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## County Fishing Prospects Brighten With Plantings

Trout fishing prospects in Morrow county got a shot in the arm this week from the state fish commission, when two truckloads of legal length rainbows were planted in Willow and Rhea creeks. Last week another load was dumped for local anglers to chase in upper Rock creek in the Parker's Mill section.

Most of the fish released in the Rock Creek section averaged about seven inches in length, while those planted in Willow and Rhea creeks were from 11 to 12 inches long. The load of over 800 fish that were released in Rhea creek averaged 1.1 fish per pound.

The fish released in Willow creek is expected to bring forth another rush of kid fishermen as many of the load of over 1000 rainbows were scattered along the pools in the special juvenile reserve above Heppner.

These fish, which were raised in the state hatchery near Maupin are the first plantings to be made in any Morrow county streams this year, according to reports, though other small liberations are planned for later in the season.

## Three From Here to Get Degrees at U of O

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—One of the nation's outstanding ministers, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York City, will be the speaker on June 14 when the University of Oregon holds its 76th Commencement services.

More than 1300 undergraduate and graduate students will be candidates for degrees at this 1953 Commencement. These candidates, from the college of liberal arts and the several professional schools of the University, will receive their degrees on June 14 if they successfully complete requirements.

Candidates for all degrees total 1324. Of these, 972 are for baccalaureate degrees, and 352 are for advanced degrees. This represents a record number of graduate candidates. The 1952 senior class totaled 1015 candidates for baccalaureate degrees but only 301 candidates for advanced degrees.

Heppner students who will be candidates for degrees at the 1953 Commencement include Mary Ella Mollahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mollahan, Heppner, candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree; Robert A. Jones, son of Alva W. Jones, Heppner, candidate for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Other degree candidates from the area include Helmut G. Herman, son of Gotfried Hermann of Ione, candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

## Early Copy Asked for Next Week's Paper

The publishers of the Gazette Times ask that regular correspondents, advertisers and persons with news items get their copy into the office one day early next week due to the necessity of getting a majority of the paper ready for press slightly ahead of schedule.

The publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland are planning to attend the convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association which is being held at Gearhart June 18, 19 and 20. Penland is a director of the association which requires his attendance for meetings starting Thursday evening at the coast town.

The paper will not be distributed a full day early, but will probably be in the mail by Thursday noon. The business office will be open all day Friday, but will be closed Saturday June 20.

## BIBLE SCHOOL ENDS

At the vacation Bible school, sponsored by the Union Missionary Society, which ended Saturday there were 89 youngsters enrolled. Thirteen teachers helped with the work and the daily collections amounted to \$28.60. This money was to go to a fund to help buy goats for Korea.

Mrs. Estelle Brooks of Hood River was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

## Man Burned In Tractor Blaze

Franklin Ely suffered painful burns to his hands and arms Monday afternoon when his clothes caught fire from his tractor while he was working on his ranch near Morgan.

Ely ran for the creek to put out the blaze where he was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Art Stefani who brought him to the hospital in Heppner for treatment. He returned to his home later. The fire also destroyed the tractor.

## Lexington Cattle Bring Top Prices

HERMISTON—E. C. Heliker of Lexington received top prices on cows at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, with a \$14.50 cow and steers at \$20.90, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

E. P. Snyder, Hermiston, whose veal drew top \$23.75 last week, Friday received a sharply higher top veal price of \$25.75. Another Hermiston consignor topped the market, R. E. Forbes receiving 26¢ per pound for eight fat hogs weighing 1490 pounds. H. B. Gillingham of Hermiston consigned two 100 pound lambs, which received the top lamb price of \$23.75. Fred Hoody of Irrigon consigned five ewes weighing 130 pounds, which drew a top price of 6¢ per pound.

Volume of cattle consigned was up sharply at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, 517 compared with 395 last week, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. Hogs and sheep were also more numerous, 168 hogs and 112 sheep comparing with 67 and 63 respectively the previous week. Four horses were also consigned.

Prices on grass steers were higher due to better quality and better finish, Anson said, but other cattle prices, in line with other markets, were lower in general. Packer buyers were unusually numerous. Prices on stocker cattle were down due to a lack of demand by farmer buyers. Feeders were also down slightly. Grass cattle prices included: grass steers 19.40-20.90; grass heifers 16.50-18.10; grass cows 11.50-12.50.

