

Rumors of Storm Damage Appear To Be Without Fact

Spray and Kinzua Stories Unverified In Official Circles

It may have been the 90-plus degree heat, but for some reason numerous stories were circulated Wednesday morning relative to damage done by Tuesday evening's electrical storm, which passed over Morrow county shortly before sundown. Up to press time nothing has been reported regarding damage incurred in the county but there were reports of severe damage at both Spray and Kinzua—reports that could not be verified by telephone as late as 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A report reached Heppner early Wednesday morning that the town of Spray had been all but erased from the map. A little following up on the yarn revealed that the flash storm had washed out a culvert bridge above the town and made it necessary for travelers on the John Day highway to make a short detour. Nothing was known by this source of information about a washout at Spray.

Later in the day it was reported that Kinzua had again been hard hit by a flash storm, but this also lacked confirmation. Nothing could be verified in Condon regarding Kinzua's plight and the local forest office was without information about damage to plant or railroad.

Another story relative to a slide on the Columbia River highway somewhere between Arlington and The Dalles also appears to have been the figment of someone's imagination, inasmuch as two traveling salesmen who visited Heppner Wednesday afternoon stated they had traveled that portion of the highway in the forenoon and encountered no blockade or anything that looked like a slide.

Tuesday evening's storm resolved mostly into a dust storm accompanied by lightning and thunder so far as this part of the region was concerned. It rained in Heppner and surrounding country, although at lone there was nothing more than a sprinkle, residents report.

The storm brought a respite from the heat wave that had most of the northwest in its grip and which forced the thermometer up to 95 degrees in Heppner. Temperatures ranged from five to eight degrees lower on Wednesday. The change removed some of the worry that grain might be shriveled, thus cutting down what is expected to be the greatest yield in the history of the county.

GOING TO SCHOOL

Tom Wells is leaving this evening for Elkhart, Ind., where he will take a seven months training course in sales, service and repairing of band instruments in the famous C. C. Conn factory. Tom says he studied numerous fields and decided upon this course as one offering an opportunity to engage in a service where there is a shortage of trained operators. Mrs. Wells will remain home for the time being and hopes to join her husband for a few months in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bucknum and Mrs. Fay Bucknum motored to Pendleton Thursday to spend the day shopping and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles and daughter, Connie, will leave the end of the week to spend the Fourth of July holiday with relatives.

Bull's Picture In Oregonian Recalls Famous Shorthorns of Earlier Day

When the picture editor of the Oregonian wrote the caption for the picture showing flood water damage to the commission building in the Portland Union Stock Yards in Monday's paper he could not have known the story back of the picture on the wall—that of Golden Goods. To the casual reader it probably is a likeness of an extra fine animal, otherwise the picture would not be gracing the walls of an institution that deals in livestock.

To older residents of Heppner it recalls the days when the Mountain Valley Stock Farm was something to be spelled in capital letters, yes, the west and the middle west, too, for the fame of the W. O. Minor Shorthorns was all but nationwide. And the Mountain Valley Stock Farm, now the Frank S. Parker place, was the home of Golden Goods.

Mr. Minor was one of the pioneer Shorthorn breeders of the northwest. Neither distance nor price stopped him when he found an animal he felt he needed to improve his herd. So it was that while attending a national show he bought the prize-winning Golden Goods, paying \$3500 for the

Morrow County In Second Place In Security Loan Drive

Although there has been no noise or fanfare, and the public at large has scarcely been conscious of it, the fact remains that people have been heeding the call for funds in the current security loan drive. This fact is brought to light in a letter mailed to the public this week by Mrs. Oscar George, chairman of the campaign in Morrow county.

According to Mrs. George this county is now second among the counties of the state—a surprising bit of news, since, as related before, there has been no concerted effort to get investors to buy, simply leaving it up to them to decide whether or not national security is worth putting aside a substantial savings for a few years, savings that will draw a rate of interest, too.

