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Ione Ready For Big Fourth Celebration

Big Rock Flat Site Scene of Warfare By Air Squadron 16 Planes Battle Spruce Budworm Over 180,000 Acres

While the world watches hourly for news that will give some hint as to the outcome in Korea, the state department of forestry and the United States Forest Service are watching the results of a different type of warfare, although airplanes are playing the principle role. It is the war to rid the forests of the spruce budworm and other destructive pests, funds for which were voted by Congress early this year after an appeal by the forest services and lumbermen's associations of northwest areas.

Sixteen planes of the Central Aircraft Company of Yakima, Washington are based on the newly developed landing field on Big Rock Flat in the west end of the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest. This is one of five areas to be treated in the budworm campaign and comprises 180,000 acres of state, national and private forest land. The planes, when conditions are right, can cover between 20,000 and 25,000 acres daily. Some delay is being experienced due to slow development of the budworms, and it may require a little longer to complete the job than had been planned.

Headquarters of the budworm control have been set up in one of the CCC hedges on the county fair grounds, where Allen Berg, dispatcher and Wilbur Engstrom, entomologist coordinate the work. Wednesday when a press representative called at the office he found Dwight Phipps, assistant state forester and L. C. Morehead, district supervisor on forest protection, Salem, in conference with Berg and Engstrom. While there Engstrom displayed a phial of budworms he had taken in the area. These specimens are taken regularly to determine whether certain acreages are ready for spraying. The budworms have to emerge from the bud before the spray will catch them and it is the entomologist's job to determine when conditions are right.

Contract for the 14,000 gallons of gasoline to be consumed on the job was awarded to the Portland Motor Transport company whose president, Mervin Lenninger, has taken personal supervision in making the deliveries. Two and three truck-trailer outfits have been coming in at a time.

Up to the present the work has been going smoothly. It is hazardous flying, as witness the loss of a spray plane in the Walla Walla district the fore part of the week, resulting in the loss of two or three lives.

Exact figures on the cost of the spraying campaign have not been secured to date, but enough has been learned about the job that officials feel free to declare that the cost will be under \$1 per acre, probably 95 cents.

Wednesday afternoon a delegation of forest officials and others arrived in Heppner and later went to the scene of the spraying operations. In the party were James Nugent and Charles E. Rice from Washington, D. C.; Alex Janeick of the division of timber management, Portland; Robert Furness, entomologist; Glenn Jorgenson of the division of timber management, Pendleton, and Larry Soller, regional forest service pilot.

RETURNING TO COLLEGE

William McCaleb Jr. has resigned as chief clerk at the Heppner post office as of July 1. He is on his vacation and will not return to the job. "Billy" will re-enter Oregon State college in the fall and complete a course in fish and wildlife management. He had a year or so at the college prior to the war (World War II).

Bud Terry is here from Beaverton and for the present is visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sluyter.

DON'T FORGET BIG DANCE AT NEW FAIR PAVILION THIS SATURDAY EVENING

Those who have special invitations will be there but the fair board wants it understood that the public is invited to the big opening dance at the new fair pavilion Saturday evening. The main thing to remember is that if you have not received a written invitation you will be expected to pungle up one buck (or \$1, to be specific). The written invitations were sent out as a courtesy to those who in any way participated in or contributed to the construction of the pavilion. There will be both old-time and modern dancing — a big time for everybody.

4-H Summer School Students Report on Jaunt to Corvallis

About the greatest single attraction for 4-H summer school students making the trip to Corvallis nowadays is the Gill stadium on the campus of Oregon State college. The more than 1900 4-Hers and all of the faculty and chaperons filled only a small part of this campus coliseum, reports N. C. Anderson, Morrow county agricultural agent and two of the students, Joanne Bothwell and Jimmie Green.

Anderson introduced the young people to the chamber of commerce Monday noon, first giving an outline of the work accomplished in the 10-day session as well as reciting some of the difficulties of transportation experienced in getting the youngsters and their baggage to and from Corvallis.

The young people gave reports that showed they had little time to get into mischief. Both were happy to have had the experience although young Green thinks it costs a feller quite a bit for making mistakes in table etiquette, there being a small fine assessed for each such mistake.

