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3.64 Inches Rain Heppner's Portion Month of October

Precipitation Here Almost Three Times Normal Rainfall

A lot of rain fell in the month of October just passed and with it fell, with one exception, all previous records for the past 15 years. The one exception was in 1947 when a total of 4 inches was recorded in the Gooseberry section. The 3.64 inches recorded by the gauge over which Len Gilliam presides is the heaviest recorded in the county so far reported. The gauge at the Leonard Carlson farm in Gooseberry showed a total of 3.22 inches for the month.

In the 15 years Mr. Carlson has been observer at Gooseberry he has charted the following rainfall records: 1935, .89; 1936, .30; 1937, .87; 1938, 1.15; 1939, .28; 1940, 1.69; 1941, 1.47; 1942, 1.20; 1943, 2.00; 1944, .98; 1945, .58; 1946, 1.70; 1947, 4.00; 1948, .62; 1949, .47 and 1950, 3.22.

The years 1940-1943 inclusive show a more nearly even moisture condition, with an average of 1.59 inches over the four-year span. A notable fact about the moisture conditions the past 10 years or so has been that if a light precipitation year follows a heavy rainfall year there has been sufficient carry-over to aid in crop production. This would not be sufficient if timely spring rains failed to come, but fortunately, the spring rains have come in most instances and the production average has been upheld.

A report from the county agent's office states that meteorologists with the Water Resources Development corporation say that conditions have been favorable for cloud seeding during the past month and that operations were carried on during all storms of any consequence. Forecasts predict that conditions will be favorable for adding more inches of rain to normal with cloud seeding during November in the Tri-County Research area.

WILKINSON-COCHELL RITES SOLEMNIZED TUESDAY

At a simple wedding Tuesday morning at the Tom Wells home, two of Heppner's favorite young people were united in marriage. Before a window banked with chrysanthemums and candles Virginia Dean Cochell became the bride of Dick Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiating using the single ring ceremony while soft instrumental music filled the background.

The bride's two small daughters, Judith Ann and Pamela Lynne, in aqua and pink were her only attendants. They carried nosegays of pink roses and bouvardia. She was gown in antique satin of ballerina length and carried a nosegay of Caribea roses.

Mrs. George Rugg, sister of the groom, lighted the candles and Mr. Rugg served his brother-in-law as best man.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was served to the bridal party and the few guests assembled. Coming for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ball of Hermiston, grandfather of the groom and Mrs. Emmett Kenney of Pendleton.

A wedding trip to Wyoming and California will keep the young couple away for a few weeks. For traveling the bride wore a black Julliard crepe suit with a corsage of roses. They will be at home at the Wilkinson ranch upon their return.



Klamath Falls, Oct. 31—Arrow points to attack area of porcupines which are girdling tops of young ponderosa pines on Weyerhaeuser tree farms causing death or deformity of tree.

25 Calves Rounded Up For Fair Board's Debt-Funding Auction Sale Here Saturday

With the auction hammer held high waiting to hit the block, Auctioneer Bob Runnion is awaiting the coming of the Morrow county fair board's sponsored calf auction announced last week. With arrangements well under control, Chairman Orville Cutsforth announces that 25 calves have been donated for the sale, which is to be held on Saturday, November 4. The place has been changed from Main street to the Heppner Sales yard, just in case the weather decides to follow its natural course of the past month. The time is 2:30 p. m. Harold Erwin has promised several buyers from out of town will be present to assure the best price for the calves to be offered for sale.

While many hours have been spent by the chairman in soliciting contributions to help in bail-

ing the fair out of the red, it was impossible to contact everyone. "No one was intended to be slighted," said Chairman Cutsforth, "so if you have not been asked, just load up a calf and bring in to the sale and no questions asked. If you don't have a calf let us know and we'll find one for you to contribute."

