

Week of Rain Welcomed by County Wheat Ranchers

A series of thunder storms over the past week materially brightened wheat crop prospects throughout Morrow county, and though much of the rainfall arrived too late to bring maximum benefits, it was welcomed by farmers.

Heppner again received the heaviest fall during the three storms to get a total of 1.47 inches. Thursday night's storm brought .46 inches, Monday night, .47 and Tuesday night .50.

The storms were general over the county and extended into Umatilla county as well as across the river into the Horse Heaven hill area in Washington according to reports. The Crum brothers ranch, north of Ione reported a total of .66 inches fell in three days. 10 Thursday, .23 Monday and .33 Tuesday. Further south in the Gooseberry and Eightmile area even a heavier fall was recorded with .31 inches falling on last Thursday. Actual measurements were unavailable from this area for the early part of this week, but it is known that considerable rain fell.

County agent, N. C. Anderson said Wednesday morning that the rainfall definitely assured a better than average wheat yield for the county. Grain in most areas is quite short but that it is well filled. The present additional moisture, Anderson stated, will give a much heavier wheat kernel and prevent shrinkage.

He said wheat prospects in all sections of the county now appeared good, and though the yield will not equal last year's bumper crop, it will be above average. In most areas the straw is quite short, but the wheat is expected to grade high. In parts of the northern section of the county around Alpine he reported exceptionally fine stands. He also reported that unless rains continue, harvesting will probably start in about two weeks.

Some of the earliest seeding was done on parts of the Lyle Woody estate ranches in the northeast section of the county.

No hail was reported in the area from any of the storms, though the Thursday storm caused very heavy hail damage in the Redmond section. Meteorologists reported a possibility of continued rain through Wednesday.

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WHOOOPS—Early last week this car belonging to C. A. Warren took it upon itself to go for a short trip and wound up on its rear bumper at the foot of the steep bank below the Warren home on south Main street. Though it came to an abrupt stop, the damage was only minor. Last fall another car took a similar trip down the bank from the adjoining house and stopped not 50 feet from where the Warren car came to rest. Cut arrived too late for last week's paper. (GT Photo)

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Town Meeting This Friday To Discuss Sewer Program

Public Asked to Bring Questions

The Heppner school gymnasium will be the scene of a town meeting called by the city council for 8 o'clock Friday night, June 13 to discuss the \$300,000 bond issue plan to build the city's proposed sewer system and sewage disposal plant.

Mayor J. O. Turner announced that he and all councilmen will be present to outline the details of the plan to the general public and to answer any questions that may be raised. Also scheduled to be present are a representative from the firm of Clark and Groff, Salem engineers who prepared the plans for the system, and Harold Merriman, representative from the State Sanitary authority.

Turner stated he will give the general outline of the plan, and the history of the several attempts made during recent years to get a sewer system built in the city. The meeting will then be opened to questions. The engineers will have drawings and blue prints of the sewer system and will answer any technical questions that might be raised.

Members of the council stated the meeting has been called for the purpose of giving the people all the facts concerning the program prior to the election which will be held on Tuesday, June 24. All expressed the hope that a heavy turnout of residents would be present at the meeting.

The \$300,000 bond issue, upon which the voters will decide, along with the sewer use charge, will finance the entire cost of the sewer system and the treatment plant. Every home and business building within the city limits will be served by the system.

The state sanitary authority has been pressing the city for several years to build the sewer and disposal plant to eliminate the heavy pollution in Willow creek.

Farm Bureau Proposes County Tax Meeting; Favors Road Levy

The Morrow County Farm Bureau held its regular meeting at the Rhea Creek Grange Hall on May 28. Several resolutions, some of which originated in this county and some received from other counties, were approved at this meeting. They recommended a more liberal stand on R. E. A. and public power and recommended that the Federal Agricultural Department be authorized to build and use a laboratory for research into Hoof and Mouth Disease.

The increase in freight rates was discussed and it was urged that whatever measures possible should be taken to prevent these rates being made discriminatory to the people of the West Coast.

