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Water Shortage Facing City; Restrictions Placed on Use

New Well May Add To Supply, To Be Tested This Weekend

Heppner city officials this week announced definitely restrictions on all city water users and asked for cooperation in saving water wherever possible during the next several weeks in an effort to alleviate a serious potential water shortage.

The city announced, effective immediately, that all irrigation is banned between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. and stressed that residents violating the regulations can lose all water privileges.

Victor Groshens, water superintendent, told the Gazette Times Wednesday that the city is pumping all the water possible from the two wells, but that the water level in the wells is dropping and during the past few days there has been a net loss of nearly 60,000 gallons a day in reservoir storage. In other words, residents are using 60,000 gallons of water a day more than the city is getting.

Groshens pointed out it is absolutely necessary to keep the reservoirs at least half full for fire protection. Should the level fall below that point the danger of a serious shortage could exist should there be any type of major fire.

Bright Spot

One bright spot does exist, however, when Mayor J. O. Turner stated Wednesday that drilling has been stopped on the new city well at around the 160 foot mark and A. A. Durand, drilling contractor assured the council he would have a pump here by Friday or Saturday to give the well a volume test. Turner states that if the test showed any reasonable volume of water could be obtained, and if subsequent purity tests proved the water satisfac-

tory that it would be placed in operation and hooked into the system as quickly as possible. Officials were optimistic over the prospects of the well, as recent dip tests have shown there to be a considerable amount available. Several water veins have been tapped at various levels in the well, but no actual gallon measurements can be made until the test pump is installed.

Several weeks ago the council asked residents to exercise care in the use of water, the recent hot spell with temperatures running well into the 90s for several days, has shown the need for further effort to reduce water use.

Turner stated there is the possibility that if residents don't observe the sprinkling regulations that either all irrigation might have to be stopped, or that the municipal swimming pool would have to be closed due to lack of water to fill it. Care in the use of water, could however, probably mean the pool can be kept operating and there will still be ample water for necessary irrigation, Turner said.

Boardman Fields Produce Bumper Spuds

Miller Brothers, Boardman potato growers reported this week they finished digging Wednesday and obtained a bumper crop. Between 7,500 and 8,000 sacks were grown on 25 acres with most of the spuds grading No. 1s.

Russell Miller, said this year's market is considerably up from last year with No. 1 potatoes bringing \$1.60 in Portland. He said that the melon and corn crop will be late this year due to the cold nights in the area.

Help Asked to Find Trace of Family

This week's Gazette Times classified columns carries an advertisement from Violet R. Cook of Gold Hill, Oregon requesting any information concerning the location of any living relatives or the burial place of her mother or grandmother.

Mrs. Cook's letter gave the following information about the family: "Am looking for information on the whereabouts of any of the children of Fannie Roberts, probably dead now, last known to live at Ukiah, Oregon with a son Wilbur and a daughter Leila. A son Melvin, discharged soldier of World War I was supposed to be in a TB sanitarium about 26 years ago. The last heard of any of them was at that time.

I am Violet, the daughter of Pearl Roberts Casebolt, who was a daughter of Fannie Roberts. My mother died when I was about seven or eight months old.

Mrs. Cook asks that anyone knowing where or when her mother was born, or where she is buried please contact her. She also stated the family supposedly moved to Heppner at one time.

Irrigon Accident Kills 2, Injures 5

Mrs. Kathleen N. Curryer, 30, Spokane, was killed instantly late Saturday afternoon in a head-on collision on highway 730 three miles west of Irrigon and her five year old son, David died of injuries before reaching the hospital.

The father, Harold B. Curryer, is in a critical condition at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. A small daughter, Roxanne, a passenger in the car, escaped without serious injury.

Also injured were the passengers in the other car, Ray Conyers 49 and his wife Rhoda May, 47, of Boardman. They were also taken to a Pendleton hospital where Conyers was found to be suffering from chest and leg injuries.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Oliver Creswick were called from Heppner to the scene of the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Wilson have received word that his sister, Mrs. Jesse Deos, Hood River, is a patient at The Dalles hospital as a result of injuries sustained in a recent motor accident. Mrs. Deos is well-known locally.

GAME COMMISSION RELEASES FINAL REGULATIONS FOR OREGON HUNTERS

Oregon's final 1952 hunting regulations set by the game commission following a second public hearing establish an October 1 deer season opening, but changes over the tentative regulations announced two weeks ago are few.

