

# Heppner Gazette Citizen

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## Fruit and Garden Crops Damaged by Electrical Storm

### Hailstones Shear Leaves From Trees And Tender Plants

Morrow county felt some of the force of the electrical storm which swept over a large sector of the Inland Empire Sunday afternoon. While damage appears to have been minor in this immediate vicinity, reports indicate that some of the districts where fruit raising and gardening are prevailing industries suffered considerable injury. Locally, tomato plants seem to have suffered the most, with hail stripping the leaves from the tender stalks.

Rainfall was heavy at different times during the afternoon and evening, yet farmers report the precipitation as doing little good as most of it ran off. Hail preceding the first shower covered the ground in some districts and this too may have packed the ground so that succeeding rainfall did not penetrate the surface.

Milton-Freewater district reported considerable damage to fruit trees and garden plants. Hail described as being an inch in diameter fell in that area. Prunes, cherries, apples and tomato plants suffered no small amount of damage.

Travelers between Pendleton and Heppner experienced driving difficulties Sunday evening especially those following the Butter creek route into Lexington. At some points water covered the highway and continuous flashes of lightning added to the difficulties of keeping cars on the road.

Starting past the middle of the afternoon, the storm continued for several hours, with lightning and thunder extending past midnight.

## Our Men In Service



Marine Private Royal B. Rands, 33, is shown ready to climb out of a pit on the obstacle course during recruit training at the Marine Corps base, San Diego Calif. His wife, Mrs. Josephine Healy Rands, and their children, Mary Anne, 12, and Nancy Diane, 10, live at Boardman.

### HOME ON LEAVE

Ensign Norman Bergstrom left today for New Orleans after spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom of Eight Mile. Norman has just finished a course at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt Homer Hager arrived Tuesday from Ocoee, Fla., to spend a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager. He will have about two weeks at home.

### School Fund Bill, Scout Camporee Luncheon Subjects

Presentation of the constitutional amendment increasing state tax fund for public school support was made by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, to the luncheon group of the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday at the Lucas place. Mrs. Rodgers explained the purpose of the bill and urged support by voters. Oregon's school support funds have been provided through sales and rentals of state lands. These lands long since have dwindled to the point where they fail to provide sufficient support for the schools and the difference will have to be made up by taxation, Mrs. Rodgers stated.

Purpose of the amendment is to add to Article 8, Oregon Constitution, a new section requiring the legislative assembly to create state funds, in addition to common school fund, for support of public elementary and secondary schools; fund to include revenue from taxes now and sufficient to provide not less provided by law for school support than 45 cents per child per day of attendance for preceding school year. Taxes levied or imposed for fund not subject to six percent constitutional tax limitation. Until 1950, \$8,000,000 to be applied annually to reduce property tax levied in local districts without affecting tax base within six percent limitation.

John Fuiten gave a report on the Boy Scout camporee held the past week-end at the McCaleb cabin in the mountains south of Heppner.

### Horse Drags Bert Furlong to Death

Albert "Bert" Furlong met violent death Friday when his saddle horse dragged him a distance of approximately 40 yards when his head struck a post, apparently causing immediate death. The body was dragged nearly a quarter of a mile before the frightened animal halted its mad race.

Furlong was herding sheep at the Joe Kenny place. His saddle horse stood near by, with a halter rope dragging the ground. The animal became frightened and Furlong grabbed the rope which apparently formed a loop around his hand from which the unfortunate man could not free himself.

Funeral services were held at 6 o'clock p.m. Sunday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel, with O. Wendell Herbison officiating.

Albert Furlong was born in Kansas in 1882 and came to Morrow county in 1890, making his home here since. He worked at various jobs but mainly devoted his time to ranch work.

Surviving are one sister, Elsie Ayers, and four brothers, Charles, John, Will and Scott Furlong.

### OPA CHECKERS VISIT

Retail establishments and eating houses were given a check-up by specialists from the district OPA office in Portland this week. Some irregularities were found but nothing in the nature of willful violations was reported.

