



FILE UP—Not the truck, but the snow! This picture taken at Hardman shows depth of drifts in that area. This truck apparently was parked before snow and plows covered it up for the winter. Drifts in many places were six feet deep. (GT Photo)

More Snow Keeps Road Crews Busy

Tuesday's and Wednesday's additional snow on top of the eight inches that covered much of the county last week, combined with wind, kept state highway and county road crews, as well as farmer-owned bulldozers busy during most of the week.

Roads in most parts of the county were passable at times, but continual drifting required constant work by the crews to keep them open.

The Hardman area was blanketed under the heaviest drifts which were continually blowing back into the cleared areas. County road officials reported Wednesday it had sent its heavy equipment into that area in an effort to clear roads west of Hardman. Several families have been isolated a large part of the past week.

Reports from the Eightmile area told of windblown drifts in the higher sections were again threatening to close many county roads.

State highway snowplows were encountering difficulties on the Heppner-Condori road between Heppner and Ruggs where drifts were approaching six feet in depth in places, and also on the higher points of the Heppner-Nye Junction road.

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ICE CASUALTIES

Falls Cause Injury To Three Persons

Icy sidewalks were responsible for injuries to at least two Heppner residents this week when Ruth Payne and Anna Q. Thomson were taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital following falls.

Mrs. Payne suffered concussion following a fall Monday evening, and Mrs. Thomson is confined with a fractured hip when she slipped in front of her home. Mrs. Thomson lay in the snow for some time before her cries brought aid.

Leo Flowers, Kimberly, was brought to the hospital last week after a similar accident knocked him unconscious and he lay in the snow until found. He suffered from minor injuries and exposure.

Doctors reported several other residents had been treated for bruises and minor injuries following falls.

SQUARE DANCE SET

A square dance with all the trimmings, sponsored by the county 4-H council will be held Saturday, January 26 at the Ione Legion hall. Everyone, young and old, is invited. The dance is to start at 9:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ferebee and Rev. and Mrs. Wendall Heribson of Prineville visited Wednesday in Heppner with Rev. and Mrs. Earl Soward. Mrs. Ferebee is a sister of Mrs. Soward.

Sunday visitors at the Emile Groshe's home were Mrs. Groshe's nephews, Boyd and Dick Sigsbee and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wayenberg of Milton-Freewater, and Mrs. Ray Adhendt and three children, Dick, Danny and Cynthia of Portland.

Judge and Mrs. Garnet Barratt left Wednesday for Portland. They do not expect to return until next week.

Mrs. Toby Minton, of the telephone office, left Monday for Portland to attend a Chief Operators conference. She will return to Heppner Thursday evening.

RURAL SCHOOL BOARD OUTLINES POLICY AS AID TO DISTRICT BOARDS

The county school superintendent's office will this week distribute to all school officials in the county the statement of policy recently set up by the Rural school board. The complete statement, which covers six pages is designed to guide the various boards in setting up their budgets for the coming year.

In addition it outlines the various requirements of state law which must be met, and many categories not directly covered in other laws. The statement is pre-

ALL COMMUNITIES TOP QUOTAS

Community Chest Campaign Raises \$3,100 Fund

The Morrow county Community Chest went over the top early this week when reports from Boardman and Irrigon were received to bring the total of \$3,010.97. Additional pledges are assured that will bring the grand total well over the quota of \$3,

100, said Garnet Barratt, temporary chairman for the drive. When pledges are all collected, every community in the county will have raised its individual quota. Lexington was the first to reach the goal, with Heppner following by just a few days. Ione

since has over-subscribed its quota. While both Boardman and Irrigon were later getting started, they too, will have reached the set figure when all returns are in. Preliminary reports from Cecil indicate that area will follow suit.

Permanent Group Planned

Drive head, Garnet Barratt, announced this week that a luncheon meeting has been called for Wednesday, February 6 for the purpose of setting up the permanent chest organization and se-

lecting officers to serve in a permanent capacity. Drive leaders in all communities are urged to be present for the meeting which will be held in Heppner. Each leader will receive further notification by mail.

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Crop Insurance Rates Lowered

Morrow County PMA office announces that it has received notice from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation that all policy holders who will have contracts in force in 1952 will get a 30% reduction in premiums if they have had a contract in force over one year. Of the 194 policy holders in the county, 174 will be eligible for the 30% discount.

This reduction in premium is a result of accumulated premium reserve for 1952 which is in excess of the required reserve for the same year. As Morrow County has earned this discount through many years of good experience in the Crop Insurance program, it is in a fortunate position. Several factors are considered in determining each year's required reserve; the loss experience for the previous year, the amount of the liability, and the fixed price.

