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"Purple Towers" Given to Benefit Band, Is Success

Players Make Own Fun, Helping Please Large Audience

In case everyone didn't understand the antics of Dr. R. C. Lawrence when he ate lunch in "Purple Towers" at the gym-auditorium Saturday night, they may be advised that some of his play-mates doctored everything with quinine.

This little episode occurred because some of the cast members thought Dr. Lawrence was responsible for some unmentionables being placed in a suitcase the contents of which Clarence Bauman had to show the audience. All of which goes to show the spirit of fun with which cast members entered into the production which gave a big night's entertainment to a large audience, while raising a nice sum to help the school band on its trip to La Grande and the Eastern Oregon contest tomorrow.

Gene Normoyle, one of the leads, had his love-making style handicapped because of a broken toe, the result of dropping a radio battery on it recently, but he carried the part through nicely along with his opposite, Miss Rachel Forsythe.

V. R. "Bob" Runnion came thru with the comedy climax of the evening—entirely suited to his part of Snowball, Bradley's (Normoyle) valet. His attire was perfect. Trousers were turned up and fastened with safety pins at the bottom and extra spacious at the middle, topped by bright red shirt, and were held up with snappy suspenders. Hands in pockets, Bob would pull pants low down to be snapped back by suspenders, each time hoisting his shirt front. At the end of the act, it became necessary to partly remove the trousers to reveal bright red flannel underwear.

All of which was by-play to the good comedy element of an operetta filled with catchy tunes and dances, well delivered by the performers. Cast of characters included Hank Huckleberry, Frank Alfred; Mike Murphy, Clarence Bauman; Earl Parker, Hubert Gaily; Red Nichols, R. C. Lawrence; Tillie, Mary White; Urseba Applegate, Virginia Dix; Helen Trumbull, Betty Lawrence; Mary Marble, Rachel Forsythe; Phil Bradley, Gene Normoyle; Snowball, Bob Runnion.

Chorus included Jeanette Blakely, Carolyn Vaughn, Shirley Wilson, Dorothy Howell, Norma Prock, Harry O'Donnell, Norval Osborne, Donald Bennett, Buddy Blakely, Jack Merrill, F. W. Turner, J. O. Turner, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. Alden Blankenship, Mrs. Philip Mahoney and Mrs. Clarence Carmichael. Norbert Peavy and Miss Forsythe directed the music, Miss Marjorie Parker was accompanist, Mrs. Hubert Gaily and Mrs. Wm. Bennett, were prompters, Mrs. Harold Cohn directed the dances, Earle Bryant and Thomas J. Wells took care of stage and properties and Loyal R. Parker was business manager.

Between the acts Yvonne Bleakman and Teddy Ferguson presented a soft shoe tap dance duet that was well received.

Dancing at the Elks hall after the show augmented the band benefit proceeds which netted \$168 for the evening. Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks sponsored the event.

TAKE TENNIS MATCHES

Inclement weather yesterday afternoon prevented playing a full series of tennis matches between Heppner and Pilot Rock high schools. Hugh Crawford, for the local boys, and Frances McCarty, for the local girls, each won their singles matches from visiting competitors.

CAMP OPEN HOUSE COMING SUNDAY

CCC Officers Extend Invitation to See Buildings and Accomplishments on Work Projects

On Sunday, April 16, there will be an open house celebrating the sixth anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, held at Camp Heppner. Lieut. Marius P. Hanford, commanding officer; his staff, and James E. Kistner, camp superintendent, and his staff, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

The camp will be open for inspection from 12 noon to 3 p. m., with a free lunch served at 2 p. m. The inspection will consist of tours of the barracks, recreational building, infirmary, laundry, kitchen and the educational building, with stress on the educational program, vocational and avocational.

Mr. Kistner, camp superintendent, plans on conducting tours of the work projects in and around the community of Heppner. These tours are to show, to the best advantage, the work accomplished by the Soil Conservation Service. The new forestry buildings and warehouses, built under the supervision of Fred Wehmeyer, forest ranger for Morrow county, will be open for inspection, and will be included in the itinerary.

Prock Truck in Wreck, Mitchell Point

The E. R. Prock truck, going into Portland Sunday morning with a load of guano from here, failed to make a curve at Mitchell Point service station, and was completely wrecked. John McRoberts, with Mr. Prock, was driving. Both escaped injury. As the truck failed to straighten out on the second part of an "S" curve, it hit a telephone pole. The pole was broken in two and the upper part came down on the fender of a passing automobile, stalling it. Impact with the post failed to stop the truck and it continued some ninety feet into the service station where it stopped when a concrete abutment broke the fifth wheel. The service station was vacated. Nine tons of fertilizer pushed the rear of the cab within a foot of the dashboard with the impact, leaving the occupants in close quarters.

