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## "Hey, Skinny, Let's Go Swimmin'," Not Yet, But Soon

### Ground Broken for New Tank; 25 Loans of \$100 Each Made

Splash Splosh! "Whe-e-e!" "Come on Skinny, let's try the high one!"

It won't be long now til those sounds will be heard again in Heppner. Actual construction work on the new swimming tank commenced Monday evening as CCC boys began clearing ground and rock was started through the crusher. Inside the month, it was estimated, the tank would be filled ready for the plunge at the old power house site.

Twenty-five firms and individuals made a loan of a hundred dollars each for materials to take advantage of the offer of CCC and forest service to donate work and equipment in the tank's construction. The money will be repaid to the lenders out of city funds next year if the voters uphold the item to be included in the budget for the amount.

The city could give no definite assurance of such repayment, but councilmen who took the lead in the financing campaign believed the demand for the tank was so general that the voters would appreciate the sacrifice of those making its construction possible at this time.

In no other way, they argued, was it possible to obtain a tank at so low a cost. The city itself could not have taken advantage of the opportunity as no funds were available from this year's budget.

The tank will be 100 feet long by 45 feet wide, varying in depth from two to nine feet, and holding 172,000 gallons of water. If the city were up against financing the entire venture the cost would run between \$4000 and \$5000. By accepting the assistance of the CCC and forest service this cost is cut in two.

Plans include construction of a concrete dressing and bath house and enclosure of the tank with a meshed wire fence. Plumbing will be installed for the addition of a filtration plant at a future date.

Heppner has been without a swimming tank since April 29, 1934, when the cloudburst of that date dismantled the former American Legion tank. Almost constantly since that time the Lions club has been working toward a new tank, and Dr. L. D. Tibbles has headed both Lions and council committees in bringing the project to a head. He and D. A. Wilson took the subscription list around last week end.

## Horses Injure Helper At Auction Sale

Guy Money of Walla Walla, Braden Bell employee, was painfully injured when run over by two obstreperous colts at the Charles Jones auction sale yesterday afternoon. One colt struck him, knocking him down and the second one stepped on him after he had fallen. He was knocked unconscious and a slight concussion was suffered.

On being rushed to Heppner hospital he was given emergency treatment and this morning a check-up revealed two fractured ribs besides severe bruises though the injuries were not thought to be serious.

Money was assisting in bringing the horses from the stable when the accident happened.

## G. O. P. LUNCHEON SET

Morrow county republican central committee will have a luncheon at the Lucas Place next Monday evening at 7:30 when it is expected to complete organization. A preliminary meeting was held last Saturday afternoon at the courthouse, but a larger attendance of members was desired before filling all the various offices in the organization.

## Rooster Prodigy Crows, Flaps Wings At Delicate Age

The prodigious feats of precocious youth continually lend interest to the news. Then there's the canary bird that recently gained prominence by singing tunes taught by its master. That's all well enough, believes Andy Baldwin, Heppner transfer man who does ranching on the side on his little place just south of town, but he has a new-born rooster whom he believes worthy of attention.

This prodigy of Andy's was born May 17, and now even before he has acquired wing feathers, he crows and flaps his wings just like any adult chanticleer on the place. Andy looks for his young future flockmaster to attain a high place for himself, possibly to be a combined chicken Caruso and Clark Gable.

## FOREST CAMP SITE BEING LAID OUT

### Development of Recreational Ground at Ditch Creek Under Way; Crickets Face Annihilation

Junior Forester Bowes arrived at Ditch creek yesterday to begin work of laying out a recreational area that is expected to find favor with many Morrow county people, said F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger who was out in the field yesterday.

One hundred percent destruction of coulee crickets in the Rocky Flats district is expected by Wehmeyer as a result of the poisoning campaign that has been under way for some time. Remaining crickets are now confined to a 40-acre area, and the infestation of this area is much thinner than on the hundred acres inhabited by the pests before poisoning work was started.

In regard to the Ditch creek camp site, Wehmeyer said piping of water, installation of toilets and garbage disposal facilities would probably be done this year, and that the amount of additional development would depend largely upon the amount of use and misuse which county people make of the facilities. Unless the site is largely patronized, little more development may be expected, or if the grounds are mistreated the government will be disinclined to do much more, was his belief.

Deeds were received by the forest service this week from Kinzua Pine Mills for two acres of ground at Rancharia and one acre at Snowboard where future development of protection facilities will be made, said Wehmeyer.

