

Crop Prospects In This Section Appear Average

Heat Has Damaged Crop Slightly Thus Far, Farmers Say

Hot weather of the present week is beginning to tell on Morrow county's wheat crop, which, up to the last few days showed prospects of making an average yield. This condition is shown by reports reaching the county agent's office from various parts of the county. Just how far the 90 degree temperature and dry winds will shorten the crop is a matter for conjecture. Farther north it is felt that the grain was far enough along to be affected little, while greener fields to the south are prone to be damaged materially.

Spring wheat sown early enough to receive advantage of the extensive earlier rainfall is declared to be in the best shape of any of the county's crops. Spring wheat fields are cleaner and the stand is as heavy as the fall sown grain. This crop is said to be so well advanced that material damage will not result from hot weather. In the lower elevations harvest is expected to begin early in July, in some places even earlier, and that fact seems to warrant belief that the grain there is safe.

An average yield throughout the county had been the prediction of the county AAA office up to yesterday. An average yield would mean approximately 12½ bushels to the acre and would result in a sizeable harvesting operation within the next few weeks. Due to a favorable spring districts not faring so well the last few years will have good yields. Reports emanating from Alpine and Ella districts are to the effect that several promising fields are awaiting the harvesters. The north Morgan and Cecil areas, accustomed to reaping small crops the last few years, will have something to warehouse this year.

Haying is general up and down the creeks of the county, many of the ranchers having their first crops of alfalfa in the stack. The dry weather has been favorable insofar as harvesting is concerned. There has been no cessation on most of the ranches since the cutting started, the ranchers taking advantage of every day of dry weather.

Rainfall has been light in May and June, the weather chart showing a total of .6 of an inch during May and .06 of an inch so far in June. The official thermometer reading in Heppner for Tuesday was 93 and recordings by private thermometers ran from 94 to 97 yesterday.

Stock Movement to Forest About Over

Movement of stock on to the Umatilla national forest in this vicinity has been general and it is expected that all permittees will have occupied their grazing areas by June 15, announces Fred Wehmeyer, district ranger in charge of the Heppner office.

The quota for this district is 1500 cattle and 18,000 sheep not including lambs. In addition to this quota, approximately 100,000 sheep will cross the district to other districts and private ranges. Range conditions generally, are better this year than the average of the last few years, Wehmeyer states.

The annual fire school of the Umatilla national forest will be held at Toll Gate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. The service is replacing the heavy truck lost by fire in the forest last year, with a lighter, faster unit of trail building type. The truck is expected to arrive this week.

Dick Automobile Burns on Highway

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the L. E. Dick automobile Sunday morning as Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Alex Green were enroute to Eugene to attend commencement exercises at the University of Oregon. The party left Heppner at 6 o'clock a. m. and had reached a point on the Columbia highway about opposite Maryhill when burning rubber caused Dick to stop the car. A rubber glove was found burning under the front seat and this fire spread to the upholstery.

Efforts were made to smother the blaze with dirt to no avail. Other motorists arriving on the scene endeavored to quench it with chemicals but the fire continued to spread. Fear of exploding gas caused abandonment of the task of saving the car and it was left to the mercy of the flames.

Green caught a ride back to Arlington and phoned for the family car. Mr. and Mrs. Dick continued on to Hood River with E. J. Bristow of Ione, Mrs. Dick returning to Heppner the next day, while Mr. Dick went on to Portland. They were going to Eugene to witness the graduation of Ed Dick and Joe Green.

DANIEL C. WELLS LAID TO REST HERE

Morrow County Pioneer Who Died at Pendleton Home, Son of One of First Families

Commitment services for Daniel Clyde Wells, 64, a Morrow county pioneer but a resident of Pendleton since 1922, were held at the Masonic cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, Rev. Martin Clark officiating. Folsom's mortuary of Pendleton was in charge. Pallbearers were life-long friends of the deceased and included L. E. Bisbee, William Y. Ball, Hanson Hughes, J. O. Hager, Frank E. Parker and Chas. B. Cox.

Clyde Wells, as he was familiarly known to every one in his native town, was one of 12 children born to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wells, pioneers of Heppner. He spent his boyhood here and engaged in business enterprises of one kind and another until moving to Pendleton 18 years ago. As a young man he formed a partnership with Celsus Keithley in the house decorating business, operating as "Buster & Clyde." This partnership ran on for several years until Keithley entered the forest service and Clyde took up barbering. Moving to Pendleton, he and Keithley again formed a partnership, establishing a real estate office, and they were associated more or less until death removed Keithley from the scene.

