

Thunderstorms Bring Wheat and Soil Losses

Thunderstorms which descended on sections of Morrow county last Friday and Sunday dropped heavy rains and some hail on scattered areas but did not cause particularly heavy damage to the crops due to the fact that harvesting is nearly completed in the county.

Some wheat losses have been reported from the Hardman and the Eightmile areas due to the heavy downpour which dropped .91 inches of rain on the Eightmile area in less than 30 minutes according to a report from Leonard Carlson, weather observer. Carlson also reported the ground was white with hail in some sections, but that the fall was quite spotty. Had the storm struck over the county a couple of weeks earlier,

the wheat losses would have been considerable, according to reports.

Hardest hit by the hail were Everett Harshman, Hardman and Leonard Rill and the Mankin-Bunch ranch both in the Eightmile section. No definite losses had yet been established in any of the cases.

Greatest loss according to several observers who had covered the storm area, occurred in the heavy washing of summer fallow. There were many instances of heavy ruts being washed in fields. The storm hit along a narrow strip from above the Condon highway to northwest of the Eightmile junction. The accumulated water brought a torrent down Eightmile canyon washing out two or three small bridges cutting roadbeds and tangling fences. In some sections of the normally dry canyon the water flowed more than six feet deep. At numerous points along the mud covered sections of the road several hundred feet in length.

The Sunday storm caused the heaviest damage in the Morrow county section, and it occurred at approximately the same time as did a similar one in the Yakima valley which cost at least three lives and did millions of dollars damage.

Lightening Starts Several Forest And Range Fires

The thunder storm which passed over the forest on Friday, August 8, sent more than a hundred strikes to the ground in the Heppner district, and lookouts were forced to disconnect radio antennas and throw telephone switches. Emergency lookouts were manned and the aerial patrol by Kinzua Pine mills was intensified.

One fire appeared on Friday, two on Saturday and one on Monday as a result of this storm. Dozens of fires would probably have been started had not a near-cloud burst occurred during the thunder storm. Numerous other fires were started outside of the National Forest boundary and were suppressed by the state fire organization or their cooperators. One of these fires was reported by John Pfeiffer who was returning to Heppner from Tupper Guard Station.

The thunderstorm which occurred Sunday evening, was believed to have sent only one strike to ground in the forested area. This strike produced a fire in the head of Rhea creek near Martin Prairie on Monday.

All fires on the National Forest were less than one-quarter acre in size.

In the northern end of the county, lightning started a range fire Sunday afternoon on the A. C. Lindsey ranch in lower Sand Hollow. This blaze burned about 500 acres on the Lindsey ranch and approximately a section of range belonging to Pat Carly.

The blaze was controlled during the night.

Mrs. Victor Johnson has returned to her home in Portland after spending several days here with Mr. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch and daughter, Kay, spent the weekend at the Bucknum cabin on Willow creek.

James Driscoll Named New Polio Chapter Chairman

James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, was elected new chairman of the Morrow county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at a meeting of the organization held Monday evening at the court house. He succeeds Jack Edmondson who has served as head for the past year.

Other officers chosen to serve for the coming year are Harry Duvall, vice chairman; Miss Colleen Connor, secretary and Robert Ferrell, treasurer.

Present at the meeting was Gene Malecki, Oregon representative of the national organization, who announced that a state pre-campaign meeting for the March of Dimes chairmen will be held in Portland on September 18. He also told the group that plans are progressing for hospitals in this area to become equipped to care for polio patients so that it will not be necessary to send them to Portland. St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton is preparing for such care he said.

Jack Edmondson reported on a recent meeting of the national association at San Francisco where much was learned about accepted methods of treatment and the methods of combatting polio.

Martha Tapaninen, county health nurse reported there have been only two cases of polio reported from Morrow county so far this year, compared for three for each of the past two years.

The group also decided that the executive committee shall consist of the four officers and six other elected members. The additional members to be elected at the next regular meeting of the chapter to be called in October.

Plans for the 1952-53 March of Dimes were discussed and arrangements are being made to carry on an even more active campaign next year, especially in the rural areas through the help of the granges.

Chamber Sees Film On Road Improvement

Chamber of commerce members Monday saw a special film on the need for better highways throughout the nation which has recently been released by General Motors corporation.

