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1950 Wheat Crop Overtaxes Branch Storage Facilities

Overflow Nearly 160,000 Bushels At Lex Elevators

Less than three months ago farmers and grain handlers were wondering if there would be a crop worth mentioning in 1950. Today, with harvest in full swing they are wondering what to do with the crop. Three months ago weather conditions indicated a drought. Then came the rains. Only negligible douth damage had been done in some sections, and much of this was repaired by the copious rains of early June. According to the wheatgrowers talked to, it was one of the timeliest rains in the history of grain-growing in these parts.

No one has come forth with claims of yields comparable to some produced in 1943, but the overall picture would indicate the 1950 crop will be the equal of 1948 when vast quantities of wheat were piled on the ground in lieu of storage space.

Ted Smith, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., said this morning that approximately 118,000 bushels of wheat now cover the ground surrounding the concern's elevators at Lexington. "We have a Mt. Hood in one pile, a Mt. Adams in another and are now building one that may assume Mt. Everest proportions before we get through with it," Smith said.

Some of the burden placed on the Lexington facilities is due to the lack of storage space at Heppner. The Grain Growers new elevator is still in process of construction and is not expected to be ready to receive grain before Saturday at the earliest. Delay has been encountered in receiving electrical units, some of which were mislaid and had to be traced down, but these have arrived and it is hoped installation will be accomplished in time to permit receiving grain this week-end.

Elevators at Jordan, Ione, McNab and Morgan have met the situation up to the present but a shortage of cars will cause some of them to resort to open air storage before the harvest proceeds much farther. It was reported at noon today that the outside storage at Lexington was increased by 40,000 bushels.

Some farmers have deferred cutting their grain with the hope that storage facilities will improve. The new elevator at Heppner will hold approximately 220,000 bushels. The Interior Warehouse company added several bins, but these were filled in no time. Storage at Lexington has been crowded somewhat by grain that normally could be taken care of at Heppner.

The bottleneck at present is the shortage of cars. With lumber in strong demand and shipments going from here to eastern markets, allotments for the branch are hampered. The Morrow County Grain Growers is working on a plan to ship seven cars per freight train to Arlington where they can be unloaded at the big elevator on the river and brought back up the branch on the next freight. If this shuttle plan works out, the car shortage will be met in a measure and a good part of the storage difficulty solved.

MAKING BIG LAMB SHIPMENT

Harold Cohn reported this morning the purchase of 10,000 lambs from the Cunningham Sheep & Land company of Umatilla county. He is making arrangements for a 75-car train shipment to the east. Cohn says that sheepmen from other north-west states are shipping their flocks to Oregon for summer range—a reversal of the usual procedure of Oregon flockmasters summering in other states.

