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Grain Storage In Columbia Basin Cause For Worry

Prospect Bright For Bumper Crop Throughout Area

Wheat storage facilities, both farm and commercially operated, in the Columbia basin counties continue to be described as "extremely full" for this time of year, a survey of county extension agents revealed Friday. This fact coupled with indications of another bumper crop increases the ominous prospect for a large portion of the 1949 crop to be stored on the ground, reports Mrs. Anderson, Morrow county extension agent.

Harvest operations in the area normally get underway shortly after the fourth of July holiday. Meanwhile a county by county survey of the six principal counties that make up Oregon's bread basket revealed that storage facilities were filled from a low of 40 per cent in Umatilla county as reported by County Extension Agent Victor W. Johnson, to a high of 80 per cent in Morrow county.

Reporting for Morrow county, Anderson said that while 80 per cent of the commercial warehouse storage was filled, only 20 per cent of the total farm storage was now in use. The latter figure indicates a 30 per cent reduction in farm stored wheat during the last month, he said.

Er R. Jackman, Oregon State college extension farm crops specialist, pointed out that wheat harvesting last year was started with storage facilities in the Columbia basin "virtually empty" by December, it was estimated that more than 600,000 bushels were piled outdoors as a result of the overflow.

With high soil moisture content, expectations are for another bumper wheat crop this year, Jackman said that if elevators and other storage facilities in the area were completely empty at the start of the 1949 harvest, there would still not be enough space to hold the entire crop.

Blame for the current storage glut is laid to the Portland dock workers' strike last year that brought grain exports to a standstill. Also, a high percentage of the 1948 wheat crop went under government loan due to a drop in wheat prices. Jackman explained that farmers still have the privilege of redeeming loan wheat. None of it may be taken over completely and is eligible for movement by the Commodity Credit corporation at the support price until May 1. By then it will be almost impossible to move stored wheat from the area in time to "clear the docks" for the 1949 crop, Jackman said.

In Sherman county, approximately 70 per cent of all storage space is filled, said Thomas Thompson, county extension agent. This figure indicates an approximate 10 per cent reduction in filled storage space as compared with March 1.

At Heppner, Anderson said a new addition to the Archer Daniels Midland elevator at Ione will be ready for the approaching crop. It will provide an additional 100,000 bushels storage in Morrow county.

Most agents indicated there was a flurry of wheat sales in early March when the price climbed over the support level. However, this resulted in movement from farm storage to already glutted elevators for the most part. Shipments are now going out against this wheat that has left farmers' hands.

With storage facilities only 40 per cent filled, County Agent Johnson indicated present market commitments in Umatilla county were expected to step-up the outflow of wheat from that county. An elevator company in Union county indicated to Extension Agent R. W. Schaad that they moved 75,000 bushels during March. Spokesman for the same company, however, said they were 169 cars or 300,000 bushels short of the same volume moved at this time last year. The Union county grain growers shipped 35,000 bushels during March but still have 60 per cent of their wheat on hand.

Only a 10 per cent gain in freight storage space was registered in Wasco county during March. Approximately 55 per cent of both farm and warehouse space was filled as of April 1. Plans are underway to build on the port docks of The Dalles to care for the overflow. Gilliam county elevators reported 65 per cent storage space filled as of April 1. Some farmer to warehouse sales are being reported in the Columbia basin area at figures below support levels. Sales are pegged on a promise from the warehouseman to move the wheat and provide space for that particular rancher's 1949 harvest.

A. A. Scouten returned Saturday from a ten day business trip to Campo, Cal.



MISS FRANCES CLINTON
Dean of Home Economics Extension
Oregon State College



MRS. BUENA M. MARIS
Dean of Women, Oregon State College

Miss Clinton to be Here

Miss Frances Clinton, state agent for home economics extension, will be present on April 20 to appear at the Morrow County Homemakers festival. Miss Clinton is traveling with Mrs. Buena Mockmore in a tour of several counties, appearing at the various homemakers festivals.

Mrs. Buena Mockmore, former dean of women at Oregon State college, will be guest speaker at the Morrow County Homemakers festival to be held at the Rhea Creek grange hall on Wednesday, April 20. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., with the style review to be held at 11:35. Many of the 61 cotton dresses made during the cotton dress work shop will be modeled at that time.

