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Rains of Past Week Bring Smiles to Faces of Farmers

Crop Situation in County Shows Big Improvement

Bountiful showers of rain quite well distributed over the grain and grazing areas of the county the past week have improved the crop situation materially and shortened farmers' faces perceptibly. They were timely rains, for the rainless days of April and the fore part of May were taking their toll of stored moisture and creating much doubt about the yield.

Precipitation recorded for the week in Heppner amounted to 1.70 inches. Part of this was the result of a heavy thunder shower that seemed to be more or less localized, but other districts were visited by lighter showers which brought relief to the thirsty grain.

Leonard Carlson Gooseberry weather observer, reports that from Thursday to Monday 1.40 inches fell in that area and that crops are looking good.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarship awards made to graduates at the commencement exercises Friday evening included the following: Valedictorian, Betty Lovgren; salutatorian, Colleen Miller; honor plaque for all round citizenship and scholarship, Betty Lovgren; activities, Colleen Miller; Carolyn Bergstrom, citizenship, and Robert Van Schoiack, student body president.

Ethel Thompson, Veteran of World War II, Passes

Death came to Ethel Thompson, 41, Saturday, May 25 at the Veterans hospital in Portland after an illness of several months. The body was brought to Heppner and services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, May 29, from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel, O. Wendell Herbison officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Miss Thompson was born October 1, 1905, in Heppner the daughter of George W. and Annie T. Thompson. She received her common school education in the local schools and graduated from a nursing school in 1925. While working as head nurse she entered the army nursing corps three years ago and spent two years in overseas service where she attained the rank of captain. One year was spent with the Persian Gulf command, the other in France and Germany. She was awarded the European, African and Middle Eastern service medal, the World War II Victory medal and the Asiatic-Pacific medal.

Surviving besides the parents are three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Jackson, Weiser, Ida, Mrs. Nellie Jackson and Mrs. Lena Queen, Milton, and a brother, George Thompson, of Pendleton.

Mrs. Agnes Curran is enjoying a visit this week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grant of Santa Monica, Calif. who are here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farrans, Mrs. C. H. McDaniel and Mrs. Walter Wright spent a week in southern Oregon where they were delegates from the Hardman I. O. O. F. and Rebekah lodges to the state assembly at Medford. They returned home the first of the week.

W. P. Luttrell of Hermiston was a visitor in the county Tuesday, calling on friends at Lexington and Heppner.

'Twas Fun While It Lasted But Judge Got The Last Laugh

Two young fellers, lacking anything else to amuse themselves, gained entrance to the rear of the Aiken building, overhead, that is and wended their way to the front end where for some little time they amused themselves by tossing bits of concrete on the heads of passersby. Some of those on the receiving end of the playful little game complained to Henry Aiken who in turn complained to the authorities and said authorities went out and rounded up Irving Greener and Alex Ulrich and halted them before His Honor Judge Hager, who sometimes fails to see the humor in such situations, and in this particular instance showed his appreciation of a good joke by placing Greener under \$100 bail to appear at a later date to plead his case, and Ulrich was permitted to go to work to raise \$30 and costs to clear his slate with the law.

Two young men, James A. and Walter Clark of Adams, are being held at the county jail in lieu of \$500 bonds each on a charge of robbery by force and violence not armed with a dangerous weapon. Some time since the Clarks were hired by James Doherty at Pendleton to bring him to Heppner for a consideration of \$15. The boys state that when the summit of the Franklin grade was reached Doherty decided he would not pay them and they proceeded to beat him up and collect on their own account, driving off and leaving him. They were picked up later and brought to Heppner for hearing and Judge Sweek, after hearing their plea of guilty, remanded them to jail until he can return at a later date to dispose of the case.

Stage All Set For Achievement Day

The stage is all set and waiting for the curtain to rise at 8 o'clock Friday morning on the annual 4-H club achievement day. Programs have been distributed to leaders and club members and the public has been invited to attend.

