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The Water Comes Again

BREAK in the city's main pipeline last week end was a serious matter to at least one small boy carrying a swim suit, seen going up Main street for the swimming tank opening. As efforts to repair the break were frustrated over a three-day period, it became more serious to the city generally which lay without adequate fire protection. To householders it was a constant irritation as lawns and flowers were seen to suffer for lack of water and people on the higher levels had to go forage for the precious liquid to meet most urgent household needs.

Everyone gave a sigh of relief when hydrants were found to run again in all parts of town Tuesday morning.

Watermaster and council have long recognized the need for realignment and replacement of the pipeline where the trouble developed. A back-pressure created by a 35-foot rise in the line just ahead of the latest break has caused trouble many times before. The necessity of doing something permanent about it had been discussed at council meetings over a several-year period.

The latest disturbance, while free from major catastrophe, but emphasizes the need for replacement of line at this point. The few hundred dollars in cost would be a small premium to pay on insurance against the cost of a major fire should such occur at a time when the line is out of order.

It was unfortunate that the break happened just in time to prevent the scheduled opening of the new swimming tank. Many people were disappointed, though Saturday's cool weather was not most conducive to a great number taking advantage of the free swims offered that day. In that all the work needed to be done before the opening was not completed, forestalling of opening gave the management a "break." Opportunity was given to finish everything needed to be done before the pool was put into use.

That the pipeline break came from natural causes, and that the watermaster and council did everything in their power to get the water going as soon as possible may be assured. Rumors of conspiracy to avert opening of the new swimming tank were pure fiction of minds perturbed by stringency of the occasion.

To meet another such emergency, the water department has better equipped itself with couplings and quick-setting cement. Another time the problems encountered will be overcome more quickly.

In the meantime, it must be taken into consideration that demand for funds for other purposes left no room in this year's budget for permanently remedying the line's defects. Before our people can expect smooth operation at all times they must lend a sympathetic ear to proposals for making the permanent adjustments.

WHEAT BETTERS ESTIMATE

Before harvest, Fred Mankin would have been satisfied with a 10-bushel average, according to prospects. In the city Saturday, he reported harvest half completed with a surprising yield that now promises a 15-bushel average. Some of his Turkey Red has been exceptionally fine quality, Mr. Mankin said, weighing in at 64 pounds to the bushel.

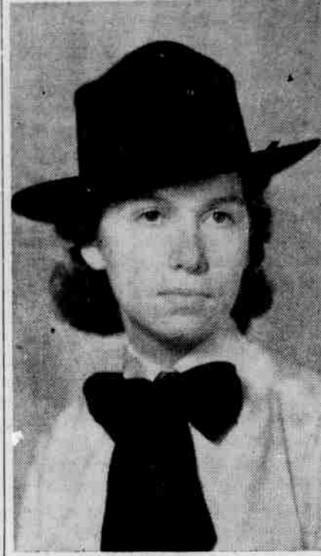
1939 RODEO QUEEN ATTENDANTS



MISS DOROTHY HOWELL
Lexington Grange



MISS KATHRYN THOMPSON
Rhea Creek Grange



MISS DOROTHY BRADY
Willows Grange



MISS CONSTANCE INSTONE
Lena Grange

MODERN SWIMMING FACILITIES HAD AT HEPPNER'S NEW NATATORIUM

Heppner's new swimming tank which, if fate be willing, will be filled and opened to the public sometime this week end, incorporates the most modern features in natatorium accommodations. These were decided upon by Dr. L. D. Tibbles and his committee after much study of tank plans from all over the country.

A hundred feet long and 40 feet wide, and varying in depth from 3 to 9 feet, the tank will permit as many as 200 people to swim at one time. As the water capacity is 175,000 gallons, each of the 200 persons would have 875 gallons of water to himself, if all were in the water at once, while if all were on the surface at one time, each would have 20 square feet of surface space.

The tank throughout is of heavy reinforced concrete construction. Inside walls are painted a gleaming white, with markers prominently showing water's depth at varying depths. Ladders are placed at each corner to assist swimmers to and from the water.

Scum trough encircles the pool about a foot above the water level, in which water runs continuously, and provides a ledge to which the swimmers may hold. There are no ropes.

One diving tower is provided, and the highest point above the water will be ten feet. This is the greatest height recommended for public pool operation to guarantee safety, says Harold Buhman, pool manager. Springboard of lower height is in place.

Concrete runway, with tank rim extending six inches above to prevent water draining into the pool, goes around the tank. This widens into a broad, deep, concrete-surfaced area at the southeast corner to provide bleached accommodations for swimmers and spectators.

The pool, runways and spectator space is entirely enclosed by a heavy wire net fence stretched on iron posts set in concrete, and the administration building, walls of which facing the pool are concrete. No entrance to the pool enclosure is provided except through this building.

The old concrete powerhouse building was renovated to make the administration building which was enlarged by tearing out the south wall and part of the east end wall and making wooden extension with high, trussed roof. A new concrete floor was laid throughout, and dressing rooms, showers and toilet rooms were cut off with plywood partitions.

A large space is provided where it is expected to install ring and bleacher seats for holding smokers in season when tank is not in use. At present this space holds removable partitions that cut off facilities of men's and ladies' quarters at either end.

The administration building is entered through a double door at the south side. On entering, a large lobby

is presented across which, on the tank side, is a large counter. Those wishing to swim pay admission or have tickets checked by the attendant behind the counter, who gives each swimmer a basket for his personal effects.

