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Rodeo Question Left in Hands of Business Houses

Commerce Group
Undertakes Job of
Obtaining Support

Shall Morrow county's annual show, the Heppner Rodeo, be put on this fall is a question that is agitating the directors of the Rodeo association and which was in part answered Tuesday when directors of the Heppner chamber of commerce met with the Rodeo group at a luncheon at the Lucas Place.

Obstacles in the way of conducting the show on a profitable basis were laid before the business men's group and after some discussion it was decided that the Rodeo directors have their hands full putting on the show and that if the Rodeo is to continue it is up to the business men to assume the responsibility of conducting the business affairs. In other words, it is up to the business men to say yes or no. A committee from the chamber of commerce will canvass the business houses and be ready to submit a report at the regular board of directors meeting next Wednesday evening.

The question of guaranteeing the show is the main business to be placed in the hands of the chamber of commerce committee. It was pointed out that virtually every show of this type works under a guarantee of one kind or another and that while the guarantors were assessed \$7.50 each to cover the deficit last fall it was not due to the show itself not paying out but rather due to improvements which had to be made to the grounds. These improvements included erection of bandstand, additional barns, rebuilding of some of the fences and repairs to the grounds. The barns and bandstand are permanent and should require no expenditures for several years but property such as the Rodeo park is subject to rapid deterioration and replacements are necessary each season.

It is not the intention of the chamber of commerce to take over the business end of the Rodeo without first thoroughly canvassing the business houses and citizens. This was made clear to the Rodeo association by B. C. Pinckney, president of the chamber of commerce, although he gave assurance that the club will make an earnest effort to carry on for this year's show. Committees are being named by the president and when the go ahead signal is given they will start to work.

Remembering the parade of last years show, those present decided to make an effort to equal it this year. It is also desired to build up a greater 4-H club fair. These two features will be given a lot of thought by the chamber of commerce the next few weeks.

Tickets Not Needed for Merchants' Show

There may have been a misunderstanding about the Merchants' Matinee last Saturday for the attendance was considerably less than the April show. The fact that the merchants decided to dispense with tickets and make the show free to all comers was not advertised sufficiently and this probably kept many people away.

The free shows will be continued during the spring and summer months at least. The date is the first Saturday of each month and there will be two showings of each matinee, the first show starting at 1 o'clock p. m., and the second at 2:40 p. m.

Committee Favors Raise for Clerk

Feeling that the work takes more time than is being paid for, the budget committee Tuesday evening recommended that the salary of the district clerk be increased by \$50 a year, bringing the total to \$250. Mrs. Daisy Shively is clerk of school district No. 1.

The committee, M. L. Case, E. O. Ferguson, R. C. McMurtry and B. C. Pinckney, met with the school board and planned the budget for the ensuing year. A cut of \$100 was made in one place, permitting the addition of \$50 to Mrs. Shively's salary and one other \$50 addition. The budget will be advertised the weeks of May 23 and June 6 and will be voted on at the annual meeting, Monday, June 20.

M. L. Case was chosen chairman of the budget committee and C. W. Barlow acted as secretary. Barlow and C. N. Jones are the present members of the district board.

Council Advises Basement Clean-up

This is clean up week in Heppner and the city council urges that every place, residence and business house alike, put all trash in movable containers and place them at convenient spots for the city trucks to pick up. No trash will be removed that is not so placed, the town fathers aver, and it will be up to the property owners to provide their own transportation.

Of vital importance at present, the council points out, is the cleaning of basements. This is particularly true in the business district. A representative of the state fire marshal's office is scheduled to visit Heppner soon and one of the objects of his visit will be to inspect basements and storage rooms. This week, while the clean-up is going on, is suggested as an advantageous time to rid basements of all trash, thus eliminating fire hazards and giving the storage room a clean bill of health.

Pendleton Awaits State's Cattlemen

Pendleton is all ready to receive the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association when it assembles there for the annual three-day convention next week. Registration will begin on Tuesday and the convention will be officially opened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. A dinner-dance will take place of the usual banquet, but without speeches. This opens at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening and will be followed by the night show at approximately 8:15 p. m.

Beginning at 6 a. m. Thursday the cowboy breakfast will be served at the Round-Up grounds, to be followed immediately by the feeders' program in charge of Dick Richards of Union. He will have all of the steers and heifers from his feed lots, some 84 head, in one of the ram sale sheds at the Round-Up grounds. This will be one of the highlights of the convention and will be open to all persons interested in cattle feeding. Four-H club members and Future Farmers will be given an opportunity to visit the exhibit the afternoon of May 16.

ZORNES PAYS VISIT

John Zornes, logging contractor who delivered logs to the Heppner Lumber company during its operation last year, was in Heppner the first of the week on business in connection with the new mill. He has entered into a contract with the new company, according to Orville Smith, manager, and will be on hand with a crew as soon as the mill is ready to receive logs. Zornes lives in Spokane and also has headquarters at Naches, Wash.

Tour of County Grain Fields to be Made Tomorrow

Group of Washing-
ton Farmers to View
Practices Here

A tour of Morrow county grain fields in which more than 20 farmers from the Waterville, Wash., district will participate, has been called by County Agent C. D. Conrad. The tour will take place tomorrow with the group assembling on Main street in Heppner at 8 o'clock a. m. It will extend through the south Heppner, Eightmile, Ione and Lexington communities.

Lunch will be served to the group at Willows grange hall in Ione, following which time will be taken for a discussion of erosion practices with the Washington farmers, who, possibly, have more experience with this work than any other like group of farmers in the United States. Conrad says that conditions at Waterville are similar to those found here and while wind erosion probably causes as much or more loss than water erosion that there is also much loss from washing and time will be devoted to both.

Erosion control practices, trashy fallow implements and methods of weed control will be the main topics of conversation and observation. According to Conrad, trashy fallow and related control methods were first put into practice by farmers of the Waterville section and the forthcoming junket received its incentive from three trips made by Morrow farmers to Waterville in former years.

A special feature of the tour will be inspection of the contour farming on the Sanford Farming company land in Sanford canyon. This is a recent innovation among new farming practices in the county.

It is desired that local farmers provide transportation in order that the visitors may be accompanied by those informed in the work here.

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

In taking the census, as in anything else, there is a possibility that the job will not be completed 100 percent. That appears to have been the case in the count made in Heppner recently. There were a few citizens overlooked by the enumerator and these people made the oversight known to the district supervisor, with the result that they were duly enumerated.

Figures as compiled by the district office will be released in a few days. Just what Heppner's official count will be is known only to those having charge of the enumeration. There is reason to believe that the town population has increased during the last 10 years, but it is necessary to have every individual enrolled.

If you have not been enumerated, or if you know of one who has not, you will be doing the community a service by reporting the case to the district supervisor immediately. A few blanks are on hand at the office of the chamber of commerce for the convenience of Heppner people. Get one today, fill it out and mail it at once to the district supervisor.

Parker Shows Stamp Collection to Lions

Edgar Parker was the principal speaker at the Lions club luncheon Monday at Hotel Heppner. He spoke on his hobby, stamp collecting, and had on display many specimens that held the interest of the Lions for an overtime session. He not only displayed stamps but had envelopes addressed to him from foreign lands, a collection he prizes highly.

Street Paving Projects Swings Into Motion

Oil has been fairly flying in Heppner this week with the Russell Olson crew laying paving on upwards of two miles of city streets and a short stretch of city and county work in the railway yard district. Preliminary work had been done, including grading and graveling, and the oiling has been going on at a rapid rate.

A large part of the first coat of oil was laid Tuesday and by Wednesday afternoon a start was made on the second coat. It is expected that the city's contract will be finished this evening or early Friday. Completion of this job will give every section of town paved streets and will leave very few blocks with dirt roads.

L. E. Dick took advantage of the presence of the paving concern and had the entrance to the Rosewall-Gentry garage paved.

Ticks Plentiful in Mountain District

Ticks are plentiful in the mountain district south of Heppner, according to Fred Wehmeyer, local ranger, who issues a warning that people using the timbered area at this time should exercise caution. In the opinion of the ranger, the pesky bugs are thicker this season than at any time since he has been on the local reserve.

Wehmeyer related that one day recently Kenneth Bleakman came in from a trapping expedition and removed 37 ticks from his clothing. Other forest workers have had similar experiences. Foliage, which is thicker than common, seems to be literally alive with ticks and Wehmeyer advises that serum injections be used and that clothing be searched carefully after a trip into the forested area.

