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TOP LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM at the Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale held recently at The Dalles was this lone 4-H livestock club team composed of Jerald Rea, Richard Ekstrom and Duane Baker. In competition with 135 4-H members, the winners led by a wide margin over the second placing team. Morrow county 4-H members have captured high honors in the livestock judging contests at this show since its beginning seven years ago. (The Dalles Optimist photo)

LONG DISTANCE TV RECORD?

Midwest Telecasts Received Here

One of the rare occurrences that can be described only as phenomenal occurred last week when the Alcott Lundell family of Gooseberry found themselves getting reception on their television set from Minneapolis, Minn., Kansas City, Mo., and Pueblo, Colo.

The Lundell family's surprise turned into amazement Thursday evening as they listened to the clear broadcast and watched the bright picture of a Minneapolis television channel. Kenneth Lundell, a television technician from Oakland visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lundell, explained to them that this was one of those rare happenings that occurs only once in a great while.

Television waves do not curve around the earth's surface as do radio waves because they do not bend. Thus television waves are not supposed to travel far without relay stations. Moreover, the Rocky Mountains form a barrier that makes the likelihood of a channel reaching this far almost far-fetched.

It isn't far-fetched to the Lundells, however, because the following afternoon, as they again gathered around their TV set, they found themselves tuned into a channel that emanated not from Minneapolis, Spokane, the usual station reaching this area, or even Seattle but from Kansas City, even farther away. For the entire half-hour program, "Big Story," the Lundells watched fascinated.

Victim Of Air Crash Cousin of Lone Woman

Maj. Herbert G. Voruz Jr., air pilot who was killed in the crash of a C-124 Globemaster near Tokyo last week, was a cousin of Mrs. Omar Rietmann of Lone.

Voruz, who may have been the pilot of the ill-fated craft, was expected home next month by his wife and three children of La Grande. He graduated from La Grande high school and attended Eastern Oregon College of Education for two years.

DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER DUE HERE

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner on Tuesday, July 7, at the Court house between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., according to an announcement received from the secretary of state's office.

Persons wishing drivers licenses or permits are urged to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required tests.

MRS. LOYD NEW KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR

Mrs. Jack Loyd was elected to the board of directors of the kindergarten at the regular business meeting of the JayCees held at their picnic Sunday June 21. She replaces Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr.

before Lundell tried his luck on the other channels. Switching to channel "3" he found a picture coming through from Pueblo. Still watching spellbound they stuck with their set until the station faded away.

Lundell said he figures that the transmission was in some way moving south, thus each of the three cities came in. He said the pictures were many times more "brilliant" than any they'd ever received from Spokane and the volume was so loud that he had to turn it down. The Kansas City reception was the best he'd ever seen, he declared.

The Lundell's home is located on the high flat hills of Gooseberry, placing them in a position to catch any such stray television waves. Other people may need proof of what the Lundells received, but they don't. They saw it.

Boardman U. P. Depot Back In Operation

By Flossie Coats
After being closed for eight years, the Boardman Union Pacific depot opened Monday, June 22, and a crew of operators moved in to start a 24-hour shift.

The depot has undergone considerable remodeling in the past few weeks but now it is back in operation. The last agent was Ora Merritt who left the Boardman depot to work at the Messner depot when it closed in 1945.

At present the crew of operators has been transferred from the Messner depot. They are, Agents, Gunnar Skoubo, E. Ziegler, Donald Downey, Gene Hugel and Mr. Frisbee.

Bruce Smith of Lone Among OSC Grads

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis.—Bruce Dixon Smith of Lone was among the 1171 seniors and graduate students receiving degrees at Oregon State College's 84th annual commencement exercises June 8. He completed work in the school of business and technology for a bachelor of science degree.

Thirty-nine doctor's degrees, a record number, were granted this year. Of the total of 1171 graduates, 961 won bachelor degrees and 205 earned advanced degrees.

Dr. A. L. Strand, OSC's president, conferred the degrees. Candidates represented 30 states, 15 foreign countries and possessions, and 35 of Oregon's 36 counties.

LEGION POST INSTALLS

The installation of the 1954 officers of the American Legion Post No. 87 will be held at 8:00 p. m. Saturday, June 27, in the Legion hall at Heppner.

