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Crop Prospects in County Brightened By Heavy Rains

Inch Precipitation In One-half Hour Morgan Sees 1.3

Crop prospects in Morrow county brightened perceptibly the past few days and farmers now feel that with a fair break in the weather between now and cutting time there will be a good yield. Reports indicate that the heavy showers during the week have covered the county, giving grain and hay raisers comforting assurance and strengthening the grazing areas.

Morgan was visited by a cloud-burst which filled gullies to flood stage but created no damage other than to a little wheat lining the depressions. Elmer Griffith, precipitation recorder at Morgan, reports that 1.3 inches of rain fell in less than one-half hour Saturday evening. According to Wid Palmateer, in town Wednesday, the ground is thoroughly soaked in that vicinity and conditions are about right for a good crop.

From Gooseberry comes the report that since May 1 up to this morning a total of 2.59 inches has been recorded by V. L. Carlson. According to his chart 25 of an inch fell May 4, .09 May 10, .17 May 12, 1.05 May 13, .11 May 14, .19 May 15 and .73 May 16. Carlson's chart indicates that the nine months period, Sept. 1, 1944-May 17, 1945, is a little above the average with the prospect that the end of the fiscal year will show a considerable increase.

Recordings since Sept. 1944, with .39 of an inch, show the following results: October .98; November 1.23; December .79; January 1.25; February 1.63; March 1.96; April .77 and May 2.59, for a total of 11.54 inches.

Gooseberry is out ahead of Heppner, although conditions have not been altogether drouthy here. Up to noon Wednesday Len Gilliam had recorded 1.81 inches and Wednesday afternoon and evening showers may have raised the count to approximately two inches. An overcast sky this morning may mean more rain ere this article is in print.

Boy Scouts to Aid World Good Will Fund

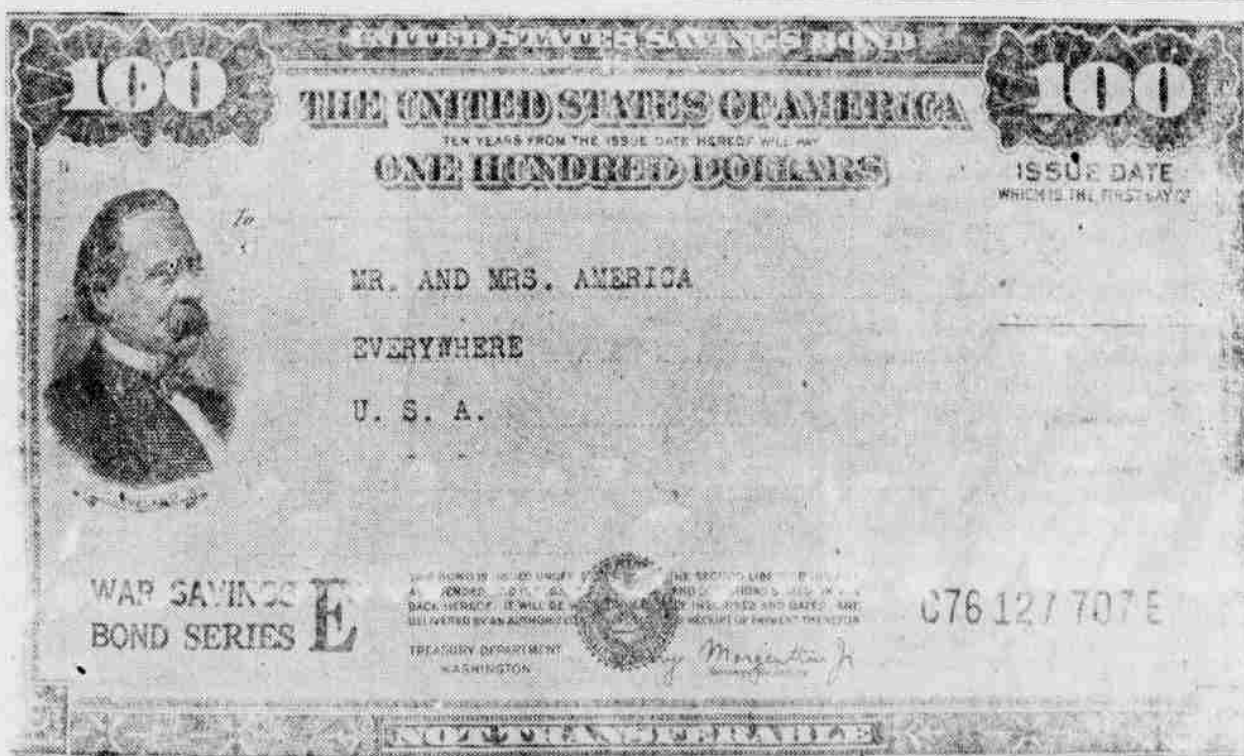
Boy members and adult leaders of the Blue Mountain council, Boy Scouts of America living in 13 counties in eastern Oregon and southeast Washington will contribute to a "World Friendship Fund" to help organize scouting in allied countries devastated by the war, it was announced today by R. D. McDermott, Scout executive.

