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Varied Program Considered for Heppner Rodeo

Intense Advertising Campaign Planned in Coming Weeks

Heppner's 1940 Rodeo will lack nothing in the way of advertising if plans discussed at a meeting of the chamber of commerce last night are fully carried out. The discussion also included more features for the three days and all signs point to a bigger and better show.

Efforts will be directed toward arousing a more definite community interest in the show by conducting an intensive advertising campaign from now until August 16. Aside from the usual printed advertising, arrangements are being made with theaters of several neighboring towns to run trailer films telling about the Heppner show. An effort will be made to get car owners to carry signs featuring rodeo acts, and it was suggested that dates of the show printed in bright letters on automobile tires would attract the attention of countless potential ticket buyers.

Several junket trips are under consideration whereby a carload or more of chamber of commerce delegates will visit neighboring organizations and spread good cheer accompanied by a generous amount of Rodeo advertising. A dress up week, the last week before and including the Rodeo, will be declared in which all business men and citizens will be impressed with the propriety of cowboy attire. To enforce this civic duty the fire department will be asked to take charge.

A cowboy breakfast has been added to the program. Lee Beckner and Jim Kistner will likely be in charge of this new event, which will be free to the public—at 50 cents a plate. It is planned to make this the opening event of the show, serving to start at 6 o'clock Friday morning, August 16.

Another event mentioned is a free street dance. Some of the merchants suggested other street amusements in the form of chicken and pig races. These items may be worked out in the next week or so. The general plan is to have more entertainment going on in town during the hours when the cowboys are not doing their stuff.

Mrs. Frank Gilliam Passes at City Home

Mrs. Frank Gilliam, 75, early Morrow county pioneer, passed away at 7:10 o'clock a. m. today at the family residence in west Heppner. She had been ill about two weeks following a fall on July 3 and while her condition was serious her death was an unexpected shock to the family.

Arrangements are being made for funeral services Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church, of which she was long a member. The Eastern Star service will be used.

Clinton Gilliam is expected to arrive in Heppner this evening from his home in California, having been summoned yesterday.

BUILDING BOWLING ALLEY

H. J. Strecker, a recent arrival from Denver, Colo., has leased the former J. C. Penney Co. store room and is putting in a bowling alley. The substructure for the alleys is nearly completed and finishing work has been held up pending arrival of the maple finishing lumber from an eastern point. He expects to be ready for opening the new amusement center in about ten days.

Strayed—Dappled gray horse, 5 years old, weight 1100 to 1200 lbs. Notify Fred Hoskins, Ione. 20-22p.

THUNDER STORM STRAFES COUNTY

Electrical Disturbance Fails to Produce Expected Rain; Forest Escapes Fire Threat

Charging over the hills and valleys of the county like a squadron of modern bombing planes, an angry storm cloud unleashed an attack of wicked forked lightning and cannon-cracker thunder Tuesday afternoon, providing 15 or 20 tense moments for the populace but failing to bring more than a light shower of rain over Heppner and immediate vicinity. What appeared to be a heavy shower to the south of town veered off to the northeast, and no reports have been received showing that there was heavy rain at any point in this region.

The electrical display was one of the most brilliant seen here in recent years. Heat energy, stored up from days of excessive warm weather, was burned up at a rapid rate as the wicked tongues of lightning took their wayward course across the heavens. Two hits were scored in this vicinity, it was reported, one in the Frank S. Parker pasture west of town and the other in the Barratt pasture northeast of town. A small herd of cattle grazing near the top of the hill where the lightning hit in the Barratt pasture quickly sought refuge at a lower elevation.

Forest lookouts in the Heppner division of the Umatilla National forest reported everything clear Wednesday morning. There was a light shower in the mountains and this would have a tendency to check an immediate outbreak, according to Ranger Fred Wehmeyer, who said that fires have been known to break out many hours after an electrical storm had passed over.

Alexander Cornett Called by Death

Memorial services for Alexander Cornett, aged 78 years and 10 months, were held from the Case Mortuary chapel Sunday afternoon, Rev. James Wilkins of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Born at Elk Creek Virginia, Sept. 12, 1861, Mr. Cornett attained manhood in his native state, leaving there at the age of 21 for the west. He located first in Nebraska, later moving on to Montana and after spending a few years in that state came to Oregon, finding employment in Morrow county. In 1905 he married Mrs. Kate Johnson, who operated a stock ranch on Little Butter creek. A few years later they disposed of the ranch property and purchased them a home in Heppner. Mrs. Cornett died in 1918.

Mr. Cornett at various times served on the city council and as justice of the peace.

Surviving are two stepsons, James Johnson of Range and Felix Johnson of Long Creek; one half-brother, Tom Cornett and a half-sister, Jennie Randy, and a nephew, Alex Green, of Heppner.

Coyote Captured on Herder's Porch

Trappers who set long trap lines might be interested in a new method of catching coyotes, for instance, the use of kitchen utensils. Such a capture was made last Thursday evening by Roy Rector, herder for Ralph Thompson, when a half-grown coyote invaded the back yard of the Thompson cabin on Camas prairie and attempted to steal a piece of meat from a pup.

Hearing a commotion on the back porch, Rector stepped out to see what was causing it. To his surprise there was the coyote struggling with the pup over a piece of meat. Rector seized a wash tub and imprisoned the unbidden guest. The animal was given to Foster Collins, who brought it to town and made a present of it to County Agent C D Conrad.

