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Roads And Bridges Suffer Damages As Heavy Snow Melts

One Experiences Mild Flood Due To Canyon Run-off

A season of spring headaches is in store for the county court and the county road crews following the disappearance of the snow which blanketed the region for approximately a month. The county authorities will not agree with the general opinion that the ground absorbs most of the moisture for there is plenty of evidence in different sectors that the water collected in streams which here and there washed out roads and made bridges unusable or at least unsafe.

Harold (Doc) Sherer, county road superintendent, was checking up on road and bridge damage early this week and found the greatest damage in the Dry Fork, Sand Hollow and Lone Gooseberry districts. The south end of the county is having its troubles, also, and while the information Sherer had Wednesday was incomplete, he expected reports from all over the county.

Heppner experienced nothing in the way of flood waters this year, due to the fact that the snow disappeared slowly and that there was little frost in the ground. Down lone way the snow was a little slow in starting to melt but when the thaw got down to business Tuesday Rietmann canyon provided more water than drainage facilities could handle and the lower part of town was inundated for a few hours.

Willow creek has kept well within its banks but it is reported that Rhea creek got a little out of hand for a time.

A break in the murky weather about noon today has provided the first sunshine for many weeks.

Modern Building Nearly Ready For Heppner Cleaners

Announcement is made this week by W. C. Collins that the Heppner Cleaners will be closed February 23-27 to permit moving equipment from the present location to the new building a few feet to the north and adjoining the Standard Stations. Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches on the building and it is expected everything will be in readiness by next Monday.

A man experienced in moving and setting up cleaning equipment is coming for Idaho to supervise the moving and installation.

The new building has been constructed along lines representing the best ideas for practical operation of a cleaning plant and much of it is the result of knowledge acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Collins over a period of many years in the cleaning and laundry business. It is also the first new building on the east side of Main street since the Heppner Hardware & Electric building was completed in 1946.

Howard Keithley supervised construction of the building, which is of light rock block.

Many Couples Turn Out For Old-Time Dancing Lessons

Lone was the focal point for delegations from Hardman, Heppner, Lena, Lexington, Morgan Cecil and Boardman Tuesday evening to attend the first of a series of three lessons sponsored by the home management division of Oregon State college. Due to the fact that melting snow caused a minor flood in lone which surrounded the Willows grange hall with water, the meeting was held at the lone Legion hall.

The dancers were taught basic parts of any squares, the waltz, the Varsouvienne, two complete square routines, and three mixer-type games under the direction of Miss Jessalene Mallilieu, who showed the result of her experience as Red Cross worker in Korea and Ireland with U. S. troops during the last war. She displayed a rare teaching technique in instructing a large group in a relatively small area.

Those attending the first lesson will be eligible to attend the next meeting on March 17. There were 169 delegates present Tuesday evening, people chosen from practically all organizations of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Ann, to John Paul Gerhardt, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Gerhardt of La Grande. No date has been set for the wedding. During this past year Miss Worden has had a secretarial position in the college business office at Eastern Oregon College of Education and Mr. Gerhardt is a senior there.

BAND VOCALIST



Betty Burton is vocalist for her band which is scheduled to play for the Elks annual party to be held February 18. The band is a Portland organization.