The film, presented by Don Holbrook, Chevrolet representative from Portland, and obtained through the efforts of Royce Fullerton, Heppner Chevrolet dealer, depicted the delays and additional expenses created by poor roads and traffic tieups.

MOTHER PASSES

Miss Martha Tapaninen, Morrow county health nurse, was called to Vancouver, Wash., Tuesday evening by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Jacob Tapaninen of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel and daughter, Ida Lee, were business visitors in Pendleton Saturday.



Princess Rieta Graves, Lexington

Lexington's Princess Fifth From Her Family To Be Named Royalty

Rieta Graves, 5 foot 4 1/2 inch red haired, hazel eyed Fair and Rodeo princess in who's honor the Lexington grange is sponsoring this Saturday's Princess Dance at the fair pavilion, comes from a long line of Morrow county fair royalty. She is the fifth member of her family to be so honored.

Princess Rieta, who graduated from Heppner high school this spring, was preceded in her royal role by her mother, Mrs. Doris Wilcox Graves, two sisters who were also princesses, Betty Carlson and Jo Anne Pettyjohn and by an aunt, Eva Wilcox Brostrom, who reigned as queen in the years past. Princess Rieta was a logical choice as a member of this year's royal court.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves, Sandhollow wheat and cattle rancher, Rieta, who is 17, is the descendant of a pioneer family of Morrow county. Her great grandfather Joe Eskelson, helped build the railroad to Heppner, and following its completion took out a homestead in the Lexington district.

Not content to rely on past history and family recognition, she made her own mark while a student at Heppner where she was secretary of the student body and the student council president of the Pep club and the Letter-ettes; a member of the Girls' League, FHA and drill team; manager of the school paper and class editor of the annual. In addition she was a cheerleader and played on the girls' volleyball and tennis teams and in the band. She is also a member of the Rainbow girls. Upon graduation she was awarded the Carl Raymond Guy 4-H scholarship to attend the Oregon State college this fall.

In addition to her school activities she has been a 4-H club member for nine years and has counseled at 4-H summer camp. Princess Rieta is a good horse-woman and helps with cattle on the ranch. She also helps with the cooking during harvest and can drive wheat truck if called upon. She claims sewing her own clothes as a hobby.

Last year during the Rodeo she was a pennant bearer, riding her favorite horse "Nig". Visitors this year will again see her on him, as a princess.

Dancers who come to honor her Saturday night will enjoy the music of the Pendleton Four and Ray Whitman.

Earl Evans Injured When Combine Tips

Earl Evans was injured Tuesday afternoon when the combine on which he was riding overturned, pinning him beneath. The machine, operated by Harvey Wright, turned over when the leveler inadvertently locked. Evans' legs were badly bruised and the ligaments torn, but X-rays showed no broken bones. They were working in a field at the Kirk and Robinson ranch in Blackhorse when the accident occurred.

State To Oil Road Near Boardman

The state highway department will receive bids August 19 for grading, surfacing and oiling 62 of a mile of a connecting leg between the newly constructed Columbia river highway and the Boardman-Stanfield highway about three miles east of Boardman.

The connection will have a 20 foot oiled surface with two foot shoulders and has been designed for convenience of traffic interchanging between the two highways from the north and east.

Wranglers Lay Plans For Horse Show

Wranglers laid plans for the horse show to be held during the Rodeo at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening. Howard Bryant, presiding officer, appointed committees to carry out the various phases of the show, a regular event sponsored by the group.

The evening's program included pictures of the recent Winchester overnight ride, and also movies of last year's rodeo. They were shown by Mr. and Mrs. William Collins.

Refreshment committee for the evening was Mrs. Bill Smethurst, Mrs. Jim Lindsay and Mrs. Merle Kirk.

Additional Pumping Needed To Obtain Good Water Test

Reports received this week on laboratory tests made on water samples from the new Heppner well, showed the water readily passable for hardness, but not quite up to par for purity.

Council members didn't feel too concerned over the purity report, however, as they pointed out the breakdown of the mineral and solid content of the water indicated the test sample had been taken too early after pumping had started. They felt an additional period of pumping would be necessary to completely clean

the well, after which another test will be made.

