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FESTIVAL IN HOME STRETCH

General Electric Seeks Rooms For Personnel Here

The wartime appeal to citizens to open their homes to workers was renewed here today by representatives of the General Electric Company—prime contractor at the Hanford Engineer Works.

The tide of incoming workers has outpaced home and dormitory construction in Richland, residential area for the vast atomic development at Hanford, Jack McMahon of the GE realty division told members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber at once passed a resolution that Richland's housing need will receive the same support of the entire population as though the need existed in Kennewick itself. Full publicity was promised to acquaint householders with the

START SURVEY TODAY
Today at 4 o'clock uniformed Richland patrolmen will begin a home by home survey of Kennewick to list every available bit of spare living space. The city has been divided into sectors, and individual patrolmen have been assigned to each of them. If the canvass has not been completed by tonight, it will be carried into Friday—starting again at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, since more householders are expected to be at home at that time of day.

house to house survey that will be made immediately by uniformed representatives of the Richland patrol.

"As of today," said McMahon, "277 heads of families are on the waiting list for housing at Richland. And 900 additional family heads are being processed by personnel divisions and will require living quarters soon."

Workers from all over the nation are reporting to Hanford, he continued, with the promise of dormitory housing until more permanent quarters can be secured for them. But dormitory rooms are full.

Even a recent canvass of Richland dwellers, which produced a considerable number of rooms in private homes for single men and women has not filled the need.

"The last available room, secured through this canvass, was rented yesterday," McMahon revealed.

Work on buildings that can be converted into dormitories has been pushed ahead on an overtime basis. Still the prospect is that only eighteen women can be quartered tonight, and there are no rooms at all for men.

The building of 950 dwelling units of a permanent type has been approved by the Atomic Energy Commission, McMahon reminded his listeners, but workers must be cared for until they can be completed.

Jess Mathews Opens Avenue C Donut Shop
Jess Mathews, proprietor of the new XL Donut Shop on Avenue C first entered the donut making business 15 years ago at Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

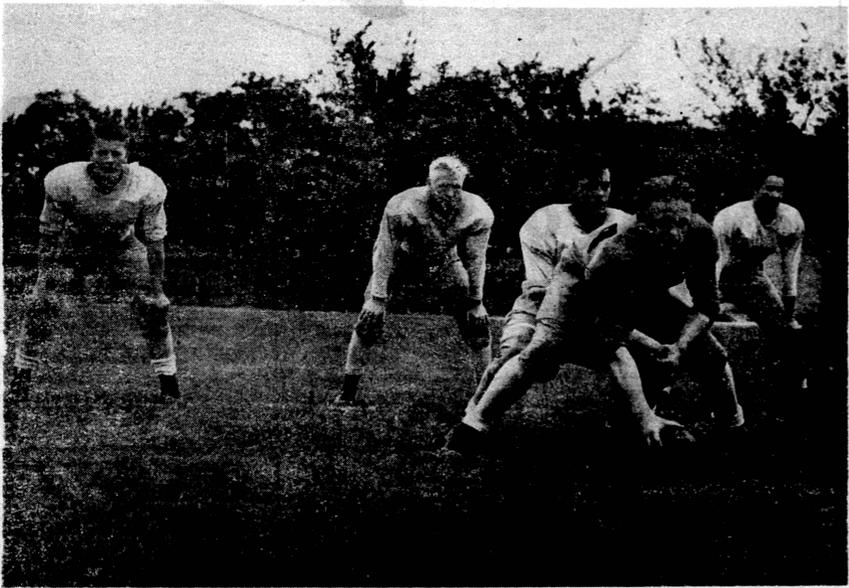
During the first nine years, he confined his operations entirely to wholesale. Branching into the retail field, he opened a shop in Olympia a year later, and for several years operated bake shops in Olympia and Chehalis in addition to his retail store.

Mathews sold his bakery interests in 1943, and came to Kennewick, where he purchased a farm on the West Highlands. His son, Chester, will be associated with him in the management of the new Kennewick shop.

Chapman Joins Richmond Implement Firm
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Chapman and daughter Barbara have recently moved to Kennewick. They have purchased a home in Records addition. They came from Pendleton where Mr. Chapman was with the Braden Tractor company. He is now associated with the Richmond Implement company, servicing Caterpillar and John Deere equipment.

