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## Business Men Meet, Pledge Rodeo Aid; Committee Named

### \$300 Goal for Parade Prizes Set; Dress-Up Day Comes Aug. 20

All male citizenry of Heppner will be expected to appear in brightly colored shirts and windsor ties on August 20, or else. Just what form the "or else" will take was not decided when the group of 25 business men meeting at the Elks club last evening decided upon the official regalia for Dress-Up Day, but some chastisement was intimated.

Declaring a common interest of all business houses in extending the city's hospitality to visitors at Rodeo time, last evening's meeting expressed a spirit of cooperation in doing needed repair work at the grounds, financing the Rodeo parade, and other last minute work that remains to be done. For the parade feature a committee of ten was named to budget the town according to ability to pay and raise the \$300 goal. Pledges of the customary \$25 contributions from both county and city governments were received. A stirring address on the need for community cooperation was given by Judge Bert Johnson.

A meeting of the budget committee was slated for 8 o'clock this evening. Those named were D. M. Ward, B. C. Pinckney, H. T. O'Donnell, J. G. Thomson, Mark Merrill, R. C. Phelps, D. A. Wilson, George Howard, John Anglin and Gene Ferguson.

A feature of Dress-Up day will be the presence on Main street of an original stage coach, loaned by Pendleton Round-Up, in which everyone who wishes will be taken for a ride. Street decorations will be in place, and to wind up the day the ball to honor Queen (?), to be named that evening, will be held.

One mystery of the queen's court was cleared last Saturday night when Lena Grange announced Miss Celia Healy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, as its attendant. Next Saturday night the Willows Grange attendant, Miss Joyce Carlson, will be feted at Ione.

Assurance was given this week that the latest in peppy dance tunes would be dispensed at the dances at Rodeo time, when Virginia Lewis' all-lady dance band of Portland was signed. This widely known organization will play for three nights of dancing, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 25th, 26th and 27th.

That interest in Saturday's big parade is gaining momentum was also evidenced this week when Rhea Creek Grange announced that it was coming with a big float and would make a strong bid for top honors.

Granges of the county have fared well in past parades, Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, has pointed out, taking much of the prize money. They have also profited from the dances honoring their attendants, it having been cited by Oral Scott, dance manager of Lexington Grange, that proceeds from these events in years past resulted in paying off \$600 indebtedness against their hall.

## MANY LAMBS MOVE

Seventeen carloads of lambs were shipped from the local yards by special train Monday, and five more were moved on the regular train Tuesday. In the Monday shipment L. Brown consigned three carloads to United Packing Co. at San Francisco, and Hyslop Sheep Co. shipped nine cars to Granger, Idaho, and three to Glenwood, Wash. Harold Cohn shipped the five cars Tuesday destined for Glenwood, Wash.

Morrow county friends have received word of the birth of a 7½-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Sandy at Forest Grove on August 8. Mrs. Sandy was formerly Miss Doris Burchell of Lexington.

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

Virginia Lewis, and her eight-piece orchestra has been chosen to play for the Rodeo dances at the pavilion, and although the Rodeo is being held on a Sunday, there will be three nights of dancing... the dance on the Thursday eve before the Rodeo opens will be a general admission affair at which the all-girl musicians who interchange and play each other's instruments, put on their entertaining sing-fest... jitzney dances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27... it is planned for the Lewis orchestra to include two piano players so that a duo of key-boards will be in action a good share of the time... another instrument not used around these parts that will be played is an electrical steel guitar, plus six other pieces.

Yesterday's destructive Heppner Laundry fire brought out two main features, if nothing else... first, the damage that a wind can do when flames are seething in the neighborhood of dry timbers, as the breath of nature blew some flaming material four blocks through the air, via the crow lanes... second item, sheer irony, for which this blaze takes the prize... from the original flames at the laundry, five more buildings caught fire... this point was one of the worst of the entire affair because the rapidity with which the fire spread nearly left the fire department helpless... one fire at a time to quell is sufficient but when two or three come along simultaneously, the situation develops into something acute... had it not been for quick work on the part of townspeople and CCC boys, the damage undoubtedly would have been greater.

A. H. Blankenship, superintendent of local schools, was awarded his master's degree last week, prior to coming to Heppner Saturday after completing his course at the University of Washington... his passing three rigid examinations entitles

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## L. Edwin Beach Joins Waring Glee Club

Fred Waring's name on screen or over radio will henceforth be heralded by Morrow county audiences with deeper affection, for the nationally famous orchestra leader has signed L. Edwin Beach, former Morrow county boy, son of Mrs. Elsie M. Beach of Lexington and noted tenor, to sing with his newly organized glee club.

