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PIONEERS ARE GIVEN OLD-TIME GREETING

Lexington is Royal Host to Increased Numbers at Annual Reunion.

There is no question whatever as to the growing interest in, and popularity of, the annual reunion of pioneers sponsored by the people of the Lexington community. This was the third year the old timers and former residents of Morrow county were asked to accept the hospitality of the good people of the little city, and they came in numbers far greater than was anticipated. Former residents were there from points far distant in Oregon, Washington and elsewhere in the Northwest, and it was indeed a genuine reunion of those who had formerly been neighbors and pioneers in this part of eastern Oregon. Many were there this year who had not attended heretofore, and it may have been that some faces were missing from among those who were present in former years, for the ranks of the pioneers are becoming thinner as time goes on. But it was very evident to the Gazette Times reporter that the very large number present were enjoying the occasion to the limit. There had been no great effort made in the way of formal entertainment, though a short program was given following dinner in the afternoon, and at night a play was given, followed by a real old-time dance. The splendid feature of it all was the informality, placing everyone on the plane of congeniality. Much time, therefore, was spent in visiting and recalling old times, all of which was a genuine joy to the old and young alike.

At noon the banquet tables were spread in the new I. O. O. F. building. And my! such an abundance of good things had been brought in that the tables were fairly overladen. The center table had been reserved for those of the pioneers who had passed the age of 70, and when all of these had been seated, it was found that quite a number of plates yet remained, so ribbons were pinned on others not quite so old and the table filled. In the center of this table was the magnificent three layer cake, the handiwork of Mrs. Fred Kuns, which was the object of unanimous praise because of its excellence and being of sufficient size that each individual about the table where 80 were seated had a generous helping. Mrs. Kuns was the maker of this "Pioneer" cake at last year's reunion. As indicating the large attendance, the ladies reported feeding 800 at the noon banquet. Then there must have been gathered up the traditional 12 baskets full, as in the evening supper was served to 700. This exceeded last year's attendance by about 200 at each meal.

The afternoon program consisted of community singing, a talk by Aunt Sarah Booher, telling of some interesting pioneer incidents, some singing by the grade pupils of Lexington school, featuring Halloween. "The Old Family Album" in which Miss Ruth Dinges presented members of the family in various poses and showing styles of dress and photography of a period somewhere around the early nineties and perhaps beyond, the characters all well sustained by local talent. This feature of the program was thoroughly enjoyed. C. A. Minor gave the chief address of the afternoon which was presented in his usual reminiscent and humorous style. Mrs. Carl Miller was in charge of the afternoon program, and was also instrumental in making the play of the evening the success it was.

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It had been planned to hold the old-fashioned dance in the Oddfellows building, also, but the crowd was too large and this was taken to the high school gymnasium where the floor space is more ample, and where some of the old-time enthusiasm was made manifest in the quadrilles and round dances.

The day was perfect, the crowd jolly and good-natured and orderly, and the entertainment excellent, and to bring it all to a grand climax Mother Nature joined in with her blessing of an abundant rain as the crowds were returning to their

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Glen Young and wife are up from the Willamette valley to get some of their personal property at the Alex Young farm on Eight Mile. Mr. Young has rented a farm about three miles out from Molalla, Oregon, and contemplates going into the chicken business there on a large scale. Mr. and Mrs. Young will return home in a few days.

Some Progress Made on Heppner-Spray Road

Judge R. L. Benge and Commissioners Bleakman and Davidson, accompanied by Roadmaster McCaleb attended the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland on Wednesday and had an opportunity to present to that body their claims for aid on the completion of the Heppner-Spray road. While they did not get the relief prayed for at this meeting, they received encouragement, as the short report carried in the Oregonian's write-up of the commission's work for the day will indicate. We give it here:

"Request for more work on the Heppner-Spray road was asked, but as this is not a state route, the delegation from Morrow county was advised that the matter will be taken up with the forest service and United States bureau of public roads at the annual conference in December. Morrow county has money to contribute."

Our county court has been encouraged lately by the attitude of the forest service and bureau of public roads, and this action of the state highway points strongly to cooperation on their part when the matter has been thoroughly worked out, which it should be at the December meeting. Let us encourage the court to keep hammering away, for by so doing the desired result will be accomplished.

