

FAIR AND RODEO OPENS

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Friday Flash Flood Causes Heavy Damage to Farmland

Railroad Bridge, County Roads Suffer From Water

An Eastern Oregon cloudburst, better known as a waterspout, which passed diagonally over Morrow county last Friday afternoon, caused many thousands of dollars damage in a few minutes.

The resulting flash flood which came down Sourdough or Valentine canyon between Heppner and Lexington, Blackhorse canyon and Clark canyon blocked roads with heavy layers of mud and debris, washed away numerous fences, damaged much farm equipment and caused considerable damage to railroad facilities.

Greatest loss, not measurable in dollars and cents, was to summer fallow fields in the Blackhorse, Clark canyon, Rhea creek and Eightmile areas where Soil Conservationist Tom Wilson estimated the soil erosion to run from 50 to 175 tons per acre. His estimate of the total loss in the county during the storm was one and one-half million tons of topsoil.

The storm which struck the Willow creek area shortly before 3 p. m., followed a route across the country starting between Fossil and Condon earlier in the afternoon and passing into Umatilla county in the Sand Hollow-Butter Creek area. Greatest measured rainfall in the few minutes was 1.3 inches at the Floyd Worden ranch at Eightmile.

Damage in the Blackhorse area was heavy in the fields and several pieces of farm equipment were lost or buried in the rubble. When the water reached Lexington it completely filled the creek.

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MUDCOVERED HIGHWAY at the mouth of Sourdough canyon between Lexington and Heppner is pictured here after the waters had receded during last Friday's waterspout. Just below this spot the waters washed a railroad bridge out of line necessitating repairs before trains could again cross it.



NORMALLY DRY Blackhorse creek in Lexington shown just after the water had passed its peak. Debris and water nearly took out the bridge, part of which is shown in foreground, and spread out over much of the lower part of town filling basements and washing out gardens. Picture was taken looking up the creek toward the highway bridge. Lexington Implement Co. is on the right. (GT Photos)



TYPICAL OF THE DAMAGE to fields caused by Friday's heavy rains in this field. While many were washed quite badly, some ended up covered with furrows as deep as seven and eight feet. Several barn lots in the Blackhorse and Clark canyon sections also received a generous covering of boulders during the waterspout.

Annual Horse Show Heads Friday Events

The second annual Morrow county horse show, under the supervision of the Wranglers riding club, will be one of the featured events Friday as the Fair and Rodeo moves into full swing.

The show will start at 10:00 a. m. with the judging of halter classes and then continue in the afternoon, starting at 1:00 p. m., with the judging of working and performance classes. Also highlighting the afternoon show will be the first go-round of the Amateur Calf roping contest as the final event of the day.

All entries in the horse show closed Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Any horse or contestant within Morrow county is eligible to enter, providing the horse is shown or ridden by a resident of the county.

Fred Mankin is superintendent for this year's show and Howard Bryant will act as ring master for both halter and performance classes. Emil Muller of Pendleton will serve as judge for all

divisions. Nine classes will make up the program for the halter events in the morning. They will be: first, colts foaled in 1953; second, yearlings foaled in 1952; third, two year olds foaled in 1951; fourth, stallions, three years and over; fifth, mares, three years and over; sixth, geldings, three years and over; seventh, mare and two or more produce; eighth, mare and nursing colt; ninth, sires and get three of any age, not necessarily owned by the exhibitor.

If the turnout is large enough to permit separation, registered purebreds will be shown separately. Halfbreds or grades are shown in lots according to the breeding if at least three of a breed are shown.

The performance division will get under way with a stock horse class. In the form of a reining contest, and move into a junior horsemanship class for ponies 14 hands and over. Open to children up to and including 16 years.

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August's 1.83 Rain Second Only to 1941

August made up for July's drought by pouring more rain on the city than any other August except 1941 in 33 years of record keeping in Heppner. 1.83 inches were recorded by weather recorder Len Gilliam.

Not since the record fall of 2.18 inches in 1941 and not before that had that much water fallen in Heppner. In fact, the total for the past month is more than the total inches that fell in the past nine years during August, a mere 1.68.

Rainfall for the month was concentrated in only seven days, two of those days; Sunday, Aug. 22, and Friday, Aug. 28, totaling 1.07 inches. Rainfall on Friday, the day of the waterspout that hit just below Heppner, had .53 inches.

Although records are incomplete on this score, Aug. 22's .54 inches could very likely be a record total of a single day in August.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ruth of Kennewick, Wash., were weekend guests at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. J. Chaffee.