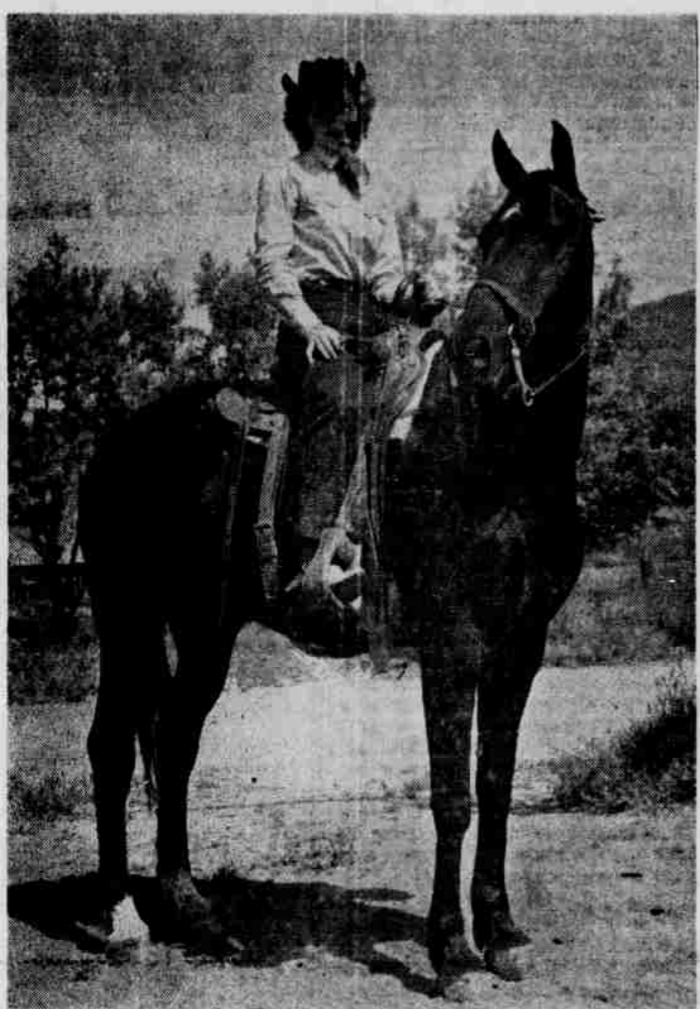
POTATOES YIELDING WELL

County Commissioner Russell Miller was unable to attend the August session of the county court Wednesday due to the fact that potato harvest is in full swing on the Boardman project. Miller is one of the biggest potato growers on the project. This year's crop is turning out to the satisfaction of the growers, Miller reporting that his field is making 300 sacks to the acre, with a high percent of U. S. No. 1's.

Guests at the Wigham ranch in the mountains are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dutton of Portland. They came to Arlington by train Sunday and were met there by Mrs. Claude Graham who brought them to Heppner. A visit to the old home ranch is almost an annual occurrence with Mr. Dutton. He was raised on the place just below the Heppner Lumber Co. plant.

Miss Dorothy Tull of Berkeley, Calif. is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Tull. The family plan to drive to the coast for a brief holiday during her visit.

To Be Honored Saturday Night . . .



This lass with the blond tresses is a true product of ranch life. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves, Sand Hollow ranchers, and has spent her life on the farm. She was the natural choice of the Lexington grange when the question of a princess for the 1950 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo came up in the spring.

Princess Betty graduated from Heppner high school with the class of 1950. She was a popular student throughout her high school career and took part in many activities. In addition to her school work she carried through on 4-H club activities, engaging in stock club work as well as the more feminine branches.

During the Rodeo season, Betty will ride her favorite saddle horse, Blackie.

The big party honoring Princess Betty will be held at the fair pavilion, where the Stardusters will supply the musical inspiration and the Home Economics club of Lexington grange will provide the refreshments.

Miss Humphreys Entertains Bible Class With Pictures Taken on Pleasure Jaunts

By LETHA PAYNE

Tuesday evening Miss Leta Humphreys entertained the adult Bible class of the Church of Christ at her home on North Court street. Following a brief business meeting, Miss Humphreys showed colored slides of various scenes she has made in including trips from Canada, Crater lake, and the Columbia river. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill, Stanley Minor, Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, Mrs. Charles Osmin, Mrs. Frank S. Parker, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. Casha Shaw, Mrs. Emma Warren, Mrs. Glen Warner, Mrs. Lee Howell, Mrs. Lester Doolittle and Mrs. Pearl Devine. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perrott and daughter, Leslie, returned to their home in Portland Sunday after a week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hart and family have moved into the Owens house on Linden way. The Harts formerly lived in the Case apartments on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Turner returned the last of the week from a short business trip to Portland.

Moses Duran has returned from Umatilla where he spent the past week looking after business. During his absence, Mrs. Ted Pierson assisted in the office at the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Westlake of Raymond, Idaho were weekend guests of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtry. The Westlakes were enroute home from a honeymoon trip to Los Angeles and other points in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson Jr. returned Saturday afternoon from a week's vacation in San Francisco and are at home in the Case apartments.

Tom Wells has accepted a position with PCA with headquarters in the county agent's office. Mr. Wells has been employed in the Heppner Auto Parts until the first of August.