With basket the swimmer goes to the quarters appropriately marked. An open doorway, with wooden blind just beyond, leads into dressing room at either end, off of which opens shower and toilet rooms. On donning swim suit, the swimmer enters entrance marked "check room" which leads through a passage to the counter at either end. Returning through dressing room, and after required shower is taken, another opening marked "pool entrance" is taken. This leads through a passage-way to an opening out of the building into the pool enclosure, with a large footbath just in front of the opening at either end through which each swimmer must wade to reach the pool enclosure.

Returning from the pool enclosure after the swim, the swimmer gets his basket at the checking counter, dresses and leaves the building through the single exit, which is also the only entrance, to and from the outside world.

CRABER-HARRIS

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Creth Craber and Darrel Preston Harris, Hardman young people, was an event of July 8 in this city. Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, officiated. License was issued the young people at the clerk's office the same day, being the third locally issued license for the year to date.

● Ten Years Ago

(Gazette Times, July 18, 1929)

O. F. Tate, secretary state merchants' association, and H. T. Vance, OSC school of commerce, conduct local merchants' school.

Most of old wheat sold here at local market reaches \$1.15.

Gordon Ridings, manager of swimming pool, announces life-saving classes.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry Monday, a 10-pound son.

Klink and Taylor shipped 14 carloads of C. W. McNamer and R. A. Thompson fat lambs yesterday to South Omaha.

Chris Brown brings first new wheat to Heppner.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Killenny, July 13, a daughter.

Several thousand bushels of wheat sold at Ione. . . L. Bergevin contracts carload at \$1.11.

Phelps Funeral Home
Ambulance Service
Trained Lady Assistant

Introducing Members of the Royal Court

Miss Kathryn Thompson, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson of Balm Fork. Kathryn finished her second year of high school this spring. She has established herself as an accomplished horsewoman by her long years of riding on her father's ranch. She is the second of her family to reign in the Rodeo's royal court as her sister, Mrs. Luke Bibby, nee Reita Neel, was queen of the eighth Rodeo.

Dorothy Howell, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell of Heppner. Formerly a student in the Ione schools, Dorothy has attended the local schools for the last two years and next year will be a member of the senior class. She is also rated an excellent rider.

Constance Instone, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Instone of Lena. Constance, who traveled by bus from her home to school in Heppner, will start her second year in high school this fall. Living on a ranch all her life, she is now an outstanding rider.

Dorothy Brady, 18, is the daughter of Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter of Ione. Born in Bickleton, Wash., Dorothy moved to Ione when quite young and has attended both grade and high school there. A senior in school next fall, Dorothy is very popular among the younger set in Ione. She has ample experience as a horsewoman to rank as one of the best riders in the royal court.

Timberland Owners Told of Liability

Some timberland owners seem not to be aware of liability they assume when land is cut over, says F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger, who says that the tax for fire protection increases according to the hazard prevailing.

Under normal hazard, the tax is a cent and a half an acre, says Wehmeyer, but the amount is subject to increase where the hazard increases. Debris from cutting off timber makes fire hazard greater, and subjects the land to larger tax. Tax is assessed over a five-year period, based on debris accumulation. Therefore, it is to the interest of land-owners to see that debris from timber cutting is kept cleaned up.

Anderson Farm Prepares for Bulking

Preparations are being made on the Hilma M. Anderson farm in Eight Mile to handle the new wheat crop in bulk with storage on the farm. Harvest is expected to start there in a few days.

T. Babb, Heppner contractor, is building the large wooden storage bin to hold the wheat. Chain bucket elevator will take the wheat from the truck into the bin and when shipping time comes the truck will be loaded from a spout.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

Past Rodeo Queens

- 1922—Marjorie Clark
- 1923—Eva Padberg
- 1924—Alice Rietmann
- 1925—Mae Kilkenny
- 1926—Eva Wilcox
- 1927—Katherine Bisbee
- 1928—Enez Hayes
- 1929—Reita Neel
- 1930—Arleta Farrens
- 1931—Margaret Becket
- 1932—Mae Gentry
- 1933—Dorothy Doherty
- 1934—Dimple Crabtree
- 1935—Ilene Kenny
- 1936—Genevieve Hanna
- 1937—Betty Bergevin
- 1938—Maxine McCurdy
- 1939—?????

4-H Clubbers Enjoy Baker, Union Tour

Eight Morrow county 4-H club members attended the eastern Oregon livestock and crops club tour held in Union and Baker counties the past three days.

More than seventy-five club members and local leaders from the counties east of the Cascade mountains joined in this tour, beginning at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station where several classes of livestock were judged and experimental crops work observed.

The group camped Monday evening at the experiment station and Tuesday visited the Herbert Chandler Hereford farm at Baker and Henry Sass' Jersey farm at Richland, and that evening camped at the Halfway fair grounds. Wednesday, the Albert Milhorn Hereford ranch at Halfway and the Cornucopia gold mine were the important features.

The boys in attendance from Morrow county included Clayton Wright who is both 4-H club member and the local leader of the Rhea Creek Pig club; Bobby and Junior Wright and Freddy Rugg, all of Rhea Creek; Bobby Van Schoiack and Jack Edmondson of Heppner, and Herman Elsen and Gene Cutsforth of Lexington.

This trip is an annual event and is educational for livestock and crop club members, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent, who accompanied the Morrow county group.

The boys were much interested in the large gold mine at Cornucopia, the last place visited. This mine is the sixth largest gold mine in the world, has more than 35 miles of under-ground tunnel and an output of more than \$50,000 worth of concentrated ore a month.

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