Calves—Baby calves 11.00-31.00 hd.; first calf Hereford heifers, small calves at side, 145.00 pr.; veal 22.75-25.75; bulk veal 18.50-22.50.

Steers—Feeder steers 17.20-18.50; stocker steers 14.50-16.60; grass steers 19.40-20.90; grass heifers 16.50-18.10.

Cows—Dairy cows 110-162.50; dairy heifers 12.50-14.50; grass cows 11.50-12.50; young cows up to 14.50.

Slaughter Cows—Canner-cutter 9.50-10.60; shells 5.60-8.50.

Bulls—16.60-17.70; top bulls 25.60-26.00; few registered Hereford bulls up to 275.00 hd.

Hogs—Weaner pigs 10.00-17.00 hd.; fat hogs top 26¢ lb.; sows 22.25-23.50.

Sheep—Spring lambs 22.75-23.75; shown ewes 4.40-6.00; yearling wethers 14.50-16.50.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Mrs. Camilla Monahan, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Nadine Field, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Nora Greenfield, Fossil; Mrs. Gladys Prock, Heppner; Mrs. Thelma Callison, Kinzua; Val Stephen Riley, Ione.

Minor Surgery—Mrs. Patricia Lee Southard, Condon, dismissed; Joyce Cascheer, Heppner, dismissed; David Shipley, Kinzua, dismissed; Kit George, Heppner, dismissed; Oscar George, Heppner, dismissed; Laura Lee Sumner, Heppner; Glenda Lee Harrison, Kinzua.

Out-Patients—Francine Francis, Heppner; Mrs. Helen Parmele, Irrigon; Donald Gubser, Heppner; Sheridan Wyman, Heppner; Franklin Ely, Ione.

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Orian A. Wright, Heppner a 8 lb. 4 oz. boy born June 5, named Dean Allan. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Van Dusen, Top Ore., a 5 lb. 13 oz. girl born June 7, named Kathleen Kay. To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Osmin, Heppner, a 8 lb. 7 oz. boy born June 8, named Art William. To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Marshall, Heppner, a 8 lb. 2 oz. boy born June 8, named Bernard James.

Miss Vera Mahoney of Los Angeles is visiting in Heppner with her brother P. W. Mahoney, after spending a short while in Portland.

## Many Awards Are Given at Lexington Flower Show

The Lexington Garden Club flower show and silver tea was held in Lexington Tuesday with the excellent display of flowers enjoyed by many persons from Heppner, Ione and Lexington.

The judged entries consisted of flower arrangements and house plants. Antiques and hobby collections were also displayed by many persons, but were not judged in the competition. Mrs. Mary Van Stevens and Mrs. Maud Casswell were the judges.

Listed are the winners of the various classifications with the names of the blue, red and white award winners listed in that order.

Section I—arrangements. Class 1, all one color flowers. Edna Munkers, Faye Munkers, Bernice Lott. Class 2, arrangement with figurines, Maxine Cox, Edna Munkers, Freida Majeske. Class 3, tall table arrangement, Edna Munkers, Lucille Peck, Millie Evans. Class 4, low table arrangement, Frieda Majeske, Millie Evans, Gena Leonard. Class 5, party table arrangement, Oia Ruggles. Class 6, miniature, Maxine Cox, Frieda Majeske, Lucille Peck. Class 7, twin arrangements, Lucille Peck, Maxine Cox, Bernice Lott. Class 8, coffee table arrangement, Frieda Majeske, Maxine Cox, Bernice Lott. Class 9, all one variety, Faye Munkers, Lee Wagonblast, Frieda Majeske. Class 10, mixed varieties, Katie Padberg.

Section II, specimen. Class 1, one specimen bloom, Frieda Majeske, Katie Padberg, Nellie Johnson. Class 2, one specimen stalk, Bernice Lott.

Section III, Class 1, peonies, Nellie Palmer, Mrs. Robert Grabbill. Class 2, carnations, Bernice Lott, Mrs. George Allen. Class 3, pansies, Edna Munkers, Florence McMillan, Oia Ruggles. Class 5, lilies, Faye Munkers. Class 6, other perennials, Frieda Majeske, Florence McMillan.