Mary Boland is here from The Dalles to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Piri Howell. Her mother, Mrs. James Boland brought her up the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and family moved into their new home on Jones street Wednesday. Mrs. Herman Parker of Pasco is visiting here this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vincent and daughter Alice have returned from a brief vacation in Ontario. William Peterson of Spokane spent Tuesday in Heppner adjusting wheat losses which oc-

Streets Receiving Binder Coat By Highway Workmen

Improvements on O-W May Include Highway to Lena

Streets included on the Oregon, Wash. highway route through Heppner are receiving some attention from the state highway maintenance crew this week. Truman Messenger's crew has been smoothing up the gutters along Main and May streets and it is understood that the long-pending drainage problem on North Court street is about to be taken care of.

A large maintenance crew is camped in town and while no official word has been given the county court, it is presumed that the work started in town will be carried on up Hinton creek toward Lena. A binder coat has recently been given the highway between Heppner Junction and Jordan Sliding and it is possible that similar treatment is in store for the highway east of Heppner.

Binder coats are necessary once in three or four years to prevent breaking up of the highway surface. During hot weather the maintenance crew are frequently called upon to scatter crushed rock over spots where the heat has caused the oil to come to the surface. It is not feasible to give all the roads this treatment every season but it is advisable to protect sections that are subject to conditions due to heat and heavy traffic.

Speaking of oil slick on highways, Judge Garnet Barratt stated Wednesday that the county had been confronted with some of the trouble on the Ione-Gooseberry section and that the county crew had been called upon to scatter quite a lot of binder rock this season.

The reconstruction job on the Hardman-Chapin creek section of the Heppner-Spray highway is coming along in good shape. Some grade work remains to be done on the Chapin creek end where rock fills are still being made. Realignment of the grade has necessitated heavy fills in spots and making cuts in different places. It will be a fine piece of highway when the job is completed.

Judge Barratt reported that the court has joined with the forest service in making an improvement to the road from the north end of Chapin creek to Parker's Mill area. This is desirable from the standpoint of giving better service in forest operations, both to the forest service and in the hauling of timber from that area. Some of the new grade will parallel the Kinzua Pine Mills company road in that district but since the company maintains a private road system over which its trucks run sans PUC license, co-operation on roads is not feasible at this time.

Referring to the Lena-Nye Junction section of the O-W highway, Judge Barratt said that surfacing of that stretch is desirable from the standpoint of the division engineer who finds maintenance an expensive operation. Given a permanent surface the road would attract more travel and would be far less expensive to maintain. As to the south section of the Heppner-Spray highway, funds for construction are derived from a different source, in which cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads is required.

Marshall R. Fell Electrocuted At Home in Portland

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Marshall Rodolphus Fell, 72, late of 11015 S. W. Capitol Highway. Mr. Fell is survived by his wife, Lillie, two daughters, Mrs. Velma Cole and Mrs. Ella Blake, and three sons, Marshall H., Donald and Glenn A. Fell. There are 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Interment was in Rose City cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Fell was electrocuted when a detached car radio aerial he was using to pull cherry branches to him hooked a 53,000-volt Portland General Electric company power line.

The accident occurred Thursday, July 27. When discovered Fell was hanging head down in the branches of the cherry tree at his home, according to a neighbor, Denzil C. Kenney.

Fell was born December 1, 1877 in Humboldt county, Calif. He traveled with his pioneer parents by covered wagon to Walla Walla, Wash. where he grew to manhood. He lived in Heppner from 1908 to 1946 when he moved to Portland.

Wasco People Buy Mankin & Bunch Holdings on Creek

A deal was closed during the past week whereby Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles of Wasco became the owners of the Mankin & Bunch creek ranch about seven miles northwest of Heppner. The Ruggles are terminating a lease on a wheat ranch near Wasco and will move onto the Willow creek ranch about October 1, according to present plans. They own residence property in Wasco which they will dispose of and their moving depends somewhat on how soon a sale is made.

The Mankins retained the small house they built a few years ago which they will occupy until other housing arrangements are made.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles are the parents of Charles Ruggles of Heppner and have become quite well known to numerous people since their son and family located here.

Final Rites For Mrs. Walters Held Monday Morning

Services in memory of Mrs. James Walters were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday at St. Patrick's church with Rev. Francis McCormack officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. A large concourse of relatives, neighbors and friends from near and far were present to pay their respects.

