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Fewer Deer Roam Timbered Areas of Heppner Country

Sportsmen Report Lighter Kill During Current Season

Lots of hunting but no shooting might have been the best way of reporting on the current deer hunting season in this section. If the reports of hunters are a criterion—and who should more about the situation?

A discussion of the game situation occupied the time at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon. President Henry Tetz said the annual turnover from hunting was sufficient to warrant the assumption that it comprises an industry and as such merited some comment. Several sportsmen contributed to the discussion headed by Dr. L. D. Tibbles, president of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club.

Tibbles expressed the belief that several factors were involved in the depletion of the game animals. Shortage of feed in the mountains combined with two long, hard winters has caused a definite loss and the evident lack in sportsmanship on the part of hunters is responsible for a considerable mortality among the deer. A desire to shoot wild game leads many hunters to take practice shots at deer out of season, particularly the elk season. Local hunters have reported seeing numerous carcasses of the smaller animals during and after Elk season.

Another angle to the decrease, Tibbles thought, might be due to a tendency of the animals to migrate periodically. He said that in conversation with some of the earlier settlers he had learned that when some of them came here there were more deer on the open ranges than in the timbered areas. As settlers came in the deer moved back to the seclusion of the timber. In the current season several bands have been observed in the open country, some as far north as the Morgan section. He expressed the thought that it might be a cycle and that in a few years the game situation could be brought back to a satisfactory status.

Glenn Parsons, ranger for the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest, discussed the forest, discussed the forage condition as it affects the game animals. He called attention to the fact that juniper and brush limbs have been stripped as far as the animals can reach in the dry season and that when the snow comes they are unable to obtain enough forage of this nature to sustain them. In long cold spells, without sufficient food to maintain the proper body heat, they fall victims to the freezing temperatures. Parsons feels that the bulk of the depletion is due to starvation, or winter kill.

Judge Garnet Barratt defended the stockmen so far as overstocking the summer range is concerned and stated that the deer come out of the mountains in search of food in the winter time. Approximately 200 head were counted on his Butter creek range last winter, he said.

L. E. Bisbee agreed with the others relative to the shortage of game animals and felt that the bird population is also dropping off inasmuch as his efforts so far had netted him two pheasants. Remedies were not offered at this time but it was felt that a study of the situation should be conducted with a view to finding a solution.

Easter Sells Grill To Mr. and Mrs. L. Moyer

A deal that has been pending several weeks was consummated Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer took over operation of Easter's Grill in the Hotel Heppner building. The new owners took possession Sunday morning. Mrs. Moyer has been cooking at the grill for several months and Mr. Moyer has been operating a truck hauling lumber from the Big Four Lumber plant at Monument to the Heppner Lumber company plant in Heppner.

Manuel Easter started the grill about 15 months ago and it has proved a popular eating place, not only providing convenient service for patrons of the hotel but serving the public in general. Easter has not revealed his plans for the future.

Increased Rainfall Deemed Reason For Supporting Work Of 3-County Research Group

With ideal conditions for cloud seeding this past week, directors of the Tri-County Weather Research report that silver iodide seeding by ground generators was being carried on through provisions of the contract recently completed with Water Resources Development Corporation. Meteorologists operating these ground generators hoped for a 100 percent increase of normal precipitation, but actual results had not been evaluated in time for publication this week.

A sliding scale formula for paying for this artificial precipitation was worked out some time ago, after long study on the best method of paying for precipitation as needed. The sliding scale worked out between R. T. Beaumont, meteorologist, Oregon State college and meteorologists of the Water Resources Development Corporation provides for minimum and bonus payments according to rainfall received.

Minimum payments amount to \$15,000 with bonus payments not to exceed \$40,000. This payment will cover the period September 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. One hundred ninety five percent of normal precipitation is required to reach the ceiling payment of \$55,000.