Those who have contributed calves as of Wednesday afternoon are Harold Evans, Lee Beckner, Wightman and Graham, Dallas Craber, Henry Peterson, Markham Baker, Delbert Emert, Frank Wilkinson, O. W. Cutsforth, Sam Turner, Ralph Beamer, Marion Palmer, Earl Blake, Bill Doherty, Carl Troedson, Mankin-Bunch, Eugene Ferguson, Cliff Dougherty, John Graves, Lawrence Palmer, Harry Duval, Howard Cleveland, Claude White, and Earl McKinney.



PARTY SPIRIT CAN WIN

Hold on to your hats. More big winds are predicted—scheduled to subside, however, November 6 with the wind-up of the general election political campaign.

Both big political parties have signal advantages. The democrats, for the first time since registration in Oregon began, have the most potential voters, with 378,357 registrants to the republicans' 361,158. They also have a majority of registered voters in three of Oregon's four congressional districts. Only in the first district do the republicans top the democrats with 111,619 to 98,073. In the second district the democrats lead with 61,863 to 56,405. In the third with 137,159 to 113,241 and in the fourth with 81,180 to 79,975.

In years when a president is to be elected a larger percentage of registrants vote. In this state it has been running about 76 per cent on the presidential years and 60 per cent on other election years. David O'Hara, director of the state department of elections, predicts the vote this year will run a little higher than usual, about 65 per cent.

The political party that gets the largest percentage of its registered voters to the polls will win. And that does not always happen.

ERRORS AT THE POLLS

"A write-in vote is valid and should be counted whether or not an 'X' has been marked preceding the name," says Secretary of State Earl Newberry, in charge of elections.

Ten years ago 5 per cent of the ballots were disqualified because of errors. This has been reduced to 1 per cent in recent elections. Clerks of election boards are not making as many mistakes, although at the last election five locked a ballot box then stuck the key in the ballot slot.

STATE LOSES REVENUE

State property taxes, something Oregon taxpayers have not had to pay for 10 years, seem assured if state revenue keeps shrinking or vanishing and state expenditures keep piling up.

This week State Tax Commissioner Ray Smith, in charge of the income tax division, called attention to increased federal income tax rates and their effect on state revenues.

The federal law allows federal income taxes to be deducted in the computation of net incomes on state returns. If the federal income tax reduction was not allowed on Oregon state personal income tax returns, Smith estimated that Oregon's total tax collections would be increased by more than \$10,000,000.

MANGANESE MADE IN SALEM

The capital of Oregon got in the industrial Kleig lights of the world this week when the announcement was made that manganese, an article at the top of the government want list, is being made in Salem, Oregon.

Officials of the Continental Chemical company said a production of 200 tons a month of manganese will be shipped from the \$4,000,000 plant built during the second world war to produce aluminum.

SEASONABLE SAFETY ADVICE

"Look out when it's dark out!" This admonition was given by Captain Walter Lansing of the state traffic safety division this week who warned of early darkness combined with heavy traffic. "The peak fatal accident hours are from 5 to 7 p. m. but the entire period of 4 to 10 p. m.

SCHOOL BILL PRESENTED BY LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

James Vanover, chairman of the legislative committee of the Morrow county unit of Oregon Teacher association talked briefly on the children's bill at the meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday noon. He referred to the rapid increase in population and what the expected school population will be by 1964 and urged support of the measure on the grounds of being prepared to take care of the increase as well as meeting current school needs in the interim.

Henry Peterson explained the daylight bill and answered questions on other matters.

Further discussion of measures will be allowed at next Monday's meeting.

Paul McCoy turned over the secretary job to Tom Wilson, inasmuch as Monday was his last meeting with the club before moving to Hermiston.

Legionnaires Get Set To Observe Armistice Event

Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion is "on the ball" this week making preparations for the annual observance of Armistice day which this year will be held in Heppner with Hermiston Post as guests. The program for the day has been completed and will include an informal get-together at the Legion hall as the guests arrive.

Immediately following lunch hour there will be the usual parade of Legionnaires to Rodeo field where the annual pigskin contest between the teams of the Hermiston and Heppner high schools will offer the big diversion of the day.