"Mumbo-Jumbo" Elicits Praise Of Large Audience

By Delpha Jones

The Lexington P-TA players presented "Mumbo-Jumbo" a three act mystery farce to a full house Wednesday night at the school auditorium. The scenes all take place in the New England farm house of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds, played by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger, whose work was exceptionally natural. There were laughs, faints and screams aplenty, furnished by Mrs. Gladys Van Winkle who played the part of Tweet, a small town gal, green in the ways of the world. Two college boys, Dick Reynolds and PeeWee Smith, played by Leonard Munkers and George Irvin came to the home of Dick's aunt and uncle to meet Peaches Greeding, Elizabeth Feathers, a hard boiled chorus girl. Adding mystery and spine chilling excitement was the trio speaking Haitian, the zombie, Mrs. Toni Baker, her nurse, Thelma Anderson and Doctor Omahandra, Glen Griffiths. Adding much mystery were a polite young man, Clarence Buchanan and his feeble old mother, Delpha Jones. There were two sheriffs, a lady sheriff, Mrs. Betty Groves and her son, Larry, who were Mrs. Emma Burpee and niece Daisy, and a man, sheriff, Lem Marblehead taken by Elwynne Peck. There was also a state policeman, played by Bud Buchanan and a blind man, Director of the play was Gerald Baker and properties were provided by Edith Munkers and Jo Irvin. The play is scheduled to be given in Heppner February 22 as a benefit for the Heppner P. T. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grant returned to their home in Prineville Sunday after the week-end spent in Lexington at the O. G. breeding home. They took their two children Jeanne and Jimmie home with them after they had visited their grandparents for several weeks.

Mrs. O. G. Breeding gave a party Wednesday honoring her daughter Jeanne Grant's birthday. Those attending were, Kenny Jones, Jimmie Smaltz, Tommy and Margaret Green, Douglas Griffith, Bobby Houck, Jimmie Grant.

The 4-H cooking club gave a birthday party at the home of Donna Robinson honoring Patricia Steagalls' and Joan Breeding's birthdays.

Jack O'Hara is at th ehome of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newell O'Hara where he is visiting from Klamath Falls.

Kenneth Klinger, who has been a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin had as guests at a pinocchle and canasta party Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smaltz, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cox. Refreshments were served at midnight. Prizes were awarded to Edith Munkers for high in pinocchle Roberta Smaltz, low; Archie Munkers, pinocchle high, Roger Anderson, low; Maxine Cox, high canasta, low; Thelma Anderson, low; Lester Cox high, and Dan Smaltz low.

Orlo Martin of Moro visited his brother Randall and family at the Martin home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth and Mr. and Mrs. Don Heiker returned Tuesday from Portland.

Mrs. Thelma Anderson entertained her Blue Bird group with a Valentine party at her home Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served to Janice Brown, Helen Winters, Carol Palmer, Judy Wilhous, Barbara Steagall, Dorothy Vinson, Alma June Anderson, Charlene Jones and Josephine Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker are going to Portland this week-end where they will attend a sales congress of managers of Marshall-All-Well's stores Monday through Wednesday.

Arlington Spoils Mustang Chances As League Leaders

Heppner Lads Hit Skids as Honkers Win Easily, 58-37

Heppner high school's Mustangs were riding along merrily towards a district championship until Friday evening, February 10, when they met the Arlington Honkers. The Heppner lads didn't look like champion material by the time the river boys put over a 58-37 victory. According to reports emanating from local high school circles it would be quite a job to figure out what was the matter with the Mustangs, but they do know what happened. It was a plain case of Heppner's being unable to get moving while Arlington was on the alert throughout the game.

In the first quarter Arlington led by only three points. In the second cant the lead was widened to nine points, and in the second half the Mustangs apparently folded up.

Piper and Manners tied for high point, with nine each.

MUSTANGS TAKE IRRIGON

Irrigon traveled to Heppner Saturday night to take a second defeat at the hands of the Mustangs. The local squad started out with a bang by running up 16 points in the first quarter. Irrigon garnered four points in the first cant and increased the count to 12 in the second while Heppner was counting up 24. The visitors showed more strength in the second half but were unable to overcome the Heppner lead and the game ended, 40-32.

Friday night will be the last home game for the Mustangs. If they can beat Fossil twice they will still be tied for the league leadership.

Electricity To Be Shut Off Sunday Morning

People depending on electricity for cooking will be handicapped Sunday morning, particularly if they are accustomed to having breakfast before 8:45. The power will be off between the hours of 5:45 and 8:45, announces J. H. Huffman, local manager of the Pacific Power & Light company.

