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Wheat Harvest Starts In County, Little Heat Damage Expected

The wheat harvest for 1953 has officially begun in Morrow county as of Monday, according to Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers. The first man to start harvesting was D. O. Nelson of near Lexington, who began cutting a field of volunteer wheat.

Hermiston Auction Still Going Strong

HERMISTON—Wilhelms Hodely of Boardman consigned 2 top hogs at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, which weighed 205 pounds and brought \$26.50 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

George Paulson of Hood River topped the market with a white-face heifer weighing 680 pounds, that brought \$15.85. Jack Houndstone of Stanfield topped the bull market by consigning an animal weighing 1735 pounds, for \$15.80. Topping the yearling heifer market was Harlow and Hanson of Long Creek, who consigned 24 yearlings weighing 13,750 pounds for \$13.40.

Generally lower cattle prices at Portland and other markets cut cattle volume sharply from 384 head consigned the previous week to 188. Buyers were present in the usual goodly number while most of the regular cattle consignors started their July 4 holiday early and, as is customary in short sales, cattle quality was down, with most cattle grading utility, a very few commercial and no good or choice grades consigned. Prices were down one dollar on most cattle.

The heaviest consignment of bulls this year, some thirty heavy range bulls, was sold at 15-16c per pound. A very few light bulls were consigned.

Prices were steady on sheep, with 83 consigned compared to 56 the previous week, and on hogs, with 74 compared to 99.

Calves—Baby calves down to 5.00; veal 15.00-17.50.

Steers—Stocker steers (no good grades) 13.50-15.50; feeder steers steady, 13.50-15.50; fat heifers up to 15.85.

Cows—Few dairy cows, middle milkers about \$100.00.

Slaughter cows—Commercial, a few, up to 11.35; utility 9.50-10.50; canner-cutter 7.50-9.00; shells 5.00-7.00.

Bulls—Mostly heavy range bulls, 14.50-15.85.

Hogs—Prices generally steady to down 50c; weaner pigs 11.00-13.75; fat hogs 26.00-26.50; sows scarce, 19.00-21.50.

Sheep—Feeder lambs steady, up to 15.50; ewes to 3.75; no bucks consigned.

Special Election Held In Boardman

A 3-mill tax levy for the maintenance of the Boardman River view cemetery was passed 100 percent at the special election held on Monday, July 6, in Boardman.

The directors, Clyde Tannehill, Bob Miller and Zeari Killespie will now be looking for well drillers to drill for irrigation purposes. This will be one of their first projects.



SALLY PALMER—I. O. O. F United Nations Pilgrimage winner from Heppner, who left last Thursday for Spokane where she joined other winners from the northwest for the trip to New York by special bus. The students will spend about a week in New York City watching the United Nations at work, and will return home in about four weeks. Miss Palmer's trip is sponsored by the Heppner Oddfellows lodge.

Large Delegation Due For Highway Commission Visit

Plans were being completed this week by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and the county court for the visit of the state highway commission, road and park officials and other interested persons on Friday, July 17.

In a recent letter from the commission received by county judge Garnet Barratt, the party consisting of at least 19 persons will arrive in Heppner shortly before noon Friday to be the guests of the chamber of commerce at a potluck picnic luncheon at the courthouse park. It had been tentatively planned for the group, accompanied by Heppner, Pendleton and Pilot Rock citizens, to drive back to the Morrow-Umatilla county line early in the afternoon for a dedication ceremony of the newly completed Heppner-Nye Junction highway, but an attempt is now being made to change the schedule for the tour and hold the ceremony in the morning. It was felt that the Umatilla delegation and the group from Heppner could meet the commission party on their way in from John Day at that point, hold the ceremony and come in to Heppner for lunch, saving considerable backtracking.

It is expected that quite a sizeable delegation from both Pendleton and Pilot Rock, as well as a group from Monument will be present for the dedication.

Following is the list of persons who will accompany the commission on their inspection trip over Eastern Oregon highways. Ben R. Chandler, chairman, state highway commission; Charles H. Reynolds and M. K. McVey, commissioners; H. B. Glaisyer, commission secretary; Senator Charles W. Binger, La Grande; R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer; W. C. Williams and W. W. Stiffler, assistant engineers; C. W. Enfield, chief counsel; C. H. Armstrong, parks superintendent; W. L. McDonald, engineer, U. S. Forest Service; A. F. Parsons, division engineer, La Grande; Ray Conway, Oregon state motor association; Ralph Watson, public relations consultant; a representative of the Oregon Journal; Bernard Mainwaring, Capitol Journal; Lester Farnam and Carl Reed, highway employees and C. G. Polk, district engineer, Bureau of Public Roads.

