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## Chamber Hears of 4-H School; Talks Recreation Plans

Two Morrow county 4-H club members told Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce members Monday of their activities at the recent 4-H summer school held on the Oregon State college campus at Corvallis.

The two 4-H members, Patricia Peck and Jim Hayes told of the various courses and activities provided for them at the two-week session. They also expressed thanks to the individuals and business houses who donated scholarships which made the trip possible. They were introduced by Maud Casswell, county extension agent.

The chamber also discussed the possibility of encouraging the development of recreation areas in the mountains above Heppner. It was pointed out that this area is closest to the many residents living in the Hermiston-Umatilla area and that there is a steady growing influx of fishermen and sportsmen using this section of the Blue mountains. It was pointed out that there are no forest or state parks in the entire section designed to accommodate any large number of persons.

Wayne West, Umatilla National forest supervisor, and other chamber members, pointed out there are numerous places within a few miles of Heppner where the construction of small dams would provide excellent fishing lakes. One private dam is being considered, but it is not expected to be large enough to provide much relief for the area.

It was pointed out that the "people are going to come" and it will be to the benefit of this area if some type of recreational area can be provided for them.

## Cooler Temperatures Recorded For Week

The weatherman eased off slightly in Heppner this week after giving the area two days of 97 degree temperatures, last Wednesday and Thursday.

Since then Heppner weather recorder Leonard Gilliam reported the maximum temperatures stayed in the low 90s with 92 being recorded Tuesday. Winds this week helped to keep temperatures down and thunderstorms away from the area.

## STATE GAME COMMISSION LISTS TENTATIVE HUNTING REGULATIONS

Highlights in the tentative 1952 hunting regulations set last weekend by the game commission include a September 27 to October 17 buck deer season followed by a three-day hunter's choice deer season for hunters with unused tags, a November 1 to 20 general elk season, and a pheasant season opening October 24 and ending November 2 in western Oregon and ending November 9 in eastern Oregon.

The hunter's choice season for one deer of either sex is aimed at cropping deer from agricultural areas and problem ranges where a browse shortage threatens heavy winter losses. The dates are October 18, 19, and 20.

With the exception of Hood River valley and White River valley (Wasco county), the hunter's choice area in eastern Oregon lies east of The Dalles-California highway north to Redmond and east of the Jefferson, Wasco, and Gilliam county lines. The greater part of central and southeastern Oregon are included in the either-sex area, but Malheur county south of highway 20; all of Umatilla national forest; portions of Orchoe, Wallowa, Whitman, and Deschutes national forests; the Newberry crater area near Bend; and the high desert between Millican and Wagontire mountain are excluded from the proposed hunter's choice season.

## Care Requested In Water Use; Future Rationing Possible

City water superintendent Victor Goshens this week asked residents to be a little "scotch" in their use of water, suggesting that they irrigate early in the morning or in the cooler evening hours.

Goshens stated the city is not facing any critical shortage of water at the present time as long as care is shown in irrigating and water use, however, a continuation of hot weather could necessitate future rationing. One of the first groups to suffer should be the children as the swimming pool would have to be shut down. It takes a heavy volume of water to keep it operating.

During recent days water is being used practically as fast as it comes from the wells, making it hard to keep a safe level in the reservoirs.

## Kickoff Dance Set For July 26

The Kickoff dance, the start of a series of events leading up to the Morrow county fair and rodeo will be held at the Heppner fair pavilion Saturday, July 26, Jack Van Winkle, chairman of the dance committee announced this week.

The traditional dance, planned to present Queen Kathryn Campbell and her court to the people of the county, will lead off a series of six dances held on consecutive weekends. At each of the following dances the individual princesses and the queen will be feted by their sponsoring groups.

Van Winkle stated that Ken Knott's orchestra from Portland has been obtained for the starting dance. Though a newcomer to this section of the country, the band is well known in and around Portland for its popular and western style arrangements. Dancing has been scheduled to start at 9 o'clock.

Tickets will be made available to the public shortly.

## GRASS BURNS

A grass fire which burned a section of the hillsides behind the P. W. Mahoney residence on Willow creek road, was controlled by Heppner firemen Tuesday evening. There was no damage. The origin was unknown.

## Swimming Lessons To Start Monday At Local Pool

Swimming lessons for Heppner children will start at the municipal pool next Monday, July 21 under the direction of Mrs. William Labhart, Red Cross instructor. The instruction is sponsored by the American Red Cross.

The two weeks course follows the completion of a similar course given by Mrs. Labhart at the local pool for Condon children. Condon has no swimming pool and the children have been brought over by bus each day for the past two weeks. Their course concludes this Friday. Nearly 50 Condon residents received training.

Mrs. Labhart states that both beginners and intermediates are requested to report at the pool at 10 o'clock Monday where they will be registered and later divided for instruction periods.

