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Swimming Pool Plans Given Clean Bill by Health Board

Forms for Tank Bottom Started; Dips by Rodeo Time is Hope

Heppner's swimming pool will be completed by Rodeo time and quite a few good swims may be enjoyed this season if calculations of Dr. L. D. Tibbles, head of the pool, prove correct.

One of the final hurdles in clearing the way for the tank's construction was taken Tuesday when Carl Green, chief engineer with the state board of health, gave the plans and specifications a clean bill with a few minor alterations.

One provision in the plans was made to include a six inch high concrete curbing all around between the walk and the pool to help prevent rubbish and dirt from being thrown or washed into the pool. Dr. Green commended the general plan of operation which contemplates draining the pool after days of heaviest use.

When a check up was made this week, it was found too much excavation had taken place and it was necessary to fill in some of the dirt before proceeding with construction of forms for the bottom which was started yesterday.

Construction of forms and pouring of concrete will be pushed as rapidly as possible, Dr. Tibbles said.

In the tank's construction provision is being made for installation of metal expansion joints at the corners, and also for plumbing that will be needed when and if a filtration plant is added. Dr. Green said the steam condensation basin of the old power plant was ideally located for installation of filtration plant. Present plans, however, are to make this basin into a wading pool for the smaller children.

The council committee having the tank project under wing envision the pool site attractively landscaped and made into an attractive park when finally completed, though immediate plans are only for the construction of pool and installation of shower and dressing rooms in the concrete building adjacent.

Local Scouts Pay Money to Council

Heppner's \$75 affiliation fee with the Blue Mountain council, Boy Scouts of America, was paid this week by B. C. Pinckney, chairman of the local executive committee. Mr. Pinckney solicited the necessary funds from local business firms in a single-handed campaign, and found ready response.

At their noon luncheon, Lions, Scout sponsors, authorized payment of \$9.75 to the Ritter hotel to cover swims enjoyed by the scouts at summer camp there last week. A representative of the Blue Mountain council was with the boys at camp to direct their activities. Scouts who attended report an enjoyable and profitable four days at camp.

AT CONFERENCE

William Bennett, Smith-Hughes instructor, went to Baker the first of the week to spend four days while attending a conference of vocational agriculture instructors, beginning yesterday. Short conferences at various points over the state are being held this year in lieu of three weeks summer school work at O. S. C., the customary routine. Two professors from the college went over the local project with Mr. Bennett Monday. They were H. D. Scudder and H. Gibson, who were accompanied by Ralph Morgan and Earl R. Cooley from the state Smith-Hughes administrative office at Salem.

What made the cat jump? See the famous Pain Killer scene in "Tom Sawyer" at the Star Theater, Wednesday-Thursday, August 3-4.

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(As gleaned by Paul McCarty at the Heppner Hotel desk)

Gus Williamson, who is going on his 12th year as shepherd for Bob Thompson, has a hobby vastly different from anyone around this area . . . his spare time diversion is making radios, which vary in size and power . . . last winter he put together 12 of them . . . when the cold weather sets in this fall, Williamson plans to obtain his federal license and set up a radio-telegraph set here in Heppner.

One of Lee Beckner's lone harvest hands, a college student in education and an athlete par excellence by trade, plans to take the West Point civil service entrance examination which will be held at the post office on October 8 . . . from Oregon's second congressional district two lads between the ages of 17 and 22 and possessing a minimum height of 5 feet 4 will be appointed cadets this fall . . . the examination for plebe-ship at Annapolis will be given the same day, but the age limit hovers from 16 to 20.

Scene of action in dances for the Rodeo queen's court shifts this week to Rhea creek and honors Princess Florence Becket, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket . . . furnishing the music will be the Estes orchestra, four-piece contingent of Pendleton that includes in its troupe the feminine accordion player who made history out there some time ago . . . but as far as print is concerned, this much-talked-of event was necessarily censored.

"Make me a saddle like the one you put out for Mr. So and So." This is often the theme of letters received by Gene Noble, maker of the famous Heppner saddle . . . in fact, saddles on the recommendation of others who have had them made is one of Noble's greatest order resources . . . at the present time he has thirteen saddles to make.

Hardman seems to have a group of live-wire kids as inhabitants . . . earlier this summer a group of the younger Hardmanites went to the Episcopal Ascension school at Cove and proved themselves worthy of recognition . . . now the news comes out that two of them have been picked as leads in a children's radio play over KEX, Portland.

