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Program Complete For Memorial Day Picnic

Officers of the Memorial Day pioneer picnic announced this week that a full program has been arranged for the fourth annual May 30th event to be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner.

Need For Donors Stressed for Blood Drawing

Elks Bloodmobile committee chairman Tom Wilson this week again reminded residents of the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Heppner on Tuesday, May 28 and urged additional donors to sign up for the blood drawing.

Wilson said that only about 30 persons have signed up so far for the Tuesday visit, and stressed that the need for blood is so great that it is hoped that at least 100 pints will be obtained during the day. Wilson also stated that unless a reasonable amount of blood is received on a Bloodmobile trip, the local Red Cross chapter is required to pay \$500 of the cost of the trip here.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 59 years is eligible to be a donor as long as they have had no disease recently which might disqualify them.

The drawing will be held at the Methodist church in Heppner from 1 to 5 p. m. on the 28th and a full staff of volunteer nurses and aides has been arranged for.

Hog Prices Show Continued Gains

HERMISTON — Prices were steady at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday in a fast moving market that saw 85 consignors place 299 cattle and 258 hogs on the auction block.

Hog prices were again very good with weaner pigs going as high as \$20 per head; fat hogs ranging from \$18.90 to \$20.10 cwt and sows bringing a top of \$17.90 cwt. Steer calves and feeder steers were very strong, both bringing tops of more than \$22 cwt. Only class to show a slight drop was utility-commercial, caused by a lack of young cows.

Hitting the "tops" circle from Heppner was Al Fetsch who received \$20 per head for five large weaner pigs.

Special buyers will be on hand for next Friday's sale to bid on steer calves, stocker steers and yearlings. The market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 6.50 to 25 per head; steer calves, 20.75 to 22.30 cwt.; heifer calves, 17.50 to 19.10 cwt.; veal, 22.10 to 26.25 cwt.; stocker steers, 16.80 to 20 cwt.; feeder steers, 20 to 22.50 cwt.; grass heifers, 16.10 to 19.10 cwt.; dairy cows, 105 to 147 per head; stock cows, 127.50 to 149 per head with no pairs; utility-commercial cows, 13.40 to 15.30 cwt. with no young animals available; canner-cutter cows, 9.40 to 13.20 cwt.; shells, 7.10 to 8.60 cwt.; and bulls, 16.10 to 17 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 12.75 to 20 per head; fat hogs, 18.90 to 20.10 cwt.; and sows, 14.20 to 15.60 cwt. with few lights to 17.90. No sheep.

Others earning top prices were Frank Benschel, Hermiston, 20.10 cwt for eight fat hogs of 1580 pounds; Dean Knudson, Weston, 17.90 cwt for a 225-pound sow; Ted Lewis, Stanfield, 25 per head for a baby calf; Chester Burres, Condon, 26.25 cwt for a 280-pound veal; Ray White, Walla Walla, 19.10 cwt for a 515-pound roan heifer; Jack Smithers, Walla Walla, 22.20 cwt for two roan steers of 1455 pounds; W. M. Scheiwe, Weston, 15.30 cwt for a 1060-pound white face cow; Ralph Turner, Walla Walla, 140 per head for five white face cows; and Peter Wilkins, Hermiston, 16.70 cwt for three Holstein steers of 2500 pounds.

with the remainder of the day left open for visiting. J. O. Turner, president and Mrs. Walter Beckett, vice president announced this week.

A potluck dinner is scheduled at 12:30 with visitors asked to bring salads, hot dishes and desserts. The committee will furnish ham, coffee, rolls, paper plates and cups. It was announced.

The picnic is expected to draw at least 200 persons, considering the crowds that have congregated in past years. The event was started four years ago to make it possible for many former residents who come back for Memorial Day to gather and visit friends. The committee emphasized that the picnic is open to everyone, visitors and townspeople alike.

Free Chest X-Rays Now Available to All Area Residents

The Morrow County TB and Health association again reminds residents of the county who are 15 years of age and older that voluntary free chest X-Rays will be available on the first Wednesday of each month between 1 and 8:30 p. m. The service will start on June 5 and will be given at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Although the incidence of tuberculosis in Morrow county is low, more than \$800 million dollars is the conservative estimate on the amount spent in the United States last year for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of TB. One-third of the people in the county are today infected with live tubercle bacilli and TB is still the giant among infectious disease killers in the county, taking more lives than all other infectious diseases combined.

