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Free Dance To Open County Fair Pavilion

The big pavilion at the Morrow County Fair grounds has been completed and in honor of the event will be opened Saturday evening, July 1 with a big free dance to all who have contributed to the project, announces Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the fair board and sparkplug for the building enterprise.

For this big special event two orchestras have been retained. One will play modern tunes and the other will furnish the type that causes folks to have a rip-roarin' time doing the oldtime dances—the quadrille, the two step, the polka, etc. A partition has been run about midway of the floor so that each dancing group will have a space 60x90 feet. At one end of the building the Rimrock Serenaders from

Monument will play oldtime music while at the other end the Farrows orchestra from Long Creek will play the modern band—or maybe it's vice versa.

Now remember: If you worked on the building, or if you subscribed money, materials, furnishings—anything but your good will—you will be admitted free. Your good will subscription will cost you a dollar for admission.

Cutsforth was stumped for a piano. Mrs. Frank Turner heard about his predicament and sent him word that she had an instrument she would donate. Being a man of generous tendencies he accepted the gift and promised Mrs. Turner she would be admitted free to the dance. That's how it works.

When the Farmers Turned Builders . . .



One of the Mixing Crews building. The work was streamlined so that no workman or busy it required two concrete group of workmen got in the way mixers, one on either side of the other groups.



A Section of the Big Floor that the "sidewalks superintendents" had to keep on the move headed by a half a dozen or so experts. The work moved so fast or get trampled on.



On the Chow Line About the most important branch of the floor-laying party was the chow line, which proves that the men can't get along without the women, even if they

Wranglers Put On Classy Rodeo At Annual "Hey Day"

The Wranglers featured their fourth annual Hey Day at the Rodeo grounds Sunday afternoon. A parade on Main street started the day at 1 p.m., with the events of the rodeo starting at 1:30 p.m. Highlight of the show was the first presentation of the quadrille team consisting of four couples which was organized recently by the club president, Merle Becket. Winners of the various events were as follows: Bending race—Bob Gammell, first; Jack Sumner, second and Oscar George third. Calf roping — Jim Valentine, Don Evans with Cornett Green and Bill Pickler tied for third place. Walk, trot and run race—Christine Swaggart, Bill Smethurst, Oscar George. Junior boot race—Larry Fetch, Sandra Lanham, Christine Swag-

gart. Musical ropes for men.—Bill Pickler, Bob Gammell, Oscar George. Musical ropes for juniors—Christine Swaggart, Gary Jones, Geraldine Swaggart. Musical ropes for women—Kay Monahan, Faye Cutsforth, Betty Smethurst.

This event was highlighted by the entrance of "Sally," who was portrayed by Bob Gammell with a rope wig, skirt, bandana and all but Sally lost out in the race. Quarter mile race — Betty Smethurst, Bill Pickler, Bob Steagall. Winners in the parade were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers for the best matched pair; Paul Beck, et for the best dressed junior cowboy, and Janice Beamer for the best dressed junior cowgirl. Prizes for the parade were sponsored by the Western Stores, Tum-A-Lum Lumber company and Mrs. Altha Kirk.

Ranchers Suffer Damage as Result Of Thunder Storm

Crops Flooded on Rhea Creek Due To Heavy Downpour

A flash storm assuming the proportions of a cloudburst struck in the Rock Creek area south of Hardman about 6 p.m. Saturday and the results were more or less serious for ranches along the creek bottoms. The bulks of the storm appeared to follow the ridge lying between Rock Creek and the heads of McKinney and Board creeks. Had it struck in full force on either side of the ridge the damage in certain spots would have been much greater.

Members of the Royal Arch Masons on their way to the Wightman ranch encountered some difficulty in getting over the new grade between Hardman and the mouth of Chapin creek. About midway of the grade the runoff from the storm was running over the highway to a depth of about eight inches. The highway grade held firm and cars and trucks were able to cross the stream. Rock creek at places was raised almost to a level with the highway grade.

Ranches along Rhea creek down suffered a considerable damage, particularly to crops. Grain and hay in the valleys were beaten down and left covered with mud and debris. Fences and bridges also came in for damage but it has not been learned if there were any livestock losses along these creeks.

Lewis Cason reported the loss of a barn and possibly a cow on his Rock creek ranch. The A. C. Ball, Floyd Jones, Jim Hayes, Sloucum and Wright places were reported as having taken something of a beating from the storm.

A second storm passed over this part of the county Tuesday evening, bringing much lightning and thunder and a heavy shower of rain over a much wider territory than Saturday evening's storm. Wednesday was clear but there was a chill wind most of the day and at 3:30 p.m. today the sky is overcast and rain is imminent.