A continuation of the 10 mill levy for roads was approved and it was decided to sponsor a county wide tax meeting and ask the granges and chamber of commerce to assist with this meeting. Representatives from the State Tax Commission and State Highway Commission will be invited to attend this meeting. It hoped that when the date is set for this meeting that residents will set that time aside and plan to attend the meeting as there will be plenty of opportunity for a clarification of many tax problems.

The next meeting will be held on June 24.

Chamber Hears Talk on Sewers

"In the 80 years of Heppner's existence as a city, the 450 acres of ground on which the city sets has had to absorb over 146 billion gallons of water and more than 2½ million pounds of soap," Mayor J. O. Turner told the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce Monday noon in explaining the sewer program to be presented voters for their approval June 24.

Mayor Turner and Harold Merriman, Pendleton who is with the State Sanitary authority, gave a brief explanation of the plan and explained how it would be set up and what the cost would be to residents of Heppner. Both urged all chamber members and city residents to attend the special town meeting this Friday night where representatives of the engineering firm, the state sanitary authority and members of the council will be present to explain the entire plan and to answer individual questions persons might raise.

Turner pointed out that all persons of legal voting age who have resided in Heppner over 30 days prior to the election and who are registered, are eligible to vote. Property ownership is not a requisite for voting.

Many Expected Here To Attend Masonic Anniversary Meeting

A heavy influx of visitors is expected by the Heppner Masonic lodge Tuesday, June 17 when the lodge celebrates its 75th anniversary.

Arrangements are being made to care for 150 persons at the 6:30 banquet which will open the evening program. The meeting, starting at 8 o'clock will be open only to Masons.

Main speaker will be Clarence Kopp, well-known Mason from La Grande. Others from here will present various phases of the lodge history. Hugh C. Githens, Berkeley, Calif., a member of the Heppner lodge will be present to receive his 50 year pin.

Sam McMillan is general chairman for the event.

New Administrator Named at Pioneer Memorial Hospital

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Mrs. Bergstrom Gets Merchandising Award

Mrs. Ruth E. Bergstrom has been awarded the 1951 Citation of Merit from The Rexall Company in recognition of her exceptional ability in the field of drug store merchandising and unusual initiative shown in the displaying and selling of Rexall products. Mrs. Bergstrom is the proud owner of the engraved certificate and a personal letter from C. E. Cooper, vice-president of the Rexall Company. Mrs. Bergstrom is the second person in this district to receive this citation in the history of Humphreys Drug Company. The citation is awarded on the recommendation of drug salesmen visiting this district.



PVT. E2 Wayne R. Wilson, son of Mrs. Doris Wilson and Edwin Wilson of Heppner has recently been transferred to Fort Bragg, N. C. where he has been assigned to Co. E, Airborne Battalion for further training. He has been based at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been in the service about eight months.

Grand Champion Steers Are Shown At The Dalles

Kenneth Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner of Sand Hollow exhibited the grand champion pen of steers in the F. F. A. division at The Dalles Fat Livestock Show. Ken also showed a single steer that was eighth in its class and graded choice. Ron Hague-wood showed two individual Shorthorn steers. These animals placed second and third in their class. In the beef showmanship Ken Turner won a fifth place ribbon.

Eight members of the Future Farmers of America and their instructor spent the three days at The Dalles. The livestock judging composed of Ron Hague-wood, Ken Turner and Stacey Lovgren placed fourth among twenty teams at the show. The team placed above all other Eastern Oregon teams competing. The first three places went to teams from the Willamette valley.

In the hog division five boys exhibited their hogs. They were Jim Hayes, Neil Beamer, Peter Slocum, Jerry Hague-wood and Oliver Devine. Beamer won third in swine showmanship. Devin was fourth, and Hague-wood was fifth. The placing of the swine within their own market classes, Devin's hog was sixth, Slocum's seventh and Hague-wood's also placed seventh.

Flag Day Services Planned By Elks

Public Flag Day services of the Heppner Elk's lodge will be held Sunday, June 15, at 2:30 p. m. at the Elk's lodge.

