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Crop Prospects in County Brightened By Heavy Rainfall

Heppner Receives 15.64 Inches and Gooseberry 14.95

Crop prospects in Morrow county were heightened considerably by favorable weather conditions in the last months of 1945. Generous rains in November and December just about provided a guarantee for 1945 grain and grazing production. Figures submitted by Len Gilliam, Heppner and V. L. Carlson, Gooseberry show a decided improvement over precipitation in 1944, when the total recorded at both stations was less than 10 inches.

In Heppner the gauge registered a total of 15.64 inches. There was rainfall every month in 1945, the chart showing the following figures: January 1.63; February 1.72; March 1.78; April .87; May 2.74; June .25; July .12; August .08; September 1.26; October .51; November 2.55 and December 2.13.

Carlson's gauge reveals a total of 14.95 inches, divided over the year as follows: January 1.25; February 1.63; March 1.96; April .77; May 3.13; June .16; July none; August .39; September 1.09; October .58; November 2.15; December 1.84. Precipitation in Gooseberry was .02 more in 1944 than that recorded in Heppner, the former totaling 9.58 and the latter 9.56. The difference in Heppner's favor this year was .69 of an inch.

Precipitation figures since 1939, when moisture hit a low of 7.81 inches, give good evidence for improved crop conditions. In 1940 the local recording was 15.62; 1941 17.31; 1942 19.23; 1943, 12.03; 1944, 9.56 (rather poor), and now another good year in 1945—15.64.

Farmers reporting from different sections of the county feel satisfied with crop prospects at present. The recent cold snap scarcely checked the growing fall grain and since the break-up there has been a noticeable growth.

JOEL JONES DROWNED AT OREGON CITY

Joel, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Robert Jones, was drowned Saturday at Oregon City. He was playing with another boy and they were engaged in throwing planks into a little stream. One of the planks apparently struck him on the head and he was precipitated into the water. The body was recovered Tuesday but up to a late hour funeral arrangements had not been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, great-uncle and aunt, and Mrs. Rose Benton, grandmother of the little boy, left for Oregon City immediately upon receiving news of the little fellow's death.

LIBRARY OPEN

Library service has been re-established at the Heppner library following a closed period due to smoke damage. A story-telling hour for children will be started at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 12. Lois Key has charge of this. It will be held at the library and all children are invited to come.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lena Pettyjohn Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker of Stanfield; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bell and land and Mrs. C. H. Latourell of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell of Port-Cascade Locks.

Newt O'Harra reports that he has just received a car of fine purebred young cows which were shipped to him from La Grande.

Bureau Schedules Lexington Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Morrow county farm bureau will be held at 8 p. m. Monday, Jan. 7 at the Lexington grange hall.

Announcement is made that Ray Kent of the Pendleton soil conservation office will be the speaker of the evening, using some phase of the work as practiced in this area for the subject. Bureau officials are hopeful that Lowell Steen, president of the state farm bureau federation and Sam Hunter, organizer will be on hand to make a report on the recent national convention held in Chicago.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Woolgrowers Aux Cancels Meeting

A meeting of the Woolgrowers auxiliary scheduled for Friday of this week has been canceled, it was announced Wednesday. Illness of members was given as reason for calling off the meeting.

Mrs. Stephen Thompson has been named delegate and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney alternate to the state convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary to be held in Pendleton Jan. 9, 10, 11. Several growers and members of the auxiliary are planning to attend.

GAME COMMISSION HEARING

The annual hearing of the Oregon State Game commission with reference to angling regulations will be held at ten o'clock, Saturday morning, Jan. 12, 1946, at its offices in 616 Oregon Building, Portland.

Consideration at that time will be given to seasons, bag limits and other regulations affecting the taking of game fish for the ensuing year.

The hearing is open to the public.

SPECIAL LODGE MEETING

Members of Heppner lodge No. 69, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will be interested to learn that a special meeting of the lodge will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 5 at which time the traveling gavel will be here. Loyal Parker, worshipful master is urging the membership to bear this in mind and be on hand.

Shrine Club Elects Officers for 1946

At its annual meeting, held in the Masonic hall on New Year's day, the Morrow County Shrine club re-elected Blaine Isom president for the ensuing year; put Dave Lemon of Arlington in as vice president and Harley Anderson, secretary-treasurer. A buffet supper was served in the lodge dining room for Shrine members and their wives.

