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RACE FOR QUEEN GETTING TROPICAL

Harriet Heliker Steps Into Second Place After Willows Dance.

LEXINGTON IS NEXT

Miss Doherty Expected to Change Order of Standings After This Week's Dance.

Miss Harriet Heliker, candidate of Willows grange for the honor of queen of Heppner's 1936 Rodeo, stepped into second place last Saturday night following the queen's dance at Ione. Up to that time, Miss Heliker had been at the bottom of the heap, but it's a different story now.

The standings of the candidates this week show Miss Genevieve Hanna of Lena still leading the race with a total of 19,500 votes; Harriet Heliker, 15,900; Frances Rugg, 14,700, and Betty Doherty, 13,300.

These figures indicate that there will be a hot scrap along toward the closing hours of the campaign. It is expected that Miss Doherty may slip into the lead after this week's dance, although Miss Hanna showed a substantial gain at the Ione dance, advancing her count from 16,900 to 19,500. At the present stage, it is anybody's election and one guess is as good as another.

This week's dance will be held at the Leach hall in Lexington, instead of the grange hall as previously advertised. The Pendleton Indian orchestra has been retained to furnish the music.

Plans for this year's Rodeo are going ahead, according to Henry Aiken, president of the association. New stock has been purchased and other features are being worked out to make this year's show one of the best in the history of the Heppner western classic.

An opportunity will be given the Rodeo management to do some effective advertising August 14 and 15 at Walla Walla. The Pendleton Round-Up association has been extended the courtesy of staging the wild west parade at the Whitman centennial. George Strand, director of parades for the Round-Up, was in Heppner Monday and extended an invitation to the Rodeo association to participate in the parade. He suggested that riders and mounts from Heppner join the Round-Up forces and ride in this great spectacle which will be viewed by no less than 50,000 spectators each day. President Aiken has assured Mr. Strand that a delegation will be on hand from Heppner, the number to be determined at a later date. Some of the prospective participants are apt to be busy with harvesting operations at the time and it will be difficult to get away for two or three days.

Aiken plans to carry plenty of advertising material along and give the centennial visitors an invitation

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Red Cross Official to Visit Local Chapter Next Week

A communication from the American Red Cross, Pacific branch at San Francisco, bears the information that Ralph E. Carlson, First Aid and Life Saving representative of the organization, will be in Heppner July 21 and August 1. Mr. Carlson's visit at this time is in the interest of the first aid and life saving program of the Morrow county chapter.

Heppner Inventor Got Idea About Twenty-five Years Late

Heppner might have been known as the home of a clever inventor if Mike Roberts had gotten an idea some 25 years earlier.

A good many people living here now will recall that around the turn of the century there was a good bit of talk about a "motion" fan which was a product of the fertile brain of Mr. Roberts. Unfortunately, the fan never reached the volume production stage and after a few seasons both it and the story of its origin were forgotten.

With so much talk going around about air-conditioned houses, trains and the like, we were reminded of the time Frank (Mike) Roberts invented a fan for the purpose of cooling the atmosphere in passenger cars. Just how long Mike had had the idea he did not state. An opportunity to "spring" it came one time when he was aboard a passenger train between Portland and Heppner. It was one of those hot, dry days with which rail travelers of the era were so familiar. Conductor Allison, known to many branch passengers, was on duty and Mike commented upon the uncomfortable situation in the car, stating "Why doesn't the company do something about it?"

"What is there to do?" queried Allison.

"That's simple," Mike replied. "They can install a fan that will run while the train is in motion. It would be inexpensive to make and cost nothing to run." "The idea was relayed to J. P. O'Brien and he asked Mike what the

Some Current Events Cause Us to Wonder

SOME things have been happening the past few days that have caused us to pause and wonder. For instance: On his return from Portland Monday night Sam Notson lost his hat—that is, he forgot his sky piece. When he and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gault arrived at Arlington after a devastating ride through the heat from The Dalles they decided to stop and partake of "the pause that refreshes" or a similar potato. Sam declares it was a soft drink and is seconded by Gault. There was some mention of a pretty girl behind the fountain. Anyway, when the trio arrived at Heppner Junction, Sam discovered that he was minus his hat—and J. L. accommodatingly turned around and drove back to Arlington where the fedora was recovered.

