

Harvest Started in County, Prospects for Bumper Crop Good

Indications are that Morrow county will have one of its best wheat crops in years, according to early reports of the start of the harvest season. N. C. Anderson, county agent, stated that he expected the average yield to be about 30 bushels to the acre.

First reports of grain hauling came from the Morrow County Grain Growers at Ione where they had accepted the first cut from the ranch of Van Hubbard of that area on Monday with Lyle Woody starting to haul on Tuesday.

Another rancher expecting to start hauling this Thursday is John Graves of Sand Hollow.

Anderson stated that most of the northern part of the county expected to begin harvest the first of next week.

Although the last few days of hot weather has hurried grain curing it was not expected to re-

duce the yield to any great extent, especially from the fall grain of which there is about 135,000 acres in the county. Spring planting accounts for only about 20,000 acres of the total crop.

Anderson stated that his office hopes for as good a yield this year as was harvested in the county's two best years of 1942 and '48.

Deposits in Heppner Bank Show Increase

Statement of condition figures released today by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that, as of June 30, 1951, deposits at the branch were \$4,530,667 and loans \$1,358,024.

In reporting the figures, Merle Becket, manager of the branch, also released comparable figures at the branch a year ago, June 30, 1950. On that date, deposits were \$4,296,825, and loans \$1,007,056. The figures were made available in line with First National's policy of publishing its statement of condition quarterly.

At the same time, the First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices reported that on June 30, 1951, deposits totalled \$503,641,946, loans \$256,098,759 and resources \$547,742,036. These figures represent an increase over June 30 a year ago of \$24,875,264 in deposits, \$79,841,764 in loans, and \$29,062,356 in resources.

Combined figures for the First National Bank group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices, show that on June 30, 1951, total deposits were \$624,705,021, loans \$297,475,172, and resources \$677,349,113. This represents an increase over the 1950 figures of \$37,756,273 in deposits, \$92,436,588 in loans, and \$42,894,321 in resources.

July Draft To Take Only One From County

Richard William Smith, 20, Irigon, has been notified by Local Board 31 to report for Army induction on July 10. The July quota is one registrant. One transfer from Yakima, Wash. local board, Elmer C. Holtz, Ione, will also report on July 10.

Mrs. Florence L. Morgan, Condon, was appointed clerk of William-Morrow-Wheeler local board No. 31 this week. She replaces Mrs. Jerrydean Mercer, who was clerk since the board was organized in September 1948.

Registrars of the board include C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff's office, Heppner; S. E. Russell, Shell service station, Boardman; G. Van Winkle, Hulden Motor Co., Arlington; A. A. Williams, Spray; Scott Sasser, county clerk's office, Fossil; Mrs. Cella Norton, postmistress, Mitchell. All youths must register within five days after reaching their 18th birthday with one of the above registrars or at the local board office in Condon.

Local Board No. 1 members include Conley Lanham, Heppner; Jack F. Combes, Fossil, and G. J. Schreiner, Condon, chairman.

Rodeo Board Meets; Dates, Program Set

An organizational meeting of the Heppner Rodeo committee was held Thursday night with most members present to discuss plans for the coming event.

The Rodeo dates were established as September 7, 8 and 9 in conjunction with the Morrow county fair which starts one day earlier and continues for four days.

General plans were laid and dates set for the various dances preceding the show. The kickoff dance has been set for Saturday, July 21, with the princess dances scheduled to follow on succeeding Saturdays. The Queen's dance is to be held September 1. The committee has signed Jimmy Whetmore's orchestra to play for the kickoff dance and during the Rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill have had as their guests Mrs. Alma Kenton and three daughters of Salem. They left for home Thursday. Also guests at the Neill home for the Fourth of July were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Neill of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Soward, the new pastor of the Church of Christ in Heppner.

Mrs. Mable Burkenbine has visiting her this week her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hutchins of Baker.

Ronald Baker Tells of Washington 4-H Trip

By ECHO PALMATEER

Ronald Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker, returned home Friday of last week from Washington, D. C. where he was a delegate to the national 4-H camp. The Oregon delegation was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. (Doc) Allen of Corvallis. On their way back to Washington they were guests of the Union Pacific at a steak dinner. While in Washington they were guests of Senator Wayne Morse at the Senate dining room. They saw the Senate and House in action, were welcomed by President Harry Truman. Ronald had the honor of shaking hands with the President. He also led the assembly of 4-H clubs in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, presided

over an assembly and was selected as one of the top five on a panel discussion. Each state had four delegates and international farm youth exchange students were sent from 16 foreign countries.