Club leaders will set up the exhibits at 8 a. m. and at 2 p. m. Miss Jennie Marie Warren, home demonstration agent in Umatilla county will do the judging. Saturday will be the real day for the club children and a feature of the day's program will be a picnic lunch at the fair pavilion grounds, followed by the achievement day program.

The event is being held at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church.

HERBISON FAMILY LEAVING FOR INDIANA WEDNESDAY

O. Wendell Herbison, who has been pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ the past three years, will depart with his family Wednesday for New Lisbon, Ind. where he has taken a pastorate while attending a Bible university in Indianapolis.

Churches of the town have been invited to join with the Church of Christ in a pot luck dinner in the church basement following regular services Sunday morning as a farewell to the Herbisons.

Mrs. Marvin Wightman returned home Sunday after an absence of several months recuperating from the effects of an operation last fall. She has been at the home of a sister in Brookings.

Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr. and small daughter left for Minneapolis where she will visit several weeks. She accompanied her mother and sister who had been guests at the McCurdy home here.

Death Summons Charles A. Minor, Pioneer of County

Former Stockman Expires Suddenly At The Dalles

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday from the helps Funeral Home chapel for C. A. Minor, 79, who passed away Sunday at The Dalles. O. Wendell Herbison officiated and Mrs. C. C. Dunham presided at the piano and sang. Interment was made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Minor's passing was sudden and came without warning. It appears he had taken his car to a service station for some repairs and while the workmen were busy he went out for a paper. Returning he entered the car to read and expired shortly.

Charles Arthur Minor was born August 13, 1867 at Gervais, Ore. His parents moved to this section when it was new and were among the older pioneers of the county. As a young man he was engaged in the mercantile business with his father and brother Oscar and in later years entered the stock business. He operated what was known as the Hamilton ranch on upper Rhea creek and combined this with other holdings which made him an extensive operator. Disposing of the ranch and stock business to the late R. A. Thompson, Mr. Minor engaged in real estate and insurance business in Heppner and after selling this to F. W. Turer moved to Mt. Vernon where he again engaged in the mercantile business. After operating this a few years he retired and since had spent his time in a leisurely manner, hunting and fishing in season and visiting at the home of his children. He greatly enjoyed the outdoor life and for many years maintained camp sites and equipment for camping at favorite fishing and hunting areas.

Survivors include one son, Ellis Minor of The Dalles, one daughter Mrs. Blanche Brady of John Day, three sisters, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Mrs. Will Potter and Mrs. Ada Irwin, all of Portland, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Heppner and the Latter Day Saints church.

Two Men Injured When Car Upsets

Elwayne Peck of Lexington and a companion, a young man from Condon working with a road construction crew in the county, were seriously injured Sunday night when their car upset on the cut-off highway north of Echo. Peck received a fractured bone in his neck, as well as serious bruises and his companion suffered a broken leg. Both men are in the Hermiston hospital where they are recovering.

Peck was thrown from the car in one of the four or five revolutions the machine made. His companion was driving when the accident happened. Joe Aiken, Heppner postmaster, who was coming from Pendleton shortly after the accident, found the men and took them to Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward are spending a few days in the old home town this week. They have been on a trip to Klamath Falls and Lakeview and came by this way on their return to Portland.

Walt Eubanks, Arlington realtor, was transacting business in Heppner Monday.

24 Cars of Sheep Shipped on Special Train Wednesday

Twenty-four carloads of Morrow county sheep started on their way to market or distant range Wednesday when a special train left the Heppner yards for points east. Ten cars were filled with the Hugh Smith sheep, which were bought by A. S. Boyd of Baker and were shipped to that point. Harold Cohn had 12 cars which were headed farther east, as were two cars shipped by Jimmie Farley.

Shipments are light from Heppner and the branch these days since numerous flockmasters are retiring from the business. A county that once boasted of around 250,000 head of sheep now has approximately one-fifth that number and it is rumored that even more sheep men contemplate quitting the business due to the labor situation. Those remaining in business are cutting their flocks down to a family operation basis and it is possible that in future years special sheep trains out of here in the spring will be rare.

