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Coronation, Dress-Up Parade To Begin Rodeo Week

Forty Hour Week Hits Wire Service On Local Branch

Railroad Company Says Hands Tied In Local Situation

Five-day telegraph service seems to be the lot of towns on the Heppner branch, what with the depot agent and freight clerk going on a 40-hour per week basis and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company announcing discontinuance of telegraph service in the states of Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

Since Agent Floyd Tolleson is the telegraph operator and will be off duty Saturday and Sunday, Heppner will be without that service those two days. Heretofore, it has been possible to send messages by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph service but it now appears that this avenue is to be closed to the public.

This matter was presented at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday and it was brought out by Judge Garnet Barratt that to send a telegraph message on Saturday or Sunday would necessitate a telephone call to a main line station, which, with the telephone call and additional delivery charges will add considerably to communication expenses.

The judge suggested that not only the chamber of commerce should raise an objection but that all interested citizens do likewise.

J. L. Purdy, district traffic agent located at Pendleton, in town the first of the week, stated that there is little the railroad company can do about alleviating the situation.

The 40-hour week has already placed a heavy employment burden on the rail lines, he said, and there is little possibility of putting on a third man in the Heppner office just to handle the telegraph service on Saturday and Sunday. However, the matter had not been presented to him for consideration and it will require some study, he said.

Mrs. Conley Lanham and the royal court of the Morrow county fair and rodeo were guests of the chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon. Mrs. Lanham introduced Queen Shirley who in turn presented Princesses Betty, Faye, Ingrid and Dorothy.

The girls told of some of the interesting social events they have attended during the current fair and round-up season.

Harold Erwin, manager of the rodeo division of the fair, made an appeal for community support during the following two weeks. He stressed the dress-up parade Saturday evening of this week and urged business houses and individuals to participate with entries. Nelson Anderson, county agent and fair secretary, spoke along the same line.

Mrs. Mary Stevens took a few minutes to tell about the forthcoming visit of the mobile x-ray unit, and Henry Tetz complimented the queen and princesses on their horsemanship and general good looks.

A count of those planning to drive to Boardman Saturday morning revealed that seven cars from the group would be available.

There will be no meeting next Monday—Labor Day.

Ione Teacher Staff Ready for Opening Of School on 12th

Everything is in readiness for the opening of school at Ione on September 12, announces B. C. Forsythe, superintendent. The teaching staff is all hired and building and grounds have been renovated during the vacation.

Random Shots....

With the fair and rodeo less than a week away, when it is contemplated that many visitors will be in town, why not a general fixing up of property lines? A few weedy spots here and there can make the whole town appear seedy. It is up to the property owners to look after their own weed cutting along the fences and walks, for the city does not go that far in its program of street cleaning. We want to have a good fair and rodeo; we want big crowds to visit our town during that time. We also want and need to make a favorable impression on the visitors. A few minutes on the front yard and along the walks will accomplish wonders.

Because the GT may not make the mail this evening (and when has it done so on Thursday?), we are not carrying a story about the North Morrow county fair. We do want to emphasize the chamber of commerce caravan which is scheduled to leave Heppner early enough to reach Boardman in time for lunch, and hope that many people from this section will avail themselves of this opportunity to drive over and see how the folks on the north end are making out these days. Saturday is not the best day for the business people to get away, but several have signified their intention of going or sending someone to represent them.

History has a habit of repeating itself. In the GT of 30 years ago it was reported that a light shower had broken up the longest drought in recorded history of this section. No record of the length of the drought of 1919 was reported in the news item, but it is doubtful if it was any longer than the drought of 1949. With the fair billed for next week it will be OK with Morrow county folks if the weather will continue along the same line a few more days.

Workers are busy today putting up street decorations heralding the opening of the fair and rodeo season. Next week the carnival company will be putting up the canvas city of fun for a few days of intensive entertainment. It won't be long now until Heppner will be the center of population for a large territory—for a few days, that is.

Sheriff Ends Tour Of Duty With Navy

Sheriff C. D. Bauman returned Friday night from a two-week naval training cruise off the Pacific coast aboard the U.S.S. Chilton, APA 38. Bauman said the Chilton left Seattle August 13 and tied up at Treasure Island on August 19. While there, he and a number of the other 119 reserves aboard the ship made liberties in San Francisco.

The Chilton put to sea again August 22 so the reserves could train on five-inch guns, firing at towed targets in an area 300 miles from the coast.

