



# Heppner Gazette Times



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## Morrow Farmers Not Limited in '44 Wheat Acreage Oregon's Share of National Goal Set At 950,000 Acres

Wheat farmers of Morrow county will not be limited in 1944 on the acreage of wheat that they can grow. Instead, they will be asked to grow more wheat, and in general they will be asked to grow as much wheat as they can without following practices which might reduce their production in 1945 or subsequent years.

The War Food administration on July 13, 1943, announced a 1944 national wheat goal of 68 million acres. Oregon's share of this goal is 950,000 acres as compared to plantings of 750,000 acres in 1943, 761,000 acres in 1942, 890,000 in 1940, 827,000 in 1939 and 1,159,000 in 1938.

There will not be any farm wheat allotments established in 1944 under the Triple A farm program. The state goal will be broken down by the state war board and will be distributed among the wheat producing counties. County goals will not be broken down to individual farm goals unless county war boards and triple A committees determine such steps are advisable as a guide for farmers.

Present legislation does not provide for 1944 wheat payment, and wheat marketing quotas will not be applicable for the 1944 marketing year. A support price, however, will be available through loans offered by Commodity Credit Corporation through county triple A committees. Loans are provided for at not less than 85 percent of parity.

It is contemplated that any producer of acceptable wheat will be eligible to participate in the loan program unless he has adopted farming practices inconsistent with good farming practices in the area in which his farm is located.

The need for wheat has not yet reached such an extent but what the goal can be met without sacrificing those practices which have been determined to be effective in maintaining production and preventing wind and water erosion.

## Our Men In Service

### ALMOST ENCIRCLES GLOBE

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans are in receipt of a letter from their son Donald, armed guard of the navy assigned to duty on a liberty ship. He thinks the trip is wonderful but would like to see more action. By the time he returns to San Francisco he will have encircled the globe. Don enclosed a picture of himself sans most of his clothing, which would seem to indicate that he was in a tropic climate at that time. Although his mother writes him three times weekly, by V-mail only three have caught up with him since he left in May. They gave him a great lift he reports.

### LT LIEBRAND TRANSFERRED

In a telephone conversation to Miss Leta Humphreys early this week, Lt. Rose Liebrand states that she is being transferred from Camp Richmond, Ky., to Camp Campbell, Ky. in the southwestern part of Kentucky where she will be company commander. In the old camp she was in the quartermaster's office.

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## Whistle Signifies Renewal of Activity At Heppner Mill

Delayed beyond the date expected to start due to difficulty in obtaining materials, the Heppner Lumber company's new sawmill started a test run Monday and has been operating on a limited basis during the week. This is made necessary to make adjustments to the machinery and it is expected sawing will be in full swing by the first of next week.

A much more complete plant has been built and cutting capacity will be greater than the mill destroyed by fire last Feb. 5. The mill proper is located to the west of the engine house, placing the power plant between it and the fuel bunker. Altogether, the new plant presents an aspect of efficiency and cutting should proceed in regular order.

## Death Ends Career Of B. R. Patterson

Death came suddenly to B. R. Patterson at the family home on north Gale street Friday evening. He had suffered a heart ailment for several years and his passing was attributed to this cause.

A brief service was held at Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday, conducted by Archdeacon Neville Blunt, and the body was later shipped to Portland for cremation.

Ben Patterson, as he was familiarly known to most residents of the county, was 74 years of age. He was born at Hornell N. Y., the son of John and Rebecca Patterson. The father passed on many years ago and the mother resides at Forest Grove.

Mr. Patterson was engaged in the drug business in Heppner for many years. He was in partnership with his father under the firm name of Patterson & Son and after the father's death carried on as Patterson's Drug store.

The widow, Addie, and aged mother are the only survivors.

## Combine Cleaning Results in Burns

Two men suffered serious burns on their hands and arms the past few days while cleaning combines. Fred Nicolson was cleaning the brushes on a combine near Ione, using gasoline for the purpose. The gasoline ignited and his left arm was badly burned.

