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Happy Days Are Here Again

Airport Building Plans Accelerated At Tuesday Meet

Committee Named To Organize for Definite Set-up

Plans for developing the airport at Lexington were stepped up Tuesday evening when representatives from Heppner and Ione met with a delegation at Lexington to select an airport committee and outline a procedure to be followed in making the project a reality. A board of directors, or as reported a committee of six men was chosen to carry out organizational and preliminary activities and includes the following: Kenneth Smouse and Milton Morgan, Ione; Walter Ready and Conley Lanham, Heppner, and Archie Munkers and Clifford Yarnell, Lexington. Yarnell was chosen as chairman.

The committee is charged with the job of organizing the airport, including all problems of management and maintenance, installation of necessary service, etc. Among the installations is a petroleum supply which probably will be put in under contract with one of the distributing agencies in the county.

The committee held a meeting in Lexington Wednesday evening for the purpose of choosing a name for the port and to decide what type of organization it should be—municipal, association, or a county-wide backed affair. The town of Lexington has secured the port site and has put up a considerable sum to make it available for development and use.

Airmen who have visited the Lexington port pronounce it ideally situated. Its nearness to town, the availability of water, electric power lines, telephone lines and highway make it desirable as a landing and taking off field. It is close enough to town to make it convenient to walk to and from if transportation is not readily available. The town's water reservoir sits on the edge of the field and the power line to the Cutsforth ranch is but a short distance, as is the highway.

People were given an opportunity Sunday and Monday to see what development of the airport will mean not only to Lexington but to the rest of the county when light planes were put in service carrying passengers from the field. Take-offs and landings were with out incident and made comparatively easy on runways which up to the present are scarcely more than markings.

Sniders Building Modern Residence

A modern five-room residence has been started for Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Snider on property recently acquired by them on north Court street at the site of the old Heppner church of O. M. Yeager and design Flounging mill's. Construction is in and plans were drawn up by his daughter, Frances Ritter.

The basement will be full eight feet in height and will be divided into rooms, largest of which will be used by Mr. Snider as a saddle shop. The house will be of the latest design and strictly modern in every respect, with several advanced features.

Yeager states there will be more new houses built here in the near future or as soon as materials and good help are available.

Two Carnivals to Play Here During Three-day Show

Just when the Rodeo association had given up hope of obtaining a carnival for this year's show along comes a telephone call from a small outfit asking if the way were clear to play Heppner. Not long after Secretary Frank Turner closed an agreement with the manager the phone jingled again and lo and behold there was another small outfit seeking to play here, so Turner gave it the green light.

Early this morning the G & L Gayway carnival pulled onto the lot next to the Morrow County creamery and set about clearing up the ground and locating equipment. It consists of a merry go round for the kiddies and seven concessions. It is understood the second carnival will set up on the same grounds. It has a ride and 12 concessions and the two together will provide enough entertainment to keep the crowds interested between rodeo programs and the dances.

(Since the Gayway ride is for the kiddies and it is not known what the other outfit's ride is—it too is likely for kids—it is going to be difficult for Gordon Banker to enjoy the Rodeo, since he always has to have at least one merry go round ride to get him in the mood to appreciate the big show out at the arena.)

Federal All-Risk Wheat Insurance Offered Farmers

Morrow county farmers will again have the opportunity to take advantage of federal all-risk injury Baker, chairman of the county insurance on wheat, announces Hen-AAA committee.

The insurance will be offered in Morrow county through the AAA office and through members of the community committees appointed as agents for their districts. They are as follows: Frank E. Parker, south Heppner, Hardman district; Sam J. Turner, north Heppner; Terrel Bengel, Lexington; Alec Lindsay, Alpine; Werner Rietmann, Morgan; Raymond Lundell, Eightmile; Chas. McElligott, Ione.

These sales agents will begin calling upon farmers soon to give every producer of wheat a chance to protect his crop from natural hazards through this federal insurance program, Baker said.

