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## SPRAY ROAD GRADE ALLOTTED \$44,500

### Would Complete Grade on Gap Between Hardman and Chapen Creek.

## WASCO ROUTE AIDED

### \$12,350 Goes for Bridges Under Pro- gram of Commission for Expen- diture of Federal Funds

Money sufficient to complete the 5.6 miles of grading on the Heppner-Spray road, the only remaining gap, was allotted by the state highway commission in its program announced following its monthly meeting last Wednesday. The sum allowed is \$44,500.

Also allowed was \$12,350 for bridges on the Heppner-Wasco highway, one across Rock creek at a cost of \$8,000, and bridges across Six Mile canyon at a cost of \$4,350. The money on these projects was allotted from the \$6,100,000 of federal money coming to Oregon as a result of recent congressional appropriations for relief work, of which \$3,058,000 was allotted to major highways.

In announcing the commission's program, Leslie M. Scott, chairman, said the proposed allocation was tentative, being subject to change due to fluctuations, as well as approval by federal authorities.

S. E. Notson, spokesman for the local delegation which waited on the commission in behalf of the Heppner-Spray road, expressed pleasure at the commission's action. While the estimate for completion of the gap between Hardman and the mouth of Chapen creek is placed at \$65,000, the grading work is all that could be hoped to be completed this year, and allotment of funds for this is all that might well be expected at this time, he said.

It seems probable, said Mr. Notson, that by these funds being allotted the county will be at liberty to place elsewhere the \$25,000 which it had already planned to expend in improving the road down Hoskins canyon beyond Hardman.

There were many interests at work, including timber interests, to get money placed on this gap, Mr. Notson said, and he believed that development of the timber adjacent to the road would be rushed as soon as the road is completed.

There was a large number of delegations from over the state to be heard by the commission which limited the time of Mr. Notson's presentation, and made it necessary to be brief. Other members of the delegation were Judge W. T. Campbell, George Peck and F. S. Parker, commissioners; Harry Tamblin, engineer, and G. A. Bleakman.

The federal funds, out of which this work is to be done, having been intended for emergency relief work, it is expected the proposed projects will be rushed as fast as possible, though no definite word was given as to how soon the local work might start.

## Pat Foley Again Has High Producing Cow

Pat Foley, The Dalles, owner of Hotel Heppner, had the high producing cow in the Hood River-Wasco County Dairy Herd Improvement association for the month of May, says The Dalles Optimist, an honor before held by his herd.

Mr. Foley's cow, a purebred Guernsey, "Kindness," produced 1702 pounds of milk and 76.6 pounds of butterfat, according to the report.

## HERREN-RUMBLE

Married, at the home of the bride in Heppner Wednesday evening, July 14, were Mrs. Willard Herren and Mr. Frank Rumble of Missoula, Mont. Joel R. Benton officiating. Mrs. Rumble is well known here, having conducted a millinery business in the city for several years, and later following her profession as a trained nurse, opening the Morrow General hospital which she now manages. Mr. Rumble is a retired landscape gardener. Originally from the south, he was a friend of Mrs. Herren's youth in Tennessee. We join their many friends in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Rumble the best of life's blessings. They will be at home to their friends at 106 Water street.

## BOY SCOUTS TO FAIR

Next Monday morning eleven Al-mira, Wash., older Boy Scouts, accompanied by their scoutmaster, E. A. Notson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson of this city, will leave for Chicago to attend the world's fair. They will make the trip in a car and a trailer made by the boys. The party goes prepared to do their own cooking and the trailer is fixed for six of the boys to sleep in it. Each boy contributes \$5 to car expense and his share of the food, and it is believed that an additional \$5 each will pay the other expenses. Mr. Notson and C. J. D. Bauman expect to go to Pendleton Monday to see the gang on their way east.

## IONE

By MARGARET BLAKE

### Announcements of the marriage of Miss Maude Knight and Oren G. Grabill on June 28th at Forest Grove have been received by friends of the couple. Miss Knight has been the teacher of the primary room in the Ione school for the past three years. Mr. Grabill, son of the late D. H. Grabill, has spent all of his life in and around Ione. Future plans of Mr. and Mrs. Grabill are unknown at present but the well wishes of the community go to them wherever they make their home.

