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Fund Raising for Band Features Week End Events

Hot Smoker Slated by Firemen; Lex Grange Cooperates

That Heppner's school band may compete in the regional contest at Portland, May 12-13, is the object of a fund-raising campaign Saturday to be featured by firemen-sponsored smoker at the city garage ring and a big dance following at the county dance pavilion.

Lexington grange joined forces with local sponsors this week by cancelling the dance slated at its hall and will bring the Haynes lady orchestra from Pendleton, slated to play there, to the pavilion here, announces the committee.

The band itself will participate in activities of the day by giving concerts at Lexington and Ione and playing contest numbers at the dance in the evening. Appearance at Ione will be made at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at Lexington at 3:15.

Those wishing to contribute to the band's trip will have their contributions received at Hotel Heppner desk any time.

With Stanley Partlow, favorite fighter from Boardman, and Dean Groth of Pendleton, who beat Partlow in the last smoker here, both matched against tough opposition on the smoker card, more than ordinary interest is centered in this event, sponsors believe. Partlow will meet Torpedo Cavalli of Walla Walla in the semi-final event, and Groth will mix it with Kid Thornley, a coming young fighter from Portland. Local CCC boys will present four preliminaries as a gesture of Camp Heppner's well wishes to the band.

Smoker reserved seats are on sale at Green's Hardware, and those who may not be able to get there early are advised that reservation is the best means of being assured a seat.

High School Schedules Year's Last Program

Friday, May 7, the Heppner high school will present its last regularly scheduled program of the year, preceding graduation.

The two high school public speaking classes will present three one-act plays, "Sauce for the Goshing," "Jealousy Plays a Part" and "His First Shave." Heppner's champion band will give a short concert of special numbers. The girls' chorus will supplement the program with several selections.

All in all, there is entertainment for everyone and an invitation from the high school to its last function of the year.

The plays start promptly at 8 o'clock in the school gym-auditorium. For casting in the plays see The Hehisch, page 6.

One Sided Game Goes to Heppner

Errors proved costly to the Arlington baseball nine, when the Heppner Mustangs romped through to an easy 12-2 victory at Rodeo field Saturday afternoon. The Mustangs went on a four-run splurge in the second inning, and again in the fifth they garnered three tallies.

Wilbur Worden held the river boys scoreless until the fifth inning. Batteries: For Heppner—Worden, Stone; for Arlington, Bowman, Norris, Wetherell. Umpire, John Miller.

Heppner meets the strong Hermiston Bulldogs this afternoon in the last home game of the season.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Swales at the maternity home of Mrs. P. A. Mollahan in this city yesterday, Clara Anne.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO HARVEY COXEN

Resident Since 1908 Pinned Under Cabin Being Loaded on Truck; Was Native of Missouri

Harvey Coxen, resident of Morrow county since 1908, died Saturday from injuries received last Thursday when he was pinned beneath a small cabin which slid from a truck on which he was helping to load it for moving at the Hugh Smith ranch. The scene of the accident was at the head of Quaid canyon some six miles southeast of town.

Mr. Coxen, who was herding, had just brought the sheep in for water about 3 o'clock in the afternoon as Mr. Smith and a helper were loading the cabin, 8 x 10 feet, on to the truck. He volunteered his services, coming up between the two men to help hoist it up. As the cabin started to slide back after they had lifted it almost on to the truck, Mr. Coxen and the helper let go. Mr. Smith held on to his end a little longer causing the other end to kick back. It settled back rather slowly, but Mr. Coxen stumbled as he attempted to get out of the way, falling on his side. The cabin landed first on the lower inside corner then settled back on its bottom, pinning Mr. Coxen beneath the outer edge as it did so, the outer edge striking him just at the top of his pelvic bone.

Being assisted into Mr. Smith's car he was rushed to the ranch house and given first aid while a doctor was notified. No broken skin was evident on the outside, and though Mr. Coxen complained of his abdomen hurting, neither he nor the other men could detect signs of serious injury. He was brought to the hospital where examination also failed to reveal the seriousness of the injury, but Friday his pain increased as gas developed and he succumbed the following day. Post mortem examination showed that an intestine had been completely severed.

Funeral services were held from Phelps Funeral home chapel Tuesday afternoon, with Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, officiating. A large concourse of friends and relatives attended. Interment followed in Masonic cemetery.

