

Premium List For County Fair Placed In Mail This Week

Special Awards Made in Addition To Regular Prizes

Premium lists for the 1947 Morrow county fair were put in the mail this week directed to all farm homes in the county. Entry blanks were included with lists and those desiring to exhibit at the fair should fill them out and return them at once to the county agent's office in Heppner, says Nelson C. Anderson, county agricultural agent and fair board secretary.

The fair board wishes to call to the attention of prospective exhibitors the premiums that are being offered in all classes and totaling \$2,626.

In addition to the board's premium offerings, special awards are being offered by the Morrow County Creamery company, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt, Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson, and the Morrow County Club council. These are listed in the premium book. Since the book was printed additional special awards have been posted by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Loyd Bros. Saddle shop. Any similar awards offered between now and fair time will be announced at the fair and published in the 1948 premium list, the board states.

The fair board wants it understood that while conditions will not permit the staging of a complete county fair this year, it will be made as general as possible and the thing that will make it a success is the exhibits. A study of the premium book is urged upon all growers of agricultural products, stock, vegetables and flowers with the hope that every inch of exhibit space will be taken up. It is pointed out that time is growing short and preparation for exhibiting, if not already begun, should start at once.

Performers From Afar Seek Entry Blanks For Rodeo

Secretary Jack Loyd is in receipt of letters from two distant points wherein the writers request entry blanks for the 1947 Heppner Rodeo. One was from E. L. Swan, Santa Barbara, Cal., event not listed.

A man in Baltimore, Md., wrote the secretary asking for entry blank and prize lists. He did not state what he was interested in but was anxious to learn about the Heppner show.

The requests have been complied with and Loyd is wondering if the entry blanks will be returned.

Ted Murdock of Spray spent a few days in Heppner the first of the week.

Death Calls Mrs. Florence Paul At Home in Heppner

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Paul, 63, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the Methodist church, with interment following in the family plot in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Death came to Mrs. Paul sometime in the night Monday. She had been at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Hughes that evening and at the conclusion of her visit Mrs. Hughes walked home with her. Mrs. Hughes called at the house in mid-afternoon Tuesday and discovered she was dead. While she had been treating for high blood pressure for some time it was not known that she had a serious heart ailment, inasmuch as she had responded to the treatment.

Mrs. Paul, who was Florence Iriene Hughes before her marriage, was born March 31, 1884 at Hartsville, Mo., the daughter of the late Sam and Mary Hughes, long time residents of this community. She had made her home most of the time in Heppner since 1904.

She is survived by a brother, Frank Hughes of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a sister, Mrs. Riley Juday of Portland. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Hanson Hughes, who passed away in 1945.

Mrs. Paul was a member of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge of Heppner.

Heppner Band To Play At Hermiston, Pendleton Shows

Heppner's school band has accepted invitations to play two engagements next week end, one at Hermiston and the other at Pendleton, according to Billy Cochell, director. The young musicians will go first to Hermiston on Aug. 29 to play at the Umatilla county fair. On the 30th they will appear in the Dress-Up parade, pre-Round-Up event at Pendleton.

Cochell reports that the band has been invited to take a spot in the Westward Ho parade, big feature of the Round-Up, which will be staged Sept. 13. He is working to put the youngsters in condition and hopes the invitation can be accepted.

Between 30 and 35 musicians will be taken to the fair and parade, Cochell said. This will include the three majorettes, Barbara Stout, Joan Reisinger and Edda Mae Thorpe, and the student band leader, Beverly Yocum.

The director has been putting the band through marching drill several nights each week and feels somewhat more optimistic about the progress made towards marching efficiency. He feels that the band will make a creditable showing at the Heppner Rodeo and in the annual Rodeo parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parker returned to their home in Pasco Tuesday after spending the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston.

New Type Toreador To Be Seen at '47 Rodeo . . . Maybe

History records many gory battles between man and beast in the bull arena but if this representative of the press has been correctly informed, audiences at the forthcoming Heppner Rodeo will see some real bull-fighting sans bloodshed—we hope.

Frank Chitwood, rodeo clown retained for this year's show, is said to be not afraid of the big Brahma bulls and when one of the brutes comes at him pawing the earth and snorting, he goes into the same routine and joins El Toro in battle—head on. This should be worth the price of admission, if that big bad bull of Harley Tucker's takes a notion to give the funny man a battle.

