

## Local Wheatgrowers May Have To Vote On Wheat Controls

Morrow county wheatgrowers may soon have to make a major decision in their planning for 1954 crop, says Charles W. Smith, Assistant Director of the Oregon State College Extension Service. This is brought about because of the nations large supply of wheat now in sight which will very likely cause Ezra T. Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, to issue a statement calling for wheat marketing quotas on next year's wheat crop.

If this proclamation comes, the existing law requires that a referendum be conducted by July 24. Wheat farmers would have two alternatives. They could accept production controls and a guaranteed price of 90% of parity or they could vote for no controls and be guaranteed 50% of parity on their 1954 crop.

The situation is a result of several developments. First, production has in general caught up with the post-Korea demand, current needs have been met, and reserves have been rebuilt.

The present law requires that growers must approve quotas by at least a two-thirds majority before they can be put into effect. If they fail to approve quotas, the price support level for 1954 crop will drop to 50% of parity under the present law. As the law now stands, all growers with 15 or more acres of wheat would be eligible to vote. This would include 10,000 to 12,000 Oregon farmers. A proposed amendment would boost the requirements to 25 acres and reduce the number of farmers eligible to vote.

In order that Morrow county farmers can be advised of the latest advancements in the wheat acreage allotment and marketing quota law and the program the way it now stands, an educational meeting is called to be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Monday evening, July 6, E. R. Jackson, veteran farm crop specialist, Oregon State College, and State P. M. A. chairman, Arnold Bodtke, will be present to discuss these developments with our wheat farmers. The meeting begins at 8:00 p. m. At this educational meeting the situation as it exists, the present legislation, and what to do with diverted acres, have been included on the program. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

## STORES CLOSED ON JULY 4TH

The merchants committee for the chamber of commerce announced Monday that all Heppner stores will be closed on Saturday, July 4, in keeping with the holiday custom.

## ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO BRING MISS AUSTRIA WINNER TO HEPPNER

The dreams of two girls, one living in Vienna, Austria, the other in Heppner, that some day they might meet each other after being pen pals for over four years, are nearer realization today because the Austrian girl, Miss Lory Felger, 19, was picked while doing bit parts in a Vienna theater where she had a regular job as usher, to compete for the title of Miss Vienna.

She won the title and then went on from her first victory to also win the title of Miss Austria and the opportunity to come to America as an entrant in the Miss Universe Beauty Pageant July 10 to 18 at Long Beach, Calif.

The trip to America will fulfill a part of her dream, but it is still her hope that she may be able to visit Virginia Gonty, 13, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty, Heppner, the only family in the United States with which she has had any contact, and the only "friends" she has known, even though only through letters, in the country of her dreams. Many difficulties still stand in the way of the two girls meet-

## No Smoking On Trips From July To Sept. In Forest Areas

All National Forest areas within the Umatilla National Forest have been designated by Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone as areas on which smoking while traveling is prohibited because of the fire danger on and after July 1, 1953 and extending to September 30, 1953.

Camp fire permits are not required on the Umatilla Forest, but it is a requirement that camp fires be built in a safe place, cleared of all burnable material, and that they be completely put out before being left even for a short while. Campers are required to have in their possession a shovel, axe and water bucket. All persons using the timbered areas are urged to use care to insure that no fire escapes.

## Ione Holds Annual July 4th Affair All Day Saturday

The annual July 4th celebration at Ione will get under way Saturday with a baseball game in the afternoon and carry through with a fireworks display and dance in the evening.

Ione will be out to knock the league leading Condon squad off its perch as the two teams square off in the annual Independence Day game starting at 2:00 p. m. at the Ione Memorial field.

A huge fireworks display will start the evening festivities at either 8:00 p. m. or at dusk at the Ione field. The dance at the Ione Legion hall, to the music of Rod Esselstyn's orchestra, will climax the evening from 10:00 p. m. to 2:00 a. m.

The celebration is sponsored by the Ione American Legion.

## Eugene Doherty, Ione Trainee At Fort Lewis

Eugene A. Doherty of Ione has been assigned to the 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., for basic training.

Doherty, son of Mrs. Rose Doherty, is assigned to Battery "C", 123rd Field Artillery Battalion.

The 44th Division is an Illinois National Guard unit activated in February 1952 and stationed at Camp Cooke, California, until last December.

## DENNIS McNAMEE DIES WEDNESDAY

Dennis McNamee, a resident of Heppner for over 50 years, died Wednesday, July 1 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital. He had been ill for over three years. Services are pending arrival of the children.