Section IV, Class 1, dish gardens, Edna Munkers. Class 2, planters, Frances Schrage, Bernice Lott. Class 3, cacti, Maxine Cox, Millie Evans, Tess Hatfield. Section V, Class 1, corsages, Frieda Majeske, Maxine Cox. Class 2, flowering houseplants, Edna Munkers, Nellie Palmer, Ina Nichols. Class 3, foliage houseplants, Edna Munkers, Tess Hatfield, Oia Ruggles.

## Civil Defense Checks Radioactive Dust In Oregon Cities

Strong winds and rainy weather put Oregon in the path of radioactive dust particles after the firing of an atomic cannon in Nevada, but readings in nine areas were reported as "very slight", according to Robert Sandstrom, acting director of Oregon Civil Defense Agency.

"A rush request from the Atomic Energy commission for measurements of contamination throughout the state gave members of radiological monitoring teams valuable experience," he said. "They responded quickly and this shows that civil defense volunteers are capable of doing at a moment's notice if they are properly trained and equipped for an emergency."

Measurements were made by collecting samples of microscopic dust on the tops of cars that had stood out all night. Radioactivity was negligible, but was strongest at La Grande. Next highest readings were in Hood River, Portland, Milwaukie, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Bend, Astoria showed no radioactive "fall-out."

Dr. Arthur Scott of Reed college chief of radiological monitoring division for Oregon Civil Defense Agency, sent the readings to Hartford to join data collected in other northwestern states. Leaders of radiological monitoring teams throughout Oregon are educators, specializing in physics and chemistry.

## BASEBALL GAMES THIS WEEKEND

The Heppner Junior League baseball team will play two home games this weekend. Saturday they meet Hermiston and Sunday they will play Pendleton. Both games begin at 2:00 p. m. and are held at the rodeo grounds.

## 50 Years Ago Next Sunday--



LOOKING ACROSS WILLOW CREEK at the business section of Heppner from the east hill after the great flood of June 14, 1903 had taken its toll of lives and property. The bent and broken trees and bare earth tell a vivid story of the force of the water. The large building in about the center of the picture is what is now known as the Case Apartment building on the corner of Main and Center streets. It was known then as the Fair Building. Many of the houses and much of the debris came from above (to the left) of this picture, which looks west down Willow creek valley toward Lexington and Ione. An entire section of other pictures and stories of the flood is included with today's Gazette Times.

## LOCAL THUNDERSTORMS BRING HEAVY RAINFALL TO SECTIONS OF COUNTY

Many local thunderstorms, reminiscent of the big one that caused Heppner so much trouble just 50 years ago, only on a very much smaller scale, dropped quite a little moisture on various sections of Morrow county during the past week.

None of the storms were general over the area, all being very local in scope leaving a soggy path only a mile or two in width.

## False Fire Alarm Thought Intentional

Heppner firemen received what is believed to be their first "malicious" false fire alarm with their new alarm reporting system on Tuesday afternoon and fire chief C.A. Ruggles and Mayor J. O. Turner said that if any further trouble of a similar nature is encountered, measures will be taken to install "call-tracing" equipment in the system. There have been several other false alarms turned in since the system was put into operation late in April, but in most of those cases, dialing mistakes were blamed.

The mayor pointed out that there is a city ordinance which levies a fine of up to \$200 and 30 days in jail upon conviction of persons turning in intentional false fire alarms. He said that the city intends to enforce the ordinance when a violator is arrested.

## School Meeting And Election Monday

Voters of Heppner school district ICJ are again reminded that the annual school meeting for the election of two directors is to be held Monday, June 15 at the school building. The hours are from 3 to 6 p. m.

The two positions to be filled at the meeting and election are those now held by Bradley Fancher and Frank Anderson, both of whom have indicated willingness to serve again if elected. Nominations are made from the floor at the opening of the meeting, and the polls will remain open for three hours.

## Rural Residents Urged to Test Water Supplies

Miss Martha Tapanainen, Morrow county health nurse, reminded rural residents this week, that individual water supplies should be tested at least once a year for the safety of the users.

Municipal water supplies receive regular checks, she said, to assure constant purity, but many rural water systems go many years without a check.

Special bottles for obtaining samples are obtainable at the health nurse's office, Miss Tapanainen said, and the laboratory test is made without charge. The special bottles must be used for collecting the samples, however.

Mrs. Oral Scott and Mrs. Omer Luttrell of Hermiston spent Friday in Heppner.

## Dobbies Dunked As Truck Tips

According to news reports from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho early this week, the members and belongings of the E. J. Dobbie family of Heppner suffered a dunking when the truck in which they were moving a load of household goods overturned in a stream near the Idaho city. Dobbie served as vice-principal of the Heppner high school last year.