He was a survivor of the Heppner flood of 1903 in which seven members of his family lost their lives. Of the family of 12, but two members survive, Glenn Y. Wells of Portland and Richard Wells of Heppner. Since 1934 Clyde was employed with state agencies, first in the park service for two years and then with the state highway department as right of way agent. He was engaged in this pursuit when stricken with the illness that closed his career.

Surviving, besides the brothers, are his widow, Edith Imogene, and a son, William W. Wells, both of Pendleton. A son, Horace Clyde, 14, died in 1920. William Wells came by plane from New York, where he is a law student in Columbia university, to attend his father's funeral and to be with his mother.

C. OF C. MEETING 19TH

Heppner chamber of commerce will hold a regular membership meeting at 6:30 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, June 19 at the dining room of Hotel Heppner. It will be a dinner meeting to which every member is invited. A special effort will be made to formulate a program to promote "Heppner Trade Days," a movement to attract more trade to town.

FFA Team Wins Second Place in Judging Contest

Lose by 2¼ Point Margin at Eastern Oregon Stock Show

Morrow County's Future Farmers of America livestock judging team was nosed out by Halfway by the narrow margin of two and a fourth points in the contest staged at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union last Friday. The local boys scored 1626 out of a possible 2400 points and Halfway scored 1628¼ points.

It looked like first honors for the boys from the Heppner school, particularly after judging of dairy stock. At that point the local team, Claude Drake, Bernard Doherty and Don Fell, held a lead of 40 points. When it came to beef type the boys let local pride get the better of their judgment and they dropped behind sufficiently to permit Halfway to nose them out.

W. S. Bennett, Smit-Hughes instructor here, says the show management unwittingly played a trick on his team which resulted in the boys losing the contest. One of the animals judged in the beef type was selected from the Morrow county exhibit. This particular calf rated about class four and the boys, apparently not wishing to see some of their own stock graded down, gave it a class two rating. The judges couldn't accept loyalty points and the 40 point lead attained on dairy stock was wiped out.

Forty calves were judged by the teams. Fifteen of these were rated choice, the balance good. Douglas Drake's white face Shorthorn cross rated choice and the next four of the beef type from here rated good. Rating is termed as prime, choice and good.

In the dairy class, the Morrow county stock showed up well. Bruce Lindsay's Guernsey heifer, over one year old, took champion of junior class over all dairy stock, and his calf under 12 months took first. Bernard Doherty's Guernsey took third place.

Douglas Drake's steer sold at 10½ cents per pound at the annual sale of beef stock which follows the judging contests. Dean Gilman and Claude Drake received 10 cents a pound for their animals and the balance of the stock from here brought from 9 to 9¼ cents.

Grain Growers Name Wightman Director

J. J. Wightman of Heppner was placed on the board of directors of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., at a meeting held in Lexington Monday. This action was in keeping with the company's policy to include each district of the county in which considerable blocks of stock are held.

Werner Rietmann was reelected to represent north Ione; Henry Baker, south Ione, and George N. Peck south Lexington. It is possible that a readjustment of the board will be possible in another year, permitting the election of a second director from the Heppner district.

CENSUS TAKER GIVEN OKEH

Miss Mary McIntyre of Hardman, who took the Heppner town census, has been complimented by W. W. Sirrine, district supervisor, for the efficient manner in which she handled the count here. Miss McIntyre is the daughter of Mrs. Tom McIntyre, ranch operator in the mountain district south of Hardman.

Among Morrow county people attending the Rose Festival in Portland last week end were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Scott of Blackhorse.

Band Awards Pins To 1940 Graduates

Appearing in the final concert of the season, the Heppner band paraded and played several numbers on Main street Saturday evening. William McCaleb acted as drum major and led the corps of majorettes and the musicians through their parade drills to the entertainment of an assemblage of people lining both sides of the street.

A feature of the concert was the presentation of band awards to the musicians who were leaving the organization by virtue of graduation from high school. Pins were presented to Omer McCaleb, Richard Hayes, Don Jones, Paul Doolittle, Clifford Fay, Jack Merrill, Kemp Dick, Harold Armstrong, Wilford Worden, Shirley Wilson, Dorothy Howell Huit and Norma Prock. Most of the graduates had been with the band since their grade school days and all expressed regret at having to give up the pleasant associations with other band members and their leader, Harold Buhman.

