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Vagrancy Arrest Turns Up Man Wanted by FBI

The arrest by Heppner police last Wednesday of a man and a woman on a vagrancy charge and subsequent investigation of the couple by city and county police led to the disclosure this week that the man is wanted by the FBI for car theft in California. The two are being held for federal officers in the Umatilla county jail.

Harold Byron Fairchild, 22 of Gardiner, Ore., who first gave his name as Morgan, was arrested Wednesday afternoon by police chief Roscoe Kelley, after he had purchased about \$60 worth of merchandise at Wilson's Men's Wear and had given a counter check for \$74.05 to pay for the purchase. The check was written on a Portland bank, Delmar Jordan, Wilson's manager, became suspicious of the man and asked Kelley to check on him and the subsequent investigation showed he had no account in the bank. He was immediately picked up by police, as was Sigrid Marie Thomsen, 18 of Berkeley, Calif., whom he represented as his wife. Later questioning by officers revealed the girl's true name and the fact that the couple were not married.

Police recovered all the Wilson merchandise as well as the extra cash, and the couple were charged with vagrancy, to which they pleaded guilty.

A check of fingerprints, which were sent to the state police in Salem, later revealed that Fairchild was wanted on a federal warrant issued in San Francisco, charging car theft and transporting a stolen car across a state line. Further questioning of the couple led to the admission that the car had been stolen in Oakland and driven to Reno, Nevada where it was abandoned. They hitch-hiked from there to Eastern Oregon. While there is no federal charge against the girl, police said she admitted her connection with Fairchild in the theft.

State police records also revealed that Fairchild had been arrested twice previously in western Oregon on assault and robbery charges. During early questioning here, he denied having any police record, local officers said. The two are being held in the Pendleton jail pending arrival of federal officers.

Schools Observe Thanksgiving Holiday

All Morrow county schools will observe the traditional Thanksgiving holidays this weekend with at least a four-day vacation, it was announced by the county school superintendent's office.

Most schools dismissed students early Wednesday after special programs, and classes will not resume again until Monday morning.

Morrow County Judge New Head Of Counties Group

Morrow county judge, Garnet Barratt, last weekend was named president of the Association of Oregon counties, at the annual meeting of the organization in Portland. He succeeds, E. G. Arnold, county judge of Linn county.

Barratt was named to the post at the conclusion of a three-day meeting of county officials held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. New vice-president of the association is Benton county judge, George I. McBee, and Marion county commissioner, Roy J. Rice, is the secretary-treasurer.

In addition to Barratt, Morrow county commissioners Ralph I. Thompson and Russell Miller attended the meetings.

Several Attend State School Building Meet

Those from Morrow county attending the school building planning conference in Eugene Thursday, Friday and Saturday were county school superintendent, Leslie Grant and Milton Morgan of Ione, chairman of the rural school board.

Representing the local schools were superintendent H. C. Reed and Edwin Dick Jr., member of the local school board. Mrs. Dick also accompanied the group.

Following the conference, the group attended the Oregon-Oregon State football game in Eugene.

OVERLOOKED

One name, that of Diane Grant, was missed last week when the names of the Heppner high school students who made the honor roll were listed in a news story.

She wasn't flunked, just overlooked!



A HELPING HAND—stranded and in need of temporary shelter as well as a friend, this child and mother are being registered in the Volunteers of America, Mother's and Children's home, one of the agencies supported through donations to Morrow County Community Chest. Local Drive is scheduled to start next Monday.

Heppner Fire Siren To Get Daily Test During Winter Months

Heppner residents will again be able to set their clocks each noon by a blast from the fire siren, fire chief C. A. Ruggles announced this week.

A daily except Sunday test of the siren, eliminated during the summer months except on Mondays, will again be made starting next Monday, Nov. 30. The test is made during the colder weather to be certain that the siren is operating properly and ready for use when needed for emergencies. During past winters there were several occasions when the siren would not operate after a week-long layoff, because fog or snow had frozen up the mechanism. The present siren is new this year, but it was thought advisable to continue the daily test during the winter. One single blast at noon will indicate the test, more than one blast at any time of day will call firemen.