The report said that no injuries were suffered by any of the members of the family and that the damage to their household goods was minor.

## Special Methodist Picnic Set Sunday

A potluck picnic is being planned by members of the Methodist church to honor Rev. and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien who is leaving Heppner next week to take up new duties at another church, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pate and Mrs. Ethel Lyngholm. Both Mr. Pate and Mrs. Lyngholm are leaving this year after several years of service in the Heppner schools.

The picnic will be held at 1 o'clock Sunday at the courthouse park and the general public is invited to attend. There will be a short program during the afternoon.

## Wallowa Scout Camp To Open July 5

Camp Wallowa will be open July 5th to be operated for six consecutive weeks. It is operated for the use of Boy Scout Troops by the Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America. The camp is located just a mile from the south end of Wallowa lake on the edge of the Wallowa mountains in Eastern Oregon.

Each camp period will open on Sunday at 2:00 p. m. and close the following Saturday afternoon for the six camp periods as follows: July 5-11, July 12-18, July 19-25, July 26-Aug. 1, Aug. 2-3, and Aug. 9-15.

All Boy Scouts troops of the Covered Wagon District (Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler counties) are urged to get their camp reservations in early this month. The troops have their choices of the period they desire to attend camp, and the choice of a campsite from the twelve available campsites. Each troop will furnish their own adult leadership who will direct the activities of the troop with the help of experts hired by the Blue Mountain Council in various camping and scouting skills.

The camp will offer activity and instruction in swimming, life saving, rowing, canoeing, pioneering, hiking, nature, fishing, riflery, archery and the skills of Scout camping and outdoor lore. Great emphasis will be placed on providing opportunity for all of the Scouts to complete Scout requirements and Merit Badges.

## Heppner Man Is Dental School Grad

Irl C. Clary, of Heppner, has been approved for the degree of doctor of dental medicine from the University of Oregon Dental school, Dean Harold J. Noyes announced this week.

Graduation ceremonies will be Thursday night June 18, in Portland. Clary, only one from Morrow County, is one of 65 men who are completing the four-year course in dentistry.

The son of Mrs. Marie Clary, he is among the 56 who are World War II veterans, having served in the U. S. Army.

## Heppner Cemetery District Formed, Election Date Set

The county court set Friday, July 10 as the date for the election of directors of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district following a hearing held last Monday. Several persons were present for the hearing, but no unified objection was presented against the formation, the court said.

The new district, which was ordered formed for the purpose of providing or maintaining public cemeteries, including all the land within the present boundaries of school district ICJ. There are at least three cemeteries within the district, the Heppner Masonic cemetery, and small ones near Lena and on Rhea creek. According to the law governing the operation of such districts, present burial grounds may either be taken over from present owners, if they wish to donate them to the district, or purchased, and where necessary the law provides that new cemeteries may be established.

At the July 10 election, which will be held from 2 to 7 p. m. in the Heppner city hall, three directors will be elected to govern the business of the district. After they are chosen, they will meet to determine what tax levy is necessary to operate and maintain the necessary cemeteries and will then submit their proposal to the people at a subsequent election for approval. The maximum tax that can be levied for such a district is 3 mills.

The court said that if the tax levy election is held by about July 25, it will be possible to get the tax on this year's rolls. To place a name on the ballot for director, the court explained, all that is necessary is to file a petition with the county clerk 10 days prior to the election, with the names of 15 eligible voters residing within the district.

## Cutsforth's Entertain Flying Club Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth entertained with a barbecue Sunday afternoon at their country home near Lexington for members of his aviation club, the Columbia Aviation Country Club and guests. This club has sponsored fourteen air tours including trips to Mexico, Cuba, Alaska, Portland, Oregon to Portland Maine, and the group is planning a trip to Nova Scotia starting July 25th. They will return to Oregon via Montreal, Canada.

## Sally Palmer To Be In Rose Festival

Miss Sally Palmer, candidate for the United Nations tour has been invited to attend the Rose Festival in Portland and ride on the United Nations float, with the other 13 candidates from Oregon. She left for Portland this morning (Thursday).

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## LEXINGTON GRANGE TO MEET

The Lexington Grange will meet Saturday June 13 at 8:00 p. m. The program will be "A June Wedding". All members are urged to attend.