The program will include musical selections by Mrs. Juanita Carmichael of Lexington, a history of the flag by LaVerne Van Marter and Jess Turner and special ceremonies by the officers of the lodge.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Flag Day exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Mathews motored to Baker Saturday taking his daughter, Miss Verla Mathews that far en route to her home in New Meadows, Idaho after a fortnight's visit here at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles and Connie left Thursday evening for Portland to attend the Rose Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Dick and Gary left Thursday for Helena, Montana to visit his father Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Sr.

Rangemen Schedule Canada Field Trip

A visit to the Dominion Range Experimental station near Kamloops, British Columbia, is in store for those who participate in the summer field trip June 24 and 25 sponsored by the northwest section, American Society of Range Management, Chairman Floyd Iverson, Portland forest service employee, has announced.

Visitors will see Cattalo, offspring of a Buffalo and Hereford cross. The second day of the tour will be in the Nicola valley which the Canadians claim has the finest grassland range on the continent.

June 23 is the date for the annual British Columbia Hereford Breeders association field day and range management visitors have been invited to participate. It will be at Vinsula about 25 miles from Kamloops.

DEALERSHIP ANNOUNCED

James J. Farley, owner of Farley Pontiac company, this week received his appointment as franchised dealer for Morrow county for GMC trucks and pickups. He will operate this line in conjunction with the Pontiac dealership.

Mr. and Mrs. Pirl Howell returned Sunday from Santa Barbara, Calif. where they spent the past fortnight visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bill Sowell.

IONE COUNCIL WORRIED OVER WEED SPRAYING

IONE—The city council June 3 discussed weed spraying in Ione. It is claimed the spray has been doing much damage to trees and flowers in town.

A Mr. Wellington, Pendleton, met with the council to explain more about a sewer system for the town.

INITIATED INTO HONORARY

Ronald Baker of Ione was initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary at Washington State College. It requires a 3.5 grade average to be eligible for this honorary. He is spending the summer at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker of Ione.

Picnic Set For Bible School Children

The joint vacation Bible school sponsored by Heppner churches will hold a picnic for the members Saturday noon at the court house. Sunday evening at 7:30 a special program will be presented by the children at the Christian church.

Classes have been held for the past two weeks at both the Methodist and Christian churches with an enrollment of 115 children.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIRES

Mrs. Jennie Lewis, who has been employed as janitress at the Heppner schools for the past seven years announced her retirement from the school system this summer.

Mrs. Lewis plans to visit relatives throughout the middlewest for several weeks, and upon return will make her home in Portland.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson and granddaughter Karen left on Thursday morning for Vallejo, Calif., where they will spend a week visiting relatives.

RULES GIVEN FOR CROW, MAGPIE AND RAVEN CONTEST HUNTERS

Chairman, Gar Swanson, has further outlined rules and regulations of the Crow, Raven and Magpie Contest now in force.

It has been decided by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers to extend the closing date of the contest to the end of pheasant season this fall. The organization will also purchase a .22 rifle to be used as first prize. Business houses in Ione, Lexington and Heppner will be called upon to donate prizes. The merchants were generous with worthwhile prizes last year and a complete list and display will be put in a prominent window in Heppner so that the contestants can view what they are working so hard for.

Hynd Brothers, Cecil, have offered the usual \$25.00 cash donation and Andresen's Sporting Goods shop has offered \$15.00 in trade.

Counting stations are set up in Ione, Gar Swanson in charge, Cecil, Jack Hynd, Lexington, Elmer Peterson, and in Heppner both Floyd Tolleson and Irvin Anderson have volunteered to count eggs and legs. Points have been compiled in the following manner: 5 points for each pair of Magpie legs, 1 point for each egg, 10 points for each pair of crow feet, 1 point for each egg, 20 points for each pair of Raven feet and five points for each Raven egg.

The contest has met with great success in 1950 and 1951 it is believed the nest robbing pests may be just a little more difficult to exterminate than before. However, the youngsters who have participated in previous contests and won prizes feel the work is well worth the effort. As before there will be no age limit for the contestants as long as they obey the rules and show courtesy to the land owners.