There is no charge for the instruction.

## UN Pilgrimage In New York City Sunday

Jack Sumner, United Nations Pilgrimage delegate from Heppner reached New York City Sunday July 13.

While there the delegates will be able to make a first hand study of the organization and functioning of the United Nations. They will see councils and commissions of the United Nations in action. A fascinating experience will be actually sitting in the council chambers with ear phones over which they may tune in on any one of the five official languages used in all sessions. There will be interviews with members of the delegations of various countries. The pilgrimage delegates will mingle with U. N. personnel from all over the world as they eat at the U. N. cafeteria.

En Route to New York, Jack has sent cards from Regina, Sask., Canada, where they spent the night of July 6, the next night they were in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada where they ate with two Mounted Police and visited the legislative building of Manitoba. From Canada they went into Duluth, Minnesota on July 9, and then crossed back into Canada. The pilgrimage will have six days in New York before they head back home.

## Two Deaths Occur Here Wednesday

Two deaths occurred at the Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday July 16.

They were Martin E. Cotter of Ione. He is survived by his wife Mabel and family.

George Jimmy Williams, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williams of Kinzua is survived by two brothers besides his parents. Funeral arrangements are pending and other information was unavailable at press time.

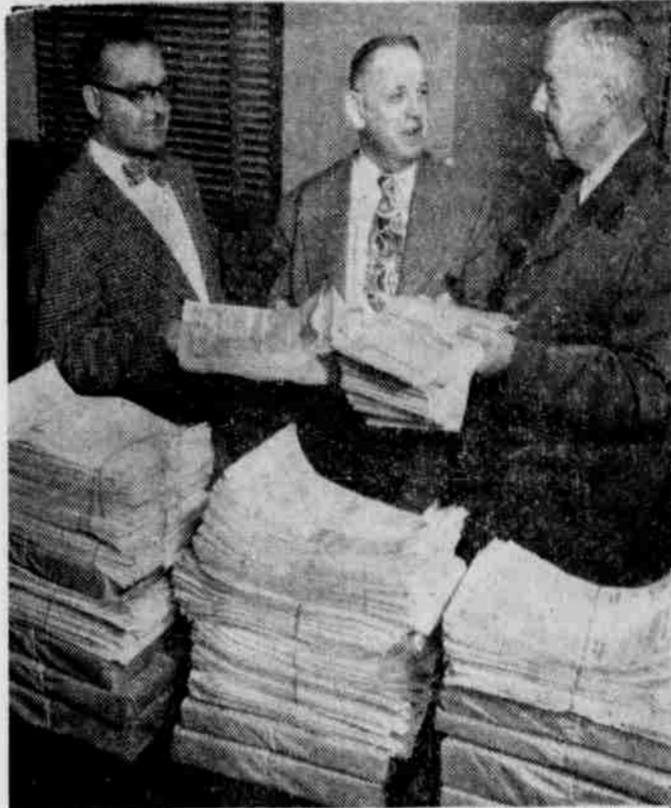
## HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, Heppner a 7 lb. 5 oz. boy born July 12, named Mark. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Dunn, Kinzua a 8 lb. girl born July 12, named Judith Diane. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Thompson, Spray a 7 lb. 12 oz. boy born July 15, named James Ellis.

Major Surgery—Judith Carol Juett, Heppner; Mrs. Bertha Dunagan, Hermiston; William Struthers, Heppner, dismissed.

Minor Surgery—Andrew Pennington, Condon, dismissed; Roger Smith, Dayville, dismissed; Dorothy Harris, Portland; Evelyn Sweek, Monument, dismissed.

Medical—Walter Wallace, Lexington; Lavelle Burghardt, Spray; Mrs. Maggie Hunt, Heppner, transferred here from Pendleton; Leo Farnsworth, Condon; Bert Gay, Heppner; Peggy Hubbard, Ione; Ruth Connor, Kinzua.



An all-time Oregon record for signatures on initiative petitions has been set with 89,182 certified names filed with State Registrar Dave O'Hara on a constitutional amendment establishing the basis for a fair truck tax bill. Here Elroy Sills, president of the Oregon Highway Council (left) and Phil Brady (right), president of the Joint Council of Drivers No. 37, International Teamsters, hand some of the last of the Multnomah County petitions to registrar of elections, James W. Gleason. Eighty-nine and seven-tenths percent of the 68,991 signatures were declared valid by O'Hara.

## NEW MCGG ELEVATOR TO BE READY FOR WHEAT HAULERS IN SHORT TIME

The new 263,000 bushel elevator of the Morrow county Grain Growers 11 miles north of Lexington, Ione and McNab, but not in any great quantity yet, it is reported. The Lexington elevator has been averaging slightly over 40,000 bushels a day for the past week. High winds the early part of the week has slowed harvesting in some sections.