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Many Visitors Expected for Saturday Parade

High Interest Seen by Number of New Entries

A tempting grand sweepstakes prize of \$50 is offered this year for the top float in this year's grand parade scheduled to start promptly at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and wind its way through the business section of Heppner.

According to Bill Smethurst, chairman for the event, an even better and larger parade is in the offing for Heppner visitors this year. Nearly \$500 in total prizes have been offered to winners of the various divisions, and according to advance information many new floats and entries can be expected this year.

Though it is not definitely known yet just how many visiting royal courts will be present several have indicated their intention of being here. Numerous riding club entries have also signed up for the parade, all of which will be entered in some of the special rodeo events later on in the day.

All of the usual divisions have been established for parade entries, a complete list of them having been published previously, and several blocks in north Heppner have been reserved for assembling the floats and the various other parade entries. Judging of the entries will be made prior to the start of the parade at the assembling area. This will be done by a group of outside judges obtained by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce merchants committee under the chairmanship of W. C. Rosewall.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times is a lineup plan in map form where each group is asked to meet prior to the start of the parade.

Following the parade Queen Elise and her court and other visiting courts will be guests at the county picnic to be held at noon at the courthouse park. The picnic is open to the public and coffee, punch and ice cream will be furnished for all comers.

Sudden Attack Claims Life of David A. Wilson

A sudden attack early last Friday morning took the life of David A. Wilson 58, a resident of Heppner for 47 years and for many years the active owner of Wilson's Men's Wear.

Mr. Wilson had not been ill prior to the coronary attack.

Mr. Wilson was born in county Leitrim, Ireland June 5, 1895, the son of William and Isabella Wilson. The family came to this country when he was 11 years of age and for several years he helped his father who was in business in Heppner.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at All Saints Episcopal church with Rev. John R. Reeves officiating. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving, besides his wife, Lucille, are two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Blake, Heppner; and Mrs. Dorothy Barratt, Corvallis; two brothers, William George of Odell Ore., and James of Portland; two sisters, Harriet Deos, Odell, and Katie Dobson who still lives in Ireland. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Phelps Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Many persons from out of town were present Sunday for the final rites, among them were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burrell, Lowell Ashbaugh, Dallas Wilson and James Wilson, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. John Farley, John Day; Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby, Grass Valley; Mrs. Minnie Wilson, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ward, and Miss Mayree Elder of Bremerton, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Deos and son Alva, Odell and Mrs. Mabel Hughes, Milton.

Cyril G. Brownell of Umatilla and his nephew Bob Brownell of Hermiston were Heppner visitors Thursday.



ROYAL COURT of Queen Elise I who this week will rule over the varied activities of the Fair and Rodeo. The royal court has appeared at several other shows recently and will appear mounted for the first time Saturday morning during the main parade. Shown left to right are Princesses Beth Ball, Carol Ann Wiglesworth, Queen Elise Bauernfeind, Wilma Hug and Pat McMillan. (Lyon Photo)

Registration For Heppner Schools Due 8:45, Monday

Bid Accepted For New School Wing

Schools in Heppner will open for registration at the regular time, with buses making their normal run, next Monday morning, according to H. C. Reed, Heppner Superintendent of schools.

All the grades, in both grade and high school, will register at the school. This includes the two first grade classes to be held in the Methodist and Episcopal churches. Reed asks that all children entering in these grades be accompanied by their parents on the first day, in order that information needed by the school can be provided.

Registration for those entering the first grade will include formal registration only, after which they will be allowed to return to their home with their parents. For the rest of the school, registration will take up most of the morning.

Physical Exams Due

Students entering school for the first time, either in the first grade or as a transfer, and those entering the ninth grade must be sure and complete their physical examinations and get the reports necessary into the county health office before the first day of school, reminds county health nurse, Martha Tapanainen.

The bids opened on Friday, Aug. 28, for construction of the new school addition, included a low bid of \$17,970 from McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton. The other two bids were from Simonton and Steele of Portland, \$20,077, and Lorentz Bruun of Portland, \$24,898. Construction is expected to get under way immediately.

Another teacher has been added to the school system with the hiring of Harry E. Mitchell to teach social science in the high school. Mitchell, now completing a masters degree at the University of Washington, has Notus and Boise, Idaho. This leaves only a single vacancy, an instructor for the combined fourth and fifth grade class, which Reed declares will be filled soon.