In Oregon the last day for filing crop insurance on the 1946 wheat crop is before seeding or Sept. 29, whichever is earlier. Farmers are asked to get in touch with their sales agents or the county AAA office before the closing date.

NO CHANGE IN PRICES

Community ceiling prices remain the same this week as last, according to announcement from the local office of the OPA.

Program of Daily Events at the Rodeo

There will be no programs distributed for Friday's show. Events will be announced over the public address system, giving animals and performers. The list of rodeo events, entry fee and daily prize include

Saddle Bronc Riding—\$75 daily; entry fee \$10. 1/2

Calf Roping—\$75 daily; entry fee \$10.

Bulldogging—\$75 daily; entry fee \$10. 1/2

Bull Riding—\$75 daily; entry fee \$10.

Cow Milking—\$75 daily; entry fee \$10.

Total prize money, \$1,125

Substantial Prizes Posted for Best Entries in Parade

Plans for the Rodeo parade to be staged at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning are shaping up nicely announces Chairman Ralph Jackson, who submitted a list of the prizes offered which should cause some who have not yet prepared to enter the parade to scurry around and do so.

For the best float the purse is \$50; second best, \$25; third best, \$10.

Best dressed cowboy, \$10.

Best dressed cowgirl, \$10.

Best sustained character, \$10.

All children in parade, \$1 each.

All mounted men and women, boys and girls are invited to enter the parade.

Many people have been too busy to prepare floats but it is quite certain there will be several nice ones. Numerous cowboys and cowgirls have been in evidence throughout the week and there should be a large representation of saddle stock in the lineup. The 4-H Beef club will participate, showing enough red points to make the mouths of the entire throng water.

Don't overlook the parade Saturday morning!

Holder of D.S.C. Visits Relatives Here

One of Morrow county's discharged veterans, S Sgt John H. McRoberts, visited relatives and friends in Heppner the past week accompanied by his wife the former Jean Leathers, returning to Portland Tuesday.

Sgt McRoberts, as far as records go, is the only Morrow county service man receiving the Distinguished Service Cross in World War II and the citation accompanying the reward states:

"For extraordinary heroism at Biak Island 22 June 1944. After leading a squad to within 25 yards of two heavily constructed army pill boxes he encountered such heavy fire that forward movement of his men was stopped. On his own initiative and alone he charged the enemy position and firing rapidly killed two enemy soldiers and wounded a third. Although seriously wounded he then directed his squad in reducing enemy fortification and enabled his platoon to secure the contested area."

Awarding of the Distinguished Service Cross is made by congress.

COCOANUTS RECEIVED

Two cocoanuts in their original garb are on exhibit in the Turner Van Marter & Co. window. They were received the first of the week by the D. E. Hudson family and were sent by Hubert Hudson from an island in the South Pacific. The outer covering is a tough fibrous substance and "Shorty" is wondering how the monkeys penetrate both covering and shell to get to the rich meat housed within.

Everything in Readiness for Launching 1945 Rodeo; Big Attendance Is Assured

4-H Beef Club to Exhibit Stock at Pavilion Friday A. M.

Visitors to the Rodeo will find much of interest at the county fair pavilion at 9 o'clock Friday morning when the annual 4-H Beef club show will open. Original plans for having the stock on exhibition at the Rodeo grounds were dispensed with and plans made to use the pavilion instead.

The program for the beef club show starts at 8:30 when the steers will be weighed. At 9 o'clock judging begins; 9:30 showmanship contest; 10:30, judging heifer classes, and 11, judging steer classes—three Hereford classes, one Shorthorn class. The calves will then be on exhibit in the sheds for the rest of the day.

On Saturday the club animals will take part in the Rodeo parade and may be taken home in the afternoon after the show.

