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Farmers, Townsfolk To Lunch at Rhea Creek Next Week

C. of C. Sponsoring Event in Behalf of Farmers Field Day

Farmers and townsfolk will meet in joint luncheon Thursday, June 1 at Rhea Creek grange hall when the Heppner chamber of commerce will be hosts to farmers of the county on the occasion of the annual field day conducted by the extension service of Oregon State college and the soil conservation service. Since many members of the chamber of commerce may be out of town next Monday it was decided to pass up the regular luncheon and take the food to Rhea creek and eat with the farm group on Thursday.

Itinerary of the field day has been worked out to start at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch north of Lexington at 9:45 a. m. where farm irrigation practices from deep well pumping will be observed. From there the group will go to the Paul Brown farm north-west of Heppner to view the work being done in producing wheat grasses for seed production and advances made in sod waterways. While at the Brown ranch the visitors will be given an opportunity to take an over-the-fence glimpse of stubble mulch summerfallow on the Mankin-Bunch ranch recently acquired from the Evans brothers.

The next stop will be at the Bechtold ranch near Hardman where sod waterway seeding has been done and where considerable attention has been given to grass legume strips. Here also will be an opportunity to observe effective work of 2,4-D in killing out wild morning glory, a project started in 1949.

After lunch at the Rhea Creek grange hall, Art King, soil conservation specialist from Oregon State college, will discuss features of the field day program. The party is expected to arrive at the hall by 12:15 for lunch. There will be a motion picture on conservation. The meeting will dissolve at 1:45 p. m. and the caravan will proceed to the Elmer Palmer ranch in Eight Mile to see what is being done in the way of strip cropping with some of the new grasses for seed. The tour will end at the Dr. Woodruff farm (the old Clive Huston place) to view the dry land alfalfa crop, which Nels Anderson says is really something.

Mrs. Mitchell Is Named Treasurer

Mrs. Frances Mitchell, deputy sheriff and tax collector for several years, has been named by the county court to fill the unexpired term of the late Leon W. Briggs as county treasurer. To accept the elective position, Mrs. Mitchell was required to resign as deputy and tax collector, but will remain in the office as clerk until January 1, 1951 when she will be reinstated to her former position.

For the present, or until July 10, Miss Leila McLachlan will serve as deputy sheriff and tax collector. After that and until the first of the year, Mrs. Albert Massey will take over.

In making this arrangement the court has effected a small economy in salaries. Such a move has been discussed from time to time, since the treasurer's office is not a full time job as compared to other offices in the court house, and this will give ample opportunity to see whether or not the arrangement will prove satisfactory.

Masons Assemble In District Meeting

Approximately 50 Masons gathered at the Masonic hall Saturday evening in a district meeting. Dinner was served at 6:30, the Elkhorn cafe doing the catering and the Rainbow girls the serving.

Members of the order from Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Ione and the Heppner lodges were in attendance at this the last district No. 28 meeting to be presided over by Andrew Staig of Fossil lodge, district deputy grand master.

Advertisers, Correspondents Please Take Notice

Tuesday, May 30, is a holiday. That is also the day the Gazette Times advertising manager makes the rounds of the business houses. It will be greatly appreciated if your advertising is ready to be picked up Monday. Correspondents should send in copy one day earlier than usual. The Gazette Times shop will be closed Tuesday. We can't do all of the work of putting the paper together in one or two days.

Lexington Juniors Fete Seniors With Annual Banquet

By Delpha Jones

The Junior-Senior banquet was held one night last week in the school lunch room. The rooms were decorated with red and white crepe paper decorations. Table decorations were paper, white narcissus and red tulips. Patty Majeska was master of ceremonies and also gave the welcoming speech to the visiting seniors. The menu consisted of baked ham, potatoes, gravy, peas, banana cream pie and coffee. Seniors who were guests for the occasion were: Ida Buchanan, Marvin Way and Charley Padden.

The mothers tea of the primary room was held last Thursday afternoon in the school lunch room, with the president Mrs. Hermann Green, in charge. Mrs. Sorlien's room entertained the visiting mothers and their children at a short program in the first and second grade rooms. The mothers were then entertained in the basement with refreshments of cookies, sandwiches and coffee and the business of getting acquainted. Officers for the coming year were elected, president being Mrs. Clovis Arbogast and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer, secretary.

Mrs. Earl Warner returned Friday from Corvallis where she's been with her brother Bill McMillan who had an operation at the hospital there. She brought her granddaughter Deanna Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hayes, home with her for a visit.

