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Rodeo Asks Fifty Persons to Back Up Obligations

Benefits of Community Enterprise Said Compensatory

That Morrow county people so thoroughly realize the benefits of the annual Rodeo, slated this year for August 24-5-6, that they will underwrite the show's financial obligations was believed by directors who met at the Lucas Place Friday evening and adopted the underwriting plan as proposed by Frank Alfred, chairman of the finance committee.

The plan calls for 50 signers, each of whom must be accepted by the directors, who will agree to pay not to exceed \$25 each toward any deficit the show might incur, provided that the total legitimate expense of the show shall not exceed \$4500.

It was brought out that last year's show almost broke even and would have been a little to the good except for the construction of the bandstand, payment for which was made from the proceeds and which investment will be good or many years. In years past proceeds from the Rodeo have built the grandstand and made almost all improvements on the city's principal recreation field, improvements that have been enjoyed by school and the community generally as well as the Rodeo. These benefits call for a sound plan of operation, and less odium for the officers and directors believe.

The Rodeo is operated on a non-profit basis, and any profits that accrue are turned over to the Heppner Improvement association to be expended for general community benefit. At Friday evening's meeting, Alfred was named chairman of this association, J. V. Crawford was named secretary, and L. E. Bisbee, H. D. McCurdy and Dick Lawrence, directors.

The finance committee, headed by Alfred, and including D. M. Ward, George Howard and George Peck are starting immediately to obtain the 50 underwriters. The agreement, in full reads:

"We, the undersigned residents of Morrow county, Oregon, hereinafter called the underwriters, believing that the annual performance of the Heppner Rodeo is valuable to us individually and to our community, in that it stimulates business and promotes community spirit, in consideration of the valuable benefits to be derived by us from the Heppner Rodeo during the year 1939, which we hereby acknowledge, and of our mutual promises, do each for himself agree to and with each other and with the Heppner Rodeo Association, hereinafter called the Association, that we will indemnify the Association from any and all losses that may be sustained as a result of the 1939 performance of the Heppner Rodeo, provided as follows:

"1. That the individual obligation of any underwriter shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five Dollars.

"2. That in the event the expenses of the Rodeo shall exceed the income from all sources, including the Queen dances, Rodeo dances, concessions, gate receipts and all other sources customarily used to defray the expenses of the Rodeo, then the amount of the deficit shall be divided equally among the underwriters and be paid over to the Association upon demand, and if not so paid, the Association shall take such action as shall be necessary to enforce payment.

"3. That the liability hereunder shall extend only to necessary Rodeo expenses, and such reasonable repair of grounds and buildings

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Council Awards Building Permits

Permits for construction were granted C. J. D. Bauman for a new residence, and Harold Becket for a new shop building, at Monday evening's council meeting. The Bauman house has already been started on upper South Court street, and Becket has started work on his building on Chase street between Center and Willow, where he will move his welding business now conducted in the McMurdo building on May street.

Allowing bills for emergency work on the swimming pool, the council ordered that no further work be undertaken until results of the bond election are learned. Disbursements on the tank had already used up the budget allowance for the year, it was said.

The matters of placing a fire hydrant at the Rodeo grounds, and acquiring a car trailer to haul hose in place of the old hose carts were presented by Ralph Beamer on behalf of the firemen and were left in the hands of the fire and water committee with instructions to install the hydrant. Permit was granted John Hiatt to build a garage on city property at the dead end of Water street. City properties committee was handed the application of Heppner Garden club for permission to beautify the city lot at the corner of Main and Center streets with instructions that work might be done subject to use of the lot by the Rodeo for carnival purposes.

Local Men Visit Baker Mining Project

A party of local men interested in Morris Mines, Inc., with diggings in the Greenhorn mountains, visited the company's property last week end to find the snow so deep that they had to stop cars half a mile short of destination and walk in. Jess Dobyns, company representative, reports that operations will start in the near future. Included in the visiting party last week end were H. L. Duvall, Walter Eubanks, Mr. Dobyns, Arley Padberg, Art Parker, of this county, Mr. Kelly and John Heckman of Stanfield, and Neil Stephens of Granite.

Twelve miles south and west of the old mining town of Granite, the diggings was first started many years ago by Mr. Morris, from whom the property derives its name. Ore was taken to San Francisco for smelting in the early days. Sample assays going as high as \$70 have encouraged their venture, say the local men. Included in the holdings are ten claims of 20 acres each. The company has already built considerable road and has a tractor, bulldozer, two trucks, diesel air equipment as well as other miscellaneous equipment. Little development work has so far been done, it is said.

