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Hughes, Porter Rodeo Judges; Interest Large

Drum Corps May Show; Dress-Up Day Coming Aug. 19

By PAUL McCARTY

Numerous inquiries and questionnaires coming in indicate that a decided interest is developing in the Heppner Rodeo, August 24, 25 and 26, according to Henry Aiken, president.

Recent developments of the coming Rodeo include the selection of Eb Hughes, Heppner, and Clay Porter, Long Creek, as judges. A third judge remains to be selected.

President Aiken reported yesterday that an effort was being made to obtain the famous Sons of the Legion drum and bugle corps of Pendleton. This crack drill outfit which has won reknown in state and northwest contests, is led by Larry Moore, former Heppner boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Moore. The Pendleton contingent dressed in new uniforms and equipped with the best instruments, have been widely acclaimed wherever they have shown.

Plans for the largest parade in history of the Rodeo are being completed by the parade committee, which yesterday started intensive activities in regard to obtaining the highest and most complete prize list in the 18 years of the Rodeo's existence. In its contacts with merchants and business men of Heppner and Morrow county the committee reported an unusually good and willing response and spirit of cooperation. Word was received Wednesday that Echo was entering a float in the parade, which includes private and business entries from Morrow and neighboring counties.

Kenneth Depew, who is managing the bucking string owned by him and Clarence Warren, notified Henry Aiken that he was making preparations to ship his outlaw horses from Molalla, where they have been pasturing.

The arena, commonly called a corral, in which the Rodeo is annually held, is now one of the world's largest as a six-foot fence that completely encircles the arena was recently completed by Rodeo carpenters. This fence, a quarter of a mile long and 250 yards wide, is wide enough that the overflow from the grandstands may be comfortably seated.

The recently appointed committee of Scott McMurdo, Howard Bryant, Curt Thomson, and Howard "Spud" Furlong, announced that they were arranging for an unusual dress-up day stunt. August 9 is the date set for the wearing of Rodeo togs and regalia.

Fight Card May Show Titlists, 19th

Plans are in the making for a big-time outdoor smoker in Heppner on the evening of Rodeo Dress-Up Day, August 19, Promoter Sheriff Bauman said yesterday.

Sheriff Bauman's planned championship card would include a northwest champion and a famous up and coming challenger. However, the local fight bill hinges on the outcome of a forthcoming match and nothing definite can yet be announced.

If arrangements for the title fight cannot be completed, a smoker will be held just the same, Bauman added.

PETITIONS OUT

Two petitions, not yet completed, are soon to be presented to the county boundary board for consolidation of school districts 2 and 48.

SCS DISTRICT TALK SET AT IONE

Willows Grange Sets Discussion Meeting; Plans Laid For Building New Hall

By MARY LUNDELL

Farmers of lower Willow creek and Ione communities will meet in the I. O. O. F. hall in Ione, Sunday, August 6, to start the organization of a soil conservation district. Supt. Kistner of the CCC camp, County Agent Conrad and District Supervisor Millard D. Rodman will be present to explain fundamentals in forming such a district.

Farmers from both the wheat and irrigated sections will benefit and are urged to attend the meeting in Ione.

To secure the services of the CCC boys it is necessary to organize a district. The meeting is called for 2:30, Sunday, August 6, at I. O. O. F. hall in Ione.

A committee representing Willows grange was in Heppner Tuesday conferring with the carpenter regarding building plans for the new hall. The hall will be started about the middle of the month.

On August 13th members of Willows grange will gather at the Lundell home for a pot-luck dinner to be followed by grange meeting and program.

Walter C. Cason Was State Pioneer

Walter C. Cason well known pioneer, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Snively, at Richland, Wash., on July 27, 1939.

He was born near Oregon City August 7, 1863, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Cason. In 1868 the family moved to eastern Oregon and settled at what is now known as Cason canyon in the Rhea creek country. Later they moved to a ranch three miles below Ione and a few years later moved to Shuttler Flat where they were among the first to start plowing and the raising of wheat.

Mr. Cason was of pioneer stock. His father, James P. Cason, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carver Cason who crossed the plains in 1843 and settled on a donation claim near the present townsite of Gladstone. His mother crossed the plains with her parents. When her mother died enroute it was decided to spend the winter at the Whitman Mission and her father was killed in the Whitman massacre. The eleven-year-old Mary Elizabeth was held captive by the Indians with fifty other widows and orphans for about a month, when they were rescued by Governor Ogden and his party. In the severe winter weather they made the trip to Oregon City in open boats covered with canvas. Here she was given a home with Mrs. A. L. Lovejoy till her marriage to James P. Cason in 1851.

