

Churches Combine For Sunday Picnic At Fairview Park

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LEXINGTON—The Lexington Christian church and Sunday school and the John Day Christian church and Sunday school held a joint picnic at Fairview picnic grounds on the Heppner-Spray highway on Sunday afternoon. Following the dinner, volleyball and horseshoes were played. This was followed by group singing and special numbers from both churches. Carol Thurston, Terry Munkers and Jeanette Ledbetter sang a special number. Devotional thoughts were given by the Rev. Phil Ryan of John Day. Plans were made for an attendance contest to be held the next five Sundays. At the climax of the contest the losers will furnish the ice cream and specials for another picnic to be held at the Battleground Mountain State Park, Sept. 24. Attending were Rev. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mrs. Edna Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Marquardt and family, Misses Carol Thurston, Terry Munkers, and Jeanette Ledbetter of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger, Sr., of Mitchell, Rev. Phil Ryan, Delmer Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Turman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harris of John Day, Rev. Phil Ryan is the brother-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Grey are the proud parents of a daughter Linda, weight 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born at their home in Florence, Ariz., Aug. 14. Keith is a former Lexingtonite.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Laney of Condon were Lexington visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Laney and son, recently stationed in Florida but now of Condon, are staying at the G. E. Messenger home. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and son Kenneth returned Wednesday from Reno, Nev., where they visited at the John L. McMillan home and in Winston at the George E. Irvin home.

Welcomed In Leyva Home
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leyva are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Melinda Rae, born Friday in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gar Leyva and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Messenger are the proud parents of a baby boy, Gerald E. II, born Friday in Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger, Sr., of Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. O. Laney of Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger, Sr., of Mitchell spent the week-end in Lexington where they met their first grandson, Gerald E. Messenger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter and daughter, Judy motored to Belknap Springs last week taking Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle and Mrs. Nellie Palmer there. They were met by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fredrickson of Salem who later returned to Lexington bringing the Van Winkle's and Mrs. Palmer to their homes here.

Miss Jeanette Ledbetter spent last week in Hermiston at the J. R. Ledbetter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Marshall enjoyed an outing at the river on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hermann and daughter were Lehman Springs visitors over the week-end.

Mrs. Gar Leyva is spending some time in Lexington from her home in Medford. She is attending the airport and helping her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Greg Leyva, following the birth of their new daughter in the Heppner hospital last week.

Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter and girls and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Broeding were among those attending the Hermiston parade on Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. Opal Key, Mrs. Morris McCarl and children and Jeannine and Gary Hunt were Pendleton visitors on Monday.

Nancy Ledbetter of Hermiston spent last week at the Johnnie Ledbetter home in Lexington.

Miss Janet Thurston of Portland is visiting her mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Cossett.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grabow and children, formerly of California but enroute to Canada where they will make their home, visited one day last week at the Carl Marquardt home. Mrs. Grabow is the former Darlene Balser who lived in Lexington when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Balser, were teachers here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Harra of Portland were recent visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra. Their son

From our EARLY FILES

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times August 27, 1931

The Wild West Regime to start Monday. City and country people take on holiday garb for the rodeo, starting Thursday.

The mill of the Heppner Log and Lumber company on Caplinger creek was completely destroyed in a fire which started from the boiler about noon on Sunday.

Boardman—Several extra men are working on the highway this week getting it ready for the heavy traffic that comes during the Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson and children departed Monday for Portland and on to Gold Beach to look after their sheep.

Hardman—Mrs. Owen Leathers and sister, Miss Jessie McDaniel, went to see the fire raging at Baker's saw mill Sunday.

J. B. Huddleston and sister, Miss Bess Huddleston, were visiting Heppner friends from their home in Lone Rock last week.

Work on the Heppner-Spray road is progressing rapidly, with the grading to be completed this fall.

15 YEARS AGO

August 23, 1946

Queen Darlene Biddle and princesses Gwen Coleman, Jean Hanna, Betty Smethurst, and Betty Lovgren will reign over the 1946 fair and rodeo to begin next week.

Mrs. Tom Wilson will begin work Aug. 27 as reporter on the Gazette-Times staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner and children are spending a few days at Lehman Springs.

The land leveling program of the Heppner Soil Conservation district was started this week on the Newt O'Harra ranch at Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Coxen left this morning for Portland and the coast for a week's vacation.

5 YEARS AGO

August 23, 1956

Fair and rodeo program complete and ready to start on Wednesday.

Steven remained for a couple of weeks with his grandparents.

Billy Thornburg was taken to Heppner to a doctor Thursday after a fall near his home. He received a cut on his chin from the fall, requiring six stitches to close.

Mrs. Earl Warner is home after a visit with her children in Corvallis and Portland.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske is visiting her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounds of Maupin and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wright of Portland.

Announces New Grandson
Word has been received by Armin Wihlon of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wihlon of Louisville, Ky. The young man was born August 16 and has been named Armin Richard. He is the first grandchild of Mr. Wihlon.

Mrs. Jerry Dougherty of Heppner and her mother, Mrs. Wilbur Steagall of Lexington, were Portland visitors a couple of days this week. They visited with Deanna Steagall, another daughter of Mrs. Steagall.

Mrs. Pat Sawyer and children of Pendleton are visiting her mother, Mrs. Florence McMillan for a few days.

Alonso Edmondston suffered a compound fracture of his left leg when he was pinned between a tractor and hay stacker.

Nearly \$200 in prizes await parade winners, announces the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey returned from a five-day visit to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Norene returned after a ten-day trip to Los Angeles.

Lexington—Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Doherty and family returned from a trip to Western Oregon and the coast.

Ed Brosnan, Heppner high tackle, to play in shrine game on Saturday.

