

Harvesting Begins On Lexington And Lone Wheat Farms

Fair Yield, Good Quality Indicated In Early Returns

Although still in the equipment-checking stage, harvest is underway in Morrow county. In the Lone and Lexington areas, machines on several farms have been cutting steadily since Saturday. John Proudfoot, who has been hauling to the Archer-Danels elevator since Saturday, has not yet predicted the yield of his 2,400 acres of wheat. The test weight of his first loads of wheat have been about 58 pounds per bushel.

Ray Heimblinger, who has 1,000 acres of wheat and 300 acres of alfalfa, has estimated that his yield will be more than 20 bushels to the acre. His first load, cut in a three-acre trial run Saturday, weighed 56 pounds per bushel. Verner Troedson cut the wheat on his right-of-ways last week, but began cutting and hauling in earnest Tuesday morning.

Norman and Fred Nelson began cutting Tuesday morning. Charles Marquardt was cutting on Tuesday. Orville Cutsforth, who began the harvest Tuesday morning, believed that at least a section of his 2,100 acres of wheat would yield as well or better than the 26 bushels that the adjoining field yielded last year. The section on which Cutsforth based his prediction is on a western slope and has consistently yielded less than his other acreage.

Yield and test information is not yet available on other wheat in the area, but cutting is under way on the farms of Herman Wallace, Lyle Woody, John Graves, Don Pointer, G. D. Abercrombie, Cliff Daugherty, Bill Smethurst, D. O. Nelson and Adolph Majeske. To date, test weights have ranged generally from 56 to 58 pounds per bushel. Practically all of the wheat hauled to elevators has been red, of unreported yield. The Portland price of No. 1 grade wheat was \$2.10 on Tuesday, the first day that any great quantity of wheat was hauled.

Nelson Anderson, Morrow county agent, has predicted a county average yield of 15 bushels per acre. The long term average for the county had been 16.7 bushels until the bumper yield of about 35 bushels last year.

4-H Youngsters Report on Three Day Camping Trip

Peggy and Marvin Wightman, Dean and Rieta Graves, Jean Marie Graham, Sally Palmer, Pat Cutsforth and Mabel Wilson, county home demonstration agent, returned Saturday night from a three-day tour of farms and ranches in the Columbia basin. The group spent the first day of the tour at the Moro experiment station, where a record was begun of the boys' and girls' ability to judge livestock and jack. The boys camped out at DeMoss springs Thursday night and the girls camped at the experiment station.

On Friday the group judged Hereford bulls and beef cows at a ranch in Grass Valley, and girls and Herefords at a ranch near Maupin. Camp was made at the fair grounds in Tygh Valley Friday night. Saturday, the last day of the tour, the boys and girls visited the Mac-Dodd Arabian horse ranch, where they were permitted to watch the stallion Rah-hak perform on the track.

Judging records were tallied on the last day, and girls were found to have made the nine highest scores. Rieta Graves placed third, with a score of 1,005 out of 1,240 points. Sally Palmer and Jean Graham placed fourth and ninth, respectively, with scores of 985 and 910. Dean Graves placed 10th, with a score of 905. The Morrow county group competed in the judging contests with 47 4-H representatives of Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman and Umatilla counties.

CANNING CLUB FORMED

Five girls organized a food preservation club Wednesday afternoon in the county agent's office, with Miss Mabel Wilson presiding. Mardine Baker, Jane Seehafer, Lola Ann McCabe, and Grace McCabe of Lone, and Nancy Ferguson attended with their mothers. These girls will be exhibiting fruits, vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams and butters at the county fair this fall.

At the next meeting, Thursday, July 14, these 4-H club members will each can fruit at the home of Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Heppner. Club members may freeze one-half of the required fruits, vegetables and meat.

Heppner Public Library Association Elects Officers and Directors To Serve Coming Year

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the annual meeting of the Heppner Public Library association at the library Friday evening. Officers chosen were: Mrs. Jesse C. Payne, president; Mrs. J. D. Palmer, vice president; Mrs. Ted Pierson, secretary-treasurer and Miss Leta Humphreys, Mrs. Harold Becket and J. O. Turner, trustees. Mrs. Josephine Mahoney will continue as librarian for the present. A book selection committee will be chosen from the membership and at its meeting soon, will select a number of new volumes, both juvenile and adult, for the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniel of Lone Rock were business visitors in Heppner the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Bezona of Hermiston visited briefly in Heppner Thursday afternoon at the home of William Furlong. The Bezonas were enroute to Portland where they will spend a week.