Harvey Green Coxen was born at Hartville, Mo., Nov. 5, 1887, to Edward and Betty Coxen. He came to Morrow county in 1908, and about 23 years ago married Miss Delia Robertson here. Surviving are the widow, two children, Mrs. Walter Carlson and Emery Coxen; the mother, Mrs. Betty Coxen of Hartville, Mo.; five brothers, Burl of this city, Fred Coxen of Bend, Aulta Coxen of Toledo, Roy Coxen of Hermiston, Dee Coxen of Westwood, Cal.; two sisters, Mrs. Iva Farrell and Mrs. Clella Yeager, both of Hartville, Mo.

Residing here continuously since March 19, 1908, Mr. Coxen followed ranching most of the time, running sheep on his own for several years. The family home had been maintained in Heppner for many years while the children were sent to the local schools, Emery being a high school senior this year and especially prominent in athletics. The sudden demise came as a shock to the family and friends.

SLIGHT RAINFALL COMES

Rain of .05 inch fell at Heppner Monday and Tuesday, reports Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer. The rain was not general over the county, missing much of the north end while being slightly heavier to the south. It was the first precipitation in April and far from being as much as desired on every hand.

SHEEP TO MONTANA

J. G. Barratt is making his first shipment of sheep from the local yards this evening, destined for summer range in Montana near Glacier National park. Mark Merrill, local restaurateur, is accompanying Mr. Barratt on the trip.

Tax Reappraisal Continues; New Base Effective, 1940

All Town Property Included in Survey by State Tax Office

E. S. Woodford, appraiser from the Oregon State Tax commission, arrived in the county the first of the week and is expected to remain until work of reappraising town property in the county is completed, announces Thomas J. Wells, assessor. A. A. Selander, chief appraiser, accompanied Mr. Woodford to remain a few days while the work was being organized.

The present work is a continuation of that started a year ago when Mr. Woodford spent considerable time in the county.

The reappraisals will be used in fixing assessed valuations for figuring the 1940 tax, soon to be extended upon the rolls, said Mr. Wells. Extension of new valuations upon the rolls will not be made until after the county board of equalization has acted upon them, and property holders have been given an opportunity to be heard. Mr. Wells was not prepared to say just how various types of property would be affected, but the general purpose of the reappraisal is to equalize as nearly as possible the basis for tax payments within the towns.

It is pointed out that valuations shift considerably over a period of years, some property becoming more valuable while others become less valuable, and as it has been many years since a complete appraisal of properties has been made, considerable readjustment may be expected.

Mr. Wells said he was entering a request with the state commission that Mr. Woodford's services be retained here over a longer period to make a reappraisal of real estate outside of towns as well. This needs to be done, he said, and such service would be highly appreciated by his office.

District Attorney Bitten by Tick in Spotted Fever Sector

Though no symptoms of spotted fever had developed, Frank Alfred, district attorney, was still not relieved of the menace of an attack of the disease yesterday.

He was bitten by a tick while in the spotted fever infested area of Grant county last Saturday.

Immediately upon discovering the bite, he took a shot of antitoxin at a local physician's office. The shot was not promised to prevent the disease, should the varmint which bit Alfred have been playing host to the germs, but the doctor gave as his belief that it would lighten the effects of the disease, should it occur.

BABY DAUGHTER DIES

Frances Lynn, 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt, died about 4 o'clock this morning following a hard fight against the ravages of whooping cough followed by an acute intestinal infection. The child was born June 30, 1938. It had apparently made a successful fight against whooping cough when the intestinal infection set in and its temperature reached 106.

BECKET-SMITH

Mrs. Linda Becket, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of this city, was united in marriage to Frank Smith of Mt. Airy, N. C., at Vancouver Monday, with Rev. Hanna of the Methodist church performing the ceremony. The bride wore traveling suit of apricot with white accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home at Heppner for the present.

McNEILL GANG LEADS SOFTBALLERS

Merrill Team Defeated, 10-6 in First Fray; Anglin First Casualty in Tuesday Practice

Lt. Finley's home run, the longest blow of the game, which drove Ralph Beamer in ahead of him, failed to stem the tide of opposing tallies and Russell McNeill's twilight softballers defeated Mark Merrill's aggregation, 10-6, in the first game played in the scheduled series last evening.

Logie Richardson and Hubert Gaily teams were to have opened the series Monday evening, but the game was postponed due to cold weather. The two CCC teams will clash in the next scheduled game Friday evening.

Nearly a full turn-out of the two competing squads was had last night and a number of spectators were given their free attendance's worth of entertainment. Darrell Maynard, CCC, held down the mound nicely for McNeill, while Lt. Marius P. Hanford showed plenty of speed for Merrill. Clarence Bauman and Merrill were receivers, respectively.