Clinker-chatter . . . Walter Pierce, Eastern Oregon's representative in congress, was in town Saturday afternoon, took on a morsel of food, conferred briefly with local political allies, and went on his way to Bend. Faulty lighting should be no worry to Curt Thompson, whose snappy looking '38 Chev. sedan is adorned with eleven lights, all operated from a single switchboard. A retraction . . . contrary to an item in last week's column, the lock on the Elks' club door is not electrically charged, says Loyal Parker, managing mogul of the south Main street organization. Jack Healy, Heppner '38, goes to work soon at M. D. Clark's general merchandise temple.

Sport short . . . quoting from Dick Jones' column in Pendleton East Oregonian, "What Umatilla county high school basketball and baseball star who one of the state institutions of higher learning thinks is sewed up to enter it this fall is actually going to go to Pacific university?" We'll make a quick guess that it's Gerald Keller of Hermiston.

Seen about town . . . numerous beer jugs being ambled to the purchasing place for refund . . . the washing machine automobiles getting a good run.

Farm notes . . . Heavy shipments of wheat are moving along the branch line, with 15 to 18 cars being shipped every night. The current price of wool really isn't anything to deplore . . . according to Wednesday's Journal, 35 years ago Heppner handled 3,330,000 pounds of wool that brought an average price of 12½ cents a pound . . . the moons have been many, however, since our metropolis claimed to have been the center for the above-named amount of wool.

Wheat Loans and Less Acreage on '39 AAA Program

Reduction in Seeded Land Necessary to Keep Stocks Down

With wheat loan rates announced almost simultaneously with wheat acreage allotments for 1939, the Triple A has laid the ground work for the wheat program for the coming year, which it is hoped will materially reduce the present surplus, says N. C. Donaldson, secretary of the state AAA committee.

Farmers desirous of obtaining wheat loans are advised to contact their county committees, as clearance from the committee to show that the applicant is a cooperator under the 1938 program is the first essential in obtaining a loan. Any grower is considered a cooperator whose soil depleting acreage for 1929 does not exceed 105 per cent of the soil depleting acreage allotment for his farm.

Oregon growers may store wheat on which loans are to be made either in commercial warehouses or in approved farm granaries. The county committee has charge of inspecting farm granaries to see that they are suitable. Wheat must be actually placed in a farm granary 30 days before a loan may be made on it.

A grower may find out how much he is eligible to borrow by subtracting the freight rate to Portland, plus 4 cents for handling charges, from the base rate of 67 cents for No. 1 wheat at Portland. No 2 wheat takes a loan rate of 2 cents less and No. 3 wheat 5 cents less than No. 1 wheat. The loans bear interest at 4 per cent and become due May 31, 1939 in the case of farm-stored wheat, and seven months from date of note in case of wheat stored in public warehouses.

The new wheat acreage allotments, which aim at a national acreage of only 55 million acres next year, allow Oregon 768,303 acres, as compared with a seeded acreage this year of 1,013,000.

"The acreage allotments are especially important to the success of the farm program in view of the loan features of the new farm act," says H. R. Tolley, AAA administrator. "Loans can help temporarily, but unless supplies are kept in line with needs, eventually farm prices would sink under the weight of huge surpluses."

38-Bushel Yield Tops Reports So Far

A 640-acre field farmed by Ernest Christopherson in the Dry Fork section which averaged 38 bushels to the acre is the top wheat yield so far reported this season, though other good reports are made.

One field belonging to Fred Mankin north of Ione is reported to have yielded a 36-bushel average. Lee Beckner, in the city yesterday from the west Ione section said that his harvest had averaged about 30 bushels to date, with two weeks yet to go. Mr. Beckner's Turkey Red wheat weighed in at 62 pounds to the bushel, testing grade A, while his Rex weighed in at 60 pounds, indicating quality better than the average so far reported.

The exceptionally high yielding field of Mr. Christopherson is said to have been specially favored. Mr. Christopherson seeded it just following a cloudburst early last fall, and everything happened just right to bring it along nicely.

BUILDING STOREHOUSE

Construction of a corrugated iron covered store house at the rear of Pacific Power & Light company is under way this week. Materials being used were taken from the building at the old power house site. The building is 13 by 28 feet.

BOBBY BALL DIES FROM ILLNESS

Family and Friends Pay Tribute at Final Rites; Is 14-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball

Robert Jay Ball, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Ball, died at the Portland Medical hospital last Saturday night after waging a losing battle of three weeks duration against the ravages of inflammatory rheumatism and pneumonia. He was taken to Portland a week ago for emergency treatment for the rheumatism and had apparently made good progress when the attack of pneumonia complicated his condition beyond his power to withstand.

Funeral services were held from All Saints Episcopal church here Tuesday, with Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, archdeacon, officiating, and interment followed in Masonic cemetery. Relatives and friends, including many of his school mates, joined in paying tribute to the popular young boy whose life of promise was so prematurely ended.