The sheriff termed the cruise a "good refresher." He said cool weather, good food, and a little of the familiar old routine made the cruise a good trip.

The Parade's The Thing!



The big parade for the 1949 fair and rodeo is scheduled to get underway at 10 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, September 10. All horsemen and riders are requested to assemble not later than 9:30 on Gale street between Church and Baltimore streets. All floats will assemble on Gale between Church and Water streets; bands and pedestrian entries will assemble on Church street between Gale and Main streets, and all stock and pet entries will assemble on North Main street, near the county sheds. All entries are urged to be on hand at 9:30 in order that the parade can be fully organized.

Judges will be on hand before the parade starts and all during its progress. Juvenile entries will be presented tickets before the parade starts.

Prizes will be offered as follows: Floats: 1) grand sweepstakes; 2) first prize organization float; 3) second prize organization float; 4) third prize organization float; 5) first prize business float; 6) second prize business float. Cowboys: 1) best dressed cowboy (mounted); 2) best dressed cowgirl (mounted); 3) oldest cowboy (mounted); 4) oldest cowgirl (mounted); 5) most realistic mounted cowboy; 6) best organized and conducted riding organization. Juvenile: 1) best float; 2) second best float; 3) best pet; 4) second best pet; 5) best juvenile mounted cowboy; 6) second best

Fat Stock Auction To Be on First Night of Rodeo

Maximum Price Set at 10 Cents Over the Market

Plans have been completed for the 4-H fat stock auction sale which is to be an event of the Morrow county fair and rodeo, N. C. Anderson, county agent, and secretary of the fair and rodeo, said Monday afternoon. An evening event, the sale will start at 7:30 p. m. Friday, September 9.

As an added attraction, and to help gather a crowd before the sale starts, a pig scramble for 4-H members will be held at 7 p. m. The scramble will be for 4-H members under 12 years of age, who are not old enough to participate in the calf scramble. Pigs will be donated by persons interested in club work. The animals will be carried as 4-H projects by the members who catch them.

The 4-H fat stock auction will differ from last year's sale in that prices will be pegged at a maximum of 10 cents over the fat stock market price. This will apply to all animals sold with the exception of grand and reserve champion animals, on which no maximum will be placed. Club members have declared their intentions to consign 22 calves, six sheep and one pig. Special attempts are being made to secure buyers for all of the animals. With the 10 cent maximum price on the fat stock, farmers and others will be able to purchase excellent grain fed quality meat to fill their lockers.

Harold Erwin, will be superintendent in charge of the auction sale again this year. Erwin was responsible for arranging the first 4-H auction sale, in 1948, which brought an average of 77 cents per pound on 14 head of fat beef, 85 cents a pound on three fat sheep, and 75 cents a pound on one fat pig. This was the highest average price reported by any of the counties in Oregon that held auction sales last year.

The fair and rodeo board hopes for the same enthusiasm this year as was exhibited at the first sale last year. Animals of equal quality will be offered at much lower prices this year.

3 Horse Flag Race Promises Thrills—And Maybe Spills

The three-horse flag race, which is to be a highlight of each day's rodeo events next week promises to be a thrill-and-spill affair that will satisfy the most ardent of rodeo fans. Unless it is re-planned, six riding clubs will compete in the race on a track generally believed to be large enough for four.

Clubs that have asked to participate are the Heppner Wranglers, Pendleton Mustangs, Arlington Saddle club, Umattilla Sage riders, Athena Wild Horse Riding club, and Milton-Freewater Pioneer Posse.

Six Calves Donated For 4-H Scramble On September Ten

Last Year's Catch To Be Shown As A Special Class

Morrow county's second annual calf scramble will be held Saturday afternoon, September 10, as a part of the rodeo events of the day, County Agent Nelson Anderson said Tuesday afternoon. So far, six calves have been donated to the fair and rodeo board for use in the event. Only 4-H club members from 12 to 17 years of age, inclusive, are eligible to take part in the scramble.

Calves which were caught in last year's scramble are being groomed and fitted for showing in a special class at the coming fair. Persons who gave calves for the first annual scramble will have an opportunity to see how well the animals have done under 4-H feeding.

Anderson said he already has received several applications from 4-H club members who wish to try their hand at calf wrestling. He explained that light calves, weighing about 275 pounds, are used to prevent injury to the contestants. Donors' calves are not used in the scramble, but, rather, are claimed by club members according to the numbers marked on calves which are caught in the arena.