Luncheon prepared by the home economics group of the Rhea Creek grange will be served from 12:15-1:30. After election of the new county committee members, Mrs. Mockmore will speak on the "One Family School."

"The public is invited to come to any part or all of the program. Tickets for the luncheon may be secured from unit members or from the county agent's office. They will also be on sale at the grange hall.

Henderson Stout Services Set For Friday Afternoon

Memorial services for Henderson Stout who passed away Tuesday, April 12 at the family residence in Heppner will be held at 2 o'clock p.m. Friday at the Heppner Church of Christ, with the pastor, Glenn Warner, officiating, and the Phelps Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Stout was born April 18, 1873 at Vera Cruz, Missouri, and was 75 years, 11 months and 24 days of age at the time of his passing. He was married April 13, 1901 to Mary Ellen Medlock of Cheney, Mo. The family came to Oregon and settled at Heppner in 1917 and this was his home continuously. He was engaged as a laborer in various pursuits until advancing years and failing health forced his retirement.

Surviving besides the widow are three children, James Stout of Oregon City, Everett of Kelo, Wash., and Vivian (Mrs. James Hayes) of Heppner; two brothers, James Stout, West Plains, Mo., and John Stout, Sanger, Calif.; besides nine grandchildren, one great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

ON EASTERN TRIP

Orville Smith, P. W. Mahoney and Jack Forsythe flew to Minneapolis Saturday where Smith and Mahoney had a business appointment. Forsythe piloted the Smith new Cessna. The trio expected to visit Chicago before turning the ship's nose westward.

Visitors here today are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gordon of Portland. They are on the last leg of an extensive automobile tour which took them into southern California, Nevada and back into eastern Oregon. They will return to Portland Friday.

Mrs. Alex Hunt of Lexington was trading in Heppner Tuesday.

FLASH!

As the forms were about to be closed, Judge Garnet Barratt called the Gazette Times to impart the information that work will start on the Morrow county hospital next week. He had received a call from the contracting firm, Malarkey & Moore, stating that the papers had received final approval and that a representative of the firm will be in Heppner Monday to go over the building site with the county crew. Mr. Malarkey, speaking for his firm assured Judge Barratt that by Wednesday or Thursday there would be a crew here ready to begin work.

The county crew will do the excavating and it is expected this can be done in a matter of 10 days or so.

Random Thoughts...

Virtually taking our life in our hands, we are about to remark that spring is here at last. That being the situation it is a good time to give the premises a good cleaning up. There is enough annoyance created by the dust blowing every time there is a zephyr, or a breeze, without having a lot of trash thrown in for good measure. Aside from the annoyance there are numerous good reasons for removing trash and debris. First of all it is unsightly, and following closely upon that reason is the fact that it creates a fire hazard.

We are not especially concerned about a general city clean-up. It is the individual property owner's duty—and it is not amiss to say that it likewise is his privilege—to clean up within his own boundaries. If all do that the clean-up problem will be quite well taken care of.

When have we had a more beautiful April? Not since 1943, in the memory of the writer. That was the first spring we had put in here for many years and it was a wet one. Nevertheless, people raised wonderful garden sassa and crops as a whole turned out the best in the county's history up to that time. This year there has been less rainfall but holdover moisture appears to be plentiful. Rain may come a little later but for the present most of us are getting a lift from the sunshine.

There isn't room for much of this column stuff this week, so we'll wind up with a little yarn. A student was living in a boarding house which was anything but clean. He was surprised one day to find a card tacked on the front door.

"Clean Your Feet," it said in big letters.

The student took a pencil and on the same card, immediately underneath, he wrote, "Before Going Out."

Pendleton Teacher P-T-A Speaker At Monthly Meeting

Mrs. Sara Rasmussen, history teacher in the Pendleton Junior high school, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association Wednesday evening, at which time Mrs. Charles Ruggles was in charge of the program. Mrs. Rasmussen, who spoke on "Do Adults Need Education," holds a major in history and a minor in English and she placed considerable stress upon the value to the younger generation in studying these subjects. She is an aunt of Charles Ruggles.

Other features of the program included a Boy Scout court of honor, a short talk by Henry Tetz on the school budget which is to be voted upon Monday, and a review by Supt. Leonard Pate of a talk previously made by him on needs of the schools.

The association decided to drop the carnival which had been planned for late in April.