Mayor J. O. Turner stated the sample was taken after about four hours of pumping, and while the water appeared clear and clean, the hardness tests showed a considerable amount of drillings and dirt still remained to be removed.

The council plans to pull a pump from one of the two present wells further up Willow creek and have it completely overhauled. It will then be installed in the new well and operated continuously or at least a week to give the well a thorough test and to remove all dirt and foreign matter. Another test sample will then be sent to the laboratory.

Even with the short pumping given the well last week, the water only lacked passing the purity test by small margin. After testing is complete and the water OK'd it will be connected into the city system. Its capacity is over 500,000 gallons per day, ample to supply all the city's needs.

Names Still Needed For Hospital's File Of Blood Donors

Last week's request from Pioneer Memorial hospital for the names of additional blood donors resulted in several persons signing up to offer their blood when needed, but Lee Gronemyer, hospital administrator, said this week that more names are still needed.

The hospital is unable to carry a stock of plasma and must rely on donors for whole blood when required.

Gronemyer asked that anyone willing to offer his blood call the hospital for an appointment for typing.

Ione Man Seriously Injured in Wreck

William A. Rowell, 25, Ione is in the Pioneer Memorial hospital following an auto accident Wednesday morning a short distance East of Ione in which his car left the road and overturned. By Wednesday evening he had not regained consciousness.

According to an attending physician, Rowell suffered a concussion and possibly a skull fracture in addition to a fractured collarbone. His condition was listed as serious.

Rowell had been working in Ione for some time and is the son-in-law of Cleo Drake.

Rowell was alone in the car at the time of the accident.

Over 30 Blocks of Streets Resurfaced

Leslie Harris, Pendleton paving contractor, early this week completed sealing of over 30 blocks of Heppner streets. The sealing is designed to prevent breakup of present pavement.

Streets in nearly all sections of town received the new surfacing, the council selecting the ones in need of immediate care to prevent complete breaking up. The council plans to continue the sealing program each year until all the streets have received the treatment.

Jack Rabbit Paradise Removed By Blaze

A controlled burn of about 350 acres of heavy sagebrush land belonging to A. C. Lindsey in Sand Hollow last Tuesday, not only cleared out lots of sagebrush but also brought on a mass movement of Jack rabbits from the section, according to N. C. Anderson, the county agent who assisted with the fire.

The burn, intended to clear the land for seeding to crested wheat grass as part of a range improvement plan, drove out a cloud of "jacks" which would have made excellent shooting. Anderson said his only complaint was that he forgot to take his gun along.

The displaced jump bunnies also lost over 1000 acres of additional forage Sunday, when the lightning started a range fire in the same area.

Heppner Serviceman Returning From Korea

With the 45th Infantry Div. in Korea—Cpl. Jack E. Barlow, of Heppner, Oregon recently left the 45th Infantry Division in Korea for return to the United States under an Army rotation program. His division, an Oklahoma National Guard unit, was called to active duty in September 1950 and trained at Camp Polk, La., and on Hokkaido, Japan. The division arrived in Korea last December.

Corporal Barlow served as a tractor mechanic in Battery C, 189th Field Artillery Battalion. He has been awarded the Japan Occupation Medal, the Korean Service Ribbon with one campaign star and the United Nations Service Ribbon. Barlow entered the Army in October 1950.

Mrs. Fred Lucas Services Held Here Last Monday

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 11 at Heppner for Mrs. Frederick Lucas, who passed away, August 7 in Seattle.

Clothilde Love Lucas was born September 23, 1883, at Wasco, Oregon, and the early years of her life were spent on the nearby family farm. Her education was begun in the local public schools, and completed at St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles, Oregon.

On July 26, 1899 she was married to John Frederick Lucas. To this union four children were born, Franklin Ray, Frederick Jay, Thelma Love Fortner, and Lavelle L. Less.

In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Lucas came to Heppner, where they resided until 1951, when they moved to North Bend, Washington. During their long residence in Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas acquired a host of friends, and became widely known for their wonderful hospitality as proprietors of the "Lucas Place Hotel."

"Clothilde", to all who knew her, Mrs. Lucas was very active in the social and community life of Heppner, and Morrow County, down through the years. She was a member of All Saint's Episcopal church, the Episcopal Women's Auxiliary, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Morrow County Republican Central Committee.

