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## Home Produced Music Comedy Set to Aid Band

### "Purple Towers" Coming April 8; Reserved Seats on Sale

"Come away to Purple Towers"—forget the cares of the workaday world, enjoy the hilarious comedy and catchy tunes of the Elks-sponsored musical comedy presentation that will raise funds to help send Heppner's twice-champion school band to the state contest. This is the word emanating from managerial headquarters in announcing "Purple Towers" for presentation at the school gym-auditorium, Saturday, April 8, with curtain at 8.

An all-home-talent production with many of the county's leading musicians and entertainers in play roles, "Purple Towers" will afford an exceptional entertainment treat as well as provide the medium for fund-raising for the band's trip to La Grande the following week end. After the show, dancing at the Elks hall will add to the general good time and further augment the trip funds.

Reserved seat tickets will go on sale at Gordon's this week end to assure opportunity for those to have seats who may not be able to get to the play early. Any one of the 600 auditorium seats commands good view of the stage, but aside from the reserved seats it will be "first come first served."

Theme of "Purple Towers" will be carried out in song and dialogue, with lead characters supported by a large chorus who enter into the spirit of the fast-moving comedy vehicle with humorous songs and gay dancing. A production that has proved its popularity, "Purple Towers" comes to Heppner with tunes that will linger in the memory for days to come.

As Mr. and Mrs. Russell McNeill resigned two of the lead roles last week, they were succeeded by Gene Normoyle and Miss Rachel Forsythe, musical director. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill resigned because of press of work with the Easter cantata to be presented the following day.

With Miss Forsythe as musical director, Mrs. H. A. Cohn as dancing director, and Miss Marjorie Parker as piano accompanist, the various roles will be taken as follows: Hank Huckleberry, Frank Alfred; Mike Murphy, Clarence Bauman; Red Nichols, Dr. R. C. Lawrence; Earl Parker, Hubert Gaily; Tillie, Josephine Mahoney; Urseba Applegate, Virginia Dix; Helen Trumbull, Betty Lawrence; Mary Marble, Miss Forsythe; Phil Bradley, Gene Normoyle; Snowball, Bob Rynnion.

## Wild Life Pictures Coming Next Monday

Frank Wire, chairman of Oregon State Game commission, will be at the Elks hall next Monday evening and will show moving pictures of wild life in Oregon. Public invitation is extended and there will be no admission charge.

Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club are sponsoring Mr. Wire's appearance, and J. Logie Richardson, president, announces that the pictures to be shown are some of the best the commission has ever presented. No lover of nature and the great out-of-doors can afford to miss it. In addition to the movies, Mr. Wire will tell of the work of the commission and is expected to bring first-hand information on commission policy affecting local problems.

The Oregon state grange will hold its annual meeting this year on the Oregon State college campus the week of June 12 to 16. Local committees are already at work preparing for the big event.

## Kraft Box Officials Coming First of Week

A change in plans took H. E. Leash, in charge of construction for Kraft cheese box factory, to San Francisco and Chicago last week and prevented the expected visit here last week end, said J. Logie Richardson, local agent. He was told by telephone conversation this morning with Leonard Kraft, in charge of the Bridal Veil plant, that Mr. Leash would be back from Chicago Saturday and that they would be in Heppner the first of next week.

Assurance was given by Kraft that no hitch had developed in their plans to establish the factory here, and Richardson quoted him as giving definite assurance that they are coming.

"You can assure your people that we are coming with the factory, alright," Richardson quoted Kraft as saying.

## Groth KO's Partlow At Firemen's Smoker

A hundred seats added at the city garage ring last week failed to accommodate the heavy flow of box office customers who poured in to see the firemen's smoker, and who witnessed the first defeat of Stanley Partlow, favorite Boardman youth, in his several recent appearances here. Dean Groth, ten pounds heavier and backed by plenty of ring experience, came from Pendleton and proved too tough a match for the north end lad. Partlow took lots of punishment in the first three rounds before succumbing to the ten count in the fourth.

In the preliminaries, CCC's Darby knocked out Burnside in the second round; Hermiston's McCracken decisioned Devine; Arnold of Pendleton decisioned McDonald of Boardman, and Neill of Hermiston decisioned Rose, CCC. Dr. L. D. Tibbles was referee.

## Eleven Shooters At Tourney Event

Eleven shooters participated in the second round of the Oregonian telegraphic tournament at the local traps, Sunday. The team score of 73 was registered by C. C. Carmichael 25, A. D. McMurdo 25 and Vivian Kane 23. Shooters with birds broken from number of targets shot at, were:

P. W. Mahoney 96-100, C. C. Carmichael 72-75, Emery Moore 53-75, A. D. McMurdo 48-50, Vivian Kane 45-50, Luke Bibby 45-50, Sam Turner 41-50, H. C. Happold 21-25, C. A. Kane 17-25, Tom Hottman 18-25, H. E. Warner 23-25.