Announcement of Beach's good fortune comes from Gresham where he has been teaching in high school. Beach has left for New York to begin rehearsals August 15, with a contract that runs for six months. The former Lexington youth has had wide training in voice under outstanding instructors at Chicago and Los Angeles, and his many appearances before coast audiences from the stage and over the radio includes the distinction of appearing as guest soloist with the Portland symphony orchestra two years ago.

## Rose Leibbrand Sixth in Big Contest

Miss Rose Leibbrand this week received a Photrix electric cell exposure meter in attractive leather case from the Intercontinental Marketing association for placing sixth in a national contest. Prizes were given for writing advertising "blurbs" for the Robot candid camera.

While Miss Leibbrand was exceptionally pleased with the award, its value to her was considerably lowered by the fact that a new camera she recently purchased came equipped with a meter of like nature. By following the meter exactly, she finds that films of equal density are obtained no matter what the light conditions may be.

## Control of Earwigs Told Before Lions; United Action Best

### County Agent Ad- vises Use Parasitic Fly; Traveler Speaks

In answer to reports of increasing earwig infestation of Heppner, Joseph Belanger, county agent, told the Lions at their Monday luncheon of measures that might be employed to get rid of them. Naturally, combined effort of the community in any type of campaign would be more effective, said Mr. Belanger. Should parasitic flies be available, the usual cost is \$20 a thousand, and believing that at least 2000 would be needed to take care of the situation here, the total cost would be \$40. As the earwigs are so general in the community, it seemed feasible that the city government might purchase them. Mr. Belanger said further:

"In combatting earwigs, the earwig fly, which for the past few years has been cultured in Portland thru cooperation of the state college, is proving to be very effective as a control measure. In spite of the fact, however, that Portland has been expanding its facilities for growing these flies their laboratories have been unable to keep pace with the demand. Lacking parasitic flies it is possible to obtain reasonably good control of earwigs through the use of poison bait. The bait which has proven most effective is made up according to the following formula: 12 pounds of bran is thoroughly mixed with one pound of sodium fluosilicate to which mixture is added one quart of ordinary commercial fish oil. No water should be used. This amount of poison will cover approximately 8000 feet. Since the mixture is highly poisonous one should be careful that it is not spread where children will pick it up. Evening ordinarily is the best time for spreading bait and about a week should elapse before second application of the poison.

"Earwigs have increased in numbers here in Heppner this year and while the actual damage done by earwigs is small these insects are a nuisance. Contrary to common opinion earwigs do not eat clothing. They are an omnivorous feeder, however, and feed to a certain extent on dead or injured insects and do some small damage to vegetables and flowers.

"The eggs ordinarily are laid in the ground in the fall and the insects also winter over. The first earwigs out in the spring are usually the males. The female earwigs stay close to the eggs until the eggs are hatched and will ordinarily stay with the larva until about the second instar."

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, third member of the party of four women who recently made a vacation motor trip, attended the meeting and gave her version from the farm viewpoint. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, who gave her version of the trip the week before. Miss Leta Humphreys who was expected to show pictures of the trip did not do so as the pictures were not yet ready.

To assist in raising prize money for the Rodeo parade, President Frank Turner named Ray Kinne, B. C. Pinckney and C. J. D. Bauman as a committee from the club.

Charles Clark of High River, Alta., was introduced as a guest, and Lt. Ralph M. Davis as a new member.

Mrs. Fred Lucas, Mrs. W. O. Dix, Mrs. L. E. Bisbee and Mrs. Mary Thomson went to Ritter Sunday to spend a week expecting to return home next Sunday.

Young, gentle saddle horse for sale. A. W. Gemmill, city. 22 23p

Wanted—Used oil heater. Mrs. A. Q. Thomson. 1tp

## Jim Archer Earns Vacation, Believes Courthouse Force

Jim Archer, courthouse janitor, is enjoying a week's vacation at the expense of elbow grease expended by members of the courthouse force, having gone to Kelso, Wash., where among other things he expected to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of a brother. Jim didn't ask for a vacation, but Judge Johnson and other officers believed he had earned one by the hard labor he has expended in putting the courthouse and grounds in tip-top shape. (The lawn at the rear of the building as well as that in front is well worth a visit by everyone.)

Acting on this belief, they extended Jim the proffer of their services in keeping their individual offices while he took a little rest. Jim accepted, and while receiving customary stipend during his absence, is vacationing at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

## Dalles Freight Truck Burns on Local Run

"It gives one a mighty funny feeling to be riding serenely along the road and then all at once to discover oneself surrounded by fire," said Carl D. Spickerman, local manager of The Dalles Freight line, who had that experience Monday evening just after rounding the horseshoe bend going into Morgan on the return down the branch on the local run.