John Graves, superintendent of the calf scramble, has been given calves by the following persons or businesses: Kirk and Robinson Hereford ranch of Sand Hollow; Hugh Smith; Steve Thompson; E. M. Baker of Ione; McCabe Brothers of Ione, and Mankin and Bunch of Heppner.

Anderson said several more calves will be needed for this year's show. Several persons who gave animals last year have offered to give another. The agent said the fair and rodeo board had rejected several such offers because they did not believe any one person should be asked to give calves in two successive years. He said, however, that some such offers may be accepted if calves cannot be obtained from other sources.

County Picnickers To Be Entertained At Courthouse Park

Plans are shaping up for the county potluck picnic on September 10, and at least one grange already has indicated its willingness to help provide entertainment for the throng of out-of-town county residents.

Judge Garnet Barratt, who will be master of ceremonies at the picnic, said Tuesday that although several granges have not had time to answer his letter, Boardman has replied and has requested that a piano be made available for their part of the entertainment.

Ambulance Contributions

Recent contributors to the Morrow county ambulance fund were the following persons: C. Thorn, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McElligott, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lundell, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Tress McClintock, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Groshens and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cox, all of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright were hosts to their son Jim Wright and to Miss Irene Wahl and Jim Smoker last week-end. The young people flew from Seattle to Pendleton, where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Miss Mabel Wilson called on 4-H club leaders in Irrigon Friday.

Queen Shirley



Pretty, dark-haired Shirley Wilkinison will be crowned queen of Morrow county's 1949 annual fair and rodeo at a coronation ceremony Saturday night on Main street in Heppner. Following the coronation, she will be paid homage at a queen's dance at the Heppner civic center pavilion.

Five-foot-five and weighing a neat 125 pounds, Queen-elect Shirley is an action-loving veteran of a lifetime in the saddle. Born April 22, 1929, she first rode horses back at the age of seven months. Queen that she is, Shirley has broken every horse that is being ridden on the Wilkinison ranch today. She owns and rides three saddle horses, her favorite of which, "Penny," is from the famous Swaggart sorrel stallion.

Shirley long has been accustomed to winning acclaim for her riding ability. She was a princess in the court of Queen Merlyn in 1946 and has ridden in the Morrow county fair and rodeo parade every year since she was three years old.

An accomplished musician, she has been the leader of the "Blue Dreamer" orchestra, and she now is organist for the Eastern Star. After graduating from Heppner high school in 1947, Shirley spent a winter in Corvallis attending classes at Oregon State college. Bored by school routine, she returned to her parents' ranch near Heppner and for the past year has enjoyed the life of a roustabout and cook.

For as long as she can remember, Shirley has helped with the summer haying. When horses were used, she drove a hay rake

or a buckrake. Now that the ranch is mechanized, she drives trucks, tractors, or anything mounted on wheels. Shirley and her father do all the riding on the Wilkinison ranch.

In high school, Shirley at one time or another held every class office. She also was student body treasurer in her senior year. She was a member of and held offices in the Glee club, Girls' league, H. A. band, and the Pep club. She also was student leader of the band for one year, and she won the Activity award when she graduated.

Shirley has ample reason for having learned to love ranch life. She traces her ancestry to pioneers who settled in Oregon when the west still was young. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinison.

McKay Commends Soil Conservation District Boards

Governor Douglas McKay was revealed today to have written letters to O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington and Don Kenny of Irrigon in which he commended the two chairmen and fellow members of the district boards for "your and their generous contributions to Oregon agriculture."

Members of the Heppner Soil Conservation district are Charles Carlson Ione; Orian Wright, Heppner; John J. Wightman, Heppner and W. E. Hughes, Heppner. Members of the Boardman Soil Conservation district are Carl Knighten, Irrigon; Ingaard Skoubo, Charles Dillon and Jack Mulligan, Boardman.

Governor McKay's communication revealed that the state's executive branch is moving to publicize and otherwise promote better land-use practices in Oregon. The governor said that he personally has endorsed the state soil conservation committee's far-reaching plan for the present biennium, and he added: "I am asking state departments interested in conservation to cooperate, within their means and wherever feasible, with district activities."