Farmers Approve REA Measure in Tuesday Meeting

Standing room was at a premium Tuesday when farmers of the district gathered at the court house in Heppner to attend the special meeting called for the purpose of approving or disapproving changes in the by laws of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative whereby the Rural Electrification Administration may loan funds for construction of new lines. It was estimated that upwards of 200 people tried to jam into the court room where officials of the cooperative and representatives of the REA explained the objects of the meeting and the ultimate plans for formulation for this area.

A. D. Ellison, field man for region 9 of the REA, was present to assist in conducting the voting to lend advice when asked for. Also present was Robert Welty, construction engineer, who now has the go-ahead for securing materials and workmen in building the lines and sub-stations.

LEGION AUXILIARY HAS SUCCESSFUL POPPY SALE

One of the most successful poppy sales conducted by the American Legion auxiliary was concluded the past week and the unit has expressed thanks to all who contributed to the sale.

According to Mrs. W. H. Kehrli, Portland, department poppy chairman, 40,000 poppies have been made this year by patients in veterans hospitals in Portland and Roseburg. The men who make the poppies, she says, are all hospitalized veterans who are paid for their work. The units pay from their own treasuries for the poppies and the women who sell them are all volunteers. The entire proceeds from the sale are placed in a restricted fund which is used only for rehabilitation work among the veterans and welfare work for their families.

Awards to the winners of the essay contest on American citizenship conducted by the unit were presented by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers at grammar school graduation exercises to Colleen Connor, Betty Jean Graves, Gerald Bergstrom and Jimmie Orwick.

Next meeting of the auxiliary will be at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday June 4 at the home of Mrs. C. P. Brown on North Court street, with Mrs. W. A. Blake and Mrs. Louise King hostesses.

Business Changes Feature Activity Along Main Street

Bakery, Grocery, Service Station Figure in Deals

Business changes affecting at least three places along Main street have been announced this week and one other place is being offered for sale.

First change reported was the sale of the Heppner Bakery by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders. The purchasers are C. E. Aalberg and R. C. Wiren of Portland, who are already on the job and will take over complete operation June 1.

Next came announcement by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston that they will close out their grocery business, selling off all present stocks and giving up the location in the Case building by July 1. The sale is on and many lines are depleted.

About the same time the Hustons announcement was made, Fidelis Unrein, recent operator of the Richfield service station, stated that he had purchased the Delameter building on Chase street and that he will open up a service station and machine shop within a short time. Equipment was moved from the Richfield corner Wednesday and Unrein is starting immediately to install additional features which will place him in position to offer one-stop service to cars and trucks.

One of Heppner's youngest businesses and one of the fastest growing as well, is being offered for sale by the proprietor, Mrs. Edwin Dick Jr. When Mrs. Dick started a florist shop last year little did she think the business would grow to such proportions. It has reached the point where she must give her full time to it, something she feels she cannot do. Consequently she is offering it for sale. When she vacates the Peters building it is understood Harry O'Donnell plans to reopen his pastime in that location.

Hill & Parker's new room is undergoing the finishing touches and the Heppner Hardware & Electric company will move in about July 1. Shortage of wiring and other materials has delayed completion of the room.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders, who have operated the Heppner Bakery for the past six years, plan to take life easy for a while. They will go first to Shelton, Wash. to visit their son Paul and later will go back to their native heath in the south to look things over. They had not contemplated leaving Heppner but with supplies being what they are, especially sugar, they decided to let it go. Mr. Aalberg, the baker of the new partnership, is an ex-service man and as such will be able to obtain a more ample supply of sugar.

The new baker exhibited a sample of his art in the baking and decorating of the cake for the Howell-McLaughlin nuptials Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston opened their grocery store in its present location on August 30, 1930, making nearly 16 years that they have served the public at that spot. The postoffice occupied the north room of the building and Peterson's jewelry store was on the south side of the grocery. When these tenants moved up the street the Hustons remained at the old stand and they have prospered. They had expected to remain there until ready to retire but a change in the landlord's plans moved that schedule up a little. This was due to the fact that a hardware con-

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