Kinzua Man Injured In Powder Blast, May Lose Eyesight

Joseph Helwig, Kinzua, powder man for the Kinzua Pine Mills, was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital Tuesday after he was severely injured when some powder he was inserting in holes for blasting blew up in his face.

Local physicians worked two hours to remove gravel from his face, eyes, hands and neck. He was taken to Walla Walla Wednesday morning to an eye specialist for treatment, but hospital officials said it was doubtful whether his eyes could be saved.

John Ernsdorff, hospital administrator, asked that anyone knowing any of Helwig's relatives to advise the hospital, as the hospital was unable to determine the name or residence of any relatives.

Cemetery Directors Election Tomorrow

The election of the directors for the Heppner cemetery maintenance district will take place tomorrow from 2 to 7 at the council chamber in the Heppner city hall.

The candidates appearing on ballot will be Garnet Barratt, Ora Evans and Paul W. Jones. Each eligible voter will vote for three.

The formation of the district was authorized by the county court after the petition had been presented requesting the formation.

Following the election, the directors will set up their plans for the year and will call for an other election to authorize a tax levy to be used for building and for maintenance. If the directors act soon enough there is the possibility that the levy can go on this year's tax roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright and Harvey and Colleen and Charles Bailey of Heppner; and Mr. and Mrs. James Wright of Moses Lake, enjoyed the Fourth at Lehman Springs and Battle Mountain camp grounds. In the evening part of the party attended the stock car races in Pendleton.

Temperature Soars Reaches 95 Tuesday

The temperature took a sudden turn upwards Monday as it moved up to 93 from Sunday's mild 85, according to Len Gilliam, weather recorder. (As if you couldn't tell it got warmer.)

Tuesday it went up two more notches and reached 95 on the official thermometer of Gilliam. Of course, said Gilliam, the official heat is registered in the shade so it's warmer in the direct sun.

Needless to say, the total rainfall for the week was .00. There was no record of Wednesday's temperature as yet, but it is expected to have been slightly cooler.

LEGION TO HAVE CLEANUP DAY

Heppner American Legion Post No. 87 will have a cleanup day Sunday July 12 at 11:00 a. m. All members are urged to be present.



SHRINE CIRCUS performer who will appear in Pendleton on July 10 and 11.

Big Shrine Circus Due In Pendleton On July 10 and 11

The Pendleton Shrine Club, on Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11, will present the all new 1953 edition of the Gil G. Gray big 3-ring Shrine circus at the Pendleton Round-Up grounds.

Performances are scheduled afternoon and evening, rain or shine, at 2:30 and 8:15 p. m. The box offices and the gates to the big show will open promptly at 1 and 7 p. m. to give everyone ample time to secure good seats.

There will be 46 feature all-star acts; two herds of performing elephants including the world's only known twin baby pachyderms "Tillie and Millie" and their midget cousin "Baby Dumbo", all being the smallest elephants to ever be presented. They perform in an act similar to the one that Miss Dolly Jacobs will be seen in with her huge beasts that each weigh over 3 tons, the little fellows in comparison tip the scales less than 350 pounds and stand under 40 inches in height.

There will be bare back riders, acrobats, wire walkers, 15 funny clowns, troupes of trained horses, a troupe of educated Arkansas Razorback pigs and the world's only herd of trained Andes Mountain llamas and Arabian camels, amongst the mighty constellation of stupendous displays, all of which Gil G. Gray, "Mr. Show Business" himself, has selected personally from the major circuses in all parts of the world.

Army Takes Another Heppner Doctor

Heppner will lose another physician to the armed services early next month, when Dr. Wallace H. Wolff will report for duty with the Army medical corps.

In a statement made Wednesday Dr. Wolff said that it will be necessary for him to discontinue his practice in Heppner on July 29 in order to report for duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas on August 5. He will continue to see his patients until the time of his departure, but time will not permit him to serve any new patients after July 29, he said.

The Wolffs will retain their home here and Mrs. Wolff will teach in the Heppner schools this fall. Dr. Wolff expects to return to Heppner after one and one-half to two years of army service. He has been in Heppner just about a year, coming here from White Salmon, Wash. He took over the practice of Dr. Richard J. O'Shea, who is now serving in Korea.

Baseball Team Plays Home Game Sunday

The Heppner American Legion Junior baseball team will play a home game Sunday July 12 at 2:00 p. m. at the rodeo grounds against Baker. Baker won their last encounter 9 to 5.