Cutting in of the new sub-station at Jordan is the reason for the shutdown. The high line from Hermiston, which is to carry Bonneville "juice" to the county to serve the Columbia Basin Electric Co-operative and augment the P. P. & L. service, will be tied in at the new sub-station which is being completed this week.

While it should require not more than one hour to make the connections, Huffman says there will be testing to do and it is hoped to make the job complete Sunday morning and avoid future shutdowns.

Addition of the Bonneville power will raise the Heppner line to 66,000 volts.

Vanport College Team Coming To Heppner Monday

La Verne Van Marter and his Heppner Shamrocks are turning just a bit upstage this week, even if their winning streak has been stymied of late. Van has signed up to play the Vanport college quint here Monday evening—something of an innovation so far as the inhabitants of this rural settlement are concerned.

Although the Shamrocks have fallen before some of the toughest competition in the district town team league, they are no set up for any team outside of some of the nationally known traveling outfits, and the local fans will do well to be on hand Monday evening to back up the local speedsters.

The Shamrocks trimmed Fossil here last Thursday evening, 51-43, and lost by the narrow margin of one basket and one foul in a tough duel at Athena last night with the Richfield aggregation from Milton-Freewater. They will meet Dayville at the Echo gym this evening in an attempt to hold a spot in the AAU state championship tournament. If they fail tonight they will be out of the race.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY SETS WORLD DAY PRAYER PROGRAM

Friday, February 24 will be observed as World Day of Prayer by the Union Missionary Society. A meeting of the society will be held at the Episcopal church which will be open to the public.

The executive committee of the society met at the All Saints parish house Friday and elected officers for the ensuing year, including Miss Opal Briggs, president; Mrs. Glenn Warner, vice president; and Mrs. Richard Wells, secretary-treasurer.

Elks to Hold 53d Annual Celebration A Live Program Announced

By Ruth F. Payne

Heppner B P O. Elks No. 358 will hold its 53rd anniversary celebration Saturday. A full program of entertainment has been arranged according to an announcement by W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the entertainment committee. Featured on the day's events are the regular meeting and initiation of candidates at 2:00 p. m. At this same hour a card party has been scheduled for the ladies and will be held at the American Legion hall. Hostesses for this will be the officers' wives. Lunch will be served at the Elks hall between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 p. m. after which there will be a floor show followed by dancing until 2:00 a. m. Contrary to its usual custom, the local lodge will initiate the candidates rather than have a team from some neighboring lodge as has been done in past years. Johnnie Walker of Portland, who supplied the floor show for last year's Annual will again bring his troupe of entertainers to Heppner for Saturday evening. Betty Barton and her band, also from Portland, will provide music for the dancing.

Mesdames J. W. Farra and Ted Hart were hostesses for the Car-nation club Thursday evening in the Farra building on north Main street. High score for pinocchle was received by Mrs. Adelle Hannan and low by Mrs. Ted Piersen. Mrs. Edmond Gotsy received the door prize. Others present were Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlein, Keith Sluyter, Paul Doherty, Roy Quackenbush, George Gertson, William Cunningham, Jesse C. Payne, Martha Shannon and Misses Bonnie and Roberta Hannan and Mary Shannon.

Valentine parties were the order of the day Monday at most meetings of the Girl Scouts. In addition to this, the Brownie troop under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Farra, were guests at a birthday party given for Joyce Casebeer by her mother, Mrs. Alvin Casebeer. Mrs. Lucy Wright was a special guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Applegate left the first of the week for Hood River and Portland where they will spend a ten-day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix departed Monday for Portland where he will undergo medical treatment. They expect to return to Heppner the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Peoples, Mrs. Lora Peoples and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scanlon plan to leave Thursday for southern California where they will make their home.