Morrow County in meeting the requirements for the reduction in premium for good experience applicable to the 1952 crop year provides a concrete example of how actual experience determines the cost of protection provided by the crop insurance policy.

Morrow County feels fortunate in that there weren't any losses during the 1951 crop year, which helped to build up the accumulated reserve to what it is now.

Eastern Oregon 4-H Club Leaders to Meet at LaGrande

Men and women from 12 eastern Oregon counties will meet in LaGrande January 29, 30 and 31 for the annual 4-H Club Leaders' conference, announces L. J. Allen state 4-H leader at Oregon State College.

Headquarters will be the Sacajawea hotel.

This year's program will be especially helpful for new leaders, reports Mrs. Alice Lindsay of Grant Pass, president of the Oregon 4-H Leaders' association. She urges every leader to attend, if possible.

Discussions on "Understanding the Club Members" and "Steps in Being a Successful Club Leader" will be led by Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, supervisor of teaching, Eastern Oregon College of Education, LaGrande.

Pros and cons of the 4-H awards program will be discussed by Miss Emmie Nelson, Chicago field representative of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work. The national committee sponsors the annual National 4-H Club congress.

As in previous years, new subject-matter information in home economics and agricultural projects will be presented by OSC extension specialists.

F. L. Ballard, associate director of the OSC extension service, will discuss plans for the state-wide agriculture conference March 27, 28 and 29 at Corvallis.

Two banquets will highlight the evening programs. A dress revue, a report on the 1951 National 4-H Club Congress, and entertainment by the music department of the Eastern Oregon College of Education will be featured.

Leaders who will attend from Morrow county are Mrs. Gordon White, Mrs. E. M. Baker and Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Ione.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. McDon Bonta a baby girl born Jan. 21, weight 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

Medical—Leo Flower, Kimberly, dismissed; Mrs. Kay Anderson, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Ruth Payne, Heppner; Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson, Heppner, transferred to Pendleton; Joe Clark, Lexington.

Minor Surgery—Victoria Lee Barratt, Heppner; John Hartman, Heppner.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Ina Nichols, Lexington.

UP Agricultural Car Programs Draw Many; C of C Hears Speakers

George L. Penrose, agricultural agent for Union Pacific and E. R. Jackman, farm crop specialist at Oregon State College told the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce Monday of the program carried on throughout the area by means of the UP agricultural car. The car was in Heppner all day Monday.

Both men emphasized the importance of the grass in providing cattle forage and also for prevention of soil erosion. A good share of the days program at the car, which was at the Heppner depot for the day, emphasized the value of the many phases of grass usage.

The morning and afternoon programs were well attended with over 75 4-H members visiting the car in the morning and nearly that many farmers present at the afternoon program. This is the third consecutive year the special car has visited Heppner.

Both men are well known in Morrow county, Jackman has for many years been connected with the agricultural department of OSC, and Penrose is now head of the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Optometrist Offices To Open Next Monday

Dr. Edward Schaffitz, Optometrist, announced this week that he will open his office in Heppner Monday, January 28.

His offices, in the new clinic building, on Gale street have been under construction for several weeks. He will move his wife and daughter here from North Bend as soon as living quarters in the same building are completed.

Sparks From Welder Start Gas Blaze

Sparks from a welding torch set fire to gasoline and cleaning solvent in the shop of Empire Machinery company Friday afternoon causing only minor damage.

Heppner firemen answered the call and assisted the Empire crew in putting out the flames.

Liberty to Be Talked By Adventist Group

Seventh-day Adventist church members here will devote their Saturday morning church service January 26 to discussion of ways by which laymen can help to defend religious freedom in America, according to R. Knauff, pastor.

The sermon of the morning will review recent threats to this liberty seen in the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, revival of Sunday laws, the green river ordinance prohibiting sale of gospel literature, and other developments.

Mrs. Walter Gilman, religious liberty secretary for the church, will explain procedures freedom-loving citizens should follow to make their opinions and wishes known to their congressmen.

Church members will be asked to send subscriptions for Liberty magazine to judges, lawmakers, teachers, ministers and other leaders of the nation, to bring to their attention current issues which involve the American principle of separation of church and state. Since it was launched in 1886 as the American Sentinel, Liberty magazine has been devoted to the preservation of religious and civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

ATTEND 90 & 9 MEET

Several Heppner folks attended the Christian church 90 and 9 meeting held Monday night at Hermiston. They were Joe Hughes, Marcel Jones, Charles Barlow, Tilman Juet, Roy Neill and Rev. Earl L. Soward, pastor of the Heppner Christian church.

"Mothers' March on Polio" to be Held in Heppner on January 31

REA COOPERATIVE'S PROGRESS NOTED; ADVANCE PAYMENTS MADE ON LOANS

The Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., last weekend made a second advance payment on loan funds borrowed from the federal government through the Rural Electrification Administration, announced E. H. Collison, manager.