The new plant has been ready for operation for over a week, but the loss of a part of a shipment of machinery held up final installation until the present time, Richards said. While the delay caused some inconvenience to growers in that area, the bulk of the harvest is still to come and the new elevator will shorten the haul for most ranchers in that section of the county.

## Work Started On Business Building

Work was started early this week by Howard Keithley on a new office building being constructed by W. C. Collins on property immediately south of the Heppner Cleaners plant in Heppner.

The building, 35 by 75 feet is being built of tile and brick and will contain two rental spaces. It will resemble in style the cleaners building.

## Tickets Available For Shrine Game

Tickets for the Shrine All-Star high school football game to be held on Saturday, August 30 at Pendleton are available in Heppner by contacting Dr. L. D. Tibbles. Over 100 have already been sold in Heppner and another block is now for sale.

Heppner has two regular players and one alternate picked to play on the East team.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward R. Tash returned Friday from Redmond where they attended the Nichols family reunion in honor of Mrs. Tash's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Freels of Oakridge Tennessee who are making their first visit to Oregon in 34 years. Others attending the gathering were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Nichols, hosts for the affair; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Brown, Mrs. Archie Brown and Mrs. Walter Darron.

Mrs. Venice Stiles is here from Portland to visit her mother, Mrs. Josie Jones. Mrs. Styles came up with Leslie L. Matlock and James Cowins who spent several days last week in the city.

## Water Prospects Good At New Heppner Well

Prospects looked brighter this week for an augmented water supply for Heppner as the new well being drilled by the city on the Frank Wilkinson property about three miles east of town appeared to be producing a substantial flow.

Mayor J. O. Turner, said the well was now down to slightly over 100 feet and that four separate veins had been tapped. While the well has not yet been given a volume test, the dip tests given recently show a flow of at least 200 gallons per minute. A sample of the water has been sent to the state board of health for a quality test to determine hardness and purity. The results of this test are expected early next week.

## Heppner Car Stolen, Stripped; Police Urge Extra Caution

A car belonging to Nate McBride of Heppner was stolen sometime Sunday night and was stripped of wheels, tires and other accessories.

The car was discovered Monday by Ralph Beamer parked behind a haystack on his Balm fork ranch. He immediately notified officers. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported the car had been stripped of all wheels and tires including the spare, tools and a spotlight.

Both Sheriff Bauman and police chief Charles Gomillion urged particular caution on local residents in view of recent car thefts and other burglaries in this section of the state. Bauman reported that a large safe containing more than \$4,000 in cash and a large amount of other valuables was stolen from the Kinzua Pastime last Saturday night. This followed closely the theft of two safes from business houses in Redmond a few nights earlier.

Gomillion urged motorists to take particular care not to leave keys in parked cars. "They're just asking for trouble," he said. There were no definite clues reported in the McBride car theft.

## Steers Show High Average Weight Gain

An excellent weight gain record was made by eight 16-month old Shorthorn steers which were fed on grass and grain by W. C. Cox of Heppner. Cox stated the eight gained an average of 2,385 pounds per day over a 96 day period. They were sold last week to a Walla Walla meat company and weighed 1018 pounds each. The steers were purchased from the Ray Ferguson herd.

## Extra Fire Care Urged on Loggers

Power saw operators and loggers with other power equipment were urged today by Judge Garnet Barratt, Morrow County Keep Oregon Green chairman, to exert every possible precaution this summer to stop logging fires.

The fire prevention leader said a good many blazes were caused last summer by the pure carelessness of power saw operators. Main cause of fires was filling power saws with gasoline in danger areas and failure to keep saws cleaned of sawdust which causes fires.

Loggers in this county were urged to observe these simple rules of fire safety during the hot, dry summer months:

- 1—keep fire tools handy and in order, 2—keep pumps and tank trucks full and ready to go, 3—have a camp fire marshal named who is responsible for fire fighting and prevention around camp, 4—stop smoking except at lunch or protected areas in the woods, 5—keep watchman at landings for safe period after work stops, 6—make regular check of all power equipment and eliminate any exhaust flame or other possible fire starter, 7—keep fire roads open and marked.

The Keep Oregon Green county chairman said a statewide drive is now being mounted to reduce all forest fires in the most aggressive campaign since the founding of the nationally famed fire prevention association eleven years ago.

Loggers will be singled out for special attention because of the large number of new workmen in the forests who are not yet conscious of the great danger from the carelessness with fire. Hunters, farmers who burn debris and pasture, picknickers, and smokers who flip cigarettes from moving cars will feel the source of public opinion as newspapers and radio join hands to stop wasteful destruction of the forests.

Turner stated the city will probably continue drilling the well to around the 150 foot depth in an effort to increase the flow and assure a steady supply of water. While no temperature check has taken, the water is considerably colder than that obtained from the present wells further up Willow creek.