Mrs. O. G. Crawford displayed some of the table decorations the Soroptimist Club of Heppner will use at the banquet at the Olympic hotel in Seattle next Thursday night on the occasion of Soroptimist Convention. The local club was limited to lumber and wheat so the decorations for 10 tables will represent these two industries so important to Morrow county. There are miniature combines, trucks, elevators, log ponds and even mountain scenes with logging operations. The men present were not allowed to play with the toys, so their interest in the exhibit waned.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles reported on the Shrine convention which he, John Lane and Harry Van Horn attended in Los Angeles last week. It was a stupendous affair and attracted no less than 150,000 Shriners from all parts of the United States. Hotels were overtaxed and latecomers without reservations had to go a long way out to find accommodations.

P. O. to Close at 6 P. M. Hereafter

In compliance with recommendations of a post office inspector who visited the Heppner post office June 24, the closing time for outgoing mail will be 6:00 p. m. effective July 1, 1950, announces James Driscoll, postmaster.

Window service will terminate at 5:30 p. m. It is estimated that approximately 350 manpower hours will be saved annually by the above changes, which are in line with the Postmaster General's orders to effect economies in operation wherever possible.

Ed Dick Returned To School Board

In a school election that lacked the interest displayed in the rural school board elections, L. E. Dick was returned to the board of district No. 1 Monday of last week.

Mrs. Oscar George having declared she would not be a candidate for another term, Dick's name was placed in nomination and he was elected with only minor opposition.

The board now includes Harold Becket, Barton Clark and Dick, with Mrs. Paul Warren as clerk. This is Mr. Dick's second hitch as director.

Queen Joan and Her Royal Court



Reading from left to right, bottom row: Princess Jane Seehafer, Queen Joan Hisler, Princess Betty Graves. Top: Princesses Evelyn Miller and Kathryn Campbell.

Reigning over Morrow County's Fair and Rodeo to be held September 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Heppner will be Queen Joan Hisler and her princesses Evelyn Miller of Boardman, Jane Seehafer of Ione, Kathryn Campbell of Rhea Creek, and Betty Graves of Lexington.

Pert, blond and 20, Queen Joan is a veteran of Royalty. At the age of five she was Queen of the Camas Prairie Cowboy Convention held at Ukiah the 4th of July in 1935. In 1945 she was a princess of the Heppner Rodeo to Queen Colleen I, and last year she was a Homecoming Princess

at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande where she will be a junior next fall. Her sister Francine, an 18-year old graduate from Heppner high school last year, has been a princess for the Heppner Rodeo and is a princess this year of the Pendleton Round-Up to Queen Kathryn.

A veteran ranch girl too, Queen Joan has lived all her life on the stock ranch of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler, on Little Butter Creek. Her grandparents on both sides, the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan of Heppner,

were early stockmen in this area. During the rodeo Joan will ride her strawberry roan quarter horse, "Lucky."

In her four years at Heppner high school, Queen Joan was a member of the Pep club, Student Council, played in the band and on the volleyball team and was yell leader for two years. She was editor of the school paper and treasurer of the Student Body in 1948 and was delegate to Girl's State, representing the Heppner American Legion in 1947. She received the Honor Plaque for the class of '48.

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Despondent Man Commits Suicide By Shooting Self

Monroe Turner
Chose Spot Along
Highway to End All

Despondent over poor health, Monroe Turner ended his life by shooting himself shortly after 8 o'clock and did not notice any change in his demeanor. He got in his car about 8:30 and drove down the highway to a point near where the Blackhorse road takes off and parking his car just off the roadway, stepped out of the car with his 30 caliber rifle, placed the butt of the rifle on the runway, leaned over the barrel and pulled the trigger. The body slumped over face downward as if he had gotten down to look under the car and at least one motorist passed by thinking that was what was going on.

Andy VanSchoiack passed along shortly after the shooting and rushed to the court house to notify Sheriff Bauman who immediately contacted Coroner McMyrdo and they went together to the scene. After examining the premises and establishing the fact of self-destruction the officers called the Phelps Funeral Home to remove the body. Sheriff Bauman also informed Mr. Turner's sons, Lowell at Pilot Rock and Noland at Bend.

Mr. Turner had been a resident of Heppner for 31 years. He was born in Verlin county, Mo. October 1, 1884. He is survived by two sons, Lowell of Pilot Rock and Noland of Bend; one brother, Willy Turner, who resides in Kansas, and one sister, Mrs. Inez Stanley of Ava, Mo. There are seven grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel, with interment in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Good Time In Store For Everybody

Ione Post No. 97, American Legion has not claimed that the eagle will scream at Ione next Tuesday, but the Legion boys assert without qualification that they have paved the way for everybody to have a good time at their celebration.