Worthless Checks Net "Artists" \$150 For Evening's Work

Peace officers of the region are on the lookout for two check writers whose only assets appear to be their nerve following a "run" on some Heppner business firms late Friday evening. Victims of the sharpers were Dorsey Miller at Cal's Tavern, the J. C. Penney company and the Humphreys Drug company.

Ophele Baker and an accomplice blew into town and wasted no time in going to work. It appears that Baker wrote the checks and the accomplice took them out and got the money, making small purchases and offering a \$50 check in each instance. Learning of their error when the bank opened Saturday morning the victims called the authorities and by that time the "birds" had flown to parts unknown.

Local officials have no record of Baker's accomplice but Baker has quite a record and it is felt that the pair will be apprehended before too long.

LOCAL SOROPTIMISTS CLUB U.N. CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

"What the United Nations is Doing for the Status of Women" was the title of the talk made by Mrs. Grace Nickerson, at the meeting of the Soroptimist club of Heppner this noon. Mrs. Nickerson is United Nations chairman for the local organization and with her report the Soroptimist club of Heppner acknowledged the opening of United Nations day. Specifically United Nations day will be observed on Tuesday, October 24.

Plans were completed for a card party with bridge, canasta and pinocle being offered as the evening's entertainment. This is scheduled for October 24 at the Legion hall at 8 p. m. The proceeds from this activity will be used by the Soroptimists in defraying the expenses incurred in the annual Halloween party for junior and senior high schoolers. The Halloween party is an annual project of the club women and no time, thought or expense is spared in making it a big evening for the young people.

Representative Henry Peterson will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Soroptimist club, October 26. He will discuss the measures on the ballot of the forthcoming election and all club members will bring their copies of the Voters Pamphlet.

Miss Leta Humphreys, one of the charter members of the club was in attendance today for the first time since her painful experiences with a broken leg. With the aid of a cane she gets around very well.

MOVING TO HERMISTON

Announcement was made this week that Paul McCoy has resigned as pharmacist at the Humphreys Drug Company and is preparing to move to Hermiston. It is understood that he has purchased an acreage tract near

Campaign Opens To Raise Fund For Community Chest

Plans have been completed for launching the annual community chest campaign in the county, Dr. C. C. Dunham, chairman announced this morning. Directors are being contacted in other districts and the Soroptimist club of Heppner has consented to again conduct the campaign here.

The quota for this year is \$2,238. Of this amount \$900 goes to the state community chest for distribution among the several beneficiaries coming under its jurisdiction, and the balance will be used locally. Chief beneficiaries from the local fund are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Each of these groups receive specified amounts and the remainder of the fund is reserved for projects, relief and otherwise, deemed worthy.

Morrow county did not live up to its reputation for 100 percent co-operation last year and it is hoped the 1950 campaign will put it back on that level. J. R. Huffman is continuing to serve as treasurer of the general committee.

Saturday Night Storm Rather "Unusual" For This Time of Year

Thunderstorms in mid-October are not "usual" in this part of the country and the natives are apt to view such proceedings of nature with alarm until it is learned that no damage was done and that actual benefits have been derived.

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Up to today the total precipitation for Heppner has been 1.91 inches. The prospect is for more rain and the total can easily exceed two inches before November 1.

P-TA Sponsoring Benefit Dance 27th

An old time square dance party is scheduled for Friday evening, October 27 at the Legion hall in Heppner. This will be a benefit function sponsored by the Heppner Parent-Teachers association.

Each year the P-TA is confronted with a need for funds for promotion of its many activities. Money is needed for the room funds donated after each meeting to the room having the most parents present. A scholarship is offered each year to a deserving senior who aspires to become a teacher. Money is needed for delegates to that PTA convention, as well as other activities.

An old time dance is scheduled for the near future.

Heppner's Graders Bring Home Pair of Victories in Row

Heppner ponies, the grade school football team, has played successfully so far this season, going away from home twice and scoring a victory on each occasion.