Miss Hart, a representative of the Delineator company, spent several days of the past week in Ione on business for her firm. She was registered at the Park Hotel.

Miss Lucy M. Spittle of Astoria has signed a contract to teach the fifth and sixth grades next year. She is a graduate of the Oregon Normal school, class of '28, and spent the last year attending the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Oren G. Grabill (Maude Knight) has tendered her resignation from her position as teacher of the first and second grades, to the school board.

Mrs. Viola Ward who has been spending the past few weeks in Pendleton with her daughter, Mrs. Flora Dimick, has returned to the home of her son, D. M. Ward.

Charles Allinger was a Portland bound passenger on Friday's stage. M. E. Cotter has completed the well he has been deepening on the Al Troedson ranch. When given the final test the water stood two hundred feet in the well and pumped out at the rate of over five gallons per second.

Mrs. Ida Peterson celebrated her 70th birthday last Saturday. Due to Mrs. Peterson's illness no large affair could be had but friends and relatives dropped in during the day to wish her "happy birthday."

Mrs. Wrex Hicock of Portland drove up Sunday to spend the 4th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger motored to Newberg to spend the 4th with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beckner accompanied by Mrs. D. M. Ward, spent Friday on business in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis arrived in Ione Sunday to spend several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Willis' sister, Mrs. S. E. Moore, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Balsiger left Friday for Hadlock, Wash., where they were to spend the 4th with their daughter, Mrs. Allan Learned. They drove by Wasco to pick up their son, Alfred, to make the trip with them.

On Thursday of last week several of the parents and friends of the Campfire girls drove to the mountains to spend the day with the girls at their camp. Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and George and June, Mrs. Cleo Drake and Bobby and Patricia, Mrs. Ernest Lundell, Mrs. Henry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman, Mrs. W. R. Corley, Mrs. A. A. McCabe, Mrs. Lee Howell, Mrs. Ella Davidson, Dorothy Howell and Mildred Lundell.

Miss Irene Miller of Salem and Garland Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson of Ione were married at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jones at Gladstone on the morning of June 30. Immediately after the ceremony they drove to Ione and are at present at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. Swanson has a position as wheat buyer for Henry Collins and will have his office in Lexington. The many friends of young couple join in wishing them well.

Miss Virginia Wasson of Salem is a guest at the J. E. Swanson home. She made the return trip with Eva and Garland Swanson who motored to the capitol city last week. Fred Pointer of Salem was also a member of the party and went on to Lexington for a visit at the home of his uncle, Orville Cutsforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and daughter Treva Jean of Los Angeles, arrived in Ione Tuesday. They will spend six weeks here visiting friends and relatives.

George Zink of Portland came up from Astoria last Thursday for an overnight visit with his sister, Mrs. Ernest Heliker. With him was his small daughter, Irene, who will remain at the Heliker ranch for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wright and sons of Baker were "over the 4th" visitors at the home of Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grabill.

Mrs. D. M. Ward received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Keeney of Portland, who died in that city Monday as the result of a stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman and daughter Kathryn motored to The Dalles Monday to visit Mr. Feldman's brother.

Miss Dorothy Clark underwent an operation for appendicitis at a Heppner hospital last week.

The Fourth of July was fittingly observed in Ione Tuesday, a good many people coming from surrounding towns and farms to meet old friends and help the eagle scream in a regular old fashioned way. The events of the day were planned and carried out through the combined forces of the Ione and Morrow County Grain Growers association. A short program with J. E. Hallyburton of Hermiston as

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## Carsner's Car Wrecks Gilliam Co. Mail Stage

The McRae & Brown mail truck upset on the highway a short distance north of the Shaffer ranch Thursday morning, injuring slightly, Miss Catherine Hart, a passenger. Fred Rickard, driver, was injured but the truck was badly damaged, reports the Condon Globe Times.

The accident happened as R. J. Carsner, in going around the truck, hooked his rear fender on the front of the truck, according to reports. With Mr. Carsner was Miss Claudie Gochenour of Spray, who is a student nurse at The Dalles hospital and was going home for a visit.

