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Hail Storm Does Some Damage To Rhea Creek Crops

Ball and McGough Places Feel Blast Of Frozen Pellets

Definite damage to crops was suffered on two places in Tuesday's storm when hail fell over some sections of the county in what threatened to be an all-out flash storm, Archie Ball and Gordon McGough reported extensive injury to their wheat fields—enough to warrant a check-up by the adjuster and the filing of claims for insurance.

It is expected that others may turn up with claims, although from accounts the storm was more intense in that area along Rhea creek than in other sections.

Here in town the actual storm was brief, with a light shower of hail immediately followed by a brief downpour of rain which settled the dust for a few hours. Apparently what threatened to be a hard rain storm in the lone section broke up in a windstorm.

The storm caused only a minor delay in cutting operations which are now in full swing in the northern half of the county. Don Grady, manager of the Morrow County Grain Grower Inc. branch at Ione, reported Sunday that Sam Crawford brought in the first load of wheat there Saturday and that harvest would be general in a few days. The Crawford wheat was running an average of 20 bushels to the acre.

Mrs. Snow, Recent Bride, Honored With Shower at Van Marter Home

By RUTH F. PAYNE

Misses Lillian Hubbard and Eileen Ball entertained Wednesday evening at the Van Marter apartment in the Gilman building with a bridal shower complimenting Mrs. Bill Snow (Virginia Smith), a bride of recent date. Present were Mesdames Van Hubbard, Harvey Smith, Lester Wyman, Don Greenup, W. H. I. Padburn Jr., Alex Thompson, La Verne Van Marter, Robert Gambell, Robert Kilkenny, Wayne Prock, Lowell Rippey, Clyde Petyjohn, Rudy Bruns, and Misses Connie Ruggles, Mary Gunderson, Beth Ball, Patty Healy, Juanita Matteson and Colleen Prock. Bingo was the diversion of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connor have returned from a fortnight's vacation in Seattle and British Columbia.

Mrs. Isabel Templeton is enjoying a brief vacation from her duties at the J. C. Penney company. Later, she expects to go to Portland and the coast for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, Don Bennett, Beth and Eileen Ball and Mary Gunderson spent the week-end at Lehman Springs.

Mrs. A. D. McMurdo returned the first of the week from Portland where she spent the past two weeks visiting with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charlie McMurdo and children. During this time, Ted McMurdo was at Fort Worden, near Port Orford, Wash. for army reserve training.

A large number of Oddfellows, Rebekahs, their families and friends gathered at the Wightman Blue Mountain ranch south of Hardman Sunday for the annual lodge picnic. A potluck luncheon was served at noon and the afternoon was taken up with softball, horseshoes, races and other games for the men and children while the ladies played cards, did hand work or just visited. Earlier in the year, two teams were organized to compete in a membership drive with the losing side to act as host for this picnic. The committee in charge of arrangements included Charles Hasvold, C. H. Privett, D. E. Tash, Jack Edmondson and R. G. McMurry. A feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a lovely corsage to Mrs. John Wightman who admitted to being the oldest lady present.

Billy Pat and Christine Hayes and their friend, Darlene Wetherall, have returned to their homes in Arlington after a visit here with their grandmother.

HOUSING SET-UP SERIOUS AT HOTEL DE BAUMAN

Accommodations are at a premium in the Morrow county jail and Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman is hoping that the crime wave which has been in evidence for some weeks will abate—at least to the point where he can take care of the number of prisoners for which the bastille was built. He announced to the chamber of commerce Monday that all available space was taken.

With several prisoners already locked up, the past week-end saw some others come in. Stanley Cox was taken into custody on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. That was Saturday evening. Bail was set at \$1500, which Cox was able to raise by Monday morning and he was released shortly before noon.

Officer Bill Labhart gathered up a 16-year old boy, Alvin Dean Johnson on a runaway charge. He was being held for his parents at Wenatchee, Wash.

J. D. Vaughn was picked up by local officers and placed in jail upon complaint of his wife at Gresham. Bail has been placed at \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case and her mother, Mrs. Ida Grimes returned Thursday afternoon from Seattle where they attended buyers market for several days.