The group was composed of three Mrs. Swanson and Dorothy Ann women and two men. Mrs. O'Hagan, Clark are checking over women's wearing apparel. J. N. Chambers handles men's dry goods, while Fred Parker has the food stores and eating establishments. Every business concern in the state coming under these classifications will be checked by this group.

### RETURNS FROM COVE

Ardeacon Neville Blunt returned Sunday evening from Cove where he spent the past week assisting in the work of putting the Episcopal property in shape for the forthcoming district meeting in June. He was met at Pendleton by Mrs. Blunt and she accompanied him home.

### Fewer Motorized Units for Farm Work '44 Prospect

#### Farmers Warned to Take Best of Care Of All Machinery

Less trucks, tires and gasoline will be available to farmers as well as all other users, according to word given to members of county farm transportation committees, local rationing boards, farm organizations and county agents at a district meeting at Arlington Monday of this week.

E. C. Cherry of Portland branch office of defense transportation emphasized the need of closer cooperation between farm transportation committees, OPA boards and farmers in working out some of the problems that daily are becoming more critical.

Five thousand trucks are available at the present time for all civilian uses as compared to 700,000 sold in 1941. Cherry told the group. He added that the war production board has authorized production of 64,000 medium weight trucks and 24,000 heavy duty trucks which is very small in comparison to the requirements, which all shows how important it is that farmers keep their trucks in good repair and not misuse them by overloading. No new light trucks or pickups are available at the present time, according to information received at Monday's meeting and there has been no authorization for any at present.

Repair parts have presented a serious situation in many localities and maintenance members have recently been appointed to county farm transportation committees to work with the office of defense transportation in locating parts when emergencies arise and the farmer cannot locate the parts thru normal channels.

Gasoline will be given farmers for essential uses as long as there is gasoline available, according to Cherry, but there must be a close check kept on all uses and a patriotic attitude taken by the farmer to assure that such a privilege is not abused.

Overloading and excessive speeds were considered by the group to be the chief abuses of truck tires and suggested that an ODT representative be sent to the Columbia Basin area during harvest to check on tire and truck abuses.

### Seventeen Draftees Go for Examination

Seventeen prospective service men left Heppner Wednesday morning for Portland to take physical examinations for entrance into the several branches of Uncle Sam's armed forces. Included in the lot were two high school seniors, Herb Schunk and Walt Skuzeski.

Under the ruling recently made by the selective service authorities in Washington, local draft boards are commanded to reclassify all men between 18 and 26. No deferments will be granted except where the physical condition of the draftee must be taken into consideration. It is expected that a considerable number of recruits will be called up in the county by fall.

### FAMILY REUNION

A reunion of the Peterson family was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ture Peterson in Heppner, honoring the mother, Mrs. Ida Peterson. Those present represented the families residing in the county, other members living too distant to come at this time. Seated at the dinner table were the honored guest, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobyns and children, the Ture Peterson family and Miss Barbara Ledbetter, an invited guest.

### Primary Vote Will Be Light Despite Senatorial Races

Unless there is a deeper interest in the several contests than has been expressed, there will be a light vote in the Oregon primary election Friday. This is the opinion gathered by the press and is backed by the man on the street, the office worker, farmer and stockman—and even candidates for political office. Folks are either disinterested or are too busy to think about taking a little time off to go to the polls and do their duty as good American citizens.

Voters who do go to the polls have definite ideas about whom they will vote for and despite last minute pleas by candidates there will be little change in the general balloting. There has been no trend away from Sprague and Holman in the republican race and from what can be learned Smith is the favorite of Morrow county democrats.

Morrow county voters will cast their ballots at the following polling places:

South Heppner, courthouse; North Heppner, Peters building; Lexington, Oddfellows hall; Ione, Legion building; Boardman, grange hall; Irrigon, school house; Cecil, Hurst's store; Lena, schoolhouse; Eightmile, school house; Gooseberry, school house; Alpine, school house; Pine City, school house.