Ronald became acquainted with one from each state and one from the foreign countries. They all attended church at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. They visited the FBI building, the Episcopal cathedral, saw the pageant "Faith of Our Fathers," saw a ball game between the Washington Senators and the Chicago White Sox.

The theme of the 4-H camp was "Know Your Government." They heard many noted speakers on this subject. From Washington they went to Philadelphia, then to New York where they saw the stage show, South Pacific; to Radio City and saw the "Rockettes"; the Trusteeship Council, a branch of the United Nations. They toured New York, stopped at Niagara Falls; in Chicago for two days and visited the stock yards, the Field Museum, and were entertained at the Stevens hotel. They saw Don McNeil's breakfast club; visited the International Harvester Co., the Industry and Science Museum and took a boat ride on Lake Michigan.

At Minneapolis they saw the General Mills and Betty Crocker's kitchen. They came home on the Empire Builder.

Ronald states that he had a wonderful trip and appreciates the help the community gave him.

Council Sets Up Sewer Fund Charge On Water Users

The Heppner city council Monday night passed an ordinance assessing a flat fee on all water users for the purpose of establishing a sinking fund for a sewer system in the city. The fee was fixed at \$1.00 a month on the average home owner's winter use of water and was based on an average family's use of 4,000 gallons per month.

Other users, classified as commercial, were assessed on the basis of \$1.00 for each 4000 gallons of non-irrigation water used.

The fee is assessed to run concurrently with the 10 mill levy voted by the people on June 28 and it is expected that both levies will accumulate approximately \$20,000 per year for the sewer fund.

The assessments were divided in order that a renter and an owner both would participate in the development of the sewer fund. The new charge will appear on the August water bills.

The present ordinance puts into operation a long discussed plan to give the city a sinking fund with which to build its sewer system and sewage disposal plant. While it is not expected that the fund can accumulate long enough to pay for the entire project when construction is started, it will aid in lowering the amount necessary to bond at that time, thereby reducing interest costs.

The state Health department has set a deadline of January 1, 1952 for some action on the part of most cities in the state relative to sewage disposal and stream pollution. The council expressed the hope that its present action would bring an extension of the deadline.

RICHARD ALLSTOTT BOOSTED IN RANK

Richard Allstott, Ione, a member of the 45th Infantry division in training in Japan, has been promoted from private first class to corporal. Cpl. Allstott is serving as a machine gunner in Co. G, 180th Inf. Regt. His promotion was one of 34 recently announced by his unit.

The 45th division is one of two infantry divisions which arrived in Japan during the latter part of April to provide further security to the country.

During the peacetime, the 45th division comprised the ground troops of the Oklahoma national guard. However, since it was called into federal service last September, the division has been filled with draftees and reservists from throughout the United States.

Local OCE Graduates Find Teaching Jobs

LA GRANDE — Nearly all of this year's graduates in elementary education have been placed in teaching positions for the coming year, it was announced this week by Dr. Lyle H. Johnson, director of placement for Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Dr. Johnson stated that average salaries for beginning teachers are \$3,300, approximately \$125 higher than those for beginning teachers a year ago.

Graduates who have been placed include: Robert Brown, Irigon, at Hermiston; Joan Hiesler, Heppner, first grade at Hood River; Carl Knighten, Irigon, 5th at Pendleton; Evelyn Miller, Boardman, at The Dalles.

Additional Water Supply Due

New Library Shelf Started by Local Club

Josephine Baker, librarian, reported this week that the Soroptimist Club of Heppner has started a shelf for Teen-age Girls. They now have two books—Desire For Ann, by Geis, and Paint Box Summer, by Cavanna.

The new juvenile books now at the library include: When a Cobbler Ruled a King, Seaman; Lassoing Wild Animals in Africa, Scull.

New fiction includes: The Story of Mrs. Murphy, Scott; Fifth Seal, Aidanov; So Little Time, Marquand; Capt. Horatio Hornblower, Forrester; Lord Johnny, White; Son of a Hundred Kings, Costain, and Vengeance Valley, Short.

Non-fiction: Kon-Tiki, Heyerdahl; Why They Behave Like Russians, Fischer.

Mysteries: Candy Kid, Hughes; In the Best of Families, Stout; Screaming Mimi, Brown, and Nightmare in Manhattan, Walsh.

Pendleton Clips Heppner Nine in League Baseball

Pendleton's strong American Legion junior league baseball team gathered 10 hits off two pitchers to take the measure of local boys at the Round Up grounds Saturday evening, June 30.

