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School Opening Set September 2; All Teachers Ready

Extra Primary Group Necessary; Plant Undergoes Repairs

With Heppner's 20th Rodeo history now written, attention is turned to opening of school, slated for Tuesday, September 2. Already demand is strong for living accommodations for the school year, and general influx of teachers and students bids for a big get-away on opening day.

Supt. Alden H. Blankenship has been on the job for two weeks attending to last minute preparations, one of which was to engage the services of an additional primary teacher. Already 36 primary pupils are in sight, with prospect of 40 or more on opening day. Mr. Blankenship said. This number not only calls for an additional teacher but sets a new attendance record for the primary department.

Throughout the summer Wm. Driscoll, janitor, has been busily engaged in supervising renovating, remodeling and repairing of the school plant, including placement of new roofing on gymnasium, waxing of floors, installation of additional cabinets in the home economics department, and cleaning up generally to have all the plant in the best condition it has been in for years.

Miss Virginia Lee is the new primary teacher engaged, who will handle this department in cooperation with Maxine Browning. Other grade teachers are Mrs. Elizabeth Dix 2nd, Miss Lela Peterson 3rd, Mrs. Lera Crawford 4th, Miss Frances Weaver 5th, Miss Rose Hoosier 6th, Ted Stanley Jaross, 7th and grade athletics, Harold Buhman, 8th and grade school principal.

In the high school besides Mr. Blankenship will be Lyle Swenson, principal and boys' athletics; Dorothy Gene Davolt, home economics; Arthur Straus, Smith-Hughes agriculture; Margaret Wright, social sciences; Norbert Peavy, English and mathematics, and Virginia Humphrey, commercial.

GIVES RODEO BOOST

Lawrence Doherty left Monday for Emery county, Utah, to resume his duties as soil surveyor for the Soil Conservation service, after having spent Rodeo week with family and friends. He was amazed to hear of bumper yields being produced on fields that did not appear to be much different than in other years. While here he availed himself of an opportunity to visit Grand Coulee dam and the lands that will soon be under water, where he found that the quality of much of the soil is such that the project promises well to become one of the fertile spots of the west. He stated that interest in the northwest, and especially such irrigated projects as Grand Coulee, is very noticeable in Utah, where irrigation has been directly chiefly to southern California. He believed the Rodeo is becoming a better show year by year, and that all of Morrow county must have been helping to put it on.

NAVY RECRUITER HERE 22ND

The Navy recruiting officer from Walla Walla will be at the Heppner postoffice, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, to interview young men who are interested in the naval service. In this connection, the information is given that enlistment in the naval reserve is now for a period of four years, and these men will have full access to the schools for 57 trades which the navy teaches. For full information on these schools and the naval reserve, see the recruiting officer, at the postoffice, on the 22nd.

Apartment for rent. Inquire at Shannon's.

LOCAL MAN DIES RESULT OF CRASH

Frank Edmondson, 43, Dies
from Injuries When Brakes
Fail; Many Attend Rites

Frank Edmondson, 43, died last Thursday morning after being rushed to Heppner for treatment of injuries received when his truck crashed on the switch-back just beyond the French ranch on the Heppner-Spray road. Bill Beck was driving the truck at the time. It was loaded with sheep being brought to Heppner for shipment.

The truck slipped out of gear, according to the driver, and such momentum was gained coming down the grade that it was impossible to hold it back with the brakes, resulting in the crash.

Jim Conner who came past, picked up the men and brought them into Heppner. Edmondson was revealed to have serious internal injuries, and he died shortly after reaching the hospital. Beck was not seriously injured.

Edmondson who moved the family home to Heppner about a year ago from Clarks canyon, had since been engaged in hauling, and had been working hard for the last several weeks helping haul the large number of yearlings into Heppner that have been shipped from the local yards.

A large concourse of friends and relatives paid tribute at the final rites held from Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, with Martin B. Clark officiating. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

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Record Wheat Crop Complicates Storage

Morrow county's record wheat crop is presenting some difficult storage problems, according to the local ACA office which has just completed a survey of the storage situation.

The rated capacity of all commercial storage facilities in the county is 1,638,000 bushels and a total crop of 2,500,000 bushels is expected. To take care of this huge crop, warehouses at Lexington and Lone are providing additional space and it is expected that Heppner houses will also be crowded to capacity.

Warehousemen have also arranged for terminal storage for some of their customers and new farm storage space has been provided for about half a million bushels. So it is expected that all wheat will be under cover shortly after harvest is completed.

It is also reported that a large percentage of the new wheat is going under loan. Loans already have been approved on 600,140 bushels. Of this amount 400,000 bushels are in warehouse storage and 140,000 bushels in farm storage. It is estimated that if marketing prices remain at their present level that at least a million and a half bushels will be placed under loan.