After this game, Heppner will play only one more at home. That game is scheduled for Sunday July 19 and is with La Grande.

Heppner manager, Floyd Sayers is looking forward to a little support from the home town people as the team goes after that all important "first" win.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ogletree spent Monday at Maupin, fishing and visiting relatives.

New Police Chief Fills Vacancy, Due Here Sunday

The mayor of Heppner, J. O. Turner, with the backing of the city council appointed a new chief of police Tuesday morning to fill the vacancy left by the dismissal of Charles Gomillion.

The new chief is Roscoe Kelly, lately with the sheriff's office in Pendleton. He comes to Heppner highly recommended by the state police and by the sheriff's association.

Another applicant for the vacancy now filled, Jack Perry, has been taken on by Kelly to be his assistant. Perry was with the state police in Eastern Oregon and Washington and was a police officer in Alaska. Lately he has been the assistant to the Psychiatrist at the Eastern Oregon state hospital.

Kelly will arrive in Heppner sometime Sunday and will be on the job Monday morning. Perry will not be available for two weeks.

Woman On Parole Killed In Crash Near Boardman

A woman on probation from Walla Walla, supposedly heading for California, was killed Tuesday morning at 4:15 a. m. three miles east of Boardman when the auto in which she was riding plunged off the highway, hit a sand bank and careened back into the center of the highway upside down.

The woman has been identified as Mrs. Lillian Rose Fisher, age 33. However, papers on her person indicate she has used the names of Blair, Nelson and Leibo. She was thrown out of the car. The cause of death has been determined as multiple skull fractures, according to Oliver Creswick, county coroner.

The victim, booked recently on a charge of grand larceny in Walla Walla, had been released on three years probation with permission to leave the state. She had been placed on a bus at Walla Walla Monday night bound for Portland to meet her husband, according to Walla Walla police. She was then expected to go on to California.

The grand larceny charge was filed by a firm at which she had been bookkeeper. Presumably she had managed to raise her paychecks from \$60 to \$600, according to information received by C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff.

Driver of the car, James Arthur Coe, of Milton-Freewater, said the one-car crash was the result of a tire blowout. He was identified by Sgt. Curtis Bacon of the Oregon state police at Arlington. Coe claimed he picked Mrs. Fisher up in the Round-Up room in Pendleton. He said he was supposed to get her to Portland by 7 a. m. There has been no explanation for her appearance in Pendleton.

Coe suffered deep scalp lacerations and a forehead cut, but never lost consciousness. He was taken to Pendleton to the hospital.

Livestock Association Posts \$1,000 Reward To Prevent Thefts

Meeting last week, the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association made plans for an active livestock theft prevention program.

Attended by representative membership throughout the county, the Association voted to post a one thousand dollar reward for information leading to arrest and conviction for livestock theft. The group also added a fifty dollar reward for information leading to trespass cases where gates are left open, wires cut or other malicious destruction of property of members is committed.

The reward program will be financed by a ten cent per head voluntary contribution of livestockmen. Over two hundred and fifty dollars reward money was contributed by four livestock operators present at the meeting, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary.

George Wicks is visiting with Harley Anderson while on furlough from Fort Ord, California.

Community Asked To Conserve Water

The city does have plenty of water. However, the main pipeline did not appear to be large enough to carry the water to the city as fast as it was used on Monday, July 6th. The city used more than 500,000 gallons of water on that hot day.

Use all the water actually needed, Mayor J. O. Turner said, but it has been asked of the community that they do not sprinkle between 10:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the evening; in order that the reservoirs may be built up for the evening's use.

Morrow Youths Represent Scouts At Big Jamboree

Five Heppner Boy Scouts and another from Lexington will leave Monday, July 13, at 1:00 a. m. for the National Scout Jamboree near Puerto, Calif. Their trip will start from Hinkle and last 15 days.

The Heppner scouts are Jay Summer, Len Ray Schwarz, Jesse Smallwood, Dick Applegate and Bob Laughlin. Hugo Leyva will represent the Covered Wagon district (Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties) of the Blue Mountain council of the Boy Scouts.

The scouts will travel from Hinkle to Bonneville, from which they go by barge to Portland. They will then go on to San Francisco, from there to San Fernando and then to Puerto, from which they will go by bus to the Irvine Ranch, site of the National Jamboree. They are due to reach there on July 15.

After remaining at the Jamboree for 11 days, with an expected 50,000 other scouts, they will leave from East Los Angeles on the 26th of July and travel from there to Salt Lake City, then to Boise and from there back to Hinkle, arriving at 10:00 p. m. on Tuesday, July 28.