When Sam arrived home he was wearing a big sunflower, emblem of G. O. P. He displayed the emblem with pride and so far as is known it was the only one in Heppner. Wednesday morning Sam was standing on the street trying to convince some New Dealer of the error of his ways when a car bearing a Kansas license drove up. A good looking woman spied that flower on Sam's lapel. And now the sunflower is missing. We are beginning to wonder just what the old republican wheelhorse's weakness is.

Oregon Farm Prices in Rapid Advance Lately

The sharpest advance in the general Oregon farm price index for a long time was registered from mid-May to mid-June, with further increase indicated at mid-July. This is one of the outstanding facts shown in the most recent report on the agricultural situation by the OSC agricultural service. The increase in the index was from 68 percent of the 1926-1930 average up to 73, or a 7 percent gain in one month.

Two principal reasons account for the rapid advance in prices for a good many farm products and foods according to the report. These are serious drought damage to crops east of the Rockies and stronger industrial activity and demand conditions in this country and in most foreign countries.

In respect to demand, the report states that business activity was at a higher level in June than at any time for several years, bringing the average of industrial activity for the first half of 1936 to 12 percent above the first half of 1935.

The principal drought belt extends from the northern Great Plains in a southeasterly direction to the south Atlantic coast. The final outcome depends now very much on how corn and other late maturing crops come out. With good rains not too long delayed yields of such crops might still be fairly good, but gross production of farm products this year is already certain to fall materially below early season prospects.

The circular, which is available from county agricultural agents, goes into considerable detail in respect to the various commodities, giving data on production, prices and other information of value to farmers in planning their production and marketing program. A new feature in the report just issued is a table showing the usual seasonal trend of farm prices in Oregon for several of the most important products marketed from this state.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking our many friends for the lovely gifts presented us on the occasion of our Golden Wedding anniversary. To each and every contributor we say "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell.

Some Things of Interest Seen on Los Angeles Trip

(By The Editor)

Here we are, back from Los Angeles—destined, so "Jerry" Aiken says, to be the world's largest city. The largest and most successful national Elks convention was held there last week. That was the main object of our trip.

A bit ironical was the news of Heppner's earthquake tremor, received while we were in Los Angeles. Itself a noted quake spot, while in our lifetime in Heppner no such experience was before known. L. A. felt no tremor during our visit, however the weather was unusual—this time unusually hot.

We visited Jared "Jerry" Aiken, better known to old-time Heppner friends as "Spec," in his office on the 11th floor of the Bank of America building. He is manager of the Los Angeles office of Rathbone, King & Seelye, insurance brokers and agents for Lloyd's of London. Jerry's company wrote the insurance covering all phases of the big Elks convalescence, no little task as underwriting goes.

As we looked out the office window at the beehive of activity 11 stories below, Jerry spoke of the earthquake two years before. It happened shortly before he arrived at L. A., but the office force ahead of him told of the experience. The walls appeared to fall against them, and it looked as if the Bank of America building and another tall building across the street were going to crack heads. Those in the office stumbled along the walls, grabbing at them for support as they made their way to the door and down the hall to the elevators, each instant expecting it would be their last. The buildings in that section held, but Jerry said uncer-

tainty of the quake's recurrence plays a large part in the insurance game, as all types of business must have coverage against this risk the same as against fire and water. And the premiums come pretty high.

Jerry was one of the most interesting "things" we found in L. A., probably very naturally so, as we were kids together; and as he is still widely remembered here we know there are many others equally interested.

When we, Mrs. Crawford and I, first called at the Aiken home, Jerry was absent on a yachting trip with friends to Santa Catalina. We were greeted by Marie, that is Mrs. Aiken, nee Marie Curran of this city. The perfect hostess, Marie served hors d'oeuvres, and our party went out to dinner, returning to greet Jerry shortly as he returned from the yacht, red as a lobster from sunburn. The sunburn treated him pretty rough for a couple of days, but that is all a part of life in the sunny southland.

Los Angeles takes an event like the big Elks convention in its stride. An extra large wave washes the surface for a moment, it is true, for the Elks celebration is one of the largest meetings in the country. Convention visitors numbered 50,000, it was said, while official delegates totaled some 24,000. However, the increased activity in town hardly compares with a Rodeo day in Heppner.

The southern California metropolis has everything so well organized for holding conventions, and so many conventions are held there, it is almost a matter of routine. Convention-holding in L. A. is a

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Hayes Starts Work on New Service Station

Work was started Tuesday morning on a new building at the corner of May and Chase streets which when completed will be used as a service station by Glenn Hayes. The new building will be 22 x 34 feet and will occupy part of the old Star lodging house site. It will be of frame construction with concrete floor, and will be finished in stucco and plaster.