Soft Ball Slated in Week; Entries Open

Forty-two of the town's men and boys have signed the roster for soft ball from which four teams will be made up to enter tournament play slated to start week after next. Two CCC teams will make six teams in all that will participate.

Each player signing up, with either Mark Merrill or Clarence Bauman, will contribute 25 cents toward the purchase of equipment—the only cost except for wear and tear on clothing and doctor bills which each player must stand himself. The coming week, captains for the teams will be named, the line-ups drawn and schedule arranged while participants are warming up stiff legs and "soup bones." Entries are still open, and plenty of fun is assured all who turn out.

Precipitation Ends Several Weeks Drouth

Occasional showers yesterday and today, interspersed with sleet, hail and snow, broke a several weeks drouth at Heppner. Showers visited various sections of the county, but were not general. Snow which melted soon was the order in the mountains and higher foothills.

Crops generally over the county are in position to welcome moisture, reports say.

CONDON DEFEATED

Heppner high school Mustangs won their opening baseball game of the season from Condon high here Friday, 11-5.

Final Date Set For Spring Wheat Insurance Payments

18,000 Acres Insured In County; '39 AAA Work Progressing

Final date for acceptance of crop insurance premiums for spring wheat applications has been set by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation as April 29, announces Clifford Conrad, county agent.

To date applications for crop insurance in this county total approximately 18,000 acres. One of the largest policies in the state has been issued to Rietmann brothers of Ione. Some \$10,000 in cash has been paid in premiums.

Work of the local compliance committee in comparing applications for compliance under the 1939 AAA program is now progressing and the applications are expected to be forwarded shortly to the Portland office for approval. Morrow county was first among counties in the state to complete the work last year and is ahead of other counties in receiving payments, all but about \$10,000 of the 1938 payments having now been received.

First parity payments in this county, due in May and June, are expected to total \$125,000.

The county office also announces that applications for range management compliance payments are also nearly completed.

Club to Cooperate In Peddler Control

Heppner Lions voted at their Monday noon luncheon to erect a sign at entrances to the city notifying peddlers that the "Green River" ordinance is in effect here. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, councilman, explained the ordinance as making retail peddlers subject to prosecution for trespassing on complaint of residents.

Sponsorship of a boy at the American Legion's Beaver Boy state again this year was also voted. A. H. Blankenship gave a report of the Inland Empire Teachers association meeting which he attended at Spokane last week end. Miss Rose Leibbrand played a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Leta Humphreys.

E. H. Miller Installed Elks Exalted Ruler

E. Harvey Miller succeeded P. W. Mahoney to the office of exalted ruler at installation ceremonies of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, last Thursday evening. Earl E. Gilliam presided in the office of grand exalted ruler as installing officer and David A. Wilson was grand esquire. Officers installed included:

Hubert Gaily, esteemed leading knight; Kenneth Akers, esteemed loyal knight; V. R. Runnion, esteemed lecturing knight; Loyal R. Parker, secretary; J. O. Turner, treasurer; Thomas J. Wells, tyler; Chas. B. Cox and J. G. Barratt, trustees; D. A. Wilson, alternate delegate to grand lodge; P. W. Mahoney, esquire; John R. Lasich, Jr., inner guard; John J. Wightman, chaplain; Earl J. Blake, organist; J. J. Nys, presiding justice of subordinate forum.

MOTHER PASSES

Mrs. Lena Boesel, mother of Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer of this city, passed away at Wenatchee, Wash., last Friday and funeral services were held at Winthrop, Wash., Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeyer left last Thursday in answer to summons to her bedside and arrived a few hours before her death, though Mrs. Boesel had lost consciousness. Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeyer arrived back home Monday night.

SCHOOL MUSIC FETE SET FOR APRIL 28

Annual County School Events Being Prepared; Community Picnic Plan for Day

Welcoming the May with music and athletic events, Morrow county schools will make Heppner their mecca, Friday, April 28, announces Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, superintendent.

In the morning that day grade school girls and boys will vie in a track meet at the Rodeo grounds, and in the afternoon on the school lawn, weather permitting, will be staged the music festival when all school children of the county will be assembled in choruses.

Planned as one of the big features of the day is a community picnic lunch at noon at the county grounds, to which everyone is invited to bring lunches and participate in the good fellowship.

Leonard Davis of Boardman is chairman of this year's athletic events, and Harold Buhman of Heppner is chairman of the music committee. The Heppner school band will participate, but the Irrigon band, which has appeared in past years, will not be present, said Mrs. Rodgers.