START FUEL COMPANY

Heppner Fuel company is a new business appearing on the local horizon this week, organized to handle slab wood from Heppner Lumber company. Loyal R. Parker and F. W. Turner are managers of the new business.

SERVICES AT LIBERTY

Rev. R. C. Young will conduct services at the Liberty school house next Sunday. Schedule of services calls for Sunday school at 11 o'clock, basket dinner at 1 o'clock, and preaching service at 2:30.

Miss Marian Kane of Portland is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham, coming up from the city Monday evening with Mr. Graham on his return from a business trip.

H. M. Hansen of Long Creek was a business visitor in the city yesterday. He reported shearing operations under way at his place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix expect to leave Sunday on a motor trip on which they will visit the world fair at San Francisco.

B. F. DeVore, 93 County's Last GAR Veteran, Dies

Rites at Hardman For Man Who Served With Sherman

Death of Benjamin F. DeVore, 93, at The Dalles last Friday marked the passing of Morrow county's last member of the Grand Army of the Republic. A pioneer of the Hardman section, Mr. DeVore saw service under Sherman in the Civil War as a member of Company D, Sixth Iowa Infantry, and as related in his own life story published in this paper in 1935, his only regret was that he didn't go with Sherman on his long march to the sea.

Mr. DeVore passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. Z. Barnard, in The Dalles. Funeral rites were held at the Hardman cemetery Monday afternoon with Heppner post, American Legion, officiating and C. J. D. Bauman, post past commander, in charge. A large concourse of relatives and friends paid tribute, not only to the memory of this esteemed last member of a great army but to the army that preserved the union.

Benjamin F. DeVore was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, January 3, 1847, the son of Eliza J. and Martha DeVore. There were three sisters and eight brothers. When eight years old he went with the family to a farm in Iowa where he grew to manhood. He was among the first volunteers to answer Lincoln's call in 1861 and saw active fighting at Dallas, Georgia, Kennesaw mountain, and near Atlanta City where his war service ended with a bullet in the left leg. It was in the same battle that General McPherson was killed. He received his discharge at Davenport, Iowa. In his story, Mr. DeVore was a professed admirer of Lincoln and Sherman.

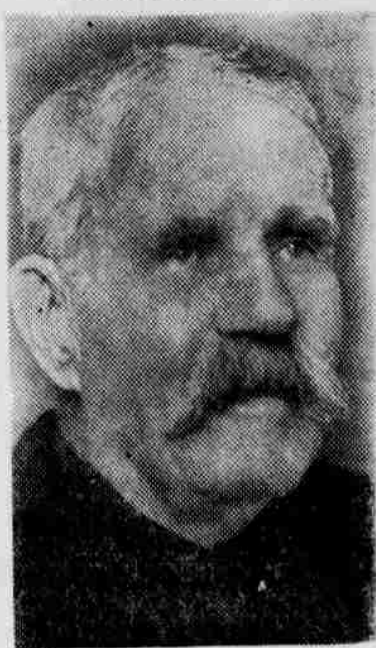
Four years after his discharge, Mr. DeVore married Miss Martha Stephens, April 11, 1865. In 1883 they came west and took up a homestead in Gooseberry. Before proving up on the homestead, they moved to the mountains south of Hardman where Mr. DeVore made wood and posts. After two years here, they moved to Rock creek to put the children in school. Living on Rock creek for 16 years, they moved to Hardman to run the hotel. Mrs. DeVore died there in 1913. Mr. DeVore made a hobby of gardening and was especially fond of flowers.

Five children were born to the union, one son, Morris, passing in 1930. Surviving are one son, A. G. DeVore of Hardman, and two daughters, Mrs. A. Z. Barnard and Mrs. Ada Osborn, both of The Dalles.

MISSION SOCIETY MEETS

Womens Christian Missionary society of the Church of Christ entertained visitors and friends at the church parlors yesterday. Pot-luck luncheon was enjoyed at noon with a short program by the girls' Triangle club under leadership of Miss Leta Humphreys, followed by a short talk by Mrs. K. C. Hendricks of Milton, president of womens work for Churches of Christ of Oregon. The regular meeting followed at 2:30 with Mrs. A. J. Chaffee, president, presiding; Mrs. Milton Clark in charge of devotionals, and Mrs. E. R. Huston, program leader. At the close of an interesting program Mrs. Hendricks installed officers for the new year, Mrs. Cora Crawford, president; Mrs. Bertha Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Spencer Crawford, secretary, and Mrs. C. W. Barlow, treasurer. Visitors were present from Milton, Pendleton, Ashland and Spokane, Wash., besides a number of local ladies.