In a warm-up practice Tuesday evening, kitty ball had its first casualty of the season when John Anglin sustained a fractured little finger as he attempted to stab a hot one. The lower joint was fractured and it was expected it might keep him out of the fun for the season.

Corrected Schedule

Heppner Softball League

April 24—Richardson vs. Gaily (postponed)
April 26—Merrill vs. McNeill
April 28—1st CCC vs. 2nd CCC
May 1—Richardson vs. Merrill
May 3—Gaily vs. 1st CCC
May 5—McNeill vs. 2nd CCC
May 8—McNeill vs. Richardson
May 10—Merrill vs. 1st CCC
May 15—Gaily vs. 2nd CCC
May 17—Merrill vs. Gaily
May 19—Richardson vs. 2nd CCC
May 22—McNeill vs. 1st CCC
May 24—Gaily vs. McNeill
May 26—Richardson vs. 1st CCC
May 28—Merrill vs. 2nd CCC

State Lions Heads Make Visit Here

Clyde Marsh, district governor for Oregon, and Frank Tate, district secretary, of Lions International, were featured guests at the local Lions luncheon Monday noon. Both brought messages of the state convention to be held in Salem in June.

Governor Marsh brought an inspiring message on citizenship and the duties of Lions in helping educate the public to use of the ballot box in order to secure the principles of democracy. Elections made by a majority when only fifty per cent of the electors participate is not representative of the general will of the people, he said.

The club voted to attend the school picnic lunch in a body tomorrow and M. L. Case and Clifford Conrad were named on a committee to solicit general cooperation from the town.

A. H. Cramer of Salem, representing a credit agency, was a guest.

Hunters-Anglers Have Fine Meet at Ione

Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club had a big turnout at a meeting at I. O. O. F. hall in Ione last evening, with many attending from Heppner. Two reels of moving pictures from the state game commission, and two reels of his own pictures were shown by Ed Parker, assistant forest ranger.

Judge Bert Johnson made an appealing talk on community cooperation that was well received. Orville Cutsforth defended large hawks as helpful to farmers in destroying mice and it was voted to take these birds from the predator contest, now being organized. Free sandwiches and coffee were served by the club to those attending.

City's Hospitality To be Given School Visitors Tomorrow

Attendance at Picnic Planned; Salad to be Contributed

Townpeople will join in extending Heppner's hospitality to visiting school children and parents who come tomorrow to participate in the annual all-school track meet and music festival. Main hospitality feature will be attendance at the community picnic to be staged at the school lunch room and serving of fruit salad to augment the picnic lunches.

Lions at their Monday luncheon voted to attend the picnic in a group, and through their committee, headed by M. L. Case, asked stores to cooperate by closing from 12:30 to 1:30 to make it possible for everyone to attend. The festival organization is sponsoring free hot chocolate and coffee for those attending. So the word is: Bring your lunch, cup and spoon and get acquainted or re-acquainted with your neighbors. Mr. Case personally is contributing 400 paper plates for the occasion.

As inferred, the picnic lunch is set for 12:30, or such time as the track meet at the Rodeo grounds is over. For, in the morning school boys and girls will vie in track and field events for ribbons to honor their schools.

Beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon everyone will assemble on the school lawn for the music festival. Should it rain (and everyone is hoping that it will, but not for this reason), the music fete of course will be moved inside the gym-auditorium.

Assembled in choruses will be all children in attendance. Some numbers will be sung by the entire ensemble, while special choruses in the several divisions will sing separately. Different directors will lead each division. The largest musical assemblage of the year will be presented.

Adding color to this event will be the winding of the Maypole by grade children from Boardman, and a Dutch dance by Heppner intermediate grades.

Featuring the festival will be appearance of the Heppner school band playing the numbers to be played in the regional contest at Portland, May 12-13. The day is heralded in school circles as the gala event of the school year. School friends and patrons will receive much pleasure from attendance.

Throughout the day, also, displays of school work will be exhibited in the school classrooms.

STORES TO CLOSE FOR PICNIC LUNCH

All stores in Heppner will close between 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., tomorrow so that everyone may attend the picnic lunch at the school. Arrangements for the closing were made this morning by Clifford Conrad, Lions committeeman.

Beaver Investigator To Make Research

Considerable damage is being done by beavers in certain localities in the county both to crops and trees. The efforts of these beavers can be put to good advantage if applied in the right localities. This is the object of the beaver trapping project in the state of Oregon, and A. V. Meyer, who is in charge of this project, will be in Morrow county some time soon to determine where damage is being done by these animals.

Anyone whose property is being damaged by beavers should leave word at the county agent's office as soon as possible.