

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Opinions surely differ about which month is the most hectic, the busiest month of the year. Some persons may find for various reasons that a winter month swamps them most, but many who have any connection with schools or who are interested in gardening, who belong to a few organizations that have spring meetings or who are eager to get certain tasks done before summer heat sets in—probably vote for May as the busiest of months.

In Morrow County this month when the lilacs are so pretty saw much activity.

On Tuesday, May 14, Fred Toombs led a 50th Anniversary celebration of the REA at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He invited Harold Peck to give a talk about the good old days before rural electrification. That talk was so interesting and thought-provoking that I wanted to do some checking on several things. Harold began by asking if anyone present happened to have a wooden match, and he was really surprised when County Commissioner Irvin Rauch produced one from his pocket.

I looked up the history of match making (not the romantic type) but the industry that made Sweden's Ivar Krueger a millionaire well over 70 years ago. Matches were first being developed about 1852 after many years of struggling with various types of fire lighters. The English and the French began using phosphorus tips on their lighters and some of these tips caused severe health problems, particularly a disease named necrosis. Matches were beginning to be internationally marketed early in this century. They were heavily taxed by the U.S. until a young navel architect, William Fairburn, solved the problem by adapting a formula for sesquisulfide of phosphorus for the tips which ended the threat of necrosis.

After "Shorty's" amusing, first-hand account of pre-REA farm life, Fred Toombs showed a dandy film about the birth and growth of rural electrification which caused me to review more history and to learn a few facts about that form of energy which we know by what it does. It was surprising to read that man began to learn about electricity hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. Thales of Miletus, a Greek philosopher who lived about 600 B.C., rubbed a piece of amber with a cloth and observed that the amber then attracted bits of feathers and the pith of plants. Our word for electricity comes from "elektron" the Greek word for amber. From the Middle Ages on many scientists in many places worked at developing practical applications for this wonderful form of energy which has so improved all our lives.

Although summer doesn't officially arrive until June 21, Morrow County has already had a taste of it as May draws to its close.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Lexington Grange met on Monday evening for a regular meeting. The program beginning at 7:30 was planned around the 50 years of Soil Conservation in the U.S. and Morrow County. Jim VanWinkle, the narrator, showed slides from the different geographic areas of the U.S. and especially the well known "Dust Bowl" areas. Jim had compiled a fine group of photographs of people and areas of Morrow County from the last 50 years which were really most interesting. The A.S.C.S. has done a most remarkable job in conserving land and water in this area as well as the whole nation.

Bryce Keene, and honored guest, recalled some of the problems of soil conservation in Morrow County. It was announced that Cecil and Delph Jones will attend the state session in Canby as voting delegates, and Cecil the voting delegate to the Grange Mutual Ins Company. The next meeting is scheduled for July 7, a picnic at Cutsforth Cabin.

Erda Pieper has as her guests over Memorial Day weekend her daughters, Lavelle Brown of Newport, and Marcie Hall of Portland. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Dick and family, Debra, Trevor, and Devonna were here, and took part in the Cross Country Run.

Venice Hendrickson of Pendleton and Debbie Jones and daughters of Echo visited the weekend at the Joe Yocom home with Mrs. Hendrickson remaining for a visit.

Mike Burcham was a recent Lexington caller from Enterprise taking his father Ralph there for a week visit.

Word has been received in Lexington that Archie Munkers is a temporary at the Oddfellow Home in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones were Union visitors on Sunday where they attended the reunion of the graduates of the Union High School. The breakfast and potluck dinner was held at Catherine Creek Park, and was an enjoyable event, until the rain shower ended the day.

Pat Cool and son Lucky of Pendleton were Lexington callers on Saturday.

Virginia Peck, Leila Palmer, Dorothy Burcham, and Delpha Jones returned home Friday evening from Portland where they attended the Rebekah Assembly at the Airport Holiday Inn. There were 229 voting delegates present, and 23 sisters taking the Rebekah degree. The Rebekahs have lost 238 sisters by death and the Oddfellows 40 this past year. The group was most

fortunate to meet and hear speak, Janet Sims the International Rebekah President. The Sov. Grand Master and wife were present also, and each gave interesting talks. Patricia Horton of Multnomah View No. 245 was elected president for the coming year. Gerald Morgan of City View No. 17 of Portland was elected Grand Master. Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Jones went as voting delegates. The next session will be held in May 1985, at the Red Lion Motor Inn in Pendleton. On Tuesday evening the group accompanied by Jones's daughter, Charlene Whitney, enjoyed dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Breeding and daughter, Janet, were Lexington and Heppner callers over the weekend from Gresham.

Earl Miller, from Irrigon was a caller in Lexington on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck entertained with a birthday dinner, Sunday, honoring Josie Peck on her birthday. There were about 20 guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marquardt and son have moved from the ranch where they have been living in a trailer home to the Bill B. Marquardt home in Lexington.

Rena Marquardt returned home Saturday from Kadlec Hospital where she underwent major surgery on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Grace and family visited with relatives and friends over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Piper and family are moving this week to Union. Dave is working at North Powder and will return this week to finish moving his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and children have moved to Medford, where he is employed at White City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steagall of Portland were weekend visitors in Lexington at the Wilbur Steagall home.