Direction of group singing will be in the hands of Miss Scharf, Ione, primary; Mrs. Kobow, Boardman, secondary; Miss Forsythe, Heppner, upper grades; Mr. Peavy, Heppner, high school. Mrs. Carmichael of Lexington will be accompanist. The directors visited schools at Boardman and Irrigon, Tuesday, and are visiting the Ione, Lexington, Heppner and Hardman schools today, acquainting pupils and teachers with the songs.

Charming Cantata Given by Churches

Easter Sunday was featured in Heppner by singing of "The Resurrection Story," Carrie B. Adams, by combined choirs of Methodist, Christian and Episcopal churches under direction of Russell McNeill. The Methodist church auditorium was packed to capacity Sunday evening for the event.

Solos were sung by Kathryn Parker, Lucille Barlow and Mrs. McNeill, with incidental solo parts by Mrs. Neva Cochell, Mrs. F. W. Turner, Marie Barlow, Charles Barlow, Lawrence Lehman and J. O. Turner. Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Virginia Dix and Frank Alfred sang in trio. Others participating in various group parts were Rachel Forsythe, Margaret Browning, Mrs. John Hiatt, Mrs. E. R. Huston, Frank Turner and Glen Tonnesson.

Hunters-Anglers to Discuss Hunt Contest

An important meeting of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club is announced by George Howard, secretary, for Friday, April 14, at 8 p. m. at the Elks club. Principal order of business will be discussion of the annual crow and magpie hunt, and all sportsmen are urged to attend.

J. Logie Richardson, president, announces the arrival the last of last week and first of this week of three shipments of trout from the state game commission which were planted in local streams, and the first of the week a shipment of salt was received to place in the deer haunts.

FACTORY OFFICIAL VISITS

Leonard Kraft, representative of Bridal Veil Lumber & Box company, was in Heppner Friday evening and Saturday conferring with J. Logie Richardson, local agent, on business of the company in this county. No statement was released in regard to the proposed box factory here except that plans are progressing.

C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, was a visitor in the city Tuesday on official business.

\$58,801 Contract Let For Construction Rhea Creek Road

Saxton, Looney and Risley Low Bidders; Work to Start Soon

Contract for grading, surfacing and oiling 5.8 miles of the Heppner-Rhea creek road was awarded at the state highway commission meeting in Portland Thursday, Saxton, Looney and Risley of Oak Grove were successful bidders with the bid of \$58,801.

The contracting firm held a former contract in this county on the Heppner-Hardman road.

A state engineering crew arrived in the city last week end to prepare the way for the contractors who are expected to get under way immediately.

Awarding of this contract brings partial realization of the hopes of the county court who have been before the commission several years urging oil surfacing to Rhea creek. The stretch of road has been determined to carry the heaviest traffic of any road in the county with exception of the Oregon-Washington highway.

The Heppner-Rhea creek road is a sector of the Heppner-Wasco highway which is on the state highway map as a secondary highway, and the improvement is being made with state and federal cooperative funds.

The 5.8 miles designated extends from Heppner to the culvert just beyond the house on the Frank E. Parker farm.

Recent acquisition of right-of-ways has been made to permit realignment in places where the present road does not permit bringing up to Bureau of Public Roads standards. Specifications call for 20-foot road width over the entire 5.8 miles, with deeper and heavier base than now exists, elimination of several sharp curves and general type of construction equal to that being put into the heavier traffic roads in other parts of the state.

While not as much distance is being covered this year as was hoped for, Judge Bert Johnson has expressed the belief that the county will be compensated by the fine type of work being done, and that it can afford to wait a little longer for improvement of the rest of the road.

Heppner Band One Of 15; Judges Named

Eastern Oregon Normal, La Grande, April 10—Heppner high school is to be represented by its band at the Eastern Oregon Band and Orchestra contest to be staged this year at EON in La Grande on April 14 and 15. Musical groups receiving a ranking of superior in this meet will be eligible to participate in the national regional contest to be held in Portland on May 12 and 13.

Critics and judges for the event will be John H. Stehn, director of band at the University of Oregon; Carl Claus, professor of music at the University of Idaho, and Delbert Moore, director of orchestras at Oregon State college.

The contest will be staged in conjunction with the annual music festival which is a traditional event at EON.

There will be seventeen high school bands of eastern Oregon represented at the musical event, and it is estimated that some 800 high school pupils will be on hand to participate in the programs that run through Friday and Saturday.

The college is staging a special dance for high school pupils on Friday night, April 14.

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