Services Held For Albert Wilkinson

Services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Saturday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Albert Isaiiah Wilkinson, 58, whose death occurred Wednesday, June 14, in the Blue Mountains above Bingham Springs. Glenn Warner, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, officiated and interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Death was self-inflicted. Wilkinson was in the employ of Emery Gentry of Weston, spending considerable time in the mountains looking after cattle. A forest ranger found the lifeless body and reported his find to the authorities.

He was born July 5, 1891, in Morrow county and spent practically all of his life here, going to Weston about four years ago to work for Mr. Gentry.

Soroptimists Busy Gadding Around

Attendance at installation parties has called a few members of the Soroptimist club of Heppner out of town recently.

Wednesday of last week Mrs. W. O. George and Mrs. John Saager drove to Baker for the induction of the new officers of that club. Tuesday evening Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Mrs. O. G. Crawford were in La Grande for a similar program. Dr. Amanda Zabel of La Grande installed the officers for the Soroptimist Club of Baker. Mrs. Crawford installed for the La Grande club, and Friday evening Mrs. Etta Cunningham of Baker will be in Heppner to induct the officers of the local group.

Several Soroptimists will be here for Friday night's party, from Baker and La Grande. The evening's activities will begin with a dinner at 7 o'clock at the W. O. George home. An informal affair has been planned closing the evening with square dancing.

The Degree of Honor will hold its annual picnic at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom Sunday afternoon, June 25. This will be picnic but coffee and ice cream will be furnished. Members are requested to bring their own silverware. Members without means of transportation are to meet at Farra's at 12 noon so that those having space in their cars can take them along.

Bob Gammell walked away with the prize for the all around cowboy for the day, and Betty Smethurst received the prize for the best all around cowgirl.

Topping the day off was a jackpot roping event, with Archie Murchison taking first place and Jim Valentine second. Jack Francis did the announcing, and with Mrs. Francis traveled a good many miles to be here.

STORES TO CLOSE

Business houses of Heppner will be closed between the hours of 10-11 a.m. Friday out of respect to James G. Thomson, veteran merchant of the city, whose funeral is scheduled for 10 o'clock at the All Saints Episcopal church.

Several Patients Occupy Rooms As Hospital Opens

Morrow county's fine new hospital, the Pioneer Memorial, did not open its doors to an empty house Sunday night. Two patients already occupied rooms and it was but a matter of a few hours until a third patient arrived. Mrs. Merle Burkenbine was the first to arrive at the hospital, at approximately 6:50 p.m. At 11 p.m. Mrs. J. G. Barratt was brought in. Mrs. Barratt had been ill at her home several days and showing no signs of improvement her physician advised that she be taken to the hospital. About noon Monday Judge Barratt, who also had been ill several days, was taken to the new building on the hill. Then followed George Currlin, who needed medical attention.

The following morning saw Mrs. Buell Harshman of Monument in the maternity ward where at 7:54 her baby boy, Gary Buell, was born.

Another patient is Mrs. Rudolph Steinke of Arlington who is receiving medical attention and who may now have company.

Latest arrival at the hospital was Mrs. Wayne Swogger of Heppner who at 3:20 this morning gave birth to a seven pound four ounce boy.

Visiting hours at the hospital are 3 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 8:30 in the evening. The hospital is urgently in need of blood types. Two major operations are scheduled for next Monday, either of which might call for blood transfusions. There will also be four minor operations at the hospital that day. Those desiring to give this assistance are urged to go to the hospital at once for blood tests.

Miss Helen Doherty has returned to her home in Vallejo, California after a week's visit here with her mother, Mrs. Catherine Doherty and other relatives. Another recent guest at the Doherty home was Mrs. Robert Miller, (nee Bessie McCabe) of La Grande.

Vacation Time Finds Many People Coming And Going Here And Elsewhere

By RUTH PAYNE

Dr. A. D. McMurdo returned Saturday from a twelve day trip to Charlottesville, Va. where he attended a class reunion at the University of Virginia. Dr. McMurdo went first to San Francisco where he was joined by his brother, Col. Hew E. McMurdo, for the trip east which took thirteen hours from California to New York. Dr. McMurdo reports a very enjoyable time visiting with old friends and classmates.

Mrs. Lucille Ayers entertained Thursday afternoon with a party complimenting her mother, Mrs. Walter Farrens, on the occasion of her birthday. Present were Mesdames Ella Bleakman, Della Tash, Lucy Wright and Elsie Ayers.

Mrs. James Campbell and son, Fred of Portland are guests at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé in the Social Ridge section. Saturday, Mrs. Bengé and her guest motored to Adrian, Idaho where they visited their father, Clyde Cartwright over the weekend.

