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1944 Rodeo Called Off Tuesday Evening By Assn. Directors

No Further Shows Here if Heppner Not Interested

"If the business men and people of Heppner don't want a rodeo, the Rodeo association most certainly does not want to force a show on them this year or any other time." That was the unanimous expression of members of the association at a meeting held Tuesday evening for the purpose of calling off the 1944 rodeo. Cancellation was voted after a review of steps taken to put the grounds in shape, contracting for show stock and numerous other items connected with putting on a show.

In summing up the objections to staging the show, it was the opinion of the directors that the most serious factor is that of housing. They are convinced the people could be fed but admitted that housing facilities are scarce. The fact that attendance would be large, assuring the success from a financial standpoint, did not lessen their worry over taking care of the crowd. However, it was pointed out that the last day is usually the pay-off and the bulk of the crowd would not have to seek housing. As to the matter of feeding the visitors, the directors were sure that enough unrationed meats could be acquired to meet the demand. "People eat a lot of hamburgers, you know," one official stated.

There was some discussion of staging the show elsewhere in the county, with the possibility that a ranch rodeo will be held. It is understood that one ranch has enough stock for a show and also good corrals and a natural setting for a crowd. This would be a one-day show.

Any bills contracted to date will be paid by the association and a tender of assistance from Heppner business men will be politely refused, the directors indicated. This may include reimbursing Peal & Tucker for the show stock, as well as for repairs on the grounds, but the association will clear its books and turn the rodeo back to the citizens of Heppner to do as they see fit with it.

Committee to Meet At Thompson Home

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, chairman of the Morrow county chapter of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council, will be hostess to the members of the committee and all solicitors who are assisting in the current drive for funds, Saturday afternoon, at her home on upper Willow creek. The meeting is scheduled to start at 2:30 and will be followed with a tea.

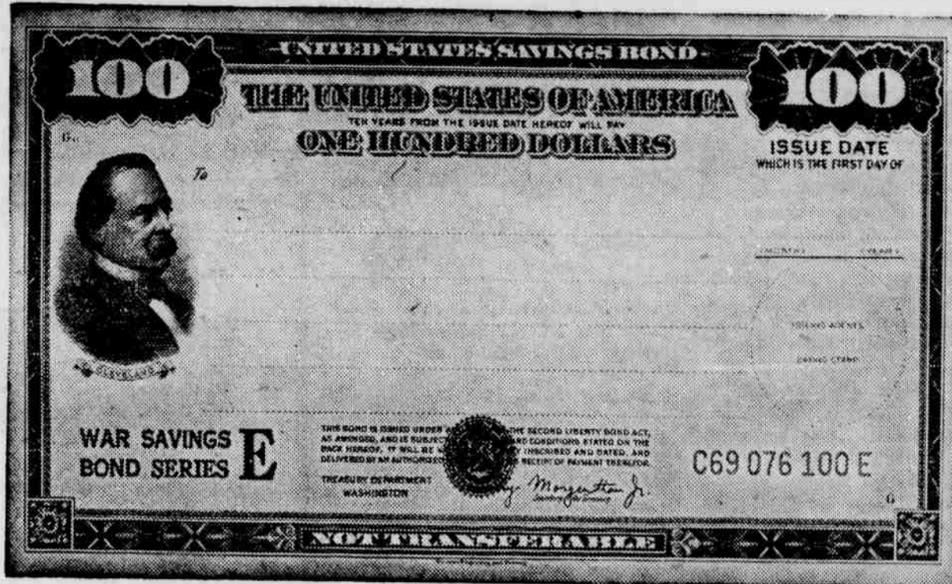
Special guest of the afternoon will be Mrs. Ralph Reser of Walla Walla, secretary of Blue Mountain council, who will discuss the present fund campaign and general features of the work carried on by the camp and hospital group.

VISITING HERE

Sgt. Raymond Bosworth and Mrs. Bosworth are visiting this week with Mrs. Bosworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk. They came from Tampa, Fla., and the sergeant will report to Camp McCoy.

VISITS WIFE HERE

Flight Officer Dan Maynard was in Heppner the past week visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis. He was commissioned at Nashville and left here Saturday for Brownsville, Tex., where he will be stationed temporarily.



Lifetime Resident Of County Passes

Funeral services for Lester Eugene Gay, 63, will be held from the Methodist church at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday. Mr. Gay passed away at the family residence in north Heppner about 8 p. m. Tuesday after an extended illness.