## Revaluation of City Property Made

E. S. Woodford from the state tax commission's office was working at the assessor's office this week on a reclassification of city property within the county. Property in Heppner was the first to undergo scrutiny and Mr. Woodford did not know if his time now would permit completing an analysis of all such property within the county.

This work has been wanted by Thos. J. Wells, assessor, ever since he took over the office, and while he anticipates that values in some instances may be increased to the displeasure of owners, he believes a fairer adjustment will result all the way around.

## ATTEND GRAND LODGE

Mrs. Mary Guild, worthy matron of Ruth chapter, Mrs. J. J. Wightman, grand representative for Rhode Island, and Mrs. Chas. B. Cox were in Portland this week to attend sessions of Oregon grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

## BABY DAUGHTER DIES

Laquita Joy Kirk, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kirk, died this morning from intestinal trouble. She was born in December, 1936.

## Rain, Price Jump Hit Together to Aid Wheat Prospect

### Two-thirds of Crop Believed in Shape to be Benefitted

A double blessing warms the hearts of Morrow county people today as news of six-bit wheat and priceless rain are received together.

A light shower started at Heppner shortly before 8 o'clock this morning and the generally gray sky gave the appearance of continuance, along with the prospect that a wide section was getting wet. At Heppner it appeared Old Jupe decided to lend a hand to the street sweeper, for the rain came just right to wash off the remaining dust just after the sweeper had completed.

But over the county Jupe's remembrance is no less opportune. Wheat fields have been hurting fast from drouth, and predictions were heard yesterday that many fields would not be harvested unless rain came within a week or ten days. The same predictions estimated that two-thirds of the fields were in condition to be greatly benefitted by rain.

Greatly reduced estimates in the amount of wheat to be produced in the country this year, have caused a much stronger market to prevail for several days, and cash white wheat was quoted at 77 to 77½ cents at Portland this morning, having jumped up from near 60 cents a few days ago. A stronger market prevailed for a time yesterday at Chicago, this morning's Oregonian report stated, but profit taking wiped out the gain over the previous day. A big shrinkage in the Oklahoma and Kansas crops was predicted and the winter wheat total for the country was estimated at between 730,000,000 to 750,000,000 bushels as against the 843,000,000-bushel estimate made the last week in May.

A very small amount of last year's crop remains in the hands of Morrow county growers and so far contracting of the new crop has been light.

## Crop Insurance Meet Set Monday

At a county wide meeting of wheat growers scheduled for Lexington next Monday, June 20, at 1:30 p. m., Clyde Kiddle, state crop insurance supervisor, and Willis C. Boegli will be on hand to explain the details of the new crop insurance set-up. Under this new program premiums are designed to cover the cost of the actual risk while all expenses of administering the program are borne by the federal government.

As explained at the recent Pendleton meeting by George E. Farrell this new federal insurance covers all types of risks from the time wheat is put into the ground until it is harvested. It is expected that Mr. Kiddle will be in a position to inform Morrow county wheat farmers of the county rate for this area so that each farmer may determine exactly what his own farm rate will be.

## Driving School Draws Well; Next Class Set

A fine interest was shown by students in the first beginning automobile drivers class conducted by E. L. Van Blaricom under auspices of Secretary of State Snell at the council chambers last Monday afternoon.

The next session will be held at the Rodeo grounds beginning at 1:30 next Monday afternoon, and Van Blaricom said all new entrants will be welcome. County and city officers are assisting with the school.

3 12-ft. Superior furrow drills for sale. O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington. 14-15

## Citizens Moan as Dust Fogs, But Swept Streets Liked

Heppner residents bemoaned for a time yesterday having ever encouraged the idea of last year's street surfacing. Regret was caused by the fog of dust which arose as the contracting company's sweeper cleared the loose gravel from the surface in the check-up called for under the contract.

Babler Bros. of Portland have the contract. Under the year's maintenance clause they are required to have the streets in first class condition a year after construction before being released from their bond. The sweeping work is being followed up by the patching crew at this time.

And while the town received a good dusting yesterday, citizens found consolation in knowing it would be the last dust to come from the streets in a good long time. The cleanly-swept streets after the dust settled, too, gave a pleasing appearance.

## 15 4-H CLUBBERS AT CORVALLIS

### County Agent Brings Report of Activities of County Boys and Girls Attending Summer School

The fifteen Morrow county club members who are attending the 4-H club summer school are not only having a glorious time at Corvallis but are finding out that the summer school is much more than a vacation. It is, in reality, exactly what the name implies, a summer school, according to Joe Belanger, county agent, who was at Corvallis during the first half of the two weeks session cooperating with the 4-H club department in handling the 1800 Oregon boys and girls who are attending summer school this year. Never before has so large a number of 4-H club members attended the summer session. Dormitories are completely filled and sororities and fraternities have been pressed into service to take care of the overflow.