GUARDIANS MEET
The Camp Fire Guardians' Association met in the park for their first meeting of the year and enjoyed a pot luck luncheon, after which they held a short business meeting presided over by Mrs. Nelson, retiring president. Newly elected officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Lawrence Scott, president; Mrs. L. E. Nelson, vice president; Mrs. Harry Owens, secretary; Mrs. Leslie Lewis, treasurer.

READY FOR ACTION



Rarin' to go for the first important game of the season is this Kennewick High School backfield combination pictured during a scrimmage session in the Lions Den. Lined up behind Center Donahue are, left to right, Strega, Perkins, Elliot and Poole. Photo by Randal.

The Sidewalk REPORTER

By The KENNEWICK COURIER

SPUAWK CLUB
This week's session of the local complainers fizzled out completely when Festival Ticket Chairman Gene Spaulding visited the group in his rounds of the organizations in town and signed them up to help with the big job of handling the expected crowds at the show. So eloquent was Spaulding in his description of the "things to come" next week that the club lost all interest in complaining and agreed wholeheartedly behind the show with no dissent.

CONCESSIONS
In reply to numerous requests for information regarding the disposal of concessions, Don Solberg concession chairman, has announced that the midway will be operated by the Meeker Shows.

BOUQUETS
It would be impossible to hand out posies to everyone who is entitled to them because there are so many people working long hours to put this show over. Chairman J. C. Pratt stated the other day that he wished there was some way in which he could properly thank the many people of Kennewick who are giving time and energy for the big event. We know he fully appreciates the help that is being extended. We also hope that the community properly appreciates what J. C. is doing.

PRIZES
Two enterprising Kennewick business men have generously offered some special prizes for the Festival. Richmond Implement company is putting up a \$50 prize for the best commercial exhibit. Waldo Richmond is in charge of that activity and reports a wide interest with plenty of firms wishing to take part. Rube's Cycle Shop has placed on display in he PUD window the spanking new bicycle and tricycle they are giving for the best decorated bike and trike in the Kids' parade.

CARAVANS
Caravans of ticket salesmen are going out daily to surrounding communities and report avid interest in the Festival. Tommy Thompson has been making the tours in his three seated bus with a number of local ladies cooperating on the selling. Mrs. Glenn Felton has put in a lot of time in the thankless job of distributing and keeping track of the tickets.

CRACK OF THE WEEK
We assume no responsibility whatever for this one:
"Do you know what's wrong with Kennewick people? They're grape nuts! . . . that Duz it!"

TOASTMISTRESS CLUB
The Kennewick Toastmistress club will hold its first regular meeting at the Arrow Grill, Friday, 1:30 p.m. By-laws will be adopted and officers elected. Any woman interested in coming please call 1147 or 2798 for reservation.

Lions Set For Gonzaga Game

Kennewick fans Saturday will night will have an opportunity to see one of the state's most famous high school football aggregations in action when the Gonzaga Bull Pups will invade the Lions Den to tangle with Kennewick High.

"Year in and year out, Gonzaga has been rated as one of the top three teams in the state," said Kennewick Coach George Karamatic. "From all indications this year will be no exception."

However, Karamatic was confident that his squad will be able to hold its own against the powerful opposition. The Lions have a strong line with plenty of weight, a fast and experienced backfield in addition to a new formation.

Using a modified T, Karamatic believes the Lions will be able to execute plenty of fast, deceptive plays. Reserve strength is excellent, he said.

"Don't try to watch the ball from this formation," he warned. "It is so deceptive all you can do is pick a spot and hope the play will come that way."

Gonzaga is coached by Bill Frazier, himself a Gonzaga graduate, who has turned out exceptional squads for the past ten years at the Spokane school. Gonzaga this year has an enrollment of 600 boys.

Frazier will bring a squad of 28 to Kennewick. He uses a straight T formation and a short punt formation.

The Zags' backfield boasts two exceptionally fast men in Lynch and Riley. Lynch holds the Spokane 100 yard dash championship and Riley runs only a step behind him.