It will be recalled that Morrow county enjoyed more than one "first" in the war years, firsts in which we led Oregon and Oregon led the country. "Let's continue leading the nation!" says Mrs. George, who points out in the following paragraph why investment in the security loan is not only a good thing but a wise step.

"The mighty Columbia in recent weeks has very emphatically made all of us mindful of the necessity for some reserve to fall back upon in emergency, whether that emergency be disaster similar to the floods of the past month or some hazard peculiar to the individual's particular business or welfare—crop failure, illness—it could be many things. What better 'nest-egg' than United States Savings Bonds?"

Outdoor Ceremony Witnessed By Many Relatives, Friends

Seventy-five guests gathered at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson Saturday to attend the wedding of their daughter, Rose Marie, to Mr. Ray Patterson, son of the late George Patterson.

It was an out-of-doors wedding with baskets of stamens and flowers grouped in front of a large green shrub to form the setting. Many baskets of roses adorned the living rooms.

Proceeding the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien using the double ring, Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr. sang of Handel's "Because" and Bond's "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Charles Ruggles accompanied her and played the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her cousin, Eunice Keithley, who wore a pink marquisette floor length dress and carried a nosegay. Elmer Palmer, brother-in-law of the groom, acted as best man.

The bride was attired in a beautiful blue chiffon gown with insertion trim. Her veil, of blue illusion edged with lace applique, was held in place with a coronet of blue orange blossoms and was of fingertip length. She carried pink roses en shower.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held with much visiting between friends and neighbors. Assisting were Mrs. Harold Becket and Mrs. Elmer Palmer at the tea table. Mrs. Howard Keithley and Mrs. Blaine Isom cut and served the beautiful wedding cake which was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. Emma Evans served the punch. Others helping with the serving were Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Walter Becket and Connie Ruggles. Dolores Keithley

American Forest Area Reduced From 822 to 44 Million Acres in 300 Years

When the Pilgrims landed on American shores in 1620, the total area of virgin forest in the 48 states was approximately 822 million acres. Large areas of forest had to be cleared for farming and for the establishment of towns and cities. Billions of board feet of lumber were needed to build the homes and industries of a growing nation.

The area of virgin timber is now about 44 million acres—practically all of it in the western states. Homesteading and development of new agricultural sections are no longer going on extensively. Fires and insects have and are still contributing to the drain. The forest service is pleading for everyone to be careful with fire—don't throw away any burning material or leave a forest fire burning.

On July 1 the following fire laws become effective:

a. Permits are required to build campfires. These permits can be obtained at the forest office or any guard or lookout station in the mountains.

b. No smoking while traveling. Numerous fires are annually caused in Oregon and Washington by "flipping" cigarettes. Smoking is not prohibited if the individual will stop, use an ash tray or sit down and smoke over a prepared spot free of litter or duff. Be sure that last spark is out!

Heppner Rangers Tie Walla Walla In Sports Events

Heppner ranger district again received the competitive events award given to the winning district at the annual guard training school. In 1945 the Umatilla national forest adopted a competitive events program to increase the interest in guard training school. Included in this program is a baseball game, pulaski chopping contest, log sawing, fire-pack race, compass course, pacing, and a quiz contest. Five points are awarded to the district that wins the baseball game, chopping, sawing, and fire-pack race while ten points are awarded for the compass pacing, and quiz contest.

Competition was very keen at the 1948 training camp with Walla Walla and Heppner districts ending in a tie for the plaque with 15 points each. The Heppner district has previously won this award and in 1945 and 1947 while the Walla Walla district was the champion in 1946. The plaque will be retained six months on each of these districts.

A Heppner district guard has won the individual honors three of the last four years. This honor was bestowed upon Robert Scott in 1945, Roland Farrens in 1947, and this year's high scorer was Arthur Jess.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Rev. John Runyan and family left Monday morning for Turner to attend the annual convention of the Churches of Christ of Oregon. They expected to return to Heppner this evening.

Glenn Jorgenson, former ranger of the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest, was in Heppner Friday morning accompanied by members of the East Oregonian staff. They were en route to the southern part of the district where the service is conducting an insect spraying program to rid the forest of some of the bugs that are threatening the tree crop.

Mrs. O. H. Bengston and children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bengston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bengt. Mr. Bengtson will arrive Sunday and accompany his family to their home in Medford.

Abnormal spring rains have contributed to a very good grass producing period.

was in charge of the gifts and Harriet Isom the guest book.

A clever little new house is awaiting the return of the newlyweds from their honeymoon. They will live on the Anderson ranch, where the groom is employed. The bride has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for several years and was adopted by them in recent months.

Thomson Building To Be Remodeled For Super Market

James Thomson Jr. announced this week that work is to start soon on a remodeling job of the Thomson Bros. store building in preparation for a super food market.

To clear the main part of the building, the dry goods side, Mr. Thomson is staging a rummage sale of outdated stock left on the shelves when active operation of the dry goods department was discontinued several years ago.

Tentative plans call for remodeling the larger room, using the front 40 feet for the retail food market and the rest of the space for warehousing. The old warehouse at the rear of the store will be torn down. Display windows will be cleared of the backdrops, giving better light and a fuller view of the interior of the store.

Although he has not decided about leasing the room where the grocery is now located, Mr. Thomson said it will be remodeled when the larger room is occupied. Opportunities to rent the room are plentiful, he said, but whether or not that will be done is a matter for future solution.

The new market will be laid out on modern lines, providing self-help service.

Mrs. Rodgers Buys Flower Shop From Mrs. Bucknum

Coming as a surprise to the public at large is the announcement this week of the purchase of the Flower Shop by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, retiring county superintendent of schools. Mrs. Fay Bucknum, who has operated the business the past two years, released possession to Mrs. Rodgers this morning.

Not wishing to leave Heppner at the expiration of her term, which legally runs until January 1, 1950 but is automatically concluded with the taking over of school affairs by the rural school board, Mrs. Rodgers began casting about for something to do and fell upon the idea of buying the Flower Shop, if it could be bought. After several weeks of talking it over, she and Mrs. Bucknum finally agreed upon a deal.

Mrs. Emma Evans, who worked with Mrs. Edwin Dick when the shop was started four years ago, is temporarily in charge of the business as Mrs. Rodgers will remain in the superintendent's office to assist Henry Tetz in getting the new rural school board administration set up.

Mrs. Bucknum has not announced her future plans, other than that she will continue cultivation of her gladiolus garden for the time being.

The Flower Shop has been a popular business ever since it was started, filling a long-felt need in the community. Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Bucknum did well with it and her many friends will be pleased to see Mrs. Rodgers enjoy a thriving business.

Miss Ball Honored At Several Parties

Weddings are very much in the foreground these days, with at least one each week, and more some weeks.

Miss Harriet Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Ball, is being fetted this week previous to her marriage Saturday to Mr. Eugene Hall.

Miss Yvonne Bleakman was hostess Tuesday evening to a small group of Miss Ball's friends who presented her with personal gifts.

The Crawford garden was the scene of a merry party Wednesday evening when the Misses Joan Hisler, Beverly Yeom and Dorothy Cutsforth were hostesses to thirty guests at a kitchen shower for the bride-elect. Gifts were tied to the large tree in the center of the garden and grouped at its base. The honoree was presented with many fine remembrances and much of the evening was given over to opening packages. A few games were played. The hostess served light refreshments.

Mrs. Josie Jones left Saturday for Portland where she will visit for a time with relatives and friends.

Lexington Offers Day Crowded Full Of Entertainment For July 3 Visitors

Well, folks, it won't be long now. Just one more day until the big event of the year at Lexington, the 4th of July celebration, gets under way. True, it is coming off on July 3, but that makes the occasion no less patriotic, neither does it make the program any less interesting.

