

Better Milk Delivery Service Sought For Heppner

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Chamber of Commerce Committee to Probe

That something should be done about Heppner's milk problem, was the main point of discussion at last Monday's meeting of the chamber of commerce. Outcome of the discussion was the appointment of an investigating committee by chamber president, J. E. Huffman, to look into the problem and report back to the group.

Cause of the difficulty was the discontinuance of door-to-door delivery, last week by the city's only sizeable distributor, the Dairy Cooperative association (Mayflower milk). Mayflower headquarters for this area are in Hermiston.

U. P. Car Loadings Take Big Jump Over Previous Months

F. C. Tolleson, Union Pacific agent at Heppner reports that the railroad carloadings for the month of July showed a big jump over the previous month and over July a year ago.

Total cars handled out of this office in July was 182 compared with 75 for July 1950 and 98 in June. A breakdown of loadings showed wheat accounting for the greatest cargo with 92 cars loaded during the month. There were 82 cars of lumber, 2 cattle, 2 horses, 2 sheep, and 2 cars of barley handled through the local yards also.

Tolleson stated that the company was doing everything possible to keep grain elevators supplied with cars and unless government shipments in the near future disrupted schedules it was believed this year's wheat crop could be handled without necessity of dumping on the ground.

Cemetery Hill Burns, Firemen Called Twice

Heppner firemen were called out twice Monday afternoon and evening to control a grass fire which started near the Willard Blake residence on the west slope of cemetery hill. The blaze covered several acres of grass before being stopped by firemen and volunteers but not until it had run clear to the top of the hill and burned off nearly half of the cemetery itself. Damage however was slight.

The second call came from the same area where wind had whipped remaining embers into dry grass. It was quickly controlled.

Family Gathering Held At Schwartz Residence

A family dinner was held Sunday at the Schwartz residence in Heppner honoring Henry Schwartz who celebrated his 81st birthday on Monday. The dinner was held a day early to allow all members of the family to be present.

Gathering for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, William Schwartz and family from The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwartz of Heppner.

E. Harvey Miller returned to his home in Portland Monday after spending several days here assisting with the wheat harvest at the Tad Miller ranch near Lexington. He returned with Mrs. Miller who motored up from the city Friday to bring her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Applegate, home.

Mrs. Francis Mitchell is again at her office in the courthouse after a two weeks' vacation in Portland and the coast.

Mrs. Catherine Doherty has returned from Ione where she spent the past two weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rose Doherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer are the parents of a daughter, Donna, born July 11 in St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Mrs. Pointer and the baby returned to Heppner Sunday.

According to word received by local relatives, James Kenney has been elected grade school principal and teacher of the eighth grade at Fossil. This is his second year in the Fossil school. Mr. Kenney is a graduate of Heppner high school and Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande.

Miss Rose Marie Pierson left Tuesday for La Grande where she will be employed as a Nurse's Aide in St. Joseph's Hospital. Miss Pierson will also attend Eastern Oregon College of Education where she is majoring in Education.

Mrs. Mary Van Stephens motored to Portland to spend a few days looking after business matters. During her absence, Mrs. Emma Cox is working in the flower shop.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stephani of Ione were transacting business in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Batty of Monument and his mother, Mrs. Jessie Batty of Kimberly were shopping in Heppner Saturday.

First Major Forest Fire Under Control

Forest Service officials in the Heppner office reported late Wednesday that the forest fire in the Taylor Basin area near Spray was under control and that all remaining work consisted of mop-up operations.

The blaze, one of four starting the same day, was reported Monday afternoon in private timber holdings of the Kinzua Pine Mills and covered about 900 acres before being controlled. Crews from the Kinzua mills were immediately dispatched, as were two crews of 30 men each from the Heppner Lumber company. The local men left here Monday evening and Tuesday morning. The last crew returned to Heppner at 9:30 Tuesday night.

Three of the four fires were believed to be man-caused with indications that they were intentionally set. All started in the

same immediate area along an old logging road.