Playing organized baseball for the first time this year, the local lads have found the going pretty rough around the league, but are still working hard to break into the win column.

Sunday, July 8 promises to be a good game, when the Hermiston American Legion junior league boys come to Heppner. This game will be played at 2:30 p. m. at the Rodeo field.

SOROPTIMISTS GET NEW YEAR BOOKS

The Soroptimist Club of Heppner met Thursday noon at O'Donnell's Cafe. There was no program as the first meeting in the month is a business session. Clara Gertson presided for the first time as the new president.

Year books were given out listing committees for the year.

ON DESTROYER

Cecil L. Botts, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botts of Ione, is serving aboard the newly re-commissioned destroyer USS Erben. Before entering the service September 8, 1950, he attended Arlington high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Wise and daughter, Mrs. Bert Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Massey went to Beaver Lake, Canada June 30 and returned July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gourey left Saturday for Salmon Lake, Canada.

In a letter received from Bert Mason of Portland the Gazette Times learns that J. D. Ambrose, early resident of Lexington had recently passed away, just 36 hours before his 100th birthday.

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Dunham and daughter Cammie are vacationing in Seaside this week. Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford left Thursday to join them for a few days.

NO DINNER AT GRANGE

The Rhea Creek grange meeting will be Friday at 8 p. m. There will be no potluck supper this meeting, because everyone is so busy, according to Ray Drake, master.

\$10,000 LEAP ON A WING AND A PRAYER



Bill Ward, of the Canadian Aces, broadjumping a new, 1951 automobile for distances up to 100 feet into the air over three other new cars racing beneath, will be one of the 28 stunts featured in the 1951 International Open Stunt Championships and the combined Jole Chitwood Auto Daredevils "Circus of Death," coming to the Pendleton Rodeo Grounds, this Saturday evening, July 7, at 8:30 p. m.

Umatilla Forest Fire Danger High

All national forest areas within the Umatilla National Forest have been designated by Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone as areas on which smoking while traveling is prohibited because of the fire danger on and after July 1, 1951 and extending to September 30, 1951.

The recent dry, hot weather has rapidly caused burning conditions to become serious. All persons using the timbered areas are urged to use care to insure that no fire escapes. The Umatilla Forest is now operating short-handed because of the necessity to send eight of its most experienced fire men to aid the Willamette Forest in its battle with the He He Creek fire east of Eugene, according to C. M. Rector, supervisor.

Camp fire permits are not required on the Umatilla, but it is a requirement that they be built in a safe place cleared of all burnable material and that they be completely put out before being left, even for a short while.

Reception Set For New Heppner Minister

Members of the Heppner Church of Christ are holding a reception in the church basement at 8:00 p. m. Monday honoring their new minister, Rev. Earl L. Soward and his wife, who arrived the first of the week. He comes from Burns.

The reception is open to the public and special invitations have been sent to all churches in the Heppner area, clubs and organizations in Heppner to attend the affair.

Rev. Soward will fill the pulpit for the first time Sunday for both the morning and evening services.

Umatilla Forest Sends Men to Valley Fire

Ten men from the Umatilla forest service guard school camp at Tupper guard station left last Saturday for Pendleton where they were taken by plane to the Willamette Valley area to assist in fire fighting in that area. They were to be placed at a fire near the Detroit dam on the north Santiam. All men sent were to be used as forest bosses.

Kenneth Keeling, timber management assistant of the Heppner district, was among those making the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick and David, Ronald and Donald spent the Fourth visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy in Hermiston. The McCoy's are former residents of Heppner. The three Creswick boys stayed on in Hermiston to visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman, former residents, are visiting here a few days on their way back to Oregon City. They have been on a trip to the midwestern states.

"Take It Easy On Water," City Asks

Water superintendent Victor Groshens asked this week that Heppner residents use care in the use of water for irrigation.

There is no shortage of water, he pointed out, but consumption has hit an all-time high during recent hot days. There will be plenty for everybody of care is used and sprinklers are not left running in one place longer than necessary. 1/2

Spruce Budworm Spraying Finished

Flyers completed spraying operations Wednesday, July 4, in the Umatilla National Forest's summer fight against spruce budworm. Ten planes completed the job in the three weeks scheduled for the job.

The 1951 contract called for the spraying of 110,000 acres of forest land and if this year's program is as effective as was the 1950 spraying, this will end the program for the present.

Many of the flyers had been staying in Heppner during the operation, while the flying strip at Bigg Rock has been used as a base for flights.

The forest spraying operations have been carried on under the direction of John B. Woods Jr., of the Oregon state board of forestry.

