

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## \$100,000 Storm Rakes Wheat

### New City Plunge Opens for Business 2 P. M., Saturday

Prices and Rules  
Released; Buhman  
Will be Supervisor

All swims at the new city pool Saturday afternoon will be free, the committee announced just before press time.

The pool will be closed Sunday morning, but will be opened again at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

After six years without a swimming pool, residents of the Heppner section will again be able to find relief from summer's heat when the new 40 x 100 foot municipal plunge opens at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. With Old Sol bearing down to warm the shade above the 90 mark this week, residents are indeed looking askance at the creeping minute hand for the time's arrival.

Workmen have been rushing construction of shower rooms, toilets and dressing quarters this week, and while all finishing work will not be completed by Saturday, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, chairman of the council committee, assures that everyone complying with the rules, and paying the price of admission will be entitled to a dip.

Harold Buhman, who returned with family last week end from Beaver lake near Portland where he took a special course in life-saving, will be superintendent. He will organize swimming classes in the near future.

Swim prices have been set at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children by the single swim. Season tickets will be available at \$3 for single adults, \$5 for two adults in the same family, and \$6 for three or more people in the same family. Names of those eligible to admission on any ticket will be written thereon and tickets will not be transferable.

Dr. Tibbles has spoken for the first \$5 ticket.

Rules for tank operation were released by Buhman this morning, as follows:

1. All persons using the pool are required to take a cleaning shower using soap and water, and thoroughly rinsing before entering pool enclosure.

2. A person leaving pool enclosure for any reason must take a shower before returning.

3. Any person having any skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or any communicable disease, will be excluded from the pool.

4. Spitting, spurring water, blowing of nose, etc., in the pool is strictly prohibited. Scum troughs are provided for all excretions.

5. Women are required to wear swimming caps while swimming.

6. Swimming suits and trunks cannot be left for storage at the pool.

7. Smoking is strictly prohibited in pool enclosure.

8. Liquor of any kind is strictly prohibited on the premises and will be confiscated if found.

9. The management is not responsible for articles lost or stolen but will endeavor to protect all property properly checked in.

10. No boisterous or rough play, running, etc., except supervised water sports, will be permitted in the pool, on the runways, diving board, platform, or in the dressing rooms, shower rooms, etc.

11. The pool and dressing rooms are reserved for swimmers only, all others must remain in spectators' quarters.

### HOPS FOR QUEEN'S COURT TO START

Saturday Event Here First of Series; Queen to be Named Next Week but Name Withheld

The dancing spotlight shifts this Saturday to Heppner as the Rodeo association sponsors a queen dance, July 15, at the fair pavilion.

This is the first of the regularly scheduled series in honor of the Rodeo queen's court.

Jack Merrill's orchestra, a popular unit of local musicians, is scheduled to furnish music for the evening's dancing.

Saturday's dance, sponsored by the Rodeo association, will be highlighted by the introduction at midnight of the four grange-sponsored attendants, princesses to the unnamed queen.

The attendants introduced will be Kathryn Thompson, Rhea Creek; Constance Instone, Lena; Dorothy Howell, Lexington; Dorothy Brady Ione.

Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, announced yesterday that although the queen would be selected next week, announcement of her name would be withheld until the final queen dance in Heppner.

### Court Advises Use of Detour to Heppner Flat for Month

Construction on the Heppner hill portion of the Heppner-Rhea creek road necessitating one-way traffic, the public would be inconvenienced and the road contractors be relieved if traffic headed across Heppner Flats would use the road coming in at the F. S. Parker farm at the lower end of town, advises Judge Bert Johnson.

This road is about a mile longer to the point where it connects with the Rhea creek road, but is in fair condition, says the judge. The court is having the worst of the rough spots smoothed up with equipment in charge of Frank Gentry, and the judge believes better time can be made over this route with less wear and tear on tires. Many sharp rocks are encountered on the hill road while construction is in progress, that may give difficulty until surfacing is completed, which the judge believes will be about a month distant.

### Andy Baldwin Sells Transfer Business

Disposal of his trucking business was made by Andy Baldwin this week when he sold to Don Jones, a former employee of the business. Baldwin had operated the business for the last two years.

Baldwin has made no announcement of future plans, though he is contemplating acquisition of a grocery business near Portland.