Wives of the members played cards and chinese checkers at the Isom home. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mrs. Rodney Wentworth and Mrs. William Barkla.

The women decided to organize an auxiliary to the Shrine club and elected Mrs. Isom president, Mrs. Harley Anderson vice president and Mrs. Wilkinson secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

Out of town members and wives attending included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Oden Hawes, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. William Seehafer Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wentworth and Mrs. Noel Dobyns, Ione.

GETS NEW FORD

It may be irrelevant to ask where a dentist gets his pull, but Doc Lawrence sure has one. He's sporting a new Ford car, the first one we've seen around these diggin's, except Clarence Rosewall's demonstrator.

Director Election Slated for Monday By Heppner C. of C.

Election of directors to serve for the next two years will be the order of business at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday noon at the Lucas Place. Nominations were made at last Monday's meeting and will be opened again prior to taking of ballots Jan. 7. Placed in nomination Monday were P. W. Mahoney, Jack O'Connor, L. E. Dick, B. C. Pinckney, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Loyal Parker and C. W. Barlow. Mr. Barlow declined.

Five directors will be elected to serve with five holdovers whose terms run for another year. Officers are chosen from the list of directors and this will be done at the first meeting of the group after the election.

B. C. Pinckney volunteered to act as chairman for the forthcoming clothing drive. This duty has fallen on the shoulders of Mayor J. O. Turner since the drives started and Pinckney said he thought it about time to relieve the mayor of this thankless task.

Sheriff Proves to Be Effective Witness; Accused Collapses

It isn't often that anything tragic or dramatic occurs in a justice of the peace court and when it does it's news. And that's why officials and others attending a hearing in Justice J. O. Hager's court Monday morning are finding a bit of pleasure in ribbing Sheriff Pat Mollahan.

Pat was giving testimony at the hearing of Delbert Raymond Cline on a vagrancy charge and just as the genial sheriff finished Cline collapsed. That stopped the hearing for the time being and the case will be completed Friday. If Pat is called to the witness stand again it is to be hoped the accused man will bear up better.

LENA MARGARET PETTYJOHN

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday at the Heppner Church of Christ for Lena Margaret Pettyjohn, 47 who passed away Sunday evening, Dec. 30, 1945, at Pendleton. Wendell Heribson, pastor officiated and arrangements were in charge of the Phelps Funeral home. Mrs. Pettyjohn had gone to Pendleton to submit to an operation and died suddenly.

Lena Margaret Bell was born Jan. 26, 1898 at Troutdale Oregon and came to Morrow county in 1922. She is survived by one son, Armin Wihlon of Lexington, three stepsons, Avin Pettyjohn, U. S. Navy; Alton Pettyjohn, Lodi Calif. and Ray Pettyjohn of Portland; her father, Ulysses G. Bell, National City, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. C. H. Latourell of Cascade Locks; six brothers, Frank Bell, Corbett; Byron, Walter and Charles of Portland, Percy, San Francisco, and Chester, San Jose, and three grandchildren.

BUYS IONE PROPERTY

Mrs. Cora Burroughs who recently sold her Rhea creek ranch to Earl McKinney, has purchased the Salter place in Ione and will take up residence there about the first of February. She is remaining on the ranch to dispose of personal property advertisement of which will be found on another page in this issue of the Gazette Times.

REGULAR MEETING OF PTA

Heppner PTA will meet at 8 p. m. Jan. 9 in the music room at the school house. Mrs. Marie Clarey is chairman of the meeting. Judge Bert Johnson will speak on citizenship and Mrs. Robert Walker will be the soloist. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Sale of Curran's Store Pending

Sale of Curran's Ladies Ready-to-Wear store is expected to be completed this week-end, according to Mrs. Agnes Curran, owner, and Mrs. Nellie Anderson, one of the purchasers. Final details are being worked out and the deal will be closed in a day or two the women stated.

Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Ella C. Wilson of Rapid City, South Dakota, is joining her in the purchase of the business and will come to Heppner later to assist in managing it.

A more complete report on the transaction will be made next week. Mrs. Anderson took over today but Mrs. Curran will remain temporarily to straighten up her affairs.