At the height of the blaze more than 150 men including some soldiers and other mill workers from the Condon area were on the fire lines. While the fire was out of the National forest district it was reported by all look-outs in the area and due to weather conditions at the time, seemed almost to explode according to their reports. National forest men also helped in the fight.

The fire burned through a stand of old growth and second growth pine and indications were that the old growth timber would have to be logged in the near future if any of it is to be salvaged.

Forest service officials called attention to the fact that fire conditions in this area as well as throughout the state, are the worst in many years with temperatures holding in the 90s and 100s, and exceptionally low humidity recordings. They urge the public to use the utmost caution while traveling or working in the woods or fields.

Monday's large fire is the first one of major proportions in this area though there have been several small lightning caused blazes which have been confined before attaining any size.

HEPPNER WEATHER BUREAU GETS HOT

AND STILL IT'S HOT!
The Gazette Times semi-official weather observer took particular pains to take accurate readings of his thermometer all this week after complaints were received following last week's publication of maximum temperatures.

The reports below will undoubtedly cool all his readers off.

Friday, July 27	100
Saturday, July 28	97
Sunday, July 29	96
Monday, July 30	99
Tuesday, July 31	100
Wednesday, August 1	99

Farm Stock and Equipment Loans Now Available

Loan funds are now available through the Farmers Home Administration for the fiscal year of 1951-52. Loans may be made to enable family-type farm operators to buy livestock and equipment needed in the operation of their farms on a 5-year repayment plan.

Loans may also be made to develop or improve present farms on a long-term basis according to Frank J. Bartos County Supervisor, La Grande, Oregon. Special emphasis is being placed on helping farmers round out their farm operations in order to produce the food needed if the current world crisis and to place the farm families in a better position in the future. In the past, loans have been made for livestock, equipment, seed, feed and operating expenses. Loans for the buying of additional land to make a family-type unit large enough to meet the family needs can be made on a 40-year repayment plan. With this type of loan, a portion of such a loan can be used to refinance present indebtedness.

While veterans have preference for loans appropriated by Congress, other farmers can obtain the same service through an insured mortgage plan. Applications may be made at the Farmers Home Administration office at La Grande, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William A Richards and daughters spent the weekend in Baker with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke motored to Portland Saturday after their daughter, Joyce, who has been visiting in the city with Mrs. Victor Johnson and with her sister, Mrs. Sam Shipp at Rhodendron.

Al Porterfield was here from The Dalles for the weekend with his family.

P. W. Mahoney, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Ralph Jackson, members of the Heppner Rod and Gun Club, attended a trap shoot in Portland during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlan Matthews and family returned to Portland the first of the week after spending a few days here at the family home.

Mrs. Anna Thomsen has as her guests her daughter, Mrs. Bennett and children. Mr. Bennett left for Seattle Wednesday by plane to go to Fairbanks, Alaska where he is employed by the government.



THE PARADE OF ROYALTY—

Ida Lee Chapel Second Princess to be Honored

The second girl to be presented to fair and dance goes as a member of Morrow county Fair and Rodeo Royal court is Ida Lee Chapel in whose honor the second princess dance will be held this Saturday night at the Fair pavilion.

Princess Ida Lee will be representing the Lena community, though she lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel on their ranch near Hardman. A 16 year-old brunette who stands 5 feet 5, she has blue-green eyes and is a junior at Heppner high school. Ida Lee has lived on a ranch all of her life and can feel at home doing any of the many jobs to be found there from driving a truck or tractor to helping trail cattle each

year with a regular crew.

She has been very active in 4-H club work as have other members of the royal court but has surpassed some of them in one department, and the result of her work has given her a herd of over 20 cattle of her own.

Ida Lee will be present to greet dancers Saturday as they enjoy the music of 'The Columbians' who are again signed to play for the gathering.

In the parade preceding the fair and at the rodeo she will be seen riding her own thoroughbred race horse, Fuzz Button, which was sired by Booter Jim. Does she have a hobby...? Surely, and you couldn't guess what—horses!

Localites Help Build New Rodeo Fence

Fence poles went up in a hurry last Friday and Saturday mornings at the rodeo grounds when 17 Heppner men gathered in the cool of the mornings to help the rodeo committee get the grounds in shape for the coming event.

Posts had been previously set and the crew gathered at 5 o'clock in the morning to help in placing rails. Two hours work each day saw completion of the job which was under the direction of Frank Turner.

Mrs. Joe Causey who has been spending the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan will depart this week for her home in Douglas, Arizona. Mrs. Causey visited the first part of the week with her sister, Mrs. Paul Hisler, at her home on Upper Butter Creek.

Mrs. Ellis Irwin returned to her home in Portland Monday after spending several days here visiting her father, Irvle Bennett and sister, Mrs. Elbert Cox. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ambrose Chapin who planned to remain in the city about a week.

Guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Settles are her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sandstrom and children of Torrance, California.

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips of Portland were guests this week at the country home of his sister, Mrs. Claud Huston and Mr. Huston, in the Eightmile section. Friday, Dr. and Mrs. Phillips visited with Mrs. Robert Dobbs and family in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson and daughters of Dufur were over-Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckett.

Elevators Report Heavy Hauling; Some Filled

A check of Morrow county grain growers stations Wednesday brought reports of rapidly filling elevators, but officials stated that as yet it had not been necessary to dump any grain on the ground.

The Lexington Elevator was filled practically to capacity with grain being loaded directly into freight cars but that several large growers had finished harvesting in that area and they held hopes that the peak of the hauling was past. A temporary boxcar shortage was blamed for the congested condition, along with the extremely heavy crop now being harvested.

Reports from the Ione and McNabb stations showed that hauling had eased off in those locations but that elevators were well filled.

Other elevator operators in the district reported conditions about the same as did the Grain Growers and that to date they had been able to handle everything brought to them. Managers of the that they had been forced to stop Jordan Elevator company stated hauling to the Arlington Elevator early in the week because of plugged conditions there and a shortage of barges with which to move the wheat.

Harvesting in the Heppner area gained momentum with most growers south and east of here starting operations the first of the week.

Reports continued to show good grade of wheat with continuing stories of high yield per acre.

Grand Jury Meets, To Report August 8

The Morrow county grand jury met last Monday in secret session and will report its findings to circuit judge W. C. Perry regarding Ray Alan Barber who is in the Morrow county jail accused of the murder of Anthony Peter Ripp at Boardman two weeks ago.

The report will be given judge Perry August 8.

Dates Set for Balance of Princess Dances

The Fair and Rodeo dance committee reports that dates have set for all remaining princess and fair dances with the next scheduled for this Saturday night sponsored by the Lena community.

Following this week's dance will be Willows grange Ione, August 11; Rhea Creek grange, August 18; and the Lexington grange, August 25. The Queen's dances with the music of Jimmie Whetmore's orchestra are booked for Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

New arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Labhart a baby boy named Mark William weight 7 lbs. 12 oz. born July 30.

Medical — Mrs. Carl Warner, Lexington; Mrs. Thelma O'Neal, Kinzua, dismissed; Miss Tresa Pounder, Monument, dismissed;

Major surgery — Mrs. Elsie Mollohan, Heppner; Mrs. May Gilliam, Heppner; Cpl. Ervin Holman, Condon.

Minor surgery — Terry Campbell, Heppner; Helen and Mary Emma Evans, Heppner.

Out patients — Bobby Lee De Spain, Ione; Miss Helen Dyer, Mayville; Miss Janet Sprouls, Heppner; Mrs. Gertrude Van Horn, Heppner; Mrs. Mitzi Peck, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and daughters, Rose Marie and Marjorie, motored to White Salmon, Washington Saturday to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Anna Pierson and other relatives. Enroute they visited in The Dalles with other relatives.

Tom Wilson was in Pendleton the first of the week to attend a meeting of Soil Conservation Service employees.

Eric Bergstrom, Eightmile farmer, who has just recovered from a recent serious illness at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, was a business visitor in Heppner Monday.

