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## 1940 Rodeo To Be Held August 16, 17 and 18

### Association Ready to Stage Best Show in Several Seasons

Declaring the prospect for the 1940 Heppner Rodeo to be the brightest in several seasons, the officers and directors of the association set the wheels in motion Friday evening to make that prospect a reality. Acceptance of the Heppner chamber of commerce committee appointments was made and additional assignments within the association complete the organization work.

First order of business at Friday's meeting was the selection of a date for the three-day show. A study of the calendar of other rodeos and fairs in territory which might affect the local event appeared to leave August 16, 17 and 18 as the only open days. It developed that Sun Valley has selected the same date for its rodeo, but it was felt that the Idaho town is too far removed from Heppner to exert much influence on attendance here.

A discussion of the method of election of queen and princesses, a committee for which had been appointed by the chamber of commerce, resulted in dropping one member of the committee and naming of the masters of each of the granges as members of the general committee to act on selection of the queen and attendants. This committee is expected to function as soon as all members have been notified. J. O. Turner is chairman of the chamber of commerce committee, which now numbers three members, and has already taken action to get his group to functioning. Personnel of the committee, minus two grange masters whose names were not known, includes J. O. Turner, Mrs. Harold Cohn and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy of Heppner; C. J. D. Bauman, master Lexington grange; E. Markham Baker, Willows; O. E. Wright, Rhea Creek, and Marion Finch, Lena.

An effort will be made to interest the Boardman and Irrigon granges in participating in the queen and attendants' selection.

A report on condition of the rodeo grounds showed that a minimum of work and expense will be required to put them in shape for this year's show. One item of labor and small expense will be taken care of next Sunday when a group of association members will hie to the tall timber and bring out poles and posts for repairing corrals. Elaborate preparations are under way to make this a profitable day for the rodeo and there is little doubt but that Abe Lincoln's reputation as a rail splitter will suffer stiff competition from the local men.

Repairs to fences and track will again be made by crews from Camp Heppner, for which the boys will be rewarded with admission to the show.

Supplementing committees named by the chamber of commerce, the following groups have been selected by the rodeo association to help stage the show: Parade, Ralph Jackson; H. D. McCurdy, Bert Mason, J. Logie Richardson and P. A. Mollahan.

Arena: Lee Beckner.  
Grounds: L. E. Bisbee, F. W. Turner, Jim Kistner.  
Dance: Dr. R. C. Lawrence.  
Barns: Earle Bryant.  
Mrs. H. A. Cohn and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy will have charge of the queen's attendants.

Advertising will be prepared and circulated at a later date. Heretoplacards and other advertising matter out early but this has not brought the best results, it is believed, and

## SWIM LESSONS START MONDAY

### Red Cross and City Join in Offering Free Courses to All Interested Persons

All citizens of the county who have never learned to swim and wish to learn will be given an opportunity when the swim campaign sponsored by the American Red Cross and the city of Heppner opens at the Heppner tank Monday, July 8. Nothing will be asked from pupils except their time and the proper interest. The course is free.

Lessons will start Monday and continue for two weeks for each group, announces Harold Buhman, tank manager and instructor, who urges all non-swimmers to become interested.

Besides swim classes there will be life saving lessons. Before entering a life saving class, one must have passed the swim test. Upon completion of the life saving classes, those passing may qualify for advanced swimmers' certificates.

The following schedule has been prepared for the swim campaign: Swim classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children beginners, 9 a. m. to 10 a. m.; children's intermediate, 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.; youth intermediate, 11 a. m. to 12 m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—Adult beginners, 9 a. m. to 10 a. m.; adult intermediate, 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.; swimmers, 11 a. m. to 12 m.

There will be two Red Cross instructors to handle classes and the regular Red Cross certificates will be issued to all passing the required tests for each course.

## Filer, Sawyer Come From Minnesota

There may be an over supply of common labor in the United States, but when it comes to skilled labor it is a different story. At least, that has been the experience of Orville Smith, manager of the Heppner Lumber company sawmill.

As the time approaches for starting operations at the local plant, Smith is busy rounding up a crew. Common labor is available from the ranks at home and there will be no trouble in meeting the demand. There are two positions on a sawmill crew that are hard to fill and Smith has had his share of trouble in locating qualified artisans. One of these is the filer, the other the sawyer. After telegraphing, telephoning and writing to points all over the northwest for two weeks or more, he received application from two Minnesota workers who have assured him of their qualifications and eager desire to work in the far west. The filer hails from Rainier, Minn., and the sawyer from International Falls, same state.

