

Freezing Fog, Ice Cause Numerous Power Outages

Last week's heavy freezing fog caused numerous power outages on both REA and Pacific Power and Light company lines officials of both companies stated this week. While the Heppner area felt little inconvenience, most of the difficulty was in the Condon area, with sections West of Ione and around Cecil being without power at times.

E. H. Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Coop, which serves much of the rural area around Condon said their crews completed cleanup work on the many lines Tuesday evening. He said the biggest difficulty came not from the ice storm Monday night, but from the heavy continual fog which caused frost deposits on many lines 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Collison said that when the frost would drop off the lines would jump and wrap up, blowing fuses. In not too many cases did wires break, he said, but by the time they could get one section back in operation, the same thing would happen further along the line. He said that at times the fog was so thick that linemen couldn't even see the tops of the poles to locate the trouble.

In most cases the outages were short, but frequently quite frequent.

The freezing rain which fell in Heppner Monday night caused a thin sheet of ice on streets and trees, but climbing temperatures Tuesday morning soon melted the layer. Heppner was one of the few sections of the county to escape the silver thaw. Sunday night as it was reported on down Willow creek from Lexington. Along the Columbia snow and freezing rain was reported.

Window Decorating Contest Announced

Announcement was made this week of two separate non-premium award Christmas decorating contests by the Jaycees and the Jaycee-Ettes. The Jaycees will sponsor the contest for Heppner stores and business houses and the Jaycee-Ettes will again handle the home decoration contest.

The store decoration contest rules require that to be eligible the display must be visible from the outside of the building, either in the show windows or on the outside of the building. The judging in this division will be announced by Monday, December 22. First, second and third places awards will be given.

Robert Ferrell, chairman, pointed out that the power shortage prohibits the use of extra lights in such displays and expressed the thought that considerable ingenuity might be forthcoming to arrange attractive displays without the use of lights.

Rules for the home display will be announced next week.

Broken Line Causes Short Power Failure

A broken power line resulting from a heavy load of frost caused the interruption of electric service in Heppner shortly after 3 p. m. Thanksgiving day, according to J. R. Huffman, the local manager for Pacific Power & Light company. The power outage also affected part of Gilliam county.

The break occurred between Ione and Olex on a short stub line running from the main 22,000-volt transmission circuit. Service was restored to all but a small section of the area within a short time by opening switches to isolate the trouble spot. The faulty spot was corrected by late evening.

Mrs. Nora Meyers has returned to her home in The Dalles after staying two weeks with her sister Mrs. Mildred Tucker, who has just returned from the hospital.

Santa to Make His First Visit Saturday

Santa Claus will make his first Morrow county appearance next Saturday at 1:30, he informed members of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce last Monday, when he will make a quick visit to leave his Santa Claus Mailbox and take a few notes on how the children of the area have been behaving during the year. He also intimated he probably would have some candy to give away to those coming to meet him.

Chamber committee members who have been making arrangements for the short visit said Santa informed them he has never got over liking to ride on a fire truck, so the members have arranged to grant him his wish and will meet him at the edge of town with one of the Heppner trucks.

He will leave his mailbox in front of the hotel for about two weeks and pick up the letters mailed to him just before Christmas.

HEARING SHOWS DESIRES OF RIVER RESIDENTS FOR LOW JOHN DAY DAM

More than 80 residents of Boardman, Irigoin and Umatilla attended a hearing at Boardman Saturday on the Upper Columbia River Basin commission for a study of the proposed John Day dam on the Columbia and how it would affect residents of the area.

The unanimous approval of those present was to recommend the construction of a 255 foot dam rather than one of 292 feet as has been recommended by the army engineers and authorized by congress. It was pointed out that the additional 37 feet of the high dam is primarily for flood control purposes and would not effect transportation on the river or power generation, but would drown out large sections of land along the banks.

The lower dam would not interfere with desirable industrial sites, as would the higher one. It was also pointed out that if the high dam were built, all of Boardman and a good part of Irigoin would be inundated. In either case a substantial part of Arlington would be below the pool level.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain the various proposals concerning the project and to get the opinion of the effected persons as to their desires. It was felt that possibly the additional flood control benefits obtained from the high dam would not be worth the additional heavy expense of construction, relocation of railroads and highways and the rebuilding of the affected towns.