4-H Clubs Hold Camp; Herren Creek Meadow Used First Time

Morrow county's first 4-H club camp was held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Herren creek meadow for 40 of the younger 4-H club boys and girls. The group, with directors, arrived at the camp Friday noon and returned late Sunday following camp dinner at which time more than 200 parents and friends had come to visit the new camp.

Included on the program set for the 4-Hers were nature study hikes led by Charles Ross (extension forester from Oregon State college and craft work under the direction of Maud Casswell.

Highlight of the week-end was the church service held Sunday morning and put on by the youngsters themselves. It was led by Ronald Baker, Ione who had just returned from the national 4-H club camp at Washington, D. C. Baker also gave the group a report of his trip.

Camp counselors for the week end were Janet Howton, Ione; Patricia Peck and Nancy Ferguson, Heppner.

The camp is located on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin. This is the first year the camp has been held and N. C. Anderson, county agent, under whose direction the activities were held, stated that plans call for a permanent camp at this location with future expansion to take care of more members. Those attending this year came from all over the county with Boardman and Irigon particularly well represented.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Medical—James Conn, Portland, dismissed; Mrs. Ella Davidson, Ione; Clayton Morgan, Condon; Erik Bergstrom, Ione.

Surgery—Paul Muzzy and son Ronnie, Kinzua; Mrs. Lucy Peterson, Heppner, dismissed; Sandra Jones, minor surgery.

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kemp an 8 pound 4 ounce boy, born June 30.

Boardman Garden Club Hears Report

Boardman Garden club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Briggs. Mrs. Walter Wyss, Mrs. Chas. Anderregg and Mrs. Briggs gave reports on the Federation of Garden clubs convention at Hood River. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Willis Pieratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and sons have moved to Sisters. Mrs. Warren is a daughter of the Ray Drakes. She has been secretary of the high school in Heppner.

City Calls For Bids on Drilling Second Well

The start on a much needed addition to Heppner's water system was made Monday night when the city council authorized the publication of a notice calling for bids on the drilling of a new well close to town.

There was considerable discussion about the condition of about eight miles of the present pipe line with several council members expressing fear as to how long it will continue to provide adequate water without being replaced. There were reports of leakage along much of its length from the present well down as far as the point where the old line has been replaced with new steel pipe.

Mayor J. O. Turner pointed out that to replace the eight miles of old pipe would cost around \$80,000 and that it is hoped that the city can get a new well, close to town and adjoining the new steel pipe line, for \$4,000. In addition to being less expensive, the addition of another well would also give the city another source of water independent of the present well should anything happen to the future.

Water superintendent, Victor Groshens told the council that recent checks on water consumption in the city showed that one day last week nearly 250,000 gallons of water were metered through the system.

While the present well is providing an adequate supply, the addition of the new well will give the city a needed safety factor.

The council also accepted a petition from Mrs. Blanche Brown to dedicate to the city a street running south from Water street and west of Jones street. She told the council that several of the lots had already been sold and that the street was needed to give access to them.

Ione Celebration Attracts Big Crowd

Hundreds of Morrow countians spent July Fourth at Ione to watch a full day's program sponsored by the Ione post of the American Legion.

Following the parade at 10 o'clock, the crowd moved to Turf field to watch races and enjoyed a potluck dinner there at noon. Ione and Heppner matched abilities in both softball and baseball in the afternoon with Ione taking both games from the Heppner teams.

In the evening the crowd enjoyed a special fireworks display and ended the day with a dance at Legion hall.

Winning floats in the morning parade were Ione Garden club, first; Amica club, second, and Legion Auxillary, third.

Boyers Leave For East; Honored at Banquet

Charles Boyer and family left Heppner Sunday for Illinois where he will enter Barrett Seminary to finish his study for the ministry.

A banquet put on by the Women's Society of Christian Service was held Sunday at the Methodist church honoring the Boyers. J. Palmer Sorlien acted as master of ceremonies introducing a program which included Lucille Owens at the piano; Oliver Creswick, tenor solo; a piano trio by the Anderson sisters; a reading by Mrs. J. A. Troedson, and a talk by Floyd Tolleson. Thomas Allen presented the Boyers with a purse made up by church members and friends.

About 60 adults and children attended the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and family spent the night of July third at their cabin on Ditch creek. Joining them for the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. M. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick and family.

DELLA HUTCHINS PASSES

Della Hutchins passed away Saturday morning in Pendleton. She lived in Heppner until about a year ago. Surviving are five children, one of whom is Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine of Heppner.