The city has been pressed during recent hot weather to keep an adequate supply of water in the reservoirs and it is hoped by the council to have the new well tied into the system, if it checks out satisfactorily, before the end of the summer.

Should the new well provide sufficient water to supply the city, the council does not plan to discontinue the upper wells. It was felt by the members that wells and pipeline should be kept operating for emergency. Biggest difficulty is not the amount of water available from the wells, but the difficulty in getting it to the reservoirs through the old pipeline. Replacement costs of the old line is estimated at more than \$100,000 many times greater than the cost of drilling a new well.

Water used in Heppner during the hot spell has averaged about 350,000 gallons per day.

## Church Cleans Up Explosion Damage, Services Resumed

Services will be conducted in the Christian church building again this Sunday following the furnace explosion nearly two weeks ago which knocked off considerable plaster and deposited a heavy layer of soot through out the building. Total damage is now estimated at more than \$1,500.

Cleaning of furniture and the floors will be completed by this weekend and damage to the walls and the furnace will be repaired in the near future.

Rev. Earl Soward, pastor, announced Miss Loma Mae Jones, who recently graduated from the Texas Christian university will be the speaker at the Sunday evening service.

## Many Vets Receive State Bonus Checks

The Department of Veteran's Affairs reported Friday that 59,675 bonuses have been paid to living Oregon veterans and 2435 to next of kin of deceased ex-servicemen.

The next of kin include unmarried widows, children, or parents of Oregon men who died in service or following discharge.

Carl Cover, chief of claims for the department's bonus division, said many bonus recipients appeared to be puzzled about the method by which the amount of their payments were computed. Their inquiries to the department indicate that they feel they did not receive payment for the full amount of time served, Cover said.

On the other hand, a conscientious ex-Wave wrote in to state she believed she had been overpaid \$10.

1. The bonus act says payments will be on the basis of \$10 for each full month of stateside duty and \$15 for each full month of foreign or sea duty. Fractions of month's don't count, except as they may be added together to total one full month.

2. The bonus act says such payment will be only for the active duty served between Sept. 16, 1940, and June 30, 1946. Some veterans have written the department, citing their months of service after June of 1946. The bonus act doesn't permit payment for those months.

3. The date a man enlisted doesn't count. It's the date he actually entered active duty. Some men were enlisted for several months before they were called to active service. A number of payees who wrote the department about short payments have overlooked this fact.

## NEW GRANDCHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cox, of Springfield, Utah, are the parents of a son born July 11. He has been named Steven Dee. He is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Cox of Heppner.

## CLUB TO MEET

It was announced this week by officers that the Past Noble Grands club will hold a potluck dinner for club members and husbands at the John Bergstrom home this Sunday at 6 p. m.

## Heppner Joins in "Operation Skywatch," Help Needed

Heppner joined hundreds of other communities throughout the country in the activation of a 24 hour "Operatin Skywatch" at the request of civil defense and Air Force officers.

Three Heppner men are at the present time the entire staff of the air watch organization. They are Ervin Anderson, county coordinator for the ground observer corps, Walter DePuy, Heppner head and Bradley Fancher. The three are at the present time keeping a daytime check on all planes, but Anderson stated that additional help is badly needed

if the area is to be served properly.

Anderson asked for a total of 40 persons to stand two-hour watches throughout the 24 hours at the Heppner station which is the Anderson Building Supply building on Gale street. He stated that three planes have been reported to the filter center over Heppner since the 24 hour watch was started last Monday.

Anderson was present at a special ground observers meeting held at McChord Field in Tacoma last Wednesday where American and Canadian Air Force officers

explained how radar stations operated, what their limitations were and why it is necessary to have the ground observer corps.

Anderson asked that anyone wishing to serve as an observer, contact either himself or the other two Heppner men for instructions.

Four other observer stations are requested in the county, but at the present time only Heppner has a post in operation.

As explanation of the need for the ground observers, the Spokane Air Defense Filter Center Wednesday released the following statement:

General Benjamin W. Chidlaw, Commanding General of the Air Defense Command acknowledging the activation of "operation skywatch," today made the following statement.

"Initiation of twenty-four hour duty for the Ground Observer Corps once again indicates to all the world that America is ever ready to take positive measures to retain its security and its freedom. Since the first day of our history, American citizens have always been alert to any challenge to their freedom. Defending night and day, the spirit is

again evident in your sincere and selfless effort to build a stronger Air Defense System for this nation. At this time, when your participation in the Air Defense System is so greatly needed, your volunteer activity in the Ground Observer Corps is a major step in securing this nation against any potential enemy. To each member of the Ground Observer Corps, I extend not only my own personal feelings, but those of each member of my command when I express sincere appreciation for your participation in "Operation Skywatch."