Miss Marguerite and John Glavoy returned Friday from Portland where they attended the funeral services for their cousin, the late Steve Connolly of Prineville. They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Gertrude Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy and children motored to Reedsport Saturday afternoon. Mr. McCoy returned to Heppner Monday but the family remained for a longer visit with Mrs. McCoy's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Payne and William Furlong motored to Pendleton Saturday evening where they were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Perry at their summer home near Menacham Lake.

Mrs. A. A. Scouten and children, Sandra and Dennis, are visiting in The Dalles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Look. Sandra underwent a minor operation at The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke motored to the mountains Saturday afternoon to spend the holiday at the Buschke cabin on Rock creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobbs were week-end guests at the Bar-M dude ranch at Bingham Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Olive Huston and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson returned Monday evening from Pasco where they were guests over the week-end at the home of the Hustons' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parker.

Ross Langdon of Bend was a week-end visitor in Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson left Saturday afternoon for Post Falls, Idaho, where they will spend a brief holiday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz and son were business visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Akers and Mrs. Alma Gilliam of Portland are expected to arrive in Heppner for a brief visit prior to their departure for Yellowstone Park for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bleakman motored to Baker over the week-end where they visited at the home of their son Owen Bleakman and Mrs. Bleakman. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bleakman of McNary Dam accompanied them on the trip.

Tuesday evening enroute to Yellowstone Park for a fortnight's vacation. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle, will accom- pany them on the trip. They expect to leave Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson motored to Bend and Redmond for the 4th of July holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, Jos Jr., Tom and Billy Hughes and their house guest, Glenn Bassett of Los Angeles spent the holiday week-end at Lehman Springs.

Mrs. Gladys Corrigan of Portland visited relatives and friends here the last of the week.

James Valentine was a business visitor in Echo Saturday afternoon.

Week-end house guests of Mrs. Letha Archer were Mr. and Mrs. James Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith and family of Portland. They returned to their homes Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers and baby of Arlington came up for the holiday here with his father, Harry Munkers and Mrs. Munkers. Monday, the family held a picnic in the mountains.

Mrs. Alena Anderson and daughters, Adelia, Nancy and Carol left Tuesday morning by motor for Portland where they will visit for a time with relatives. They expected to spend a few days at the coast before returning to Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood of Elgin spent the 4th of July holiday visiting friends in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leuellen of Lone were shopping in Heppner Tuesday.

Mrs. Eric Bergstrom of Lone was transacting business in Heppner Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keeton of Grant county spent Monday visiting here with her mother, Mrs. Ida Zinter, who has been seriously ill at her home on Gale street for the past several days.

Mrs. Jack Whittle and Miss Betty Deitz of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murchison.

Ed Clark of Hermiston was looking after business matters in Heppner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry entertained at a family picnic on the lawn of their home Monday afternoon. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Duane Johnson and son Ronnie, and his mother, Mrs. Roy Johnson of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chris P. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Deeter of Seattle are visiting in Heppner at the home of his mother, Mrs. W. F. Barkla, and Mr. Barkla. Mrs. Clyde Wright is spending some time visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ray Wright, in the Rhea creek area.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake entertained with a picnic at their cabin near Caldwell grade July 4. Guests present included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blake of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Singer of Wichita, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMullan, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Otto Rietmann of Lone and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson of The Dalles.

Calf Scramble To Be on Program Again This Year

Fair-Rodeo Board Getting Set For Annual Program

The Morrow county Fair and Rodeo board met Wednesday evening at the county agent's office to discuss plans for the coming season. The board agreed that another calf scramble should be held this year. Ralph Curran, dance chairman, announced that the Kieckoff dance, featuring Jimmie Whetmore, would be held in Heppner on July 30.

Dates of the grange dances were chosen by lot, and the following schedule was arranged: Rhea Creek, August 6; Willows, August 13; Lexington, August 20; and Lena, August 27.