SHE WILL RULE O'ER 1940 RODEO



Queen Marjorie II

When the dancing at Rhea Creek grange hall was halted at 11 o'clock last Saturday night, the suspense and speculation over who was to rule the 1940 Heppner Rodeo was relieved with the announcement that Miss Marjorie Parker of Heppner had been selected as queen. At the same time the four attendants were named, each representing a participating grange. These include Betty Lou Lindsay, Willows grange; Dorris Scott, Lexington; Patricia Daly, Lena, and Phyllis Jane Pollock, Rhea Creek.

The 1940 queen is a talented young lady, graduate of Heppner high school, an accomplished musician and a horsewoman of ability. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker of Heppner.

Logging Crew Sets Up Camp in Timber

John Zornes and a crew of about ten men moved in last week and have set up camp in the Bridal Veil timber holdings on Johnson creek. The crew is composed mostly of truckers who will move the more than 500,000 feet of logs decked at the camp to the mill below town. It is expected that this will require about two weeks.

Zornes says that on or about August 1 logging operations will start in earnest and there will be a considerably larger crew in camp, including fallers and skidders.

The new Heppner Lumber company mill is sawing up logs left following the fire which destroyed the original mill last fall. Some 250,000 feet of timber was decked or scattered about the pond and this was found to be in good condition when sawing started last Thursday.

Life-Saving Course Will Start Monday

Starting Monday, July 22, life-saving classes will be held at the Heppner municipal tank, coached by Harold Buhman, instructor, and under sponsorship of the American Red Cross. Junior classes will be conducted from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. and senior classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. daily for two weeks, Buhman announces.

Compulsory attendance is required to qualify for certification at the end of the course.

Ben Carpenter, field representative of the Red Cross life-saving division, will be here a few days before the first of August.

Apricots for sale or trade for grain. Fred Roach, Boardman, Casson place. 20-21p.

Next Queen Dance at Willows Grange

Queen Marjorie II and her royal court will honor Willows grange with their presence Saturday evening, July 20, on the occasion of the second queen's dance of the series of five to be held prior to the annual Heppner Rodeo, August 16-17-18.

The schedule of dances, beginning with the dance at Rhea Creek grange hall last Saturday, the one at Ione this Saturday, includes Lexington grange hall Saturday evening, July 27, Lena grange hall August 3 and the final dance at the fair pavilion in Heppner August 10.

The queen and her attendants were taken to Pendleton last Thursday and outfitted with cowgirl regalia which will be much in evidence from now until the final day of the Rodeo.

SAMS-MEDLOCK

Dorothy Mae Sams and George Loyd Medlock were married Saturday, Justice of the Peace J. O. Hager performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Robbs of Heppner, who with Mrs. Cecile Medlock, witnessed the ceremony.

HEALTH ASSN. MEETING SET

A meeting of the Morrow County Health association has been called for 8 o'clock p. m., Friday at the office of J. O. Turner. All interested in this important work have been extended an urgent invitation to attend.

MAKING RANGE SURVEY

Clifton Wendt, grazing examiner for the national forest service, and a party of seven men will make a range survey of the reserve south of Heppner. The work at this time will complete the survey of the John Day breaks.

Bombing Field Locale Settled, Says Major Gates

Morrow County Site Most Logical Found in 3-State Quest

Morrow county will be the site of an aerial bombing field if the recommendation forwarded to the war department by Major John C. Gates is accepted. This was the information given out by the major on the occasion of two visits to Heppner this week and judging from newspaper accounts emanating from Arlington and published in some state papers actual bombing practice may begin almost any day.

"The Morrow county site is the only one in three states that comes near filling the requirements of the air division and it is the one getting my recommendation," Major Gates told a group of business men at a luncheon meeting Friday. He repeated the statement to a larger group in a public meeting at the court house Tuesday evening.

The Friday luncheon was attended by Major Gates and Gus Carlson of Arlington who were in Heppner checking over properties, affected in the proposed bombing field project. It gave Heppner business men an opportunity to meet the major, who, up to the last week, has conducted most of the affairs attendant upon acquiring the field at Arlington or elsewhere. Arrangements were made at this meeting for a general meeting Tuesday evening to which the major was invited to speak. He welcomed the opportunity to meet more of the people directly affected.

In his brief talk the major stressed the importance of national defense and said it was not the purpose of the army or any other governmental agency to impose hardship on any district. However, to get possession of the tract at an early date it may be necessary to institute condemnation proceedings.

Getting around to the matter of an air base, the speaker said that he has nothing to do with selection of such sites but suggested a possibility of developing a base in connection with the bombing field. That is something to be worked out later and the major was not inclined to "stick his neck out" too far.

J. O. Turner was chairman of the meeting and outlined Morrow county's position relative to the bombing field. He assured Major Gates and the delegation of Arlington business men who accompanied him, that Morrow county citizens are in accord with the government's defense program and stand ready to support it even in the face of considerable sacrifice.

P. W. Mahoney, speaking as an attorney and as a sheepman, gave the stockman's point of view, urging that ample remuneration be given to those who face loss through location of the bombing field on their grazing areas.

Judge Bert Johnson gave a brief resume of the bombing field deal and defended the court's action in refusing to deal until something concrete has been offered. He closed his remarks with a plea that Morrow county be given first consideration in the event an air base is established in eastern Oregon.

Following the talks the ranchers and grazing lessees present consulted with Major Gates about their holdings, some of them expressing a willingness to negotiate immediately.

REBUILDING ROAD

A forest road crew under the supervision of Winston Abel is rebuilding a section of the forest road between Ukiah and the Ellis ranger station.