Playing the eighth grade B team on Washington field in Pendleton September 28, the Ponies, working a combination of running plays and passes rolled up a score of 27 to opponents' nothing. At the half, Lyle Jensen had made one touchdown on a running play. Mollahan converted for the extra point and followed with a touchdown and a point on his own account. Beginning the second half Mollahan made the touchdown and Jensen the extra point. Jensen threw a pass to Kononen for a touchdown. Try for point failed. Although outplayed, the Pendleton players showed good sportsmanship.

In an eight-man game at Condon October 14, the Ponies carried off the honors to the tune of 27-7. Mollahan made a touchdown first half, score 7-0. The initial half was ragged throughout but in the second half the team clicked and three goals and two extra points were recorded. Blocking and tackling were poorer than in the Pendleton game.

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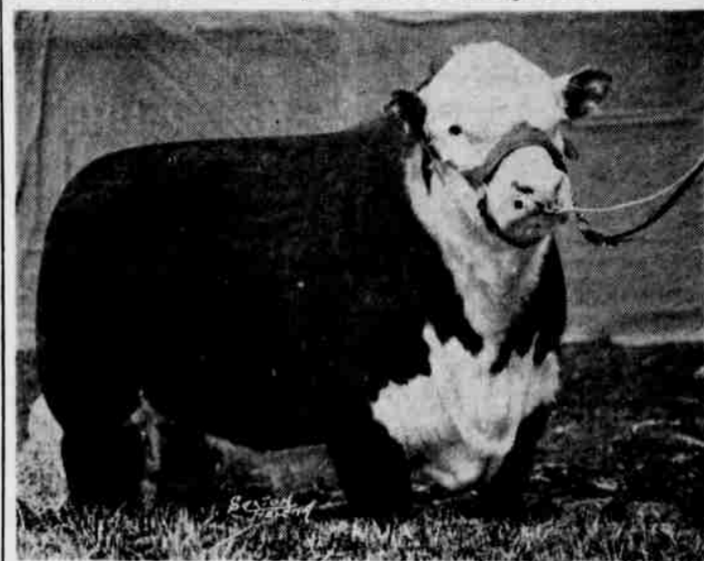
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Sweepstakes Champion at County Fair



This is Victory Domino 21, sweepstakes champion at the 1950 Morrow county fair. The property of Floyd Worden of Eightmile, he was purchased at a sale in Walla Walla where he

was champion in the two-year old class. The big boy tips the beam at 2100 pounds and could carry 400 pounds more without too much difficulty, his owner says.

Film Shown Here Depicts Progress Of Power Industry

A motion picture film of unusual interest was enjoyed by a few local citizens Monday afternoon when Roy Vernstrom, advertising manager and Ray Stevens, assistant advertising manager for the Pacific Power & Light company presented "it" at the local office of the company.

Vernstrom explained that the film was prepared as a public relations activity to acquaint the people of the territory served by the P&L with the type of service given and the facilities back of that service. Located as its plants are in some of the nation's rarest scenic spots, the film is of great interest from a scenic nature as well as educational from the industry standpoint.

It was revealed that since the Pacific Power & Light company attained an independent status purchasers of preferred and common stock have reached a total of approximately 15,000 in the area served. The company is spending large sums in improvements and extensions in an effort to keep abreast of the growing demands for electric service.

Cardinals Dinked 20-13 By Powerful Weston "Eighthers"

Friday the 13th proved to be a fine day for the Ione Cardinals as they met the Tigers of Weston. The Weston powerhouse rolled over the Ione 8 with a decision of 20 to 13.

Freshman Duane Baker made the first score of the game early in the first quarter. Gene Doherty place kicked the conversion. Weston countered with a goal with Ray Ely packing the pigskin. Halftime score, 7-6.

The Cardinals took another stride forward when Johnnie Bristow knocked down a pass of Charles Franklin's. Gene Doherty caught the pass and ran for a TD. The extra point failed.