The work will be done by past commanders and Willard McMillan, district commander.

Anderson Receives Top Steer Prices

HERMISTON—Harley Anderson of Heppner received top prices on steers and a whiteface bull at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, with a steer weighing 930 pounds bringing \$20.70 cwt.; and the 1260 pound bull going for \$17.10, according to Delbert Anson, manager of the sale.

John Eubank of Lone topped the market with 4 ewes weighing 535 pounds, which sold for \$4.10 per pound. Frank Correa Jr., of Echo, received top veal price of \$20.50, cwt. C. A. Linder of Hermiston consigned a sow for a top of the day of \$23.75. The feeder pig market was topped by Harold Cox of Lonerock, who sold two weighing 380 pounds for \$25.25. Lester Hanson of Condon consigned a boar hog for the top price of \$14.00. Eight large weaner pigs consigned by Art Stephens of Spray sold for a top of \$21.00 per head.

Trading was generally more active at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday. Delbert Anson, manager of the sales, reports, with a larger run of cattle and a broad demand. Better Grades of cattle sold steady to higher while lower grades were steady to some what lower. Higher quality, as displayed in young cows with calves at side, brought a higher price of \$162.50 per pair. Hogs were strong to slightly higher. Veal was somewhat weaker. No top lambs were consigned.

Volume was up sharply on cattle, 448 compared with 342 the previous week. Hogs were fewer, 41 compared with 130, and sheep were more numerous, 103 against 63. Packer buyers were present in large numbers and feeder cattle buyers were active for the first time in some weeks. Generally more active markets throughout the week were credited by Anson for the larger consignments, with a wider spread of quality and price than usual.

Calves—Baby calves 5.00-26.00 hd.; weaner calves 14.50-18.30 cwt.; veal 19.50-20.50 cwt.

Steers—Stocker steers 14.35-15.60 cwt.; feeder steers \$16.90-17.25; fat slaughter steers 19.10-20.70; fat heifers 16.50-18.30.

Cows—Dairy cows 92.50-127.50 hd.; dairy heifers 45.00-87.50 hd.; stock cows with calves at side 125.00-162.50 pr.

Slaughter cows—Commercial 12.50-14.00 cwt.; utility 11.50-12.50 canner-cutter 8.50-10.75; shells down to 5.00.

Bulls—15.20-17.10. Hogs—Weaner pigs, larger, 21.00 hd.; no feeder pigs; fat hogs 25.50-26.00 cwt.; sows 21.40-23.75 cwt.

Sheep—Feeder lambs 18.00-19.80 cwt.; no fat lambs; ewes 2.00-4.10 cwt.

Wheat Allotment Studied To Arrange Education Program

Attending a meeting at Corvallis of county and state P. M. A. chairmen, office managers and extension service personnel throughout the state and located at the college, last Tuesday, arrangements were made for an educational and informational program concerning wheat acreage allotments and marketing quotas. The meeting, was held in order that plans could be made so that every farmer in Oregon growing wheat and others eligible to vote on marketing quotas would be well informed to vote intelligently.

During the day the group assembled heard Arnold Bodker, state P. M. A. chairman; Marion Thomas, extension agricultural statistician, Oregon State College; Ed Bell, Administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission; and Bob Taylor, Athena farmer who represents the Secretary of Agriculture wheat advisory committee. Up-to-date reports were made on prospective changes in the wheat acreage allotment and marketing quota laws with legislation still pending in congress. While many new changes which will affect our farmers were discussed, none are available for official publication until legislation has been completed. The present law states that the secretary of agriculture must declare whether a marketing quota referendum will be called before July 1, and wheat acreage allotments by July 15. Official announcement is expected just as soon as legislation allows.

The extension service are now in the process of preparing educational material that will be used in informing wheat growers of the wheat situation, consisting of questions and answers, information pamphlets, special publications in the wheat field bulletin, newspaper stories and radio programs. Also planned are county meetings for each of the wheat producing counties. Representatives of the extension service of Oregon State College, the Oregon Wheat Growers League and P. M. A. will meet with Morrow county farmers on Monday, July 6. By this time all legislation concerning the wheat acreage allotments and marketing quotas will be ready for announcement, reports N. C. Anderson, Morrow County Agent.