Carsner had been following the truck for some distance until he saw the clear road ahead so endeavored to pass it.

"I've driven since 1914 and this is my first accident," said Mr. Carsner, former state senator and now register of the land office at The Dalles. "I had just remarked to Miss Gochenour the danger in passing vehicles, especially near turns."

## County Agents Consider Part in Adjustment Plan

C. W. Smith, county agent, left for Corvallis today to be present there at 9:30 tomorrow morning for a conference of county agents, called by F. L. Ballard, county agricultural agent leader, for the purpose of considering the wheat program of the Agricultural Adjustment administration. The act will be explained at the conference to be attended by 20 county agents, and the place of the extension service in the program will be fully explained and many details there-with ironed out.

"This is an important piece of work which is directly before us and takes precedence over all other matters at hand," Mr. Ballard writes.

There's an elderly gentleman down in Portland who used to be a member of the fire department. There was no celebration in Portland this Fourth; no fireworks. Serene and quiet surroundings made him reminisce on how arrival of the Fourth once meant overtime work for the firemen. A change for the better; but a bit saddening to the aged fireman.

## LOCAL NEWS

Sixteen members of the C. C. C. camp at Wilson prairie were brot to Heppner this morning and placed on the train with their transportation paid to New York, from whence they came about a week ago. These young fellows seemed to be very much bent on making trouble all the while, were undesirable and altogether undesirable.

It is reported that the camp was in a state of almost complete riot when a number of state police, who had been called to the camp, arrived on the scene early this morning—the sixteen "gangsters" being arrayed on one side, armed with clubs, axes, etc., with the balance of the camp on the other, ready to defend themselves with similar weapons. Getting rid of the bunch of sixteen should bring peace, and those remaining will doubtless be able to go along with their work.

J. W. Beymer is over from Monument for a meeting with the stockholders of Farmers & Stock-growers National bank. It is stated that a move is on foot to displace the assets of the bank to a Portland banking house in order that a bank can be opened at Heppner. So far nothing of a definite nature has taken place, further than the circulation of petitions among the business men of the city, asking their support should such an arrangement be consummated.

Roy Neill, in the city on Friday from his ranch at Pine City, states that the Butter creek section will have just a third of its normal hay crop this season. Winter killing of alfalfa forced the ranchers to put in grain which is yielding a fine lot of hay but will be only one cutting as against the usual three of alfalfa. He looks for hay prices to be up this fall and winter because of the shortage.

Mrs. W. C. Isom, Frank Leicht, A. C. Houghton and others from Irrigon were in Heppner Wednesday afternoon to interview the county court concerning matters within the boundaries of their precinct. Mrs. Isom was particularly interested in funds to be allotted to the North Morrow county fair, the date of which will be announced soon.

## Morrow County Has One Man at Vancouver Camp

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., July 1.—With the seventh annual Citizen's Military Training camp here now under way but drastically reduced in size, Morrow county has one student attending the camp. He is Claude E. Wilcox of Lexington.

Considerably less than half the original quota of 500 were able to come this year, due to curtailments by Ninth corps area headquarters in line with the federal economy program. In addition, however, the budget for transportation was sliced so heavily that Colonel Harry A. Wells, camp commander, was forced in many instances to make selections from nearby counties, in order to have enough money to transport the students to camp and back again. The two circumstances are the reasons why many county quotas this year are so small.

**LISTEN!**  
The ladies of the Christian church wish to announce that they will call on you at your homes on Saturday with candy, cookies and doughnuts for sale. We will appreciate your patronage.

## GRIST

From Happenings Here and You Concerning—

### The Changed Fourth Good Roads and Unification

and other things of more or less moment as seen by

The G. T. REPORTER

The Fourth of July 'ain't what it used to be."

Automobiles have lessened the community sociability of the event. Many folks now just get in their cars, and go places—some do things—others just see things.

There's not the patriotic oratory that once was. Probably folks feel the significance of the occasion just as must; do not need the annual revival message; are thankful none the less for the good work signers of the Declaration of Independence did.