The band was organized ten years ago and has been one of the leading school organizations of its class in the state for most of that period.

Special Takes 4-H Clubbers to Corvallis

Twenty-five Morrow county 4-H club members boarded the special summer school train Monday at the Heppner Junction.

The boys and girls were from all parts of Morrow county and will spend the next ten days at Corvallis, along with other boys and girls from all parts of Oregon, where they will be schooled in home economics and agriculture.

C. D. Conrad, county agent, says much interest is being shown in the county this year in the stage and radio try-outs which are held every year at summer school. The radio review will be broadcast from KOAC June 15, 7:30 to 8 p. m., and June 19, 8 to 9:30 p. m. Each evening during summer school, from June 10 to 21, a forty-five minute 4-H club program will be broadcast from KOAC from 7 to 7:45 p. m. Each county is given an opportunity to broadcast and Morrow county boys and girls are scheduled for June 19, between 7 and 7:45 p. m.

Weed Control Will Be Field Day Topic

A field day will be held at the Umatilla county weed control experiment station, one mile north of Cayuse, beginning at 1:30 p. m., June 19.

Of special interest to farmers with morning-glory is the possibility of growing crops while destroying the weeds. Work along this line shows up very well in the Umatilla county work, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent.

In addition to the tillage and cropping programs, which are very complete at the station, the station is maintaining plots where various chemicals are being used.

An invitation has been extended by the Umatilla county people to everyone in Morrow county and Conrad states that he hopes the local farmers will take advantage of the opportunity to view the results of this weed control experiment.

BUILDING HOUSE

Materials are being assembled for the erection of a house for Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Parker on the lot recently acquired from Katie Minert on south Chase street. Truman Babb has the contract. The house will be a four-room plan along latest lines of architecture.

GRANGE MEETING POSTPONED

Rhea Creek grange announces that the regular meeting scheduled for Friday evening, June 14, has been postponed for one week. This will be the last meeting before the summer vacation and the members have been asked to turn out in force and make it a good one.

Construction at New Mill Plant Moving Steadily

Machinery Installation Slow Process at Heppner Factory

Progress at the Heppner Lumber company sawmill is slow but steady, a visit to the mill Saturday revealed, and to those who may be a little impatient about sawing operations the only comment offered by those in charge of construction is that rebuilding is taking longer than at first contemplated. The nearest date anyone will venture is shortly after the 4th of July.

The new mill building is somewhat larger than the one destroyed by fire last fall. The work floor is several feet higher and construction of the foundation under the structure has been tedious. In addition a saw filing room has been built over the work room, raising the roof at that point to a third story elevation. In the new set-up some of the machinery is being placed on the ground floor, leaving more working space on the main floor.

The band saw rig is in place, the platform and track for the saw carriage are set up and a machinist and helpers are rigging up the rest of the machinery as fast as possible. The boiler is being overhauled and put in first class condition.

To attain better working space for grading the lumber, the green chain dock has been built on the northwest corner of the main building. Lumber leaving the line and going onto the green chain will first pass through a vat filled with a solution which prevents discoloring. It passes on to the grading dock and is there picked up by the carrier which moves it out to the yards.

Machinery being installed is substantially heavier than that making up the sawing unit of the first mill, according to Jack Rayburn, millwright in charge of construction. It is a different type mill in several respects and installation work is progressing slowly in order to attain the highest degree of accuracy and operating efficiency. Everything is being done with a view to a long-time operation, it was pointed out, and an effort is being made to avoid mistakes which might cause costly delay later on.

Logging operation are scheduled to start soon, according to Orville Smith, mill manager, although a definite date has not been set. The logging road in the mountains will need quite a bit of work before hauling can be undertaken on an extensive scale.

Planing machinery is on the grounds. Erection of a mill will start when the sawmill has been put into operation. The site chosen for the planer is on the east side of the railroad track opposite the railroad spur.

Recruiting Officer Scheduled July 9

A recruiting officer from the United States navy is scheduled to be in Heppner, Tuesday, July 9, according to announcement by M. L. Case, Lions president.

Preceding the recruiting officer's visit a representative of the navy department will call and present a motion picture depicting navy life and activities and will speak on "Our Navy." This is part of the educational work now being used to interest the young manhood of the country in the nation's seagoing defense.

Unless other arrangements are made, the city council chambers will be made available for the lecture.

Chas. Bookman, who has been a sufferer from diabetes for some time, is reported critically ill this week.