Robert Evans of Gearhart and Harold Case of Seaside came up over the week-end to see M. L. Case who is ill at the local hospital. Mr. Evans remained in the city for a time but Mr. Case returned to Seaside Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket had as dinner guests Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huseon and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parker of Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers returned the first of the week from a motor trip to Yellowstone and various places in Canada.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson, Louis Wetzel has returned from Bozeman, Mont. where he and Mrs. Wetzel were called recently by the death of her brother-in-law in an auto accident in which her mother was seriously injured. The mother is in a Bozeman hospital and Mrs. Wetzel remained to assist with her care.

Mrs. Elbert Cox is in Portland this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellis Irwin.

Bill Duran is a patient at the Veteran's hospital in Portland having been taken to the city last week by C. J. D. Bauman.

Mrs. Neil Doherty and two sons, Charles and Bill, of Ione were shopping in Heppner Monday.

Mrs. George Curran and Mrs. Ralph Marlett of the Butter creek section were shopping in Heppner Thursday.

In This Corner, The Scappoose Giant



Prize in a unique wager between the governors of Oregon and Washington as to which state will have the fewest man-caused forest fires in 1950, is "Sir Keep Oregon Green", a 17 1/2 pound broad-breasted bronze turkey. He is the gift of Loren Johnson, Scappoose turkey raiser, shown presenting the young bird to Oregon's Governor Douglas McKay. Sir KOG will weigh 40 pounds by Thanksgiving. Johnson boasts. Wagered by Governor Langlie of Washington is "Chief No Fire", an equally large broad-breasted tom from the famed Okanogan country in Washington.

Rodeo Season To Officially Open Here Saturday Evening

Jimmy Whetmore's Band to Furnish Music at Pavilion

Heralding the 1950 Rodeo season, the annual kick-off dance will be held in the new county fair pavilion Saturday evening, July 22. It will be the first of a series of dances leading up to the big week when there will be dancing Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, September 7, 8 and 9.

Added interest will be found in the use of the big new pavilion located right on the fair grounds. The 60x90 foot floor will accommodate larger crowds and all activities will be housed under one roof, what with the other half of the building containing the kitchen where the 4-H clubbers will hold forth with refreshments. Those attending the initial dance July 1 will long remember that event as the beginning of a series of similar occasions to delight the hearts of those who trip the light fantastic.

To give just the right touch to Saturday night's opener Jimmy Whetmore and his boys will be on hand to supply the music. This popular dance band has been pleasing the dancing public here for several seasons and being retained for the kick-off dance and the Rodeo dances was the result of popular demand.

There will be dancing every Saturday night until the Rodeo opens. The schedule includes the four princess dances and the queen's dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford drove to Pasco Friday to attend the funeral rites for Mrs. C. A. Jones, sister of Mrs. Parker and Mr. Crawford.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell and daughter, Miss Lorene Mitchell returned home from a pleasant vacation trip which took them in to Canada. They were accompanied by Miss Edna Hughes of Portland who came on to Heppner with them to spend a few days with her mother and other relatives. The girls flew to Seattle to join Mrs. Mitchell who had spent a week at the Siroptmist International. That closed Friday night and they started north the next day. They returned early Friday morning.

The Edmond Gontys have enjoyed visits from several guests during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bass and children of Vancouver, Wash., Mrs. James Walters, Cedar Mills, and Mrs. Kenneth Sundberg, Portland, visited over the week-end with the Gontys and Marie Healy Walters and family. From McMinnville came Thomas Gonty and family and Mrs. Gonty's parents from Amity for a weekend visit, and on Monday Mrs. Ann Holboke of Beaverton and Mrs. Charles McElligott were guests for a short time.

Heppner Has 1626 People According To Recent Count

Gain of About 42 Per Cent Made in Ten Year Interval

Heppner has 1626 people, according to information received the first of the week from the Bureau of Census through Robert W. Gibson, district supervisor at La Grande. As previously published, Morrow county has 4,739 people.

These figures are given out as a preliminary census count and are subject to revision.

The 1626 count is approximately the number harbored in the minds of many citizens, since the count made by the state in mid-period showed more than 1500 people residing within the city limits and there has been a fluctuation since that count was made.

To those who may feel disappointed in the count, let it be pointed out that numerous other places in the state have experienced a letdown from expectations of greater growth. Even Portland showed up short of estimates when the census was taken, although the city made considerable gain in population.

