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Crow-Magpie Hunt Contest Comes to End Wednesday

Wild Life Pictures, Boxing Card Set; Wire to Make Talk.

With the big wind-up banquet of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club crow-magpie contest all set for next Wednesday evening, members of both sides are suffering from the jitters awaiting the verdict of who will be the unfortunates to eat crow.

This will not be decided until 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, the deadline for members of each side to report to their captains, Mark Merrill and J. Logie Richardson.

Attendance of 125 to 150 is expected at the banquet, to be held at 6:30 o'clock at the county pavilion. All married men contestants are expected to be attended by their wives. Each contestant will pay 75 cents the plate.

Heading the entertainment program will be Frank Wire, superintendent of the state game commission, who will speak and also show Oregon wild life motion pictures. A boxing card is also slated.

Ralph Moore Weds Newberg Young Lady

Marital ties were solemnized at the Christian parsonage at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning for Ralph Moore, son of Mrs. L. D. Neill of Echo, and Miss Glenna Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barnes of Newberg, Alvin Kleinfeld performing the ceremony. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott, Mrs. Scott being a sister of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes accompanied their daughter to the Neill farm where they were guests.

The newlyweds left shortly after the ceremony for Montana, where Mr. Moore is working with the E. E. Clark shearing crew. After the shearing season Mr. Moore expects to resume his past work on government roads.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Groshens and Harry Groshens, former residents, were over-Memorial day visitors, coming up from their respective homes in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Groshens the elder have a small tract near Portland, Harry is manager of the fishing tackle department of a marine supply company, and Charles is in the garage business in the city.

Envoy Lillian Gray McCormick with the Salvation Army was a Heppner visitor Tuesday. This is her twelfth year in this territory. Mrs. McCormick was conducting the annual solicitation for the Salvation Army. She advised Morrow county people that her division has no one out with tambourines in this district.

Mrs. Hubert Gaily departed for Hood River last evening with Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Sprouls, and will visit at the Sprouls home there for a while. Mr. Sprouls drove up for Mrs. Sprouls and Janet who had been visiting here for several days.

Lester White was in the city this morning from Lexington. He expects to remain in the county until after harvest, having just arrived from San Francisco where he had been for three months employed with a packing company.

Mrs. John Clouston and children of Lakeview arrived this week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Clouston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Devlin.

Strawberry festival, basement of Methodist church, June 11, from 3 to 7 p. m.

Mrs. Ray P. Kinne and Dickie left today for Yakima to visit relatives.

YOUNG TALENT SHOWING PROMISE

Ione Defeat Retaliated 13-4; Gilman on Mound Helps Out; Condon or Kinzua Next Up.

Manager Fred Hoskins believes he has a bunch of young fellows who will uphold Heppner's baseball reputation with laurels before the season ends. Though they tasted defeat in their first game at Ione, 18-17, two weeks ago, they came back last Sunday and drubbed Ione, 13-4, on the local diamond.

Part of Heppner's added strength Sunday came through the presence on the mound of Leonard Gilman, high school ace, who was absent the week before attending the state track meet at Eugene. Fred expects Gilman to hold his own with the best in future games.

The team is playing independently. Next Sunday they will journey either to Condon or Kinzua, and Fred expects to get some games at home later with some of the toughest teams around being eyed.

In the game Sunday against Ione Fred started Glen Hayes on the mound, relieving him with Gilman. Stone, high school catcher, received, and did a nice job. Dean, CCC, and Banister alternated at first base, with Dean clouting out a homer with the stick. Munkers, of the high school squad, was at shortstop, Bill McRoberts on third and Don Turner on second. McRoberts and Turner handled all chances nicely, Fred said. In the outer pasture were Charles Cox in center field, Randall Grimes in right field, and Joe Aiken and Howard Bryant alternating in left field.

The boys are practicing regularly on Wednesday evenings, and any other aspirants are welcome.

This is Fred's answer to the town's desire for a baseball team, and he believes fans will get their money's worth by following them.

SAYS DEER DEPLETED.

Fred Hoskins was in the city Tuesday transacting business for several hours on his way home to Rhea creek from taking his sheep to summer range in the mountains near La Grande. Striking cool weather on the trail, the lambs went through in fine shape. Fred reported an excellent lambing with a 2000 increase from a band of 2200 ewes. He expressed alarm over the game situation in the country where his range is located. Deer sign are few and far between this season, he said, there having apparently been a heavy winter killing of the game animals.

WAITSBURG EDITOR VISITS.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wheeler of Waitsburg, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Peterson of Walla Walla, were visitors in the city Monday, just "to see the town they had heard so much about and to enjoy the ride." Mr. Wheeler is editor of the Waitsburg times, the paper on which the late Vawter Crawford got his start in the newspaper business. Mr. Peterson is deputy auditor of Walla Walla county.

GRAND JURY MEETS.

The grand jury for the June term of circuit court was convened at the court house this morning by Frank C. Alfred, district attorney, and Judge C. L. Sweek was expected to arrive this afternoon to take their report. J. I. Hanna, foreman, Hanson Hughes, W. O. Bayless, George Ely, H. E. Clark, Russell D. Moore and Robt. Smith compose the body.

CREEK RANCH SOLD.

The Glen Boyer ranch of 240 acres on lower Rhea creek, formerly operated by Roy Feeley, was sold yesterday to W. J. Needham of Lexington through the local Hardman National Farm Loan association office, announces Vawter Parker, secretary. Needham will take possession in the fall.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rill of Eight Mile at the maternity home of Mrs. Lillie Aiken in this city, May 25, a daughter.

City of the Dead Cloaked in Flowers On Memorial Day

Legion and Auxiliary Pay Tribute; Holiday Enjoyed by Business.

Decoration of graves of war veterans and departed members of their organizations by American Legion and auxiliary was the only community activity in Heppner on Memorial day, Sunday. Individual observance of the day, however, resulted in general beautification of the city of the dead, reflecting a true spirit of homage to those loved ones, laborers of the past day, the memory of whom was brightened in the observance.

A number of former residents with dear ones at rest atop Heppner's hill, joined local relatives and friends in the observance, each adding his stint by tidying up the burial ground and contributing to the profusion of flowers that left the hallowed field in a blanket of loving remembrance as the evening twilight faded into the end of a tranquil, warm summer day.

A holiday from business was enjoyed in Heppner, and many residents took advantage of it to visit friends or relatives elsewhere, to go fishing, or to participate in a mountain picnic. Little activity other than that at the cemetery was in evidence about the city.

Ranges Improved Under AAA Program

Oregon range lands have been improved by the development of wells and springs, installation of fences, and substantial reseeding, as a result of the 1936 range program under the AAA, a preliminary summary of reports in the state office at Corvallis shows. Although the 1936 program was started late in the year, close to 1300 range operators participated.

Most of the improvement work had to do with providing additional watering places, making possible the better use of range lands. Approximately 1500 springs were dug out and improved to provide efficient use of water available. Ninety pits or reservoirs to carry surplus water into the dry season were built and 25 new wells were dug.

The summary also shows that approximately 600 miles of fence were built to control grazing to better advantage and that about 16,000 acres of depleted range were reseeded with grasses found to be well adapted to such use. A small amount of water spreading and rodent control was also carried out, although the season was too late for much of this to be done under last year's program.

The chief new practice added to the range program for 1937 is that of deferred grazing, by which stock will be kept off of certain areas while the grass rehabilitates itself. The dates for deferred grazing in this state, showing the period during which stock will be kept off that part of the range on which application for payment is to be made were established by the AAA in advance of the grazing season. For Oregon these are March 1 to June 31, inclusive, on range lands at the 3000 feet level or under; and for all land above 3000 feet elevation the dates are April 1 to July 31, inclusive.

A much larger number of cooperators in the range improvement program are signing up in eastern Oregon, while in the western part of the state a considerable number of those with smaller range acreages are cooperating this year in the regular agricultural conservation program by carrying out the practices under the classification of non crop pasture land.

FIRE SEASON ON IN LOCAL DISTRICT

60 Acres Burned Over on Service Creek; Forest Personnel Gets Hurry Call to Work.

A 60-acre forest fire three miles east of Nelson's mill on Service creek was the sixth reported so far this season in the Heppner district, said F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. Five of these were in the forest proper, and the other, a 60-acre fire, was on private land. All occurred in various parts of the west end of the district where south slopes are drying up fast, Mr. Wehmeyer said. He was called to the Nelson's mill fire Tuesday.

Early arrival of low humidity in the forest resulted in a hurry call being sent to get the lookout and guard personnel on the job.

Camp was started at Tupper this week for the forest range survey crew with Ed Birkmeier in charge. A 12-man soil conservation crew and another ERA road crew are also on the job, putting the activity season in the local district under a full head of steam, Wehmeyer said.

Just by way of comment, the local ranger remarked that if the local district were a national park people would gladly pay a dollar to visit it these days. He said the forest is now at its best with a profusion of wild flowers—and when Morrow county is at its best, there's no place on earth any better.

TAKES STATE JOB.

Paul M. Gemmill was in the city the end of the week from Salem, visiting relatives and friends while accompanying C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, on a series of examination stops in eastern Oregon. Mr. Gemmill accepted an examiner's position with the state about two weeks ago and has spent most of that time in the Salem office.

PUBLISHES NEW BOOK.

"My Filtered Halos" is a new book of poems recently published by Dr. A. B. Gray of Dorris, Cal., formerly of this city. Friends are advised that copies may be secured through T. J. Humphreys. Dr. Gray had one book published while in Heppner, and has gained quite a wide recognition for his verse. He reports that he is now entirely well and doing fine.

MISS BISBEE GETS DEGREE.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee and Mrs. Mary Thomson motored to Eugene Sunday evening to be present Monday evening at University of Oregon graduation exercises. Among the graduates was Miss Kathryn Bisbee who received her bachelor of science degree after a year's work at U. of O. medical school in Portland.

PLANT 50,000 TROUT.

Trucks of the state game commission, assisted by members of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club, dumped 50,000 fingerling trout into Willow and Rhea creeks last week. The planting is expected to greatly increase the angling attractiveness of these streams.

CHANGE DANCE.

Willows grange announces that the dance set for Ione Legion hall June 12 has been postponed in deference to the opening of the new Lena grange hall on that night. An old-time dance will be held at the Cecil hall instead.

4-H MEETING SET.

All girls intending to do 4-H club work this summer are requested to meet at the office of Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. All women who will lead clubs are requested to meet with them.

LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued at the clerk's office May 29 to Mary Oleta Neill and Wilson Dale Akers, both of this county.

Directors Change Rodeo Dates to August 26-27-28

Chute Bucking, Bulldogging in Events; Plan Condon Junket.

Heppner's 1937 Rodeo dates were changed to August 26-27-28 by the directors who were meeting this morning to look after details. The date change was announced to accommodate the 4-H club activities and prevent a conflict with their showing at the state fair.

In lining up the list of events, the directors decided to institute chute bucking this year instead of the open snubbing customary in the past, and added bulldogging as an extra attraction.

A contract has already been signed with Browning Amusement company of Salem to show again this year. The Browning company has been here the last two years.

Arrangements were made to get out the advertising, with a junket planned to the spring Rodeo at Condon this week end to help promote the local show and evidence good fellowship to the neighboring show.

Additional stress upon the livestock feature is being made by the directors for this year's show, with the expectation that the finest array of riding ponies ever assembled in the city will be on hand. These are expected to augment the big parade on which stress is also being given.

State Game Men Checking Ditches

Inspection of upper Willow creek for screening of irrigation ditches and placement of fishways over dams was completed yesterday by C. A. Lockwood, assistant superintendent of the state game commission, and Ralph Rittenour, also with the commission. All farmers of the upper creek were contacted and showed willingness to cooperate to fulfill the requirements necessary to protect the fish.

The game men expected to contact farmers on Rhea creek next, in line with a county-by-county inspection covering the entire state. It is the intention to bring both Willow and Rhea creeks up to requirements, as the two main fishing streams in Morrow county.

LOCAL NEWS

W. F. Palmateer was a caller in the city Tuesday, coming up from Morgan to check up with a local physician on his recent illness. He had been feeling much improved of late, though his heart still bothered him some. As one of the county's oldest wheat raisers he believed the crop prospects in his section average, with chances of being helped materially by good rains followed by cool weather.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and son Scott motored to Corvallis Saturday to be present for graduation exercises Tuesday. The eldest son, Charles Edward, received his bachelor of science degree at the exercises.

Mrs. Frank C. Alfred visited over the week end with Mr. Alfred, coming up from Portland where she has a position in the relief office.

Mrs. Rupert Stout and baby returned to their home the first of the week from the maternity home of Mrs. Lillie Aiken.

Delbert Wright was in the city this morning from Rhea creek.

GOES TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Mrs. Elaine Furlong departed Friday evening for San Francisco where she expected to attend the wedding of a friend and to take in part of the big Golden Gate bridge fiesta. Her return was scheduled for near the 25th.