"No program, no matter how obvious its merit, can get past first base unless it has support at the local level," the governor wrote. "That is why I want to commend the farmers who serve without pay as supervisors, for the fact that soil conservation districts are operating in 19 counties, striving to protect nearly five and one-half million acres from further erosion."

Governor McKay expressed the hope that the example set by supervisors of existing districts might encourage other farmers to take a similar sound approach to the erosion problem.

The state committee's program envisions a 100 per cent increase in the number of soil conservation districts in Oregon by the middle of 1951.

DR. RAYMOND RICE VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK FRIDAY

Werd reached Heppner of the sudden death last Friday of Dr. Raymond Rice at his home in Vernon, B. C.

Dr. Rice had invited Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Judy Morrison of Arlington to join him on a hunting and fishing trip and the guests arrived only a couple of hours before their host had a fatal heart attack. He is survived by his wife and small son. Cremation was made at New Westminster, B. C.

Dr. Rice was a practicing physician for several years in Heppner, leaving here in the early '40's for British Columbia.

Equipment List Completed For County Hospital

A list of equipment necessary to furnish Morrow county's new hospital was compiled Monday and Tuesday by Miss Jean King, statistician with the hospital section of the state board of health. Mrs. Mary Stevens, president of the Morrow county health and tuberculosis association, Judge Garnet Barratt and Commissioner Ralph Thompson worked with Miss King in preparing the list of prices, which is expected to total approximately \$30,000.

Judge Barratt said the list of so-called groups one and two equipment include "everything but the groceries" necessary to put the hospital into operation. Group one equipment, costing approximately \$10,000, was ordered some time ago. The list compiled this week must be approved by the public health service and by the county court before purchasing begins.

Miss King, who has prepared similar lists for hospitals at Burns and Enterprise, said Morrow county's hospital will be a modern "dream" so far as equipment is concerned. If the recommended items are approved.

Players Eager But Inexperienced Coach Bohles Says

Worried about the lack of returning lettermen this year, Coach Vernon Bohles painted a dark picture Tuesday of Heppner's football prospects for the coming season. The line, Bohles said, will be the biggest problem. Practically every candidate for a line position is young and inexperienced. But Bohles saw a ray of hope in what he described as outright eagerness on the part of all recruits to get on the field and play ball.

Although about 35 men have drawn new blue and gold suits, only 31 had reported for practice by Tuesday afternoon. Bohles said he expects a larger turn-out when school begins, but he had begun analyzing candidates after only four daily practice sessions.

The backbone of Heppner's squad undoubtedly will be a

Rodeo Ticket Booth To Open Saturday

Rodeo tickets will be sold from a booth on the east side of Main street beginning Saturday night, Merle Becket, ticket sales chairman, said Wednesday. The booth will be open each week day from 4:30 to 6 p. m. Daily tickets will be offered for sale at the booth. Season tickets also will be sold. Becket said children will be admitted free of charge on the first day of the rodeo.

County Agent Nelson Anderson and Miss Mabel Wilson, home demonstration agent, attended the fair board meeting at Boardman Tuesday night.

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New Law To Stop All Traffic For School Vehicles

A new law regulating traffic when a school bus makes it imperative that oncoming traffic as well as that which is overtaking the bus, stop when the school bus stops for the receiving or discharging of school children, and remain so as long as children are leaving the bus or crossing the highway. Each school bus must be equipped with a stop signal arm of the semaphore type and shall be mounted on the left side of the bus.

School transportation has been placed under the authority of the secretary of state and the state department of education by the last legislature. New regulations have been issued both as to type of bus and the operation. Two manuals have been prepared which cover fully all phases of school transportation and these will be in the hands of school districts.

The regulations define a bus as "a motor vehicle or motor bus of more than (7) passenger capacity engaged in transporting students."

The regulations emphasize the responsibility of the school and say that "the supervision and control of pupils by the school district board and its teachers is not confined to school premises, but extends over the pupils from the time they leave home to go to school until they return from school."

School transportation in Oregon continues to grow in size and complexity. In the 1947-48 school year, 83,448 school children were transported 65,938 miles daily in 1,237 school buses at the cost of approximately \$2,716,372.35.

Because of scattered population, Morrow county has problems of transportation in an ever-expanding program of providing transportation for its children. In the past year 1948-49, Morrow county transported 370 pupils by the use of 26 buses and cars a total of 979,397 pupil miles at a cost of 4.7 cents per pupil mile, (a pupil mile is one pupil carried one mile), making a total cost of \$46,159.70.

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