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"Dave" Stephens Honored at Banquet By Wheat League

Experiment Director Goes to Washington for National Job

Signal recognition of D. E. Stephens' contribution to wheatgrowing in eastern Oregon was given at Arlington Saturday evening when 75 farmers and fellow service workers joined in a banquet sponsored by Eastern Oregon Wheat league. The event was in the nature of a send-off as Mr. Stephens left for Washington, D. C., to assume his new position as national coordinator of the bureau of plant pathology of the department of agriculture and the soil conservation service of the department of interior, a promotion gained by recognition of his meritorious work with the wheat demonstration farm at Moro for the last 26 years.

George Peck of Lexington, league president, as toastmaster called upon the speakers of the evening, of whom Mac Hoke of Umatilla county gave the headline address. Having worked intimately with Mr. Stephens for several years as one of the state's earlier county agent in Wallowa county, Hoke drew upon his long association with the honored man to complete a beautiful tribute to that man's successful endeavors which brought revolutionary practices to wheatraising throughout the Inland Empire. Hoke, as did other speakers of the evening, credited "Dave" Stephens with bringing new varieties of wheat, including White Federation, Rex and Oro that spelled the difference between profit and disaster to wheatraising of the entire region. Stephens was cited as the first to plant crested wheat grass, leading the way for the spread of this invaluable grass in the last few years. Under Stephens' guidance the Moro station was created and nurtured to the place where it became the wheatraiser's "bible" for reference as to all the best practices, the speaker said.

Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, director of agricultural extension service in Oregon, commended Stephens for having the breadth of vision required for his new position of high responsibility. He credited the man from Moro with having the true scientific perspective that puts all things in their proper relationship, and he commended the new coordinator with having done a hard job exceedingly well at the experiment station.

Still further tribute to the honored man was paid by F. L. Ballard, known as the "grand old man" of the extension service and vice-director of extension, and further recognition was given by C. W. Smith, league secretary, and by farm leaders of each of the counties represented. E. H. Miller responded for Morrow county, and others were Carl Engdahl, Umatilla; Ward Farrell, Jefferson; John Withycombe, Gilliam; Frank McKennon, Union; Angus McLeod, Wasco; but no more appealing tribute was given than that by Harry Proudfoot of Sherman county, who termed Stephens as just one of the fellow townsmen at Moro whom it is going to be mighty hard to do without. All, however, expressed gratitude that their friend's efforts had received a worthy reward from high places.

On his own behalf, Mr. Stephens expressed regret, saying that he didn't want to go when first approached in fact had refused, but when he had been convinced that he might serve a little better at the nation's capital, he weakened. He assured that the wheat problems in Oregon would have his heartfelt interest at all times.

Attending the banquet from this county were E. H. Miller, Orville Cutsforth, R. B. Rice, George Peck, C. E. Carlson, Oscar Peterson, J. O. Kincaid, Henry Baker, Oral Scott,

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

Latest developments on the Rodeo, which heretofore have not been made public . . . The queen of the 1938 Heppner Rodeo will be chosen this week, and it is possible that her highness' name will be disclosed at either the Lena dance this Saturday or at Ione the following week.

Just a hint as to one of the deciding factors in picking the Heppner Rodeo queen . . . no definite pattern in the selection has been announced; however, one point, which the Rodeo association deemed of utmost importance, was decided upon . . . that to be used in choosing the queen concerns the parentage of each candidate in regard to the pioneer aspect . . . in other words the pioneer stock of the princesses' parents and relatives will be a main point in deciding who will reign as head of the royal court of "the biggest little show of sports of the old west."

By August 15th the town will be decorated with the familiar banners, bunting, and flags.

Henry Aiken, president of the Rodeo, says the parade is all lined up and will include among its many attractions, a wagon drawn by four white calves . . . this is something new and seldom found anywhere. Another enlightening point . . . this year's show is taking on the appearance of being the most outstanding in its history, with inquiries coming from riders in southern California and some even from the Long Acres track at Seattle.

If good music at the Rodeo dances means anything, then Heppner will have it . . . bids have already been received from Andy's Rhythmeers, local musical troupe, Elmer Steele's Swing Band from Pendleton which played last year, and Virginia Lewis' orchestra, a classy all-girl outfit . . . it has been rumored that Eli Rice's musicians, a nationally known Harlem orchestra, might be in this section of the country the last of August and should they come, an effort will be made to contact them in the possibility of their playing the two-night stand during Rodeo.

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Alumni Manager To be Here Aug. 24

Oregon State College—Warren Reid, recently appointed manager of the Oregon State College Alumni association, plans to visit alumni in most counties of the state during August on his first general trip since he took over the work. He will visit Heppner on August 24.