Walter Cason married Sarah Hale November 26, 1890, at Condon, Oregon. There were five children born to them and the family lived at Ione and Heppner for many years. Mr. Cason was city marshal at both places. Mrs. Cason died at Ione in September, 1925, and since then Mr. Cason has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Snively.

Surviving him are four children, Mrs. Pearl Snively of Richland, Wn., Mrs. Muriel Vaughn of Bend, Guy Cason of The Dalles, Mrs. Sybil Irwin of Ukiah, and one sister, Mrs. Ada Templeton of Spray. Graveside services were held at Ione on Saturday afternoon, July 29, and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MEASLES AT MONUMENT

An epidemic of measles at Monument that has caused the CCC camp to be quarantined is reported by Mrs. Bonnie Cochran, who has word that Joana and Junior, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Simas, and many other children near by are among victims of the disease.

Schools Continue To Lower Debt For Fourth Year

Mrs. Rodgers Tells Lions Status, Discusses New Law

Financial status of Morrow county schools for the year just ended continued to improve for the fourth consecutive year, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, reported before the Lions noon luncheon in the course of discussing the new county school re-districting law.

Net improvement in the amount of bonds and warrants outstanding was \$7,239.45, as quoted from the report of C. R. Ham, Pullman, Wash., who just completed an audit of all district reports. Bond reduction of \$18,500 for the year was partially offset by increase in warrant indebtedness of \$4,508.06 and reduction in cash carry-over from the year before of \$6,652.49.

Over the four-year period a total reduction in bond and warrant indebtedness is shown of \$65,372.17, reduction in each of the three preceding years being: 1935-36, \$37,814.60; 1936-37, \$11,732.73; 1937-38, \$8,585.39.

No new bonds were issued for school purposes in the county last year, and total of outstanding bonds was \$90,500. Warrants outstanding totalled \$31,457.53, for a total debt carryover of \$121,957.53. With cash carryover of \$28,233.56, the total net indebtedness of all schools of the county at the close of the year was \$93,723.97.

Mrs. Rodgers related facts concerning the new re-districting law, and steps of county organization as given in these columns last week, exhibiting a map of the county on which was shown in various colors each area from which children are drawn into the principal points of education at the present time. The map was indicative of the need for but four or five school districts to handle the business now being transacted by 41 operating districts. Work of the majority of boards of the 41 districts at present is mainly the settling of problems of transportation and tuition, taking the nature of inter-district transactions that

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County Contingent Goes to Boys' Camp

Morrow county's contingent of boys named to attend American Legion's Beaver Boy State camp are encamped this week with other boys from over the state at Hill Military academy in Portland. Spencer Crawford took five of them down Sunday. All are expected home next Sunday.

Those attending include Paul Rietmann and Raymond Turner, representing Ione post American Legion; Ted Peterson, sent by his father, Henry Peterson, commander of Heppner post; Hugh Crawford, representing Heppner post; John Skuzeski, representing the Elks, and Billy Scrivner, representing the Lions club.

The state camp is organized along state, county and city governmental lines to give the boys training in self-government and educate them in the principles of democratic government under which the various governmental divisions are run. Names of boys representing the various organizations were drawn by lot.

LEX RECEIVING WHEAT

The Farmers warehouse at Lexington had received 40,000 sacks of new crop wheat up to Tuesday, reported George Peck, a director. Delivery has been slow, but quality of wheat is generally high.

130 SIGN UP IN SWIM CAMPAIGN

Red Cross Classes Start for Swimmers and Non-Swimmers; Registration Remains Open

Swimmers and non-swimmers made lively response this week at the start of American Red Cross's swim campaign, object of which is to teach non-swimmers to swim, and swimmers to swim better. Classes began Tuesday with enrollment as follows:

Children under 12, beginners 30, swimmers 20.

Adults, 18 and over, beginners 25, swimmers 16.

Youths, 12 to 18, beginners 14, swimmers 25.

The total of 130 students are receiving instruction from Harold Buhman, tank manager, qualified Red Cross instructor. Registrations for the free instruction course are still open with groups meeting as follows:

Children, beginners on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30; swimmers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:30.