Plant Decision to Be Made Within Next Few Days

Decision to locate a dextrose plant at The Dalles must be made within the next few days, according to O. W. Cutsforth, member of the temporary board of directors, who attended a meeting at the headquarters of Northwest Chemurgy Cooperative in Wenatchee the past week. According to Cutsforth, Pasco stands ready with site and cash to take up the Northwest's proposal should the Oregon town fail to meet the requirements in time. The local director is busy this week signing up farmers and expects to have a good representation from Morrow county. The Dalles chamber of commerce has made a tender to the cooperative and it seems quite certain that the Oregon bid will be accepted.

The Oregon delegation went through the Wenatchee plant and saw the operation of wheat manufactured into dextrose syrup and also met with the board of directors to get the complete picture of the Northwest Chemurgy set-up and its operation and will continue to investigate the possibilities with the personnel from the cooperative to see if the wheat farmers in the state of Oregon would give their support if sufficient stock could be placed with the growers to erect a plant at The Dalles.

The proposed plant would employ between 75 and 100 men and use daily approximately 7,000 bushels of wheat, or about 2,000,000 bushels annually. To manufacture starch, glucose and its byproducts, soft wheat varieties are preferred.

HEADED FOR TOKYO, MAYBE

CPO C. J. D. Bauman has been in town during the week on what may turn out to be embarkation leave. He reported that he had taken all preliminary steps toward overseas service and will know definitely as soon as he reports at San Pedro. If sent overseas it will be for a two-year hitch, otherwise he may be released within a few months.

Mrs. Walter Ready and daughters are in Astoria where the oldest child, Sheila, is in a hospital for observation relative to a troublesome appendix.

With the weather outlook favorable, a large class of entries arriving, the grounds in shipshape and ticket sales going at a good clip, the stage is set for a big week-end in Heppner on the occasion of the 21st annual rodeo. A heavy shower early Wednesday morning came at just the right time to help clear the atmosphere, settle the dust and make people forget the hot, dry days of summer and look forward to the big show with eager anticipation.

Housing and meals appear to be amply taken care of, with several reservations taken up Wednesday. Response to the request for rooms has been generous and sufficient hot dog stands will be in evidence along with the regular restaurants to feed everyone.

Harley Tucker arrived Tuesday evening with a string of buckers, and left Wednesday for Walla Walla to bring a truck load of steers. Running stock is on hand in plentiful numbers and there will be something doing all the time.

Mayor J. O. Turner called a joint meeting of rodeo directors and city council Wednesday evening and the matter of licensing concessions and carnivals was settled. The city will issue licenses to all concessions operating within the town proper. This includes the carnivals, but the rodeo association will get the percentages from the carnival.

Eateries will remain open as long as it is necessary, some of them tinue 24 hours if called upon to do having made preparations to con-so. The pastimes will close at 1 o'clock a. m. Beer sales, however, cease at 12 midnight.

The Altar society of St. Patrick's Catholic church has set up a lunch counter in the Gillanders building, next to the First National bank, where lunches of cold sandwiches, coffee and doughnuts will be served. Outside concessionaires will set up at various points along main street while the C. A. P. will operate at the dance hall lunch stand.

Mayor and council authorized Marshal Dean Gilman to order a group of gypsies out of town this morning. The gypsies had made a deposit of \$20 to the rodeo association for the privilege of putting up a fortune telling booth, but since the city did not issue licenses and would not do so the fee was ordered returned and the group asked to leave town.

Dinner to Honor The Remingtons

A parish dinner is being planned by All Saints Episcopal church for the evening of Sept. 17 honoring Bishop and Mrs. William P. Remington who will make their farewell visit at that time. Dinner will be served at 6 p. m. The bishop will conduct services at 7:30 p. m.

Bishop and Mrs. Remington are spending the month of September covering the eastern Oregon diocese and will be in Heppner for the past 23 years. Having accepted a call as suffragan bishop of Philadelphia, he and Mrs. Remington (and Mr. Chips) will leave early in October for the City of Brotherly Love to take up the new work.

Mrs. Edna Turner returned late last week from Greeley, Colo., after spending several weeks in summer school.