Leslie L. Matlock returned Monday from Portland where he spent the last several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Mattie Green returned Sunday evening from Pendleton where she spent the week-end with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green.

Tom Hughes who has been attending Linfield college at McMinnville has returned to Heppner where he will work during the next few months.

Mrs. Cornett Green has returned from a week-end trip to Portland where she visited her sister, Mrs. James Estes.

Miss Leila McLachlan has returned to Spokane where she is attending school. During her recent visit here Miss McLachlan was a bridesmaid at the Bennett-Hanna wedding.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo left Monday for Portland where they will visit for several days with their sons Ted and Scott. Prior to their departure they were hosts for a dinner party Sunday evening at which Mrs. Grace Cleveland and Frank W. Turner were guests.

Mrs. Claude Graham motored to Portland Monday. She was accompanied by her father, John Wightman.

Frank W. Baker is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where he underwent an operation for injuries sustained while working as plumbing foreman at the Morrow General Memorial hospital.

Mrs. John Bergstrom returned home Tuesday from Pendleton where she was hospitalized for several days.

Heppner, Irrigon Volleyball Teams Met Here Saturday

A group of determined girls from the girls of Heppner high school Saturday to wrest the honors from the girls of Irrigon high school but found the local volleyballists equally determined, with the result that the project team returned home taking the small end of a 38-33 score.

The Heppner Fillies drew their first serve and for a time neither team could get an effective lead. Eventually the Irrigon team got to functioning and at one time forged into a 10-point lead. Then the Heppner girls woke up and began to play ball, overcoming the Irrigon lead to within two points. The game ended in a 31-all tie and in the overtime period Heppner pulled ahead 7 points to Irrigon's one. Final score, 38-32.

The Heppner girls have lost but one of six games this season and that was to Irrigon. They will meet the Fossil girls here Friday evening.

Stockman Frames Bill Introducing Certificate Plan

Measure Follows Plan Outlined By Ore. Wheat League

A bill for a new two-price plan for wheat has been introduced by Congressman Lowell Stockman of the Second District of Oregon.

Under this plan wheat would be allowed to sell on the open market at prices competitive with other grains, but the government would issue certificates to the growers entitling them to the difference between the market price, or local rate, and the full parity price, but never to exceed 50 cents a bushel, on that part of the wheat crop used for domestic flour and other human food, while the remainder of the crop would move into export and feed and industrial markets at competitive prices.

The certificate plan would be self-financing since the processors, or millers, would be required to purchase certificates for the wheat products intended for domestic human consumption, and the price of the certificates would in turn be added to the price which the consumer would have to pay at the grocery store for flour or breakfast foods. The price of these products would thus reflect the parity price for wheat, which is considered to be fair to both grower and consumer.

This plan is recommended by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and endorsed generally by the farm organizations of the Pacific northwest. It is intended to allow the wheat farmer greater freedom from acreage controls and to give wheat a chance to compete with other grains in the export, feed and industrial markets. Growers would not ordinarily be restricted to certain acreage allotments in order to receive certificates. In case of large surpluses, however, it might be necessary to invoke production controls. It is particularly desirable to minimize the necessity for acreage allotments in the semi-arid regions of the Pacific northwest where limited rainfall makes it practically impossible to diversify from the planting of wheat to other crops.

Loans would be made to the growers at about the rate for corn, but not less than 60 percent of parity, or about one-third less than present rates. This loan would amount to about \$1.28 instead of the present \$1.92 farm average. This would support the price enough to prevent serious market decline.

The plan would bring wheat farmers about the same price as now for the approximately one-half of their crop which would go into domestic human food consumption, and for the remainder of the wheat crop, the growers of the Pacific northwest have indicated a willingness to accept the one-third decrease in price, since they believe the plan will help expand existing markets and at the same time will help keep down surpluses by encouraging a shift from raising wheat on lands where other crops would be more profitable than low-priced wheat.