### P-TA NAMES COMMITTEE TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

C. D. Conrad was named chairman of a committee from the Heppner Parent Teacher association to award a scholarship to a graduate of the senior class who will take teacher training at one of the state colleges of education. This action was taken at the closing meeting of the year on May 10.

John Fuiten gave a talk on scouting and Mrs. Edna Turner discussed preparing children for the first grade.

Two Heppner seniors have been awarded scholarships. Loma Mae Jones received one of the La Grande Rotary club awards and will attend Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, majoring in teacher training. Marjorie Sims has been awarded a scholarship at Oregon State college.

### NEW PRINCIPAL-COACH

Supt. George Corwin announced today that Leonard L. Pate of Butte Neb. has been secured to serve as high school principal next year. Pate has been superintendent the past six years. He was a football, basketball, track and tennis letterman at the University of Nebraska and will serve as coach in the local school.

Pate, who is 38 years old, is a married man and has one child. He will instruct in science and mathematics.

### DEAN SPRINKEL MARRIED

Miss Mathilda E. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elling B. Anderson of Somes, Mont., and Dean R. Sprinkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Sprinkel of Heppner were married April 12 at Burien, Wash. After a short wedding trip to Portland the young couple returned to their work at the Boeing airplane factory where Mrs. Sprinkel has been employed for the past two years and Mr. Sprinkel the last three and a half years.

### LIBRARY HAS NEW SIGN

Heppner's library has a nice new sign for which Heppner Lumber company donated the lumber and then hired "Bud" Winters to do the painting.

Sans Souci Rebekah lodge will hold regular meeting Friday evening, May 19, according to Mrs. Della Davidson, noble grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sprinkel spent a few days in Portland with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sprinkel.

### Heppner to Play Host to Camp and Hospital Council

#### Group to Meet Here for Regular Monthly Business

An opportunity for Morrow county to learn at first hand what the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council is doing will be made available when the field directors and committee members of the group meet in Heppner June 2. An invitation was extended at the La Grande meeting by Mrs. Ralph Thompson, chairman of the Morrow county committee, and was accepted. Heppner is the smallest town in the district to be accorded this honor, Mrs. Thompson stated.

Arrangements have been made to hold the meeting in the Elks hall, where at 10 o'clock a.m. a business meeting with members of the Morrow county committee and the Red Cross board as special guests will be held in the ladies lounge. Guests for the day will include council officers, the Red Cross field directors from Pasco naval station, Pendleton Field, Walla Walla air base and McCaw army hospital. It is hoped that representatives from the ten other counties comprising the district also will be present.

At 2 o'clock p.m. a public meeting will be held in the Elks hall. A county-wide invitation has been extended for everyone interested to attend. Efforts are being made to schedule a speaker from McCaw hospital and to bring a few patients from there. An invitation also has been extended a navy nurse and a WAVES from the Pasco naval station.

### ALLSTOTT FAMILY PICNICS AT GROVE IN HERMISTON

Members of the R. D. Allstott family residing in Heppner drove to Hermiston Sunday and spent the day with their parents. A picnic was held in a grove near the Allstott residence where a bountiful dinner was spread.

Going from Heppner were Mrs. Robert Burnside and family and Mrs. Archie Padberg and family; from Hermiston were Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Spencer and children; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allstott Jr. and children; Mrs. Herman Carr and family; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bray and family, Mrs. Charles Wilcox and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allstott and family. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer of Stanfield.

Returning home the Heppner folks were caught in a hailstorm which for a time made them forget the pleasant day they spent with their relatives.

### MAKES SHORT VISIT

The John Healy family drove to Portland Sunday to see John, Jr. who is on leave from the navy. John accompanied the family home to spend a day here, leaving this morning for Portland enroute back to his base.

### POPPY DAY SET

Poppy days, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, will be held Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27 this year, according to Mrs. Harvey Bauman, president of the local group.

### RUHLS HAVE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruhl observed Mother's day with a special dinner for Mrs. Ruhl's mother, Mrs. Etta Hunt of Portland, and Mrs. Rosa Eskelson of Heppner in whose home Mr. Ruhl spent much of his boyhood.