The Lexington P-TA held their regular meeting in the school auditorium last Tuesday night with the program being furnished by the first and second grade rooms. They sang several numbers and had two piano solos by members of their room, Judith Wilton and Charlen Jones. Deanna Steagall played, Peach Blossoms. After the business meeting, refreshments were served in the lunch room.

A Memorial program will be given at Legion hall Monday night at 8 p. m. to which all service personnel are invited. Special musical numbers and short address by a local speaker are on the program.

Baccalaureate was held at the Christian church Sunday with the Rev. Cantrell officiating. Professional was played by Shirley Hunt. Special music was furnished by Ida Shivers on her accordion.

Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Triana Parker returned home Tuesday after a few days stay in Portland. They motored down with Archie Nickols and mother, Ina Nickols.

Mr. and Mrs. Ham Burchell of Sheridan were brief visitors at the Charles Breshars home on Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. McMillan and Freda Majeska returned home Friday from the Rebekah convention at Astoria.

Mrs. Joe Wark Sr. and daughter, Marjorie Houck and children spent Saturday visiting in Pendleton and Hermiston.

The Three Links club will hold a special meeting Monday, the 29th of May at the E. E. McFadden home.

Mrs. Laura Scott spent last week at her home in Lexington from The Dalles where she has been with her daughter and family, Mrs. Ralph Jackson.

Class of 1950 To Bow Out Friday Evening



Reading from left to right, bottom row: Betty Walker, Kathryn Campbell, Marlene Turner, Barbara Stout, Betty Graves, Colleen Connor, Lorene Mitchell, Louise Schunk, Darlene Wise. Second row: June Van Winkle, Francine Hiesler, Joyce Buschke, Peggy Floyhar, Eunice Keithley, Colleen Prock, Kathleen Matson, Delores Baker. Third row: Harold Manners, Loren Piper, Gerald Bergstrom, Charles Bloodworth, Norman Ruhl, Robert Bergstrom, Carl Thorpe, James Orwick, Charles Phegley, Vernon Bohles, adviser. Absent from picture: Rachel Cox, Rose Pierson, Eileen Keen, Eastern Oregon College of Education. Exercises marking the close of school and commencement for the Class of 1950, Heppner high school, will be held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening. It will be the 40th annual commencement for the local school.

250 Exhibitors To Display Fat Stock At 4-H-FFA Show

Among the 250 young exhibitors from eleven Eastern Oregon counties who will be exhibiting fat livestock at the Oregon Wheat Growers League Fat Show and sale will be twelve 4-H members from Morrow county, announces N. C. Anderson, county agent. Ingrid Herman, Janet Howton, John Howton, Ronald and Duane Baker, Herbert Ekstrom, and Lealand McKinney of Ione, Rieta and Deane Graves, Joanne Wilson of Heppner, Marilyn Munkers, Lexington and Mike Stalcup, Boardman, will be exhibitors of 10 beef, nine lambs and four hogs.

Final touches are being put to the animals now with next week to climax final preparations. Animals will be fitted and groomed for the annual 4-H tour to be held on June 2 and 3, before going to The Dalles for showing on June 5, 6 and 7.

This show and sale, a popular one with Morrow County 4-H members promises to be the best yet this year with 300 head of livestock consigned by 4-H members. This is more than twice the number exhibited at the 1949 show.

4-H members, leaders and parents will be specially entertained during the three day event with a banquet at the Elks Temple, the evening of June 6, with a fireworks display later from a Columbia river barge. A boat trip on the yacht, Frances, by courtesy of the Inland Navigation Company is planned for the afternoon of June 7, with the auction sale that night.

Total Levy For County's Schools Actually \$43,000 Less Than 1949, Figures Reveal

A perusal of the Rural School Board's budget as published prior to the budget election on May 15, will reveal that the total levy for the schools of the county is \$43,000 less than it was last year. The base can be increased only six percent above that of last year which was \$103,214.23, or up to \$109,406.00 even if the present levy of \$337,013 is adopted. The base can only be increased six percent in one year, no matter what the total levy that is adopted.

For example (if present valuations remain in the county): 1950, \$103,214.23; 1951, 109,406; 1952, \$115,970. This will mean that, unless continuing present conditions the Rural District levy will have to be voted on annually at special elections to exceed the six percent limitation. In answering some of the questions arising relative to the budget and school financing, Supt. Henry Tetz has arranged a question and answer form in an effort to simplify explanation of the school program.

