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Fun Night added attraction

New features planned for the fair

Plans to upgrade the Morrow County Fair, Aug. 19-22, were made last Monday night at a joint meeting of the Fair Committee and the Fair Board.

A new covered show ring with cement floor will be constructed for this year's event. Materials for the ring will be donated by Kinzua Corporation, Morrow County Grain Growers and Umatilla Redi-Mix.

A nurses station will operate around the clock at this year's fair. Two registered nurses, Helen Aycock and Pat Wright

(the new county health nurse), will be on duty 24-hours a day to assist any sick or injured.

Other changes include the following:

—The lone and Heppner Garden Clubs will have planter boxes of flowers located over the fairgrounds.

—A night watchman will be employed to look after fair property during the first four nights of the event.

—For the first time separate judges will be appointed for children's essay and poetry entries.

—A blackboard will be

erected at the entrance to the main exhibit building which will list each day's activities.

—The Fair Board will not furnish hay for animals this year; exhibitors must furnish their own feed; but bedding straw will be furnished.

—Senior citizens (those over 62 years of age) will be given special passes to the fair. Members of the rodeo court will be present at the weekly senior citizens dinners at Heppner. Irrigon and lone to give out tickets and explain the fair program.

—This year all exhibitors must pick up a special

exhibitor's pass at the main office. This pass must be shown for entrance to all events.

—11 overnight trailer spaces will be available on the fairgrounds. Reservations should be made by calling Fair Secretary Liz Curtis.

—A Fun Night will be held Wednesday night at the fair. A chicken dinner catered by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Hermiston will be served by members of the Fair Board and Fair Committee; an antique auction will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. by the

Bicentennial Commission; a king and queen of the fair coronation is also expected to take place under auspices of the Bicentennial Commission; and there will be a musical hour featuring the "Sweet Adelines" from Pendleton and other acts yet to be scheduled. The cost of the entire Fun Night, including the chicken dinner, is \$2.

The group recommended buying new display tables for the exhibit building. It also set Aug. 3 as Work Day, at which time all citizens are invited to do their share in getting the

group readied for opening day.

Members of the Morrow County Fair Board are Zearl Gillespie, chairman; Paul Hisler, Dr. Jim Norene, Floyd Jones, George Luciani, Liz Curtis, secretary-treasurer; and Hazel Bauman, general building superintendent.

Fair Committee members include Delpha Jones, chairman; Mrs. Alvin McCabe, secretary; Leanne Rea, Alvin McCabe, Barbara Hug, Mary Lou Deltoso, Dick Sargent, Virginia Grieb, Hal Whitaker and Floyd Jones, advisor from the Fair Board.

Board names Don Fluke

Portland man is lone principal

The Morrow County School Board approved the hiring of Don Fluke of Portland as the new lone School principal at the regular board meeting in lone Monday evening.

The selection committee told the board that Fluke came highly recommended and had a wide experience in the field of education.

He received his bachelor and master degrees in education from Washington State University in Pullman. He did further study there and at Stanford University, and Clairmont College. Fluke has taught in several school districts. From 1954 to 1957 he was principal and sixth grade teacher at Helix. More recently he has been the superintendent at Glide and then at South

Umpqua schools in Southern Oregon. In 1969 he left active teaching to join the Oregon State University Office of Planning Institutional Research for a year and a half.

Following that service he left teaching to go into farming and the operation of a manufacturing business. During the 1973-74 school year he and his family lived in Mexico. Fluke and his wife have four children.

Fluke replaces John Edmondson who earlier accepted the position of assistant to the principal in the Morrow County District School Office.

In other business Monday evening the board elected John Matthews as chairman of the school board, moving him up from the position of vice-chairman. Pauline Win-

ter was elected vice-chairman. Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, the outgoing chairman, was not eligible for re-election, having served two years in succession in that position.

The board voted to develop a trailer home site on the school property south of Heppner High School. The possibility of developing such a site came up for discussion earlier in the year when Heppner High School was experiencing vandalism around the school grounds. It was felt by the board that having someone living on the school property could serve as a deterrent to further vandalism.

In its motion the board stated that the site could only be rented to school personnel. The theory behind the "teach-

erage" fund for the Morrow County School District is to provide some housing for school employees when adequate housing was difficult to find in the community. The board stated that whoever lived on the site will not be asked to patrol the grounds, however.

Susan Black was hired as the 5th and 6th grade teacher at A.C. Houghton in Irrigon. Shane Fritz was hired to teach junior high social studies and high school Spanish at Riverside. Michael Gorman was hired to the 7th and 8th grade science position at Heppner Elementary. Ellen Nussbaum will teach language arts and serve as the dance team advisor at Heppner High. Vera Skow was hired to the 2nd grade position at lone.

Fuel bids were reviewed. In the case of bulk gas and fuel and diesel oil there was only one bid due to established allotments. However, there were two bids for anti-freeze. The bid was awarded to Miles Tire Service at \$3.60 per gallon. The Peterson-Carlson bus run was awarded to the lone bidder, Louis Carlson, for 46 cents per mile. No bids were received for the Adon Hamlett run.

The board approved the use of a bus by the Heppner Day Care Center to transport children to and from the center to the swimming pool, provided the center paid all costs, provided insurance and licensed bus driver and obtained the required license.

Kenneth Broadbent was absent from the meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 18, at Heppner High School.

Court princess

Saturday night is Barbara's night!

Between attending beauty school and serving as a princess on the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, lone's Barbara Palmer is having a busy summer.

