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Another Rodeo?

UNFORTUNATE it is that everyone could not have been present at Monday evening's Rodeo meeting. We believe they would have seen, much better than we can tell, the self-sacrificing interest of president and directors that has made staging of the show possible in past years. Too many of us have sat on the sidelines, taking it for granted when everything clicked, and have been prone to criticize when something has gone wrong, probably not realizing that at times what amounted to heroic effort was made by those in charge that the show came off at all.

A case in point is the Turtle walk-out at the midnight hour preceding this year's Rodeo. Rodeo heads had to make a big decision on the spur of the moment. They sweat a lot of blood in making the fine show that was finally presented. Carpers didn't help them any when the rumors went forth that the show had gone on the rocks. The carpers were proven wrong. The show went on. It would probably have paid out if everyone had put his shoulder to the wheel. The carping didn't do gate receipts any good.

Heppner's good show in years past hasn't just happened. It has taken months of planning and almost constant attention of those in charge for many weeks to make it possible. Those men who have shouldered the burden are entitled to gratitude far more than they have received.

Now several of these men have announced intention to retire. There may be others who can carry on equally well, but a smooth-functioning organization is not going to be perfected haphazardly. President Aiken recognizes that fact in delaying election of new directors for two weeks to give everyone opportunity to think it over and attend the next meeting, the evening of October 23, prepared to act intelligently for the best interests of the show and of the community.

Welfare of the Rodeo is first in the minds of the retiring officers. They are willing to give new officers such help as is possible from their store of experience and to cooperate to the limit without having to shoulder the burden as they have borne it.

Heppner's Rodeo has become a fixture. It is mentioned in show publications, in magazines, and even in house organs—recent issue of Standard Oil Bulletin so mentioned it—as one of the leading smaller shows in the United States.

Heppner people have an obligation to keep this reputation of Ro-

deo alive; an obligation to its founders, and to those who have labored to keep it alive and growing. There should be a packed house at the 23rd meeting. Like troupers, let's say, "The show must go on."

Let's Cooperate

AGAIN Heppner's firemen are showing the esprit de corps that many times endeared their organization to the public heart. They are voluntarily fighting to clean up fire hazards and to safeguard homes and businesses and to help property holders cut insurance costs.

Everyone should lend them a listening ear and act. It is no idle gesture they are making. They realize through hard work what devastating effect fire has when out of control. And anyone who lived in Heppner through 1918, the year of the two big fires, should be able to recall what Heppner has suffered from the unleashed demon. Much of the territory burned over that year is just now being rebuilt. Some lots are still vacant where once houses and buildings stood.

Fortunately the firemen have had to use the large fire hose only once since the first of the year. Cooperation of everyone in accomplishing the aims of the firemen at this time, in recognition of Fire Prevention Week, may keep the slate clean for the remainder of the year. In doing what the firemen are asking, however, property owners should keep in mind that it is themselves, and not the firemen, who are being benefitted. The firemen are but taking the lead in helping property owners help themselves.

Health Nurse Needed

EVERYONE has read of instances where men of immense wealth committed suicide because of ill health. With all their fortune in worldly goods they could not buy life's most precious possession, health.

This is but an example to show how impossible it is to measure health in monetary values. But there is another angle to the case. Where one millionaire might commit suicide, over a period of years, there are thousands of people so financially situated as to be denied the simplest medical care, which, if given in time, would prevent their filling inopportune graves, mayhap often by self choice.

It is to reach this latter class that public health agencies have been set up all over the United States, sponsoring public nursing service. Morrow County Public Health association, now working to retain such nursing service as Morrow county has enjoyed the last few years, is one of many similar agencies the country over, which have tie-ups with state and national associations to carry on the work more effectively.

Those conducting the destinies of the local association should have the cooperation of everyone. And especially should those making the county budget lend a sympathetic ear. While offering \$250 from its own coffers toward providing six months of nursing service, the as-

sociation is asking an appropriation of \$500 from the county. Cost of the service next year is being increased from \$100 to \$125 a month.

Recitation of past accomplishments of the nursing service is not needed to justify what the association is asking. Suffice, that one man's testimony revealed that the local public health nurse uncovered a malignant illness in two of his children and resulted in needed treatment where treatment otherwise might not have been obtained and the illness might soon have reached the incurable stage. He gave the nurse credit for saving the lives of his children.

Without mentioning the hundreds of cases where the nurse has caused needed treatment to be received and thus adding many happy days to hundreds of lives, is it not enough, if the nursing service saves one life, to justify every dollar of cost?

Maybe there isn't much future to being a football hero, but who wouldn't like to be in the shoes of Jay Grabeal, the Pendleton Jack Rabbit, whose audacity has slain every California sportswriter from Crescent City to the Mexican border? And again, maybe we shouldn't

say it, except for having a certain fondness in the heart for the Lemon and Green, we simply love you, Jay, for what you and the rest of those mighty Oregons did to Southern Cal and Stanford, Pacific coast's much heralded football greats. Keep up the good work.

RHEA CREEK NEWS

A demonstration of planning every-day family meals will be held at the Rhea creek grange hall Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 4 o'clock by Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist of extension service from Oregon State college. A luncheon will be prepared for the group during the demonstration. All ladies in the adjoining communities are invited and please remember the date—Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

The Rhea Creek grange, at their last meeting, voted to change their meeting date from the first Sunday in the month to the second Friday night. So, Nov. 10, starting at 6 o'clock with a pot luck supper, will be the next grange meeting.

Mrs. Henry Baker is visiting her mother in Portland this week. Guests from Portland this week

end were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gaines who visited with Mrs. Gaines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Huston, and Miss Velma Huston who visited her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meisner of Fossil spent Sunday with the Charlie Becketts.

Misses Florence and Esther Bergstrom spent a few days this week in Portland, visiting their sister, Mrs. Chas. Long.

Lawrence Redding is reported to be ill at his home in Eight Mile.

Visiting at the Joe Batty home this week are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Aubrey of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Aubrey and Mrs. Batty are sisters.

Dance

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