Each Cub, Scout and leader who believes in the ideal of world Scout brotherhood will be given an opportunity to contribute personally whatever he wishes. In addition, troops and Cub packs will decide the method and extent of their participation.

The World Fellowship fund was launched by the national council of the Boy Scouts of America which has underwritten the cost of the promotion and administration.

PVT DOHERTY PROMOTED

With the A. A. F. Engineer Command in Italy—Pvt Lawrence P. Doherty, Lexington Ore., who is with a veteran aviation engineer unit building and maintaining the airbases for the 15th Air Force in Italy was recently promoted to private first class upon recommendation of his commanding officer for efficient performance of his duties as a soils analyst.



Good Neighbors Come to Aid of Stricken Family

If the good neighbor policy is a good thing to practice between nations, it is no less beneficial when exercised in behalf of individuals. That's the belief of residents of the Eightmile-Gooseberry area and all those affiliated with the Rhea Creek grange who gathered at the Henry Peterson home May 10 and gave a shower for the Frank Frates family.

Fire destroyed the Frates home, leaving the family destitute insofar as bedding, linens and other necessities difficult or impossible to buy at the present time are concerned. The good people of the Valby church and the Rhea Creek grange home economics club hastily got together a collection of bedding, clothing, towels, canned fruit and many other items and at the regular meeting of the home economics club presented the unfortunate family with enough supplies to enable them to carry on until they can acquire a new home.

Approximately 75 neighbors and friends attended the shower for which Mrs. Peterson assumed the responsibility of serving refreshments of pie and coffee. The ladies did their usual stint of Red Cross sewing during the afternoon.

Registration Books Close Wednesday

Voters who wish to express their wishes at the forthcoming special referendum election June 22 are advised that the registration books close Wednesday, May 23. This advice is given for the benefit of those who are not registered.

County Clerk C. W. Barlow states that his office will remain open straight through from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Wednesday to accommodate those who wish to register.

Mayor Asks That Trees Be Sprayed

S. Joe Devine has been prevailed upon to get out the old sprayer and spray our Elm trees. Everyone ed so as not to infest his neighbors' is urged to have their trees sprayed.

Make your reservations early with Mr. Devine that he may know how much work he will have to do and how much insecticide he will need to have on hand.

J. O. TURNER,
MAYOR

CHORUS PRACTICE CALLED

There will be rehearsal of the Women's Choral club Monday evening, same time, same place. This is due to the fact that the chorus will sing at the Star Theatre the next night.

George Hyatt of Pendleton was a guest Sunday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney.

Special Census of Town Being Taken

An official census of the population of Heppner is being taken this week by a corps of workers chosen by Harold F. Phillippe, manager of the accounting division in the office of the Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell. Phillippe was here the fore part of the week securing the census taking group and instructing them in their work. Chosen for the job were Mrs. Alva Jones, Mrs. Fred Parrish, Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mrs. Dick Wells and Miss Frances Egan.

The census is being taken under the terms of House Bill No. 15 introduced at the 1945 session of the legislature by Representative C. L. Lieuallen and now Chapter 122, Oregon Laws 1945, providing for taking of a census by the secretary of state at the request of the city council within 60 days after such a request. It is the desire of the Heppner city council to ascertain the present population in order to determine the amount of state-dispersed fees.

When such an official census for a city is established the population figure will be used as a basis for distributing liquor permit fees to incorporated cities, privilege tax revenues from liquor to cities and counties, and certain revenues out of the state highway fund to incorporated cities of the state. For 1944 the per capita payments to cities from these sources were approximately as follows: liquor permit fees, 476 per capita; privilege tax revenues, 198 per capita, and state highway fund, \$1,397 per capita.

To the People of this Community

You have a D-Day this week. You won't die, lose limbs, sight or mental faculties in battle. Your assignment is to buy extra War Bonds.

There have been many D-Days in this war. D-Day on the Normandy beaches, D-Day on Tarawa, D-Day on Guadalcanal, D-Day on Iwo Jima, D-Day on Okinawa.

What is it like for your sons, brothers, husbands, friends facing a D-Day in the battle zones? It's prayer and nervousness, nightmarish tension and thoughts of home.