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Livestock Growers Annual Meet Near

All livestock growers will want to mark the date of Saturday, December 13, on their calendar and spend a day of education and enjoyment. A large turnout is expected.

The program of the day will be held in the Elks Lodge rooms, upstairs over the Star Theater. Starting at 10:30 a. m., "Northwest Empire", a new scenic film of the Union Pacific Railroad will be shown.

Following this, Jim Elings, animal husbandman, Oregon State College, will speak on dwarfism in cattle, a problem that is confronting cattlemen as herds are built up and quality animals selected. Mr. Elings will explain the use of the profilometer, an instrument developed by Dr. P. W. Gregory of the University of California. The instrument is used to take an accurate profile of the animals head, furnishing the key that tells whether the animal carries the dwarf gene. This instrument then accurately predicts the possibility of whether a normal appearing bull will sire dwarf calves.

During the afternoon the program will include business of the association, including the election of officers. Officers now are: president, Frank Anderson; vice-president, Eb Hughes; treasurer, Steve Thompson; and secretary, N. C. Anderson. Insect control, herd law, tax reappraisal, disease control, rodents and predator control, and brand law committees will make their reports. E. R. Jackman, veteran farm crop specialist, Oregon State College, will discuss with the group future trends in grassland management. Representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Bureau of Animal Industry, and Fish and Wildlife Service, will be present.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and to take part in the social hour, banquet, program and cowboy shuffle scheduled for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bunch and children of Parkdale spent the Thanksgiving holiday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin. Also a guest at the Mankin home is Mrs. Mankin's mother, Mrs. Woods of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr and family spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Portland.

Mickey Lanham, who is attending Oregon State College, was home to spend the holiday at the home of his father, Conley Lanham.

Mrs. Sara E. McNamer spent the weekend holiday in Salem with relatives.

Junior Stout who is attending Oregon State College, was home to spend the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall spent the weekend in Seattle.

Mrs. Omer McCaleb and children of Reedsport are making an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Alex Green.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith have returned home from San Francisco where they were called recently by the death of her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peterson and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Ontario with relatives.

Subdivision to Open Big Area for New Residences

A plat for a new subdivision to be known as Heppner heights is now being prepared by county judge Garnet Barratt and will soon be filed with the county recorder, which will open up an area around the Pioneer Memorial hospital for residential construction.

The subdivision will contain about 38 lots lying within the city limits and another 10 are planned as an extension of the plat running up Hinton creek outside the city boundary.

Barratt presented the plan to the city council Monday for their approval and said Wednesday that as soon as the engineer had completed a few final details that it would be turned over to the county court for its approval.

The area included in the new subdivision lies in a semicircle surrounding the hospital building with two streets laid out south of the building running parallel to the present Gilmore street and extending north around the bend of the point of the hill and on east on the step above the Heppner-Pilot Rock highway past the city limits.

The city has agreed to extend mains into the area to provide water and fire protection and Barratt said that work of grading the streets would begin as soon as possible.

Plans call for the naming of all the streets in the new section after pioneers of the area. Some of the names chosen include Pioneer Drive, Bisbee, Gilmore, Thompson, Barratt and Morrow avenues. There is also the possibility that the present Gilmore street may be renamed Pioneer Drive as it will be extended the full length of the planned development and would make it easier to find addresses if the street carried the same name for its full length.

The opening of the new section will act to help alleviate a serious shortage of residential building lots in Heppner, it was felt, as choice lots within the city limits have been at a premium. It is also understood that another subdivision in the north end of town is now in the process of platting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake spent Thanksgiving in Corvallis with their children Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Drake, Jr.

COUNTY PMA COMMITTEEMEN PLAN CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR YEAR

PMA committeemen from every community in Morrow county met Nov. 26 at the county court house in Heppner to study major changes and new provisions of the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program. The new method of operation combines the best features of the two different methods that have been used over the period of years the program has been in operation.

Community committeemen will talk over these changes with farmers throughout the county in the next few weeks. They will help farmers make individual plans for carrying out needed conservation practices on their farms during the next year. Farmer and committeemen together will list practices in their order of importance for the farm and with respect for the farmer's need for assistance in carrying them out.