A special solemn requiem mass will be held in St. Patrick's church at 10 a. m. Tuesday, February 21. The local pastor will be the celebrant and the choir will be composed of priests from the eastern and northern part of the diocese. This mass will be in memory of Fr. John Delahunty who passed away recently in Condon.

WARM WEATHER COMES TO HIGHLAND COUNTRY FIRST

One would naturally think—if doing any thinking—that the snow would melt along the Columbia river and hills adjacent thereto before it melts up here in the big hills. That was what Frank Wilkinson thought when he bought a ranch near the river to use as lambing headquarters. He has been right part of the time but just about all wrong this season.

With the snow virtually gone on the home range above Heppner, the Wilkinson ewe band was taken to the river ranch where lambing was scheduled to begin February 13. But low and behold, when the sheep arrived at their destination that section was still in the throes of winter. Worst of all, lambs began appearing a day ahead of schedule and a bulldoz-er had to be put to work clearing the lambing corrals of snow so the lambs could be given proper care.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn are the parents of a son born Tuesday, February 14 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Graves of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pettyjohn of lone.

Function Of Rural School Board One Of Coordination

One of the functions, and perhaps the chief one, of the rural school board is coordination of the school work of the county.

Mrs. Lewis Cason, member of that body told the chamber of commerce Monday. And in effecting this coordination it is not the intent of the county board to usurp the functions of or dictate to the local boards, of which there are now only six on the active list.

Mrs. Cason said the new setup has not been in force long enough to determine if it is the exact answer to the school problem but she thinks that the lighter settled counties, like Morrow, have benefited and that greater good will come as the years pass and new ideas are incorporated in the law.

Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, told the group that real strides are being made in conservation work, especially with relation to increasing the number of participating ranchers. The local district, which embraces most of the southern half of the county, now has 117 farmers and stockmen engaged in soil practices of one kind or other and it is hoped all living within the district will eventually join in the movement to save the topsoil.

Final Rites Held Monday Afternoon For George Gertson

Final rites were held Monday afternoon for George W. Gertson, whose death occurred at the family residence in Heppner Saturday. Church services were held at the Heppner Church of Christ, with the pastor, Glenn Warner, officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. The body was then taken to Pendleton for interment. Mr. Gertson had been ill since July 11, 1949, when he suffered a stroke.

George William Gertson was born June 13, 1884 in Huntsville, Ark. He and his brother Arthur came west when they were young men. They farmed near Elmira, Wash. and liked the country so well they prevailed upon the rest of their family to join them there.

For a few years Mr. Gertson lived at Bend and later moved to Pendleton where he lived 25 years and was engaged in the garage business and as car salesman. He was married to Mrs. Clara Beamer of Heppner on August 15, 1910 and they made their home here.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his aged mother, Theresa Gertson, Havre, Mont.; his daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. John Karik of Portland and two grand daughters, Jeanine and Julie Karik; four brothers, Arthur, Palo Alto, Calif.; Walter, Knight's Landing, Cal.; Ernest of Spokane and Fred of Havre, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gertson and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Flatt of Havre, came to attend the funeral, as did Mrs. Karik and children, who came Saturday night, and Ernest Gertson. Also present were Mrs. Gertson's daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anhorn of Central Point and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goheen of Portland.

Boardman: Henry Zivney, Chm., and G. B. Fahey, superintendent.

Flaying Tourists To Have C-46 Escorts

When the flying tourists take off from Portland February 25 enroute for Cuba, the 80 or more private planes will have an escort of three army C-46 transport planes, announces Orville Cutsforth. When the air tourists reach Miami, Fla. they will be joined by five PBY flying boats which will escort them over the "deep blue" to Cuba.

The government planes will carry luggage for the tourists and the personnel will perform whatever services needed to make the tour pleasant and safe.

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Discussion began at 3 p. m. and the group enjoyed a dinner prepared and served by the Home-making department at 6 p. m. at the school cafeteria.

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