The scouts will be conducted on all-day tours in San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

Several organizations helped to defray the expenses of the trip. They were: Elks, Odd Fellows, Heppner Lumber Co., Mafsons and the Community Chest. These organizations, in the name of the community, matched half of the expense money needed. The total cost, including \$25 spending money, was \$250 for each scout. The other half of the expense money was earned by the scouts while working for their parents.

The scouts will travel all decked out in their best Boy Scout uniforms, suitably decorated with their individual honors.

Final Services Held For Dennis McNamee, Longtime Resident

Funeral services for Dennis McNamee, Heppner resident for over 50 years, was held Saturday July 4 at the St. Patrick's church. He died on July 1 at the age of 93. Rev. Francis McCormack officiated.

McNamee was born in Ireland and worked in England as a coal miner before coming to this country. He lived in Providence, Rhode Island, before coming to Morrow county in 1897.

McNamee served four years as a Master Sergeant in the home guard during the Spanish American War and held several different occupations during his lifetime. He was known to be a very versatile man.

Survivors include: two sons, James of Heppner and John of Pueblo, Colorado; one daughter, Anne McNamee of Seattle, and a brother, James, who lives in Ireland.

Relatives coming for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buffington, Portland; Mrs. Michael Healy, Boardman; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rand, Boardman; Mrs. Raymond Gronquist, and Miss Anne McNamee, Seattle.

McNamee was retired and had been in the hospital for three years. Rosary was read Friday evening, July 3. Burial was at the Heppner Masonic cemetery. The Phelps funeral home was in charge.

GRASS BLAZES

The first grass fire of the summer called Heppner firemen to cemetery hill Tuesday afternoon to control a blaze burning in dry grass at the rear of the former Tress McClintock home on Chase street. There was no damage.

New School Board Meets, Temporary Housing Studied

Gym Wing Planned For First Grades

Officials of an entirely new slate of Heppner's school system Monday at the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors. The only holdover director is Mrs. Stephen Thompson, board chairman.

Sworn in were L. E. Dick Jr. and Barton Clark, both whom had previously served as directors. They met for the first time with Howard C. Reed, recently appointed superintendent and early in the meeting appointed Mrs. Nona Sowell as clerk of the district.

The most urgent business considered by the group was some means of housing two additional first grade rooms this fall. It was decided to request the architects to start immediately on plans for the construction of an addition to the south side of the present gymnasium which will eventually be used for a band room, but which will be divided by a temporary partition to provide the needed two rooms. It was pointed out that the time element was the most urgent factor there is less than two months before the building must be completed and ready to handle the incoming students. Though no estimate of the cost of the addition was available, until the architects can get plans prepared, it is thought by the board that there is sufficient money available in the current budget to build it.

The board also OK'd the purchase of new modern toilets for the rest rooms to replace the ancient pull-chain models which have been in use probably since the present building was built. They will be installed during the summer.

The board stressed during the discussion of the new addition, that it was purely a temporary measure as far as the elementary grades are concerned, but that it would provide the necessary classroom space while plans are being made for an entirely new grade school which must be built as soon as all the details can be completed. The addition can then be used for a band room, which also is badly needed in the high school.

Sewers Discussed By City Council

The sewer construction is reported completion it was reported Monday evening at the monthly meeting of the Heppner city council. The disposal plant is almost 95% completed and pipelines nearly 85% said Vic Groshens, water superintendent.

It was decided that the city council will be able to ask for 85% of the system to be put into operation in about a month and permit could then be issued to allow connection to the pipes.

The street repair will take slightly longer than the actual sewer construction, according to Groshens. They have only two street crossings to do, plus some of the tributary pipeline, before the sewer is complete, but the street repair may be slow.

Groshens, speaking of the city water supply, went on to report that the people of the community are using the water up at a much more rapid rate than it flows in through the pipes. A total of 300 gallons per minute flows in while the people are averaging about 500 gallons per minute.

This does not mean that there isn't plenty of water, said Groshens, but it does mean that the reservoirs have to be filled during the nights. They run dry on us even then, he added.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles reported on the Heppner swimming pool and advised the council that everything was functioning smoothly. The council decided to make a small charge for the use of the pool by Condon children when they come here for swimming lessons during the summer. The charge will be \$1.00 for the use of the pool during the two weeks course.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grabill, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whiteman of Pendleton were guests at the Mervin Leonard home in Lexington on the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright spent from July 3 to July 8 here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright.