

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gaily, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rippee and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rippee enjoyed a picnic on Ditch creek Sunday, and the pooled fishing efforts of the gentlemen netted eleven nice trout. They returned down Rhea creek and while fishing on the O'Connor place Mr. Gaily ran across his first rattlesnake in the wilds of Morrow county, a small one that crossed the path just in front of him and the small Rippee boy who was with him.

E. J. Merrill was in town this morning from the ranch near Hardman. He is convalescing from a nine months' illness. Mrs. Merrill, who also has been ill for some time, is at a local hospital. Mr. Merrill expected to go to Portland soon for treatment of his eyes which are affected by the illness.

Pat Hart who came to Morrow county about thirty years ago and who left here some twenty years ago is in the city superintending the job of sanding desks at the school, being located at Pendleton with a contracting company. He has enjoyed greeting many old time friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernor M. Sackett of Salem arrived in the city yesterday to spend several days on business and to visit with their many friends here. They announced that Mrs. Sackett's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Notson, has taken residence at the Mann home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morton and son Jack spent the week end here from their home at Newberg, making the trip especially to attend graduation exercises at the high school at which Miss Arlene received her diploma. She accompanied the family home to Newberg Sunday.

David Hynd and sister, Miss Annie Hynd, were in town Saturday from the Sand Hollow ranch. It was Miss Hynd's first visit to town in several months. They took in "Snow White" at the theater and Miss Hynd heard the school band play for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson and Mrs. Oscar Borg of Portland were here over the week end to attend high school graduation exercises for Paul McCarty, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and La Verne Van Marter, nephew of Mrs. Borg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner arrived the first of the week from Baker to visit Morrow county relatives and friends while Mr. Turner is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from his position with Union Oil company there.

A Hackenbarth of Echo was a Saturday visitor here. He makes derelict horses into fox feed at the Umattilla county town, and with Ad Moore was contacting prospective sellers of these animals.

Fred McMurray was a business visitor in the city yesterday from the farm near Hermiston. Fred is now taking off his crop of new potatoes which he supplies to the local market.

Gus Williamson spent several days in town the first of the week from the R. A. Thompson ranch, enjoying a short vacation before leaving for the mountains with the Thompson sheep.

Mrs. Oscar Peterson of Ione has been at the home of Mrs. Leta Babb here for the last ten days suffering from pleurisy. Her condition is reported as improved.

P. J. Curran, north Lexington chicken raiser, was transacting business here Saturday. He announced that he expected to move to North Powder soon.

Misses Shirley Smith and Cecelia Nordstrom, high school teachers, departed Sunday for their respective homes at Hillsboro and Birkenfield.

Helen Phelan of Portland is visiting this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Phelan.

Fred Pigg, internal revenue inspector of Pendleton, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Lottie Scherzinger has started considerable improvement work on her place on Rhea creek.

Cecil Sargent was a visitor in the city Tuesday evening from the Ione section.

CCC'S Take Place Of FFA'S in Kitty Ball

Team Standings	Won	Lost	Pct.
McNeill	3	1	.750
Kleinfeldt	3	1	.750
FFA-CCC	2	3	.400
Richardson	1	4	.200

Remaining Games
 Friday, May 27—Keinfeldt-McNeill
 Wed., June 1—Kleinfeldt-CCC
 Fri.- June 3—McNeill-Richardson
 Mon., June 5—McNeill-Richardson (postponed game)

Major developments in the kitty ball league since last report was substitution of a CCC team for the FFA boys who dropped out because of scattering of players at the close of school. The CCC boys made their debut last night in a 11-7 win over the Richardson team.

Five games were played since last report two weeks ago. An upset occurred on Friday the 13th as predicted when McNeill league-leaders lost to Kleinfeldt. Kleinfeldt won again from FFA on the 16th. The Richardson-McNeill tilt scheduled for the 18th was postponed on account of rain and will be played Monday, June 5. FFA lost to McNeill's outfit last Friday, and the Richardson gang won their first and only game to date Monday when they defeated Keinfeldt. CCC's win over Richardson last night accounts for the games so far. Only four games remain to be played, schedule of which is given above.

Edmund Hirl Dies After Year's Illness

Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's Catholic church yesterday for Edmund Hirl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hirl of Lena, who died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Saturday following a year's illness. He had been in Portland since last November. Rev. Father Healy officiated at the services and six friends of the deceased were pallbearers. They were Eddie Kenny, Jerry Brosnan, Bernard J. Doherty, Wm. Doherty, Frances McCabe and John Doherty. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended and the floral tribute was profuse. Interment was in the Vinson cemetery.

Edmund Joseph Hirl was born on the farm of his parents near Lena in this county February 21, 1907, and his entire life was spent here. Growing to manhood on the farm, he became an expert with cattle and for several years assisted at the Heppner Rodeo. He married Miss Lorene Heath in this county in June, 1936, and to them was born a son Phillip Edmund, who with the widow survives. Also surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hirl; brother Charles; sisters, Mrs. W. E. Frances and Mrs. Vere Hale; half brother, Willie Ruddy, and half sister, Susan Hirl.

Mr. Hirl's father, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, came to this section fifty years ago and has been a citizen for 37 years. Pat Doherty of Vinson, a cousin who was here for the funeral, crossed on the same boat with Mr. Hirl.

ATTEND REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson motored to Boyd last Sunday to attend the Marvel reunion. Geo. Marvel, the father of the family, is living at the age of 94 years. While his body is somewhat crippled, his memory is still very good. His children were all present as follows: Mrs. Molly Atkinson of Portland, Arthur of Boyd, Frank of Roosevelt, Charley of Rock Creek, Mrs. Nellie Chapman of Cascade Locks, Mrs. Ruth Greenlee of Monmouth, Mrs. Charlotte Odkisson of Boyd and Ray of Friend. Lots of grandchildren were present and one great grandchild. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all

and in the afternoon ice cream was served. Earl Weatherford, a long time friend of the Marvels, gave an interesting talk, speaking highly of Mr. Marvel and the Christian influence he had shed over others.

CANADIAN VISIT ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. John Anglin returned Sunday from a two weeks' vacation on which they visited Mr. Anglin's mother at Seattle and also went on north to Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Anglin found his mother, an octogenarian, enjoying quite good health. An outstanding impression of the trip was the courtesy received at the hands of Canadian people. On crossing the border, Canadian customs officials were pleasant and courteous and made no attempt to ransack luggage. Their attitude was contrasted to that of American customs officials on the return who were curt and insistent upon seeing everything the luggage contained. Vancouver residents seemed everywhere solicitous about them. Many more bicycles and horses were evident in the Canadian city than in any American cities they had ever seen.

PNG Club Has Tea; Grange News Given

(Willows Grange Reporter)
 Officers and members of Bunchgrass Rebekah P. N. G. club served dinner and supper in the lodge hall on election day, May 20th. In the afternoon a business meeting of the club was held at which time the members decided on having a tea, also on selling aprons and conducting a grab sale on the next meeting date, June 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stefani, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Biddle and Mr. E. C. Heliker of the Ione community attended the sale at Monument Saturday, May 21. Bob Runnion of Heppner was auctioneer.

The June meeting of Willows grange Home Economics club will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Timm near Pendleton on June 3rd. Mrs. Timm became a member of the club before moving from Morrow county. A good attendance is expected by members and friends of the H. E. club. A picnic potluck dinner will be served at noon.

Willows grange held their business meeting for May in the hall at Cecil Sunday afternoon, May 23. Interesting agricultural talks were given by a number of the members who attended recent meetings in Pendleton and Arlington. Joe Belanger, county agent from Heppner, and Dick Wightman, Smith-Hughes instructor from Arlington, were present and talked on agricultural topics, 4-H club work and summer schools. They also conducted a weed killing demonstration on the Krebs farm immediately after the meeting adjourned. Mary Lindsay was elected as alternate delegate to state grange at Klamath Falls in June. Vida Heliker was elected to serve the grange as lecturer the remainder of the year, as the former lecturer had resigned.

Willows grange is invited to bring its candidates to Lexington for the first and second degrees which will be conferred by Lexington on Saturday night, May 28th.

The business meeting of the grange was preceded by preaching services conducted by Rev. Hinkle, from 11 a. m. to 12. He will preach again in the hall at Cecil on June 26th from 11 a. m. to 12, after which pot luck dinner will be served and Willows grange will hold business in the afternoon.

Big Crops, Lower Price Index Seen, OSC Report Says

Prospects for a bumper crop in most instances, coupled with steadily receding price indexes for major commodities, characterize the agricultural situation and outlook as just reported in the current circular issued by the office of the extension economist at Oregon State college.

The general level of prices received by farmers in the country as a whole was, on April 15, down to 94 percent of the 1910-1914 average level. This is two points under the level of a month previous and 36 points below the level of April, 1937.

In Oregon the mid-April general level of farm prices stood at 64 percent of the 1926-1930 average, a decline of one point for the month previous and 29 points from the peak in April, 1937.

Potatoes, apples, eggs, butterfat, wheat and wool show the heaviest drops from the 1926-1930 price levels, while hay, barley, hogs and beef cattle are in a better position relatively, although these are also from 20 to 25 points under the base period. Horses, which show a price level of 125 percent of the base period figure, are the only major item of farm production maintaining a strong market position.

A winter wheat crop of about 754 million bushels was forecast by the government on May 1. This compares with the 685 million bushels produced in 1937 and a ten-year average of 546 million bushels. The spring wheat crop has not been officially estimated but conditions are generally favorable in the principal spring wheat areas.

Stocks of hay are high in the country and the condition of pastures and ranges is generally good, especially in the western range states where moisture conditions have been the best in many years. Excellent pastures have been reflected in record seasonal increases in milk production, even though the number of milk cows on farms is little, if any, greater than last year.

Copies of the printed report on the agricultural situation and outlook may be obtained from any county agent.

Forage Plant Strains Forecast as Important

Strains of grasses and clovers will be the next big development in the forage field, predicts E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops.

"Just as we have one kind of wheat for a long season, another kind for a short season, a variety for an arid section and another for a humid section we are going to see strains of orchard grass, for example, for various conditions," said Jackman. "The same will be true of timothy and other grasses."

European plant breeders have already developed super pasture strains and some Oregon farmers are planting the best of these for seed production. Engbretson brothers of Astoria, Evan Gheen of Ontario and Ivan Stewart of Donald are all making plantings of these improved pasture strains this season.

APPRECIATION

I wish to sincerely thank members of both the Democratic and Republican parties for the vote of confidence given me at the Primary Nominating Election.

THOS. J. WELLS.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends for their kindness and sympathy, also for the beautiful flowers at the time of our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Thomas E. Grabill and family.

Miss Maude King, grade school teacher the last year, departed Sunday for Echo to visit relatives, expecting to go on to her home at Simsboro, La., for the summer.

THE STAR Reporter

Friday-Saturday

Partners of the Plains

with Bill Boyd

One of the most entertaining of the Hopalong series—plus

Life Begins at 40

with

Will Rogers - Rochelle Hudson
 Richard Cromwell - Jane Darwell
 Slim Summerville
 Disney's "Boat Builders"
 Tuna Fishing

Sunday-Monday

A Yank at Oxford

starring ROBERT TAYLOR

with

Lionel Barrymore
 Maureen O'Sullivan

An American campus rooster winds up in a British Doghouse—but watch this Yankee Doodle go!

Our Gang Comedy
 Movietone News

Tuesday

Romance in the Dark

with

Gladys Swarthout - John Boles
 John Barrymore

America's singing sweetheart and her two rollicking Romeos!

Betty Boop Cartoon
 Four Smart Dogs

Wednesday-Thursday, June 1-2

Bringing Up Baby

with

Cary Grant - Katharine Hepburn
 Charlie Ruggles - Barry Fitzgerald
 May Robson - Walter Catlett

Rain, snow or sunshine—you'll laugh and like it!

Disney's "The Moth and the Flame"
 News of the Day

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMurtry and Glenn are invited to present this coupon at the boxoffice for complimentary admissions. Please use before June 3rd.

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