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Hearty Reception Given Pool; Swim Campaign Started

300 Take Dip Saturday; Red Cross Lessons to Start

Coming coincidentally with the heat wave, opening of Heppner's new municipal swimming tank was greeted with popular reception last week end. Persons numbering 250 took advantage of the free swims on opening day, Friday, and free swimming was enjoyed by more than 300 Saturday. With Sunday the first pay day, 240 swims were recorded. The hottest day yesterday resulted in 288.

Total receipts had reached \$270 up to last night, reported Harold Buhman, pool manager.

Starting next week, the pool is featuring the American Red Cross swimming campaign, with invitation extended to everyone to take advantage of the free lessons to be given by Mr. Buhman. The object of the campaign is to teach those who can't swim, how to swim, and those who do swim, to swim better. Certificates of advancement will be given at the close of the instruction course.

Schedule of instruction calls for beginners classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and swimmers' lessons on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. All those intending to take advantage are requested to fill out application blanks either at the pool or with Russell McNeill at the local bank. These blanks are desired to be filled out by Monday, if possible.

Beginners groups will be taken on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as follows: Ages 5 to 12, 9:30; adults, 10:15; intermediates, aged 12 to 18, 11:15.

Swimmers' groups will be taken Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with those of like ages given the same hours as the beginners, ages 5 to 12, 9:30; adults, 10:15; intermediate, 11:15.

Mr. Buhman emphasizes that the Red Cross is offering a valuable service in the swimming campaign, and it lies with the people to take advantage of it. There is no reason why any normal person cannot swim if he tries.

Crop Insurance Value Told Lions

How one man in the area recently struck by cyclone was benefitted and how others might have been benefitted if they, too, had carried federal crop insurance was told before the Monday Lions luncheon by Clifford Conrad, county agent.

Conrad cited several typical cases, without using names, telling what the insurance would have cost and the amounts that could have been collected. In the single case cited where the insurance was carried the operator will receive some 8000 bushels of grain from ground that otherwise would have yielded nothing, he said. He announced that applications under the 1940 set-up would probably be received within the next two or three weeks.

BANK EMPLOYEES PICNIC

The local force of First National Bank of Portland joined other employees of the district in a picnic at Wallowa lake last Sunday. The trip going and returning was made the same day. Going from here were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McNeill, Miss Marjorie Parker, Howard Bryant, Boyd Redding, Danny Dinges, and guests, Miss Beth Vance and Miss Lois Ashbaugh.

HIATT-JOHNSON

License to wed was issued at the clerk's office July 20, to Miss Ola Hiatt and Charles Johnson.

Lex Man Gives Ace Trapshooter Race at Salem

One of Morrow county's trap shooting proteges gave Frank Troeh, Pacific coast ace, cause for concern at the Pacific International Trapshooting association shoot in Salem last week end.

The protege, Ralph Jackson of Lexington, tied Troeh in the 100-bird 16-yard event Sunday morning when he cracked every bird in the string. Troeh scratched out by a one-bird margin in the 25-bird shootoff, as Jackson dropped one bird and Troeh went straight.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, local trap enthusiast, was in the galleries rooting for Jackson who really shot traps in earnest for the first time this season and who made his debut at a PITA match last week end. Jackson scored an 88 in the world's event on which his future PITA handicap rating will be based. Troeh, of course, emerged high gun.

Assessor, Deputy Sheriff Married

Bonds of matrimony were united at one minute after midnight, Saturday morning, between Thomas J. Wells, county assessor, and Mrs. Neva Cochell, deputy sheriff, with Rev. R. C. Young officiating at the Methodist church parsonage.

The bride wore deep blue traveling suit and corsage of pink rosebuds.

Immediately after the ceremony they left by auto for Portland on a short wedding trip, expecting to visit Mrs. Cochell's son, Billy, who was visiting in the city with the fleet. Billy is a member of the orchestra on the SS Philadelphia.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Wells are taking up their residence on Baltimore street in the house recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Chet Brown.

Siren Blasts Twice; Fire Starts Subdued

Shortly before 8 o'clock Tuesday evening the fire siren aroused the city and people poured forth to find a charred and smoldering overstuffed chair in front of the second hand store on Chase street with the fire department well in command of the situation. The chair caught fire from unknown cause, was carried into the street before the wooden frame building caught, and only slight water and smoke damage resulted.