4-H'ers To Get Calves At State Fair

The 1951 state fair will mark the 25th year that Oregon Jersey breeders have presented a registered Jersey heifer calf to the outstanding 4-H Jersey exhibitor, according to Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent at Oregon State College.

Ralph E. Cope II, Langlois, will award this year's calf. Cope owns the world champion butterfat producer on twice-a-day milking. His purebred Jersey produced 1237 pounds of butterfat on official test supervised by Oregon State college in 1950.

The first award as made at the 1927 state fair when E. H. Wise of Grants Pass awarded a calf to Leslie Steward of Polk county.

The Oregon Guernsey Cattle club, the Oregon and Columbia Valley Ayrshire association, the Oregon Milking Shorthorn Breeders, and a prominent Holstein breeder will also award purebred calves to the top 4-H exhibitors of each breed.

HEPPNER MEN AT PORTLAND TRAPSHOOT

Five Heppner men were in Portland Saturday and Sunday to participate in the Grand Pacific trapshoot sponsored by the Portland gun club.

While no honors came back to Heppner with the men they all showed well in the shoot. Those making the trip were P. W. Mahoney, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Earl Warner, Ralph Jackson and Dale Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithly and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Calvin have returned from Portland where the gentlemen attended a meeting of Ford employees.

Most members objected to the elimination of home delivery and also to the every-other-day delivery being made to local stores with the feeling expressed that the city was entitled to better service.

It was suggested that the newly appointed committee look into the prospects of obtaining the products of another dairy in the area or possibly aid in obtaining a permit for the operation of a new dairy if an interested party could be found. Before distribution can be made it is necessary for the state board of agriculture, under whose supervision the state milk control board operates, to grant a dairy permit.

The only other dairy distributing in Heppner is owned by J. O. Hager and quantity from this source is limited.

The possibility of asking the department of agriculture for a public hearing on the matter was discussed and the committee was instructed to see what steps would be necessary in order to take such action, should it be desired.

Mayor J. O. Turner, reported Wednesday that he expected to ask the city council to authorize its own investigation into the much discussed matter at its next

The city council at a special meeting Wednesday night gave authority to mayor J. O. Turner to follow whatever course seemed feasible to obtain better milk delivery service in the city.

meeting. He stated that he had also heard many complaints from milk customers since home delivery was stopped, but was unable to say what action the council would take until the matter was discussed fully.

Phil Metschan, Former Heppner Hotel Man Called By Death

Portland papers Thursday morning carried an announcement of the death of Phil Metschan, prominent Portland hotel owner. He passed away at his Portland home Wednesday.

Metschan will be remembered in Heppner as owner of the Palace hotel here from 1902 to 1906, one of the buildings that remained intact during the flood. He was well known to many eastern Oregon residents.

Olden Services Are Held At Gresham

Funeral services were held in Gresham, Thursday, July 26th for Mrs. Herbert M. Olden of 521 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham. Mrs. Olden passed away Monday at a Portland hospital after a lingering illness. She was 79 years of age.

Born Emma Blanche Hayden at Shelbina, Missouri, February 14, 1872, she spent her girlhood in the Portland, Estacada and Viola communities. Later she lived in the Ione and Gresham areas.

She was married in Portland, December 24, 1893 to William Harrison Dobyns, who died at Ione on October 18, 1912. Her marriage to Herbert M. Olden took place in Portland, April 2, 1914. The Oldens retired from wheat farming 15 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, Walter C. Dobyns, Noel K. Dobyns and Harold W. Dobyns, all of Ione and Jesse M. Dobyns of Portland and a brother, Howard Hayden of Portland. Also surviving are four granddaughters and five great grand children.

Mrs. Oscar George has returned from San Francisco where she has been visiting friends. Mrs. George also attended a theatre owners' convention in Del Mar, California. Enroute home, Mrs. George visited in Portland with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Borg. Dr. Borg who has been seriously ill is improving at present. Mrs. V. R. Rynnison and Mrs. Emile Groshens are still in the city to be with Mrs. Borg.