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Plea for Sunflower Flat Road Made By Monument Folk

Slocum Says Money From Grant Available if Morrow Acts

Monument people believe the time is ripe to build an all-weather road between that place and Heppner.

That is the report brought here last week end by Lee Slocum who made a business visit accompanied by Mrs. Slocum. Mr. Slocum, former Heppner resident, now lives near Monument and is among those interested in having the so-called Sunflower Flat road graveled.

He said that Grant county has authorized issuance of bonds up to \$5000 to apply on this road, and that interest on the part of Morrow county would be helpful in bringing about a sale of them. Dempsey Boyer and other residents of the little Grant trading center were quoted as saying that a mountain of natural gravel is available and it was estimated that the cost of putting it on the road would not exceed \$200 a mile.

A large portion of the road is in Grant county, Mr. Slocum admitted, but he believed that county would act if Morrow county would arrange to take care of its part.

"Many Monument people have long been in the habit of keeping their banking and other business connections at Heppner, and this city is the natural outlet for that section. The Sunflower Flat road shortens the distance to Heppner by fifty miles as compared with the distance over the Heppner-Spray road. It is the logical way for us to come, and we want to come this way," said Mr. Slocum.

The people of Monument do not expect a boulevard. They do not care about a few steep grades and sharp curves if the surface is graveled for all-year travel. As the road now stands it is passable only a few months out of the year, is the way Mr. Slocum put it.

Hugh Smith Wool Brings 23½ Cents

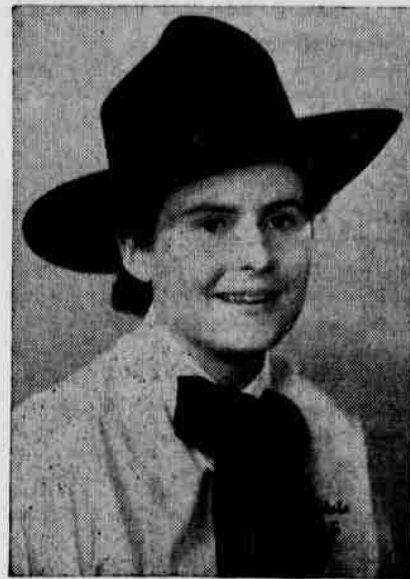
Lively activity in the wool market has taken place this week with many sales of large clips reported at the Portland terminal, as the price went above 20 cents for the first time since shearing.

The best price reported locally was received by Hugh Smith yesterday when he sold his clip for 23½ cents.

HAVE PICTURES TAKEN

Mrs. Henry Aiken drove to Pendleton Tuesday, taking with her the three Rodeo queen attendants so far named, the Misses Joyce Carlson, Evelyn Kirk and Florence Becket who were photographed by a Pendleton photographer.

Princess Florence



Miss Florence Becket, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket of Eight Mile, Rhea Creek grange selection as attendant at court of Rodeo.

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(As gleaned by Paul McCarty at the Heppner Hotel desk)

A case of one sister looking out for the safety of another . . . the other day the two Hisler girls, ages eight and six, were walking across Main street and just started into the opposite lane of traffic when an automobile suddenly came in view . . . the younger Hisler kept right on going, but the older one, seeing the possible danger, quickly jerked her sister back out of the way, held her until the car had passed, and then the two walked arm in arm to the other side . . . no hits, no runs, and one error . . . the latter was corrected.

A new entrance system has been installed to aid in keeping the Elks' club an Elks' club and not a hotel for late hour rest-seekers . . . also, when the club is closed for the night it is advised that any and every one keep metal objects away from the lock . . . it's electrically charged.

The recent installation of a cooling system and new doublers, the latter by Buzz Furlong, chief projectionist, brings to a finish the renovation program sponsored by the local cinema house . . . other improvements in the show, owned by Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee and managed by Mrs. Elaine Furlong, include Simplex projector, arc lamps, chairs, two screens, sound equipment, complete new lobby and foyer and numerous others . . . the total amount expended in modernizing the Star theater reaches a figure in excess of \$10,000.

If his plans materialize, Jack Merrill, Heppner's number one school trumpeter, will organize an orchestra this fall . . . it will probably be a nine- or ten-piece affair . . . not since the Columbians of Irrigon broke up has Heppner and the surrounding territory been blessed by the offerings of an all-round popular dance band . . . however, the snappy Pendleton orchestra that has a monopoly on Rhea creek dances seems to be gaining much popularity . . . should Merrill's embryonic idea become a reality, he can plan to be busy for many Saturday nights during the winter.

Anyone wishing to vote for Oregon State's Joe Gray and Elmer Kolberg, the Northwest's outstanding candidates in the Oregonian-Chicago Tribune poll for the All-Star college team that will play the championship professional eleven, may do so at the Heppner hotel desk.

A sad, sad story . . . once upon a time, last week to be exact, a gentleman was preparing to write a letter to a lady friend . . . the disappointing part was that he had been writing to her, off and on, for the last ten years and hadn't yet received an answer.

Random rake-ups . . . Scott McMurdo visited in Heppner last week from his home in San Jose, California . . . most people thought this person still lived in Heppner . . . he does . . . he was visiting his cousin, our own Scott McMurdo. The Rodeo queen, not yet named, and her attendants will be decked out in a mode of dress somewhat different and more fashionable from the garb worn by the royal parties of previous rodeos.

Seen about town . . . a u-turn manipulated on Main street between Wilson's and the hotel . . . outsiders as well as others looking for harvest jobs . . . while sprawled out on the sidewalk in front of the lower pastime where the a. m. atmosphere is always cool, several of the boys discussing the current hot weather.

An oddity in contrast . . . along Heppner's Main street and its adjacent tributaries are approximately 35 places of business in which two or more people are employed . . . at the Monday meeting of the Lions, local commercial club, 13 persons were present.

C. J. D. Bauman, chairman of the Morrow county republican central committee, was in Salem Monday for the state republican organization meeting.

City Dads Meet Engineers; Consider PWA Applications

Water, Sewerage Improvements Talked; Speed Said Essential

Additional information on possible PWA projects for the city was being gathered by city dads this morning, assisted by L. R. Stockman, engineer from Baker. Stockman, who yesterday visited Lexington to assist in formulating that town's water project for PWA presentation, has formerly made water and sewerage surveys here. These are the type of work being considered.

Action of the city dads follows the visit here yesterday evening of Robert W. Neal, PWA engineer from Portland, who urged that immediate information on any proposed projects be given the Portland office to assist it in obtaining a fair share of PWA funds for this state.

In addressing the meeting last night, attended by Mayor Jeff Jones, Councilmen L. D. Tibbles and R. C. Phelps, Neal advised that detailed applications need not be made immediately. Rough drafts only are required at this time to give the state office a basis for figuring the total likely to be needed to cover worthy projects.

Speed is the keynote sounded by Neal and by C. C. Hockley, state director, as the new PWA program is designed to give work relief thru needed public improvements. Under provisions of the 1938 PWA act, applications must be filed not later than midnight, September 30; work on projects started before January 1 next, and substantial completion reached by June 30, 1939.

In a press statement released yesterday, Hockley said:

"The Public Works administration is not 'selling' projects to localities. Plans for construction projects must be drafted by representatives of public bodies in the various localities and presented to the PWA regional office in a formal application. This application will then be forwarded to Washington for approval. Progressive communities from which applications are received immediately are most likely to share in the benefits of the new Public Works program.

"The Public Works administration is not offering 'something for nothing.' It is merely trying to anticipate the construction needs of the Northwest and other sections of the country over a period of three to five years by offering grants and loans to enable responsible public parties to undertake construction projects now while employment is at low ebb.

Applications for any type of permanent construction that a public

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Princess Evelyn



Miss Evelyn Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk of Lexington, selection of Lexington grange as attendant at court of Rodeo.

HEPPNER SWELTERS ON HOTTEST DAY

A cool 102 degrees in the shade was registered on Len Gilliam's official government thermometer at 10 minutes til 2 this afternoon, the hottest day recorded so far this season. The temperature at 7 o'clock this morning was 85.

Up to today, last Friday was hottest in the present heat wave. The mercury rose to 98 that day. The all-time high recorded temperature here was 108 in 1918.

Day before yesterday 88 was the top mark, and yesterday the mercury rose to only 93.