Again this morning, just after 10 o'clock, an alarm was sounded and quickly answered by the fire truck. Old oil had caught against the rear of the concrete Braden-Bell building and set an old tractor cab ablaze. The cab was dragged away from the building and the blaze subdued. Bob Grabill, manager of the implement firm, reported damage negligible.

City Swim Bonds To Draw 2 1/2 Percent

Heppner's \$3000 issue of bonds to complete the swimming tank were sold to First National Bank of Portland at \$100.17 1/2 to draw 2 1/2 per cent interest when bids were opened at the council chambers Saturday evening.

This was the best bid among the several attracted and is considered by city dads to be a mighty fine sale.

NEW GRAZING WORKER

Don Peters has arrived in the local forest district to assist in administering grazing operations. He is a graduate in range management from the University of Washington. The family will be moved into Ellis station the first of the month.

WRIGHT TRUCK UPSETS

The logging truck of Russell Wright turned over on the Jones hill grade day before yesterday, dumping the load and damaging the truck considerably. Wright escaped injury.

New Board Acts In Redistricting County Schools

1939 Law Followed; Public Hearings Start in September

Reorganization of school districts, with probable consolidation of present districts and inclusion of unorganized territory into four or five districts, is the ultimate goal of the county reorganization board that met for the second time at the office of the county school superintendent last Friday.

A law providing for the new procedure was passed by the last legislature, naming as members of the reorganization board the county school superintendent, county assessor, county judge, chairman of the non-high school district board, and three others chosen from district boards.

The personnel, set up at the first meeting, includes Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, Thos. J. Wells, Bert Johnson, R. B. Rice, the first four named officers, and Herbert Hynd, Cecil Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry, and Alex Lindsay, Alpine.

Under the law it is the duty of the board to redistrict the entire county into larger school districts disregarding all present boundaries. The law was explained to the committee at Friday's meeting by Frank C. Alfred, district attorney.

Next meeting of the board has been called for September 9, following which a series of community meetings will be held at principal points for discussion with the people.

To assist people in familiarizing themselves with the new law it is being reprinted in these columns, half this week and half next week.

Mind the Heat? You Might Visit Mr. Edmonds' Home

A windy well is a phenomenon at the farm home of F. H. Edmonds near Umatilla. Since the well, some 56 feet deep, was dug last February, it has sent out a breeze constantly measuring 20 miles an hour. Constant also has been the temperature, 58 degrees.

Mr. Edmonds has turned the breeze into an air conditioner for his home. Piped into the house, it maintains the liveable temperature of 70 degrees in the hottest weather, acts as a check valve on the fuel pile in winter.

Just what causes the wind, Mr. Edmonds is at a loss to know. He does know he is mighty thankful for it, as vouchsafed when visiting in town Monday.

ONE FIRE REPORTED

One small fire was the sum total of starts in the Heppner forest district for the week, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. An especially hazardous fire condition exists in the forest at the present time, and all visitors are cautioned to use extreme care. All cars entering the forest should be equipped with the regulation axe, shovel and water bucket.

REED MILL SHIPPING

The Reed Lumber company mill on Rock creek has been making regular shipments of lumber from the local railroad yards at the rate of four cars a week, and it is expected the rate will hold up until late in the fall. The lumber is consigned to Spokane.

IS MILL REPRESENTATIVE

C. H. Frazier, representing the Bridal Veil Lumber & Box company, has established residence here with Mrs. Frazier, to look after local interests of the company.

Heppner Forty Years Ago Was Hotter Than Today

No government record of the weather was taken in Heppner 40 years ago, the year he arrived in the city, says T. J. Humphreys, pioneer druggist, but the best thermometers one day that summer registered 114 in the shade. At that time dust was wagon-hub deep on Main street and the creek was absolutely dry. There were no electric refrigerators and ice was at a premium.

The next winter, Mr. Humphreys recalls, the mercury dropped to 18 degrees below zero, for the widest extremes of any year he had ever experienced. It might be that the present heat wave is the forerunner of another hard winter; he didn't know. But if the other extreme is to be as severe, he would just as soon part of the cold blast would come now.

Ladies Home From 7000-Mile Trip

Misses Leta Humphreys and Rose Liebrand arrived home Tuesday evening from a motor trip covering 7000 miles in the last month. The last day a 745-mile drive was made on the last lap from Yellowstone National park.

