

SOCIETY

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Large Group of Relatives Gather For Wilcox Anniversary in Portland

Two hundred friends and relatives gathered at Play Haven recreation camp in Portland on August 23 for a potluck picnic and reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox, former residents of Morrow county, on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Wilcox, the former Ethel Eskelson, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eskelson, who came to Morrow county with the builders of the railroad tracks along Willow Creek to Heppner later taking out a homestead in Clarks Canyon west of Lexington, and it was there she was born in 1887.

Robert Wilcox was born on the family farm near Oakland, Oregon, in 1879 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox and this year the farm, which was purchased in 1864, is now one of Oregon's Century Farms, having been continuously owned by the Wilcox family. The present owner is his brother, George Wilcox and son.

Mr. Wilcox served in the 2nd Oregon Company B volunteers during the Spanish American War, seeing service in the Philippines. After the war he attended Pacific University at Forest Grove and became acquainted with John Leach of Lexington and Henry Becket of Heppner, returning with them to Eastern Oregon to work in harvest in 1902. He remained to teach school at Social Ridge that winter and during the summer of 1903 attended an engineering school in San Francisco.

In the fall of 1930 Mr. Wilcox served as principal of the Lexington Grade school and, seeing the need for a high school there, the ninth grade was started and each succeeding year this class was advanced until the full four-year high school was established. He continued in education in Morrow and Klamath county until his health prohibited his working inside. After farming for a number of years he retired in 1945.

On August 17, 1904, Robert B. Wilcox and Ethel F. Eskelson were married at the bride's home at Lexington. To this

Coming Events

THURSDAY, September 3
Elks Ladies Nite, Elks Temple, dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by bridge and pinocle play at 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, September 4
Rebekahs, IOOF hall, 8 p.m.
MONDAY, September 7
Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel, noon.
Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic hall, 7:30 p.m.
American Legion and Auxiliary, potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by business meetings at 8 p.m.
TUESDAY, September 8
Degree of Honor, Christian church, 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, September 9
Odd Fellows, IOOF hall, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, September 10
Socioplaniats, Wagon Wheel, noon.

Drake Anniversary Planned for Sunday

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake are extended an invitation to attend the good-wedding anniversary reception to be given in their honor by the ladies of the Rhea Creek Grange.

The reception is planned for Sunday, September 6, at the Grange hall between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. The couple is requesting no gifts.

Heppner PTA Plans Teachers' Reception

New teachers in the local school district will be extended a special welcome from many parents and teachers on Wednesday, September 23, when the high school multi-purpose room will be the scene of the annual teachers' reception, hosted by the Heppner PTA.

The reception will begin at 8 p.m. and a program is being planned under the direction of Forrest Burkenbine, PTA president.

Heppner Extension Announces Meeting

It has been announced that there will be no Heppner Home Extension Unit meetings during the month of September.

The first meeting is slated for early in October, the time and place to be named at a later date.

Sans Souci Sets First Fall Meet

San Souci Rebekah lodge will hold its first meeting of the fall season Friday at 8 p.m. in the lodge hall with Mrs. Prudy Casebeer, noble grand, in the chair.

Members are urged to come to practice for the coming convention in Lexington on September 19. The president of the Rebekah assembly, Florence Ball, is scheduled to visit the local lodge on September 18.

Rainbow to Resume Meetings on Monday

Members of Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls will convene for the first time this fall on Monday, September 7, at the Masonic hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. with Barbara Blake presiding as worthy advisor.

Mrs. Lowell Gribble, mother advisor pro-tem, reports that one of the main items of business for this initial meeting will be an election of officers.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Card Party

Plans for a public card party on Monday, September 21, are being made by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The party, to be held in the Legion hall at 8 p.m., will be a social evening of bridge and pinocle, with prizes and refreshments planned. Serving as chairman is Mrs. Don Munkers.

Christian Church Sets Planning Meet

All officers and teachers of the Bible School of the Heppner Christian church will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 for a planning conference in the study, the Rev. Len Fishback, pastor, states.

The Ladies Guild of the church met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Larry Cook. A stewardship clinic will be held in Madras on September 11 and 12 for persons interested in the financing of the denomination. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 11, and will continue through Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Jack Sutton of Indianapolis will be guest resource person at the clinic.

Christian Youth Fellowship of the church will have an organization meeting Sunday evening, September 13, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The Rev. Fishback will have as his sermon topic Sunday, September 6, "Clouds Without Water."

Purdue Helps Here While Venard Gone

Dick Purdue, assistant cashier and general loan officer of the Pendleton branch, First National Bank, is assisting at the Heppner branch, First National Bank, while John Venard, manager, is at Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle.

Purdue will stay here through next week. Venard will complete school at the University of Washington campus this week and will be on vacation next week.

Seven Visit Here, End 40-Year Absence

Two brothers and two sisters, now living in the Midwest, returned to Heppner this week to revisit their old home after an absence of 40 years. They found the city greatly changed but were thrilled to be back for the visit.

The brothers are Chester and Earl Musgrave, both of Kokomo, Ind., and their sisters are Mrs. Dolly Thurlow of Bensenville, Ind. and Mrs. Glen Hamilton of Waukegan, Ill. With them were wives of the brothers and the husband of Mrs. Hamilton.

In the days gone by the four were reared in the Burton Valley district, southwest of Hardman. They were going to take a trip through the district Wednesday before continuing their trip to Salem to visit an old friend, Mrs. Gladys Kuiken. They particularly enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings here, having gone to school with him.

While many of the buildings in Heppner changed, they said that the courthouse was just the same. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Musgrave were married in the courthouse.

The group has been on an extended vacation trip and were 14 days on the road before arriving here.

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Wheeler County Fair Opens Today

Wheeler county fair and rodeo and chuckar hunting get underway this week in Wheeler county with the fair and rodeo opening at the fairgrounds, Fossil, today (Thursday) and running through Monday, September 7.

Beigning over the fair will be Queen Jan Ordway and her court, Princesses Dancy Joyces and Vivian Stirewall, all of Spray. Grand marshal of the parade set for Sunday will be Ted Norton, Mitchell, affectionately known as the "Bard of Mitchell." Among the many events highlighting this year's program in the county seat will be many fair exhibits, rodeo, circus, popcorn racing, hole-in-one golf contest, buckaroo breakfast, dancing and many other attractions.

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Weatherford Wins Tractor Driving

Bill Weatherford, Jr., of Heppner won the first annual FFA tractor driving contest last Wednesday at the Morrow county fair, topping a field of 10 contestants.

The contest was sponsored by the Morrow County Farm Bureau and proved a good attraction at the fair. Plans are being made to continue it next year and to open it also to 4-H club members.

Frank Osmin of Heppner was second and Stanley Rauch of Lexington was third in the contest.

Judges were Gene Majeske and Irvin Rauch of Lexington, Padberg Machinery furnished the tractor and a manure spreader was loaned by Terry Thompson. Gene Cutsforth hauled the equipment to the fair.

Farm Bureau presented a trophy to the winner.

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