Crawford Clan Has Reunion at Court House Park Sunday

The visit here of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Crawford of Arlington, Texas, prompted a get-together of the Crawford clan Sunday afternoon when a reunion was held at the courthouse park. Forty-two members of the family tree, including various branches, were listed among those present, ranging from Mrs. C. A. Jones of Pasco, the oldest, down to the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr. of Rhea Creek.

A picnic dinner of ample proportions was offered cafeteria style, or piggy-wiggly, whichever you prefer, with the only yardstick one's capacity for food. The afternoon was spent in visiting among the older folk, while the juvenile members "gambled on the green."

Present were Mrs. Jones, her son Francis V. Jones, granddaughter, Mrs. Leo Bonnett and great granddaughter, Linda Leo Bonnett, all of Pasco; Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker, Mrs. Frances Mitchell and daughter, Lorene, Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Parker and children, Cecelia and Vawter Jr. (Bucky), Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. John G. Parker and children, Jay, Maryann, Anthony and Gregory, of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr. and children, Gal, Malcolm, Fred and Marie Frances, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crawford, Arlington, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. C. Dunham and Camela, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson and daughter, Marylou, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz and son Len Ray, all of Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. William V. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeisler, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Crawford will go to Hood River Saturday and from there to Wenatchee to visit a brother of Mrs. Crawford's before starting on the return trip to Texas. They and Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Jones were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wightman Tuesday at the Wightman Blue Mountain ranch.

Fourth Of July Fire Burns Fine Range In Heppner Area

City Department Helps 100 Men In 4-hour Battle

Seven hundred acres of pasture, extending eastward from the city limits of Heppner, were destroyed Monday afternoon in a fire that spread for four hours despite the efforts of nearly 100 men to curb it. The fire was stopped just short of the Frank Wilkinson range at about 4 p. m. Except for one new-born calf, no livestock was lost in the fire.

The blaze, which started beside the Hinton creek highway south of the Harold Erwin residence, was first sighted and reported at about noon by Mrs. Bill Barratt. The Heppner fire department, a forest service pumper, and county and city grading equipment were used to bring the racing flames under control.

A stiff breeze from the northwest hindered the fire fighters in their efforts to stop the blaze in its eastward flight. However, the breeze slowed the fire in its progress toward the city, making it possible for the fighters to stop it on the hill above Heppner. How and Keithley, operating the city grader, cut a ditch across the hill and a crew of men working with shovels, shovels, and wet sacks kept the blaze from jumping the improvised fire guard.

Nearly one hundred men from Heppner and the surrounding area joined the fight during the afternoon. Working in small groups and armed with wet sacks the men slowed the fire and, in several areas, brought it completely under control. Several of the groups continued working along the southern edge of the burning area after fire-fighting equipment had been removed from the scene. Although the fire probably would not have jumped the Willow creek road, the efforts of this latter group saved a great deal of pasture.

The city fire truck, manned by volunteer firemen, Fred Sanders, Loyd Burkenbow, Robert Campbell, Dr. Clyde Dunham and Howard Keithley answered the alarm at five minutes past noon and did not return to Heppner until nearly 4 p. m. The truck's 500-gallon tank was refilled twice in the course of the four-hour fight. A forest service fire truck, operated by Everett Keithley and Ranger Glenn Parsons, pumped out nearly three tank loads of water during the afternoon. The forest service truck, equipped with four-wheel drive, was put to use in practically every sector of the blaze. Twice, while moving down-grade, the pumper developed excessive tank pressure and burst the water hose.

Clarence Greenup and Jim Farley, operating a county grader, and Dick Meador, driving a bulldozer, were largely responsible for halting the fire on the east end of the burning range. The three men used their equipment to dig a fire guard that extended in south-north direction across the ridge to the Willow creek road. In several spots, the blaze eventually reached the fire guard.

Both the Standard Oil company and the Shell Oil company, of Heppner, sent tank trucks to the fire with loads of water and gasoline.

About 70 acres of the grass burned Monday belonged to Frank Monahan. Most of the land belonged to Bill Barratt, but had been leased to A. A. Scouten, who was running 15 head of cattle on it at the time of the fire. A milk cow belonging to Barratt calved during the fire, and the calf was lost.