Mrs. Walters passed away Saturday at the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks.

A native of Morrow county, Mrs. Walters, nee Marie Healy, was born February 21, 1918 in Heppner. She grew up here, attending school and after graduation from high school worked in Portland, California and Hawaii before her marriage to James A. Walters.

She is survived by her husband and a son, John Michael; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy; three brothers, Thomas, John James and William Joseph, and three sisters, Cecelia Healy of Portland, Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr. of Heppner, and Mrs. Ted Palmetier of Ione.

Macomber Mackey Vows Spoken In Church Ceremony

In a candlelight service held in the Church of the Nazarene in Arlington Sunday afternoon, Miss Viola Macomber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Macomber became the bride of Melvin Dale Mackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mackey. The Rev. Twist, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. The bride, wearing a gown of white satin with a fingertip veil, and escorted by her father, approached the altar to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Al Hult of Heppner. Oliver Creswick of Heppner sang "Because" and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer."

Miss Leatha Smith of Heppner was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Wilma and Ila Mackey, sisters of the groom.

Dale Macomber, brother of the bride, attended the groom. Ushers were Gerald Sweet of Arlington, Heppner, Janet Sprouts, Heppner and Eddie Gunderson Jr. of and Lee Macomber, Arlington were the candle lighters.

A reception was held in the church immediately following the ceremony. The tables were presided over by two aunts of the bride. The couple left after the reception for a wedding trip to Yellowstone National Park.

Mrs. Mackey spent about a year in Heppner working on the local telephone exchange. Her husband was a popular student and athlete at Arlington high school and is well known to numerous Heppner young people. The young couple will make their home in Arlington where both are employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz

One Youth Killed, Another Injured As Car Leaves Road

Two Portland Boys Figure in Accident On Heliker Grade

James Paulson was killed and Charles Rollins suffered serious injuries when the car which Paulson was driving plunged over an embankment on the Heliker grade about one-half of a mile from McNab Monday evening. The boys, both 16 years of age, were returning to the W. H. Zinter ranch from Ione when the accident happened. It was between 8:30 and 9 o'clock and it is believed the car lights had failed and the boys were trying to make it to the ranch before complete darkness settled. They were from Portland and had been at the Zinter place about three weeks helping with harvest.

Mrs. Mable Davidson and a hired man were enroute to Heppner for machinery parts and were near the forks of the road where the Rice and Heliker grades meet when they saw a car coming at a lively clip. Mrs. Davidson asked her driver to stop and wait for the dust to clear before they proceeded to the Heppner highway at McNab. They had just parked when they heard the crash at the second curve up the Heliker grade. The first inclination was to turn around and go to the aid of the boys but the driver said the two of them could do nothing and they should go for help. They drove to the Phil Emert place a few hundred yards distant where three men joined them. The boys were carried out of the gully, which is quite deep at that point, and Paulson died shortly after reaching the road. Young Rollins was conscious but couldn't talk enough at the time to give much information.

Feeling that time was too precious to wait for the ambulance, the injured boy and his companion were placed in a car and rushed to the hospital at Heppner where it was found that Rollins had suffered a head injury but apparently nothing worse than that and shock. Paulson's head was badly crushed and he apparently suffered other injuries.

The boys and a third youth, Chuck Gannett, came to the Ione section together. Paulson and Rollins getting jobs at the Zinter place and Gannett working at another place. Gannett's father learned of the accident and flew from Portland. He was greatly relieved to learn that his boy was not in the car with the others.

James D. Paulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Paulson, was born March 27, 1934 at Rapid City, S. D. and has been in Portland for several years. He is survived by his parents, a brother, Kenneth, and a sister, Margie.

The father and mother arrived in Heppner Tuesday morning and made arrangements to have the body shipped to Portland that evening. It was consigned to the Little Chapel of the Chimes where funeral services were to be held.

Kindergarten Hours On A. M. Schedule

Kindergarten sessions will meet mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 this year, the committee in charge announces. The children will be directed by Mrs. Al Hult under the supervision of the kindergarten board and Mrs. Margaret Cason of the Heppner school faculty.