Still in the third quarter the Tigers inspired by Ely ran another goal. The extra point tied the ball game at 13 all. The final score came in the last few minutes of the game when Ray Ely again ran a touchdown play and a conversion.

Donald Eubanks, who sparked the Cardinals with his exceptional playing, suffered a broken collar bone early in the fourth quarter.

Physician Flies Here For Consultation

Dr. George Woodruff, Portland physician, was a caller at the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner Saturday afternoon. He came in response to a call from Dr. E. E. Ladd of Condon who brought a patient to the hospital in a serious condition.

Dr. Woodruff engaged a plane to bring him here, the pilot being Stanley Harris. The return trip was made as soon as the consultation was over.

Mrs. Sadie M. Sigsbee and Mrs. Agnes Curran entertained Thursday evening with a surprise card party at the Sigsbee home complimenting Mrs. Henry Hapold on the occasion of her birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, Mr. and Mrs. W. O.

Heppner Wins From Umatilla By 13 Point Advantage

Mustangs Still Not Too Impressive Say Observers

Heppner high school's Mustang football squad looked good and not so good, according to eyewitness reports following the game with Umatilla Friday afternoon on the river town's field. The game was won by fast work and good thinking in the first half, with Piper, right half, scoring the first touchdown on a two-yard plunge, followed soon by Peck, left half, on a four-yard gain through the right side of the line, and the third TD by Smith quarterback, who took an 18-yard pass from Piper.

Piper kicked the conversion on the first touchdown but couldn't follow through on the others. Umatilla scored a lone touchdown on a long pass in back of Heppner's defensive right halfback.

With the second half fadeout at Umatilla in mind, Coach Hal Whitbeck and his squad have been working to overcome that tendency in preparation for the meeting with Fossil here tomorrow. The team came through the encounter with no more than the usual bumps and bruises and with the exception of Fullback Jack Sumner will be at full strength.

Telephone Co. To Install Dial System In Ione By Spring

Plans to improve and extend telephone service in Ione are moving ahead, according to an announcement by Pacific Telephone that a lot has been purchased and construction of a new dial office is to be started in the near future.

The new building, a 12x16 foot frame structure, will be erected on a 50 x 100 foot site purchased from former Morrow County Judge Bert Johnson, on the north-east corner of Second and Birch streets.

Telephone Manager D. A. Short said it is hoped the building can be completed by some time in December, before the bad weather sets in. Installation of the new dial switching equipment is scheduled to start in February, and present plans call for the new dial system to be in operation by late March.

Under the new system, all manual telephones in Ione will be replaced with dial sets, and customers will be able to dial local numbers directly. Long distance and "assistance" calls will be placed by dialing the red "0" for operator. These calls will be answered and completed by operators at the Arlington switchboard.

Another service improvement feature under the new dial system, according to Short, is that customers on four-party and eight-party lines will hear only one other ring. Two-party customers will hear only their own ring.

Third Class Of Five Inductees Called To Report October 24

A class of five inductees has been called to report to the draft board Tuesday, October 24. Jack Combs, secretary, announced on Wednesday. The men are from Gilliam and Morrow counties and include William Walter White, registered from Cecil but at present in Sioux City, Iowa; Howard Doyle Key, Heppner; Arthur William Wickland, Arlington; Richard Dell Allstott, Ione, and Wayne Edgar Carr, Olex.

A contingent of six men was called October 4. In this group were Harvey Dent, Mitchell; Arlie Robert Curtiss, Arlington; James Allen Lovette, Boardman; Floyd Robert Breeding, Lexington; Gunnar Alf Skoubo, Boardman; and Delmer Richard Buschke, Heppner.

Combs was at a loss to know why some of the physicians in this district had not registered and offered the information that anyone subject to registration should get in touch with his office in Condon at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gower of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Becket.

Why worry?

Everybody benefits. Everybody gives.

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