Born Dec. 10, 1880, at the Gay ranch on Rhea creek, he was the son of Henry and Florence Bennett Gay, pioneers of the county. Lester spent his entire life in this vicinity, assisting with operation of the ranch until it was disposed of and since that time at various pursuits. In recent years he has devoted much of his time to taking care of his aged mother. He was one of a family of six children, of whom one sister, Mrs. W. A. French and three brothers, Albert B., Walter H. and Henry Leo, all of Heppner, together with the mother, survive. In addition there are three nieces, Mrs. Cornett Green and Mrs. James Estes of Heppner and Pearl Gay, daughter of Leo, and two nephews, Billy French of the U. S. navy and Mace Gay of the U. S. army.

VETERAN OF ANZIO BEACH SPENDS FURLOUGH AT HOME

Days of bombardment and strafing by the enemy get on one's nerves and members of the armed forces who undergo this constant din and uncertainty for any length of time are entitled to and generally receive a 30-day furlough or leave so they can get entirely away from war and its horrors. And most of the lads get just as far from it as they can.

For the past three weeks Sgt. Charles Howard Davidson has been helping the home folks on the big ranch out south of Lone. He is one of the boys taking a 30-day furlough to get away from it all. He is a veteran of the Anzio beach head campaign and knows what constitutes modern warfare. He is a member of a searchlight operations unit which means that he has been in the thick of things.

"They certainly are giving us the best equipment to work with," Charles stated. "The best in the world, I think. But we have to bet by on canned food. I've certainly been trying to catch up on fresh beef and pork since coming home, which makes it a little easier to return to GI fare."

Charles will leave Saturday enroute to pick up orders for returning overseas. A brother, First Lt. Herb Davidson, is a flight officer somewhere over there. His family has not heard from him in nine months.

ON SOFTBALL TEAM

John M. Skuzeski, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski of Heppner, is a member of the Gyro Compass softball team at Treasure Island which recently won the base championship. The play started with 23 teams.

Former Heppner Resident Passes At Polson, Mont.

A copy of the Flathead Courier, published at Polson, Mont., received by R. I. Thompson, contained news of the passing of P. C. Creswell at his home in that city the previous week. Funeral services were held Friday, May 19 at the Retz chapel in Polson with interment in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Creswell was born in 1861 in years a resident of Heppner. He Eugene, Oregon and was for many operated a stock ranch on upper Willow creek and was for a number of years city marshal of Heppner. Leaving here in 1907, for Montana, he lived first at Butte and Forsythe and in 1911 settled down at Polson. During his residence in Polson in the early days of the city, Mr. Creswell (or Oregon Pete, as he was known by many residents) operated a dray line before the advent of the automobile. He had been ill for some time previous to his passing on May 17.

Survivors include his widow, who lives in Polson; two daughters Mrs. Arthur Guyard of Portland and Mrs. M. P. Russell of Missoula; one son, Joseph Creswell of Torrey, Utah, and four grand children. His wife and daughters were at his bedside when he died.

CIRCUIT COURT BRIEF

Judge Calvin L. Sweek came over from Pendleton Monday morning to open the spring term of circuit court. When he arrived he found the only cases on the docket were two birth certificates. He issued the certificates and returned home.

GREENER SELLING CATTLE

William Greener of Hardman has arranged for a sale of livestock and some equipment at his place next Thursday—June 22. Greener has sold his grazing land which accounts for selling the stock. V. R. Rynnion will do the auctioning, which will begin at 10 a. m. A free lunch at noon will be a feature of the sale.

SCHOOL ELECTION

Patrons of School District No. 1 should bear in mind that the annual school election will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, June 19, at the Heppner city hall. One board member and the clerk are to be elected, besides voting on the budget and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

PARKERS HAVE DAUGHTER

Susan Ann is the name given to their new daughter by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Parker. The child was born June 8 at Woodburn and weighed nine pounds, nine and one-half ounces. The Parkers were residents of Heppner the past year while Mr. Parker served as principal of the high school. He expects to be called up for training soon.