Buck deer season was set back four days and will be Wednesday October 1. As proposed in the tentative regulations, there will be a three-day either sex deer season in agricultural areas and on problem deer ranges for hunters with unused deer tags.

The either-sex deer hunt will follow buck deer season which ends October 17. Agricultural lands in Hood River county were added to the open area. Several minor changes were made on the three-day either-sex deer areas in eastern Oregon.

A complete accounting of the final hunting regulations will appear in the August issue of the game commission bulletin, and copies of the 1952 hunting rules will be available after September 1.

With the exception of a bull elk boundary change in Union and Baker counties to Wolf Creek road and the new highway 30 from North Powder to La Grande, the general elk season remains the same with dates November 1 to 29 throughout Oregon. There were no changes in the six proposed archery areas.

Only changes in upland game bird rules were the closing of Hood River county to quail hunting; opening of Morrow county to Hungarian partridge hunting; making western Oregon grouse season dates coincide with those for eastern Oregon, August 30 through September 7; and upping the season limit for blue grouse from 6 to 9. The pheasant season remains October 24 through November 2 in western Oregon.

New Physician To Locate Here

Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, physician and surgeon, will open his office in Heppner about the middle of August, according to word received this week from the physician.

Dr. Wolff received his M. D. degree from the University of Wisconsin medical school and also holds an M. A. degree in the study of granular functions from the same university. After serving his internship in Philadelphia, he completed two additional years of graduate training in diagnosis and medical treatment in Seattle hospitals. For the past two years he has been in general practice in White Salmon, Washington.

Dr. Wolff is interested in general medical practice, especially in the fields of maternal and child care.

Coming with him to live in Heppner are his wife Rita and their eight-months old son, Billy.

His office and home will be in the building formerly occupied by Dr. Richard J. O'Shea who has transferred his medical records to Dr. Wolff for reference and treatment of patients.

Office hours will be announced after his arrival here.

North Morrow Fair Dates Announced

Dates were announced this week for the North Morrow county fair which will be held in Boardman on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 18, 19 and 20.

The new fair building has been completed and exhibits will be housed in it this year. More complete information on the program will be announced later.

Theresa Connell Dies At Heppner Hospital

Mrs. Theresa Connell, 59, Boardman, died Sunday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a long illness. Survivors include five sons: Marvel of Boardman; Earl of La Grande; Norman of Hermiston; Frank of Ukiah; and Mitt of Umatilla; and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in Irrigon the last of the week pending word from distant relatives.

Fair and Rodeo Plans Heard by Local Chamber

Chamber of commerce committees this week started action to provide Heppner visitors with another first class Rodeo and Fair parade.

Though the parade is under the direction of the Fair board, the chamber has taken over the job of providing funds for prizes and obtaining the services of judges for the entries.

Stephen Thompson, a member of the fair board, told the group of plans for this year's program which includes a three day fair, September 4, 5 and 6, and a two day rodeo, September 6 and 7. In past years the rodeo has been a three-day event, but this year the first day of the rodeo, will be replaced by a horse show which is being sponsored by the Wranglers.

Thompson stated the grounds and buildings are in excellent condition and that much of the dust will be eliminated with the seeding of the grounds areas to grass during the past year.

The chamber also agreed to assist in the sale of fair buttons which will allow wearers access to the fair grounds as many times as they wish during the three days. They are expected to be put on sale within about two weeks.

Rodeo plans are also shaping up and within a short time a complete program of events probably will be announced.

Bert Bleakman Retires From Forest Service

Bert Bleakman, Forest Service employee on the Heppner District since 1929, retires on July 31, it was announced today by Forest Supervisor C. M. Rector.

Bleakman, beginning his long period of service in 1929 as a fire guard, has served in many capacities as CCC foreman, fire guard, fire crew foreman, and construction and maintenance foreman on the Umatilla National Forest. He has seen the Heppner District change from one where horses were the primary mode of travel to the present day jeeps and cars with two-way short wave radio.

Bleakman played an important part in the development of the Heppner District. His thorough knowledge of the country has enabled him to be of great assistance to the four District Rangers under whom he served.

Building Activities High in Heppner

Much activity is being evidenced on the building front locally. A one-story, cement block structure is being built for W. C. Collins on the lot between the Heppner Cleaners and Dobb's buildings on N. Main street. When completed this will house two local business firms. Carl Thorpe has started construction on a dwelling house at the west end of Hager street. Everett Kethley is remodeling his residence on W. Center street. Ervin Anderson is building a dwelling house on the lot adjacent to his business property on N. Gale street.