Karamatic is building his backfield around Harold Perkins, who has made a name for himself for his driving ability in ball carrying. Perkins will carry a heavy assignment in passing and punting as well as the responsibility for conversions. Coming up fast according to Karamatic, is Reavis who has shown exceptional kicking ability.

Speaking to the Kennewick Kiwanis club Tuesday, Karamatic said: "If we can win the first three games, we have an excellent chance to cop the pennant." Karamatic believes the Gonzaga game and the match with John Rogers the following week will put the boys in top condition for the start of league play.

Toughest game expected is the second league encounter against the rugged Wapato squad. The only games Kennewick lost last year were to Wapato and Pasco. First league game is scheduled with Ellensburg, followed by Wapato and Richland.

Kennewick is playing nine games this season with five of the games at home. The annual jamboree is slated for Pasco on the 12th, starting at 7:30. Each of the six teams in the southern division will play three eight minute quarters.

Plans Complete For Pasco Water Follies Events

The citizens of Kennewick were invited today to attend the first annual Pasco Water Follies, Friday through Sunday to be climaxed Sunday afternoon by a thrill-packed program of professional outdoor races off Clover Island on the Kennewick side of the Columbia river.

Five high-speed races, ending with a climactic 12-lap main event, will be run by 25 of the best outboard racing drivers in the Northwest, according to Fred Huber, Follies chairman. Rocky Stane, present Northwest champion and winner of the 1947 Hearst International, will unofficially defend his crown against the best in the West.

Races start at 1 p.m. Other highlights of the three-day celebration include the annual high school Football Jamboree at 7:30 p.m. Friday night, starring Kennewick, Pasco and Richland against Prosser, Grandview and Sunnyside. Also scheduled are a grand entry parade on Saturday night, two street dances, American-United shows and a Follies Queen Contest.

The Pasco parade originally scheduled for 6:30 Saturday, has had the time changed to 4 p.m. Saturday. All entrants in parade should note time change.

American-United shows, one of the largest carnivals in the Northwest, will be in Pasco starting Tuesday and will be open daily through the Water Follies.

Hunt-Thompson Vows Exchanged in Pasco
Mrs. Carolyn Hunt and A. J. Thompson were married in a quiet double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Hutton at the Methodist church in Pasco on September 9.

Attending the couple were Mrs. Thompson's brother, Ben Blair and her sister, Mrs. Pat Dielum. The couple wore matching blue tailored suits and the bride wore an orchid.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. C. Curry. Following the reception the couple left for a six week trip.

Edwards "Plugs" Grape Festival On Network Show

"We will be in Kennewick, Washington, September 18, 19 and 20 for the Kennewick Grape Festival," was the announcement made over the air Saturday night by Ralph Edwards, celebrated funny-man of the "Truth or Consequences" radio show.

"Because of its wholesomeness we have spent considerable time in negotiating with the producers of this fine show in an effort to present it to our Grape Festival visitors" remarked Clyde Anderson entertainment chairman of the Festival Association.

"Our reward," he continued "for being successful in securing it will be the pleasure our expected 100,000 Festival guests will receive when it appears here."

The famed program will be presented under the huge fireproof "Big Top" on Festival Concourse twice daily, and Saturday audiences will witness the third fall coast-to-coast radio hook-up. During all six performances, the audience will participate in the program. Contestants selected at random by Ralph Edwards will try to answer his zany questions.

Failure to answer correctly earns the consequences, ribbiting routines which finally wind up with the participant walking away with valuable prizes for being good sports.

Edwards will announce his Kennewick performance again on his Saturday night broadcast, festival officials say. The program is heard here at 7:30 p.m. over the NBC network.

Canal Fencing Is Still Hot Issue

Promising the active support of the Kennewick Pre-School PTA in the campaign to fence the open irrigation canal that bisects the heart of the city, Molly Jo Finnigan said today that they will fight for ditch fencing until the issue has finally been settled one way or another.

"We consider that the proposal to fence the canal is by no means a dead issue," Mrs. Finnigan averred, "and we will continue to fight for it until satisfactory safety measures have been achieved."