Water Does Wonders In Effecting Capture Of Escaped Chipmunk

Ever want to capture an escaped chipmunk? Some say it can't be done, but Arnold Melby, music director at Heppner schools, knows differently.

It all started with a pair of chipmunks captured at the Cutsforth mountain cabin the week-end of July 4. They were groggy and easily caught as they were suffering from a gas Orville uses in his attic to keep any strays from entering the cabin.

They thrived in their cage with the tender attention of the two Melby daughters until last Saturday, when somehow the cage was open and both escaped. Neighbors, who had had the experience, said they could not be caught.

Undauntedly the family scurried back and forth in the hot sun driving them this way and that; finally the female, Sissy, ran up on top of the cage and jumped in the open door. Not so with Frisky, the roaming male. He hit for the closest woodpile. Following a half hour of patient calling and watching in the sweltering sunshine the Melby parents gave up, leaving the job of curbing Frisky's freedom to the daughters with the help of neighborhood children.

Frisky made his way to the tomato vines, where he apparently hid out in the shade for another three quarters of hour, while disappointed children opened the door from time to time to complain.

Finally the music man had had enough. He went to the yard, got his trusty hose, and started administering water to the tomato patch until the freedom lover emerged at the end closest the cage. Elder daughter Kathy used a bath towel to rescue Frisky and return him to his cage, where he immediately disappeared in his box and did not come out until he had removed every drop of water.

The chipmunk looked like a drowned rat when caught, but the method was effective.

Visiting with Jim Myers, owner of Phil's Pharmacy, Monday were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Myers of Pocatello, Idaho, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Myers of Los Angeles. The group had been at Hermiston, visiting Mrs. Jim Myers who has not yet moved here to join her husband since the recent purchase of the pharmacy. Tom Myers is associated with Westinghouse Electric in Los Angeles, and he and his wife are on vacation.



WHEN THE crew of Heppner Auto Sales descended on Service Manager Larry Cochenour and his bride, the former Bonnie Bradford of The Dalles, for a charivari at their trailer home in Lexington Friday night, all kinds of fun started. They brought the newlyweds to Heppner and forced Larry to wheel his bride up and down Main street in a wheelbarrow, to the accompaniment of cow bells and other noisemakers. The Gazette-Times camera caught these carryings-on at the Main and Willow intersection. From left are Don Hevener, Mrs. Cochenour, Earl Ayres, Sheryl Harris (partially hidden), Cochenour, Judy Cochell (also partially hidden) and Everett Keithly. The couple was married in the First Christian church, The Dalles, August 12. Mrs. Cochenour is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bradford of The Dalles. (G-T Photo)

Jim Farley Attends New Pontiac Showing

Jim Farley, Pontiac dealer here, was in Portland Wednesday to attend the showing of the new 1962 Pontiac at the civic auditorium. Ceremonies for dealers of the Northwest started with "brunch" in mid-morning.

The Heppner dealer says that notable and striking changes have been made in the new Pontiacs. Dealer showing of new models is scheduled for September 21.

Van Marters Back

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., and family, together with his father, LaVerne Van Marter, Sr., returned Sunday from a vacation trip that took them to northern Idaho, Montana and Yellowstone Park. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, formerly of Heppner, at Pend Oreille, Wn., and then went on to Helena, Mont., and Yellowstone. Weather was fine in the park and they caught some cutthroat

trout in the park as well as blueback in Idaho. LaVerne Jr. was back at his desk at Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble and Barbara are spending a week's vacation in Idaho.

Neal Penland left Saturday night for a week's visit with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bauer in Portland. He will then continue on to Livermore, Calif., to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Penland.

District Attorney Climbs Mt. Adams

Robert Abrams, Morrow County district attorney, climbed another mountain Sunday. But, according to his wife, Marion, "never again, will a climbing trip be combined with a huckleberrying expedition."

Mrs. Abrams had anticipated returning with many of the tiny, hard-to-pick berries to fill the family larder. Trouble was, the berry picking was scheduled for Monday and the mountain climb on Sunday. Naturally Bob was "all worn out" and not much good at helping with the picking.

The family camped at Cold Springs Saturday night and Bob rose at midnight to join 17 other Mazama club members to climb the south slope of Mt. Adams. It took them 12 hours of steady walking to reach the peak.

"But only three hours to come down—it is easier," Bob reports. He said his best descent was made in a sitting position.

Sunday night they camped at Morrison creek near the berry fields. They said it was a beautiful spot. No one else was there and they enjoyed peaceful solitude.

Monday they managed to gather about two quarts of huckleberries before they returned home late in the day.

The mountain climb, at least, was a success and Bob was well sunburned.

Spencers Return From Camping Trip

Father and Mrs. C. Bruce Spencer and children have returned from an extended vacation tour which took them into two adjoining states.

They spent 10 days at Mt. Lassen National Park in California camping out. Then they went to Olympic peninsula in Washington. On the way they stopped two days visiting with Father Peter Dally in Chehalis, Wn., where Father Spencer filled in for him in the pulpit.

The family camped out on the trip, and visited many points of interest, returning to Heppner through Goldendale and the Tri-Cities.

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DANGER STALKS THE FOREST ON WEEKENDS

Forest fires menace most on weekends. More people are in the forest—and there's more chance for man-caused fires to flare; more chance for destruction—and terror!

It's a tragic and shameful fact that nine out of ten forest fires are man-caused—too often by the carelessness of a "weekender" who thoughtlessly flips away a smoke or a glowing match.

So when you're in the forest over a weekend—or on a Sunday drive or a picnic—be extra careful. Always follow Smokey Bear's rules:

Break matches—crush smokes—be SURE all fires are out!

Remember—only YOU can prevent forest fires!



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