Reid will be accompanied by Jim Edwards, a graduate of the college last June. The two men will contact local alumni associations where such are organized and individual alumni in other places. They will also have detailed information on the opening of college this fall for those who plan to enter Oregon State for the first time.

IS TRANSFERRED

Richard Tullar, agronomist with the local soil conservation service for more than a year, received notice of transfer this week. He will go to Burns accompanied by his family. While in Heppner, Mr. Tullar was generous with his vocal talents and his singing pleased many audiences. Well wishes of many friends accompany them to their new home.

Marvin R. Wightman came from Arlington Friday to assist in straightening out at his father's dairy following the fire that morning. He brought a supply of bottle caps. Because of the cloudburst waters of the night before blocking the highway at Jordan, he was forced to detour over the hill road between Ione and Lexington.

Chas. B. Cox, D. M. Ward, Joseph Belanger, Gene Laer and J. V. Crawford.

Parrish Resigns as Police Chief; New Reservoir is Plan

Special Vote Likely if PWA Favorable; Flood Menace Aired

Acceptance of the resignation of Fred Parrish as chief of police and fire chief was made at the regular council meeting Monday evening, the resignation effective as of August 1. Parrish gave no reason except that he desired to be relieved of the duties.

For the present the council decided to raise Albert Schunk, night policeman, to the office held by Parrish with naming of a successor deferred until more consideration could be given. The names of two applicants were mentioned at the meeting.

An entirely new reservoir instead of rehabilitation of the old one as before considered will be incorporated in the city's water project for PWA assistance. This was determined when the council accepted the suggestion of L. R. Stockman, engineer, that the new reservoir would be the more practicable. His suggestion was contained in a letter. It was the opinion of the council that a special election would be called to decide upon such projects, if and when approved by PWA.

That the state will provide additional clearance under the "court-house" bridge if a check-up determines such course necessary was conveyed in a letter read from District Engineer Williams and addressed to Jos. J. Nys, city attorney. The letter was in reply to one which Mr. Nys had written calling attention to the fact that a bad flood hazard existed because of the narrow clearance beneath the bridge. If investigation reveals this to be the case, Williams said an item would be made in next year's budget to cover cost of correction.

Business Slump Hits Hollywood Says Visitor

In his many years selling automobiles in Hollywood, the movie capital, business was just about the worst there when he left a few days ago that he had ever seen it. So said Walter Duncan who arrived here Sunday and left on Wednesday accompanied by his brother, Harry Duncan, for a week's sojourn at the coast. The Hollywood visitor was looking forward to some good Oregon fishing as his luck had been poor so far this season in southern California.

Slow business in the movie industry, about which Hollywood economic life revolves, was given as the root of the trouble. Mr. Duncan reported one large producing firm had dropped 3000 employees off the payroll just a few days before he left. The trouble? Short receipts at theater box offices all over the country. One local effect in Hollywood was the reduction of all employees of one larger department store to half-time basis. Movie extras are doing any and all kinds of menial labor to keep their chips up. Picture producers have completed expensive films that are on the shelves awaiting a more opportune season for releasing.

Mr. Duncan claims Clark Gable as a close friend. And just as a treat for his brother here he brought along several Gabe-autographed pictures, large ones. One was inscribed, "To Wallie's kid brother Harry from Clark."

Mrs. Julia Clark was in the city the end of the week looking after business interests and visiting friends and relatives. She came up from Hillsboro where she has been with Mr. Clark for some time in his illness. Mr. Clark has shown little improvement since going below, being bedfast all the time.

When Lightning Knocks a Fellow Down, That's Close Enough

Last Thursday evening's storm didn't leave any fatalities, but it gave at least three men a stiff shock. And the shock is meant literally, from lightning.

Max Buschke, lookout at Tamarack station, probably got it the worst. He was in the tower when it was struck by a bolt from the blue, knocking him unconscious for an hour. He recovered shortly and was able to resume work.

Harve Bauman got a stiff jolt while at work in the field on his lower Willow creek farm, when the jagged electricity hit the earth at considerable distance.

Howard Evans got it, too. He was in the same vicinity as the Bauman farm, and was just getting out of his truck when the lightning hit about 30 yards away. It knocked him down. All of which is a bit too close for comfort, he averred.

Roy Robinson to Show Blooded Stock

Roy Robinson who runs one of the finest herds of purebred beef cattle in the state on his mountain ranch south of Hardman will display some of his prize animals at the fair held in connection with Rodeo, Aug. 26-27-28. He gave that promise to Joseph Belanger, county agent, when in the city yesterday. Mr. Robinson made the trip to town to consult a physician concerning a recent illness, and received encouraging report.