Agitation to fence or cover the irrigation canal has existed in the community for years. It was stimulated into renewed activity several months ago by the tragic drowning of a four year old boy.

Asked to comment on the canal fencing subject, Councilman Larry Scott explained that in his opinion no individual councilman or city officials could venture to speak for the electors of the community on the success or failure of a bond issue.

"The matter is one of vital concern to the entire population of Kennewick," he said, "and it should be determined by the majority vote of our people."

Only in this way, Scott proceeded, can the proponents and opponents of the measure express themselves conclusively. He voiced his hope that the issue can be submitted to a vote of the citizens at an early date.

Finley Man Dies In Truck Crash

Thomas J. Parrish, 63, died instantly yesterday when the car in which he was a passenger collided with a truck, throwing him through the door and under the rear wheels of the truck.

The accident took place just before noon, near Finley, approximately 12 miles east of the city. Mrs. Parrish is under treatment at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Pasco for minor injuries and shock. Hazel M. Ash, driver of the car also escaped without serious hurt.

Investigating officers report evidence that neither driver was aware of the impending crash at the crossroads until too late to avoid collision.

The truck driver, Ivan Schultz, sustained minor cuts and bruises, as did his passenger whose identity is not yet known to authorities. Deputy Sheriff Dennis Huntley and State Patrolmen are still investigating the accident today.

Festival Program

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 GOVERNORS' DAY—
10:30 am—Governor's Welcoming Address
11:00—Parade of Floats
12:00—Old Timers' Picnic
12:00—Exhibits open
1:00 p.m.—Square Dance Contest
2:00—Parade Awards
3:00—Truth or Consequences
4:00—Hollywood Sky Kings
5:00—Visitors' Tour of Area
7:00—Coronation of Smile Queen
8:00—Buddy Rich and his Orchestra
9:00—Truth or Consequences
10:00—Dancing to Buddy Rich
11:30—Hollywood Sky Kings
12:00—Festival Prize Award

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, RECLAMATION DAY—
Exhibits Open All Day
10:30—Welcoming Address
11:00—Horse Parade
1:00 p.m.—Square Dance Contest
2:00—Parade Awards
3:00—Truth or Consequences
4:30—Hollywood Sky Kings
5:30—Reclamation Dinner
7:30—Reclamation Program
9:00—Truth or Consequences
10:00—Dancing to Buddy Rich and his orchestra
11:30—Hollywood Sky Kings
12:00—Festival Prize Award

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20 MAYORS' DAY—
Exhibits Open All Day
10:00 a.m.—Introduction of Visiting Mayors
11:00—Kids' Pet Parade
12:30 p.m.—Square Dancing Finals
3:00—Parade Awards
4:00—Truth or Consequences
5:30—Hollywood Sky Kings
7:00—Truth or Consequences
8:00—Hollywood Sky Kings
9:00—Truth or Consequences
10:00—Dancing to Buddy Rich and his Orchestra
8:15—Football—Kennewick Hi vs John Rigers Hi
11:30—Hollywood Sky Kings
12:00—Festival Grand Prize Award

Festival Gets Rich And Show Visitors Will Share In It

With the announcement of the engagement of Buddy Rich and his orchestra to appear at the Kennewick Grape Festival on September 18, 19 and 20, the younger set is preparing to dress up their jive talk for their "jam sessions" with this musical stylist.

"The novelty of this sensational new band is the versatile changes Buddy Rich accomplishes by satisfying the younger set with his refreshing swing style, and pleasing the oldsters with rich, sweet, rhythmic melodies," according to Clyde Anderson, director in charge of entertainment for the Kennewick Grape Festival Association.

"So highly recommended to us by 'those in the know,' we couldn't resist engaging the 'young man and his drums,'" continued Anderson, who further related they were thereby maintaining the policy of the Association to furnish only the highest quality entertainment available.

The news of Buddy's three-day appearance at the Kennewick Grape Festival has already caused platter fans throughout the Northwest to haunt their favorite music shops and chortle with glee as the discs spin out such well known Rich specialties as "Quiet Riot," "Desperate Desmond" and "You've Got Me Crying Again."

Officials of the Kennewick Grape Festival also delighted the younger set with the recent announcement that the famous radio production "Truth or Consequences" would be presented at this great Southeastern "Cavalcade of the Columbia."

