. The attendance was not what it should have been. However, those who did attend showed a lively interest in the affairs under discussion and some definite action was taken upon subjects of particular importance.

The first matter to consider at the evening meeting was the advisability of employing a paid secretary. It was thought present conditions did not warrant a high salaried man to take care of the club and that a temporary secretary would answer the purpose until things developed more. Charles W. Ellis was elected to act as secretary for the present.

It was necessary to hunt up some lamps before the meeting could be called to order and this naturally brought up the subject of the light service. The unreliability of the present service was discussed and suggestions made as to a means of improving it. It seems there is no prospect of bettering conditions unless drastic steps are taken and it was the sense of the meeting that a protest should go up to the public service commission in an effort to get some action.

The city charter was given consideration. The present charter is admitted to be antiquated and if made workable will require numerous amendments. The charter has been printed in pamphlet form and has been distributed among interested citizens for their perusal and comment. Committees have been appointed by the council and the club to take the matter up and from the expression of those who took part in the discussion last night it is almost assured a new charter will be made for Burns. At any rate the matter was put to a vote at the meeting and every one who expressed themselves were favorable to a new charter. Some did not vote either way as they did not feel competent to express an opinion.

A special meeting of the city council will likely be called to discuss the proposition of water and sewer and it is the intention to have all the citizens who desire be present at this meeting in order that a better understanding may be had. That's the way to get results. Go to the council meeting and show the officers our interest in the matter and give them our support in furthering matters that will improve our town.

R. D. Stahl and family took their departure last Monday for Brighton, Colorado where they intend to make their home. They have not disposed of their farm in this county, therefore may come back later. They drove through in their car. Miss Bernice Harkey accompanied them out as far as Nampa, Idaho, where she will visit with the A. L. Hackney family for a few days before the opening of school.

Good Reading

Did you ever stop to think that the advertisements of the home merchants in this newspaper make it a BETTER newspaper?

Well, it does. Advertising teaches PROGRESS, ECONOMY—and CONFIDENCE.

It teaches progress in keeping you abreast of the times, of all that is new and desirable in foods, clothing, homes, supplies, and comforts of all kinds.

It teaches economy through informing you where the best prices may be had—because economy is not only in the mere saving of money but also in the intelligent spending of it.

It teaches confidence through the knowledge gained in knowing you live as other folks live; enjoy the things they enjoy—that you have the same advantages.

The text book of our worldly comforts is written in the terse lines of our merchandising advertisements—AND IT'S WELL WORTH READING.

If we read the advertisements we soon realize that they can work to our advantage just as much as to the merchant with something to sell.

Then the HOME-SPENT DOLLAR starts its peppy journey amongst we home folks—every one of whom has the development and growth of this community at heart.

