

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Brahmas' Arrival, Buttons Feature Pre-Rodeo Activity

### Final Queen's Dance at Lena Saturday; Junket Planned

Heppner took on a phase of intense pre-Rodeo activity Tuesday with the arrival of the Clarence Warren-Kenneth Depew string of wild Brahma steers.

With the Warren-Depew herd of Brahmas, natives of South America, is "Sleepy," the steer that has never been ridden ten seconds. To any man who stays atop Sleepy for that length of time the Rodeo association will pay \$50. Sleepy put Clarence Warren over the fence at the Rodeo grounds Sunday, as well as several CCC boys who attempted to conquer the South American steer.

Co-chairman Logie Richardson and Gene Ferguson of the junket advertising trip said yesterday their caravan, expected to include 25 cars, will leave here early Tuesday morning or a good will tour to Arlington, will lunch at Condon with members of that city's chamber of commerce, travel on to Kinzua, Fossil, Canyon City, and stay over Tuesday night at John Day. Wednesday's itinerary includes Long Creek, Ukiah, and arrival in Heppner early that afternoon. Co-chairman Richardson expects to make additional plans for the trip while in Portland this week end. He said that buglers and drum majorettes from the band would also be among the group's personnel.

Buttons advertising the Rodeo are on sale at local business houses for 25 cents. These buttons are numbered from 1 to 2000, and the purchaser may choose any number desired. Five cents from each twenty-five cent button bill be donated to the band and a remaining portion will be placed in a fund. All purchasers are urged to help advertise the Rodeo by wearing their buttons.

The usual numerous inquiries have been coming in regarding dates and prize lists of the Rodeo, according to Henry Aiken, president. Aiken said he would appoint a housing committee to handle Rodeo guest accommodations. Hotels report a rapidly enlarging reservation list.

Hay for Rodeo and buckaroo stock has been placed at the corrals. Frank Turner has been daily training his thoroughbred, Elmega, for the top money race, the Morrow county derby.

The final in the series of four grange dances will be held Saturday at Lena. Playing for the dance will be Spangle's orchestra of Pendleton. Jack Merrill's band has been signed for the final queen dance, Saturday, August 10, at the Heppner fair pavilion.

### ECONOMIST TO SPEAK

By arrangement of the state AAA committee, Dr. Robert H. Montgomery, professor of economics at University of Texas, will give an address at Vert Memorial hall in Pendleton at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, August 6. Dr. Montgomery will discuss the relationship of business and agriculture as viewed from the long range. Farmers, business men and the public generally is invited to hear Dr. Montgomery, with promise of a worthwhile message.

### STOCK TO MARKET

Hyslop sheep company of Spokane shipped five carloads of Frank Wilkinson lambs from the local yards Saturday evening, with various destinations. At the same time Dillard French shipped two carloads of cattle to the Portland market. Harold Cohn shipped one carload of lambs to Raft Packing company Monday night.

## L. Edwin Beach Takes Bride in East

Many Morrow county friends are interested in the news of the marriage of L. Edwin Beach, son of Mrs. Elsie Beach of Lexington. Mr. Beach took Miss Freda Louise Davis of Longview, Wash., for his bride in New York City on Sunday, July 7, according to announcement received by relatives and friends in this county.

Miss Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Davis of Longview, took the vows with Mr. Beach at Sea Cliff Methodist church, and Mr. and Mrs. Beach will make their home in Sea Cliff for the summer, moving to New York City in the fall to make their permanent residence.

The marriage was the culmination of a romance started at Whitman college when Mr. and Mrs. Beach were both students. Mrs. Beach, an accomplished musician, continued her education at University of Washington and had since lived in Seattle where she taught music. Mr. Beach was graduated from University of Oregon and after teaching for a few years followed his career as a singer to his present position with the glee club of Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.

## 21 Fire Starts from Storm New Record

A total of 21 fires, the largest of which covered eight acres before being subdued, were caused by the lightning storm preceding rains of last week end in the local forest district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. Wehmeyer believed this set a new record for number of starts from a single storm.

Spread of the fires was largely prevented by the rains that followed which momentarily relieved the fire hazard. Wehmeyer commended the attitude of residents adjacent to the forest who stood by ready to help combat the flames at a moment's notice, if necessary.

The recent large Potamus fire resulted in small loss other than damage to watershed, Wehmeyer said.