Mr. Hayes was busy Tuesday morning laying out the ground and assembling materials. He plans to do most of the construction work himself and will have the plant ready to open in about six weeks.

There will be two rooms, one for greasing operations and one for an office. The gasoline pumps will be covered by an awning and will be easily available to motorists.

Jobless Seek Work in Morrow County Fields

Eastern Oregon's grain crop is attracting quite an army of laborers this summer, if the number of men seeking work in Morrow county is a fair barometer.

During the past week the county agent's office has been besieged by men seeking employment in the grain fields and an effort is being made to locate as many of them as possible.

It is thought that the drought areas of the middle west are responsible for some of the job applicants, while Governor Martin's edict relative to employables on relief doubtless is a contributing factor.

With harvest in full blast it is timely for both employer and unemployed to meet on common ground at this time.

SHOWER FOR MRS. MASSEY.

Mrs. Clarence Wise and Miss Lora Gilman were hostesses for a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Al Massey, Saturday afternoon, at the Massey home. The house was tastefully decorated with petunias, cosmos and snapdragons. Mrs. Massey was the recipient of many gifts. A pleasant afternoon was spent, at the close of which the hostesses served refreshments to the guests, the list including Mesdames Ivan Applegate, Glen Sherer, William Massey, Chas. Massey, George Nelson, Nettie Flower, Iris Slavens, Levi Morgan, Kenneth Akers, Al Sherman, Harold Gentry, Lillian Lowman, and the Misses Anabel Turner, Ellen Morgan and Olive Nelson. Mrs. Massey also received a gift from Mrs. H. O. Tenney, who was unable to attend the party.

CITY TO TRY NEW PUMP.

The water committee of the city council met with M. L. White, representative of the Howard-Coopter corporation of Portland, last night and decided to install a pump recommended by Mr. White at the city well on upper Willow creek. The pump put out by the Portland concern is guaranteed to produce 250 gallons of water per minute. On a 20-foot lift it will produce 15,000 gallons per hour and on a 10-foot lift it will produce 21,000 gallons per hour.

GRANGE MEETS SUNDAY.

Willows grange will hold a business meeting Sunday, July 26, at which time Mrs. Marie Ledbetter, chairman of the agricultural committee, will present a program of talks, 4-H club reports, songs and readings. Willows grange members are now having an attendance and membership contest between the ladies and men of the grange.

Sell your surplus stock through Gazette Times Want Ads.

TEN 4-H BOYS TAKE 3-DAY JUDGING TRIP

15-Car Caravan Carries Hundred Clubbers to Union and Wallowa Counties; Sleep in Hay Loft.

Bright and early Monday morning, July 13, ten 4-H club boys met in Heppner ready to start on the 400-mile 4-H judging tour through Wallowa and Union counties. Clarence Biddle, Lexington 4-H club leader, accompanied the boys and drove the truck. The boys making the trip were Irvin Rauch, Billy Biddle, Mancel and Marion Krebs, Rufus Hill, Dick Williams, Malcolm O'Brien, Larry Stevens and Jimmy Cool.

The Morrow county group joined the groups from other counties at Union, and from there on 15 cars were in the judging caravan. Doc Allen, assistant state club leader, also joined the group at Union.

Monday the experiment station at Union was visited. Here the experimental plots were ready for harvest. The trip had been planned for this time so the boys could see these plots at harvest time. The experimental work was explained by an expert from the state college.

Monday night the 100 boys and their attendants slept in a large hay loft at the experiment station, where their beds were made down side by side on the hay. Fun among the boys continued far into the night until someone called for quiet and reminded them that several of the club leaders present had been up since 3 o'clock that morning to make the trip possible for them. Morning found articles of clothing hard to locate, and all were called upon to help one lad who couldn't find any of his.

The following day several dairies, stock farms, hog and sheep herds were visited, directions for judging given by Doc Allen, and judging contests held.

The caravan arrived at Wallowa lake at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the boys took a swim and went rowing. Some of them rounded up two elk and saw them swim in the water, after which they returned to camp, had supper cooked by the boys, made down their beds and then went to look over the power plant owned by Pacific Power and Light company, on whose property they were camped. General assembly was then held around the campfire, when old-timers told tales of Chief Joseph and his tribes.