In attempting to extinguish a fire on a combine in the Hardman district, Blaine Chapel suffered serious burns to hands and arms.

Both men came to Heppner for treatment.

## REPUBLICAN SECRETARY VISITOR HERE TUESDAY

Returning to Portland from two conventions held in Baker the past week-end, Carl R. Moser, executive secretary of the republican state central committee, stopped in Heppner to get a line on the political set-up in this section. Moser attended the American Legion state convention and a conference of republican leaders of eastern Oregon.

He reported an interesting Legion convention, one he thinks will prove quite constructive. The Oregon group took the initiative in formulating a measure to accept members of the fighting forces as members of the Legion. The Oregon resolution will be presented to the national convention with the recommendation that it be approved and forwarded to congress for enactment, since the Legion was authorized by an act of congress.

Politically, Moser was sounding out the local organization to see what will have to be done in cementing an effective working force for the forthcoming national election.

## Death Comes to Cora D. Crawford, Pioneer Resident

Entire Span of 71 Years Spent in Morrow County

Following an illness of several months, Mrs. Cora D. Crawford passed away about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at The Dalles hospital where she had been a patient for nearly three months. Death was due to a heart ailment with which she had been afflicted for a number of years but which did not become acute until last spring.

Services will be held from the Christian church at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, O. Wendell Herbison, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral home. Accompanied by Miss Marie Barlow, Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Miss Kathryn Parker will sing "In The Garden" and "Softly Now The Light of Day." Honorary pallbearers chosen are T. J. Humphreys, E. R. Huston, L. D. Neill, F. E. Parker and F. S. Parker. Active pallbearers include Burl Coxen, Frank Turner, C. W. Barlow, Lee Howell, C. N. Jones and Blaine Elliott.

Mrs. Crawford was perhaps the oldest continuous resident of Morrow county. She was born May 28 1872, to John and Virginia Spencer among earliest settlers of that section. She received her education in the local schools, attending the old grade school that stood on the block where her future home was located. She also attended school at Irving, near Eugene.

On Christmas day, 1890, she was united in marriage with Vawter Crawford, a young printer coming here from Waitsburg, Wash., who had been employed for some time as foreman on the Heppner Gazette, then published by Otis and Alvah Patterson. Nine children were born to this union, eight of whom survive. These are Virginia E. (Mrs. J. O. Turner) of Heppner; Arthur R. of San Francisco, Calif.; Janet C. (Mrs. LeRoy Jones) Montesano, Wash.; Margaret E. (Mrs. Everett Hayes, Joseph, Ore.; W. V. and J. V. Crawford, Portland,

## Saving and Collection of Waste Materials Will Shorten War

Continued savings and collection of waste materials is one of the major means by which American are helping to bring this war to its earliest possible conclusion, it was asserted in Heppner last Saturday by Rod Finney, executive secretary of the Oregon State Salvage committee.

"Tin cans, silk stockings and kitchen fats, three continuing salvage programs, present good examples of materials once discarded as waste that are now serving essential purposes in our war production program," Finney said.

"Every ton of tin cans salvaged by Oregonians and sent to the detinning plant at South San Francisco, Calif., now makes available to the war effort no less than 20 pounds of much-needed tin and 1500 pounds of urgently required copper, the latter being derived through precipitation methods at western copper mines.

"Waste kitchen fats salvaged by housewife and turned in to her butchers are converted into glycerine. Glycerine makes explosives and camouflage paints for ships, guns and tanks.

"Silk and nylon hose are used in the reduction of powder bags and parachutes and parachute

## County's Quota In Third War Bond Campaign \$367,800

A telegram received this afternoon by the chairman of the Morrow county war bond and stamp committee states that Morrow county's quota in the third war loan bond sale has been fixed at \$367,800. Of this amount individuals are expected to invest \$212,500 and corporations \$155,800.