FAMILY REUNION
A family reunion was held Sunday at the C. E. Nicolson home in East Kennewick. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McIntyre of Terre Haute, Ind. Mrs. McIntyre is a sister-in-law of Mr. Nicolson. All the children were present, including Mrs. Bonnie Tyrrell and children Howard and Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nicolson and daughters Kathryn and Vera, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nicolson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tyrrell and children, Judith and Sandra of Walla Walla.

(Donald is a grandson of Charlie) which made four generations represented. An old friend, Mrs. John Owens and children, Billy and Jacqueline also spent the day with them.

Nancy Bennett To Rule Grape Festival Realm

Long live the Queen of Concordia!
Queen Nancy it is. Queen Nancy Bennett of the Realm of Concordia. From now till Grape Festival time she will be busy, for her subjects will have many tasks for her to perform before her coronation hour.

Chestnut haired, blue eyed Queen Nancy will receive her crown from the hands of Queen Joan Smith of Prosser, chosen a year ago to reign as Queen of Queens at the first annual Kennewick Grape Festival.

Queen Nancy was still a little breathless a day after her elevation to royal status. She is, she enumerated, five feet, eight inches in her stocking feet, she weighs 130 pounds, and she is 16 years of age.

As for her selection in the contest: "I'm very honored; it's very nice, and I guess I'm just very very lucky."

She was quite definite about the use of that second "very" preceding "lucky."

Queen Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thorston Bennett, both of whom teach in the Kennewick schools. Her sponsors in the second Smile Queen Contest were Keokler's Ladies and Men's Shops.

A house-filling audience and three out-of-town, impartial judges chose her to rule Concordia at the Benton theatre Tuesday evening. In arriving at their final decisions, judges were asked to give a weight of at least eighty per cent to the quality of the contestants' smiles.

Queen Nancy will have a court of thirteen lovely Princesses to help her complete her royal offices throughout the three day celebration. The Princesses and their sponsors are as follows:

Laura Straud, Helen Hardy's Pink Cameo; Shirley Bateman, S & J Motor Co.; Marjorie Bergsing, Washington Hardware & Furniture Co.; Beverly Frier, Beste Grocery; June Higgins, Superior Electric Co.; Mary Lou Crawford, The Columbia School of Hairdressing; Lenore Thomas, The Arrow Grill; Doris Gussenhoven, Days Studio; Marchetta Sheppard, The Kennewick Active Club; Boots Weigands, The Ray-D-Ann Cleaners; Jean Osborne, J. D. Doversps; Building Contractor; Audrey Carlton, Shirley's Beauty Salon; and Ruth Stevlingson, The Pollyanna Cafe.

Kids To Star In Festival Parade

Kennewick children will march again at the Grape Festival with their pets in the second annual Kids' Parade.

The parade will start forming at 10 o'clock on Saturday, Sept. 20. All children and teen agers are invited to participate.

The age limit is 19. Prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15 will be given for the best floats entered by youth organizations. Three prizes will be given in each of the following divisions: Ponies, dogs, cats, miscellaneous pets, costumes, dolls and doll 'buggies, decorated bicycles and tricycles. Those wishing to enter motor scooters may do so.

First prize of a new bicycle will be given for the bicycle division, and a new tricycle in that group. A favor will be given each participant.

No registration is necessary except for floats. These may be registered with Mrs. Don Skirving, 912 Kennewick avenue, phone 1333.

Governor Accepts Bid To Festival

A formal acceptance to appear on the Kennewick Grape Festival program on Governors' Day, September 18, was received here on Tuesday from Governor Mon C. Wallgren by Mayor J. C. Pratt, chairman of the Kennewick Grape Festival Association.

The Governor's address will be one of the principal features of the first day of the three-day celebration, which will be marked by a gigantic float parade over three miles in length which will contain colorful entries sponsored by merchants, clubs, organizations, civic groups, schools and manufacturers. This feature will be augmented by two performances of the sensational "Truth or Consequences" radio show with its popular originator and master of ceremonies, Ralph Edwards, and his announcer, Harlow Wilcox.