The board includes two teachers with experience in primary work, Mrs. J. K. Estberg and Mrs. Edwin Dick. Mrs. Estberg made a special study of pre-school work this summer at Ellensburg, Wash., Teachers' college. Mrs. Cason was a supervisor of elementary teacher training for 15 years at Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland.

Activities of the little folk are directed toward readiness for the first grade. In group association the children learn desirable habits, skills, and modes of behavior. Among the goals of kindergarten are teaching clean health habits, how to put on and remove outdoor clothing, respect for the rights of others, neatness, ability to work together, appreciation of a time schedule, ability to work individually for a longer period of time, and to complete a piece of work.

Fees this year will be much lower than before. Services of several mothers in maintaining the rooms will be accepted in lieu of fees by the board.

POMONA PICNIC SUNDAY

Grangers of the county are reminded that the Pomona picnic will be held Sunday, August 6, on the turf field at Ione. All Pomona and subordinate grange members have an urgent invitation to attend.

Table service, ice cream and coffee will be furnished by the Pomona grange.



A state wide emergency fire department was advocated Friday by Robert Taylor, state fire marshal, who called for a meeting of county fire control representatives to meet in Salem August 15.

Eight fire districts have been designated in the state. Counties in these areas will choose representatives to sit as members of the state council. The council will be augmented with an advisory board from the state forestry service, communication experts and other technicians.

Taylor, who was recently appointed chief of civilian fire defense in Oregon by Major General Rilea, describes the new set-up as the first of its kind in his knowledge.

DEVOIRS TO JAP-BOMB VICTIMS

Governor Douglas McKay and high army officers will participate in a ceremony in a Lake county pine grove on August 20 when a monument will be unveiled and dedicated to the only six persons to die as a result of enemy action in the continental United States. The site is a mile east of the Klamath-Lake county line, on a Weyerhaeuser tree farm. A bronze plaque will list the names of five children and a woman killed in the explosion of a Japanese bomb on the spot near Bly, Oregon, August 20, 1945.

FOURTH TERM ACCOLADE

The state board of higher education this week informed the state department that Edgar W. Smith, Portland, had been named president of the board at the group's monthly meeting Tuesday. This is Smith's fourth term as president.

The board also reelected Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton, as vice president. These two, with L. S. Finseth, Dallas, make up the executive committee.

BIDS REQUESTED

Bids for a proposed \$650,000 tuberculosis hospital ward will be opened by the state department on August 18. The building will be two stories high, fireproof construction and contain 144 beds. It will be located adjacent to the Oregon state hospital in Salem.

MORE NATURAL GAS

A copy of an application filed with the federal power commission to construct a 2,175-mile pipeline to bring natural gas from Texas to Oregon was received Friday by Governor Douglas McKay, who turned it over to George H. Flagg, Oregon's public utilities commissioner.

"This would be one of the outstanding developments in the Pacific northwest in many years," Flagg said.

The estimated cost of the pipeline would be \$172,374,000. "Once in operation," Flagg said, "it would reduce gas rates in Oregon approximately 50 per cent."

A proposed line to bring natural gas from Canada to Oregon got as far as the blue print stage early in the year. This activity has been shelved until East-West war priorities are cleared.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

The first net profit the state fair made this year arrived Friday.

A letter from a man who said he wanted to pay for sneaking over the fence to watch horse races at the fair when he was a boy, had 35 cents in stamps enclosed.

Initial livestock entries for the 1950 Oregon State Fair, which starts Labor Day, were received Friday from the Double M ranch of Adams. The owner, Pat Mann Hoppe, is bringing 39 top Herefords in all classifications to the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders have returned to their desk at Hotel Heppner after a pleasant trip into California. They were away about a week. They visited friends and relatives. They feel greatly refreshed and are ready for a busy fall season.

MAN HELD HERE FOR MINNESOTA SHERIFF

Albert Harold Haffron, who gave his home as Rapid City, S. D., was taken into custody by the state police and sheriff the first of the week, and is being held in the Morrow county jail pending orders from the authorities in Todd county, Minn., where he is wanted on a charge of non-support.

The complaint was filed by Heffron's mother who has the care of his children.