Figures show that TB is killing 45 persons a day and is becoming a disease of older people. 44.4% of newly reported active cases are among people 45 and older, though at the present it is still more prevalent among persons between 14 and 44 years. It occurs more frequently among men than women.

The local TB and health association pays for the X-rays.

Missionaries Due At Lexington Church

and infant son Paul will be at the Lexington Christian church all day Sunday, May 26 and will present a special program during the day. The Bremans are missionaries and have recently returned from Borneo.

They will be feted at a potluck dinner at 12:30 to which the public is invited.

Heppner Navy Man Picked for Training

John L. Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Piper of Heppner, apprentice petty officer first class, graduated April 20 from recruit training at the naval training center, San Diego.

Apprentice petty officers are chosen from the ranks of the seaman recruits to assist company commanders. The selection is based on individual aptitude and leadership qualities.

Piper recently visited his parents here and is now stationed at the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Calif.

Local Girl Places High in Contest

Mary Jo Stewart, Heppner high school senior last week received honorable mention for her entry in the state-wide responsible driving code contest held in state high schools under the sponsorship of the Oregon Highway Life-savers committee.

Three students won savings bonds for top essays, and Miss Stewart was among 12 others to get honorable mention awards. She won the local contest and received a \$5 prize from the chamber of commerce.

MARINE IN CALIFORNIA

Marine Pfc. Michael D. Benges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel L. Benges of Ione is now serving with headquarters and maintenance squadrons 15, a unit of the 3rd Marine Air Wing at the El Toro Marine corps air station at Santa Ana, Calif.

Children's Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic To Be Held Here

There will be an otologic clinic held at the office of the Morrow county health department on Wednesday, May 29 at 8 a. m. to 12 noon. An ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr. Donald H. Holden of Portland, will be the examining physician.

The clinic service is provided by the Oregon state board of health in cooperation with the state medical society, the local health department and local physicians. It is a diagnostic service only, for those school-age children who were found to have a hearing loss when the hearing tests were given in all Morrow schools in December, 1956. Any child found to benefit from further medical care will be referred to his family physician for treatment.

Notices of appointments have been mailed to parents of children who have expressed a desire for their child to attend the clinic.

Local physicians are planning a luncheon meeting with Dr. Holden and Wayne Smith, Oregon state board of health hearing consultant for Wednesday noon. Dr. C. M. Wagner is in charge of the meeting.

Bernard Doherty County "Father"

Morrow county's first "father of the year" is Bernard Doherty, Lexington rancher. The selection was made by the county Cow Belles and was announced by Mrs. Gerald Swaggart, chairman of the selection committee.

Doherty was selected for his community service, leadership with young people and church participation. He will compete in the state contest sponsored by the state Cow Belles organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Doherty are the parents of seven children.

Final Rites Held Here Monday for William B. Potter

Graveside rites were held Monday, May 20 at the Heppner Masonic cemetery for William Burgess Potter, 87, who passed away May 16 at his home in Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Mr. Potter spent many years of his life in Heppner leaving here over a quarter of a century ago to operate a stock ranch on the John Day river and later to the Oregon coast where he retired. Mr. Potter was born January 29, 1870 in Pennsylvania, but spent most of his life in this state. Funeral services were held May 18 at the Seaside chapel and final rites were held here with the Rev. George R. S. Little officiating.

He is survived by his wife Nyra of Cannon Beach; on son Miles F. Potter, Portland, and one daughter, Mrs. H. M. Bouvy, of Portland. He also leaves four grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews including Stanley Minor of Heppner.

Local Artist Has Watercolors in Show

Mrs. Alvin Bunch of Heppner has had two water color paintings accepted by the newly formed Oregon Amateur Watercolor Society which will be hung in the first annual exhibit at the Lincoln county Art Center at Delake from May 12 to June 1. Later they will be sent with other paintings on the Lincoln county Art Center traveling circuit throughout the state.

The pictures are a watercolor of her cat and one called "The Rope Splicer" which features a barge going through the locks at The Dalles. The latter received special mention.