A word of caution is suggested to those who plan to shoot the birds. It is advisable to have hunting licenses handy and any complaints of trespass against any contestant will result in disqualification. Contestants are therefore urged to seek permission from the landowner before entering his premises.

When the contest ends this fall, the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers president, Dr. Tibbles has promised a free movie, refreshments and the prizes.

Members of the committee sponsoring the contest are Gar Swanson, Len Gilliam, Bill Labhart and Mrs. Paul Brown and Floyd Tolleson.

Local Bull Tops At Livestock Show

A bull raised and shown by Allen Hughes, local F. F. A. boy was grand champion of all breeds at The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show at Union last week, in the Future Farmers of America Division.

Four boys and their instructor spent three days at Union. They took with them two bulls owned and shown by Allen Hughes and three Hereford heifers. The three heifers were chain calves that had been donated to the local Future Farmer chapter.

The first place Hereford heifer in the F. F. A. division was owned and shown by Ronald Currin. This animal was of Harshman breeding and is the Harshman Hereford Ranch chain. The second place animal was owned and shown by Jack Monigal, is from the Floyd Worden herd and sponsored by Sears and Roebuck. In fourth place was a heifer owned and shown by John Brosnan. This animal was of Cutsforth breeding and is the O. W. Cutsforth chain. Competition was very keen in this class, and a large number of animals were shown. The fact that all of the animals shown were in the upper four places reflects the superior type of animals bred in Morrow county.

The livestock judging placed sixth in the judging contest. The team was made up of Ron Hague-wood, Stacey Lovgren, and Ken Turner. Ron Hague-wood was fifth high individual in the contest and received a banner for his achievement.

Robert H. Schmunk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schmunk of Irrigon, will become a doctor of dental medicine at the University of Oregon Dental school in Portland at graduation rites Thursday night, June 12.

Schmunk is one of a class of 68 men who are completing the four-year course at the state dental school. He also is among the 58 who are World War II veterans.

Irrigon Man Dental School Graduate

Loyal Parker returned Monday from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where he underwent surgery the last of the week. Mrs. Parker was in Pendleton with him.

WRANGLERS PLAN OVERNIGHT RIDE

The annual Wranglers overnight ride to the Winchester Cabin will be held Saturday and Sunday June 21 and 22. The date previously set was June 28-29, this was changed because it conflicted with several other events.

Weather Research Continuation Approved

A continuation of the weather experimentation program carried on in Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties for the last two years was voted by members of the Tri-County Weather Research at the annual meeting of the organization held last Thursday at Igo grange near Condon.

Ralph Crum, director of the Morrow county Weather Research a member of the Tri-County group, reported the nearly 150 persons attending the meeting were strongly in favor of continued experimentation and of joining with three other nearby districts in obtaining a joint contract for the work. Bids were received

from three companies desiring the contract for the experimentation, but the group left the final decision on the contractor up to the directors. One of the three bidders, Weather Resources Development corporation, holds the present contract which expires June 30.

Bidders were Dr. Krick's organization, the present contractor, \$73,750; North American Weather Consultants, Pasadena, \$70,000 and Precipitation Engineers, of Shelby, Montana, \$49,800. The first two stated they planned to use some aircraft cloud seeding in addition to ground generators and the Montana firm would use

only ground equipment. All bids were based on a 12 months contract and prices quoted were for the combined districts of Tri-County, HorseHeaven, Blue Mountain and Big Bend districts. Try-County's share of such a contract would be approximately \$25,000.

All bids were based on a flat fee contract, if a performance contract is desired the cost would be much higher, nearly \$100,000. While a slight majority of persons at the meeting preferred a performance type of contract the ultimate decision was left up to the directors.

Ralph Crum pointed out that in

case of a joint four district contract is signed each district will be responsible only for raising its own share of the total cost. None will be obligated to make up deficiencies from other districts.

All Morrow county directors were reelected for another term. They are Ralph Crum, Delvin Nelson and Harry Duvall. Van Reitmann, Condon was elected to replace Lloyd Evans, with David Childs and Ralph Potter re-elected from Gilliam county. Sherman county chose Charles Barnett to replace Glen Miller. Others from there are George Wilson and Fritz Watkins.