INSURANCE DEADLINE SET

Henry Baker, chairman of the local ACA committee, wishes to announce an important date of interest to Morrow county farmers. He says that August 30 will be the final date for filing an application for 1942 crop insurance. He emphasizes that the 1942 program has been much improved and urged that all farmers who have not yet contacted the office or their community committeemen in regard to crop insurance do so at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and Mr. Smith's mother, who had visited for several days at the Smith home from Naches, Wn., drove to Portland the first of the week. Mrs. Orville Smith and son Jim expected to go on to Seattle for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfeiffer, before returning home.

Man and wife want working house on ranch. Taylor's Rooming House, Heppner. 1tp.

Polling Stations Given For New Soil District Referendum

Visitng Official Tells Purpose; 'Yes' Vote Must Be Cast

The second opportunity for landholders within the proposed Heppner Soil Conservation district to vote upon its organization and election of three supervisors will be given on August 30 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 9 p.m., according to official notice released this week.

J. I. Hanna of Heppner has been named supervisor of the new referendum, and five polling places set at convenient points over the proposed district.

Ivan C. D'Armond, secretary of the state soil conservation committee whose duty it is to assist in setting up the districts, told the Monday Lions luncheon that a majority of the landholders entitled to vote who must represent at least 60 percent of the land to be included in the district, must visit the polls and vote in favor of creation of the district before it can be set up.

Organized under state statute, the districts are intended to promote commonly accepted practices of soil conservation in cooperation with the federal Soil Conservation service, said D'Armond. Through such organization machines and labor not accessible to individuals, would be obtained for use of anyone within the district. Individual projects would necessarily need to be checked by the district supervisors before labor and machines could be employed, but cooperation with the program would at all times be voluntary on the part of any landholder, D'Armond said.

C. D. Conrad, county agent, who aided D'Armond in the discussion, said that a sum of money had already been set up for purchase of machinery that might be available when the district is organized.

Again Conrad emphasized the necessity of everyone voting who has the privilege, for failure to vote constitutes the same as a "no" vote.

George L. Cason Victim Heart Attack

George Layton Cason, native of Olex who came to Morrow county twenty-five years ago, died at the family home in this city Monday morning from a heart ailment. Funeral services are being held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Phelps Funeral Home chapel, Martin B. Clark officiating, with interment in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

George Layton Cason was born at Lonerock April 28, 1888, to Chas. L. and Caroline (Hale) Cason, and grew to manhood in that area. Coming to Morrow county 25 years ago he followed ranching. He married Sylvia (Matteson) Brown, who survives with one son, Gerald, Nov. 30, 1916 at Heppner. The son and one stepchild, Mrs. Guy Arbogast, and one grandchild survive, besides four brothers, Willis of Condon, Bert and Ellis of Lonerock and Lewis of Heppner, also one sister, Della Brown of Portland.

Bob Fletcher, Jr., former Rodeo performer brought four carloads of people from his U. S. Bar ranch at Ukiah to take in the Rodeo. His father, Bob, Sr., was in charge of the Round-Up announcing car that visited town Saturday.

Milton Loney, president of the Southeastern Washington fair, and Misses Kathleen McCaw and Claire Bergevin were Rodeo visitors from Walla Walla Saturday advertising their show.

"Swede" Figley, lumber grader at Kinzua and a native of Lonerock, was taking in the Rodeo Saturday and Sunday.

FIRE, POLICE WORK URGED IN COUNTY

Turner, Parker Meet State Director Owen in The Dalles in Interest of Defense Program

Immediate steps to strengthen the fire fighting and police forces in Morrow county in the interests of national defense was urged upon Vawter Parker, director, and J. C. Turner, executive secretary, by Jerrold Owen, whom the Morrow county men at The Dalles Monday in furthering the civilian defense program.

Owen urged that people be selected from the recent list of registrations who volunteered in both the firefighting and policing divisions, and that they immediately be organized and trained to augment the regularly constituted authorities in these branches of the work.

In line with these instructions, the Morrow county defense council leaders expect to take action in the near future.

4-H Clubbers Get Many Fine Awards

Many 4-H club members were the proud owners of special awards and premiums following the presentation of awards on Main street Saturday night which marked the finish of another Morrow County 4-H fair, wool and grain show.

Si '42 4-H summer school scholarships donated by Braden-Bell Tractor Co., Heppner Safeway store, Heppner Elks lodge, Auxiliary Morrow County Wool Growers, the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank, and J. C. Penney Co., were awarded consecutively to Dorothy Cutsforth, Junior Wright, Eldon Lilly, and Tad Miller for winning the showmanship contests in beef, swine, dairy and sheep and to Bud Peck and Audrey Majeske for best kept records in livestock and home economics. Junior Wright received the show cane awarded to the champion showman.