What's it like for you facing another home front D-Day? You are the only person who can answer this question. No matter what the final story is in this community, you will not have met your responsibility unless you have bought more bonds than ever before in a war loan. The opening of the mighty 7th War Loan is an opportunity to rededicate yourself to the task of nailing down the victory.

THE EDITOR

Lexington and Lone Stores Figure in Deals of the Week

Deals completed and under negotiation this week find two stores of the county changing hands. Completed is the transaction made by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael who sold their grocery store to Clifford Yarnell. The store is located in Lexington and all parties to the deal are residents of that town. The store has been under lease to W. H. Burrell for the past year and he will continue to operate the business until July 1.

Down Lone way the people are going to miss Bert Mason along Main street after the first of July. After 47 years of merchandising in the little wheat city he has decided to retire from the field. He and "Cot" Swanson are winding up details whereby Swanson will become the owner of the old established mercantile business. Mason is now busy marking stock for a closing out sale, announcement of which will be forthcoming soon, he states. Swanson will install his lockers in the Mason building, adding considerable volume to the business not possible in his present quarters.

Canning Sugar Blanks Available at OPA

Applications for canning sugar are available to anyone wishing them. They may be obtained in person or by card, according to the local OPA office. However, blanks are scarce, and applicants are advised to fill them out completely and in detail so they may be processed by the board.

Applicants should allow one week's leeway after filing blanks for the board to run them through. Residence fuel oil applications will be out within the next week or ten days. These should be filled out completely and returned to the local board within seven days.

Volunteer help is serving at the desk at the OPA office which is facilitating the handling of applications.

AWARDED D F C

A U. S. Ninth Air Force Bomber base, Belgium—For extraordinary achievement in action during a raid on an important Nazi target on Jan. 14, 1945, 2nd Lt. Raymond F. Batty, bombardier-navigator with the crack 391st "Black Death" B-26 Marauder group, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lt. Batty was formally presented with the award by Major General Samuel E. Anderson, commanding general of the Ninth Bombardment division, during a special ceremony held at an air strip somewhere in France.

ON LEAVE

Home on leave to visit his parents is Robert Buchanan, son of Charles Buchanan of Lexington. Robert is a member of the Seabees.

Speed War's End Objective of Mighty Seventh War Loan

More People Buying Bonds Theme of Current Campaign

Shortening of the conflict with Japan is in the minds of the war finance committee in launching the campaign to put over the mighty 7th War loan. Every effort of those in charge of putting the drive over will be directed towards getting more people to buy more bonds, as it is felt that the more strength shown in backing the war effort at home the more determination to wipe out Japanese opposition will be exercised by our fighting forces.

Local war finance officials are pleading with the people to make their purchases early—not to hang back to see whether or not the loan is going over but get busy and buy now to assure that the quota will be reached before the closing day of the campaign. When it is remembered that \$14,000,000,000 is to be raised and that one-half of that amount must be taken in E bonds there is little time to wait and see how the other fellow is meeting his share. It will be up to each and every individual to buy more than has been the practice in the past.

To help boost individual sales, the Star theatre has scheduled a war bond premiere for Tuesday evening, May 22. The show starts at 7:30 p. m. and includes along with the regularly scheduled film showing, some local talent, and two boys from McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla will be featured in musical numbers and a talk. The Heppner Women's Choral club will sing several numbers and the director, Mrs. O. G. Crawford, will lead the audience in community singing. Staff Sgt Willie Woolridge (colored) will sing and Cpl Eugene Lien, paratrooper, will give some of his experiences. In addition there will be prizes for some of the lucky bond purchasers who get their names in the Victory Barrel by attending the premiere.

The film offering is a Lum and Abner production, "Goin' to Town." These purveyors of rustic mirth are among the most popular comedians playing to Star customers and the management considers it a privilege to offer this hit film to bond buyers. Ask for your theater admission ticket where you purchase your war bond. Admission to this program is limited to bond purchasers only.

At 2 p. m. Saturday, May 26, a children's war bond and stamp matinee will be held at the Star. The entire program is being arranged especially for the enjoyment of the juvenile citizens who are backing the war effort with their purchases of war bonds and stamps. A ticket will not be necessary for admission but the children must show their war bonds or stamps at the theater door when they attend the matinee. National free movie night will be June 6, the first anniversary of D-Day, the program for which will be announced in the June theater calendar.

CALLED TO MT. VERNON

Mrs. F. W. Turner and Mrs. Anna Bayless were called to Mt. Vernon today by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Lewis Morris. Mr. and Mrs. O. Wendell Herbison took them over.

Joe Hughes Sr. is able to be out again after a three-weeks siege with an intestinal infection.