County Ready To Start Construction Of Machine Building

Work on the county's new machine shop and storage building will start next week, Judge Garnet Barratt announced Wednesday. Some delay has been experienced in getting the plans worked out to the satisfaction of the court, but these wrinkles have been removed and nearly everything is in readiness.

The new building will be 50x80 feet. It will have concrete footings and walls will be of a new type building block. A site on the southeast part of the fair grounds has been selected and the court has reserved enough space to permit parking of trucks and other equipment which has to be worked on in the shop.

Since a permanent site has been obtained for the county sheds and shop, it is the desire of the court to make the buildings as permanent as possible. There is more "elbow" room out at the new location than on the site in town that will soon be vacated and effort will be directed towards obtaining a higher working efficiency.

Work at the new fair pavilion is progressing satisfactorily. Plans are going forward to lay the concrete floor in the dance pavilion end of the building and it is expected this will be completed in time to hold all of the pre-fair-rodeo dances out there.

Mrs. Susie Hughes is expected to arrive home this week end from St. Anthony's hospital where she has been confined to her bed since breaking her hip in a fall at her home last January.

Curbing of Mail Service Hinted For Branch Lines

A hint that the Union Pacific and the post office department are toying with the idea of placing the Heppner and Condon branches on star route mail service, with no Sunday or holiday delivery, brought an immediate protest from all present and a call to action to forestall such a move if possible.

The first intimation of the proposed change was revealed at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday. It is understood that if the change is made the Flat Truck Service, contractor with the Union Pacific for hauling mail, express and freight between Arlington and Heppner will be excluded from bidding for the mail contract, and with no direct truck service from Arlington, the express business will be practically a thing of the past.

The membership of the chamber of commerce was urged to write both the company and the post office department protesting the change and the same action is urged upon the citizens in general if they are pleased with the present service and do not want a change.

It was decided that the chamber of commerce will make a formal protest to both the Union Pacific and the post office department and all patrons of the railroad and the postal service will be urged to write the proper officials in both instances stating their views and especially stressing their desire to have the present service continued.

Evening Service Offered For Class

Baccalaureate service for the Class of 1950 was the first activity of commencement week. Rev. Fr. Francis McCormack addressed the class, using as his theme the story of James and John. Music was furnished by the school band with Robert Collins directing. They played the prelude while the seniors, in their white caps and gowns filed into the first rows of the auditorium. They also played the recessional. A clarinet quartet composed of Sandra Lanham, Lynda Borman, Sharon Becket and Jim Hayes, with Eleanor Rice accompanying them, gave one number. The girls' Triple Trio sang "Green Cathedral." Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien gave the invocation and benediction.

Cricket Baiting Results in 80 to 90 Percent Kill

Mormon cricket control work has progressed rapidly the past two weeks, announces N. C. Anderson, county agent. Baiting with the Bureau of Entomology's D.C.3 plane carrying 7,000 pounds of bait to the load was started on May 11 and completed Sunday forenoon, May 14. Of 33,400 acres baited in Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties, 32,080 acres were baited in Morrow county. Toxaphene, rolled wheat bait was employed, using five pounds of bait per acre. Kills as a result of the plane baiting were excellent. Areas baited in the forenoon were checked four hours later and it was estimated that there was an 80 to 90% kill. Ground equipment is being used in scouting and follow-up baiting where small pockets of crickets were found outside the plane baited area.

It appears that the Mormon cricket is finding itself slowly outwitted in its stand for survival and it is felt by many that this year's program will practically eliminate crickets in this area; we hope!

People Of County Asked To Replenish Umatilla "Bank"

Morrow county people are being asked to donate blood for the purpose of replenishing the Umatilla county blood bank which has been drawn on for patients from this county hospitalized at Pendleton from time to time. An effort is now underway to secure 100 donors in Morrow county to pay off this debt and to establish a blood bank for the Morrow County Memorial hospital which is to get into operation within a short time.

Speaking to the chamber of commerce Monday noon, Mr. Erickson, representing the 16th mobile blood bank unit at Yakima, Wash., described the process of taking the blood and told of the marvelous results in saving human life resulting from the practice of blood transfusions.

Erickson was accompanied to Heppner by Mrs. Ned Unger of Pendleton, chairman of the Umatilla county Red Cross chapter. They counseled with Jack Van Winkle, blood bank chairman of the local Red Cross, relative to repaying the Umatilla blood bank and to building up the local bank.