Chitwood, who now hails from Payette, Idaho, is rated among the top rodeo clowns. He has a mule which isn't as dumb as it looks and fans are in for many a chuckle when man and mule go into action.

Chamber Groups Promote Wearing Cowboy Outfits

Don't be surprised if you see staid business men, and some who haven't stayed so long, blossom out in cowboy regalia in the next few days. Some of 'em may not want to conform but the committees appointed by the senior and junior chambers of commerce are determined to put a little spice into the pre-Rodeo period and will be around to see whether or not the boys along the main drag are conforming.

It is hinted that a small fine will be assessed for the first breach of the rules and the penalty will be harsher with each succeeding failure to comply. The committees may even rig up a "Black Maria" and exhibit habitual "lawbreakers" along Main street. That remains to be worked out.

The plan was adopted to create local interest in the Rodeo and the county fair and have a little fun while doing it.

Entire cowboy outfits will not be necessary. A cowboy hat, colorful shirt or necktie, boots—any one or all of them is left to the individual's choice. But you'd better wear something indicative of the occasion, the committees warn.

BUY ROOD RESIDENCE

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham are now settled in their new home purchased the past week end from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eod who have moved to Weston. The Dunhams have occupied a suite in the Court apartments since June of last year. Koko, the family cocker spaniel, who has made his home around the Gazette Times office the past four years, is now making his home at the new residence.

GOES EAST

Bob Runyon was a passenger from Pendleton on the Union Pacific streamliner City of Portland Wednesday evening for Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb., on a business trip. He said he hoped to sell some forward looking citizen of the middle west a big ranch out in this neck o' the woods.

According to a report by Mrs. R. I. Thompson, chairman of the Morrow county committee, the local lodge of B. P. O. Elks is contributing \$25 per month for the next year to the Morrow county ward of the veterans hospital at Walla Walla. This will be used for cigarettes and a party or so through the year.

Visitors at the O. G. Crawford and Frank S. Parker homes Friday were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones and Mrs. Millie Knowlton of Pasco. It was the first visit of the Joneses to Heppner since 1943 and Mrs. Knowlton's first visit here. Mrs. Jones is a sister of Mrs. Parker and O. G. Crawford.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Casebeer are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fowled of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Mae McKinney of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Lauer have returned to Portland after a visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wightman. Their son Richard remained for a longer visit.

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Put your pipe ashes in bare earth

Rodeo And County Fair Area Scene of Unusual Activity As Crews Prepare For Shows

All is hustle and bustle around the rodeo and county fair grounds these days and when opening day of the two events arrives the cash customers will find many changes—all for the better.

Following a policy of improvement from year to year the Rodeo association has had a crew of men employed putting in a new fence along the north side of the grounds. The old fence, partly due to age and somewhat due to a vandalistic tendency on a part of the public, was in a sad state of repair and the only cure was a new fence. This, with a coat of paint on the grandstand, has brightened the appearance of the plant materially.

When cowboys and stock are turned loose in the arena they will find their paths cleared of weeds. The whole arena looks like it was being prepared for seeding. A tractor dragging a harrow has run over the tract repeatedly.

Corral fences and barns are being repaired—in fact, the entire plant is being readied for the 1947 show, which the backers say will be the best ever.

FAIR GROUP BUSY

On up Hinton creek, beyond the Heppner Lumber company village, the county fair board



PRINCESS LAUREL

The final Princess's dance for the 1947 Heppner Rodeo season will be held at the Willows Grange hall in lone this Saturday night in honor of Princess Laurel Palmateer, attractive brown-eyed daughter of Mrs. Echo-Palmateer of lone. She is sponsored by the Willows Grange of lone.

Besides horseback riding, Princess Laurel's other favorite sports include swimming, baseball and volleyball. A graduate last spring from lone high school, she was active in sports and was the school yell leader. She plans to enter the University of Oregon this fall and major in physical education.



PRINCESS CORABELLE

Princess Corabelle (Corky) Nutting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nutting of Heppner, was the honored royal guest of the princess's dance held last Saturday night in Heppner under the sponsorship of the Rhea Creek grange. Princess Corabelle will be a senior in Heppner high school this fall and plans to take physical education at Whitman college on graduation from high school.

A true lover of horses, she broke her mare "Fleet" and is breaking her quarter horse colt. She owns three horses and a Palomina colt which she will break. She belongs to the riding club, "The Wranglers." Besides riding, her other hobbies include swimming, hunting, fishing and dancing.