Wednesday morning the boys visited Wallowa falls. As they were assembling to leave a number of the boys were late in returning to the general group. After waiting for a half hour Doc Allen gave orders for the boys to line up and put the tardy boys through the spanking machine. Plans were to stop again at the lake for half an hour, but the laggards had taken up the time, so the caravan started out. The next stop was at the tomb of Chief Joseph where a large granite monument is erected.

Wednesday evening found the boys back in Heppner with three days of happy memories added to life's store.

Doc Allen understands boys. At one large dairy a group of boys was inspecting a tractor. Mr. Allen said, "I wish these boys had a tractor like that to take to pieces, it would sure do them a lot of good."

BOARDMAN

By LA VERN BAKER

Word was received of the marriage of Elsie Wilson to John McCluskey last week. Friends extend best of wishes.

Fred Slanger made a business trip to Harnishston. He returned with a second-hand Model A truck.

Mr. Horn of Gridley, Cal., visited at the W. A. Strobel home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber of Heppner were visitors here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger of Lexington were week end visitors here.

Lois Messenger is home for two weeks from La Grande normal.

Miss Helen Slanger is employed at the Signal service station at Irignon.

Mrs. Cox and children are visiting relatives for a week.

A party was held honoring George Wicklander, Jr., last Tuesday. A large crowd was there and all enjoyed themselves.

George Wicklander, Sr., went to Bend last week.

Word was received of the death of the father of Claude Calkins, the former county agent of Morrow county, last Monday.

Evangel Peck returned home from Yakima last Saturday.

Missionary meeting was held at Mrs. J. F. Gorham's home last Wednesday.

Donald Gillispie has the scarlet fever.

Mariede Moore from Monument is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Moore.

Mrs. W. A. Baker, Mrs. Otto Lubbes, and Willard Baker went to Meacham lake last week on a huckleberry trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bates, Mrs. Edith Hendricks, and Mrs. Wilson went to Meacham to pick huckleberries.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Macomber spent the week end in Pilot Rock.

Why Not a Drinking Fountain on Main?

WHAT would be the matter with the city putting in a drinking fountain or two along Main street? At present there is a fountain at the fair grounds—if one knows where to find it—and there are fountains at Ferguson Motor company and Standard Stations corners.

Perhaps the average adult has a nickel or a dime with which to purchase a drink, but the kiddies are not always so equipped for quenching their thirst and must rely upon water. They frequently resort to using a hose at one of the service stations, and more frequently, they enter refreshment stands and request a glass of water, which is cheerfully given but which is too often an annoyance.

It would be a handsome thing for the city to place a fountain in each of the blocks of the business district.

County's Road System Undergoing Inventory

To determine the condition of primary and secondary highways and county-built roads in Morrow county, engineers of the state highway department are taking an inventory this month. The work is being done by Stanley Wentz and R. W. Carpenter and they will inspect all roads of the county in an effort to determine their condition and to recommend repairs and alterations.

This work is being carried on all over the state and is done to ascertain the value of highway property and cost of maintenance. Wentz and Carpenter expect to spend about a month inspecting the Morrow county road system.

Acceptance Speech to be Heard at 6 P. M. Today

Lawrence Beach, secretary of the county republican central committee, is in receipt of a telegram from Arthur Priaulx, state chairman, stating that Governor Alf Landon's acceptance speech will be broadcast over both NBC and CBS networks at 6 o'clock Pacific Standard time this evening.

The republican presidential nominee the first part of the week completed his speech which will require from 40 to 45 minutes to read and which is looked upon as the opening gun of the campaign.

Trainload of Cattle Leaves Here Saturday

Saturday night's train carried a cargo of 18 cars of cattle consigned to Portland and California points. It was one of the heaviest train shipments of the season and probably represents the last shipment of the kind for this year.

Seventeen cars of the lot were shipped by Chance Wilson of Monument and Eb Hughes of Lena was in charge of the eighteenth car. Twelve cars were consigned to Portland and six to California. The Wilson lot comprised 530 head.

ORAVEC POPULAR HERE.

Interest in the election of an Oregon man to all-star honors has been quite pronounced in Heppner the last few days. Sam Notson initiated the movement in this section by circulating petitions, or vote sheets, for Johnny Oravec, star halfback on the Willamette university football team the past three years. Up to this morning more than 200 names had been written on the ballots and there were more than 300 in Morrow county. Eleven men are chosen from the 48 states each year and it is hoped that Oravec will place one of the positions this year.

For Sale—Used fruit jars, 50c a dozen. Write Box 38, Lexington.