Death came quietly, on August 7, 1952, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

Burial was from All Saint's Episcopal Church, and interment at the Masonic Cemetery in Heppner, Oregon.

September 30 Deadline For Federal Crop Insurance Signup

The Morrow County PMA office would like to remind those farmers who have not yet applied for crop insurance that the deadline for signing up is September 30th.

With farming expenses continuing at a high level and the causes of damage undiminished, crop insurance points a safe way out for wheat growers in Morrow County. Crop insurance essentially assures the farmer the return of his crop investment from all hazards. It also fortifies credit as policies are assignable for most credit needs.

In 1952 the net acreage covered under crop insurance was 118,601 acres, with a total harvested coverage of 1,480,062 bushels, and an insured value of \$2,198,841.78. Morrow County also had a 30% county wide discount for all of the policyholders who had been in the program over one year as at the end of 1951 the county had met its minimum reserve.

In 1952 growers were paid for claims for damage to their wheat crop. The causes were drought, hail, and hot winds, which were chiefly responsible for most of the damage.

PRACTICE SET

Stephen Trukositz, new Heppner high school coach announced this week that football practice will start on Tuesday, August 26. He asks those interested in turning out this year meet at the gym at 2 o'clock that day.

Old Papers Turn Up Interesting Facts About Early Happenings Here

While doing some research into the past, O. M. Yeager, Heppner, came across several articles appearing in the Heppner Gazette, the Long Creek Eagle and the Lexington Weekly Budget of many years past.

He copied off several of the choicest bits of news and advertising thinking that present day readers might like to know some of the happenings in the area before the turn of the century.

Excerpts from the "Long Creek Eagle", Grant County, Oregon, February 20, 1894.

There are evidently some sneak thieves hanging around Heppner. One night this week Mrs. Wilkins had a lot of gentlemen's under-clothing stolen off the line on her premises, and C. E. Fell's hen roost has been visited until there now remains but three birds to roost there-in.

Advertisement, same paper—HEPPNER-CANYON Stage-line

J. C. Delvan, Prop. Stage leaves each place daily, except Sunday. This is the most direct route from the interior to Portland, and cheaper by several dollars than any other line. New stock and new vehicles. Excellent accommodations for commercial men.

Coxey's army of tramps are still on the march for the nations capital.

Taken from the Lexington Weekly Budget, Lexington, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1899.

Advertisements—

LOST—Several Chronic Croakers who have been in the habit of constantly abusing this county as a farming district.

Finder will please keep under lock and key.

Wanted—Practical men to investigate the advantages of Lexington as a location for a sorghum mill

Personal—To reach the best locality for business or farming take the Willow Creek branch at Arlington and buy your ticket to Lexington.

Wanted—Men of Life, Vim, and Energy to locate in Lexington and prevent moss from taking root. Settlers—Any ONE KNOWING of a vacant government quarter and wanting a good neighbor thereon should inform the Budget office.

The Goods Were Sold.

The other day a traveling peddler of notions, laces, etc. who had been making a tour of the county, found his stock was low. "It's a cold day when a Sheeny gets left", and as long as he could find buyers he was going to have something to sell. So he replenished his stock at the Lexington Stores and then called at the residences selling the same goods to the ladies, including the wives of some of the merchants

from whom he had purchased them. Considerable amusement resulted when the facts came out, but the laugh was not on the peddler.

Keep your eye on Morrow County.

Lexington is the coming town, and Morrow will be the next county to boom into prominence. Adv. Take your five-gallon oil cans to the City drug store and have them filled with coal oil for \$1.65 each.

To the Budget's knowledge fourteen births occurred in Morrow County last month—six girls and eight boys. Not bad for a dry season.

Suppose the Hunt railroad should strike out by way of Foster, across Morrow County, through Lexington and Fossil, and connect with the Oregon Pacific. Why not? Keep both eyes on Lexington.

Advertisement—You will find GOOD ACCOMMODATIONS at the "Lexington Hotel" J. W. Redford prop.

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While climbing high up in a hen roost last Thursday night, Dr. Shipley fell, bruising himself some. Since writing the above, we deem it advisable to say that the doctor was in his own hen roost.