Special stress will be placed on the air show at the port starting early in the afternoon. Since the celebrations started four years ago have been sponsored by the town of Lexington to promote the airport the air show has been highlighted and no pains or expense have been spared to make it worth the cash customers' investment. So it is this year. The management has secured the services of Lou Bucker, Walla Walla stunt flyer trained at the Martin school, to give the crowd some spine-tingling thrills. In addition there will be a crop dusting demonstration by H. H. Beckett of Portland, and (the editorial fingers are crossed, it is suspected that Jack Forsythe will do some of the nifty turns with his little Aeronca that have alluringly brought cheers from the sidelines. Jack doesn't pose as a stunt flyer but he is without a peer in these parts when it comes to maneuvering a plane.

A feature of the day's activities will be a flyers' breakfast at the Lexington cafe. This will be staged at 9:30 and will be open to licensed pilots.

The celebration will really get underway with the parade at 10 o'clock. Six chances are offered to obtain prize money—three for adult or general entries, and three for kiddies. There will be a gift of some kind for each child entering the parade. For the floats, first prize carrying an award of \$15, second \$10 and 3rd \$5. Children's prizes are \$5, \$2.50 and \$1.

Body Taken From Columbia River On Washington Shore

A second body was taken from the Columbia river the first of the week, not very far from the spot another body was recovered last week. The Paterson ferry seems to be the locale for floating bodies to lodge as this one was taken from the water near the north approach to the ferry, on the Washington side.

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City Park Given "Strafing" Prior To Leveling Work

Several enthusiasts gathered at the city park Sunday afternoon and did yeoman service in cleaning the section north of the dance pavilion. Rakes, scythes, sickles and a powered mower served to put the grounds in readiness for a leveling and fencing program which is to follow.

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ADOPTION PAPERS SIGNED

Adoption papers were signed by Judge Long of the Multnomah county circuit court Friday morning, June 25, making Camela Margaret Dunham the legally adopted child of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham of Heppner. The foster grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, accompanied the Dunhams to Portland Thursday night and spent Friday in the city. Dr. and Mrs. Dunham and "Cammie" remained in the city to attend the National Chiropractic Association convention and will return home today. Dr. Dunham also conducted an examination for applicants for licenses as chiropractic physicians in his capacity as a member of the state board of examiners.

Papers In Shape For Court To Seek Bids on Hospital

At last the story can be told. Final filings have been made and all papers signed in connection with the Pioneer Memorial hospital, Morrow county project. So far as Judge Bert Johnson and County Attorney P. W. Mahoney are concerned, the county court is in position to arrange the advertising for bids for construction at the regular monthly meeting July 7.

Mrs. Grace Nelkerson announced at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday that she had completed the abstract and that the deed to the property given by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barratt was ready for filing. Judge Johnson completed other papers in Portland last week.

Advertising for bids does not mean that the date construction starts may be set. A satisfactory bid has first to be presented and then accepted before dirt will be turned signifying the four-year-old dream is about to become a reality.

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MRS. HERMANN BETTER

Mrs. Gottfried Hermann is reported resting easy in a hospital at The Dalles following a heart attack at the home place on lower Rhea creek last Thursday evening. Mrs. Hermann had not been feeling well but went about her chores as usual and was preparing to milk the cows when the attack came. She was rushed to the hospital where her condition was considered so serious that her daughter, Ingrid, student at the Oregon State college 4-H summer school, was sent for. Orville Cutsforth flying his plane to Corvallis to bring her to The Dalles. Mrs. Hermann is considerably better, although not entirely out of danger.

Citizens Approve Additional Levy At Monday's Election

By a vote of 40 to 12, citizens of Heppner approved the 1948-49 budget, including more than \$8,000 outside of the six percent limitation, submitted by the city council and budget committee.

Approval of the budget makes it possible for the city to go ahead with a street improvement program which contemplates repairs to all of the streets and some extra work on west side thoroughfares where heavy rains have created a drainage problem. It is planned to establish a curb line on either side of Gale street and a similar improvement on West Center and West Baltimore streets. The city will pave up to the curb lines, establishing surfaced gutters to facilitate carrying off soil washed down from the steep hillsides. Adjacent property will bear the curb expense.

