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## A Welcome for All

The time has come. The committee of arrangements has completed its work. Exhibits are being placed as fast as they arrive and all bids fair for a successful launching of the first annual Morrow County Fair. At this writing all indications are favorable, and we confidently expect the largest attendance of representative people ever assembled in Morrow county.

Heppner citizens are enthusiastic over the prospect and are leaving no stone unturned to make everyone welcome. The streets will be lavishly decorated with flags and bunting by day and an extra supply of electric lights by night. Many homes will be thrown open for the reception of our visitors, and ample accommodations of feeding the hungry will be provided by our hotels and restaurants.

We feel that we are in a position to extend a hearty and cordial welcome to all who may favor us with their presence for the next three days. Come and enjoy our hospitality. Come and witness our initial effort to properly display the products, industries and resources of the county. Come and be thoroughly convinced that Morrow county is one of the most desirable places to live in the Northwest. Come and see for yourselves that we produce alfalfa second to no other locality; see our corn 10 or 12 feet high with ears more than a foot long; see our incomparable garden truck, our unsurpassed orchard products, and our Bouncing Babies.

We want you to see what we are doing here, what we are raising, so that you may have some idea of what can be done, and will be done in the near future under improved conditions.

As a representative of Morrow county and of Heppner in particular, we bid you one and all, welcome. Our latch is out, and we welcome every farmer and stockman, every educator, toll and every capitalist, every businessman, every educator, every doctor, lawyer, preacher, and professional politician. We welcome, especially every pioneer of the Northwest, every old Oregonian and every resident of Morrow county who was here before the "Flood." And we have a special welcome awaiting those prodigals who have wandered away from the family fold in time past and who are now feeding upon the dry corn husks afforded by other communities (especially Portland), if they return. They will find that the fattest calf (not a slick ear), has been killed; and we have a ring to put upon their finger.

WELCOME.  
—An editorial by Vawter Crawford, editor, in The Gazette-Times of September 25, 1913.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:  
Sometimes we feel as though we live at the end of the road here in Heppner. Maybe so, but it is not such a hill billy town after all.  
Tuesday evening after work I went home, and the wind was blowing quite hard. I went into my basement to do my weekly washing. The noise of the wind and the washing machine made it impossible to hear fire sirens or what have you.

After coming out of the basement to my back lawn, I could hear motors running at high speed. Looking up on the hill behind my home, I saw the fire wagons mopping up what was left of a grass fire heading for Barratt's wheat field east of the house.

Here I spent my time in a cool basement not knowing how close a fire was to my home, while the volunteer fire boys were sweating trying to protect life and property.

Thanks, fellows, and good luck to all of you.  
Bob Lowe

## Beef Import Bill Passed in House

Congressman Al Ullman announced Tuesday that the compromise version of the Beef Import Bill passed the House of Representatives by a roll call vote of 232-149.

Ullman said the House victory "ended many long weeks of arduous efforts in putting together a bill that will not disrupt international negotiations."

He predicted that the Senate will give speedy approval and that the President will sign the bill.

The provisions of the bill, worked out in conference, provided for leveling beef imports at the 1959-63 average, as strongly endorsed by the American National Cattlemen's Association. The formula provides that quotas will be automatically triggered when imports rise beyond the established level. It covers all fresh, chilled and frozen beef and mutton.

In commending Chairman Mills of the Ways and Means Committee, Ullman said during debate that Mills "not only kept his word by bringing an acceptable bill back from the Senate-House conference, but has worked out a formula that will satisfy the needs of the domestic industry. At the same time it will not adversely affect foreign trade negotiations, or in any way raise consumer prices."

## Fair Atmosphere Grips Hermiston; Opening is Today

Visitors to the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston Thursday, Friday and Saturday will find an atmosphere of fluttering pennants, well groomed livestock, flowers, home economics demonstrations, commercial exhibits, Indian curios, a carnival, concession stands, flying weather balloons, horse races, live domesticated beaver and finally, at 10 a.m. Saturday, a colorful parade.

Over 150 head of beef cattle, 115 head of dairy cattle and 100 sheep had been entered as of Wednesday. Among the beef cattle there are both red and black Angus and Devon flocks are owned by Senator Wayne Morse and cared for by Jack Travis, Hood River.

Visitors will find domesticated beaver worth \$2500 a pair swimming around in a tank at the Weaver Beaver association exhibit.

More than \$10,000 in premium money will be won by some 1200 4-H and FFA exhibitors in addition to scores of open class exhibitors. There will be over 1600 4-H and FFA demonstrations and exhibits alone.

Hourly weather balloon lofting will entertain the crowd as a mobile weather station on the grounds releases them to study wind drift. A facsimile machine will pick up radio signals and convert them to data on a weather map while spectators watch.

All available booths have been taken in the exhibit buildings and several firms have taken space along the esplanade on the grounds.