The check for \$50,000 is in addition to the regular quarterly instalments on principal and interest.

The local cooperative which serves 604 members in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, was formed September 18, 1940, and its lines were first energized on November 8, 1949. The first advance payment, in the amount of \$5,000 was made in July 1950.

Officials of the coop, Kenneth J. Smouse, Ione, president; W. D. Hardie, Condon, vice-president; Oscar E. Peterson, Ione, secretary and Jack Hynd, Jr., Cecil, assistant secretary; expressed great satisfaction at the progress the organization had made since its start. Collison pointed out the repayment was a definite assurance that the organization was doing everything possible to "pay its way", and stated that at the time of its start, this coop had the record of having the fewest members per mile of line of any electric coop in the United States. All members live in rural areas, the organization serving no community of any size.

Collison stated that the coop now has 665 miles of operating lines in the three counties and that another 65 miles are now under construction. New construction plans call for the building of a new line from Rhea creek into the Rock creek area.

Officers of the coop at the time of its formation in 1940 were Henry Baker, Ione; O. L. Lundell, Ione; E. E. Rugg, Heppner.

METHODIST CONFERENCE ON FAMILY LIFE

The local Methodist Church was represented by 24 delegates to the District Conference on Family Life held at Hermiston last Sunday. Those attending from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick, David, Ronnie and Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Whitte, Bob and Peggy; Mrs. Lucy Rodgers; Mrs. Sara McNamara; Mrs. Mary Wright; Mrs. Alex Green; Mr. and Mrs. Darl Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolleson; Rev. and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien and Meredith Ann; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tolleson, Charlotte and Sandra.

JUNIOR DEGREE OF HONOR

The meeting listed in the coming events column is for the Junior Degree of Honor, rather than the Degree of Honor.

WHILE ONLOOKERS marvel, Miss Carolyn Bradford of the American Museum of Atomic Energy explains the use of radioisotopes in agriculture. The exhibit shown is part of the traveling Atomic Energy Exhibit direct from the AEC laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which is being brought to Oregon by General Extension Division of the state system of higher education in cooperation with the National University Extension Association. The exhibit will be shown in Medford, January 24-26; Eugene, January 29-31; Corvallis, February 4-6; and Portland, February 9-12. It will be open to the public without charge.



Porch Light to Indicate Donors

Heppner Boy Scouts, acting for the mothers of the area, will contact every home in town that has its front porch light burning on Thursday, January 31 as collectors for the "Mothers' March on Polio", the final phase of this year's March of Dimes drive.

"The Mothers' March", is a new innovation this year in Morrow county, which is the outgrowth of an idea started in Phoenix, Arizona in 1950, said Mrs. Jack Loyd, Heppner women's activities chairman for the polio drive. It is expected that over 30,000 mothers and their helpers will take part in this special drive throughout the state. Such drives are planned in most Oregon cities.

Heppner's plan is identical to that to be carried out in other areas. Between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening of January 31, local boy scouts will cover the entire town, and wherever there is a porchlight burning they will stop and collect the donation. Anyone who has not turned in their drive card, or who wishes to add to their former donation are asked to leave their porch light on. The scouts will work only for one hour.

Drive officials said that "the lights will indicate that families are ready to welcome campaigning mothers and make contributions to the fight against infantile paralysis." The theme of the 1952 Mothers' march is a part of a bible quotation, "Let your light so shine."

Mrs. Loyd said that after the drive the scouts will be taken to the Loyd home where the Soroptimists will hold a party for them.

GRANGE REPRESENTATIVES FOR MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes officials this week have a full list of the names of the grange representatives to whom the donations can be sent. They are Mrs. Ben Anderson for the Rhea Creek grange, Mrs. Louis Halverson for Willows grange at Ione and Mrs. Ray Dolven for Lexington grange.

Hospital Grounds to Benefit by Ione Dance

Plans were announced early this week for an old time benefit dance to be held at the Willows grange hall in Ione the night of February 2.

According to information from grange officers the music will be donated by various local musicians and all funds raised will be used to beautify the grounds at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Charles Vaughn Hurt As Car, Truck Collide

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn received injuries Wednesday when their car skidded on icy pavement and was caught by a strong gust of wind and blown into a truck as they were returning to Heppner from Portland.

Mr. Vaughn was taken to a Portland hospital where he was treated for cuts and a severe headache. Mrs. Vaughn was shaken up but received only broken glasses in the smashup. The car was reported as seriously damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson left Thursday on a motor trip which will take them through California, Arizona and New Mexico. They planned to visit old Mexico before returning to Heppner. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Turner left Saturday and expected to join the Thompsons at Klamath Falls for the remainder of the trip.