The most practical pre-census count estimate made for Heppner was that of James H. Driscoll, postmaster. Basing his estimate on people served by the postoffice and confining the count strictly to those living within the town's limits, Driscoll found there were 1610 residents.

One confusing element in the population situation has been the shortage of housing. It must be remembered that the housing set-up prior to the post-war building program was for a town of 1100-1200. An increase of 42 percent created a housing problem which has only begun to straighten out. A shortage of houses during the war and immediately following doubtless caused a loss in population at the time but it is not likely that many of those people would have remained to become permanent citizens.

Some increase in population could be realized by extending the town's limits up Donaldson canyon and northwest beyond the Union Pacific depot. It is not known whether or not such a move has been considered, but if accomplished it would add something like 100 more people to the town proper.

LODGE MEETING CHANGED
Members of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge are being urged to attend a potluck dinner at the hall at 7 p. m. Friday. This is being held instead of the regular meeting, announces Mrs. Donald Robinson, noble grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson motored to Portland Sunday taking a truckload of cattle to the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney flew to Orcas Island to spend the week-end at the Smith summer home there.

Bob Runnion returned Monday evening from Dorris, Calif. where he spent several days looking after business matters. Bob found the weather a "little" hot in northern California.

vicemen and laborers.
Total payments to unemployed workers were 5.3 per cent higher during the first half of 1950 than during the same period in 1949. Unemployment checks issued during the first six months of 1950 called for \$10,347,473 which brought state unemployment reserves down to \$70,500,000.

RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS
The governor has the authority to order the forced evacuation of any person from an emergency disaster area. Officers of political subdivisions of the state have not been granted similar emergency powers.

Police crime detection laboratory is under management of superintendent of state police, the University of Oregon medical school cooperating.
The state is not liable for damages to a private automobile which were caused by negligent operation of a power lawn mower by a patient at the Oregon Fairview home.
A veteran receiving state of Oregon educational aid, under Oregon laws, 1943 as amended, may concurrently receive a scholarship under act of 79th Congress, as amended (the Fulbright act).

SMALL BOY CATCHES SHARE OF BIG FISH

While the rest of the populace is taking vacations or worrying about rent and taxes, one youthful citizen is carrying along the old boyhood tradition of "going fishing." And he is having good luck—or perhaps we should say success, since fishing is a scientific achievement.

Delbert Piper, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Piper, fished down Willow creek Sunday, going as far as the Wightman ranch. The result of his day's sport was less noted in number than in size. His biggest catch was a 19-inch trout which tipped the beam at 2 1/2 pounds. He caught two others, one measuring 13 inches and the other 12.

Not a bad day's work for a boy, or a man for that matter.

Wranglers Enjoy Overnight Visit At Winchester Cabin

Tired and dusty Wranglers, Morrow county riding club members, returned to their homes Sunday after an enjoyable week-end at the mountain home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester.

Leaving Heppner at 3 p. m. Saturday, horses were trucked to Heren creek where Mrs. Winchester and son Lowell Lee were waiting to pilot the guests via a winding and crooked trail to the "Winchester Wheel-Inn."

This spacious cabin, located on Ditch creek, was built entirely by the owners and is furnished throughout with a collection of antique furniture. It fronts on a man-made lake, which provided amusement for the children as they were given the use of a rubber boat. The cabin overlooks a well-cared for picnic ground dotted with tables, chairs, wheels, fireplaces, a dancing pavilion, and running streams.

Riders and others arrived in time for the evening outdoor meal which centered around glazed ham, baked beans, and a green salad.

A songfest around the campfire followed to the accompaniment of Harold Erwin's guitar. Finding an organist in the crowd, Norman Craven was put to work pumping an old-fashioned organ while square dancers "hoed it down" on the open air dance floor.

Approximately 35 people stayed overnight, many being provided beds while others spread bed rolls under the stars.

Despite a long evening of frivolity, breakfast was underway at 6 and the smell of coffee, bacon, eggs, and flapjacks being cooked on the outdoors range aroused all sleepers in the crisp mountain air.

Riders then saddled their horses and were guided through trails hacked out previously by the Winchester to Arbutuck lookout. Coming back by the way of Kelly Prairie, hungry riders and horses arrived back in time for a late lunch.