A factor which contributed most largely to the new conception of the Fourth was probably the intensive publicity campaign carried on for years teaching people the preferability of a "safe and sane Fourth."

Youngsters like to play with fire-works just as much as they ever did. But instead of Granddad holding a cannon cracker in his hand to help the youngsters with their fun, and getting severely powder-burned in the doing—the way it used to be—he now stands back and cautions them not to throw the lighted crackers in the dry grass. Then there's the marshal to look out for now, too.

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Heppner didn't celebrate. Folks who stayed home mostly hunted the shade. Others hunted the shade of the mountains; fished a little.

Ione celebrated—safely, sanely. A large, orderly crowd hunted excitement not so much as education. The principal fireworks was a debate on the sales tax. An enjoyable community get-together was reported. C. C. C. boys broke up the dance—not with fistcuffs as at another celebration—but by fancy footwork, brand new stuff from New York.

Oregon is a grand state, unsurpassed in scenic beauty. Topographically much divided by mountain ranges, rivers, once people of various sections intermingled with each other little had little in common to work for.

Good roads have changed all this. And more good roads are coming.

Instead of being on the dead end of a little used state highway, Heppner will soon be on an attractive cross state highway with completion of the Heppner-Spray road; will be visited by more folks from the outside.

These good roads have cost and are costing a lot of money, and some people ask are they worth it? It seems the untouched resources that have been and are being opened up through their construction should pay heavy dividends on the investment; not to consider the enhanced spirit of state unification that naturally results.

The harvest season approaches apace, to bring heartaches to some, recompense to others. Crops, generally spotted, are below average. Reseeding, in some places twice, brought forth green spears in places to be blighted by drought before the heads were formed. In other places average yields will be harvested. But a good price will help all to carry on.

## Swimming Tank Water Tests Oked Says State

The water in the American Legion swimming tank was pronounced oked this week by the state board of health in a test report received by Harold Buhman, manager. Given a high test, the water was announced as pure, with no danger of infection.

Mr. Buhman says the tank is now full and the water quite warm, offering attractive and clean swimming facilities for the people of the city.

## SUNSHINE CLUB MEETS.

The Sunshine 4-H club met July 1 at the home of Mrs. Swendig. There were six members and three visitors present. The members of the club have completed project number one, with most of the girls making tablecloths and napkins.

They are now working on a crocheting project. After the business hour a social time was enjoyed with songs and yells. Refreshments were served by the committee.

## Non-High School Board Has Organization Meet

Members of the non-high school board of education for Morrow county met at the office of Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, Saturday, and organized for its duties. Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Morgan was elected chairman, and P. B. Rice of Lexington, vice-chairman. To settle the tie for the two-year term resulting from the recent election, Mr. Rice conceded the term to O. E. Peterson of Ione.

Tuition and transportation of pupils was discussed, and it was decided something would be allowed for transportation but the amount was not set, awaiting the making of tuition contracts. It is the aim of the board to do all possible for the high school pupils of the county, but to keep the levy at this time within the 2.6 mills. Another meeting will be held July 15 at Mrs. Rodgers' office when chairman and clerks of districts 35, 12, 1 and 26 will be invited to attend to assist in drawing up tuition contracts.

## Harvey W. Scott Statue To be Unveiled July 22

Unveiling of the Harvey W. Scott statue at Mt. Tabor park and presentation to the city of Portland has been announced for Saturday, July 22, at 2:30 o'clock. The statue is the work of Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of international recognition.

The statue commemorates Harvey W. Scott, pioneer editor of the Morning Oregonian of Portland, whose journalistic career was correlated with the pioneer development of the Pacific northwest. Fathering the destinies of the Oregonian through its formative period, Scott's forceful character, reflected in his writing, not only made a strong institution of the fledgling Oregonian, but influenced in a large degree the development of a pioneering country.

## HARDMAN

By MRS. J. W. STEVENS.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrens and family came home from the Jim Carly ranch on Tuesday of last week, the sheep in charge of Mr. Farrens having been sold.

Neva Bleakman, who underwent an operation for appendicitis some weeks ago, was brought home on Thursday of last week. Friends are glad to note her rapid recovery.

This locality was treated to thunder storms and light showers Sunday evening. Crops are looking pretty well but a good rain would be welcome.

Bud Cannon and Lester Ashbaugh left Sunday for Vancouver to spend the 4th. Lester will visit his mother, Mrs. Maud Ashbaugh, and sisters Katherine and Arleta, Arleta having gone down to visit her mother at the close of school here. The boys made the trip on a motorcycle.

Carey Hastings and Perl Howell returned Sunday from shearing in Montana.

Owen and Archie Leathers returned Monday from shearing in Montana.

Bill Johnson left Friday for Portland to join Mrs. Johnson who has been visiting for the past month with relatives in the Rose City.

The 4th passed rather quietly out this way, some going to the mountains to eat their dinner, others going to Top, in Grant county, and to Lone Rock where a real celebration was staged.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dobyns came up from near Ione Friday and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Musgrave, Mrs. Dobyns remaining with Mrs. Musgrave for the men going on to Crooked river for a fishing trip. On their return home Monday Mr. Dobyns received the news of the very serious illness of his mother, Mrs. H. M. Olden, and departed at once for home to be at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jessell of Union spent several days of last week in our city.

Mrs. Lucy Glasscock of La Grande and Mrs. Golda Leathers of Lexington were visiting a few days last week with their mother, Mrs. Ellen Ashbaugh, and other relatives of the community.

Jim and Osel Inskip work in the Dry Fork county are spending a few days visiting home folks.

Mrs. Minnie Furlong, postmistress at Eight Mile, and daughters Ethel and Kathleen, Mrs. Joe Batty of Eight Mile and Mrs. Richie Jones of Dry Fork were guests of Mrs. J. B. Adams Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers left Monday for Kimberly to visit with Mr. Leathers' parents, and to take in the celebration at Top. They were accompanied by Miss Nellie Bleakman and Archie Leathers.

Mrs. Lorenz Isom, Louis Marquet and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James Hams of the Rood canyon district.

Ed Warren, brother of Mrs. J. B. Adams, was a guest at the Adams home from the army camp at Bull prairie.

J. B. Adams is looking after the Cannon sheep in the absence of Bud Cannon.

Ralph Butler was in town today from the ranch at Cecil. He will begin the cutting of his hay crop, which is all grain hay this season, in another couple of weeks. The crop will be good, but will not make up for the usual three cuttings of alfalfa.

## LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lexington Home Economics club will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marion Palmer. Each member is requested to write on a slip of paper her suggestion for the betterment of the club and bring it to the meeting. These slips will be distributed to be read at roll call.

Harold Beach returned home Friday evening from Chicago where he has just completed his course at Purdue university. From Daves City, Iowa, he was accompanied by George Scott, a cousin of Mrs. Elsie M. Beach. Mr. Scott will spend the summer here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cutler have moved into the Kuns house. Mr. Cutler is with the state highway department.

Miss Delpha Merritt, who has been in Arlington for several months has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. Ted McMillan. Her grandfather, Joe Clark, and Mr. Emerald drove up with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pieper are the parents of a seven-pound boy, born on July first at the home of Mrs. Maggie Hunt in Heppner. The little lad has been named Melvin Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeil of Portland were visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Schriever, for a few days the first of the week.

J. H. Frad of Portland made a business trip to Lexington last week.

Iva Kuns is confined to her home by illness.

Orville Cutsforth is installing an electric motor in his elevator to take the place of the gasoline engine which he used last year. This elevator, which he built last year for the handling of his wheat here, has a capacity of 25,000 bushels.

Mr. Lasher and Mr. Sipe of the International Harvester company were business visitors in Lexington last week.

Edna Rauch came over from Echo Saturday morning and spent the Fourth of July with her parents. She has returned to Echo where she is attending the school for confirmation.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Townsend and daughter Olive came up from their Portland home Tuesday and are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever.

Freeman Hill of Portland is visiting Lexington friends this week.

Barbara Jane Fryrear, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Fryrear of Heppner, spent last week with Mrs. Roy Johnson.

Miss Wilma Leach, Mrs. Golda Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. Lester White and Howard Lane spent the Fourth of July in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stewart are the proud parents of a 10½-pound boy born on June 29. He has been named John Alee.