1918 4TH OF JULY FIRE RECALLED

Older residents of Morrow county will recall another Fourth of July fire that, in 1918, wiped out a large section of the city of Heppner. In the words of a Gazette Times reporter of that day, the fire was a "hard blow" to Heppner. In many respects the 1918 story was similar to the story of 1949—except that no one is suspected of starting the latest fire deliberately, and, of course, the city was not touched by the blaze of 1949. A paragraph from the 1918 story said:

"Coming at the time it did, when the town was so thoroughly deserted by all those who could get away to various points in the mountains and at the lone celebration, has led a great many to think that the fire was of incendiary origin. While it has not been definitely settled as to this, and perhaps never will be, the prevailing opinion now is that it was some careless act on the part of parties who were in the rear of the barber shop not long before the fire broke out."

The fire of 1918 did \$200,000 damage—and that in the day when a dollar bought considerably more than it does these days.

Sale Of Palominos Marks End Of Famous Horse Ranch Here

By those familiar with the Swag- gart horses.

When Mrs. Ben Swaggart held a dispersion sale of horses at the famous ranch northeast of Lexington two weeks ago she brot an end to an industry which for years had attracted country wide attention. For it was at the big ranch in the Swaggart Buttes district that the Palomino horses were developed, those cream colored saddlers that brought buyers from far and wide when the industry was in its hey-day.

From the time Hoot Gibson, Hollywood actor, purchased one of the "new look" ponies from Mrs. Swaggart and her husband, the late B. F. Swaggart, horse fanciers from many parts of the country found their way to the ranch to make their selections. Among these distant callers was Major Christensen, trainer and exhibitor of circus horses, who not only came and selected his animals, but for a time followed the policy of remaining at the ranch to start the training course. Later, when exhibiting with a circus they were not advertised as Morrow county Palominos but the breed was readily recognized.

Rita Johnson New Swim Pool Manager

Rita Johnson, new manager of the city swimming pool, said Wednesday that her first week at the pool had been entirely uneventful. Miss Johnson succeeds Mrs. William Labhart who has successfully managed the pool two previous seasons. The change in management became effective July 1.

Mrs. Labhart is now conducting examinations that will end the swimming lessons she has taught this season. One class, life saving, will be continued until July 15.

Miss Johnson said that attendance at the city pool has dropped to about 70 bathers each day. Even the hottest of days in recent weeks have failed to attract a crowd equal to the June high of 162 bathers.

Bank Deposits Show Gain Over Same Call Period in 1948

In answer to the June 30 call of the comptroller of the currency, the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland reports deposits of \$4,618,694.43 and loans of \$990,915.98. In charge of the local bank is Merle Beckett, manager.

A year ago the figures were, deposits, \$3,943,854.18, and loans, \$1,068,621.57, Beckett said.

President F. N. Belgrano Jr. stated that for the First National group of 61 banking offices, as a whole, the June 30 statement shows loans of \$181,397,739.97, and deposits of \$554,856,546.94. A year ago, with 56 banking offices in the group, the figures were, deposits, \$572,979,049.71 and loans \$163,875,390.13.

President Belgrano pointed out that the decrease in deposits since June 30, 1948 reflects the readjustment of business to a more normal level and the slackening of the post-war surge of consumer buying and are in line with a nation-wide trend.

City's Request For Additional Funds Flatly Rejected

Only 34 of 183 Votes Cast Favored Increase of Taxes

One hundred and eighty-three of Heppner's voters turned out Wednesday to cast their ballots in the special budget election. Thirty-nine favored the proposed tax levy, but 144 voters said "No."

The rejected proposal would have permitted the City of Heppner to levy a tax in the amount of \$12,734 for the fiscal year July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950, over and above the six percent limitation (for the reason that it is necessary for the construction, maintenance and repair of streets and bridges.)

After canvassing the vote Wednesday night the city council immediately turned its attention to the new budget and, after deliberation, recommended that the budget committee offset the loss of expected revenue by paring budget items as follows: Streets and bridges, \$6,500; emergency fund, \$2,000; replacements on water, \$1,500; building repairs, \$900; labor on water, \$700; library, \$600; shop equipment, \$500; total \$12,700.