**L. D. BOULDEN**, new pastor of the Heppner Methodist church, who took over his duties here last week. Rev. Boulden came here from Weston where he had been pastor for four years. He was accompanied by his wife Blanche, and their 11 year old daughter, Celia.

## Onetime Heppner Man Dies In Sweet Home

Funeral services were held Monday in Portland for Michael Bledsoe Galloway, onetime Heppner photographer, who died at his home in Sweet Home June 25 at the age of 88.

A native of Oregon, Mr. Galloway was born April 15, 1865, at McMinnville and spent his entire life in this state. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Estella Johnson, Portland, and a brother, J. W. Galloway, Sweet Home, as well as several nieces and nephews.

## New Dentist Arrives, Former Dr. Leaves

Dr. Fred L. Gronemyer, recent graduate of the University of Oregon dental school, opened his office in Heppner to the public yesterday for the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Gronemyer's office will be in the Heppner Clinic building. His hours will be weekdays from 8:30 until 5:00.

Accompanying Dr. Gronemyer to Heppner are his wife, Bernice, and their two daughters, Shirley, 4 and Marilyn, 1.

Dr. Harold Huber closed his dental office in Heppner last Thursday to move to a ranch near Stanfield. He plans on opening a part-time dental office in Stanfield.

## Doubleheader Hurts, Heppner Baseballers Beaten Both Times

The Heppner Junior Legion baseball team tried their luck with a double-header over the weekend and ended up on the underside of both scores.

Wildness on the part of Heppner helped Baker win 9 to 5 Saturday night as they let seven unearned runs score. Floyd Sayers, Heppner's coach, called the game a good one.

Sunday afternoon found Heppner with their same pitcher, Ernest Drake, flinging again as their other pitcher was out with a sore arm. Drake did his best, but was relieved by Jerry Haggwood, who tried pitching for the first time, and La Grande went on to win 24 to 1.

Heppner's next game will be played at the rodeo grounds here in Heppner on Sunday, July 12, at 2:00 p. m. It will be a return game with Baker.

## W. A. Hayes Services Held On Wednesday

Funeral services were held yesterday at 1:00 p. m. in the Phelps Funeral Home for William Anderson Hayes, who died June 28 in Spokane at the age of 85. Rev. Earl L. Soward officiated.

Hayes was born Dec. 19, 1867. Survivors are a brother, Frank, in Pendleton and a niece, Neva McHargue, in Spokane.

He will be buried in the Masonic cemetery in Heppner.

# SHOOTING OF LOCAL MAN BRINGS SHAKEUP IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Weather Meeting Deemed A Success, Schaefer Top-Rate

A most exceptional annual meeting was that of the Tri-County Weather Research, which was held at Igo grange hall near Condon on the 30th. The featured speaker, Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, of Project Cirrus of the General Electric Corporation, gave an outstanding talk on the series of weather modifications as it has been carried on for the past twenty years.

Dr. Schaefer's unbiased report was well taken by everyone there. According to him there was no doubt but what weather modification was as possible as anything could be. In fact, he said, General Electric, cooperating with the Navy, the Army, and the Signal Corps, have proven this so that three years ago experimentation was discontinued. They are now concerning themselves more on "what, when, and how" of cloud seeding and operations to modify the weather.

Dr. Schaefer, through his series of slides, indicated that work is being carried on in every country in the world in weather modification. Many countries are far ahead of the United States in the program, he said.

Indicating that there was no question at all but that within the next few years many of the answers that are now being sought would be discovered as simple, Dr. Schaefer said that the program could be evaluated to the point where definite steps could be followed for the best results whether for rain-making or disintegration of local storms, including hail and heavy thunder showers.

Oregon State College meteorologists, working with the Tri-County Weather Research in evaluating the program, again this year reported that the evaluation program could not point to an increase or decrease in natural precipitation over the area compared with the controlled station. They are striving to work out newer and better evaluation methods that will become more accurate in the values of cloud seeding for increased precipitation.

Proposals for a program for 1953-54, presented by four cloud seeding operators, were discussed in full. Water Resources Development Corporation, headed by Dr. Irvin P. Kriek, and North American Weather Research Corporation which holds the present contract, were most favorably received.

A proposal presented by North American whereby they would receive a \$400 payment for each one-fourth inch rainfall per weather station per day seemed to be most popular with the group attending the meeting. A maximum of \$24,000 per year for the Tri-County area would be charged. Many thought that such an arrangement would be accepted by the cooperators most enthusiastically.

## Swimming Lessons To Begin On July 6

Swimming lessons will start Monday, July 6, at 10:00 a. m. for a two weeks period. The free lessons are sponsored by the Red Cross.

Registration will be on the first or second day, after which the applicants will be too far behind to be accepted.