At 6:30 p. m. the annual banquet for the Legionnaires and the football teams will be served at the hall. Dancing will round out the evening, with music furnished by the Sereaders.

C. J. D. Bauman will be master of ceremonies at the banquet for which several numbers have been prepared. Rev. Elvon Tull, post chaplain, will say grace; Oliver Creswick will favor with several songs and Mrs. William Labhart will give a reading. D. Rightmeyer, District No. 7 commander, will be the principal speaker.

is potentially dangerous, requiring extreme caution on the part of motorists and pedestrians. Thirty-six percent of all fatal accidents occur during the 4 to 10 p. m. period," Lansing warned, in listing these tips to motorists.

1—Drivers must use regular headlights, not parking lights, when driving in early dusk hours or in foggy weather.

2—Speeds should be cut down on wet or slippery highways.

3—Pedestrians should wear something white or light colored clothing when out at night.

4—Walkers should cross streets only at intersections and should make certain there is plenty of time to cross.

HISTORIC TREE DOWN

One of the most interesting trees in the west stood in the capital grounds until last week when a heavy wind blew it down. It was a grandchild of the tree under which General George Washington stood when he took command of the American Army at Cambridge, Mass., July 3, 1775.

Death Ends Long Active Career of Heppner Merchant

M. L. Case Passes Tuesday Morning At Local Hospital

Memorial services were held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock p. m. today for Martin Leroy Case, who departed this life Tuesday morning at the Pioneer Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for several months. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and paid a high tribute to the deceased who had been a life-long member of the church and a pillar of the local congregation for more than 40 years. Mrs. Lucy Peterson sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". Mrs. E. L. Tull accompanied at the piano.

Honorary pallbearers were W. O. Dix, W. C. Cox, Egbert Young, J. A. Troedson, F. E. Tolleson, and L. D. Neill. Active pallbearers, Roy Quackenbush, Howard Bryant, Cornett Green, Walter Barger, Tom Wells and Jerry Daggett.

Interment was in the family plot in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Case was born November 10, 1874 in Bonehomme county, South Dakota. The family moved to Oregon in 1888 and he completed his education in the Oregon schools. He was a student at Pacific College, Newberg at the time Herbert Hoover attended there.

Enlisting in Co. I, Second Oregon Volunteers in 1898 he served in the Philippine campaign. After mustering out he was engaged in the jewelry business at Roseburg for a time and then moved to Albany where, on August 7, 1901 he was united in marriage to Winnifred Frances Stafford. After two years in Albany Mr. and Mrs. Case moved to Ashland where he acquired a furniture business. They remained in the southern city five years and in 1908 came to Heppner where in company with W. O. Dix they purchased and operated a furniture business under the firm name of Case & Dix. Mr. Case added the undertaking feature to the business and later acquired his partner's interest and continued as the Case Furniture company. As the business grew and expanded he planned a building of his own. Acquiring the lot where the business now stands he put up the two-story structure and moved his stock in. He later acquired the Fair building and converted it into apartments upstairs and business rooms on the main floor. In the meantime, he acquired the property on the corner of Center and Gale streets where the foundation of a building had been started. Here he erected one of the town's finest structures, dedicating it to the memory of his son Lawrence. For a number of years it was known as the Lawrence Case Mortuary. Retiring from the undertaking business during the war years, Mr. Case converted the building into apartments and renamed it "Arbor Vitae Lodge."

Mrs. Case passed away August 12, 1945 and on November 10, 1946 at the Dalles he was married to Mrs. Maggie Doney who, with his four children, Allen Case of Heppner, Harold of Seaside, Mrs. G. E. Nikander (Mary) of Scottsburg and Mrs. Robert Evans (Winnifred) of Gearhart, survive. Others include six grand children and one great grand child, a brother, George Case of Portland and a sister Miss Harriet Case of Gladstone. Two sons preceded their father and mother in death.

Here to attend the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Gearhart; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nikander and sons, Scottsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Case, Seaside; Wash.; Miss Harriet Case, Glad.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Case, Olympia, stone and the several Hynd families of the district.