In preparation for the drive the very time a bond sale is made the local committee is planning to place a bell on Main street and ev-local committee is planning to bell will be rung. Is there someone owning a sizeable dinner bell who will donate it for the duration of the campaign? If so, get in touch with P. W. Mahoney or B. C. Pinckney.

### LIKES WACS

Erma VanSchoiack is home on a furlough visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve VanSchoiack. Asked if she liked the WACS she replied she did. She is receiving training at Gulfport, Miss.

Cora Mae (Mrs. R. B. Ferguson) and Mary L. (Mrs. L. R. Schwarz, Heppner. Spencer Crawford, fourth child, passed on in March, 1940. The husband and father departed this life in April 1935.

Mrs. Crawford is also survived by 25 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. J. B. Cooley, Brownsville and one brother, John Spencer, Stanfield.

Mrs. Crawford united with the Church of Christ in early womanhood and devoted much of her life to the work of the church. She also was a member of the Eastern Star.

Although never learning the printing trade, Mrs. Crawford assisted in the publication of the Gazette Times for many years. She assumed the role of folder and mailer on publication day, a task she performed until failing health forced her to abandon it. Following the death of Mr. Crawford, she became part owner of the Gazette Times, being associated with her son Spencer until his death in 1940, then with her son Jasper until the fall of 1942 when the business was sold to the present publisher.

## County's Desires For Better Roads Told Commission

Johnson Presents Essential List at Wednesday Meet

Improvement at the earliest possible moment on the secondary state highway between Ruggs and Spray junction was declared Morrow county's number one road project Wednesday afternoon when Judge Bert Johnson presented the county's highway program to the state highway commission in a meeting at the city council room. A map clearly marking the improvement program and notes prepared by the county court and the road committee of the Heppner chamber of commerce were left with the commission.

Judge Johnson briefly outlined the needs in this county, showing that no ambitious program has been contemplated. The greatest need is improvement and completion of roads now in use. Taking the Ruggs-Hardman section of the Heppner-Spray highway first, the judge emphasized the need of re-alignment, broadening and hard-surfacing for a matter of seven or eight miles. He pointed to the dangers encountered by travelers in meeting log and lumber trucks on the narrow grade; how the heavy hauling is wrecking the grade, making upkeep more difficult and expensive. Hard surfacing the entire way from Ruggs to Spray is essential, now that lumber hauling is a regular thing. In this connection he stated that approximately 1,000,000 feet of lumber per month is hauled from Dayville, Mitchell and Spray mills to Heppner, while approximately 5,000,000 feet annually comes from Reed's mill. In addition to the heavy lumber traffic there is an increasing amount of logs, sheep and cattle trucked in over the road, and this volume is certain to increase.

Number 2 on the court's schedule is completion of the Heppner-Condon highway. About five miles remains to be surfaced and this unfinished stretch is in the heart of a heavy wheat producing area.

Number 3 is the Lexington-Jarman section of the Lexington-Hermiston highway. The court urges immediate resurfacing of the road from Lexington to the top of the hill perhaps as far as the Cutsforth corner. A large volume of grain raised in the north Lexington district comes in over this highway and it is the main artery of travel from all of the county north, south and west of Lexington to points north and east. It was suggested by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, that this particular piece of improvement comes under the maintenance department and as such is subject to immediate consideration.

Deviating from the state controlled roads, Judge Johnson dwelt for a few moments on county roads, particularly those that might receive aid funds through federal grants. Chief of these is the Willow creek road from Heppner to the top of the hill beyond the old coal mines, a distance of about 24 miles. This road, too is used for log hauling, as is the road from Lena to the Johnson creek logging camp. The Rhea creek road from Ruggs to Jordan needs improving, as does the Hale Ridge road from Hardman to the Davidson ranch.

P. W. Mahoney pointed out that heavy truck hauling over the mountain roads has increased rapidly in recent year since sheepmen and cattle men no longer trail their stock to Heppner from interior ranches.

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