This new method is designed to speed up needed conservation work on each farm and coordinate assistance and service available through Federal and State agencies.

Committeemen are expected to start contacting farmers about Dec. 15th according to Harold G. Campbell, chairman of the Morrow County PMA committee.



PFC. M. VERNE BELL, left, son of M. and Mrs. Douglas Ogletree, of Heppner, who will return to Heppner on leave about December 15. He has been in Korea for nearly a year and has been serving in the signal corps with the 15th Infantry as an aide to the Red Cross director in the area. Shown with him is Red Cross director Kennedy who is now in a Japanese hospital. After his furlough, Pfc Bell will return to his base for an additional two year's service.

Services Friday For Fred L. Buchanan

Funeral services for Fred Leo Buchanan, 60, who died December 1 at Portland will be held at 1 p. m. at the Folsom Funeral home in Pendleton.

Buchanan, a lifelong resident of the Heppner area, was born September 24, 1892 in the Blackhorse area, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Buchanan, old time residents of Morrow county. He was married to Flora Josephine Ahalt on September 23, 1914 and they made their home in the Blackhorse, Ione and Echo areas.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons, Harold Leo, Pendleton; Robert Grant, Pilot Rock; Orville, Joseph, and Delmar of Ione and nine grandchildren. He also leaves three sisters and one brother who reside in Washington and southern Oregon.

Rev. Neils Fast, Heppner will officiate at the services and interment will be in a Pendleton cemetery.

Gone With The Wind—Xmas Decorations Suffer From Blow

It never fails! Nothing will bring on a good windstorm, it seems, like putting up Christmas street decorations, and this year was no exception.

Volunteer local labor hung brand new shiny decorations on two Heppner intersections Tuesday only to have the whole works blown away Wednesday night. However, members of the chamber of commerce merchants committee checked by phone with the manufacturer of the decorations Thursday morning and were told they were guaranteed to withstand the wind, so an entire new set is being shipped.

The new decorations may be a little late getting up, but the committee has one consolation, at least they didn't have it all up when the wind came.

March of Dimes Committees Set For Coming Drive

All officers and directors of the Morrow county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis have been chosen for the coming year. James Driscoll, chapter president announced recently. Two new board members, Mrs. Jack Loyd and Fred Harrison Jr. were chosen at a recent meeting.

Officers are Driscoll, president; H. L. Duvall, vice president; Colleen Connor, secretary; Robert Ferrell, treasurer. The board includes Mrs. Emma Breshers, of Lexington; Mrs. Ruby Roberts, Ione; Mrs. Florence Root, Boardman; Mrs. Stella Poulson, Irigoin and Mrs. Loyd and Harrison of Heppner.

Driscoll also said that the March of Dimes drive committee headed again by Mrs. Joseph B. Hughes is now complete and consists of more than 60 persons throughout the county.

Mrs. Hughes stated that the coming drive, to start shortly after the first of the year, will be carried on much as in past years with each town or community having its own committee members. In nearly every case each area has its own director, women's activities and Mother's drive chairmen, school chairman, grange head and a group of telephone monitors who will call every resident of their area during the campaign. In the larger centers, the campaign divisions have been broken down even further in an effort to spread the work as far as possible.

Mrs. Hughes stated that the national goal for drive funds has been increased from \$41 million to 50 million this year.

The heavy drain on both local and national funds during the past year due to the increase in polio cases in many areas, necessitated the increase. She also said that all supplies are on hand for the drive.

Fire Damages New Ione Home Wed.

Fire discovered about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening caused considerable damage to the unfinished Noel Dobyns home on Main street in Ione.

The blaze, of unknown origin, burned floor joists and the heat broke three of the big windows in the residence. There was also some water damage. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Cleo Drake who turned in the alarm.

Hearing on Milk Price Set Friday At Pendleton

A public hearing of interest to Grade A fluid milk producers and milk dealers has been scheduled by the Oregon Milk Marketing Administration at the Vert Memorial Building, Pendleton, Oregon, on Friday, December 5th, 1952, at 10:00 A. M., before W. S. Weidel, Assistant Administrator, as examiner, to consider a revision of minimum prices paid by distributors to producers and wholesale and retail prices charged by distributors in Morrow County markets.