Work at the mill has been moving rapidly the last two weeks and a tryout will be given this week end, Smith says. John Zornes will arrive Friday to put things in shape for logging operations.

## MATINEE SATURDAY

Citizens of the county are asked to bear in mind that the merchant's matinee will be run at the Star theater in Heppner Saturday afternoon, July 6. It is free and all the merchants ask is that the people attend. Consult the theater calendar for the program.

## MAY RENT TANK

Heppner's municipal swimming tank may be rented for special swim parties, according to Harold Buhman, tank manager. Those wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity may do so by making arrangements with the management.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a. m. at All Saints church next Sunday morning. Archdeacon Eric O. Robathan will officiate and preach.

A later, more intensified campaign will be tried this year.

## Existing Taxes Increased to Meet Preparedness Cost

### Collector Explains How Money to Come Under New Schedule

Answering many questions relative to the new federal tax schedule that have come to his office, J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue at Portland, this week releases an official interpretation of the changes in various miscellaneous taxes imposed by the Revenue Act of 1940 which became effective on July 1, 1940.

"No new taxes are levied by this law, said Mr. Maloney, "but increased collections of taxes for defense purposes are to be met by increases in existing taxes.

"The tax on admissions is changed to make all admission of 21 cents or more subject to tax. Up to this time the tax began with the 41 cent tickets.

"Manufacturers' sales taxes on automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, and auto parts and accessories are raised 1/2 of one per cent. The actual increase in price due to tax increase on an ordinary automobile costing \$1,000 in Portland would approximate \$3.50 or \$4.00 per car.

"The tax on tires is increased from 2 1/4 cents per pound to the new rate of 2 1/2 cents per pound; on inner tubes the increase is from 4 cents to the new rate of 4 1/2 cents per pound.

"The tax on radios and mechanical refrigerators is increased from 5 percent to 5 1/2 percent of the manufacturer's selling price. The approximate increase that might be laid to the increased tax on an ordinary refrigerator retailing for \$200 would be about 60 cents.

"Various taxes paid by affixing documentary stamps to instruments such as issues of transfers of capital stock, bonds, etc., have been increased one cent on each \$100 share; and the tax on deeds is increased from 50 cents to 55 cents per \$500 of the consideration involved.

"All persons engaged in selling distilled spirits, wines, or fermented malt liquors in wholesale or retail quantities are required to pay annual occupational taxes, and these have all been increased a flat 10 percent. Distilled spirits is taxed an additional 75 cents per gallon; and the increase in tax on beer is \$1.00 per barrel. Taxes on wines are increased in varying amounts.

"Floor taxes must be paid by all wholesale and retail dealers in distilled spirits on the stock of goods they have on hand July 1, based on the increase in tax, retailers being allowed an exemption of 100 gallons.

"Wholesale dealers in beer must pay a floor tax of \$1.00 per barrel on their stocks as of July 1, but retail dealers do not need to pay this floor tax except on the beer that they may have stored off their premises, for which they are paying special tax. There is no floor tax on wines.

"Cigarettes are the only tobacco products on which the tax is increased. The increase on the ordinary cigarette is from \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 1000, which means a tax of 1/2 cent per pack of 20, or 5 cents per carton. However, every person selling cigarettes, no matter how small a business they may have, is required by law to pay a floor stocks tax on all cigarettes they have on hand July 1. An inventory must be taken on that date, and the Collector's office notified at once, so that a form may be mailed out to be used in paying the tax due.

"An increase of 10 percent in the present taxes is effective July 1, 1940, on all taxes on club dues and initia-

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## CITY FIRE SIREN HATH NO CHARM

### Banker Says Alarm Device Causes Loss of Appetite Every Time it Whistles

The above heading has the sound of a patent medicine testimonial, but in reality it has to do with a grass fire which brought the citizens of Heppner to their feet last Sunday and caused no small amount of apprehension to develop among residents of the east side of the town.

At least one citizen has no yearning to hear the fire siren blast its raucous message of danger. B. C. Pinckney, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, says it causes him to lose his appetite, especially since Sunday when he was burning weeds and grass in his back yard and the fire got beyond his control and quickly spread to neighbors' yards.