Admission will be charged at 6 p.m. Wednesday for the 4-H horse review. The 4-H home economics demonstration contests will start Tuesday morning at the high school. Wednesday the fair officially opens with the swine carcass show at 8 a.m.

The Hermiston Rotary club will serve a cowboy breakfast Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6 to 9 in McKenzie Park. At 8 p.m. Friday, the Fair Follies will be staged on the grounds between the museum and Park hall. The Follies will also be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson, their two daughters, Mrs. Mike Rogers of Portland and Mrs. Gary Linton and daughter Lori of Bandon, left Wednesday morning for a four-day trip to Provo, Utah. While there they will find living accommodations for Mrs. Rogers who will soon be moving to Provo. Lintons will be living in Bandon where he has accepted a teaching job.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT WOULD be hard to say whether the members of the Chamber of Commerce or the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce were the most surprised at the results of the tug-of-war at the Queen Coronation Saturday night. There were looks of surprise and amazement on all faces when the senior men pulled the younger citizens through the water from the fire hose.

While it would seem to be a clearcut victory for the elder citizens, the matter will probably be in contention throughout the coming year. The Jaycees can say, with some justification, that they were outnumbered, but the photos don't tend them too much support. We can count 18 on the senior side and 15 on the Jaycee side.

Credit for the victory would have to go to the fact that the C of C did a better job of pulling together. Ed Gonty started yelling "Heave" in a rhythmic, like the coxswain of a rowing crew, and this forced the Jaycees into the water as the rope surged with the rhythmic pulls.

RANDALL PETERSON, first vice president of the C of C, must have thought there was going to be a heavy rainstorm at the coronation. He came togged in a long raincoat and rain hat that drooped over his eyes.

On the other hand, most of the Jaycees were lightly clad as if they had no thought of getting wet.

It would seem that Frank Turner, who spearheaded the effort for the "old men," was a little bit too confident. He came out in a good suit. But when he got to looking at the formidable Jaycees on the field, he peeled to T-shirt and trousers.

Some said they were afraid he was going to take his pants off, too, in front of the crowd. Instead, he joined the other C of C men in "taking the pants off" the Jaycees!

After the lively interest this tug-of-war created, it looks as if it is going to start a tradition as an annual affair. Some of those men most elated about victory have been declaring rather boastfully that next year the Scorpionists, instead of the Jaycees, better furnish the competition in order that it be a better match.

But we think this is a dangerous statement. Having tasted defeat, the young men will be loaded for bear next year, and no telling how that organization is going to grow.

WITH THE NOISE parade, games, tug-of-war, appearance of the Stars of Tomorrow and the formal ceremonies of crowning Queen Shannon and presenting the court, this was by far the best Coronation program that we have seen here, and the crowd, largest at least in the past four years, seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Jaycees came to the writer after the program and declared that Bob Henry, who acted as coordinating chairman for the Coronation program, should be given full credit for the big success. Then Henry came and insisted that Harley Sager and his Jaycees be given all the acclaim for the fine job.

All of them deserve a share of the credit, along with Jim Gordon who did an excellent job on the games, and Master of Ceremonies Garnet Barratt who arrived back to his old home town from Arizona just in time to be called upon. Gordon Grady has been real fine about bringing his stars over to perform, and their appearance is certainly appreciated. It is said that he has assisted 1000 young people develop their talents since he has been working in Hermiston on the Stars of Tomorrow.

WE'RE MIGHTY proud, too, of our queen and court. All the girls have fine records of accomplishment, and they bring real talent and color to the fair and rodeo this year. They are a great credit to the county, and their riding skill must equal, girl for girl, that of any court that we have had.

IN THE EDITORIAL column of this paper is an editorial written by Vawter Crawford at the time of the county's first fair in 1913. In the same issue of the paper is an advertisement that proclaims that the fair will have "daily aeroplane flights by Silas Christofferson, world's famous aviator." Also billed for the show is "Ali Zada, the Mysterious, in acts of magic, and Punch and Judy shows." Other events included children's parade, auto parade, children's exhibits and baby show.

W. E. Leach was president of the fair, E. R. Huston was director and W. W. Smead, secretary.

Someone brought in this old paper a long time ago, and we didn't realize that it contained the dope on the first county fair until Ed Gonty happened to drop in this morning, picked it up and started reading it. Then Ed Parker came in and she became real interested in it, too.

We had been talking with Ed about how old Gonty's store is—this in connection with the "Meet Our Town" silhouette contest now going on—and he told us that it was started in 1905. Thus it is one of the oldest retail stores in town.

In the 1913 paper we also see ads from Thomson Bros., general merchandise, which Ed says has a longer history than Gonty's, from Case Furniture

and from Gilliam and Bishop, all old-timers on the retail front here.