### LEAVES FOR ST. LOUIS

E. Harvey Miller, exalted ruler of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, left last week end for St. Louis to attend the national convention of the order as official delegate of the local lodge.

### Roller Skating • Ione

Every Saturday and Sunday night, 8 to 10 and 10 to 12. 15c-20c-25c. 18-19p-tf

12. The right to use the pool may be denied to any person, for any period, the management may see fit. Additional rules will be posted at the pool, which everyone should read.

The pool is maintained and operated for the public pleasure and enjoyment. May we ask your cooperation in making it a success.

### Lions See World Fair Through Lens Of Youth's Camera

Donald Jones, Alvin  
Hendrickson Give  
Enjoyable Show

A ring-side seat at the Golden Gate International exposition was given attendants at Monday's Lions luncheon when Donald Jones presented colored movies which he took there and Alvin Hendrickson gave a running description as the pictures were presented.

Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones and accomplished amateur photographer, spent some time at the exposition, being accompanied by his cousin Alvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hendrickson, who reside at San Leandro in the San Francisco bay region. Comparable to professional photography, the pictures depicted many spots of interest.

First shots showed Treasure Island as viewed from the big bay bridge, and were taken while the automobile was in progress as cars are not permitted to stop in crossing the bridge. Depicted were the artistic exposition entrance, the pay-stiles (admission 50 cents for adults), Court of Pacifica, Court of Seven Seas, Court of the Moon, Court of Reflections, and always prominent the tall Tower of the Sun. Most colorful shot was that of the Magic Carpet flower bed (a million flowers were said to be included). Interior shots were taken of the California and federal buildings. Shots of the Gay Way taken from the ground and from a high crane in the amusement park, with jerkiness in pictures caused by wind jolting the crane. Shots were taken both of and from the elephant train that carries visitors around the 400-acre island, and in all film viewers were given a comprehensive cyclorama of the artistic appeal of the architecture, lakes, fountains, flowers and lighting of the world fair, as well as a practical description of how and what to see. As added measure, shots were also included of the Golden Gate bridge, of the bay, of San Francisco skyline and of the water front with its fish markets.

Installation of officers, scheduled for Monday's meeting, was postponed by Lions due to lack of time and will be held at next Monday's meeting. This meeting is scheduled for 6:30 at Camp Heppner when Lions will be guests of the camp through invitation of Lt. Marius P. Hanford, commandant.

### Chickens Get Black Eyes, Many Missing Result of Cyclone

Feathered denizens of the barn lot were probably the most helpless critters in path of Monday's cyclonic storm that swept the Gooseberry section, say reports.

At the Henry Peterson farm one old hen was seen to go almost straight into the air; has not since been heard from. One report said Mr. Peterson was missing 100 birds.

From the Leonard Carlson farm comes report of many chickens emerging with black eyes; a number of fatalities in the farm flock. Helplessness of poultry was indicated by the manner in which wings were turned straight up by the gale, and their rolling along irresistibly before the blast. The wonder is any of them survived, say spectators.

### INSURANCE TO PAY SOME LOSSES

Total Crop Damage Indemnity  
Will Reach 29,000 Bushels,  
County AAA Office Says

At the beginning of the 1939 crop year 42 Morrow county farmers saw fit to take advantage of the Federal Crop Insurance program, paying the cash equivalent of 13,111 bushels as premiums, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent.

As the harvest season gets under way it appears that they indeed made a wise investment, as 31 farmers have notified the county office of probable loss. Loss claims involving 16,581 bushels have already been approved by the county office and it is estimated that the total indemnity paid in the county will reach 29,000 bushels.

Much satisfaction in the crop insurance program has been expressed by farmers who are collecting on their policies since indemnities paid in case of crop failure guarantee three-fourths of normal yield. A typical example is a well known farmer in the Dry Fork district who last fall paid 950 bushels as his crop insurance premium and due to drouth and hail has suffered almost a total loss. He now expects to collect about 8,000 bushels of indemnity.

Mr. Conrad states that approximately 700 Oregon farmers have taken advantage of the Federal Crop Insurance program.

### Judge Johnson Asks Cyclone Aid

Availing that "charity begins at home," Judge Bert Johnson has issued an appeal to friends and neighbors to give relief to those afflicted in Monday's storm.