SMUT RELIEF FOR WHEAT
GROWERS PROMISED IN 1951

Seed of the new smut resistant wheat variety, Elmar, which is expected to take the place of Elgin throughout the Columbia Basin will be in fairly abundant supply for fall planting in 1951, predicts H. E. Finnell, Oregon State College extension certification specialist.

A white wheat similar to Elgin, the new variety successfully met certification standards this year on 51.1 acres. The seed is already planted for increase.

Heppner's Ground Attack Shatters John Day Victory Hopes

Mustangs Defeat Prospectors 14-6 In Friday's Game

Bearing the advantage of playing the underdog role, the Heppner high school Mustangs Friday surprised the John Day Prospectors and cash customers by romping home with a 14-6 victory over the Grant county team. Weather conditions halted the Heppner passing attack but did not deter the Mustangs, for they shifted from the air to the ground with telling results.

Peck set up the first Heppner tally with two end runs netting 35 yards. Piper then crashed over from the two-yard line to score standing up. Peck ran the conversion over.

Fullback Jack Sumner was the main offense show, tearing the Prospectors' line to ribbon, and accounting for the second tally. Piper kicked the conversion.

Heppner's defense was much stronger. The tackling was sharp and crisp, with the tackles spread.

Heppner travels to Moro this Friday for a crucial district No. 6 encounter which may well decide the championship and chance as district representative in the state play-offs.

Moro runs from the T formation with the offense centered around Norval Lane who is a fast broken-field runner. Heppner has defeated Moro the last two years and with four straight victories under their belts the Mustangs will be pitching in to make it five straight before facing the strong Hermiston "A" team here November 11.

Two Businesses Of Town Change Hands During Past Week

New faces are greeting customers in two places following transactions completed within the past two weeks. Taking over at the Heppner Bakery Wednesday morning was John Schoemaker, recently of Portland where he was connected with the Meier & Frank baking department, as well as operating his own bakery for a time. He bought out Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aalberg who left Tuesday evening for Portland to again take up their residence after spending two years here. Schoemaker, an ex-GI, is a native of Wyoming and says he likes the country town life in preference to the city.

Although Mr. and Mrs. William G. Kenagy have been here about two weeks, they were not sure they were going to remain. They bid in the Marshall-Wells Store stock and came to Heppner and took possession of the business. Another party wanted the business and they waited until the middle of last week to give him an opportunity to buy. The deal did not materialize and the Kenagys are staying. They recently disposed of farm property near Hubbard and decided to try life in eastern Oregon for a change. They are busy stocking up the shelves and getting acquainted with their new public.



Jimmie is fitted for leg brace at Red Feather baby home—medical costs for special surgery are large part of cost of care for dependent children cared for through gifts to the Community Chest.

Without the help of your donation to the Community Chest this little fellow would not be able to receive necessary care being given him now.

HE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Hunters, Anglers To View Picture

The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers have scheduled their fall meeting for November 7 8 p. m. at the court house. As an added attraction, color motion pictures will be shown by the Standard Oil company of California. The club has been anxiously waiting for these pictures since early last summer. There is great demand for them and they will be well worth the trip to the court house Tuesday evening.

Cards are in the mail reminding members, and all interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Death Claims Mrs. Elza Vinson, 72, Native of Heppner

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Mrs. Elza Vinson of Little Butter creek who passed away at the family residence Friday, October 27. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Vinson suffered a severe stroke October 23 from which she failed to rally. All members of her family were with her in her last hours.

Emma Alice Ferguson was born Ju'y 10, 1878 in Heppner. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson were among the earlier settlers of the town. Mrs. Ferguson having the distinction of being the first white woman settler here. The father died when Emma was three years old and her mother later married Hiram Clark, original owner of the Clark farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

Emma Ferguson and Elza Vinson were married September 25 1895, in Heppner. They homesteaded in Clark's canyon and later moved to Ukiah. In 1902 they moved to Monument where several of their children were born and where they resided until 1928 when they moved to the old Vinson farm on Little Butter creek.