## Death Claims Wily Knighten; Services Today

Wily W. Knighten, 72, of Heppner, died Saturday at Community Memorial hospital in Pendleton after being in ill health for the past six months.

Funeral services were today (Thursday), August 20, at Smith Calloway Chapel, The Dalles, with the Rev. Robert Hutchinson of Portland officiating and the Masonic lodge participating. Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Knighten had been a resident of Sherman county for 63 years before coming to Heppner and for years was county school superintendent in that county. He had been engaged in the teaching profession from 1922 until his retirement in 1950.

Born June 23, 1892, at Grangeville, Idaho, he was reared in Sherman county. He joined the National Guard while a student at the University of Oregon in 1915, and in 1917 he was mustered into the regular Army and was discharged in 1919.

He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1920. Most of his work in education was in Sherman county where he was superintendent of schools for 25 years.

Mr. Knighten was a past master of Sherman Lodge 143, AF&M; past patron of Sherman chapter 132, OES; a member of the American Legion post in Moro; a member of The Dalles Barracks of World War I Veterans; a member of the National Education Association; and the Oregon Education Association. He was a member of the First Congregational church in The Dalles.

In 1925 he married Donaldia MacGregor, and she survives. Other survivors are a son, Wily W. Knighten, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska; a daughter, Mrs. John J. Miller, Bellevue, Wn.; two brothers, Bert, of Harper, and John of Baker; three sisters, Mrs. Janie Venable and Mrs. Grace Rutherford, both of Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Lella Serrurier, Eureka, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Mr. Knighten had many friends throughout the state and was respected and enjoyed in Morrow county as a fine and congenial man.

Friends who wish may send contributions to the Wily W. Knighten College Scholarship Memorial Fund, in care of Paul Fraser of First National Bank, Sherman County Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Angell and son, Jimmy, arrived here Saturday from Salt Lake City. They will make their home here and Angell will be employed at the Heppner Box Mill.

## Scouts to Sponsor Benefit Food Sale

Heppner Cub Scout Pack No. 601 is sponsoring a cooked food sale on Friday, August 28, at Central Market, beginning at 10 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will go toward Cub Scout project material for the coming year. Any donations to the food sale will be greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing to contribute project material such as discarded cigar boxes, plastic bleach bottles, scissors, scraps of material, wood or plywood may leave them at the Charles Phelan residence, 380, So. Main, or at Gonty's store.

## Services Held For Eslie Walker, Hardman Rancher

Funeral services for Eslie Walker, 58, were held Wednesday, August 19, in the First Methodist church, Heppner, at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Melvin Dixon officiated at the service, and interment followed in the Hardman cemetery.

Death came to Mr. Walker at his home in the Hardman community shortly after he and his wife returned from a shopping trip to Heppner and a visit with the doctor. He had not been feeling well for several days due to a weakened heart condition, and was advised to take needed rest.

Born May 22, 1906, in Pendleton, he had been active in ranching all his life and had many close friendships in the Hardman, Heppner and Lexington areas.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte, Idaho, his two daughters, Bonnie at home, and Mrs. Betty Gentry of Pendleton; a son, Glenn of Pendleton; his mother, Mrs. Bert (Cora) Ward of Hardman, and one sister, Mrs. LaVilla Morris of Townsend, Mont.

## Anderson Relatives Visit During Summer

Family members of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Anderson have been recent visitors at their home. Last week-end Mr. and Mrs. Al Parent of Salem came for their daughters, Lisa and Shelly, who had spent three weeks at the home of their grandparents. After a month's visit with her parents, Carol K. Anderson has returned to her work in Corvallis. Spending this week at the Anderson home are their daughter, Mrs. Agella Martin and her daughter Suzanne of Portland.

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad.

## Christian Church Youth To Sponsor Hootenanny Program

The High School group of the First Christian church is sponsoring a special program for youth, a "Hootenanny for Christ," Sunday evening, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Christian church basement.

All high school students from the churches in the area have been extended an invitation to attend.

The Rev. Kenneth Robinson of Hope Lutheran church will lead the hootenanny. A film, "Am I A Phony?" will be shown. Devotions will be given, and refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

Need scratch pads? Get them at the Gazette-Times.



## Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES  
Friday, August 21, 8 p.m. American Legion Hall. "The Young Stranger." 35c per person (one admission for all.)

TOM McCALL DINNER  
Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. Wagon Wheel Cafe.

FAIR AND RODEO WEEK  
4-H Fair and exhibits, Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
Horse Show, Friday, all day. Rodeo, Sat., Sun.  
Street Parade, Sat., 10 a.m.

LEGION AUXILIARY  
Baked Food Sale, Friday, August 28.  
Red and White Grocery.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH BARBECUE

All you can eat! Saturday, August 29. Serving from 5:00 p.m. All Saints' Episcopal church

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