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4-H Clubbers to Hold Annual Fair September 1 and 2

Date Set at Picnic Sunday at Former W. H. French Ranch

Four-H clubbers of the county have started grooming their fancy livestock, canning vegetables and fruits and preparing garments and other fancy work for the annual 4-H club fair which has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2, at the county fair pavilion or some other buildings suitable for exhibition purposes.

Date for the fair was selected Sunday at the annual 4-H picnic held at the Wightman mountain ranch, known as the former W. H. French place. A business session following the picnic dinner was called to discuss club affairs and the matter of holding the fair was presented by C. D. Conrad, outgoing county agent and 4-H club leader. Conrad explained that it had been planned to stage the fair in conjunction with the Heppner Rodeo but since the rodeo has been dropped for this year he hoped the young people and their parents and friends would carry on. When asked for an expression on the proposal the young people were practically unanimous in their approval, and their sentiments were backed by the older people.

Since this was Mr. Conrad's last meeting with the young folk in his official capacity he took advantage of the opportunity to tell them how much he had enjoyed working with them and that although he would be leaving within a few days to take up the work in a new field, he would keep an eye on what the Morrow county clubbers are doing and would "root" for them so long as they were not beating the Baker county 4-H clubbers.

fair so far as attendance was concerned, but what was lacking in attendance was made up in enthusiasm and friendly cooperation for a good time. Softball games were organized in the morning and after several innings were played the call came for dinner. At least 75 people partook of the bountiful spread, topped off with 10 gallons of ice cream.

Conrad called the business meeting during the rest hour after eating. Present was Miss Narr from the extension department of Oregon State college, who is a field worker for the 4-H club division. She admonished the young people to stay with their 4-H work until they attain college age as too many are inclined to drop it during their high school years. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers followed somewhat the same line of thought in urging the boys and girls to keep up their work now and to make ample preparations for the forthcoming fair.

Following the talks a beautiful picture was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad by Carolyn Bergstrom on behalf of the 4-H clubs.

Upon dismissal from the business meeting, baseball enthusiasts repaired to the ball field where new teams were chosen and the play continued until many felt it was time to go home.

LT. BARRATT HOME

Lt. William B. Barratt and Mrs. Barratt spent a few days here this week visiting Barratt's mother, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt. They came from Belton, Tex., where Lt. Barratt has been training with the army air corps. Accompanied by Mrs. Barratt, the young couple left this morning for Portland where they will spend several days with Mrs. William Barratt's parents at Oswego.

Exploding Motor Starts Field Fire at Kilkenny Place

Quick work on the part of two boys and ready response by neighbors prevented what might have been a serious field fire Tuesday at the Mrs. Lottie Kilkenny ranch 10 miles east of Heppner. As it was the two boys suffered minor burns when the motor they were driving exploded, scattering gasoline flames for several feet around the machine.

Bobby Kilkenny and another boy were operating a motorized buck rake-stacker in the field just west of the house when gasoline escaping from the feed line exploded. Disregarding the ring of fire about the machine, the boys got busy lighting the flames spreading thru the dry hay. In the meantime, Mrs. Kilkenny telephoned for help, some of which arrived soon. A call to town resulted in sounding an alarm by the siren and started several cars out Hinton creek.

There was little air stirring at the time and the fire was eating its way towards the house in one direction and towards the stackyard in another direction, but was brought under control before either house or haystack was seriously threatened.

Soldier Vote Plan Explained by Clerk

Giving an account of the recent county clerk-printer meeting with the secretary of state at Salem, County Clerk C. W. Barlow detailed the plan arrived at in the meeting in a talk before the luncheon group of the chamber of commerce Monday noon. His talk covered more fully the events at the meeting than the report given in these columns last week, although the eventual outcome was about the same.

P. W. Mahoney discussed the lumber situation as he and Orville Smith found it in a recent visit to Portland. Mahoney explained the difficulty lumber operators are experiencing in meeting government orders, particularly pine mills. So much of this material is being used for crating and boxing for shipping munitions, a large percentage of which cannot be salvaged. Demand for this material has increased since opening of the western front in Europe and speeding up of the campaign in the Pacific and there is no improvement in prospect so long as the intensity of the war is maintained.

Lee Howell told the group just about how much lumber a civilian can expect to buy under the current freezing order.