"The tragic storm of last Monday ruined thousands of acres of good wheat ready for harvest and brought heart-felt grief to many of our friends and neighbors," Judge Johnson said. "They have no seed or feed for the coming year due to the fact that their sources of revenue for living expenses was drowned out in the storm."

"Like many others in this county I have experienced similar tragedies in raising wheat, and needed help. I am suggesting that all farmers who were not affected directly by the storm give a portion of their crop, however small, to those in need in the afflicted area to the end that seed be supplied without calling for state or national aid. Those receiving seed to return same in wheat next harvest."

"I believe that charity begins at home. Think this over, and then help your neighbor."

### RETURN FROM EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green, son Joe and daughters Ruth and Louise returned home Tuesday from an 8200-mile trip that took them to the old homes of Mr. and Mrs. Green in Virginia and other points on the east coast. On the way home they took in the world fair at San Francisco.

### NAT HEAD VISITS

Frank Whetstone, former Heppnerite now in charge of the Pendleton natatorium, visited in the city Monday and looked over the new tank here. He announced it to be exceptionally fine and found that its water capacity exceeded that of the Pendleton tank.

### BAND PRACTICE SLATED

Harold Buhman, director, has called the first band practice in preparation for the Rodeo appearance, to be held at the school tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30. Old members of the band as well as outsiders are invited to attend.

### Cyclonic Wind, Hail Sweep Dry Fork, Gooseberry

Many Fields Total  
Loss as 9000 Acres  
New Grain Laid Low

Wind of cyclonic proportions swept over a 20-mile long course about 10 miles wide and prematurely harvested 9000 acres of some of Morrow county's best wheat, in less time than it takes to tell about it, shortly after 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Having already devastated fields in Gilliam county, the storm swept from southwest across Dry Fork and Gooseberry before its terrific force spent itself as it reached Rhea creek where it forks with Willow creek at the Laxton McMurray farm.

Ramifications of the storm were felt on Willow creek above Ione where hay stacks were blown over; at Lexington where one tree, two feet in diameter, was felled, and at Heppner where a heavy dust cloud followed by an electrical storm came over.

A conservative estimate would place the loss of grain at 9000 acres and the cash loss would exceed \$100,000, with only slight insurance coverage.

Almost total loss of the new crop was sustained on the Eric and Carl Bergstrom, Florence Dalzell, Clarence Warren, Emil and Leonard Carlson, Ervin and Harold Anderson, Oscar Peterson, Lonnie McCabe, Milton Morgan, Ed Rietmann, Ivar Nelson, and August Anderson farms.

Lee Beckner estimated a 1000-acre loss with a reduction in yield of some 8000 sacks. E. W. Christopherson estimated a loss of 240 acres. Phil Griffin estimated a 50 per cent reduction in yield on 600 acres. Laxton McMurray expected his total crop would be affected a fifth or more.

The storm's fury appeared at its worst at the Carl Bergstrom farm in Gooseberry where a promising 360-acre field was cleaned with hardly a straw sticking up, by the wind-driven hail. Mr. Bergstrom had just cut right-of-ways in preparation for harvest and seven or eight header box loads of hay thus obtained will be his only salvage. Here the hail stones struck with such force that his shaken house appeared to have been peppered with shot from a b-b gun.

Almost as cleanly swept was a field on the Eric Bergstrom farm adjacent, at the edge of which an old machine shed, well constructed, was laid low by the wind. A few swaths had been harvested at the edge of this field from which estimates of an 18-bushel yield were obtained.

Mrs. Richard Robinson was at the Clarence Warren farm when the storm struck. Going out into the field after the storm she met a chicken returning home that had been blown a quarter of a mile. Tin cans were found that had been blown a like distance. Between 700 and 800 acres of the Warren crop, mostly on M. E. Cotter land, was estimated to have been destroyed.

At the Ed Rietmann farm on Dry Fork, the storm relieved Mr. Rietmann of harvesting 500 acres of quite promising grain. He was just getting ready to start harvest.

Harold and Ervin Anderson were harvesting at the time of the storm. They had banked out 535 sacks of wheat, and expected some fifty acres would conclude the balance of their cutting, due to the storm's toll.

Ivar Nelson expected to salvage seed and feed from 200 acres. He and  
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