The instructor will be Mrs. Bill Labhart.

Mrs. Fred Sanders and children just returned from a trip to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newman, in Nampa, Idaho.

## 6 MONTH RAINFALL 10.18 INCHES, NEARLY EQUALS ENTIRE 1952 TOTAL

The first six months of this year have been good and wet, according to Len Gilliam, weather recorder. His records show a total of 10.18 inches.

The 1.61 inches of rain for the month of June fell far short of last June's 2.74, but it brought the mid-point total of 1953 rainfall nearly equal to the total rainfall for either 1951 or 1952. Last year's total was 11.58

inches against 1951's 10.57. With half the year still remaining there is a possibility that this year may not only surpass the two previous years but might also reach the 1950 total of 17.36.

There need not be a great amount of rainfall during July to surpass the July total for last year of .04 inches. Warmer weather is upon us, however, and this remains to be seen.

## Heppner to Pendleton Highway 74 Complete, Good Travel Expected

The \$4,000 highway improvement project between Heppner and Pendleton is now virtually completed, according to L. C. Smitten, state highway department maintenance engineer stationed in Pendleton.

The project was started Sept. 3 of last year. It improved 21 miles of the 60-mile drive and converted the entire road into a good secondary state highway. Included in the 21 miles of oiling from Lena to Nye Junction was over 17 miles of regrading from Nye Junction to the summit of Franklin Hill.

Dressing up of the shoulders was expected to be completed today. Oiling was completed Friday. The contractor was O. C. Yocum of McMinnville. Smitten said a center stripe would be put out on the road in approximately two months, giving the surface time to set. Guard rails will be placed on the curves on Franklin Hill this fall by the state, he added.

Improvement of the road will much improve the travel between the two cities. It may make the highway one of the heaviest traveled inland highways in eastern Oregon.

## Heppner ROTC Cadet Stationed At Larson For Summer Training

Cadet Gerald A. Bergstrom of Heppner, an OSC agriculture student, is now attending the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps summer encampment at Larson A. F. B., Washington.

Larson is located in the heart of the Columbia basin, just outside of Moses Lake, Wash. The objective of the camp is to supplement the instruction provided by the departments of air science and tactics of the colleges and universities particularly in the AFROT program.

Cadet Bergstrom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom of Rt. 1, Heppner.



**REV. HAROLD GILLIAM**

## Ione Nazarene Church Opens For Services

The Church of the Nazarene will begin regular services in the Baptist church building in Ione next Sunday, July 5.

Rev. Harold Gilliam of Vancouver, Wash., has been appointed to conduct regular and special services until a pastor is called.

The Gilliam family are talented in music and Rev. Gilliam has served efficiently in the pastorate and evangelistic field. The public will be blessed by their ministry.

The Sunday services will be: Sunday school at 10:00, worship services at 11:00, evening services at 8:00 and Bible study and prayer and praise on Thursday evening at 8:00. The public is invited.

## Road Commission Planning Heppner Visit July 17

Members of the state highway commission, representatives of the Oregon State Motor association and other visitors will stop in Heppner Friday, July 17 while on tour of Eastern Oregon roads, it was announced Monday at the regular chamber of commerce meeting.

The commission stop in Heppner will be timed to coincide with the completion of the Lena-Nye Junction highway which has been reconstructed and surfaced, and according to tentative plans made by the chamber, a special dedicatory program will be held at some point along the road.

It is also planned to have a picnic luncheon at noon, probably at the courthouse park, prior to the dedication which will be held later in the afternoon. Invitations have been extended to the Pilot Rock Commercial club and the Pendleton chamber of commerce to join with the local chamber in the dedication of the highway which gives a new fully-surfaced highway link between the Morrow and Umatilla county communities.

The chamber and the county court is also attempting to arrange to have Governor Paul Patterson present at the ceremony. The governor has indicated that he is planning a trip to this section of the state, but whether his schedule will allow him to be present at this time, is not yet known.

The luncheon will probably be a pot-luck affair, and it and the afternoon program will be open to the public.

The commission party will come to Heppner over the new road from John Day and are planning an overnight stop at Condon that evening.

## Bull Market Topped By Stamp, Heppner

HERMISTON—Roy Stamp of Heppner topped the bull market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, with a bull that weighed 1805 pounds going for \$17.20 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. J. W. and J. M. Logan of Cecil sold the top veal at \$21.00.

Glenn Thorne, Pendleton, topped both the fat steer and the feeder steer market, with the 1270 pound fat steer bringing \$20.00 and feeder steers drawing \$16.80 cwt. The sow market was topped by Oscar McCarty of Echo, who consigned two sows at \$25.15. J. M. Kindall of Stanfield consigned four fat hogs for a top of \$27.10. R. R. Britt of pray received top weaner pig price of \$18.00 per head.