OPA SETS RETAIL PRICE ON WATERMELONS

Watermelons have been put on the same basis as other fresh fruits and vegetables, according to information received at the local ration office this week.

Under the new regulation the retailer is permitted to add one and one-half cent per pound to the cost of watermelons laid down here. Growers in the district, and presumably that includes any within the county or an equal distance from outside points, are granted a ton rate for hauling their products, which is added to the cost of melons or other fresh or perishable produce. To this is added the retailer's one and one-half cent, which is the local market price.

ON VACATION

Dr. A. D. McMurdo is vacationing this week. With the Earl Hunt family of Lexington he left the first of the week for Strawberry creek where the shade is plentiful and the fishing is said to be super duper. (That's where Art and Stanley Minor do their fancy casting.) The doctor expected to be gone a week but may decide to stay longer.

Emert Residence Razed by Flames Sunday Morning

Occupants Save Clothing; House, Furnishings Lost

The ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Emert of Ione was completely destroyed by fire about seven o'clock Sunday morning. The fire seemed to have originated in the attic or upper part of the house and was first discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, who were the Emerts' guests. The family saved all their clothing, but most of the furniture, including a baby grand piano was lost. Fire fighters from town kept the other ranch buildings from burning with the exception of a small woodshed near the house, and put out numerous grass fires set by flying shingles. It is not known what caused the fire. The house and furnishings were insured. Mrs. Walter Corley who is employed by the Emerts, lost a considerable amount of clothing and some cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rowell of Hood River left on Monday's stage after a week-end visit with their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristow and family and Guy and Wendell Wright of Baker arrived on Saturday night for a visit at the homes of Mrs. Etta Bristow and Mrs. Ida Grabill.

Mrs. J. Crabtree left for her home in Salem on Monday after an extended visit with her daughters, Mrs. Louis Halvorsen of Ione and Mrs. Archie Munkers of Lexington.

Friends here have received an announcement of the birth of a daughter, Dorinda Kaye, to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Farrens of Hardman. The young lad, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, arrived July 15. Mrs. Farrens was formerly Oleta Ramey, who taught school at Morgan for two years.

Ione friends were pleased to see a picture of Lt. Bill Biddle, army air force, in last Sunday's Oregonian. He was co-pilot of a plane which returned to its base on three engines after flak had shot up the motors. One motor was repaired in flight. It was one of the longest three-engine flights in the 13th air force. Lt. Biddle's mother is Mrs. Vernon Brown and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Salter of Ione.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Waddell and two children, Willard and Charlotte, returned Friday from a trip to Wheatland, Wyo. Rev. Waddell was to perform the marriage ceremony of his son, but due to car trouble arrived there too late.

Mrs. Frank Helina and two sons of Renton, Wash. left Monday morning after a two week visit at Heppner.

ENSIGN NORMAN BERGSTROM TAKES SOUTHERN BRIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bergstrom of Eight Mile have received word of the marriage of their son, Ensign Norman Bergstrom, to Miss Melba Simmons. The marriage took place Wednesday, July 12 at New Orleans, La. The bride is a member of a southern aristocratic family, the happy bridegroom writes his parents. Norman recently returned from a shakedown cruise, which means that he soon will be sailing as a full-fledged U. S. Navy man.

VISIT MRS. TURNER

Frank W. Turner and daughter, Mrs. Fred Allison, drove to Portland Friday to visit Mrs. Turner, a patient at St. Vincent's hospital. They found her considerably improved and beginning to think about coming home, which she may do in about two weeks.

Tire Retreading Plant Scheduled To Locate Here

Opening of a tire retreading plant in Heppner is the announced purpose of Frank Engkraf of Fossil, according to Mrs. Engkraf who was in town Friday looking after some of the details relative to a building for the business as well as living quarters for their family. It is understood that the Lundell service station building on the corner of May and Chase streets has been secured for the new enterprise.

Engkraf has secured a franchise from the O-K Tire Service, a national concern, to lease equipment and install it at Heppner. His father has been operating one of the plants in Fossil the past three years with good results. The younger man has taken a thorough course in operation of the equipment and will come here prepared to take care of all passenger and truck tire service in this vicinity. Tire recapping and repairing through an electrical welding process has given general satisfaction wherever these plants are in use, it is stated.