Prices being paid in the county have exceeded minimum prices set by the administration, having been set by negotiation between producer and distributors. Recent changes in regulations made by the federal Office of Price Stabilization have designated the minimum prices of the Milk Marketing Administration as of December 15th as the ceiling prices to be enforced by the federal agency. This situation has made the local hearing necessary to set ceiling prices sufficiently high to assure an adequate supply of milk.

November Rainfall Shortage Not Record, Month Cold Though

November rainfall of .36 inch brought the total for the first 11 months of this year to 9.59 inches, Leonard Gilliam, Heppner weather observer reported this week.

Even though the precipitation for the year has appeared low, it is still ahead of last year for the same period, the figures showed. During the first 11 months of 1951 Heppner received only 9.17 inches of rain and the total for the entire year was 10.57. The driest year on record here was 1939 when only 7.81 inches was recorded.

November was cold, however with a low of 7 above zero being recorded early last week. The entire week was cold with both maximum and minimum temperatures hovering around the 25 degree mark. There were several days with only a 2 or 3 degree variation from maximum to minimum.

The sleet storm December 1 and the rain the following day added .13 inch to the total for the year.

Final School Census Shows County Increase Of 17 Children

Final school census figures compiled in the county school superintendent's office show an increase of 17 children over last year's figures. The new total is 1385 compared to 1368 school age children in 1951.

The Heppner check, completed only this week shows an increase of 17 children between the ages of 4 and 19 years to give a total of 541. The only two districts showing a decrease were Irigoin, which lost 23 and Ione with a drop of 14.

The breakdown in the Heppner school district by ages show the following: 4 years, 25; 5 years, 50; 6 years, 30; 7 years, 38; 8 years, 39; 9 years, 45; 10 years, 27; 11 years, 31; 12 years, 33; 13 years, 35; 14 years, 39; 15 years, 31; 16 years, 30; 17 years, 37; 18 years, 24; and 19 year olds, 18.

Findings of State Interim Committee on Weather Research Experiments to be Given Next Legislature

The Oregon interim committee on weather control met in Portland November 24 in an effort to complete their recommendations to be presented to the legislature next January according to Ralph Crum, Ione, an advisory member of the committee.

The committee has held three hearings in various sections of the state during the past year and has met six times in their investigations of weather modification. They have found a very great interest in the program everywhere. Inquiries have been received from Canada, France, Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Australia. Experiments are being conducted in all these countries and probably in many others.

The committee has found that since 1949 there have been at least nine separate weather modification projects in the state. Some of these are in their fourth year of operation. The objectives of these projects have ranged from rainmaking, hail suppression to fog dispersal. There have been a like number of projects in Washington including one for rain prevention. The effect of these projects on the general public, the committee has found, has been a widespread divergence of opinion, from complete approval to the most enthusiastic resentment. In Jackson county a bill was narrowly defeated in the last election that would have made cloud seeding unlawful in the county. Many very erroneous statements have been made both for and in support of cloud seeding the committee found.

The general public, or enough of them, have become aroused over cloud seeding that they have asked for legislation to protect them from both "effects"

and "results" of the programs, while others want the continuation of these results." Interest is so great that it is unlikely that this issue will lose any of its prominence in the near future.

Evaluation Needed. It has been found that, with present methods of evaluation, it is not possible to determine with any great degree of confidence, the success or failure of cloud seeding at present. The committee has designed recommendations to promote weather modification experiments, to provide for accumulation and valuation of data relative to such experiment, and to protect life, property and public interest.

Crum stated that at some future time the logical proposal will be for a carefully controlled isolated experiment in Oregon designed to give the maximum scientific information. Legislation is necessary to enable the people of the state to have a controlled experiment, he said.

At a Michigan meeting of leading scientists last September it was agreed that with present techniques used in evaluating the work of commercial operators it would take 60 years to be sure of a 20 percent increase. Some agreed that in the Tri-county area, 12 years of experimentation will be necessary to give definite proof of 20 percent increase in rainfall. Yet, Crum said, a 1 percent increase in total moisture will more than repay the cost.

Members of the committee are state senators Ben Day, Gold Hill and Art Lindberg, Pendleton; representatives Roger Loening, Haines and T. V. Jackson, Roseburg. Advisory members are Crum and E. M. Nelson, The Dalles.

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