Robert Jay, known to family and friends as "Bobby," was born in this city June 30, 1924, to Archie C. and Doris (Mahoney) Ball. He was a student in the Heppner schools and had it not been for the fatal illness would have completed his grade schooling the coming year. He was a good student, popular among his fellow students, and always bright and cheerful.

Besides his parents, he is survived by five sisters, Laurel, Harriet, Eileen, Elizabeth and Nancy Lou; grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Mahoney, and a number of aunts and uncles.

False Rumor Spiked On New Wheat Loan

Rumors have been persistently circulated around the county during the past two weeks that there is a limit on the proportion of a man's wheat which is eligible for a loan under the AAA crop loan program. No information to this effect has ever come to the county agent's office and in order to check on this rumor, Joseph Belanger, county agent, talked to N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary of the Agricultural Adjustment administration at Corvallis, this morning.

Following the conversation, Mr. Belanger states it may be safely said that there is no limit on a proportion of a man's wheat which is eligible for a loan. On farm stored wheat there is a small limit of five per cent allowed for shrinkage, making it possible to borrow on 95 per cent of the grain so stored. On grain stored in an eligible warehouse, however, an eligible borrower can borrow on 100 per cent of his 1938 wheat.

Harry Tamblin, Jr., Attacked by Beat-Up Artist; Thought CCC

Harry Tamblin, Jr., was ambling amiably toward home shortly after dark Tuesday evening, having watched the tennis game at Dr. McMurdy's court, when he was set upon by an unknown beat-up artist on upper Chase street.

Harry didn't have warning of the attack. But as he approached three lads whom he believed to be CCC's one of them pounced upon him and started beating him while the other two looked on. What the purpose of the attack was he had no idea, for he had had no difficulty with any members of the local camp, or anyone else to his knowledge. There seemed no reason except a case of mistaken identity. The unexpected nature of the attack and the more mature development of his assailant left Harry at a loss to defend himself.

A check-up by authorities yesterday failed to reveal who the assailant might have been, but camp authorities are cooperating in furnishing a solution to Harry's mysteriously received black eye and other evidences of the attack.

Voters May Soon Decide Upon Sewer, Water Issues

Engineer Stockman Makes Survey; Will Present Estimates

Heppner taxpayers may soon have the opportunity to vote on whether they favor issuance of bonds for two major items of city improvement, to be acquired through cooperation with PWA. Though official action has not yet been taken, being held up awaiting report of L. R. Stockman, Baker engineer, city dads are generally of the opinion that this will be the case.

The two projects, one for improvement of the water system and the other for a sewer system, will be drawn up and presented to the voters separately in the opinion of several councilmen. This plan of procedure is contemplated to afford voters an opportunity to accept or reject one or both projects as they see fit.

Engineer Stockman was in the city for several days this week and went over the water system with the city watermaster, J. O. Rasmus, and some members of the council. A number of suggestions for improvement were tentatively made though decision of the council as to what will be finally included has been deferred until the regular meeting next Monday, providing the engineer has estimates ready for presentation at that time. Stockman prepared specifications and estimates for a sewer system a few years ago, and is revising these for re-presentation.

A suggestion anent the water development made by one citizen found favor among others in discussions this week. Sponsor of the idea believes that drilling of another artesian well should be thoroughly considered before more extensive plans for pumping out of the present well are decided upon. A stronger vein of water has been "witched" on the right fork of the creek than the one before tapped on the left fork with good assurance that a heavier flowing well may be found, he says. About seventy-five percent of the water coming from the well now being pumped is gravity flow, and if another good flowing well were brought in, he believes the necessity for pumping and the resultant expense might be entirely obviated.

Another citizen came forward with the suggestion this week that the sewer system is probably the city's greatest need. He said sewerage disposal in the city at present is in such condition that state health officials might at any time condemn it and compel the installation of an adequate disposal system. Wisdom, he says, calls for taking advantage of the PWA money at this time, otherwise the city might be compelled to stand the entire cost at a time when it might ill afford to do so.

Representative Pierce Makes Short Visit

Representative Walter M. Pierce, accompanied by Don Weed, formerly of Condon, stopped in Heppner long enough Saturday afternoon to take lunch on their way to central Oregon where Mr. Pierce expected to attend a pioneer reunion at Bend.

While Mr. Pierce was greeted by a number of local friends, time was not sufficient to contact him on the flood control dams and other local problems. He announced to D. M. Ward, chairman of the county democratic central committee, and Chas. B. Cox, postmaster, that he would be in Heppner again in the near future and would then go into such governmental matters as might be of local interest.

See the Big Apple (and Red) in the great bribery scene in "Tom Sawyer" at the Star Theater, Wednesday-Thursday, August 3-4.