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Mark Twain was only about half right when he said that all you can do about the weather is to talk about it. Of course, no one can regulate old Sol's activities when he gets on a rampage in midsummer in a desert region. In the great humorist's day there were shade trees, perhaps a few screened porches, but no air conditioning for business houses, homes, barracks, or even for trailer and tent houses.

The modern uses of electricity were not known, but now the extremes of weather can be regulated no matter how low or high the mercury fluctuates. And those who haven't these facilities can cool off in the Columbia or Umatilla or drainage canals, or out under the cooler canopy of heaven at night where a breeze may quiet the fervid brow.

At any rate we can do a great deal besides talk about the hot spell, and even talk helps much to get the heat out of one's system.

As local citizens to our distressed visitor friends, we beg to say that our sun's rays are not dealing any more unkindly with you than down on the coast or over the mountains eastward. And those who have a memory of a summer in Iowa, or Indiana, or down on Mark Twain's Mississippi river bottoms, may feel cooler from a thought of those sweltering days and nights. Be assured, too, that a break comes here—maybe it will arrive before you read this—and then you can catch up a few winks. And, too, when early Fall comes, if ever there are perfect days, you will find them here in September, October and November. So spur up your courage and revive hope. After then there may be some snappy mornings and pleasant snows. The steel may tingle, the water pipes may need an electric shock, the oil in the cats may not budge, and then after another short extreme spell, the soft Chinook will release King Winter's hold.

And after a year round, taking the good with the best and the bad with the worst, you will join with us and say this is the best climate on earth.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

At the meeting of the city council last week the water committee passed a resolution that all water users must pay current water bill each month and part of any balance each month or have the water turned off. It was also decided to delay the enforcement of the license ordinance until council receives the codification of ordinances from the Oregon League of Cities, to see if any changes need to be made.

Jack Nordstrom, son of the general manager of the Asbury Co., is visiting for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Martin.

Neva Pilon, who has been employed at the Red & White store here, is now working for the Burnham store in Hermiston. Harriet Ford has taken her former position for the summer months.

Mrs. Ursel Hiatt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt accompanied by Mrs. Walter Bullard spent Wednesday in Pendleton where they visited Marlene Baldwin.

Mrs. Fred Knudson, who received a bad burn the Fourth, is much improved. She received the burn when the oven door fell open on her leg.

Mrs. Preston Hansen and daughter, Yvonne, returned to their home in Touchet after visiting since Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spencer. Mr. Hanson motored down Sunday after them and spent the day. The Honson's were former residents here.

Marlene Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Baldwin, who underwent an appendicitis operation in the Pendleton hospital July 5th, is quite a bit better and is able to have company. Family and friends have been quite concerned over Marlene and are glad to know of her change. Mr. Baldwin returned to work Sunday after being with Mrs. Baldwin in Pendleton.

Miss Mildred Conlon, who is to be married August 3 to Vincent Kemp of Eugene was honored at a linen shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Conlon, Friday afternoon. Mr. Kemp is a U. S. engineer and they plan to make their home in Eugene.

The Misses Naomi Brownell and Gertrude Simmonds of Portland returned to their home Sunday after spending since Wednesday with Naomi's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Chapman and daughter.

Mrs. Clarence Fredrickson of Irrigon visited with friends here Thursday.

Miss Mildred Conlon returned to her work in Portland after visiting last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Conlon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney motored to Wilson Creek near Heppner Friday and brought the boys home who had been camping there the past week. The boys were: Joe Tucker, Dale Hiatt, Dan Malleroy, Dick La Chance and Frank Kenney.

Earl Fromdale arrived Sunday from Tacoma where he will visit with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brandon and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son, Gary Dean, spent Sunday in the mountains near Ukiah fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ober and children of Pendleton visited in Umatilla Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Hiatt and sons, Allan and Dale, and Jimmy Baldwin and Mrs. David Earley and daughter spent Sunday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Harlan Dennis and two sons returned to their home in Condon Sunday after spending a week here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt.