The main thoroughfare has been decorated with holiday banners and a holiday atmosphere pervades the little city once the egg capital of eastern Oregon. The turf field where most of the events will be held during the day is all spruced up and will be most inviting if the present brand of weather holds up until after the 4th.

A parade depicting life in Morrow county will open the day's activities at 10 a. m. There will be races to fill in the time before the big potluck dinner. Ample time will be allowed for the dinner and the cleanup afterwards before the baseball game between the Mission Legion Indians and the Ione team starts. This will be followed by a softball game in which the Indians will again supply the competition in crossing bats with the Ione softball team. The games will occupy a good share of the afternoon and after the dinner hour, when darkness begins to hover over the land, there will be fireworks on the turf field.

Weather permitting, the dance will be held on the tennis courts south of the school building. Should the weather not be favorable for open air dancing, this feature will be transferred to the Legion hall, which is always ample.

Ione folks say, why travel long distances on crowded highways at a risk to both the human cargo and the car when a good old-fashioned celebration awaits the people right here at home.

Mothers Asked To Organize Watching Service at City Pool

"A loss of woman-power" in the duplication of mothers watching their small fry at the wading pool leads the Jay Cee-ettes to suggest scheduling mothers to be responsible for the pool on weekdays from 3 till 5. Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mrs. John Pfeiffer, and Mrs. Jim Hager, the organization's committee, ask mothers willing to take their turn watching the pool occasionally during those hours to contact them. Mrs. Smith's telephone number is 2744.

Mrs. Edwin Dick was elected for the three-year term on the Jay Cee-ette Kindergarten committee at the meeting last Wednesday night. Mrs. Don Walker was chosen as vice-president, and Mrs. Bill Farra and Mrs. Marvin Smith as directors to complete the list of officers for the current year.

Mrs. Jack Estberg and Mrs. Edwin Dick were appointed as the organization's representatives on the Park Board by Mrs. John Pfeiffer, president.

A number of guests were present at the meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. John Pfeiffer with Mrs. Everett Keithley as co-hostess.

The Jay Cees are responsible for the eats at the next potluck, to be held at the Bill Barratt ranch on July 19.

Baker Soroptimist Installs Officers For Heppner Club

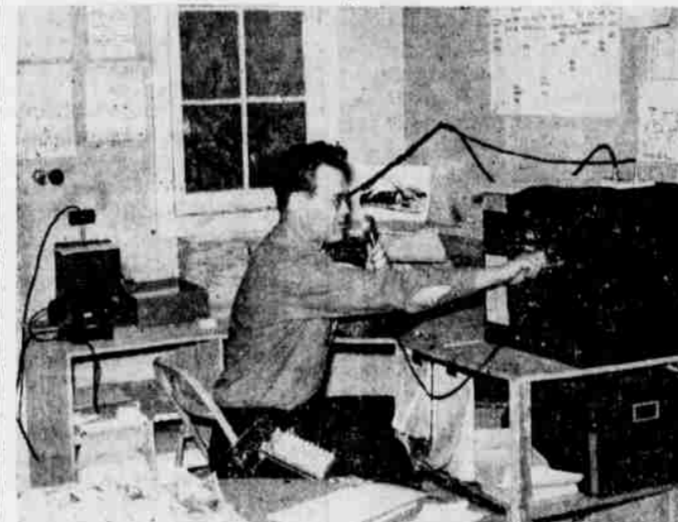
Friday evening saw the third group of officers installed to serve the Soroptimist Club of Heppner in a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George. Mrs. Etta Cuning, of Baker, past regional director, was present to do the installing and inducted the following officers: Mrs. Frances Mitchell, president; Mrs. Grace Nickerson, vice president; Mrs. John Saager, treasurer.

Landing Field and Planes On Big Rock Flat



This picture shows planes of the Central Aircraft Company of Yakima on the landing strip at Big Rock Flat. The landing field was made necessary to accommodate planes for the spruce budworm spraying campaign but will be kept in condition for emergency landings and possible future forest spraying, although it is hoped that the present job will be a "war to end war" on the pests.

Office of the Chief Dispatcher



In one of the houses built by the Civilian Conservation Corps on what is now the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo grounds, the State Department of Forestry has set up headquarters for the budworm campaign and here we find Dispatcher Allen Berg at the switchboard.

The Head Man of The Works



Mervin Lenninger, president of the Portland Motor Transport Co., is here seen with his assistant, a Mr. Flaye, and Tom Popham, checker for the Oregon state board of forestry, setting up the pump for loading the airplanes with gas. Storage tank at edge of field.