GT Asks For Early Copy Next Week

News correspondents and advertisers are asked to get copy for next week's Gazette Times to the office one day earlier than usual because of the Memorial Day holiday.

The paper will be published on Wednesday and will be delivered to Heppner post office boxes that afternoon. Other residents will receive theirs as usual on Friday morning.

Robert Clark left for Portland Sunday after visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Adams.

State Conservation Winner to be Host For Field Day

One of the high points of the county observance of Conservation Week will be the field day tour of the Kenneth Peck ranch next Saturday, May 27. Peck is Oregon's Conservation Man of the Year.

The program which has been planned by the county conservation committee is expected to attract a great number of persons from this entire section of the state. It is scheduled to open at 10 a. m. with the showing of a film on the operation of the ranch. Following that will be a welcome by Kenneth Peck; and a history of the farm by Burton Peck, who last week was named the 1957 county Conservation Man.

Also scheduled for brief talks will be Vernon Munkers, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association; Jim Smith, vice president of the Oregon Wheat League; Jim Miller, farm editor of The Oregonian; Don Thompson, chairman of the state Conservation Man of the Year committee; and Jim Hunt, a member of that committee who will tell why Peck was chosen for the award.

Lunch will be served at noon by the Morrow County Grain Growers, and in the afternoon inspection tours of the various conservation practices put into effect on the farm will be conducted. Visitors will also view the machinery Peck uses in carrying out his program.

As a prelude to the field day, Peck and county agent N. C. Anderson appeared on a special Salute to Farming television program Monday evening over KEPR-TV. They showed photos of many of the conservation practices the state winner has put into effect on his ranch and issued an invitation to all viewers to attend the field day.

Peck was chosen Morrow county Conservation Man in 1953 and received the state-wide recognition at ceremonies held last winter in Portland.

Lex Grange Favors High Hells Dam

The Lexington Grange at its meeting last week passed and sent to members of congress a resolution favoring a high dam at Hells Canyon. It was prepared by a committee composed of Kenneth Smouse, Vernon Munkers and Jean Nelson.

In other business, the group elected Barbara Steagall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall as their 1957 fair and rodeo princess. It was announced that there will be a home economics meeting at the hall for the purpose of a cleanup and that the group would prepare and serve lunch at the conservation field day May 25 at the Kenneth Peck ranch. The loud speaker system committee reported on information gained on various models and the grange members asked that a system be acquired on a trial basis.

Ella Burgoyne, chaplain, draped the charter in memory of deceased member Clem Stockard.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth, lecturer and included, Origin of Mother's day; memories of childhood and mother, by each Granger; a reading, What is a girl? by Jean Nelson; a song, Washin' Dishes, by Valda Irvin and a reading, Mom's Apron, by Jo Irvin. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Burton Peck as the oldest mother and the one with the most grandchildren; Mrs. George Irvin, the youngest mother and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, the mother with the most children.

Local Math Contest Winners Revealed

Heppner high school students last week took special mathematics tests sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. The tests were held in many high schools throughout the county.

Winners here were Jay Sumner, first; Alice Peterson, second and Meredith Thomson, third. Sumner won a special pin award for the local contest and all three winners here will be entered in the state contest.

The tests are on elementary and intermediate algebra and plane geometry.



KENNETH PECK, Oregon's Conservation Man of the Year, will be host to visitors Saturday at a conservation field day tour of his farm near Lexington which won for him the state honors. He is shown here with one of the pieces of farming equipment which will be demonstrated during the day. See adjoining story. (Soil Conservation Service Photo)

Ione Swim Pool To Open June 9

The Ione swimming pool will open for public use on June 9, it was announced this week by school officials. The hours will be from 2 to 4:30 and 7 to 9:30 p. m. daily.

Swimming lessons will begin on June 18.

Chamber Tour of McNary Dam Slated For Next Sunday

All area residents are invited to participate in a tour of McNary dam next Sunday, May 26. The trip is being sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

Arrangements have been made to have guides available at 2:30 in the afternoon who will conduct the group on a guided tour of the huge installation. The picnic grounds below the dam have been reserved for the group and all those attending are invited to bring a picnic lunch. There is no formal program planned at the picnic, but it is planned to start it about 1 p. m.