CLUB LENDS EARS TO FLOOD CONTROL

Lions Hear Plea for Support of Effort to Get Assistance Here.

ENGINEER COMES

Lieut.-Colonel C. F. Williams, U. S. Engineers, Conducting Hear- ing at Court House Today.

Heppner Lions club joined the movement to secure flood control in the Willow creek and Rhea creek valleys when the matter was presented at Tuesday's luncheon.

Commissioner Frank S. Parker attended the luncheon and brought the flood control meeting to the attention of assembled members. He read a list of questions which had been prepared by the U. S. engineering staff and after commenting briefly on the interest of the county court in this particular work, called upon S. E. Notson for a discussion of what has been done and the possibility of getting something definite in the way of flood control.

In his discussion, Notson pointed out some of the ways in which the financing might be handled. One method, and the one thought most feasible, is the organization of a flood control district. This would involve a tax levy, but as the speaker pointed out, the work cannot be done by good will. There will have to be some responsible group or organization and the law provides for the organization of flood control districts.

The speaker recalled some of the work done by Rhea Luper in the matter of locating dam sites and collecting other engineering data which is available for study by the government engineers. Luper's experience in water adjudication and the broader experience as state engineer is not to be looked upon lightly. He has quite accurate figures on water volume of each of the floods dating from the 1903 catastrophe up to and including the more recent flood of 1934.

The Lions club is not taking initiative action in the proposed flood control. The club is lending its support by urging citizens of the Willow and Rhea creek districts to turn out for the meeting at the court house this afternoon. A letter was prepared by the club secretary and mailed to numerous citizens of the two districts asking them to attend an earlier meeting at 1:30 today to formulate a plan of presenting available data and to offer such other assistance to the engineer as may be within the power of local property owners.

The hearing is being conducted by Lieut.-Colonel C. F. Williams, U. S. Engineers. Congressman Walter M. Pierce is a spectator at the hearing, having arrived in the city today to spend a day or two visiting constituents and looking over the political situation.

A new angle was presented on the swimming tank when Frank Turner announced that WPA help is available if desired. He told of a conversation with John L. Griffith, supervisor of the local WPA unit, in which Mr. Griffith informed him that aid from that source could be obtained. The finance committee later met with Mr. Griffith and learned that certain conditions would necessarily have to be met. First, the site must be selected; then plans and specifications by a recognized architect or engineer. When these matters have been approved the WPA can then offer to

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Possibility of More Quakes Seen by College Geologist

That the earthquake which shook sections of southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon last week is of more than passing significance is revealed in a statement by Professor Edwin T. Hodge of Oregon State college.

Prof. Hodge, teacher of economic geology at Oregon State, said the unexpected earthquake was of "great interest" to geologists.

"We never knew there was a live fault there," he said, "although we had found dead faults. What the earthquake shows is that nature, in folding up the plains into the Blue mountains, fractured a part of her handiwork and it is this deep fracture that caused Wednesday's earthquake."

"It shows that the mountains have not become thoroughly stable and that adjustments are still taking place. It excites two theories, which are:

"Either that the earthquake is nature's finishing touch to the great mountain range—the last element by which the structure becomes permanent—or that she is still building, possibly taking the strain off the earth's crust as it moves westward from Europe, and portends a greater or lesser movements in the future."

"Besides this scientific point, there is also great interest in the economic aspects—whether, if nature is still building, it would be necessary to strengthen buildings against damage in the future. Now geologists will try to learn just what this fault portends, although it is,

of course, impossible to say when further disturbances might occur or what the intensity might be."

Prof. Hodge said the earthquake occurred in a region which, so far as history shows, has been comparatively free of disturbance.

He said Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater felt the earthquake particularly because the cities are built on alluvial deposits, left by the rivers flowing westward from the Blue mountains.

"The rocks of the Blue mountains go down under these deposits and when an earthquake occurs in such circumstances it is similar to striking a hammer on a table covered with sand. If the towns were built on rock, the shock would be less—more like a hammer blow on a table on which a book lay," he illustrated.

GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Elmer Ball of Ione went to The Dalles the first of the week to enter the state tuberculosis hospital. His application was acted upon some time ago but due to the crowded condition of the hospital it was necessary for him to wait. Mr. Ball has been in the hospital several months and they have two children in the hospital at Salem. A third child is waiting for a room at one of the hospitals. The family has undergone a lot of sickness the past few years.

Hugh Curran was over from Pilot Rock yesterday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Agnes Wilcox.