The trip took them to the east coast where Miss Humphreys arrived in time to attend the wedding of her brother, Roland, superintendent of the Rehoboth, Del., high school. Present also for the event was her sister, Miss Evelyn Humphreys of San Francisco, whose shorter vacation precluded her traveling with the ladies from here. Maine and New Brunswick were points of interest visited, as well as the big world's fair in New York.

Miss Humphreys found her brother nicely situated at the Delaware resort city, a favorite summer resort on the coast. He was tipping the scales at 200 pounds in spite of work with handball and other reducing exercises.

Three Receive Crop Loss Adjustments

Notice of settlement for crop losses was received the last week from the Federal Crop Insurance corporation for three Morrow county farmers. Two farmers have received their indemnity in cash and one producer, a wheat receipt.

The farmers are very much pleased with the prompt adjustments. Several more losses have been approved by the county office, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association, and producers should receive their indemnities within 30 days.

Ship First Lumber From Heppner Mill

The first carload of lumber to be shipped from Heppner Lumber company's mill was loaded at the local yards last Thursday.

Cut from local Ponderosa pine to specifications of the buyers, it was consigned to Nicolai Sash & Door company at Portland. The mill is now busy cutting for Bridal Veil Box & Lumber company and drying piles are rapidly usurping vacant space over the large grounds adjoining the mill.

CHANGING DRIVEWAYS

Work of changing seven miles of the Arbutle sheep driveway has been completed, and work is starting on the Groshen Cabin driveway. The forest service is attempting to remove all livestock driveways from roads, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger.

Estrayed—Roan cow, 3 yrs. old, cropped ears; left my place about July 1. Call 17F3, Heppner. F. S. Parker.

Mercury at 103 Second Hottest Day Since 1928

No Relief Seen Today; 87 Mark Hit at 8 o'Clock

Heppner sweltered at 103 in the shade yesterday for the first time since July 15, 1935, the last date Len L. Gilliam's government thermometer climbed to that point, he reported this morning.

No relief from the week's heat wave was in sight this morning as Gilliam's thermometer showed 87 at 8 o'clock, exactly the same as the reading at that time yesterday morning. Clear skies and a very slight breeze this morning are similar to conditions yesterday.

Yesterday's temperature was the second hottest in 11 years, as the 1935 record exceeded all others except that of July 25, 1928, the hottest day of local record, when 108 was reached.

Local people were heard to complain of the heat Sunday when the official record was 95. The mercury reached that point again Tuesday, after the day had started at 80, the 8 o'clock reading.

One hotter day than these occurred just after the storm two weeks ago when 102 was recorded in the morning. The heat of that day did not become unbearable, however, as a heavy wind came up in the morning and cooled down the mercury.

Though the hot weather has brought hazardous fire conditions in the wheat country and forest, no large fires were reported this week. One small fire in the timber was quickly subdued.

Local people who cared to take advantage of the opportunity were enabled to cool off in the refreshing waters of Heppner's big new swimming pool that opened Friday. It has proved to be a popular place.

LeMoyné Cox Likes Life With Marines

Having recently had the distinction of being one of few Marines to pass the entrance examinations into the service air school, Corporal LeMoyné Cox, son of Elbert Cox of this city, is looking forward to a bright air career. He arrived home Friday evening on a 25-day furlough, leaving his ship, USS Colorado, at Everett, Wash. The furlough was granted subject to immediate call, and he didn't know how long the 25-day leave would last.

LeMoyné was with the fleet on the east coast when orders were received to return to the Pacific. The Colorado is now undergoing complete overhaul. He had already been to the San Francisco fair, and enjoyed a leave in the city. Few men become corporals as young as himself, and he was hoping soon to have the third stripe added to the corporal's insignia of two, marking rise in rank to a sergeancy.

STOCK MOVING

The local railroad yards have been the scene of much activity in livestock movements this week. John Carter of Long Creek shipped 150 head of cattle Saturday night, brought to the city by Chance Wilson, Jack Couture and Lester McKinney. Cattle were also shipped by Rose Francis, and Harold Cohn shipped 2 carloads of sheep. Cohn shipped 7 loads of feeder lambs Monday evening destined for Illinois, 2 loads of fat lambs Tuesday evening for Waterloo, Ill., and 3 loads Wednesday evening, also for the east. C. W. McNamer shipped one carload of fat lambs to Chicago Tuesday evening. Heavy movement of the lamb crop was just getting under way.