Signs of thundercaps in the south heavens at presstime may indicate relief in sight.

Fires Under Control; Visibility Lower

One of two lightning fires in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest was still burning in the Rancheria section in the Kinzua vicinity, though it was under control, the local office stated yesterday. It was said to have covered nine acres outside the merchantable timber area. With lowered visibility to four miles reported from Matteson, fire hazard in the forest land was reported as increasing, however. The lowered visibility was held due to the large fire in the Olympia peninsula section of Washington.

Seventy-five CCC's at Heppner in addition to mill crews at various points in the forest are being held subject to emergency fire service. The local office is equipped with radio receiving and broadcasting equipment, as well as the various forest stations to assist in control work.

Exalted Ruler Home From National Event

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney arrived home yesterday evening from a three weeks trip which took them to Atlantic City for the national Elks convention which Mr. Mahoney, exalted ruler, attended as delegate from Heppner lodge.

They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Raley Peterson of Pendleton on the trip, driving east from Detroit and return in a new car purchased at the factory by Mr. Peterson. While in the east they visited New York, Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

W. W. Smead III At Vancouver, Wash.

W. W. Smead, pioneer Heppner resident and for many years postmaster, is reported quite ill at the Knights of Pythias home at Vancouver, Wash., where he has been for two years.

This report was brought from Portland yesterday by F. W. Turner, who saw Mrs. Lena White, Mr. Smead's daughter, in the city. Mr. Smead has been bedfast for some time. The many friends here are sorry to learn of his condition.

North Morrow Fair Dates, September 9-10

Dates for the North Morrow County fair have been announced by board for Friday and Saturday, September 9-10, with details for the annual show now under way. This year's show will be held at Boardman.

E. Sullivan is president of this year's show, Russell Miller, secretary; Leo Root, treasurer, and Mrs. A. C. Houghton, Paul Smith, E. M. Souders and Frank Brace, directors.

ATTEND PIONEER REUNION

Del Ward and Hanson Hughes attended the pioneers reunion at Service creek in Wheeler county last Sunday, and report a large attendance and enjoyable time renewing old-time friendships made when both were Grant county residents. Clint Haight, editor Blue Mountain Eagle at Canyon City, was speaker for the occasion.

Wheat Loan Rate For This State Pegs All Prices

Price Guarantee of 70c With Benefit Payments Seen

A loan rate on wheat which is the minimum allowed under the law, but which with benefit payments will guarantee Oregon growers around 70 cents a bushel, has been announced by the agricultural adjustment administration for the 1938 crop. Announcement of the loan rate was the final step in putting into effect the ever-normal granary provisions of the 1938 farm act.

Since the announcement the Oregon officials of the state AAA office have met in Pendleton with officials from other northwest states and have completed detailed arrangements for handling actual placing of the loans in the counties.

The loan rate schedule varies throughout the country, according to the type of wheat and the location of the various terminal markets. For the Pacific northwest, both Portland and Seattle were designated as terminals with the base loan rate at either Portland or Seattle for No. 1 soft white wheat set at 47 cents a bushel.

In figuring the loan rate at country points, there must be deducted from this basic figure the amount of the local freight rate to Portland and 4 cents a bushel to cover handling charges. Before loans can actually be made, the wheat must be in storage at least 3 days and storage must be paid in advance. Where farm granaries are used, the government will compensate the grower for storage costs if the wheat is later turned over in lieu of payment of the loan.

The exact amount of the loan at country points will vary according to the freight rate from there to Portland and the grade of the wheat. Farm leaders in Umatilla county have figured, however, that with the 12 cents a bushel on farm allotments for conservation compliance and around 7 or 8 cents for parity payments under the recent appropriation, the loan will be around 71 cents for first grade wheat.

All growers who cooperated with the 1938 agricultural program will be eligible.

First Lamb Movement Here Includes 14 Cars

First movement of the new lamb crop at Heppner was reported Tuesday when Hislop Sheep company of Spokane received 14 carloads. The price was not reported.

George Hislop received the lambs for his father's company. W. A. McGuffie, representing Don Clay Commission Co., was in the city the same day from Yakima, interviewing local growers.

Princess Joyce



Miss Joyce Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson of Gooseberry, Willows grange selection as attendant at the court of Rodeo.