## FATHER PASSES

A. E. Burkenbine, proprietor of Heppner market, left Tuesday night for Centralia, Wash., immediately upon receipt of word of the death of his father, Joseph N. Burkenbine, who had just passed away at that place. Funeral services were expected to be held at Centralia today with interment following at Olympia, Wash. Native of Iowa, Mr. Burkenbine was 70 years old on March 4. His wife passed away about ten years ago. Besides the son here, he is survived by three sons and 12 grandchildren. The deceased had visited at the son's home here at various times and had made many friends among local people.

## ELKS TO INSTALL

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, will install new officers next Thursday evening, April 6, announces Loyal R. Parker, secretary. Officers to be installed include E. Harvey Miller, exalted ruler; Hubert Gaily, esteemed leading knight; Kenneth Akers, esteemed loyal knight; V. R. Rynnion, esteemed lecturing knight; Loyal R. Parker, secretary; J. O. Turner, treasurer; Thomas J. Wells, tyler; Chas. B. Cox, trustee; D. A. Wilson, alternate delegate to grand lodge.

## Year's Tax Roll 53.7 Pct. Collected As Quarter Ends

### \$151,000 on Current Roll, \$25,000 of Delinquencies Paid

Collection of taxes in Morrow county at the close of the first quarter amounted to 53.7 per cent of the total roll for the year, announces the sheriff's office. The total collected, excluding rebates for payment of year's tax in full, was \$151,341.35. Rebates allowed totalled \$4,215.51. Total roll for the year is \$281,489.

While the total monies collected in the first taxpaying period are more than the amount collected in the first quarter last year, the percentage of payment is almost exactly the same as a year ago because of the increase in total amount to be collected. The amount allowed as rebate for prepayment of full year's tax is also slightly larger than a year ago, signifying about the same proportion of prepayment of full year's tax.

Payment on delinquent taxes for the first period was estimated at \$25,000.

Those who failed to pay the first quarter tax before the deadline date will be subject to interest payment on that portion of their tax. Interest on second quarter tax may be avoided by paying the first and second quarter taxes before June 15, deadline date for second quarter payments. No further opportunity is had for obtaining rebate, however, as rebate is allowed only by paying full year's tax before the first quarter deadline.

## Monument Placed To Mark Entrance To Forest Camp

A concrete monument, three feet square and eight feet high, sloped to a point at the top, made its appearance at the Chase street entrance to the local forest camp this week. When completed it will bear the U. S. Forest service shield on three sides, exemplifying Uncle Sam's pride in the use to which the local property was put as well as symbolizing the camp's expected permanency.

Mystery at first surrounded the marker. As the three boarded-in places in the cement first appeared after the forms were removed, one wag—alluding to the proposed reorganization of the national administrative arm—said the frames were to contain pictures respectively of Harold Ickes, President Roosevelt and James Farley. Ickes, it was alluded, may be the forest service's new chief if, and when, it is taken from department of agriculture and placed under department of interior.

## Two Feet Snowfall Reported at French's

W. H. French reported when in town Saturday that 24 inches of snow fell at his Blue mountain farm south of Hardman between March 1 and 15. The fall contained 3½ inches of moisture, he said.

Combined with the old snow a depth of 31 inches had been recorded for the season. Warm weather was causing the snow to leave rapidly.

## LEG BADLY INJURED

Shellar Prock sustained a badly injured leg Monday when a 600-pound piece of iron fell against his leg at the Blackburn mill on Rhea creek. He was helping unload a heavy boiler from a truck when the accident happened. Treatment was received shortly afterward at a local physician's office.

## Fingerprints Said Positive Identification

Something like 40 billion fingerprints would have to be taken before two exactly alike would be likely to occur, C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, told the Monday Lions luncheon group. With such remote possibility of duplication, fingerprinting has been accepted by law enforcement agencies everywhere as a positive means of identification. But while 7,000,000 prints are on file with the department of justice in Washington as a means of identifying criminals, he cited that more and more demand is being made for this system of identification as a means of protecting citizens in other ways. He demonstrated "dusting" a print and printing fingerprints. Above all he admonished the world never to disturb anything at the scene of a crime until experts had been given opportunity to search for prints.

Several instances were told of how the national fingerprint file had been used to assist the local sheriff's office, and he related how fingerprints had served to identify where the Bertillon and other systems had failed. By means of blackboard and chalk drawings he gave the Lions a practical lesson in the system of classifying fingerprints.