Summer Training To Be Exhibited In Water Fete at Tank

Culminating a season's swimming lessons under the tutelage of Jacqueline "Jackie" Tetz, young people of the community will stage a water show at the municipal tank Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24. The affair is scheduled to open at 3:30 and continue until 5:30.

Miss Tetz has arranged racing and diving competitive events, with cash prizes going to the winners. Funds for the prizes were donated by the Heppner Lumber company. Judges for the events will be Mayor Conley Lanham and Councilman Francis Nickerson.

There will be a water pageant in which the advanced swimming class will participate. This includes various formations in the water. Other numbers include a water duet by Rita Dell Johnson and Jackie Tetz; exhibition diving by Gary Connor, Bill Hughes and Jimmie Smith, and a water ballet with Rita Dell Johnson, Lois Keyes, Corabelle Nutting, Judy Clark and Jackie Tetz.

Miss Tetz will make special awards to members of the swimming class. She will be assisted in staging the pageant by Jack O'Connor, chairman of the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross, who has given assistance to the swimming program throughout the summer.

The public has been extended an invitation to attend the show, which will be free of charge.

Morrow One of Five Counties to Retain Federal Insurance

The selection of Morrow county as one of the five counties in Federal Crop Insurance program on wheat will be retained was announced today by Henry Baker, chairman of the county committee. Baker went on to say that there are now 144 contracts in effect covering 226 farms in Morrow county.

These contracts will remain in effect for the 1948 crop year. No new contracts will be accepted for the 1948 crop year but plans are now being made for improvements in the program and it is expected that an improved contract can be offered early in 1948 to cover the 1949 and subsequent crop years.

SAW FOOTBALL GAME

Football fans from the county driving to Portland the past week to see the professional contest between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Los Angeles Dons included Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Randall Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lindner and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge of Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael and Harry Dinges of Lexington. It was a close contest, the Dons winning by one point, 17-16.

Wehmeyer Family Holds Reunion at California Home

A family reunion in which all members of the family were together the first time since 1930, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wehmeyer, Vista Way, near Vista, Calif., Sunday and Monday of this week. In addition to the Wehmeyer children, Mrs. Wehmeyer's two sisters and brother from the state of Washington were there.

Members of Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeyer's immediate family included Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Sult and two sons, Wayne and Warren, Venice, Calif.; Warrant Officer Carl C. Wehmeyer of the U. S. navy in China, whose wife went from Seattle to attend the reunion; Mrs. J. W. Beckot and son Bob and daughters Stephanie and Julianne, of Puyallup, Wash.—Stephen has just returned from Guam; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Wehmeyer and daughter Linda Lee of Ocean-side, Calif.; and Donald D. Wehmeyer of the U. S. navy, stationed at Los Alamitos, Cal. Lawrence was discharged from the navy about two years ago and is studying plumbing under the GI plan. Mrs. Wehmeyer's sisters and brother are Mrs. R. M. Badger, Winthrop, Wash., Mrs. R. J. Haase, Twisp, Wash., and their brother Albert of Winthrop.

Fred Wehmeyer retired from the U. S. forest service about three years ago and after a few months decided to try life in the southland. He and Mrs. Wehmeyer found a place to their liking on Vista Way where they have devoted their time to raising tropical fruits and plants. They still cherish a fond memory of their years in Heppner and of their many friends from whom they would like an occasional letter.

Reserved Seats To Be Sold Saturday

Arrangements have been completed for placing reserved seat tickets at the disposal of the public in Heppner this week end. The booth will be set up and ready for action at 2 p.m. Saturday, according to Tom Loyd, Rodeo ticket chairman for the 1947 show. Final authority rested with the board of directors of the association and this was given when the board met Wednesday evening.

Tickets will be sold at the same price as last year—\$2 for the ticket and 40 cent tax.

It was announced at the board meeting that the management of Hotel Heppner has tendered the use of the lounge as headquarters for the Rodeo and that the offer has been accepted.

The hotel also has posted a \$50 prize to be given the best all round cowboy at the 1947 Rodeo. Winner is determined by the most points for the three days.

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Viola Gabler

Word came this forenoon of the passing of Mrs. Viola Gabler at a hospital in The Dalles early this morning. Mrs. Gabler was transferred to the hospital only recently from Portland, to which place she moved this spring from Heppner.

Mrs. Ed Bennett, cousin of Mrs. Gabler, was with her when she died.