HEPPNER AND IONE TO CROSS BATS SUNDAY

Regardless of the fact that the Ione batsmen gave them a good shelling last Sunday the Heppner Townies will meet the Egg City boys again on the 17th evening of the week—the Townies, that is.

The teams will meet on the Ione turf field.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parrish are the parents of a son, Raymond Ray, born April 12 at Emanuel hospital in Portland. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish of Heppner. Raymond is expected to come up from Portland Saturday evening after Mrs. Parrish who will spend a week in the city getting acquainted with the new boy.

Miss Christine West of Sunnyside, Wash., is spending this week in Heppner at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farra. Mr. and Mrs. Farra will go to Sunnyside for Easter and Miss West will return to her home at that time.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

The polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 18 for the convenience of the voters. In Heppner the voting will be done at the city hall.

Wheat Allotment Program Disclosed To County Growers

A meeting held at the local AAA office on Tuesday disclosed much information of interest to the Morrow county wheat farmer concerning the proposed forthcoming wheat allotment. E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon state PMA committee and Arnold Botke, farmer fieldman from the state office, met with the local committee and explained many of the details of administration and preparation for the allotment.

Mr. Miller stressed the importance of assuring a one hundred per cent sign up by the end of this month in order that the allotments could be set in time for the election to be held some time in July in the event that the allotment is made mandatory. He went on to point out the importance and the amount of work that must be accomplished by the local committee and the local office to insure that every wheat raiser be contacted.

R. S. Thompson, local PMA committee chairman, reviewed the farm acreage reports already accomplished and expressed his approval but cautioned that there are a large number of farms in the county that have not been reported on and that there must be a complete coverage by the end of this month. Thompson advised that the work of completing the forms can be expedited if the farmer will come prepared to give his wheat acreages and other land used for the past several years.

Bill Introduced By Stockman To Aid In Wheat Storage

Congressman Lowell Stockman of the Second district of Oregon has introduced a bill amending the Internal Revenue code to allow the cost of construction or conversion of facilities for wheat storage to be deducted, for income tax purposes, within a six-month period.

Congressman Stockman said, "a somewhat similar law existed from 1940 to 1945 to supply emergency facilities for storing grain of all kinds. The wheat storage problem which now faces the Pacific northwest also looms as an emergency situation where the help of the government is greatly needed. Present crop conditions are favorable, and with another big wheat crop coming on in July, it is going to be impossible to move out surplus wheat in the Pacific northwest, as well as surplus barley in California, in time to properly warehouse the next crop."

The congressman explained that the law would apply where the construction or conversion is begun after December 31, 1948 and before January 1, 1952.

Wrestling Program Draws Fair House

A fair-sized crowd turned out Tuesday evening at the high school gymnasium to witness a wrestling program put on under the auspices of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion. The professionals "strutted their stuff" to the satisfaction of the fans and their exhibition met a desire with most of the cash customers for more of the same type of entertainment.

Although the house was not filled, the returns were quite satisfactory and the sponsoring group's treasury was enriched to the tune of about \$75, it is reported.

CHORUS VACATIONS

The Heppner Women's Chorus has suspended rehearsals until fall, it was announced this week following a meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Coxen of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxen of Hermiston were visitors in Heppner Tuesday. The Burl Coxens have purchased a home in The Dalles and will move there soon from Pendleton where they have resided for the past year.

Lyndall Broadfoot was in from Monument the first of the week. Work will begin soon at the Big Four Lumber company mill, according to Mr. Broadfoot. Just at present, they are working on the pond and getting things cleaned up around the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson and daughters of Wepo, Idaho, are here to assist her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket, with spring work at their farm in the Eightmile section.

Claude Conder of Gibbon was a Heppner visitor the last of the week.

First Annual Soroptimist Party



Fifty-three members and their guests sat down to the banquet tables of the first birthday party of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner at the I.O.O.F. hall Saturday evening. Included in the guest list were representatives of the civic clubs of Heppner, and Soroptimists from other clubs including La Grande, Portland, Vancouver and Spokane.

From La Grande came Miss Mabel Doty, Miss Ruth Herzinger and Miss Margaret Morris, Portland; Alice Dowell Jones, northwest regional director; Alno Mallinen and Myrtle Flaucher, From Vancouver; Lily Quarnberg and Bernadine Batters, Spokane; Lillian Wightman and Marilyn Merrick Lewis.