Following a watermelon feast, guests departed reluctantly, while riders, looking back longingly at the lush cool mountains, rode back to the trucks.
The party was sponsored by

Early Heppner Pioneer Chosen Queen of Eastern Oregon Pioneer Assn. Picnic

We are indebted to Mrs. Lewis Cason for the following biography of Mrs. Caroline Cason, early pioneer of the Heppner section, who has been chosen as queen of the 1950 Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association picnic to be held Sunday at the Julia Henderson pioneer grounds on Service creek, near Fossil.

HISTORY OF CAROLINE HALE CASON
Caroline Hale was born March 16, 1862 at Jefferson, Oregon, the eldest of 12 children, born to Milton and Mary Sperry Hale. Both the Hales and Sperrys were early Oregon pioneers—a great uncle, Milton Hale, having built the first house in Albany, a one-room log cabin. Grandfather William Sperry was a Baptist minister—one of the early circuit riders.

When Caroline was nine years old, her family came to eastern Oregon to make their home, traveling in a covered wagon and settling on Skinner creek, about 12 miles south of Heppner. At this time there was a single log cabin at the present site of Heppner. An uncle, James Sperry, later built and operated a flour mill at Heppner.

About five years later, the threat of Indian attack forced the Hales to leave their home and go to Heppner. The men around hastily built a fort which fortunately was never needed. A party of volunteer men, who were out

Flying Log Takes Life of Trucker At Heppner Sawmill

Hubert Mahon's Head Crushed in Fatal Accident

Hubert Mahon, 39, was instantly killed at 3:35 Tuesday afternoon by being crushed by a log, part of a load he had just delivered at the pond of the Heppner Lumber company. Apparently Mahon had loosened a binding chain in preparation to dump the load and the log was pinched out from the side of the load. His head was crushed.

Mahon had been hauling to mill on an independent contract, delivering logs from upper Rhea creek. He was considered a careful operator and the mill management and other workmen are at a loss to offer any reason for the accident other than that his mind was preoccupied and he forgot the usual unloading procedure.

When the trucker arrives at the unloading dock he is required to let the load stand until the scaler, who also is the boom operator, scales his load, returns to his position in the control room and records the scale, after which a cable is wrapped around the center of the load and tightened so as to release the strain on the binding chains and permit the driver to remove the chains and blocks.

Hubert Hudson, boom operator and scaler, had scaled the load and was in the control room entering the figures on the record book. He heard the crash of the log but was unaware that tragedy had struck until he went up on the dock and saw Mahon lying there.

Funeral services are being held at 2 o'clock p. m. today from the All Saints Memorial church, Episcopal, with Rev. Elvon L. Tull officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Hubert Mahon was born September 11, 1910 at Buena Vista, Col. and came with the family to Morrow county in 1913. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and a son, William and a daughter, Patricia, all of Heppner; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mahon; Heppner; two brothers, Jack of Heppner and Joseph Jr. of Prairie City, four sisters, Celia Matteson, Heppner, Nellie Blodgett, Albany; Hannah Osborn, Mitchell; and Coleen Helget, Lebanon.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edmondson at Sacramento. She has been named Melody and weighed 7 1/2 pounds. Mrs. Durward Tash of Heppner is the paternal grandmother.

the Ernie Winchester, Merle Becketts, Don Robinsons, Archie Munkers, Al Fetches, Norman Cravens and Harry Dingles.

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scouting, were ambushed by Piute Indians at Willow Springs, and a great uncle, Harrison Hale, was killed. Mrs. Cason's uncle, John Sperry, captain of the volunteers from Pendleton, escaped unhurt.

After the danger passed, the family returned home, but found things in such a state of neglect that they soon sold out and moved to a ranch below the present site of Ione. They lived there approximately four years then moved to Shutter Flat near Arlington.

In 1882, Caroline Hale married the late Charles Cason, who became a Baptist minister and rancher. Mr. Cason was also of early pioneer stock. His grandfather, Fendall Carr Cason, crossed the plains in 1843 with the Whitman wagon train. His maternal grandfather, Walter Marsh was killed during the Whitman massacre and his mother, Mary Marsh, then a child of 11 years, was one of the survivors.

In 1891, the Casons moved to Loneroek, in which locality Mrs. Cason has resided ever since. Mr. Cason passed away in 1931.

Seven children were born to Charles and Caroline Cason: Willis, Bert, Ellis, George, Lewis, Delia, and Perry, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Cason has three brothers and two sisters left, and has nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.