Weeds were high and dry back of the Pinckney place and fearing to let them go unattended to until the fire department could get around to remove them. He was getting along all right until suddenly the water pressure dropped and he could no longer cover the outlying wave of fire. Aided by a north wind, the fire spread quickly to the rear yard of the W. E. Pruyn place and from there to the McCaleb house. From there it started up the hill and once in the Barratt pasture made rapid headway toward the summit of Morrow hill. The alarm was given as soon as the fire got out of Pinckney's control and while the department was getting into action, residents of that part of town were making a desperate effort to check the spread of the flames. It was a great relief to the volunteers when the truck arrived with the pump tank.

Unused to such strenuous exercise, Pinckney and some of the other men who followed the course of the fire up the hill gave out after a short time and had to retire from the battle.

Approximately 50 acres of the Barratt pasture was burned over before the fire was put out.

## Wheat Loan Meeting at Arlington Monday

A district wheat loan meeting will be held at Arlington, Monday, July 8, according to Merle Cummings, assistant secretary of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation committee. The 1940 wheat loan schedule will be fixed at this meeting.

This year's schedule is not expected to vary much from the 1939 program, according to information in the hands of the various committees of the district. I 1939 wheat of any class grading No. 3 or better or wheat grading No. 4 or No. 5 and based solely on the factor of test weight, will be eligible for loan.

Returns from the harvest which is now quite generally under way in the lower sections of the county indicate that the yield is about average. E. C. Daugherty, first operator to deliver grain at Lexington this season, reports an average of 15 bushels from his crop on the Ernest Smith place. Bert Bowker in town Tuesday, said that cutting on his field so far indicates an average of 20 bushels per acre.

Earl Merritt and Mrs. Leonard Barr drove in this morning from Pasco, where Mrs. Barr has been visiting at the Merritt home. She is enroute to her home at John Day. Her visit to Pasco was prompted by the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt (nee Edna Vaughn) June 14, whom father and grandmother pronounce the finest baby in the world.

Be Wise, Clean-Up With a Dona Ray Facial at Myrtle's Beauty Salon.

## Drouth Creates Fire Hazard in Timbered Areas

### Forest Service Asks Serious Cooperation From Picnic Parties

Warning of extreme fire hazard in the lower portions of the Umatilla National forest have been issued by the forest service. The present season is one of the driest in years, rangers point out, and persons contemplating using the forest over the 4th of July holiday period are urged to use every precaution against fire.

To eliminate the fire danger as much as possible, the forest service is recommending that vacationers and picnickers seek recreation spots in the higher reaches where grass is still green, shade is abundant and cold springs are available. Ditch creek offers all facilities for campers and picnickers, says Fred Wehmeyer, local ranger, who is of the opinion that people wishing to use the forest over the 4th will find it much more agreeable on top of the mountains than along the creeks.

In preparation for the holiday period and subsequent use of the forest, the service has moved in emergency lookout men during the week. Owen Leathers and family have been stationed at Red Hill. Ant Hill and Potamus stations will be manned within the week. Seven fires have been put down already this season, all of them small and inflicting minor damage. One of these, on Deerhorn, proved a bit stubborn and Darrell Hudson was sent in there Tuesday to mop it up.

A new fire truck is expected this week end from Portland. Charles Wilcox, who went to Kettle Falls to deliver a piece of machinery, will continue on to Portland to bring the new rig. This is a combination trail builder and fire fighter which is expected to facilitate the work of the forest service in putting down fires.

Prospect of a good huckleberry crop in the mountains south of Heppner is reported by Wehmeyer. Several of the big patches are loaded with the young berries at this time and unless frost or some other weather condition interferes there will be plenty of the luscious fruit for everybody, the ranger thinks.

## Youth Injures Head in Bicycle Accident

Kenneth Orwik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orwik, new arrivals in Heppner from Lone Rock, suffered serious injuries to his head Monday noon when thrown from a bicycle into a pile of rocks just north of the W. T. Campbell residence on north Court street. He sustained several gashes in his scalp and it required six stitches to close the wounds.

The boy had been up near the Barratt pasture fence, scene of Sunday's fire, and returning to Court street lost control of the bicycle. He was taken to the B. C. Pinckney home where first aid was administered and was later removed to the office of a physician. W. C. Rosewall went in search of the boys' parents and found that Mr. Orwik was the new man who had just gone to work in the Rosewall-Gentry garage that morning.

Miss Lucille Vale, county health nurse for Morrow and Sherman counties, returned to Heppner Sunday evening after spending the last six weeks at Moro. She came from Portland where she spent the week end on a brief vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case of Medford arrived in Heppner early Saturday morning to visit at the home of Mr. Case's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case.