If the budget committee follows the council's recommendation, all city support will be withdrawn from the library, for no funds will be available for building repairs or shop equipment.

Rising labor costs were cited by one council member as the reason why an additional sum of money was requested for street and bridge work in the coming fiscal year. He said that although the law permits an increase of six percent above the highest budget in the previous three years, the new budget still lies below the necessary figure because of over-zealous trimming in past years.

The city encountered unexpected expense because of the February freshet. About \$1,500 has been spent on labor and materials to replace the washed-out bridges on South Main street and on Birch street. The old Court street bridge was also replaced at a cost of about \$7,000. The cost of resurfacing several blocks of city streets has not yet been estimated, but it is expected to be a large figure.

Before canvassing the vote Wednesday night the council held its regular session on city business. Mayor Lanham read a letter of complaint against the fire hazard created by burning trash in the city dumping ground. The council directed Manager Howard Keithley to dig a fire guard around the dumping area.

The council agreed to meet with the county court at 10:30 a. m. Thursday to work out an agreement for cooperative use of water in supplying the new county hospital. Dr. C. C. Dunham read a report on city sidewalks. The streets and public property committee scheduled a meeting to discuss a request for trailer parking space within the city limits. Manager Keithley reported that he had not yet received bids he had requested on asphalt for street resurfacing.

Next meeting of the council will be on July 18.

Fire Department Makes Quick Trip

The Heppner fire department made its first run of the month at 12:42 p. m. Saturday in response to a call from the Frank Rumble home. The fire, of undetermined cause, burned a 5-foot section of board fence, but did not get out of control, as Mr. Rumble had feared it might.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles said that two and one-half minutes elapsed between the time the department received the call and the time at which the truck left the scene of the fire.

VALLEY PUBLISHERS CALL

The Gazette Times family was pleasantly surprised Sunday afternoon by a visit from the Junction City Times family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McKinley and their daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Talent, and granddaughter, Suzanne Talent. Leaving home early Sunday morning the McKineys asked themselves, "Where shall we go today?" and the answer was, "Let's go see the Crawfords." So, after crossing the Cascades, the Ochoco and the Blues, here they came about 5 p. m. It was their first visit to this immediate part of the state and they were convinced it would not be the last.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker enroute at Pendleton for the east Saturday night. Their ultimate destination is Cleveland, Ohio, where Mr. Parker is in attendance at the national convention of the Elks lodge. Enroute they expected to visit a few days in Iowa.

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

MEASURES OF PROGRESS

PROGRESS IN THE COLONIAL DAYS OF OUR COUNTRY WAS MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EASTERN SEABOARD, OF THE BEGINNINGS OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN SETTLEMENTS—AND OF THE START OF EXPLORATION OF THE VAST LANDS AND RESOURCES STRETCHING WESTWARD.

By the middle of the last century, as we began to open up the west, our concept of America's progress, though still based primarily on land and natural wealth, embraced as well broadening opportunities in industry and transportation.

Today, we measure the progress of our nation by the productive use we make of land, by the contributions of science and mass production to the well-being of all our people and, as throughout our history, by the opportunity of the individual, through hard work and thrift, to achieve for his family, security and the chance for further progress and advancement.

Mary Van's Flower Shop Now In Hotel

Mary Van's Flower Shop was moved into the hotel over the holiday week-end. It is now in the process of being settled in its new quarters but is open for business.

More shelves are to be placed and a bit more painting is on the schedule and when all is finished the room will be very attractive. The flower shop has been located in the room with the REA for the last couple of years but each business had overflowed its allotted space and Mrs. Stevens made arrangements to move to the hotel. The entrance is on Willow street and as usual with Mary, the latch string is on the outside.

Walter A. Wood Dies At Lone Wednesday

Walter A. Wood, aged 69, passed away at his home in Lone July 6.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel under the auspices of the American Legion. The Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien will officiate and burial will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

SCHUNK GRANDSON DROWNED IN HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schunk received word of the drowning of their grandson, Rodney Allen Schunk, two-year-old son of Albert Schunk Jr. The accident happened on Albert Jr.'s birthday but particulars have not been learned. Young schunk is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Rodney Allen leaves his parents and a tiny brother.