Rain Making And Hail Repression Trial Considered

Frank Anderson, Nelson Anderson and Elvin Bunch attended a conference of Eastern Oregon county farmers in Arlington Wednesday afternoon when a proposal to experiment with a rain making and hail repression project was discussed. Present also were R. A. Beaumont of Medford and Charles Smith of Corvallis. Beaumont has been experimenting with "cloud seeding" a process for dissolving clouds that threaten hail or causing rain when there are clouds but no rain. The experiment has been successful in the Rogue river valley to the extent that farmers and farm groups in other sections of the state have become interested.

The Morrow county delegates deem the project feasible and have set Monday evening, May 29 for a meeting of farmers of the county at the courthouse in Heppner to present what was learned at Arlington. They reported that experimentation with the process will be carried out on a limited basis in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties to determine whether an all-out campaign to combat hail can produce rain would be justified.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cornelison visited Sunday at the D. Way home.

Accident Proves Heppner's Undoing In Sunday's Game

With Two Men On Bases, Swogger's Liner Hits Hurler

The luck of the Irish doesn't hold with Heppner's 1950 baseball team. This was proved Sunday afternoon when Swogger, Heppner second basemen came up to bat with two out and two men on bases. Swogger picked one to his liking and slammed one a hot liner toward center field with good clearance for it to get through the infield. The trouble was that Roark, Fossil pitcher couldn't get out of the way and was knocked over by the burner. It fell dead within his reach and he lobbed it over to first in time to put the runner out and retire the side. Roark also was retired. Basil Burnstad hurled for Heppner the first six innings. He was enjoying good control and didn't walk a single batter. He was relieved at the beginning of the seventh by Doug Drake who gave one walk but otherwise gave a good account of himself. Roark walked one and Brooks, who succeeded him after the accident hit one batter. It was a good day for pitchers, generally speaking, although the final score was 9-8.

Arlington will come to Heppner next Sunday for the next to last game at Rodeo field in the current Wheat-Timber league season. Condon is scheduled to play here June 4 and the local team will be in the road for the rest of the season.

Picnic Will Mark Closing of First Kindergarten Year

A picnic on the courthouse lawn Friday, May 26, marks the successful conclusion of the Heppner kindergarten's first year. Sponsored by the Jay Cee-ettes organization and financed largely through fees, the kindergarten has had an average enrollment of fourteen peppy pre-schoolers under the capable guidance of Mrs. Richard Meador.

The kindergarten was undertaken a year ago by the Jay Cee-ettes, who elected Mrs. Jack Estberg, Mrs. Bill Barratt, and Mrs. Edwin Dick to organize and supervise the little school. Limited by funds in their search for a location for the kindergarten, the board received permission from the city to install rest room facilities in the portion of the pavilion already in use by their organization and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, so that the children could use their meeting place as a schoolroom.

Last summer the Jay Cees and Jay Cee-ettes worked together to make the rooms suitable for the little folk, and to gather furniture and donated equipment for their use. Further work is necessary to make the rooms more comfortable and cheerful during cold weather.

The first year has been a "guinea-pig" year for the kindergarten, the largest but by no means the only project of the bustling Jay Cee-ettes. Out of their experience has grown adoption of the public school-board system's three-year term for the kindergarten board. Mrs. Barratt and Mrs. Estberg are the hold-over members, with an election scheduled at the June 28 meeting to select a third member, for a three-year term.

Applications are being accepted by the board for an instructor for next year's school. The instructor need not be trained as a teacher since the board and the local school will work closely with the kindergarten. Because the chief aims of kindergarten are to teach children to get along together in groups and to prepare them for school, enjoyment and love of children are the most essential factors in selection of an instructor.

Fees for the coming year will be lower than for the past year. The Jay Cee-ettes will conduct one large money-making project next year to help finance the school.

Mrs. John Pfeiffer, president of the Jay Cee-ettes, urges all local women who are interested in civic work to meet with her group at the pavilion club rooms on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month.

Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Barratt may be contacted for details concerning next year's kindergarten or by applicants for instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and little sons were called to Burns Sunday to attend the funeral services for an uncle of Mrs. Brown, Lloyd McRae of Emmett, Idaho, whose death followed a cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. McRae was a former rancher of Malheur county and his body was returned to Burns for interment. The Browns returned to Heppner late Monday night.

Mrs. Winters took her group of Campfire Girls to the mountains Sunday for a picnic. They all report a lovely time.