To build up the large cattle herd, composed of both polled and horned Herefords, Mr. Robinson has imported breeding stock from many of the best herds in the country. He markets his animals over a wide district, saying that more are sold in eastern Washington than any other section, though many buyers are found in Idaho. His exhibits here two years ago attracted much interest. Prevented by conflicting dates from exhibiting here last year, the return this year will be gladly heralded by lovers of livestock.

West Point Newlyweds Call at Heppner

Two persons cast in leading roles at one of those recently widely publicized West Point weddings called on Heppner relatives for a few hours Tuesday. They were Lt. and Mrs. James R. Luper who stopped here on their way from New York to Portland to visit parents of Mr. Luper, a nephew of Mrs. Leta Babb.

Mr. Luper was a member of the last West Point graduating class, and his marriage to Miss Louise Ryder, daughter of commandant of cadets at Uncle Sam's military academy, was a June event. After a month's visit at Portland and the coast, they expected to go on to Randolph field, Texas, where Mr. Luper was to report by September 15 to enter flying school.

An enjoyable trip was reported across the country, with time taken out for a visit to Yellowstone National park.

PET SPANIEL KILLED

Brownie, pet cocker spaniel of Mrs. Daisy Shively, was killed Tuesday evening near home when hit by an automobile. Mrs. Shively was away from home at the time, and she believes Brownie may have started to look for her. Several cars were passing when the accident happened, and it was surmised that Brownie became confused. If the dog had lived until the 14th of this month she would have been 10 years old. Her hearing and sight had become impaired with age.

MOTHER CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. J. J. Nys departed Sunday morning for Crystal, N. Dak., in response to word of the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. P. M. Burke. The word stated that Mrs. Burke was not expected to live.

\$15,000 Fire Takes Barn, Milk House At Wightman Farm

Loss Partly Insured; City's Milk Supply Slightly Interrupted

Fire, believed to have started from a hot motor in the ice plant, completely razed the Alfalfa Lawn dairy barn and adjacent milk house early last Friday morning. The estimated loss was \$15,000, partially covered by insurance. The city's milk supply was but shortly interrupted by the calamity to its principal source.

Darrell Hams, helper, sleeping in the upper story of the milk house, first discovered the fire when he was awakened by the heavy smoke. He grabbed and donned a pair of pants and jumped barefoot from the second story window to turn in the alarm. It was 3:45 when the first alarm was turned on in Heppner and by the time the city fire department a few minutes later arrived on the scene, three miles below town, flames were leaping through the roof of the large barn, the milk house was about gone, and hopes of subduing the holocaust were glimmering.

The fire started about half an hour before the regular milking time and the fifty cows regularly milked had not yet been brought into the barn. Two bulls and one calf were saved from the barn while its fourth occupant, another calf, succumbed and was consumed by the flames.

The large barn was modernly equipped with milking machinery, and the large loft was half filled with hay, all of which was lost. In the milk house were the latest pasteurizing, cooling and bottling equipment, which was totally destroyed with the exception of part of the bottling machine, rescued before the fire had done its damage. Personal belongings of Ham's that he had with him at the dairy, besides many of the personal effects of Robert Wightman, whose living quarters were in the upstairs of the milk house, were also a total loss.

John and Robert Wightman, owners of the dairy, were both in Pennsylvania at the time, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Graham, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wightman, were in charge. They immediately arranged for milking the cows at the lower farm, and with assistance of many kind neighbors were able to supply their city customers with milk before evening. Morrow County Creamery company gave the use of its pasteurizing equipment, and Osmin Hager and others came forward with bottles and caps to help in the distribution. The second day after the fire some used machinery sent up by the dairy's main supply concern in Portland was put into use. Plans are going forward to rebuild as soon as possible.

In adjusting the insurance, F. W. Turner, local agent, made a special trip to Portland later in the day and received assurance that the full face of policies carried by him would be paid just as soon as the owners arrived to sign the required papers.

Mrs. J. J. Wightman, who has been ill for some time, watched the fire from a window of the house situated several hundred yards away across the railroad tracks. Though the fire was a severe shock, she held up bravely.

With the exception of a few years when the local milk route was run by the creamery, Wightman brothers have served the city with most of its milk for the last 35 years and have established the reputation for dispensing the best milk and cream anywhere in the state. They have the sincere sympathy of the community in their loss, and are extended the hope that it will soon be regained.

Several thousand dollars had been expended in improvements the last

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