Charles Buchanan was a caller at the Vet's Hospital in Walla Walla on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan and Suzanne Vinson were visitors at Phillips Lake and enjoyed some fishing over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smith and family were visitors on Sunday in Lexington from their home in Hermiston.

Ralph Burcham underwent major surgery Tuesday morning.

Heppner Happenings

By Mary Bryant 676-9493

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dick received word this week of the birth of a new granddaughter to their son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dick of Portland. The baby was born at the Portland Adventist Hospital and weighed 11 oz. and has been named Lisa Jo. Grandparents are Ed and Rachel Dick of Heppner, and Joe Daley of Pendleton. Great grandmother is Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Otis.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Vinson of Butter Creek took a bus tour to Spokane for the Lilac Festival last weekend. They reported that the parade was especially lovely with 205 entries in the line of March.

Fair & Rodeo offer changes

Morrow County's 1985 Fair and Rodeo scheduled for August 14-18 will offer the best of both shows with a combined new format, said a fair board spokesperson. "Alive in '85", the theme chosen for this year's extravaganza, reflects the comprehensive planning generated into running this year's Fair and Rodeo concurrently.

Kicking off the jam-packed week of action will be the 4-H and Open Horse Shows on August 10 and 11 respectively. Exhibits will be in place by August 14 with judging contests, tractor driving, demonstrations and other activities scheduled for that day, concluding with the Morrow County Amateur Nigh Rodeo.

August 15 will encompass judging of all exhibits, including home economics and livestock. Extensive plans for decoration of the grounds will enhance the 4-H Style Revue setting on Thursday evening, continued the spokesperson.

Friday, August 15, is the day of intense competition in showmanship contests. Round Robin participation will pit the best showman of each animal division against each other in the showing of different types of animals. Spectators will also view the home economics demonstration skills, as well as seeing products being made and displayed in the arts and crafts village. Contests, games, and activities are planned for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend the 4-H and F.F.A. fat animal

Mrs. Mary Springer of Hood River, mother of "Bud" Springer, has been visiting this week. She is also the sister of Mr. Lincoln Nash and has spent some time visiting with both families.

Since our news had to be in by 5 p.m. Friday, my column is short. Hopefully, with Memorial Day visitors and picnics and such, news should be plentiful next week. The outdoor school at Tupper was a huge success according to the word I have received, part of the Senior Class have gone to Disneyland and in general, the schools are busy winding up the school year. Don't forget Graduation on June 1.

auction sale on Friday evening and unlike previous years, all exhibits will remain in place until 2 p.m. Sunday.

An outstanding parade is in the making for Sunday, August 17, on the downtown streets of Heppner, aptly managed by the local Chamber of Commerce, continued the spokesperson. Visiting royalty from surrounding areas will be in attendance, and rodeo fans will be treated to an afternoon of top competition. Following the Saturday rodeo performance, Family night at the Fairgrounds will feature a barbecue put on by Smokey's Oak Pit Barbecue of Irrigon. For the enjoyment of diners, the Old Time Fiddlers will entertain, followed by a street dance at the Fairgrounds featuring live music of the Leonig Family. Sunday's conclusion of Fair and Rodeo week will start with the Wranglers' Cowboy Breakfast at the Fairgrounds with time for viewing exhibits before the start of the Rodeo Sunday afternoon.

Interest in exhibits is running strong; a large number of reservations for space have been received already and though summer may seem like it has not gotten underway, it's not too early to make plans for this year's Fair and Rodeo, as competition for space continues. All open class exhibits, other than livestock, are open to non-residents of Morrow County, and this will contribute to an all-time high in the number of exhibits displayed, concluded the spokesperson.

Barrel racers tell results

The following is the results of the Heppner Barrel Club met for the second time May 7 at the Wranglers arena. The following results were submitted:

OPEN
First - Michelle Papineau, second - Shelly Stroeber, third - Gail Papineau, and fourth - Cindi Stroeber.

JUNIORS
First - Bobette Angel and second - Stacey Kennedy.

NOVICE
First - Bridgette Greenup, second - Diana Hoeff, third - Shirley Martin, fourth - Lori Bothwell, and fifth - Cindy Davis.

PEE WEES
First - Cheri Papineau and second - Tiffanie Munkers.

The next running will be Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m. There will be Goat tying at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Barrel Racing.

North Lex Livestock

By NANCY MORTER
The North-Lex 4-H Livestock Club met April 14 at the home of Steve Wagonblast, President Stacey Kennedy opened the meeting with the flag salute and 4-H pledge. There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

Under old business, Ken Nelson reminded us of the date for the livestock weigh-in and gave us a briefing of tentative fair dates.

Under new business, Bill Broderick found a reasonably priced livestock blower to use at fair time for grooming the animals. A motion was made and passed that the club buy the machine for the club to use at the fair.

It was decided that on Sunday, May 19, the club would have their Annual Barbeque in the Ione City Park at 2 p.m. The May meeting will be held sometime during the picnic.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Wagonblast.

What's Your Opinion



Question: "What words of advice do you have for the graduating seniors?"
"Graduating is only your first step," said Mary Ann Cerullo of Heppner. "Take hold of your biggest dreams and go for it!"

Communion service slated at All Saints

The Rev. Bruce Spencer of Bend Church in Heppner beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 2. Eucharist at All Saints Episcopal

Heppner High School Drama Club Presents

"WIND IN THE WILLOWS"

A Family Play



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