Leather show halters were presented to Dale Ford of Boardman for the champion dairy animal and to Gene Cutsforth of Lexington for the champion beef animal.

The champion sow was exhibited by Jack Edmondson who received a pair of ear notchers. Bud Peck of Lexington received a pair of sheep shears for the champion market lamb and Tad Miller exhibited the champion ewe and received a wool card for use in fitting his sheep for show.

In the home economics division a pair of pinking shears were awarded to Betty Jane Adams of Hardman for being the highest scoring exhibitor in clothes. Betty also won championship in the style review contest and will be sent to the state fair the first week in September to compete in the state style review contest.

Audrey Majeske of Lexington was highest scoring girl in cookery and received a pyrex baking set. A canning set was won by Peggy Tamblin for high score in canning. High scoring girl in homemaking was Mildred Carlson. Mildred received a hand embroidered luncheon set. A camera was awarded to Mildred also for having the highest individual score in the home economics judging contest.

Mildred Clary and Gwen Glasgow won the demonstration contest and will compete in the state demonstration contest at the state fair.

Recognition of being the healthiest health club member went to Yvonne Hastings of Hardman. This recognition also carried with it a state fair trip.

A list of all winners will appear in next week's paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Barlow left Sunday for Portland on the start of a two weeks vacation. They were accompanied to the city by Jo Ann Crawford who had been visiting here for some time.

Joe Aiken came over from Ellensburg where he has been attending summer school to spend the Rodeo with home folks.

Geo. Nelson Tops Fine Riding Array At 20th Rodeo

'Best' Parade, Snappy Show Entertains Visiting Throng

Out of the greatest array of rearing, plunging, sun-fishing and diving ever seen in Heppner, George Nelson of Wamic proved to be the master tophand at the 20th Rodeo which played to the largest three-day crowds in history. Nelson rode in second place Friday and Saturday and came through for a flashing finish Saturday on the deck of Carnation, whose arched back, flying hoofs and sidewise dashes would have made a champion of any who kept on top.

The bucking contest was easily in first place as the stellar Rodeo event. Nelson was plesed hard by Sonny Tureman, Guy Cash and Cecil Bedford, placing consecutively in the last three places for the three days. So difficult was the judging, what with the horses "opening up" and the riders staying on deck, that Jack French and Shorty Rutledge whose job it was to do the grading split Saturday's third money four ways.

As new champions are made, others fall, and as if fate had a hand it was Last Chance, a bucking horse in Kenny Depew's own string, that on Sunday dumped this former Rodeo champ in the dust. It was Kenny's third unsuccessful try in the three days, and the stands were filled with sighs of regret.

A moment of high suspense came Saturday when pause was made in the proceedings to present Henry Aiken, retired from 10 years service as Rodeo president, with a silver mounted belt. Henry and Bob Runion officiated at the announcing. Too, the stands were given a romantic touch on Sunday when Burbin Corbin, singing Texas cowboy, sang Rodeo's own song, relating actual happenings in this and past Heppner Rodeos.

"Ramblar, the trick horse, was best," averred many a spectator. He appeared of almost human intelligence under handling of Joe Thomas, his master, as he performed intricate acts deftly.

Jack Hillyer topped the bull riders, D. Bergevin with :18.8 made the best calf-roping time, and George Nelson topped the doggers at 10 seconds flat, Friday. R. L. Baze copped the Morrow County derby Sunday in a field of five fast bangtails, and his string made a good accounting in the other races entered, with Joel Byrnes, Frank Swaggart, Earl Dwinell, James D. Shuster and Frank Turner horses all placing in the race money.

Hamp Oliver of Izee was race starter, and Mrs. Cecil Bedford head timer.

The grand entry each day, with dashing horses ridden by the grandstand colorfully presented Queen Kathryn Thompson, Princesses Colleen Kilkoeny, Patricia Emert, Rita Robinson, Frances Wilkinson; Rodeo's president, Lee Beckner, and directors Buz Fisk, Jim Kistner, Earle Bryant, Ralph Jackson, H. D. McCurdy, while the sixth director, Len Gilliam, secretary, was kept busy at his books—for his 18th year.

At all intervals in the show the Heppner school band and director, Harold Buhman, were kept busy with their appreciated tunes.

A nice attraction Sunday was the horse reining contest for which Henry Aiken offered a \$25 purse. First place was taken by Cecil Bedford, with Tony Vey and Clarence Porter tying for second and third. (Complete results of all events in another column.)

Starting with Friday morning's cowboy breakfast in the historic grove three miles up Willow creek where chuck slingers of Jim Kistner, Earle Bryant and Buz Fisk fulfilled all promises, while the visiting

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