County Prisoner On French Leave

To the passerby he was a painter decorating the front of the Heppner hotel. To the sheriff he was a trusty out on leave to make a little money with which to pay a fine and get himself out of jail. To the state police he is a petty offender with a record requiring three sheets of record paper to accommodate his list of offenses against the laws of states running from Texas to North Dakota, to the state of Washington and on down the line and back to Texas. All this in a period of 54 years with so many 30-day sentences it would require an adding machine to arrive at a somewhat accurate total of time served in city and county jails.

That is a thumbnail sketch of the petty criminal record of one Samuel E. Alleman who was picked up in Heppner June 5 on a drunk charge and held in the county jail on a sentence of \$20 fine and \$30 days in jail. Released to work for the money he took "French leave" and county officials are not worrying about his present whereabouts.

ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jensen and children left Lexington Saturday for western Washington where they will visit relatives for several weeks. Mr. Jensen has not accepted a school position although he has several good prospects under consideration. He will attend summer school at the University of Oregon.

RETURN FROM LAKEVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thomas have returned to Heppner from Lakeview where Thomas was district state police for a month or so. Illness forced him to give up the Lake county job and he is looking for a new location.

ATTEND ADULT CONFERENCE

Archdeacon and Mrs. Neville Blunt left Wednesday for Cove to attend the annual adult conference of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church. The annual convocation will open Friday morning. Mrs. Percy Hughes is president of the Church Women's Service league and will depart for Cove Thursday morning.

NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones have received word from their son, Pfs Donald Jones, that he has been transferred from Ellington Field, Tex. to LeMoore, Calif.

VISIT BROTHER

Sgt. Willis Hall, veteran of Guadalcanal, his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hall, all of Vancouver, Wash., were guests a few days of Mr. and Mrs. James "Scotty" Hall.

REHEARSAL CANCELLED

The choral club practice scheduled for Monday evening, June 19 has been cancelled. Next rehearsal will be announced later when more music arrives.

Soldiers and Band Add Zest to 5th War Loan Drive

Kick-off Program Attracts Buyers On Opening Night

With the assistance of five soldiers and the 25-piece band from the Walla Walla airbase, Chairman P. W. Mahoney and his war finance committee got off to a good start on the Fifth War Loan campaign Saturday evening. Sales made that evening were satisfactory to the officials and up to noon Wednesday had reached a total of \$63,800, or approximately 18 percent of the quota of \$356,000.

A good crowd turned out to hear the stories of the soldiers who have returned from the front and the band music, both of which were well received. Each soldier has had plenty of experience with German and Jap and furnished valid reasons for urging the people to back up the boys who are turning the enemy homeward on all fronts. The band was a snappy military organization and not only played in the evening but gave a short street performance in the afternoon.

Chairman Mahoney stated Wednesday morning that if the people will hurry in and buy bonds before or by June 20 there will be no solicitation. "We know we will have to buy them and it will be easier on all concerned if it is done on a voluntary basis," the chairman said. Large investors are more prompt than small ones inasmuch as they plan ahead what they will take in each succeeding issue. It will be the large number of small purchases that will come in late and create a traffic jam, it is contended by the committee. Right now it is essential that gasoline and tires be conserved and the committee is urging more buying and less driving as the campaign progresses.

Troop 61 Holds Court of Honor

By Carl Thorpe

The Boy Scouts had a Court of Honor Monday evening in the Methodist church basement.

B. C. Pinckney gave a talk on The Scout and the home. Mayor J. O. Turner talked of the Scout and the community. Judge Bert Johnson spoke of the Scout and his country.

First class badges were awarded to Bobby Bennett and Donald Rippee.

Second class badges were awarded to Ross Pickering, Carl Thorpe and Jimmie Orwick.

Merit badges were awarded to Bobby Bennett for pathfinder and Donald Rippee for swimming.

Carter House and Lauren Corwin received their service stars.

New registration cards were issued to all the scouts.

Parents were invited and a goodly number were present.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

TWELVE MORE MEN ACCEPTED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Latest group of Morrow county men to be accepted for service with the armed forces includes three for the navy and nine for the army.

Qualifying for the navy were Marshall Lovgren, Donald E. Greenup and Kenneth C. Klinger. For the army, Roy E. Ball, Jr. of Boardman; Bill J. Bruce of Lone; Eugene F. Majeske, Herman F. Wallace and Delbert T. Vinson, Lexington and James P. Healy, Jack L. Van Winkle and Floyd Worden of Heppner. James C. Denney of Pasco was accepted through the Morrow county selective service board.