Mary Stout Nelson Dies in Pendleton

Mary Ellen Stout Nelson died June 23 in Pendleton at the age of 69. She was born in Cheney, Missouri, on Sept. 3, 1883 and had been a resident of Heppner for 34 years, moving to Hermiston only two years ago. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by her husband, Royal C. Nelson, of Hermiston; three children, Jim Stout of Oregon City, Everett Stout of Longview, Wash., and Mrs. Vivian Hayes of Heppner; nine step-children; eight grandchildren; 29 step-grandchildren, and three brothers, Kelly Medlock of Bulover, Missouri, John Medlock of Ava, Missouri, and Jim Medlock of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 26, at 2:00 p. m. at the Christian church in Heppner. Rev. E. L. Soward will officiate.

The San Souci Rebekah lodge, of which Mrs. Nelson had been a member, will take part in the services. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery in Heppner.

Heppner Legion Squad Improves, But Loses

The Heppner Junior Legion baseball squad held the Milton-Freewater team 1-0 going into the sixth inning but finally lost 8-5 Sunday afternoon on the Heppner field.

Saturday afternoon the team will travel to Baker to play a game that evening and Sunday they will move over to La Grande to play in the afternoon.

Baker will come here for Heppner's next home game, July 12.

June 29 Deadline On Directors' Petitions

There are several petitions now circulating for placing names on the ballot for directors of the cemetery maintenance district according to the county clerk's office, but none have been filed as yet. The last day for filing the petitions is Monday, June 29.

Swimming Pool Opens To Begin The Summer

The Heppner swimming pool opened Monday for the summer. The cool breeze failed to keep the kids away and over 90 took their turn at the water.

Under the eye of acting life-guard, Steve Trukositz, the pool will be open six days a week from 1 to 5 and every evening from 7 to 8, weather permitting. Admission is 15c for grade school students, 25c for high school students and 50c for adults. Season tickets sell for \$4 for kids, \$6 for two kids and \$7 for the whole family (up to 12).

Pate to Take Over Prairie City Post

According to information released by the Prairie City school board Wednesday, Leonard L. Pate, superintendent of the Heppner schools for the past seven years, has accepted a position as superintendent of schools in that Grant county town.

Pate had resigned from the local system over two months ago, effective at the end of the school year, July 1, and the board has hired Howard C. Reed of Prescott, Wash., to fill the position. He will assume his duties here July 1.

Reports indicated that Pate plans to move to Prairie City shortly after July 1. Mrs. Pate will teach in the elementary grades there, as she has done in Heppner.

Hail Stays In City Except For "Mush"

Last Friday's hail storm was confined mostly within Heppner according to most reports. C. A. Ruggles, insurance agent, termed as "mush" most of the known fall to the south.

Two claims have been submitted to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant from the southwest area. There will be no adjustment made of the claims until immediately before the harvest, however, so there is no certainty that claims will be held valid. There has to be a 5% loss show up at the time of harvest, said Van Marter.

Two other claims are also pending from a hail storm near Lexington two weeks ago.

SCHAEFER, NOTED "SNOWMAKER," TO SPEAK AT TRI-COUNTY MEETING



"SNOWMAKER"—Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, General Electric weather scientist, who will speak at the annual meeting of Tri-County Weather Research next Tuesday at Condon. Dr. Schaefer is shown here making snow in a home freezer, one of the experiments which proved weather modification was possible.

Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, famed General Electric Research Laboratory weather scientist, will speak next Tuesday, June 30, 10 a. m., at the third annual meeting of the Tri-County Weather Research organization. The meeting will be held in the Igo Grange hall, five miles west of Condon.

Dr. Schaefer is described as one of the nation's foremost meteorologists. He is one of the few men in history to actually "do something about" the weather. On Nov. 13, 1946, he gained widespread attention as the first person to turn a cloud to snow using laboratories when he transferred a cloud over Pittsfield, Mass., into snow streamers by seeding it with dry ice fragments from an airplane.