Some of the bridges need repairing and one at least, on So. Court street, will have to be practically reconstructed. There are street repairs to be made all over the city and an effort will be made to establish better drainage on streets other than those mentioned, although no move has been made to have the curbing put in elsewhere. Such a program may follow if the Gale street project proves successful, but it is not contemplated in the current budget expenditures.

Legion Makes Clean Sweep In Softball

The 1948 softball season is over and once again the American Legion team ran off with the coveted Junior chamber of commerce trophy, with a clean slate of six games, or the series. If this performance is repeated in 1949 the Legion boys will take permanent possession of the trophy.

The Legionnaires clinched the trophy by decisively pummeling the Rosewall gang Wednesday evening, 14-4.

Mrs. Earl Bryant and children of Lewiston, Idaho, are in Heppner this week for a visit with relatives and friends. They are houseguests of her mother, Mrs. R. A. Thompson.

Heppner Couple Saw Many Points Of Historical Interest on Eastern Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Earle E. Gilliam returned the end of the week from a month's trip to the east coast. In Alexandria, Va., they attended the ordination of their son, Jackson, as a deacon of the Episcopal church by the Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, formerly of Pendleton but now of Philadelphia. Following six months further study, Jackson will be ordained as a regular priest of the church and will continue his education for another year before accepting a church. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam visited Mt. Vernon and other points of historic interest in and around Washington, D. C., and from there they continued on to New York City where they spent a week in sight-seeing and visiting former Heppner people now residing in the city. Returning west they spent a few days in St. Louis, Mo.

Those attending the senior summer school of the Episcopal church at Cove include Mrs. Merle Miller, girls' adviser; Sally Cohn, Genevieve Cox, Jojean Dix, Marilyn Miller, Eleanor Rice, Donald Blake, Albert Burkensine, Danny Ensslin and Eugene Miller. The sessions continue for ten days and will terminate June 30. The junior summer school sessions will begin early in July.

Mrs. W. Scott Furlong and Mrs. Walter Farrens were hostesses for a party Monday afternoon complimenting Mrs. Frank Ayers on the occasion of her birthday. Present were Mrs. Lorena Cole, Mrs. Lloyd Meyer, Mrs. Lucy Wright, Mrs. Maggie Hunt, Mrs. Roland Farrens and Mrs. Walter Hurley of Portland, house guest of Mrs. Ayers. Refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMurdo and son Charles were week-end visitors in Heppner at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. Their daughter, Peggy, who spent the past several weeks in Heppner with her grandparents, returned to Portland with them Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Piri Howell spent the week end in the mountains at the Howell cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fraters who spent the winter months in California with their daughters have returned to spend the summer on their farm in the Eightmile section. Mr. Fraters is well pleased with his crop prospects this year, remarking that this appears to be the best wheat raised on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartnett and son of Lebanon arrived the end of the week for a brief visit here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Scherzinger. The Hartnetts are just returning from a trip to California. Mrs. Scherzinger expects to return to Lebanon with them when they return home.

Mrs. Ellis Hendricson of San Leandro, Cal., is visiting here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jeff Jones. Mr. Hendricson brought her up last week and returned to California.

Mrs. John Farra and son Jimmie are visiting in Payette, Idaho, with relatives. Mr. Farra will motor over after them the end of the week and spend the Fourth of July holiday there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denney of Portland were week-end business visitors in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Orva Dyer of Mayville were transacting business in Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Potter of Condon visited briefly in Heppner Saturday morning, en route to LaGrande on a business trip.

Mrs. David Wilson and daughter, Mrs. James Barratt, and George Elder of Ione motored to Portland Monday to attend the funeral services of their brother, Shirley Elder, in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Charles Driscoll of Corvallis is spending this week vacationing in Heppner, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hastings of Hardman were looking after business matters in Heppner Monday.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo motored to Baker Friday to attend the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical society.

Mrs. J. L. Hamlin and daughter, Marlene DuBois, left Friday for Los Angeles to visit for a time with Mrs. Hamlin's brother.

STARTING THE FIREWORKS!