Veteran Dead



B. F. DeVORE
Last Morrow G. A. R. man taken
—Courtesy The Oregonian.

Braille Service is Offered by Lions Club

Anyone interested in learning the braille system of reading for the blind may have a course of instruction free of charge through applying to the Lions club, it was announced at Monday's luncheon by Thomas J. Wells, vice president, who presided in the absence of F. W. Turner, president, who left that day for a visit to the world fair at San Francisco. The service has been made available by Orlando (Cal.) Lions whose school has assisted many persons all over the United States.

L. D. Tibbles announced that the city swimming tank would be filled tomorrow so that all desiring might view it before the bond election Saturday. A three-piece jazz band, Miss Marjorie Parker, Maurice Johnson and Alfred Huit, entertained. Named on nominating committee for new officers to report next Monday were L. D. Tibbles, C. J. D. Bauman and Frank Alfred. Emery Gentry of Weston was a guest.

Condon Rodeo is Week End Event

Condon's third annual spring rodeo will be held there Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, according to word received from the wheat city town. Bronc riding, brahma steer riding, calf roping and numerous other wild west events are scheduled for the two-day performance. Clarence Warren will have charge of the show.

Dances will be held Friday and Saturday nights and at the Friday dance the rodeo queen will be elected and announced. The Browning Amusement company has the carnival on the grounds.

VIEWS TIMBER WORK

Leonard Kraft, manager Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company, was in the city the first of the week and spent all day Tuesday in the woods with Logie Richardson, local agent, viewing road building and other operations that are under way preparatory to logging the company's timber on Johnson creek.

.12 INCH RAIN MONDAY

A light shower lasting about five hours Monday morning brought .12 inch moisture at Heppner, reports Len L. Gilliam, weather observer. Overcast skies and gentle rain for a while this morning gave promise of further precipitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ridings arrived Tuesday from New York and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Ridings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark. Mr. Ridings will leave tomorrow for Eugene to visit at his parental home. The last school year both Mr. and Mrs. Ridings taught in the metropolis, Mr. Ridings being an assistant coach at Columbia university, and Mrs. Ridings teaching kindergarten at Riverside Memorial church.

To Swim or Not to Swim, Issue of Saturday's Vote

Youths Eye Bond Election; Tank Full Tomorrow

Will Heppner swim this year? That, say youths of the community as represented in a statement by Scott McMurdo in another column, is the main issue to be decided when voters go to the polls Saturday to ballot on issuance of \$3,000 general obligation bonds for completing the swimming tank.

In a ruling this week, J. J. Nys, city attorney, says all citizens 21 years of age who have been residents of the state for six months and residents of the city for 30 days and are duly registered voters, are eligible to decide the question that lies so heavily upon the minds of the city's youths. It is not necessary to be registered 30 days before the election, and anyone wishing to participate in the election may register at the clerk's office up to the time of election.

Polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening at the council chambers. Voters will place a cross (x) between the words "Yes...I vote for the proposed bonds" or "No...I vote against the proposed bonds."

L. D. Tibbles, chairman of the tank committee, reported at Monday evening's council meeting that last of the work authorized to date, that of placing a fence around the tank for safety's sake, was being wound up, and the council ordered that no further work should be done until after the bond election. If the bonds are voted, it was expected other necessary work, that of installing dressing rooms, showers and toilets, could be completed in time for many good swims before hot weather ends. If the bonds are not voted, there appeared no possibility of opening the tank this year.

As further salesmanship, Chairman Tibbles said the tank would be filled with water tomorrow, so everyone liking a dip may look in and view it longingly.

Cost of construction overran original estimates when much donation labor, promised when estimates were made, failed to materialize.

WINS FAIR TRIP

By ranking high in Portland Oregonian's subscription contest in his district, Scott McMurdo has won a trip to the San Francisco world fair with all expenses paid. Scott sold 36 subscriptions to rank second high in eastern Oregon. A special train will carry the winners to the fair, leaving Portland on the 20th.

SUSTAINS ACCIDENT

Howard Patton, son of Mrs. Ben Cox and prominent high school athlete, was treated at Heppner hospital Tuesday for a cut on one foot that nearly severed the toes, received accidentally while chopping wood in the mountains.

BOYS GO TO FAIR

Three Morrow county boys joined the state FFA party making a trip to the world fair at San Francisco by special train that left Portland Tuesday. They were Donald Wehmeyer, Jack McLaughlin and Robert Warfield.

POLICE VISIT

Capt. Vayne Gurdane of Portland, Capt. Warren W. Yancey of Baker and Sgt. Frank N. Grim of The Dalles were state policemen in the city Tuesday on official business.

Mrs. Fred Wehmeyer and Mrs. H. O. Bauman motored to Washington the first of the week for a week's visit with relatives at Winthrop and Carlton.