Two Cases of Polio Reported This Week

Mrs. Barton Clark, Rhea Creek, was taken to a Walla Walla hospital Wednesday night suffering from Polio. She was taken ill Wednesday. Her physician reported Thursday she is partially paralyzed.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer said Wednesday the illness of Jean Marie Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham, Heppner, had been diagnosed as Polio by the board of health. She was stricken over a week ago, but it was not thought to be polio. She is recovering and has suffered no paralysis.

Judge and Mrs. Garnet Barratt will leave Monday by plane for Detroit Michigan, where they will take delivery of a new car and make a return vacation trip through the northern United States. They will spend some time in Montana. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

John Parker of Pendleton was a visitor in Heppner on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Quartaroli of Oakland, California are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grant and family left Wednesday for a few days visit at McCord Field at Tacoma, Washington.

First Princess Dance to Honor Boardman Royalty



Princess Grace Miller of Boardman

Pretty 16-year old Grace Miller, Boardman, will be the guest of honor at the first of the series of Fair and Rodeo Princess dances to be held Saturday night, August 2 at the Heppner fair pavilion.

Princess Grace, five foot, 4 inch brunette Boardman high school senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Miller. She has taken a very active part in school activities being secretary of the student body, president of the Pep club, and secretary of the G. A. A. She has also been active in the high school band and plays on the girls volleyball team in addition to being a member of the school newspaper staff. Outside activities include young peoples church work.

Princess Grace has completed five years in 4-H club work and is now a leader of a boys' 4-H camp cookery club. Her main hobby is cooking and reports tell of her prowess in culinary art. She enjoys experimenting with new recipes.

During potato harvest time on her father's farm at Boardman

Services Held Sunday For L. J. Burnside

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 27 for Leonard J. Burnside who passed away July 23 at Heppner.

He was born September 20, 1879 in Iowa and had been a resident of this area for many years. His wife and son preceded him in death. He is survived by two brothers, George, Castro Valley, Calif., and Emery, Lexington; one sister, Laura Ashbaugh, Tacoma and three granddaughters, Beverly, Loretta and Sara Mae Burnside of Heppner.

Services were held at Phelps Funeral home chapel with Rev. Earl Soward officiating. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Hardman.

Fire Danger High, Many Acres Already Blackened

The hot weather of the past week has materially increased the fire danger both in the timbered areas and the farm and range land of Morrow county and Eastern Oregon, according to the forest service.

The forest service in Heppner reported Wednesday afternoon that they have had no fires reported in any timber land, but that low humidities and high temperatures have classified several recent days as dangerous fire weather. All forest service guard stations and lookouts are fully manned.

Several serious grain and range fires have occurred in the north-west end of the county during the past week with the section around Arlington suffering the worst from the blazes. Practically all of

she drives truck and her father, Morrow county commissioner, says she is his fastest potato cutter and sorter.

Because of her cooking ability she assists in the culinary department of the North Morrow county Fair.

Princess Grace will be seen in Fair parades riding her own American saddle bred sorrel, Jane Anne.

The dance in her honor is being presented by the Tillicum Junior Women's club of Boardman, who sponsored her for a Fair and Rodeo Princess.

The Columbians, The Dalles orchestra, will provide Saturday night's music.

Work Starts on Telephone Building

Officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Wednesday obtained a building permit for the construction of a new fireproof block construction building to house Heppner's new dial telephone system.

The 25 by 30 foot building will be located on Chase street behind the Morrow county creamery building. Mid-state Construction company, The Dalles, has the building contract. It is to cost approximately \$10,000.

Several months ago Telephone company officials made the announcement that the dial system would be put in operation before the middle of next year.

GRANGE PICNIC SUNDAY

Members of Rhea Creek Grange and families will hold their annual picnic Sunday, August 3, at the mountain ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Claude White, according to an announcement by Mrs. John Bergstrom, committee chairman. This will be a potluck dinner and will be served at about three o'clock in the afternoon.



THE REMAINS of a Mercury sedan after it struck the bridge on north Main street in Heppner and careened on to break off a power pole and upset. Driver of the car, Glenn Sulisky, 17, Pendleton, pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge following the accident. No one was injured. (GT Photo)