The entire family is welcome to take the tour, and most persons are expected to provide their own transportation, however, there will be ample additional space in many cars and those who would like rides may contact any chamber member. There will be no charge for the tour.

Ralph Marlatt Hurt In Texas Accident

The recent torrential rains in Texas are blamed for the serious injury to Pfc. Ralph Marlatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marlatt of Heppner. According to word received last week by his parents, Pfc. Marlatt was struck by a jeep during a blinding rain and critically hurt. His injuries included head and internal injuries and a crushed arm.

It was feared at first that he might lose his arm, but more recent reports indicate that it can be saved and that he is out of danger.

The accident occurred at Ft. Hood, Texas, where Marlatt is stationed.

GOC Posts, Centers Get Reserve Status

Brig. General Sam W. Agee, commander of the 9th Air division at Geiger field, announced today that two ground observer corps filter centers in the division area will no longer be required to maintain a 24-hour alert.

The centers at Bend and Boise, Idaho and the observation posts that supply their aircraft movement information will revert to a ready reserve status on June 1. This will include the recently activated Heppner post. However, both military and civilian personnel in the areas will remain fully trained and be available for immediate recall to the air defense system should an emergency arise.

Technological advances in air defense weapons and the increase in radar warning capability have made the change possible. The Spokane center will remain on 24-hour duty.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET

The Morrow County Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday, May 28 at 8 p. m. at the Lexington Grange hall. Guest speaker will be Rep. Allen Tom who will talk on the legislative session.

Value of Forest Resources Told At Chamber Meet

Observing Conservation week with a program on that theme, chamber of commerce members Monday noon heard Vic Kreimeyer, ranger for the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest, explain how the service makes efforts to manage forest lands for the greatest use of all resources.

Kreimeyer pointed out that in the Heppner district 18 and one-half million feet of timber will be harvested this year and in addition the lands are used for grazing for 10,000 sheep, 1000 cattle and many deer and elk. He said that efforts are continually being made to get the most from the forest, yet sustain a perpetual source of supply and protect vital watersheds. Twenty-five percent of all forest receipts from all sources are returned to the counties for school and road purposes.

County judge Garnet Barratt told how the county is working for the release of 100,000,000 million feet of overripe timber in the adjacent forest area which would aid timber supplies for lumber mills in the area. He said additional appropriations are needed by the forest service for the construction of access roads to reach this timber which should be harvested.

Barratt continued by telling of the needs for flood control in the county to conserve water and aid in stopping soil erosion. He also said that efforts are being made to get the Boardman bombing range released by the government and pointed out how much of that land could be used for grazing, cultivation and excellent industrial sites, all which are a part of overall conservation and wise use of land and resources.

The program was under the direction of Newt O'Harra, county Conservation Week chairman. Also on the program was a vocal quartet composed of Norman Peters, Oliver Creswick, Gordon Pratt and Vic Kreimeyer, who entertained with several barber-shop selections.

Joint Vacation Bible School Set For May 27 to 31

A Vacation Bible school sponsored jointly by the Methodist and Christian Bible schools will be held next week, Monday, May 27 through Friday, May 31. The hours are from 9 to 11:30 a. m.

The beginners department, for all children of kindergarten age, and the junior department of those in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades, will be held at the Methodist church. The primary group for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders will meet at the Christian church.

The closing program of the school will be given at the Methodist church Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p. m.

Public Invited To Piano Recital

The student members of the Piano-Forte club will be presented by their instructor, Mrs. D. E. Hudson, on Wednesday, May 29, at 8:00 p. m. at the multi-purpose room of the elementary school.

The public is cordially invited to attend this annual concert, which marks the final meeting of the group until fall.

Bishop Barton to Visit All Saints'

The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, D. D., Bishop of Eastern Oregon, will make his semi-annual visitation to All Saints' Episcopal church Sunday, May 26. Confirmation and sermon by the bishop is set for 8 p. m.

As usual Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:00 and 9:30 a. m.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	51	—
Friday	70	48	—
Saturday	78	53	.16
Sunday	64	46	.27
Monday	57	39	—
Tuesday	60	46	—
Wednesday	58	43	.02

Rainfall for week, .45; for May 2.15; for the year 9.63 inches.