Doris Burchell suffered an attack of appendicitis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Graves, formerly of Lexington but now of Boardman, were visitors Sunday at the homes of their sons, John and Shelby. Mr. Graves had the misfortune recently to lose his barn and all its contents in a fire caused by spontaneous combustion of a haystack adjacent to the barn.

Mrs. Golda Leathers returned on Thursday from a visit of several weeks with her son Loren at Idaho Falls.

W. L. Copenhaver motored to Hermiston Friday and took the stage for Ellensburg, Wash.

Mrs. Elsie Perkins visited friends in Ione last week.

Mrs. Florence Beach left on the train Friday morning going to Portland where she will spend a week with her sister.

Nellie Doney visited friends in Portland last week.

Fred Pointer of Salem spent a few days of this week at the home of his uncle, Orville Cutsforth.

W. Trumbull of Stanfield arrived in Lexington last week and has charge of the depot.

Among Lexington Grange members who attended the meeting of Morrow County Pomona grange at Boardman Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine, Harvey Miller and J. O. Turner.

Ed Miller was a business visitor in Pendleton Friday.

The secretary of state has sent out application blanks for those desiring to renew their operators and chauffeurs licenses. These may be obtained at the W. F. Barnett store in Lexington. All licenses must be renewed by September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Jones and son Richard and Miss Clara Miller, all of Salem, are visiting relatives here this week. Mrs. Jones and Miss Miller are sisters of Harvey, John, Karl, Ed and Marie Miller.

Mrs. A. Reaney has been ill at her home below Lexington.

Mrs. Omar Luttrell returned home from The Dalles hospital Saturday evening. She was accompanied home by her daughter Ruth who has been visiting relatives at Rufus.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gail Jones, Miss Clara Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller.

Mrs. Carl Danielson and her daughter, Delma Miller, of Ellensburg are visiting relatives near Lexington.

Mrs. Minnie Leach was hostess at a campfire dinner at her home Friday evening. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. Trina Parker and Miss Dona Barnett.

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## HARVEST TO START IN COUNTY JULY 20

### Grain Reported Ripening Fast in North Section; South End Later.

## CONDITION SPOTTED

### Ione and Lexington Sections Will Have Best Yields; Heppner Flat Wheat Hurt by Heat Waves.

Ripening wheat fields in north Morrow county omen the starting of harvesting by July 20, according to general reports from that section. Fields to the south, later to mature, will not be ready until later, but once started harvesting will be in progress in the county through much of July and August.

Varying reports of crop conditions come from different sections, with best reports coming from the lower country about Lexington and Ione. Heppner flat, upper Eight Mile and other sections to the south of Heppner appear to have been badly damaged by heat waves, with the condition quite spotted.

Nearer the mountains the grain is reported still in condition to be helped materially by rain, with report of some fields that may fail to head out if rain does not come.

Reports generally indicate that Morrow county's total output will be considerably below average. This was occasioned largely by the general freeze-out last winter which necessitated reseeding this spring, and in some instances two reseeds were made.

Not considered a profitable spring wheat country on the average, production of a spring crop this year was a case of necessity. Early in the spring the crop appeared to be a complete failure with an arid condition prevailing generally. Good May rains improved conditions, and good growth was made until the middle of June when three days of strong winds and warm weather dried out the ground and resulted in considerable damage.

Cooler days and nights with occasional light sectional showers helped conditions throughout the remainder of June, helping wheat in sections to mature, with quite warm weather the last week hastening the process.

Few farmers have attempted to predict their yields, except in cases where the wheat appears to be too far gone for hopes of harvesting it. A check of the sacks as the wheat comes from the spouts of combines and threshers will tell the story better.

Meantime, encouraging market reports are received, with the cash price in Portland for soft white at 72 cents today. The soft Federation, largely used for reseeding here, comes under this classification.

There is a very light old-crop carry-over in this county to benefit from the better market conditions, and the return to the county from wheat this year depends largely on the new crop results.

## Early Action Requested In Getting New Licenses

Nearly 300,000 drivers are yet to be licensed before September 1st and