She is survived by her husband and 10 children, all of whom with one exception live in this vicinity. They are Iva, (Mrs. Dan Way), Lexington; Bennie Vinson, Heppner; Flossie Breeding, Lexington; Hiram Vinson, Heppner; Emma, (Mrs. Claude White), Heppner; Elba Breeding, Lexington; Dee Vinson, Auburn, Wash.; L. D. Vinson, Kimberley, and Darrell and Delbert Vinson, Heppner. Ed Clark of Hermiston is a half brother and there are two half-sisters.

ELK HUNTER LOST IN POTAMUS COUNTRY

A hunter, name not disclosed, was reported lost the first of the week in the Potamus area south east of Heppner. Searching parties have been out for three days and up to press time no trace of him had been found.

He is said to have been an experienced woodsman and hope prevails that unless an accident has befallen him he will show up at one of the settlements in that direction.

(At a later hour we learn that the man in question has been found and is apparently none the worse for his experience.)

Heavy Vote Looked For In Tuesday's General Election

Both Measures And Candidates Offer Lure To Voters

A vote considerably in excess of the average polled for several years is anticipated in Tuesday's election. This is based on the assumption that voter interest in both the candidates and the measures will cause many more people to go to the polls. Both major political parties are looking forward to this condition to improve the chances of their respective candidates.

Winding up the campaign as far as group meetings enter into the picture, Republicans of the county gathered at the Legion hall in Ione Monday evening to hear discussions of candidates and measures. Present for the discussions were George Stadelman of The Dalles and Representative Giles French of Moro. Stadelman treated on the candidates while French spoke in behalf of one or two candidates and then went through the nine measures.

According to Stadelman, Oregon will still be Republican after Tuesday, November 7. There will be some changes here and there but in the main he expects the state to remain GOP as far as the positions of governor and congressmen are concerned. He pointed out that in the influx of new people many are from southern states where it is considered sacrilege to register as anything but a Democrat, but when these people get acquainted with the political set-up in Oregon they are more apt to vote their convictions than to vote straight party lines. He also inferred that many of these newcomers have shifted from county to county and that it has been found that some of them are registered in as many as six counties. The Democratic high command have seized upon this condition to make a good case of out-registering the Republicans.

French took time to put in plugs for the top candidates and then launched into an explanation of the nine measures. Without discussion of the measures his conclusions were as follows: Legislators pay—yes. State credit for funding school building programs—not in favor. Augmenting Oregon war veterans fund—yes. School support—(quoted from Dr. Holy's report: should reorganize school system, not ask for more money.) Old age pension—Eminently fair bill. Yes. Daylight bill—yes. Soldiers bonus—no. Balanced Plan for Reapportionment—yes. Liquor advertising bill—no.

Supt. Henry Tetz fired some questions at French relative to the school bill and the ensuing discussion both men brought out some points of interest to the voters.

Following the meeting the Republican central committee served doughnuts and coffee to the crowd of 61 persons. Several carloads were in attendance from Heppner and Boardman.

George N. Ely, chairman of the central committee; Mrs. Bradley Fancher, vice chairman; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, secretary; Omar Rietmann, treasurer and Rep. Henry Peterson occupied chairs around the speakers' table.

Faye Cutsforth On Queen's Court In OSC Rodeo Feature

Faye Cutsforth of Lexington, a sophomore at Oregon State college, was one of the four princesses selected to reign with Queen Marlene Lieualen of Adams over the first annual OSC national intercollegiate rodeo November 4 and 5 at the state fairgrounds in Salem.

Governor Douglas McKay will crown Queen Marlene Saturday night at 7 p. m. to start the rodeo. The governor will also present bouquets of flowers and a huge cake to the queen and her court.

Five fast moving events have been scheduled for the three-hour show each day. These include saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, calf roping, bull riding and ribbon tying.

The other rodeo princesses are Jean Lazinka, Pendleton; Joan Winterbotham, Pala Alto, California; and Carolyn Sparks, Free-water.