Adults, beginners on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:15; swimmers, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:15.

Youths, beginners on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:15; swimmers, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11:15.

ACTION URGED TO AVERT 25c WHEAT

Reverberations were heard in Heppner this morning from the action of congress' lower house in knocking out the \$119,000,000 appropriation for farm commodity loans. Roy W. Ritner and other farm leaders at Pendleton by telephone urged immediate remonstrance and a recall vote on the measure.

Ritner said Representative Angell had been contacted by telephone and would vote for passage if bill is reconsidered. He voted against it originally without thorough understanding of consequences, Ritner said. Representative Mott had been recorded in opposition to the measure, it was said.

By telephone Ritner reiterated the statement of Secretary Wallace quoted in the morning press that knocking out the loan appropriation would mean immediate return to 25-cent wheat.

Contact was not possible with Senators McNary and Holman who were on their way home from the capitol, said Ritner.

Local farm leaders were of the opinion that loss of the appropriation would mean discontinuance of the wheat loan program just now getting under way.

LOCAL BOY TO ST. LOUIS

Stephen Wehmeyer has been transferred from Fort Lewis to East St. Louis in line of duty with Uncle Sam's army, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer. At his new location he will receive special training as airplane armament technician. He was to report there tomorrow. The course covers four months of training, being completed at Denver.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE

W. S. Bennett returned home Sunday from Halfway where he spent the week attending the annual conference of Smith-Hughes instructors of the state. He reports an informative session with national leaders participating. Heat marred enjoyment of the visit some as the mercury reached 110.

FAIR ALLOTMENT MADE

Allotment of \$500 for North Morrow County fair prize money was made by the county court yesterday when Elmer Sullivan, fair board chairman, and W. A. Baker brought the matter before the court.

Wheat Loan Program Starts At Local Office

All Warehouses Get Storage Okeh; Action Speedy

The 1939 wheat loan season got under way in Morrow county last Saturday, according to E. H. Miller, chairman of the local association.

To L. A. Palmer of Lexington goes the distinction of receiving the first loan. Mr. Palmer made application at the local office at 9:30 a. m., and all details were completed and the loan agreement was in the hands of the Heppner branch of the First National bank at 11:00 a. m.

It was pointed out by Mr. Miller that all loans excepting those in which an estate appears will be handled thru the local bank. This will greatly expedite the loans. Every effort will be made to complete the loan on the same day the application is made. Of course, in some cases it will be necessary to obtain landlord's waivers and this will cause some delay.

Since Mr. Palmer's application several more applications have been received, and it is expected that some three or four hundred loans will be handled through the local office.

All public grain warehouses in the county have been approved for storage of loan wheat.

Vivian Lewis Band To Return for Rodeo

Vivian Lewis and her all-girl orchestra that made such a hit last year with Rodeo dancing patrons have been signed for a return engagement for the 1939 Heppner Rodeo on the evenings of August 24, 25 and 26, Dr. Richard Lawrence, Rodeo dance chairman, announced yesterday.

The Lewis band returned only three days ago from a ten-months' tour of the Hawaiian islands. This orchestra proved so popular last year with its peppy, rhythmic style of music that the girls practically assured themselves of a return date. Dancers last Rodeo often stopped dancing and gathered around the orchestra to watch the girls put on novelty singing and orchestral arrangements.

Prior to its trip to the Hawaiian islands the orchestra played one-night and all-summer stands at beach resorts up and down the Pacific coast and for several years was featured at the Portland breakfast club.

THURSDAY HOTTEST

Last Thursday was recorded officially as the hottest day of the season when the mercury registered 107, reports Len L. Gilliam, government observer. The day before, 103 was recorded as the hottest day since 1928. Several warm days were experienced since Thursday with mercury hovering several times around the 100 mark. Slight overcast skies and a cool breeze this morning evidenced momentary relief.

CROP DAMAGED THIRD

Henry Peterson lost a third of his new crop by the recent cyclone, he estimated when in town yesterday, having just completed harvest. Main force of the storm missed his place and first appearances were that little damage had been done. The harvest revealed the mistaken estimate. He was not complaining, however, considering himself much more fortunate than neighbors who had no harvest.

Mrs. Pearl Marquardt was shopping in the city Tuesday. She reported wheat turning out better than expected at the north Lexington wheat farm as harvest progresses.