The plant is on the way, according to Mrs. Engkraf, who stated that it is their purpose to get set up as fast as possible. "We have been watching Heppner for some time and have decided it is a good center for our business. The logging activity and extensive farm trucking together with the passenger car tires should provide plenty for a plant of this type. We are anxious to get set up so we can show what we can do," she concluded.

County Purchases Of Bonds \$379,770

Final tabulation by series has been received from state headquarters of bond purchases in Morrow county during the Fifth War Loan campaign. Total purchases during the campaign were \$379,770, or an oversubscription of \$23,770.

Broken down in series the purchases were as follows: E, \$194,464; F, \$15,078; G, \$61,800; C, 27,900; 2 1/2 percent, \$3,500; 2 percent, \$28,978; 1 1/4 percent, \$9,150, and 7/8 percent \$38,900.

Bond purchases have discontinued since July 8, according to P. W. Mahoney, county war finance chairman. Mahoney doesn't look for much active buying until harvest is over.

STORM LIGHTS SMALL FIRE NEAR PARKER'S MILL

An electrical storm which visited the south end of the county Wednesday started a small fire in the vicinity of Parker's mill. Lightning grass. About one-fourth of an acre ignited a tree and this spread to was burned over before the blaze was extinguished.

Ranger Fred Wehmeyer has been out the past day or two inspecting fire lines and observation equipment. These are days when the ranger sleeps rather lightly.

MARKET FRONT HAS BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

Taking advantage of the two-day closing over the Fourth of July, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burkenbine set about to renovate the Heppner market. They worked like trojans to get the interior redecorated and since then have worked spare time to complete the job.

Newly painted inside and out, with neatly worked out panel design on the interior walls, the shop reflects the energy and hustle of these forward-looking young people.

AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken are in Chicago this week attending the Democratic national convention to which Aiken was elected a delegate in the May primary.

1944 Wheat Crop Turning Out Good First Cutting Shows

Better Than Average Yield Reported In Early Returns

Reports of good yields are coming in as the Morrow county wheat harvest gets under way. Yields of better than 30 bushels per acre may not be the rule but some of the earlier cuttings have gone 30 or better. Grain is of good quality, although not quite up to the standard of 1943 when the county's greatest crop was produced.

Some of the yield reports running 30 bushels or better include Lee Beckner and Clyde Denney of Ione. Their crops are expected to run in the neighborhood of 35 bushels to the acre. Orville Cutsforth reports one of his fields as running close to 40 bushels but expects that other fields will pull the average down.

Harvesting is quite general thru-out the Ione and Lexington areas and it is expected that by Monday several outfits will enter the fields in the Eight Mile section. Except for the fore part of this week, harvesting conditions have been excellent and with a clearing of skies after a rainstorm Wednesday evening which visited the western part of the county, the cutting should move along at a steady pace.

The labor situation is quite satisfactory, according to R. B. Rice who states that he has been able to fill most demands. Hay hands are a little scarce due to the fact that most of the transient labor is looking for combine jobs and is not interested in the smaller wages paid for putting up hay. Motorized haying equipment is making it possible for the ranchers to get along short handed.

FLYER HAD DISTINGUISHED RECORD—FLEW 54 MISSIONS

Since reporting the death of S/Sgt Monroe Long, more information relative to his career as a flier has been received. Monroe lost his life while piloting a B-26 medium bomber over France June 6. He had flown 54 missions and held not only the Distinguished Flying Cross, but the Air Medal and Seven Oak Leaf Clusters.

Monroe's home town, Winston-Salem, N. C., was proud of him and the day before news came of his death, a local paper carried a picture and write-up of him and his exploits.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Long of Winston-Salem.

PHONE CALL CHEERS FAMILY

Cpl Donald Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Hardman, telephoned his parents from New York this morning. He reports that he is getting along nicely after being wounded in action over France and is hoping to be transferred soon to a west coast hospital.

LEAVING TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Conrad and children will leave tomorrow for Baker, their new home. Conrad's successor, Arnold Ebert, has been here the past three days familiarizing himself with the office and field work.

GUESTS OF SISTER

Mrs. J. T. Knappenburg of Portland is a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. D. M. Ward. Mrs. Knappenburg has recently returned from Chicago. She and Mrs. Ward spent two days with Mrs. Bert Mason at Ione. Mrs. Ward's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wilson of Monument, also were her guests over the week-end, they having brought out cattle for shipment to Portland.