## Kinzua Pushes Work on Huge Mill Pond

Kinzua Pine Mills is pushing work on the big mill pond at Wineland lake on the west end of Heppner forest district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. When completed the pond will accommodate 25 million feet of logs.

From this concentration point of logging activities the logs will be trucked to the mill over the new road, grade for which has been completed and which is now being gravelled. The road contractor's camp is established at Long prairie, Wehmeyer reports.

### HAVE ENJOYABLE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, daughter Katherine of Oregon City and son Orrin of San Francisco, completed an enjoyable ten-day vacation motor trip with arrival home last Thursday. Orrin accompanied his parents to Heppner and departed for San Francisco on Saturday. Driving north through Seattle, they took the boat to Vancouver, visiting there and at Victoria, then driving to Banff and Lake Louise before return south by way of Nelson and Spokane. Mr. Bisbee was high in praise of the beauties of Victoria, Kicking Horse river, Yoho park (where four bull moose were seen at a distance of some 100 feet), and enchanting Lake Louise. Canadian money was purchased at ten per cent discount and reasonable rates were found along the way.

### BUILDING DRIFT FENCE

A crew of 22 CCC boys are engaged in building 25 miles of drift fence on the Five Mile Cattle and Horse allotment in the local district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge. The association is cooperating in the work.

## Improved Exhibits Promise of 4-H Club Showing

### All Communities to be Represented; Special Awards Listed

An increased number of exhibits with a decide improvement in quality will be the case at the 4-H Club fair and at the Morrow County Wool and Grain shows this year, according to C. D. Conrad, who has recently made a survey of the 4-H club projects in the county.

All communities in the county will be represented at the fair with a large exhibit of dairy cattle coming from Irrigon.

Many special awards are being given this year for championships and these awards will be on exhibit in one of the local store windows sometime soon.

The fair this year will be Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, in conjunction with the Rodeo.

The first preparations for the fair will get under way August 9 when the 4-H club boys will get together to build the lunch stand which they operate at the dance each year to obtain money to send their exhibits to the state fair and Pacific International. August 15, the boys and their parents will congregate to build stalls and pens for their stock in the livestock pavilion and erect seats and shade for the show ring. Every effort is being made, according to Conrad, this year to provide seating room and shade for spectators to watch the livestock judging and demonstrations.

## Wheat Insurance Closing Date Near

Oregon wheat growers were reminded this week by the state AAA office in Corvallis that August 31 or seeding time, whichever is earlier, will be the closing date for taking out federal crop insurance on winter wheat. Applications are being accepted at county AAA offices.

Approximately 2000 Oregon farmers protected their wheat crop this year with crop insurance, and a few of these farmers are now filing claims for losses, according to Clyde Kiddle, supervisor of the program.

Unless unforeseen crop hazards appear before harvest is completed, it is not expected that the percent of loss will be as high as in 1939 when 662 Oregon farmers had insurance and 188 experienced crop losses, Kiddle said.

Farmers who receive wheat in payment of insured losses may take out a commodity loan on this wheat any time between now and January 1, 1941, it was pointed out.

## Signup Reduces Benefit Rates

Because of the unexpectedly large participation of the nation's farmers in the 1940 agricultural and range conservation programs, federal payments will be 10 percent lower than the tentative rates announced last November, N. Donaldson, in charge of the state AAA office in Corvallis, has been informed.

This downward adjustment is necessary in order that payments will not exceed funds appropriated by congress, says Donaldson.

This means that checks issued to Oregon farmers for participation in all phases of the 1940 AAA program, with the exception of the price adjustment program and sugar beet program, will be 90 percent of the tentative schedule announced previously.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas left this morning for Portland on a business trip.

## Samoan School Head Shows Movies

Three thousand miles beyond Honolulu lies American Samoa, land of copra and bananas, where 300 inches of rain fall in a year and life moves in the slow tempo of the semi-tropics, according to the story of Murray Heminger told in connection with several reels of moving pictures of the region shown to a group of local people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ferguson last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Heminger and Mr. Heminger's mother, Mrs. G. W. Merrill were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bennett while in the states on summer vacation. They arrived Friday morning and departed Sunday morning for Seattle.

From airplane, boat and land Mr. Heminger had taken the movies to encompass the islands where lie both American and British Samoa, showing topography of the country, the surrounding seas, verdant, palm-covered landscapes; the picturesque natives, their customs, manner of dress, abodes and implements, including the various styles of boats in which, by adept manipulation, they travel among isles of the archipelago. Shots of distinguished visitors, native ceremonials, life in the Heminger home, of fishing and boating trips strengthened the human interest throughout the showing.