Here is a complete list of the teaching staff of the schools as it stands at this time. In the grade school: Mrs. Flower, first grade at the Methodist church; Mrs. Turner, first grade at the Episcopal church; Mrs. Sumner, combination first and second and also second grade; Mrs. Ogletree, second grade; Mrs. Beckdolt, third grade; Mrs. Grant, third grade; Mrs. Kelley, fourth grade; Miss Glavey, fifth grade; Mrs. Wolff, sixth grade; Mr. Peterson, seventh grade, and Mr. Johnson, eighth grade.

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Several New Events Planned for Weekend

Fair Now In Full Swing As All Exhibits In

The Morrow County Fair got underway yesterday afternoon as judging started on home economics and agricultural exhibits and by this morning most of the school and open class exhibits were in place as were the displays in the commercial booths.

The influx of livestock was beginning to tax the capacity of the buildings as 16 fat 4-H and FFA steers, 8 dairy cattle, 13 bulls in addition to several cows and calves were entered. Also on display were 18 fat lambs, 24 breeding sheep, five hogs and one goat.

Of top interest again this year will be the 4-H Fat Auction Sale at 7:30 Friday evening. N. C. Anderson, fair secretary said today that there will be 14 beef, 19 lambs and 4 hogs offered and reminded residents that this is a good year to stock up on top grade meat. Indicated prices this year will be 22 and 24 cents for good, choice beef, lambs 18 and 19 cents and hogs around 26 cents. An additional 10 cent limit over market price will be allowed on all except the grand champion and reserve champion, which as usual will be left to open bidding. Bernie Winks of The Dalles auction yard will handle the sale.

Preceding the sale, the popular Pig Scramble will be held in the ring with all pigs donated by 4-H members who caught their pigs in the scramble last year.

New exhibitors this year in the open class beef division are Floyd Worden, Herb Ekstrom, Kirk and Robinson and Frank Anderson. Others are expected before closing time. Judges will be Joe Johnson, from OSC who will handle all livestock and Al Nelson, Wasco county agent from The Dalles who will judge all agricultural exhibits, chickens, rabbits, ducks etc.

Again this year lunches will be served at the kitchen in the fair building with the Christian church serving Thursday, the Methodist church, Friday and the Rhea Creek Grange, Saturday. A new carnival is on hand this year, the Redwood Empire shows and many of the advance units arrived at the grounds early this week. The entire show is now in operation and is offering Morrow county youngsters several new rides and concessions.

Dances Scheduled
The popular Rodeo and Fair dances are again scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at

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Top Livestock Due For 2-Day Rodeo Starting Saturday

The toughest rodeo stock in the northwest and what may prove to be the best stock ever used in a Morrow county Rodeo will be the main attraction for the 1953 Rodeo on Sept. 5 and 6, starting at 1:15 p. m.

Harley Tucker of Joseph, Oregon, is furnishing the livestock this year. They were used at the Lewiston, Idaho, Rodeo last week and part of them are destined for the Pendleton Round-Up following the Heppner Rodeo. The brahma bulls are so tough that few of them have ever been ridden, and cowboys have been exclaiming over the equal bunch of calves and the good quality of the roping cattle, according to Harold Erwin, arena director.

Saturday's show will open with the grand entry of Queen Elise Bauernfeind and her court and the cavalcade of horses and riders. Knox Kirkland of Davis Calif. will announce the show on both days. Although a newcomer to the Morrow county Rodeo, Kirkland has been active in California, Idaho and at other Oregon Rodeos and has been working Tucker shows this year. Mrs. Harley Tucker will act as Rodeo secretary.

Big Show Promised

Featured in the two-day Rodeo will be all the top Rodeo events, professional and amateur calf roping; wild cow milking; barrel racing, saddle bronc and bull riding, catch as catch can roping; steer wrestling; bull dogging and a three horse flag race. For the kids there will also be shetland pony races.

During Sunday's show there will be an added attraction, the Morrow county derby, formerly a popular event but dropped during the past few years. This race, restricted to horses which have been in Morrow county for six months or longer, will be run for a \$100 purse, broken down to \$50, \$30, and \$20, put up by Heppner merchants.

Two top horses expected to enter the derby are Oscar George's Duke and Don Greenup's Buddy. These two thoroughbreds have never been matched in a race and should give the crowd a good show.

The amateur calf roping contest will be a two-day attraction with the final round, following a first roping at Friday's horse show, being split between Saturday and Sunday's shows. Prizes for this year's contest will again be a saddle made by Joe Snyder and presented by the Heppner Lumber company as first prize.

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