Mrs. John Nye of Hermiston spent Monday here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cramer and daughter of Seattle are spending a few days here visiting his mother, Mrs. Kenneth Baymiller.

Mrs. David Earley and daughter returned to their home in Baker after being called here because of the illness of Marlene Baldwin. While here she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt.

Miss Doris Radenbough returned Monday from La Grande where she had spent the past ten days preparing for and taking her state board examination in Beauty Culture. Doris is opening her beauty shop here at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Radenbough had as their dinner guests Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. Vogt, Art Trout and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son, Gary Dean.

Mrs. Don McBride and son, Darroll, Mrs. George Copper and son, Ronald, returned home Thursday from Portland and The Dalles where they visited the former's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson of Quinton spent Saturday here visiting at the George Cooper home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Switzler left last week for Seaside where they will spend the summer months. Mr. Switzler's sister, Mrs. Minnie Sharpstein of Walla Walla, and Margie Enbysk are with them.

Mrs. Al Reed and infant daughter returned to their home Friday from the Hermiston hospital and were honored with a shower at the Pat Fritzpatrik home.

PINE CITY NEWS

By Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cox and family were dinner guest at the E. B. Wattenburger home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger and family were callers at the Marion Finch home Sunday.

Marion Finch and daughters, Frances and Patty, and Mr. Finch's father from Seattle motored to Hermiston Wednesday evening.

Miss Kathleen Daly is staying with her sister, Mrs. Bill Doherty of Alpine.

Miss Betty Finch spent Sunday with her parents. Betty is working at the Russell Moore ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore motored to Irrigon Sunday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith.

Bill Finch of Stanfield was a caller at the Marvin Finch home Saturday.

Earl Wattenburger of Pasco spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger.

Harvesting operations have started at the farm of Russel Moore, Garnet Abercrombie, Jasper Myers and Pete Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew returned to Spokane Sunday after spending several days at the ranch.

John Harrison who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. George Curran, has returned to his home in Eugene.

Mrs. Marvin Finch attended the Home Economics club meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. William Instone.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healy and family attended the wedding of Eddie Kenny and Miss Lillian Nooy at Pendleton Monday.

STATE FAIR GETS BIG NEW STAGE

Construction of a new and larger stage in front of the grandstand at the Oregon state fair grounds is now in progress, fair officials report. The stage will be 50 feet wide and 46 feet deep. It will be partly covered, thus precluding any necessity to cancel another night entertainment, as had to be done at the 1940 fair on account of rain.

More elaborate settings will be possible also with the new stage.

The structure will be drawn back and forth across the track automatically, the mere press of a lever accomplishing this. The old stage was pulled laboriously back and forth by tractor—and at times those in charge suffered a sinking feeling that it would never make it.

The stage is located across the track for the afternoon racing meet, but at night is moved onto the track and nearer the audience for the big extravaganzas.

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STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Rose Hedrick

On July 19 a cooked food sale and ice cream social will be held in the front section of the M. Refvem store. Mrs. W. T. Reeves and Mrs. McCormick will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Attebury and Eddie Attebury were successful in their hunt for huckleberries in the mountains Sunday. Mrs. Attebury suffered a good long fall without getting hurt even.

The last few of Camp Stanfield 469 departed this week.

Many Stanfield folks motored to Bingham Springs Sunday, our hottest day, to enjoy the cool and a picnic dinner. They were the M. Refvem, R. G. Penney, J. F. Rueber and Don Childs families.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Miller visited

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellenberger in Pilot Rock Sunday.

Miss Zelma Sale returned Sunday from a four weeks' stay at Salem.

Lou Estes of the Stanfield Pastime has returned from a trip to the John Day country.

Harry Shipley has recovered from a throat operation and is able to be downtown again.

More homes are being equipped and modernized to meet the needs of new workers at the ordnance depot. Those of Adolph Heyden, Vernon Waid, Glen Seeley, Jack Lawrence and several new homes on Barbara street are now occupied.

The Katty Kitchen Cooks met both Monday and Wednesday this week with their leader, Mrs. Picanso.

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