The Hemingers and Mrs. Merrill were former residents of Seattle, and Mrs. Merrill has resided in Honolulu for the last 38 years.

## Inch Rainfall Marked Here in 24 Hours

An even one inch of rain fell in Heppner within 24 hours last Thursday night and Friday afternoon, according to the markings of Len L. Gilliam, official observer.

Heaviest of the rain fell Friday afternoon, when the downpour gave citizens view of one of the heaviest rains of modern history. At that time .91 inch fell mostly inside an hour. The previous night .09 inch was recorded.

Heppner appeared to be on the edge of the main storm which centered about three miles below town and washed debris into the highway at the Wightman place, calling for emergency road clearing before traffic could pass.

Rains were general over the county at the same time and chief loss was in laying off harvest crews and washing of summer fallow fields. The ripened grain was not greatly damaged, general reports say.

## Heppner Chosen for Sectional FFA Meet

The mid-Columbia section of Future Farmers of America have selected Heppner for their annual meet next March 21, announces W. S. Bennett, local Smith-Hughes instructor and FFA leader.

Schools to be represented include Redmond, Dufur, The Dalles, Arlington, Condon, Boardman, Pendleton, Helix, and Heppner.

The program includes shop skill contests, seed and potato judging, parliamentary procedure contest and public speaking. Winners of public speaking and parliamentary procedure then compete for state title with winners from five other districts.

### RANGE SURVEY ON

Oz Beedon from the regional forest office and a crew of men were in the district last week in connection with a complete range survey being made in the local district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. Charles Rector from the district office, and Bert Reed from the regional office are in charge of the survey, locally.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kinne expected to leave this morning for The Dalles and Portland on a week's vacation, visiting Mr. Kinne's folks at Portland.

## Oiling to Eight Mile Postoffice Set Says Baldock

### Work on Condon and O.-W. Roads Learned by Court

Completion of oiled surfacing on the Heppner-Condon highway from the end of the present surfacing at the F. E. Parker place to the Eight Mile postoffice has been definitely set up by the state highway commission, and additional work on the Oregon-Washington and Heppner-Condon highways is projected that will give Morrow country a good break in its better roads program.

This report was brought to the Monday Lions luncheon at Camp Heppner by Judge Bert Johnson, who with Commissioners Geo. Peck and L. D. Neill, other county court members, conferred with State Engineer R. H. Baldock in Salem last week end.

Contract for the oiled surfacing from Parker's to the Rugg place on Rhea creek will be let by the commission August 22, Baldock told the court, with construction to start in September. Oiling on this stretch will be done next summer. This has been definitely passed by the commission.

An additional \$12,000 has been earmarked to oil the Condon road on from Ruggs' to the Eight Mile postoffice, and is expected to be definitely okehed by the commission shortly, said Judge Johnson. This surfacing will be lighter than that being put on as far as Ruggs, which is the same type as is used on primary highways.

Construction of the Condon road on from the Eight Mile postoffice to the Burton Wilson grade on Rock creek has already been taken care of in the amount of \$70,000 set up in the commission's 1942 budget, and available in July, 1941. The item as set up calls for construction and surfacing over the new route, survey of which has been completed. This amount is to come from federal funds, whereas the other funds being expended on this road are state funds, and the reason it was not set up in the 1941 budget is that the stress of the national defense program has prevented congress from acting upon such appropriations.

Surfacing on the Oregon-Washington hiway from the Hanna farm to Lena has also been projected by the state engineer's office and may be started this winter if the commission approves. Judge Johnson said the matter of approval would probably come before the commission's October session.

If plans of the state highway commission materialize the members will visit eastern Oregon next month, and their tentative itinerary calls for a stop in Heppner the evening of September 2. It is expected a public audience will be given at that time, said the judge.

### RAINS LIVEN SPRINGS

Rains of last week end were most welcome in the local forest district, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. Besides abating the fire hazard for the moment they livened springs materially and gave promise that the range water situation, which had become serious would probably be relieved for the remainder of the grazing season.

### LAMBS LEAVE FOREST

Eighty to ninety percent of the new lamb crop has left the local forest district for market, estimates F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. The lambs have been removed almost entirely by truck this season, aiding their reaching market in best possible condition.