The state highway commission at this meeting also made distribution of the market road funds. Out of a total of \$548,552.82 in this fund, Morrow county receives this year \$7,620.27.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

W. L. Norvell, located with the Foster and Kleiser company at Walla Walla, was a visitor here on Wednesday. His company, who are billboard advertisers, have recently issued a pamphlet entitled "The Preservation of Scenic Highways," which they state their policy and attitude regarding billboard advertising along the roads and highways. This company operates very extensively in Oregon, Washington and California, and they are facing the agitation that is growing rapidly for the doing away with such advertising that has grown to such an extent that much of the beauty of the scenery along these avenues of travel is covered up. Mr. Norvell is interested just now in placing his company's literature on the subject before the people.

On the Huston court Monday evening the championship croquet game was played between W. O. Dix and T. J. Humphreys, the latter being victorious. Tom is now "cock of the walk," so to speak, and may be able to lay claim to being champion for the season, the nights being a little too chilly for the other players, so it is not likely that his claim to this honor will be contested before another season rolls around. We commiserate Mr. Dix and extend congratulations to the new belt owner.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Ferguson this week are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hatfield, two sons and daughter, also their eldest son, Arlie Hatfield, wife and young son. They compose an automobile party coming from their home at Sublette, Kansas, for a visit with relatives on the Pacific slope. Mrs. Homer Hatfield is a sister of Mrs. Ferguson.

W. H. Tucker moved his family to town the first of the week from the mountains near the foot of Arbutus where they have resided during the summer while he was getting out wood. He states that there was nearly two inches of snowfall in the timber belt, it having snowed some in the mountains while it was raining over the lower country.

"THE FALL OF EVE," 100 per cent talkie, Star Theater, Sun-Mon-Tues.

Lon Markham of Freewater and Percy Hughes of Umapine were former Morrow county residents in Heppner on Saturday, spending several hours here on business. They report a woeful lack of rain in their part of the country this fall.

Chas. Thompson left Tuesday morning for Portland to take in the Pacific International Livestock show, going on to Eugene the end of the week for Dad's day at the state university. His son Ellis is a sophomore at U. of O.

E. J. Evans, wheat raiser of the Lexington section, says the rain Sunday night hit just in time to protect the wheat from the quite heavy freeze the following night. He was transacting business in Heppner Tuesday.

John Brosnan, who was in town Monday from his ranch above Lena, reports a very heavy downpour of rain over the Butter creek country on Saturday night. This will be of great benefit to range conditions.

Barney Devlin has moved to Heppner from The Dalles where he has resided for some time.

Born, at Heppner hospital Saturday, Oct. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gammell, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Merrill of Monroe were Heppner visitors over Saturday.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank our friends for their sympathy in the death of our beloved wife and mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Chas. W. Benefiel and family,

RESULTS OBTAINED IN WEED CONTROL

Work Still Experimental But Will Bear Watching County Agent Says.

Perennial, noxious weed control which is giving everyone in Oregon considerable trouble, was selected as one of the main extension activities by Charles W. Smith, county agricultural agent, in Morrow county this year. Sodium and calcium chlorides, highly advertised chemicals for the killing of perennial weeds such as morning glory, Russian knapweed, Canadian thistle and quack grass, have been tried out on 17 farms during the season on 40 different patches varying in size from a few square rods up to four acres. Last year Mr. Smith tried the two chemicals on morning glory in various sections of the county and the morning glory on three of the patches was killed; that is the old plants were killed and the plants which came from the seed were easily eradicated this spring. However, in one case due to some unknown reason, good results were not obtained.

Notes have been kept during the work on the morning glory, a check being made on the number of years the plant had been growing (because it is believed that the longer the plants have been established, the harder they are to kill), date ground had been plowed last date of last cultivation, the stage of bloom the plants were in when sprayed, time of day spray was applied, etc., on all demonstrations. It is hoped that next year after seeing the results obtained from this year's application, more definite information will be available as to the time and rate of applications of the chemicals.

Some of the experiment stations are recommending as little as two pounds of the chemicals per square rod, while others believe that it will take as much as three pounds. Some maintain that when the plant has the largest amount of foliage on it, or just as it comes into full bloom is the correct time to spray, while others state they have had very good results by treating in October just as the plants have started to die down. These questions and many others can be answered next year after the results of this year's applications have been studied. In practically every case where the plants were treated in June, July or August the plants came up after spraying but died down later. According to the manufacturers of the sprays, this happens in almost every case when the spraying is done in the early stages of growth and the largest percentage of kill takes place in the winter.