With Mrs. O. G. Crawford presiding, the following program was enjoyed: Song by group, Star Spangled Banner; Salute to Flag; Invocation, Rev. Eldon L. Tull; Introduction of guests; Step by Step, a review of the club's first year of activities, by Mrs. Charles Ruggles; "Hills of Home" and "Duna," O. G. Crawford; address, "The World We Are Working For," Marilyn Merrick Lewis; Pledge of Soroptimism.

In carrying out her theme, Miss Lewis pled for a breaking down of the barriers which are preventing us from having the kind of world we want and should have. These barriers consist of prejudices, a lack of understanding between the peoples and nations of the world, and our lack of tolerance of races and creeds.

Harlan McCurdy, Jr. Takes Post as Exalted Ruler of Heppner Elks Lodge

Installation of officers was held at the regular meeting of Heppner lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E. with the following officers being installed: H. D. McCurdy, Jr., exalted ruler; J. J. O'Connor, esteemed leading knight; Willard Blake, esteemed loyal knight; Tom Wilson, esteemed lecturing knight; L. E. Bisbee, treasurer; Frank Connor, secretary; Alva Jones, Harold Cohn and Eugene Ferguson, trustees; Donald Bennett, Tyler; Milton Morgan, inner guard, and Frank W. Turner, chaplain.

Some 150 guests were present for the card party and refreshments which were held in connection with the installation. Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and Mrs. Grace Nickerson were in charge of the arrangements for cards and for refreshments; were Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mrs. Eugene Ferguson, Mrs. H. D. McCurdy Sr., Mrs. Ted Smith and Mrs. Alva Jones.

Mrs. Walter Becket was hostess Wednesday evening at her home on Jones street for the Womens Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church. Mrs. Vernon Bohles led the devotionals and Mrs. Tress McClintock was program chairman which for that meeting was a study of Latin America. Mrs. McClintock showed pictures and slides of the natives of the Latin American countries. Present were Mrs. James Douglas Drake, J. Palmer Sorlien, Harry Van Horn, Tress McClintock, Vernon Bohles, N. D. Bailey, Alex Green, Kenneth Kowling, Chris Brown, Bert Bleakman and Misses Opal Briggs and Ona Gilliam. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Grace Korris and Miss Juanita Matlock of Portland were over-Sunday guests of Mrs. Bon Patterson.

Kenneth Batty of Hardman was a business visitor in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Colcord, Mrs. Charles Couch and Elders Moore and Bergman of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Hermiston were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

Instruction in the Red Cross first aid class, under the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was completed this week and upon completion of the final examination those who have been taking the course will be certified as ambulance drivers, according to Dr. A. D. McMurdo, instructor. Those who have been enrolled in the class include Clarence Bauman, Willard Herbison, John Hagen, James Driscoll, William Lee McCaleb, Frank Maynard, Keith Sluyster, Earl Marill and Wilbur Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill returned the first of the week from Coos Bay where they had been looking for housing preparatory to moving there to make their home. Mr. Hill will be safety inspector in the coast city in connection with electrical installation for the state department.

Mr. and Mrs. Piri Howell and Mrs. Clarence Wise were called to John Day Friday by the illness of their nephew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Howell. Upon arriving they found the child considerably improved and were able to return to Heppner that evening.

LaVerne Van Marter Sr. is spending some time in John Day. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan of Monument, were in Heppner Monday looking after business interests and visiting friends.

Lloyd Moyer made a business visit to Pendleton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson motored to Condon Sunday to spend the day with relatives.

Building Activity On Upgrade As Spring Advances



Building activity in Heppner is on the increase, according to the list of permits issued by O. M. Yeager, building inspector. Although the late spring checked the seasonal start, there is evidence that a considerable volume had been under consideration and waiting only for more favorable weather conditions. Now that spring has arrived the ring of hammer and saw is heard on every hand.

Inspector Yeager reports issuing seven permits since April 1 for a total of \$13,150. This includes two industrial buildings and several residential garages and some alteration work.

Largest sum involved is a \$5,000 permit to Harold Eckert for construction of a welding shop. The building is being erected on the triangle lot just north of the Main street bridge. Built of pumice block, the structure will be 30 by 50 feet. Ed Thorpe is in charge of construction.