The feeder pig market was topped by H. A. Keane of Hermiston, who sold two feeder pigs weighing 235 pounds for \$27.75 cwt. One whiteface fat heifer consigned by Ralph Reade of Spray sold for a top of \$17.20.

HERMISTON—Generally lower market prices last week cut cattle volume but increased buying power at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

Demand was broad and especially strong on lower priced cattle. Good weather for farming operations as well as the lower prices contributed to the drop in volume from 448 cattle the previous week to 384 Friday, Anson said. Hogs were more numerous, 99 consigned compared with 41, and sheep were fewer, 56 compared with 103.

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## Paul Doherty Is Wounded During Fight With Officer

## Entire Police Force Fired After Fray

A Heppner man, Paul Doherty, received a bullet wound in the foot when he was shot by Heppner police officer Robert Cooper early last Saturday morning as the climax of an altercation between the officer, Doherty, Doherty's wife, and a third person reported by police to be Wade Bothwell.

As a result of the shooting, both Cooper and city police chief, Charles Gomillion were fired from the Heppner force by the city council. Members gave the reason for Gomillion's removal as lack of cooperation.

The shooting, which took place at about 1:15 a. m. Saturday near the corner of Main and May streets in downtown Heppner, followed an attempt by Cooper to serve a warrant for drunk and disorderly conduct on Doherty.

According to the officer's report of the incident, Cooper had "told Doherty to come with me in a peaceful manner when the three of the party offered resistance and started mob violence."

The report indicated that both Doherty and Bothwell slugged the officer several times and that Doherty had taken Cooper's saps away from him and the three had him pinned against a tree and were striking him across the face with it when the officer pulled his gun and shot Doherty in the foot. Cooper's report said that "the shot was fired strictly in self defense."

Following the shooting, Cooper and Gomillion took Doherty to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical treatment where another fight occurred between Cooper and a member of the party.

Police chief Gomillion removed Cooper's badge and gun while at the hospital, the report said, and mayor J. O. Turner later concurred in his firing from the department, and then followed it with the discharge of Gomillion for lack of cooperation. Cooper's report said that the chief did not aid him in any way during the fight.

According to county sheriff, C. J. D. Bauman, who is investigating the case, Doherty's story of the shooting coincides only in part with Cooper's report, and Doherty claims that the trouble started when the officer pushed Mrs. Doherty while they were all reading the warrant which Cooper was attempting to serve.

Doherty's injuries were not classified as serious, though several bones in his foot were broken by the shot. He is still in the hospital.

Cooper joined the Heppner police force about six weeks ago, coming here from the valley. Gomillion has been chief for nearly six years.

At the present time there is no police officer, but sheriff Bauman and state police officer William Labhart are serving the town until the council can hire someone to replace the two former officers.

## Budgets Get Approval For County and City

The county court meeting in an all-day end of the year session Tuesday approved in its entirety the Morrow county budget as recommended by the budget committee at its meeting on May 8.

County judge Garnet Barratt mentioned yesterday that, in spite of rumors that there was opposition to salary increases for county officials, only one man appeared as opposition during the discussion Tuesday.

At a public hearing on the city budget Monday night the city council found no opposition to the budget as recommended.

## HUNTERS AND ANGLERS MEET

A meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers will be held at 8:00 p. m. on Monday July 6 in the courthouse.

A game commission movie entitled "Trout Story" will be shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carter had as their guests the first of the week his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hart and two children of Walla Walla.

## 1953 Bumper Wheat Harvest Starts Next Week

The 1953 harvest of wheat is due to begin in about one week, according to Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers Association. The first section to come in will be from the Ione-N. Lexington area, he said.

Crops this year seem to be "consistent all over" according to Lamb. The average yield per acre, county-wise, will be at least 25 bushels, he said. This will be 2 or 3 bushels higher than last

year, creating the need for more storage space. Two seed sales rooms have already been converted into storage for 100,000 more bushels, but this still will leave a considerable shortage of space. Terminal storage is the only answer, he said.

The ability to move the wheat by shipping to terminal storage will depend on the number of railroad cars the MCGG is able to get, said Mr. Lamb. This caused

difficulty two years ago when an embargo was laid against all cars during a large harvest. An explanation of the reason for sales being down may be shown by the difference between the futures market and the wheat loan guarantee, explained Lamb. The guarantee received here in Heppner is \$2.14 while the futures market prices wheat at about \$2.20 in Heppner after shipping and other costs.

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