Blonde Barbara graduated from lone High School in May and entered beauty school in The Dalles early in July, and has found herself traveling between school and court appearances ever since. Beauty school usually takes 15 months, but because of her court activities it will take her 16 to complete the course.

Rodeos and parades are not new to Barbara. For the past two years she has been a pennant bearer for the court. Her "full of life" twin sisters are following in big sister's footsteps. Fifteen-year-old Donna and Debra are pennant bearers this year. A lot of support and encouragement comes from the youngest of

the Palmer girls, 11-year-old Anita.

Princess Barbara is the daughter of Lee and Marianne Palmer. They own a ranch outside of lone on which they raise wheat, hay, cattle and sheep. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer of lone and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash of Heppner, are proud of Barbara's accomplishments.

She enjoys all the usual hobbies—swimming and horse back riding. She is especially good at leathercraft. She also enjoys a hobby not practiced by many in her community. She does Indian bead work. Barbara has taught herself to do bead work and has been enjoying the craft for about three years. She says she uses some patterns but creates many of the designs herself.

Lee Palmer will miss his daughter's help on the ranch (Continued on Page 4)



MR. AND MRS. JACK SUMNER

Sumner reports on legislation

State Rep. Jack Sumner discussed legislative programs of interest to Morrow County at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Sumner said he had kept in close contact with Judge Paul Jones on two issues of importance to the county—modification of the circuit courts and the problem of dealing with the salaries of district attorneys.

Smaller counties, he said, had wanted to "group together" and have only one district attorney for two or more counties. At the beginning, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties was considered for combining under one district attorney, probably to be based in Heppner. The plan was scuttled because Sherman and Gilliam counties were not interested in such a plan.

Legislation was introduced at the last session to regulate the salaries of district attorneys, with reference to the amount of money they could

be paid by the state while remaining in private practice of law. The legislation was scuttled because it would have put smaller counties in a financial bind.

Sumner is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and was chairman of a sub-committee in the last session which dealt with judicial and budget problems.

Another legislative proposal brought before his committee would have given voters the right to change their political party affiliations during a primary election. At first, Sumner said, it was intended to apply only to voters who registered as independents, who are excluded under present law from participating in Republican and Democratic primary elections. The legislation did not pass because of the dangers of undermining the two-party political primary system and would be of benefit only to independent voters. (Continued on Page 5)

Kinzua buys

Kinzua Corporation was high bidder on a timber stand in Wheeler County recently.

Kinzua bought an estimated 10,700,000 board feet of timber and 1580 acres of material for \$62,622.60, which was the appraised price.

Bid prices per thousand board feet were: Ponderosa pine, \$10.54; Douglas fir and other species, \$2.

Harvest opens, yields good

Wheat harvest is getting off to a good start, with yields better than anticipated, according to Larry Mills, manager, Morrow County Grain Growers.

"The harvest is in full swing in the north Lexington and Boardman areas. The lone area is just getting started," he said. Harvest should be well under way in the remainder of the county within a few weeks.

A survey of winter wheat growers found conditions were improved from last month, and the crop is now placed at 50 million bushels, 5 per cent above last year for the state.

More and heavier wheat heads were found in field samples scattered throughout the growing area.

Spring wheat is placed at 3.3 million bushels, 37 per cent below last year, with the

national wheat forecast at 2.2 billion bushels, 22 per cent above the previous record crop of 1974.

The Oregon barley crop will be smaller this year as acreage is down one-tenth. Production is expected to total 8.1 million bushels, 10 per cent below that of last year.

Nationwide, the barley crop is placed at 395 million bushels, an increase of 28 per cent over last year.

CONNIE HATHAWAY GETS BA DEGREE

Connie Louise Hathaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Hathaway, was among the 338 Spring Quarter graduates from Seattle Pacific College, Seattle.

Connie graduated with a BA degree in history.

German student leaving

Heppner's first year-long foreign student leaves today, July 14, on the first leg of his journey home.

Jann Nissen has found attending classes at Heppner High "easier than in my own school." He says that his year as a member of the Robert Jones household has been helpful in several ways.

"It has helped me feel at home with the English language. It has also given me practice in adjusting to new surroundings, to new situations." Jann showed slides of his home community to the Heppner Soroptimists and to the lone Topic Club during his stay.

The first stop on his way home will be at San Francisco.

County represented in national rodeo finals

Dawn Peterson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson, lone, will compete in the National High School Rodeo finals in Gallup, N.M., Aug. 2-10.

She has been competing in three events—pole bending, goat tying and barrel racing. This spring she rated high in rodeos at Arlington, Rufus, Madras and Burns. At Burns she competed in both the local and state high school finals. She won second place in the barrels, thus qualifying for the national contest. She also won second place in the senior girls barrel races at Condon, July 4.

Dawn's horse, Natalie Risk, a registered

quarterhorse, will also make the trip to Gallup. Dawn's mother and Mary Healy, Heppner, who barely missed qualifying for the nationals, will accompany her.

An estimated 900 to 1,200 high school contestants will participate in the national event. Each state's entrants will carry their state flag and wear special costume vests to identify them. The Oregon group will carry the Oregon flag and wear special vests of navy blue with the Oregon state emblem emblazoned on them. All will take part in the Grand Entry.

They are expected to return to Morrow County on Aug. 13.



DAWN PETERSON qualifying for the National High School Rodeo at Burns.



PRINCESS BARBARA PALMER