Reporting on the proposed Kraft cheese box factory, J. Logie Richardson said that H. E. Leash, in charge of factory construction, had left for San Francisco and Chicago on Wednesday of last week to purchase machinery for the plant here, and that present plans called for more extensive construction than those first announced.

High school girls quartet, Carolyn Vaughn, Helen Lundell, Jeanette Blakely and Dorothy Howell, sang.

## Mrs. Sarah Parker Passes 95-Year Mark

Mrs. Sarah Parker passed her 95th birthday at the home of her son, F. S. Parkere, in this city Monday. Among the oldest residents in the county, Mrs. Parker was able to be about on her birthday though she had been bedfast for a considerable part of the winter, and received her Sunday school class of the Methodist church which called Sunday afternoon.

Native of Maryland, Mrs. Parker moved to Missouri when the son here was a small boy. She resided in Missouri up to the time of coming to the home of her son here, 13 years ago.

## Camp Heppner Sets Open House, Apr. 16

Invitation to the public is extended by Camp Heppner, CCC, to attend its open house Saturday evening, April 16. Opportunity will be given during the day to all who desire to visit the work projects that the camp has completed and to inspect the buildings and equipment, announces Lt. Marius P. Handord, camp commander.

In the evening the public is invited to join in dancing and a general get-together party.

## GOOSEBERRY MOISTURE SHORT

Moisture precipitation in the Gooseberry section has so far been short for the season though the new wheat crop has been coming along fast, reported Leonard Carlson, cooperative government weather observer, when in the city Saturday. Up to that day March precipitation of 1.15 inch was exactly equal to that registered for February. Mr. Carlson said his earlier sown grain was making the best showing to date. He hoped for showers through April and May to bring it along, however.

## HUGHES INFANT PASSES

Patsy Ann, week-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes, died Tuesday morning at Heppner hospital from cerebral hemorrhage. Commitment services were held at the graveside in Heppner cemetery yesterday.

## Rhea Creek Oiling Contract to be Let Next Thursday

### Heavy Construction Contemplated; Butter Creek Job On

Bids for 5.8 miles of grading and surfacing on the Heppner end of the Heppner-Rhea creek sector of the Heppner-Wasco highway will be opened at the meeting of the state highway commission next Thursday, April 6, according to definite word received this week by Judge Bert Johnson. All of the \$65,000 originally allotted for this sector will be expended on the 5.8 miles, making the new construction come up to Bureau of Public Roads standard. Deeper foundation and more solid construction is contemplated than exists in any road in the county, Judge Johnson said. Construction is of the same type as is being used on the heavier traffic roads in other parts of the state, he quoted State Engineer Baldock as saying.

The new construction will reach to the bridge just beyond the house on the F. E. Parker farm. New alignment will eliminate some of the bad curves now existing. It is expected work will start within a short time after the bid is let.

Work has already started on another stretch of surfacing on the road between Pine City and Jarmons on Butter creek with Umatilla and Morrow counties cooperating, said Judge Johnson. Agreement was reached last week between the courts of the two counties whereby Morrow county will do the work and Umatilla county will furnish materials. The distance to be covered is three miles. As part of the work, the "Y" where the Lexington-Jarmon road connects with the Butter creek highway will be widened and the narrow curve just west of the junction will be eliminated.

## Judge Protests WPA Shutdown in County

Upon receiving notification Tuesday from Mr. Landfare, WPA representative, that WPA would cease operations in Morrow county about April 6, Judge Bert Johnson immediately wrote a letter of protest to Ivan E. Oakes, state director. While this county has not made heavy demands upon WPA, withdrawing of assistance at this time would throw an extra burden upon local relief funds, the judge said. He pointed out that employment opportunities at this season were inadequate to absorb those who would be thrown off the WPA list.

Reason for the shutdown was said to be the restricted budget with which congress forced WPA to operate for the year.

## BROTHER DIES IN PORTLAND

David Smith, 43, brother of Hugh Smith of this city, passed away at Portland last Friday and funeral services were held there on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Smith attended from here. The deceased was a native of Fossil from where he was called into the country's service at the time of the World war and saw action in the front line trenches in France. He attained the rank of lieutenant while in the service. For the last 15 years he was an automobile salesman at Salem and Portland. Death came as he was about to undergo an operation at the veterans' hospital in Portland.

## PURCHASE RESIDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Alfred this week purchased the house on K street recently constructed by Carpenter Roundy, and will move their residence Saturday from the apartment in the Jones apartments where Mr. Alfred has resided for some time.