Classes taught by regular members of the college faculty are held from eight o'clock in the morning until noon. The general assembly from 1:30 to 2:30 is followed by organized athletics which keep the boys and girls occupied until about half an hour before supper time. A varied program of activities is arranged for each evening. The facilities of the college health service with its new up-to-date hospital are available to the club members and every case of stomach ache is attended to promptly. Each afternoon assembly is broadcast over KOAC and sometime during the two weeks session each county club puts on a radio program. Due to the large attendance this year it was impossible for each club member to speak. Ralph Neill, Echo; Joy Markham, Irrigon, and Alex Thompson, Heppner, were selected from the Morrow county club members by the KOAC staff to represent the Morrow county delegation. These three club members talked over the radio last Friday evening.

Of the seven Morrow county girls attending summer school Lucille Jones won the scholarship awarded by the Irrigon grange and Claudine Drake, Margaret Tamblin, Betty Finch, Joy Markham, Marjorie Williams and Eleanor Skoubo attended on scholarships won at the Morrow county fair and the North Morrow county fair last fall.

Of the eight Morrow county boys Irvin Rauch attended on a scholarship by the Lexington grange; Marion Krebs' scholarship was sponsored by Willows grange; Eugene Majeske, Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland; Alex Thompson, Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary; Pat O'Brien, Morrow County Wool Growers auxiliary; Dick Edmondson, B. P. O. E. No. 358. Guy Moore attended on a scholarship won at the state fair last year. Ralph Neill, Echo, also attended on a scholarship.

## Rhea Creek Oiling Given Attention of State Commission

### Prospect of Work Heightened by Visit, Court Believes

While no definite promises of assistance were made, Oregon's state highway commission was definitely impressed with the importance of the Heppner-Rhea creek road and the necessity for oiled surfacing, after viewing it Tuesday in company with the Morrow county court.

The court met the commission's party at Condon Tuesday morning and accompanied it over the Heppner-Condon road, which joins the Heppner-Spray road at Rhea creek and coincides with that road on into Heppner. Emphasized by the court was the fact that the Heppner-Rhea creek sector is, really, a trunk line for four important feeder roads as it also connects with the upper and lower Rhea creek roads.

Eastern Oregon's commissioner, E. B. Aldrich, said an allotment of \$25,000 had been made on the stretch with contract to be let this fall, which was estimated to build five miles of the 11-mile sector.

The court is seeking an additional allotment from the 1940 distribution of federal aid funds sufficient to complete the project, and further asking that the grade work be done this fall to make possible completion of the oiling next year. Distribution of the 1940 federal aid monies is expected in July.

The commission's party made the trip into here Tuesday from Klamath Falls and left for Portland after a short business session at Heppner hotel.

Included in the party were Henry F. Cabell, commission chairman; E. B. Aldrich and F. L. Tou Velle, commissioners; R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer; J. M. Devers, commission attorney; H. B. Glaisyer, secretary; H. G. Smith, construction engineer; J. N. Bishop, maintenance engineer; W. C. Williams, division engineer, and C. H. Armstrong, district maintenance superintendent.

Mr. Cabell released no statement in regard to the commission's visit, but Judge Johnson who rode over the road with him felt encouraged to believe the commission chairman would give favorable consideration within the bounds of the restricted funds with which the commission has to work this year.

## Two Directors to be Named at School Meet

Election of two directors, a clerk, and voting on acceptance or rejection of the ensuing year's budget will be the business before the annual meeting of School District No. 1 at the council chambers beginning at 2 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

Election of the second director was made necessary by the recent resignation of John J. Wightman due to removal of his home outside the district. The director whose term regularly expires at this time is Spencer Crawford, who served as chairman of the board last year. Mrs. Muriel Vaughn is the present clerk. Little interest in the meeting has so far been evidenced, but the board urges a large turn-out of school patrons to assist in filling the offices and to discuss the budget thoroughly so that the will of the majority may be expressed.

## DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE

Organization of the county democratic central committee was effected at a meeting at Heppner hotel Monday afternoon. Officers named are Dell M. Ward, county chairman; Myrtle Aiken, vice-chairman; Harry Duvall, congressional committeeman; Jack Gorham, Boardman, state committeeman; Maude Pointer, Lexington, secretary; Ruth Tamblin, treasurer.