BAUMAN LEAVING NAVY; HOME IN FEW DAYS

C. J. D. Bauman, CSPS, of the United States navy, has notified his wife that he is about to close his contract with Uncle Sam and that he is now in San Francisco enroute home. He has received his discharge, or will receive it within the week and will meet Mrs. Bauman in Portland in a few days.

This news comes as a surprise to family and friends. Early in the fall Bauman signed up for a two-year hitch in Japan and sailed for the land of cherry blossoms and geisha girls to do his part in keeping order. Although his period of service abroad has been brief, it doubtless has served to satisfy his ambition to be a water sailor as well as one of the dry land variety.

RETURN FROM KANSAS

The Lloyd Burkenbine family returned to Heppner Sunday evening after an extended visit in Palco, Kan. with Mrs. Burkenbine's people. They chose the southern route for the return trip crossing Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and parts of Nevada and California. Lloyd has returned to his former job with the Rosewall Motor company which he left during the war to help his mother run the Heppner Market.

TIMBER CRUISERS HERE

Glen Parsons, forest service cruiser, is working in the local office of the USFS completing maps of surveys made the past few months. An area of approximately 125,000 acres of timber land has been cruised and the work of tracing all this onto maps will involve many days of patient effort.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Turner and Mrs. Fred Allison of Portland spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Turner's and Mrs. Allison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Turner.

No Slowdown in Fight Against Polio Truman Declares

"There can be no slow down in the fight against disease," President Truman has declared, as he pledged his cooperation in the annual March of Dimes campaign for funds to combat infantile paralysis, now under way throughout the country. "Our victories abroad must be followed by a victory on the home front against this common enemy of all mankind," the president continued. "I am certain that no American can fail to respond to such a challenge."

"For years I have followed with sympathetic interest the important work of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis founded by it has given new hope to countless sufferers from poliomyelitis and that it has restored thousands of men, women and children to active lives in the community."

Brief Wild Ride In 'Borrowed' Car Results in Wreck

Billy French In Hospital and Auto Badly Damaged

Billy French, Heppner youth is in a Pendleton hospital with a fractured leg and other injuries and the Pontiac car belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Don Heliker of Ione is in a sad state following a brief ride French took in the car New Year's eve.

The Helikers were attending the New Year party at the Eks hall and had left their car parked on the street near the building. French decided to take a ride and appropriated the Helker car. He started out the Heppner-Pendleton highway and evidently was running at high rate of speed, for when he hit the "deadman" curve shortly west of the Sand Hollow road the car left the road, upended once and apparently turned over two or three times, finally landing on its left side just off the highway after tearing down a section of fence. The right door of the car was hurled approximately 100 feet over into the Cohn alfalfa field; the gas tank was torn loose and other parts were scattered about but not one tire was materially injured.

French was brought to town where physicians cleaned him up and made him ready for trip by ambulance to the hospital at Pendleton. He stated that when the car came to a stop he climbed out but fainted when he reached the ground. Some young men coming to town picked him up and brought him in.

The youth gave no motive other than he decided to take a ride.

Although he suffered a badly fractured leg, it is stated that injury to one of his hands may be permanent inasmuch as efforts to tie severed ligaments have proved unavailing.

Forest Service Trying Experiment to Prove Range Over-grazed

For some time the forest service has contended that winter pasture for the wildlife, namely deer and elk, has been overstocked, but says so has not convinced the Oregon State Game Commission that such is the case. To prove the correctness of their contention, members of the Heppner district of the forest service are conducting an experiment which they think will carry some weight with the game commission.

At one point two acres have been fenced in with an eight-foot fence composed of poles three to five inches thick. This tract will not be grazed by animals. At another point six acres have been enclosed with a three-foot fence, sufficient to keep sheep out but permit deer and elk to enter. By this means it is hoped to determine how closely the vegetation is cropped by the wildlife and it is expected to bear out the contention that there is insufficient pasturage for the number of animals grazing the area.

For several years the forest service has observed death from starvation among the deer and elk in the area. The animals do fairly well throughout summer on the higher hills but when they move to the southern slopes in the fall there is not enough growth for them to exist through a long winter, with the result that a great many perish. It is to prevent this loss that the service is trying to get some assistance in shifting the animals to different areas and take some of the load off of the district most affected.