Next in line is a warehouse to be built by the Rosewall Motor company on property east of the garage. The building will be 30 x 100, constructed of pumice blocks and estimated cost is \$2,400. Howard Keithley will supervise construction. The building will face Chase street.

Mrs. Edna Turner took out a permit to make alterations on residence property on Church street. Estimated cost \$2,000. Tom Wells and Lee Howell will do the work.

Lloyd Burkenbine took a permit to make a three-room addition to his residence at an estimated cost of \$1,500. He plans to do most of the work.

H. G. Carter is also remodeling a dwelling at a cost of \$1,000, doing the work himself. Carter is also building a frame garage, 16 x 32 feet, at an estimated cost of \$750.

E. E. Byland is building a garage on his property on East Center street. Material cost, \$500. He is doing the work.

Yeager reports that more residences and some business buildings are being contemplated and he expects to issue more permits before the month is gone.

Business Houses To Close 12 to 3 On Good Friday

Business houses of Heppner, following a custom of recent years, will be closed between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. tomorrow — Good Friday. While there has been no canvass made of the business district, it has been the understanding that upon request of the churches the stores and shops will remain closed during the period that represents the last three hours of the Saviour was upon the cross and during which time the earth was in darkness.

Wranglers Pledge Support to Fair; Plan Annual Show

Support of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and plans for the April ride and the June show claimed the attention of the Wranglers Tuesday evening when some 30 members of the riding club met at the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co.

Discussion of the club's activity in the Heppner Rodeo held the main interest and out of this came the decision to support the county fair as a whole.

Archie Murchison, program chairman, reported that plans for the annual June show are underway. Entertainment for April will be on the 24th at the Floyd Jones ranch. Horsebackers will meet at the Rodeo grounds at 8:30 a.m. Others will meet at the O. G. Haguewood farm at 10:30 to ride to the Jones ranch in the chuck wagon. The program for the day includes a noon potluck lunch and an afternoon of horseback events.

The club voted against participating in the Milton Pea festival parade.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS VISIT

Business visitors in Heppner Friday were J. I. Purdy, traveling freight and passenger agent and J. G. Kimmell, assistant superintendent, Union Pacific railroad. They were on a routine inspection of the branch as well as looking after traffic matters.

Target Shooters Cripple Electric Service in District



Target shooters apparently using a heavy caliber rifle knocked down a Pacific Power & Light company power line in the Hood River area Sunday and interrupted electric service to thousands of persons in an eight-county area, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager for the company here.

Heppner was out of service for more than an hour as a result of the shooting, Huffman said. Service was restored shortly after noon.

Shooting down of the line caused an overload switch to open at the company's big substation at The Dalles. This broke a connection between the Pacific and Bonneville power systems and threw large areas out of service.

Had the target shooters broken the line on any other day than Sunday, when use of electricity is lightest, the interruption of service would have affected even more power users, the company pointed out in urging care in use of firearms around power equipment.

Guest night was observed at the meeting of the Degree of Honor Tuesday evening at the Legion hall. Following the regular meeting, the drill team presented the drills which will be given at the official inspection on April 26 and after this bingo was played.

Mrs. Jennie Elder of Bremerton died Wednesday night at the home of another daughter, Marce Elder, in Bremerton, Wash.

At the time of going to press arrangements had not been completed for the funeral services, but they will be held in Heppner, we are informed.

JAYCEE PRESIDENT PAYS VISIT TO LOCAL CLUB

Members of the Junior chamber of commerce had the privilege of meeting with the state president of the organization when John Sandmeyer of Klamath Falls visited Heppner Friday. He was escorted around town in the afternoon by Ed Dick, president of the local group, who pointed out what the Jaycees are trying to do, with emphasis on the school tennis courts.

An informal meeting was held in the evening and Mr. Sandmeyer explained the state and national setup of the Junior chamber of commerce. He urged members to attend the state convention at Baker May 6, 7 and 8.

Mrs. Ida Coleman of Ione was transacting business in Heppner Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Osmin, Mrs. John Bergstrom and daughters, Mrs. R. D. Alkott Jr. and Marilyn Bergstrom, motored to Walla Walla Thursday to spend the day shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas and Mrs. Lorena Cole returned from Portland the last of the week.