Definite arrangements had not been made for the funeral up to the time of going to press but it is expected that services and interment will take place in Heppner Saturday afternoon.

JAYCEES PLAN ROLLER SKATING PARTY FRIDAY

Plans for a roller skating party at the rink in the newly acquired city building—the former fair pavilion—were announced the first of the week by the Junior chamber of commerce. The affair is being given for members of the Jaycees and their families.

Aside from skating, there will be refreshments of hot dogs and pop to help keep up the stamina.

MAKE SHORT VISIT

Visitors in Heppner Tuesday were Mrs. Lera Crawford of Berkeley, Calif., her son John Crawford of Portland and Mrs. P. M. Gemmell of Salem. The trio put in a busy time making calls on relatives and friends, while "Grandma" Crawford displayed pictures of her grandson, John Douglas Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crawford of Los Angeles. Hugh is in New York for a six months training in insurance. Mrs. Crawford and John will go to Los Angeles to spend part of John's vacation.

VISITS LARCH MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Joe Hughes returned the first of the week from Portland where she spent a pleasant week end. Gathered at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. E. Williams were two brothers and their families, G. W. Bassett of Santa Ana, Calif. and R. H. Bassett of Salem. Sunday the group went to Larch mountain, which Mrs. Hughes describes as one of the outstanding scenic spots of the state.

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Because the first Friday in September is the opening day of the Heppner Rodeo, the Rhea creek grange has changed its meeting from that date to Friday evening, August 29, according to Francis B. Nickerson, master.

School Buildings Undergo Repairs During Summer

Gym Painted And Kitchen Installed For Cafeteria Use

In less than three weeks the summer vacation will be over and once again teachers and children will turn their faces toward the building on the bench to the east of Willow creek which will be their objective for the next nine months. School 1 is scheduled to open Sept. 8, right on the heels of the rodeo, which will give no time for rest following three days of strenuous recreation.

While classes have been dismissed for the summer there has been no lack of activity around the school plant. The school board has employed the time in improving the buildings and equipment to make the best use of all facilities.

Students returning to school will find interior of the gymnasium redecorated. A coat of paint has removed marks and stains and brightened up the big room.

The improvement calling forth the loudest praise from Harold Becket chairman of the board, was the installation of a new kitchen in connection with the school cafeteria. Hereafter, patrons of the cafeteria will operate on a help yourself basis, eliminating the extra cost of serving the meals. In the past the cafeteria has employed high school girls to help with the serving and this has cost the department a considerable sum of money. With the government withdrawing support from the program, it was necessary to re-arrange the kitchen and make the serving "piggy-wiggly."

Mrs. Effie Munkers and Mrs. Grace Hughes will return to do the cooking, Becket reports. They handled this job with satisfaction last year and school officials feel fortunate in being able to retain them.

Chairman Becket stated that the school property is all spick and span in anticipation of the fall opening. Three janitors, a man and two women have worked faithfully throughout the summer to tidy up the place. Hubert Wilson as head janitor is in charge of the maintenance. The cleaning work is done by Mrs. E. K. Wyland and Mrs. Lewis Wilson who returned Tuesday evening from La Grande after attending a two-day janitor school at the Eastern Oregon college.

While the teaching staff is nearly completed, the chairman was unable to make a report on it. He gave the assurance that everything will be in readiness for opening day and that was taken to include the list of teachers. Supt. Henry Tetz is still trying to lick the housing problem and hopes to have building operation out of the way ere Sept. 8 arrives.

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PRINCESS SHIRLEY

Sponsored by the Lexington grange, Princess Shirley Wilkinson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, was feted at the second princess's dance held August 9 at the pavilion in Heppner.

Living on her parent's ranch on Willow creek above town, Princess Shirley can do any type of ranch work, breaks horses, rides for cattle, cooks and sews. She owns three saddle horses.

Princess Shirley graduated last spring from Heppner high school, was awarded the annual Activity pin, was assistant yell leader and played volleyball and baseball. In the band she played in the first chair in the saxophone section. She plans to study pre-nursing this fall.



PRINCESS FRANCINE

First princess, and the youngest princess, to be honored at a Rodeo dance was Princess Francine Hisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pauline Hisler of Little Butter creek. Although she can do anything on the ranch, she particularly likes to work with the stock. Her favorite hobby is riding, with music a close second. She plays the clarinet in the band at Heppner high school where she is a sophomore.

The queen's dance in honor of Queen Merlyn I, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, will be held a week from Saturday, August 30, at the pavilion.