Highway Commission Announces Bidding on Heppner Street Job

PORTLAND—The State Highway Commission announced that it will receive bids at its June 25 meeting in Portland for the grading and paving of Race Track street, (Court street) between Cannon street and Alfalfa street in Heppner.

Plans call for construction of a 36-foot roadbed on top of which will be placed a 7 1/2-inch thickness of rock base with a 22-foot wide pavement flanked by 5-foot rock shoulders. The project, scheduled for completion this fall, is to be jointly financed by the city and the state, with state funds allocated to work on city streets not on the state systems of highways providing the major share.

The commission will also receive bids on two projects in Gilliam county.

The first project calls for the construction of the final construction.

False Alarms Plague Firemen, "Too Much"

As of last night's false alarm, the Heppner volunteer firemen have been shaken out of their homes and their businesses four times in the past week, with nothing more than a "Sorry wrong number" awaiting them.

The fire department strongly urges the people of the community to be especially careful when dialing a number that resembles the fire number closely. None of the recent false alarms have been intentional, so far as is known, but when the alarm starts clanging the damage is done.

The simplicity of the fire number as it now remains and its resemblance to all the Heppner numbers is understood by the fire department and every effort is being made to have the number changed. Correcting the problem, however, may take a while and until that time everyone's cooperation is urgently asked.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB TO MEET

The Square Dance Club will have a special instruction night on Wednesday July 1 at 8:00 p. m. in the Legion hall. This is for members only.

tural unit on the Arlington-Heppner Junction section of the Columbia River highway. Plans call for construction of a 294-foot reinforced concrete deck girder bridge having three 98-foot prestressed concrete girder spans on new alignment over Willow creek.

The second project calls for the improvement of 2.22 miles of the Mikkalo county road between Mikkalo and the junction of the Mikkalo county road with the John Day highway about 2.8 miles south of the Olex post office, and also the improvement of 6.03 miles of the Lone Rock county road from the junction of said county road with the Wasco-Heppner highway, 4.7 miles east of Condon to the junction of the Lone Rock and Lost Valley county roads.

The improvement on both sections calls for the construction of an 18-foot oil mat wearing surface over the existing rock surfacing to provide a smooth all-weather type roadway to help reduce maintenance costs. The project is to be finished with federal, state and county funds allocated to the necessary improvement of county roads not on the state highway system.

Hearing Set Here For Considering Milk Area Changes

A public hearing has been scheduled by the Oregon Milk Marketing Administration to be held at the County Courthouse, Heppner, Oregon, at 10:00 a. m. on July 2, 1953, to consider changes in marketing areas in which marketing regulations are established under authority of the Oregon Milk Marketing Act. A recent amendment of the act by the state legislature authorized the administration to establish larger marketing areas for administrative purposes.

More than thirty market areas have been required under the law heretofore. It is planned to reduce the number to a minimum of ten marketing areas based upon geographical regions of the state in which production and market conditions are similar.

Other recent amendments to the Oregon Milk Marketing Act will be discussed at the hearings, as well as any other matter that may contribute to more efficient administration of the marketing act, according to W. S. Weidel, administrator.

Examiner for the Heppner hearing will be Cecil L. Griggs, assisted by G. T. Jameson, field representative for eastern Oregon.

Livestock Men Meet To Discuss Thefts

The Morrow county livestock growers will meet July 1 at 8:00 p. m. in the county court room for the purpose of discussing a livestock theft prevention program. Don Robinson, president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, announced this week.

The meeting was felt to be needed because of the livestock loss by Ralph Beamer last week-end. Several livestock men have already called the secretary's office to volunteer contributions to be used as a livestock theft reward.

Robinson also announced that other business will be discussed as well. This will include the follow-up of hiring a practicing veterinarian here and reports from committees who attended the annual convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

All livestock men are urged to attend.

Elks Picnic Sunday At Wightman's Ranch

The Heppner Elks lodge will hold their annual picnic Sunday June 28 at the Wightman Blue Mountain ranch.

There will be games with prizes for the children and a softball game for adults. The lodge will furnish coffee, ice cream and pop to go with the potluck picnic. Members are asked to bring their own place settings.

Mrs. Sara E. McNamer and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers drove to Portland over the weekend to visit relatives.

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