Terrel Bengé and William Richards flew to Spokane during the weekend to attend the growers convention which is being held in that city this week.

Mrs. Ted Pierson and daughter, Marjorie and Mrs. Paul McCoy and daughter, Linda, returned Tuesday evening from Portland where they spent a few days on business and pleasure.

Mrs. Chris Brown is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton having been taken over the last of the week.

Mrs. Ida Grimes returned Monday evening from Portland where she spent a week looking after business matters. She was brought to Heppner by her son, Louis Pyle and his daughter. They were accompanied by Regina Waggoner who has been in the city visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John McRoberts.

Mrs. Jack Merrill and children left Sunday for their home in Portland after spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brock. Mr. Merrill motored up after them.

P. W. Mahoney spent Monday and Tuesday in Condon attending circuit court.

Mrs. Edmund Hirl and son Phillip were here from Toledo the last of the week to visit with her sister, Mrs. Rose Francis. Phillip will remain here for the summer with Mrs. Francis while Mrs. Hirl attends summer school at Monmouth.

Services for J. G. Thomson Sr. To Be Held Friday A. M.

Retired Merchant Died at Home Here After Long Illness

Services will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. Friday, June 23 at All Saints Episcopal church for James G. Thomson Sr., 78, who passed away at his late residence on South Court street Monday after a lingering illness. Rev. Elvon L. Tull will read the service and interment will be made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Phelps Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A native of Arthur, Province of Ontario, Canada, Mr. Thomson was born June 5, 1872. At the age of 25 he came to Heppner, accompanying Jack Hynd, formerly of Cecil and now of Pendleton. The two young men followed their brothers, Will Hynd and Charles Thomson, who came to this then flourishing sheep and cattle capital in 1894. Like many other young men coming into the county in that era, Mr. Thomson took a job as a ranch hand and followed this pursuit for several years before entering the dry goods business in Heppner. His first venture was with a man by the name of Ewing. Later his brother Charles purchased the interest of Mr. Ewing and the store became Thomson Bros., the name still in use. A second brother, George, joined the firm and with the passing of the brothers, Mr. Thomson absorbed their interests and carried on until ill health forced him to retire. A sale a few years ago cleared out the dry goods stock and since that time the store has been operated as a food market, the building being altered two years ago into one of the more modern store rooms of the city.

Mr. Thomson was married to Agnes Mary Curtis in 1907 and to this union six children were born, all of whom survive. They are James G. Jr., Roderick S., both of Heppner, and Curtis M. Thomson of Cotulla, Texas; Joyce Becket and Winifred Cox of Heppner, and Mary E. Gibb of Seattle, Washington. There are also 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomson predeceased her husband in death July 25, 1947.

Burkenbine Baby First Arrival At Pioneer Hospital

Nikki Charlene Burkenbine may never become president of the United States but she will have one distinction—she was the first baby born in the Pioneer Memorial hospital. Nikki arrived ahead of the scheduled opening of the hospital by a few hours, making her bow to this grand old vale of tears at 7:20 p.m. Sunday, June 18. The hospital officially opened at midnight.

For being the first baby born in the new hospital, Nikki received the layette and other gifts posted by business people of Heppner under the sponsorship of the Jay Ceeettes. Being of a very tender age she is not fully aware of the significance of all this finery but her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Burkenbine, are duly proud of the honor and the gifts and she no doubt will find it a pleasure to look back to June 18, 1950 when the time is about June 18, 2000 and say, "My folks tell me that I was the first baby born in Morrow county's fine new Pioneer Memorial hospital."

Masons Forced To Abandon Mountain Retreat Ceremony

A heavy rain breaking over the area about 6 p.m. Saturday caused the Royal Arch Masons to change their plans and return to the safety and comfort of the lodge hall in Heppner to hold a special initiatory service instead of the open air ceremonial to have been held at the Wightman place in the Blue mountains. The storm broke as the Masons were preparing to set the tables for the fried chicken dinner which was one of the features of the gathering. Companions had taken food and paraphernalia to the site and were preparing to go ahead with the plans when the storm broke. After a few minutes of the evening rain it did not take long to decide to return to town, for it was wet—and plenty, it might be added.

Some 40 Companions from Pendleton and numerous visitors from other chapters were in attendance. The Pendleton chapter put on the degree.

The guest list was headed by Herbert D. White, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Oregon, Portland.

People Urged To Have Blood Typed

Blood typing for emergency cases is a matter of concern to the management and staff of the Pioneer Memorial hospital and it is suggested that people who did not visit the blood bank unit on the occasion of its visit here last week go to the hospital for a test.