Irrigon Children Take Track Honors

Irrigon grade school children captured first place in the track meet held in connection with the annual school music festival in Heppner last Friday. Heppner placed second and Boardman came out third. Some of the other schools participating furnished stiff competition for the winners but could not muster up enough points to place.

An estimated 700 people visited Heppner for the day and a large number of this crowd joined in the community basket lunch at the county fair pavilion. The Heppner chamber of commerce and the Lions club provided coffee and Green Spot and it might be said that the kids captured first honors in a drinking marathon for 25 gallons of Green Spot were consumed during the noon hour.

A Maypole dance on the school lawn opened the afternoon program. This was followed by the music festival in the gym-auditorium. Observers express the opinion that a notable improvement was shown in singing over that heard here four years ago when the music festival was new. While the festival events are non-competitive, the rivalry between the schools has resulted in greater interest in music and this is revealed in the annual program.

RYAN RESIGNS

G. J. Ryan, in town on business Monday, informed the Gazette Times that he had resigned from the position as manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. Ryan did not give his future plans further than to say he quit the local job to take a better position. He has been with the grain concern for three years and was largely instrumental in bringing about the expansion which was consummated the first of April.

Closing Exercises Of High School Set for May 18

Dean Victor P. Morris to Address Class
of Outgoing Seniors

One more week of school work faces teachers and students of Heppner high and grade schools and already thoughts are turning to vacation time with its multiplicity of activities—trips to mountain and seashore, fishing, and, for a majority of those whose good fortune it is to remain in Heppner, daily visits to the municipal swimming tank. All work ceases next Thursday, moved up one day because of the primary election.

Commencement exercises originally scheduled for Thursday evening have been set for 8:30 o'clock p. m., Saturday, May 18, at the gym-auditorium. This was made necessary by inability of the chosen speaker to appear here before Saturday. Dean Victor P. Morris of the school of business administration at University of Oregon is the speaker and from reports received from Paul McCarty and others who are familiar with the dean's platform ability the school feels justified in changing the date to insure his appearing here.

A tentative list of 33 seniors will receive diplomas, according to Alden Blankenship, superintendent. This is the largest class to graduate from the local school in the five years Mr. Blankenship has headed the school and may exceed classes for a longer number of years. The class roll includes Clara Adams, Harold Armstrong, Willard Allen Blake, Jeanette Blakely, Mary Daly, Patty Daly, Margaret Doolittle, Paul Doolittle, Clifford Fay, Richard Hayes, Cecilia Healy, Dorothy Howell Huit, Don Jones, Lois Jones, Bruce Lindsay, Mildred McClintock, Jack Merrill, James Moyer, Guy Moore, Gordon O'Brien, Juanita Phelps, Norma Prock, Cora Scott, Edna Stephens, Wilfred Stone, Arthur Vance, Shirley Wilson, Wilbur Worden, Howard Kemp Dick and three mid-year graduates, Milton Morgan, Omer McCaleb and Dean Sprinkel.

Final examinations are being taken this week. This may affect the personnel of the senior class but will have no bearing on the scholarship and other awards which are a part of the graduation exercises.

Boy Scout Camp Week May 20-26

Arrangements have been concluded for Boy Scout camp week, May 20-26, announces Martin Clark, leader. Camp will be established on Herrin creek near the old Herrin mill site, where the boys will go in for intensive camp and outdoor life. Plenty of activities have been outlined, the leader states, and it is hoped every member of the Morrow county troops will be able to attend.

Friday night, May 24, there will be a court of honor. O. E. Hoover, Blue Mountain scout executive, will be present and townspeople are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to see the boys in action. Sunday, May 26, at 1 o'clock p. m., there will be a potluck dinner to which the townspeople have an urgent invitation.

Cost per boy for the week has been placed at \$5. This is no more than enough to pay for the meals, backers of the project assert.

For distinctive markers or monuments of quality granite and marbles see Clare Ashbaugh, 204 Gale St., Heppner, Ore., local representative for The Dalles Marble & Granite Works. Lonnie Carmine, 7022-6, The Dalles, Ore. 711 J.