Although several hundred pounds of the chemicals has been bought by farmers this year and applied by Mr. Smith in all sections of the county, no definite results have been promised by anyone as the work is still in the experimental stage. A survey of the county shows that morning glory is to be found on 20 per cent of the farms and as cultivation seems to cause it to spread, this happens in almost every case when the spraying is done in the early stages of growth and the largest percentage of kill takes place in the winter.

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service and the theme will be, "Every Day Religion."

Brother Jones will be here to begin the meeting on Monday evening and we invite everyone to attend from the first what we know will be a feast of good things.

MILTON W. BOWER,
Minister Church of Christ.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., preaching service. Topic: "Not Looking but Trusting."

6:30 p. m., Epworth League.

7:30, preaching service. Topic: "The Miracle Book."

Special music at both services.

All are cordially invited.

Junior League Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Boys and girls are invited to this service.

GLEN P. WHITE, Pastor.

HEPPNER YOUNG PEOPLE PLDED.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 30.—(Special)—Patricia Macneill, Heppner, and an entering freshman at the University of Oregon, has been pledged to Chi Omega, national women's social sorority. Pledging took place at the end of freshman week, with one of the longest lists in the history of the school. Classes got under way Monday of the second week of school, with a full calendar for the whole fall term.

A DAY FOR US ALL.
By ELVA FERRY

You say that our young folks are bound for the devil;

In fact they are jazzing to hell;

Well, maybe so, Mister, but say, on the level,

I don't like that phrase very well.

The poor little kiddies, why razz them so roughly;

Why tell them they're wicked and dumb?

For aren't they our children—the pride of the nation—

The hope of the race that's to come?

Perhaps they are wilful and some of them wayward;

But surely the Father above Is waiting to deal out not stern condemnation;

But mercy and infinite love.

If I thought our young folks were bound for the devil

And riding straight on to a fall,

I'd say we had better just stack up our fire arms

And call it a day for us all.

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Leach Memorial Hall Soon to be Dedicated

Through the generosity of Mrs. E. D. McMillan, the store building at Lexington occupied for so many years by the general merchandise business of Leach Bros., and the principal owner of which was her former husband, Wm. E. Leach, has been donated to Lexington Lodge of Oddfellows, of which he was also a prominent member. The mercantile business was closed up some time ago, and soon thereafter the work of making over the building was undertaken and it has been moving along to the point of completion as rapidly as possible. When the work is done, the Lexington lodge will have a splendid home, containing ample space for the lodge room, ante rooms and robing rooms, kitchen and dining hall, besides a club room and large annex to be used as a place for parties and public gatherings.

Just as soon as the work of remodeling the building is completed, the building will be accepted by the lodge with proper dedication services. The plans for this service are now being worked out, and we understand that the name adopted is Leach Memorial Hall, to be dedicated to the memory of William E. ("Billy") Leach. The date of this service will be announced through these columns soon.

District Convention O.E.S. to be Held at Ione Nov. 5

The district convention of the Order of Eastern Star will be held at Ione next Tuesday evening, Nov. 5, with Locust chapter No. 119 of that city as host to Jasmine chapter No. 74 of Arlington and Ruth chapter No. 32 of Heppner. The convention will be honored by an official visit from Grand Worthy Matron Elizabeth Tipton of Portland. Locust chapter will have charge of the opening and closing ceremonies, and Jasmine chapter will do flag duty, escort duty and attend to ceremony of balloting. It will be the duty of Ruth chapter to put on the initiatory work, which they will do in accordance with the new ritual.

Locust chapter will serve refreshments. Members of Ruth chapter who have no way of going to Ione for this meeting Tuesday night, should call Mrs. Charlotte Gordon, worthy matron.

The 'Ails' of the Great Commission.

When Jesus gave his disciples their final commission to preach He spoke of four complete things. Since we today are vitally interested in helping carry on to conclusion the campaign Jesus launched, it is fitting that we should pay attention to his "marching orders." Especially is this true at this time when we are to have a special series of gospel sermons with a campaign of evangelism.

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