It was explained at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday that those who gave blood last week have been typed and that the hospital will be furnished information regarding the donors. It was also explained that it is desirable to have fresh blood for emergency cases and with a catalogue of blood types on record at the hospital it would be but a matter of a few minutes to locate the type that might be needed.

It may require some time to educate the people in hospital routine but securing blood types and building up a blood bank for any emergency are some of the first steps in establishing a successful institution.

Anyone desiring to take the blood test should get in touch with Administrator George Wadill without delay.

LEAVE FOR MIAMI

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner left early Tuesday afternoon, driving to Pendleton where they would leave their car in storage and taking the City of Portland for Chicago on the first lap of a journey that will take them to Miami, Fla., where Mr. Turner goes as a delegate from Heppner lodge No. 358 to the grand lodge convention of Elks. The Turners have planned a tour which practically circles the United States. They will spend two or three days in each of seven or eight of the larger cities—Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., down to Miami on the east coast and several of the more important cities in the south as they come back to Los Angeles and on home.

Mrs. A. G. Pieper has returned from Portland where she has been for the past three weeks helping her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Holliday, with the children during the opening of the new Holiday bakery. This is an attractive and modern shop located on S. E. 92nd near Foster, next door to the Lents postoffice. The young people invite their Morrow county friends to call on them when in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Needham, Gaylord Ingram and Frank Fraters motored to John Day Saturday to spend the week end with friends.

Council Awards Street Contract at Monday's Meeting

Salem Man Puts Equipment to Work Tuesday Morning

It didn't take the city council very long to make up the official mind about awarding the contract for proposed street work Monday evening, when the bids were opened. There were but two bids, which shortened the work some, but the underlying cause for speed was in the difference in the bids.

The bidders were Russell Olson of Pendleton and the D. F. McKinsin company of Salem. Olson's bid was for \$7,750 and the Salem concern bid it in at \$4,255.

A total of 4100 lineal feet of grading, surfacing and repaving will be done under the contract, broken down as follows: Riverside Avenue, 2700 lineal feet; South Main, 400 lineal feet; Chase street, 700 lineal feet, and Gilmore street, 300 lineal feet.

The city is furnishing the crushed rock, having contracted with the Rock crusher which is now operating at the Bill Barratt ranch east of Heppner. The contractor is to furnish all the material.

The successful bidder moved his equipment in Tuesday morning from near Arlington where he had been on a state highway job. A scarifier was put to work on the Riverside avenue stretch to scarify and grade the old pavement, approximately 1350 lineal feet. This street, badly damaged by the flood in 1949, will practically be rebuilt.

On South Main, Chase and Gilmore streets, it will require light grading of dirt fill on the former and light grading of rock fill on the latter two.

Taking advantage of the type of equipment in use on the street work, Heppner lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E., engaged the McKinsin company to level off the lodge's property from the rear of the building to Chase street to make a parking lot for the use of members.

In an effort to comply with a state law and to abate a practice by car drivers that has bordered on a nuisance for some time, the council instructed the police department to enforce the "No U Turn" rule on Main street. Four blocks comprising the center of the city have been posted and Chief Gomillion is now on the alert to catch violators of the rule. Turning around on Main street, which happens to also be a state highway is a violation of driving laws and offenders will be punished according to the terms provided by the statute.

John D. Furlong, Pioneer of County, Buried Sunday

Family and friends were shocked to learn Friday morning that John D. Furlong had ended his life. Death, which was apparently instantaneous, occurred approximately at 6:10 a.m. when he fired a bullet into his right temple while alone in his little home on North Chase street. It had been his usual practice to go over to his brother Scott's home at about 7 o'clock each morning and when he did not show up Friday morning Mrs. Scott Furlong decided to see what was the matter. She approached the house but did not go in and returning home spoke of her anxiety to Creed Owen, who happened to be there, and he said he would go over and investigate.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Sunday at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. Elvon Tull reading the Episcopal service. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

John Dennis Furlong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Furlong, early Morrow county residents, was born March 22, 1878 in the state of Iowa. He came with his parents to Oregon when a young boy and lived most of his life in the vicinity, ranching in both Morrow and Grant counties. He got his early experience in the stock business with his father joined O. E. Farnsworth in the operation of a sheep ranch on Rhea creek. Retiring from ranching a few years ago he came to Heppner to make his home.

Surviving are two brothers, Will and Scott Furlong, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Aysc (Elsie), all of Heppner. Mr. Furlong was never married.

HAVING LAWN SOCIAL

Folks with a taste for strawberry sundaes, cake and coffee have ample opportunity to satiate their appetites Saturday evening. The ladies of the Methodist church are giving a social on the church lawn from 6:30 to 9 featuring the aforementioned products. In addition they will offer some entertainment numbers at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom of Ione were shopping in Heppner Tuesday.