The truck body and rear end of the chassis were entirely destroyed by the flames, and Spickerman barely had time to get his records out. Due to the direction of the strong wind, the front end of the truck was not badly damaged. Fortunately the truck carried no cargo at the time except an empty gas cylinder, and the outfit was fully covered by insurance.

The railroad section gang saw the flaming truck as it passed on the highway but were unable to attract the driver's attention. As the strong wind was blowing the fire straight out behind him, Spickerman was not aware of the fire until he happened to glance into the off-side mirror. It is believed the fire was caused by a flaw in the ignition system.

## P. P. & L. Repairs Fire Damage Quickly

As soon as the laundry fire appeared threatening last evening, Pacific Power & Light company shut off all service to the town to prevent any accidents that might occur from contact with high voltage lines. The pole and transformers serving the laundry, two meters and considerable line were lost.

The Dalles office was notified immediately and a lineman from there was on the job at 8 o'clock this morning helping repair the damage. As soon as the fire was subdued sufficiently, that section of town where the damage occurred was shut off and "juice" was restored to the rest of the town by 6:30 last evening. Only the fire district was without electricity last night, and service there was expected to be restored today.

## FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

Interment was held in Masonic cemetery here yesterday afternoon for the former Mrs. O. O. Frederick, who died at her home in Walla Walla the first of the week. Funeral services were held there before the body was brought here for interment beside the grave of her former husband who died a number of years ago. The deceased lived here for several years when Mr. Frederick ran the local bakery. She is survived by a daughter, Norma Frederick Lee of Portland, who accompanied the body here for burial.

Mrs. Crockett Sprouls arrived Friday from her home at The Dalles for a visit with relatives and friends.

## Heppner Laundry Razed by Flames; Firemen Kept Busy

### Flying Embers Catch Reid Apart- ments, Tum-A-Lum

Fire that razed the Heppner laundry shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening kept the larger part of the city's male population, including the entire CCC personnel, hopping for more than an hour as flying cinders carried by a strong wind made several fresh starts, some several blocks away. Roofs of both the Reid apartment house and the Tum-A-Lum Lumber building caught while all the firefighting equipment was in use at the laundry, and had it not been for the ready assistance of the CCC boys and camp trucks in helping to move the equipment, these starts might have proved serious.

The fire at the laundry, of unknown origin, started near the rear of the building. Mrs. Lulu Herren Rumble, manager of the hospital next door, first saw it and ran out on to the street for help, thinking that if she could get hold of help quickly it could be put out easily as the blaze was then small. Though it was a matter of a few minutes before the alarm was sounded and the fire truck was on the job, by the time the water was turned on the large two story frame building was a raging inferno, and attention had to be centered on saving the hospital from where the patients had already been removed.

A wing on the rear of the hospital was not thirty feet from the flames, and the wind swept them almost against the building, making it impossible for the firemen to play water on the side of this wing facing the fire. By playing the water over the roof and inside, however, they kept the fire from burning anything except the outside of the rear wall of this wing. Two large trees gave protection to the main part of the large two-story frame hospital building.

While two strings of hose were in play at the hospital, a third was kept busy protecting the Lee Scrivner house on the lot next to the fire on the west side, and the J. L. Yeager home across the street, both of which became mighty hot. Grass fires were started in many places in the block to the south as wind blew burning embers in that direction, and many volunteer fighters were kept busy with wet sacks and shovels keeping these starts away from buildings.

At the Reid apartment house the start appeared so serious that the men carried out all the household and personal effects of the occupants. Those having apartments there are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Quackenbush, Florence Holt, Maggie Hunt and Monroe Turner. The fire here had gone through the roof and was started inside when subdued. At the Tum-A-Lum CCC boys clambered on to the roof when the smoke was first seen and tore off the smoldering shingles. Here the large rambling wooden building was well filled with lumber and other large piles of lumber on the lot adjacent were threatened.

Joe Westhoff, laundry manager, lost all his personal effects except the clothes he was wearing, as he maintained living apartments in the second story of the laundry. The building and all equipment was a complete loss, and a considerable amount of work ready for delivery that had been turned out in the day's run was lost. Mr. Westhoff would not estimate his loss, which would amount to several thousand dollars, and was covered by insurance only to the amount of one thousand.

The hospital and Reid apartment damage was fully insured.

The laundry had closed down at 5 o'clock and everyone was out when the fire started, Mr. Westhoff having

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