Second Line Break Darkens County

Pacific Power & Light company's widespread network of short wave radio dispatching systems played an unusual part in restoring power to Heppner following a line break on the Hermiston-Jordan transmission line of the Columbia Basin Electric co-op in the early hours Saturday morning.

J. R. Huffman, Pacific manager here, said that the line, over which the company supplies the Heppner area from its Hermiston substation, went out about 2:50 a. m. Huffman and Fred Sanders turned out with two men from the co-op and started patrolling the line from Jordan east. At the same time, Julius Gimbel, a line man began searching from Hermiston.

When the broken conductor was located—at the same spot where the other recent break occurred—Gimbel used his car radio to call Pendleton to clear the line so it could be repaired. His call was picked up by the PP&L dispatching center in Yakima and relayed to Walla Walla, which in turn alerted the Pendleton office, which normally is not staffed at night. Repairs were completed by 6:50 a. m. Huffman said.

More Interest Needed In Adult Class

Oregon School Law will be offered as an adult education class at Heppner if enough persons show interest in the course. Leslie Grant, county school superintendent said this week.

The class is scheduled to start as soon as possible, he said, but at least 12 persons must be registered to be able to hold it. At the present time only eight persons have signed up.

The class will be for two hours a night, one night weekly, Grant said.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB TO MEET

The Square Dance club will meet Saturday night in the American Legion hall at 8:00 p. m.

Results of County PMA Committee Elections Told

Returns from the PMA community committee elections were announced today by Eugene E. Peterson, county office manager of the Morrow county PMA office.

By communities the following persons were elected to help administer the PMA farm programs. The first name listed is that of the chairman, followed by vice-chairman and regular member:

Irrigon community—Lloyd Berger, Jerry Taylor, John Schwerin.

Lexington community—Norman Nelson, W. C. Van Winkle, B. H. Peck.

North Heppner community—K. G. Miller, Sam J. Turner, W. F. Barratt.

Boardman community—W. T. Forthman, Neils Kristensen, Dale Eades.

Alpine community—Jasper E. Myers, Wm. J. Doherty, John Proudfoot.

Eightmile community—Frank Anderson, Elmer Palmer, Donald Peterson.

Ione community—Lewis Hallvorsen, Lloyd Rice, Don McElligott.

Morgan community—Victor Bleimann, Franklin Lindstrom, Jim Lindsay.

South Heppner community—R. S. Thompson, Howard Cleveland, Frank E. Parker.

At the same time the community committee elections were held, a delegate from each community was elected to attend the county convention held Nov. 10 for the purpose of electing the county committee for 1954. Those chosen were H. G. Campbell, Echo; was re-elected chairman; Charles Carlson, Ione, re-elected vice-chairman and Edward Skoubo, Boardman, re-elected regular member. Two alternates are Vernon Munkers, Lexington and W. E. Hughes of Heppner.

These committees were chosen to administer the agricultural conservation program which provides assistance to aid farmers in carrying out soil and water conservation practices on their farms. In addition they have responsibilities for price support programs and acreage allotment and marketing quotas program. Both county and community committees will take office Jan. 1.

The county committee also reminded farmers that the deadline for taking a loan or purchase agreement on their 1953 grain is Jan. 31, 1954 and the deadline for reporting completed performance on their 1953 ACP practices is Jan. 5, 1954.

Junior Class Play Nets Group \$380

Members of the junior class of Heppner high school this week expressed their appreciation to the public for the response they received on their class play presented last Friday and Saturday nights.

Many fine comments were heard on the presentation and the class realized over \$380 from their efforts.

CHEST DRIVE TO START

Heppner Campaign Starts With Monday Kickoff Breakfast

Heppner's Community Chest drive will get under way next Monday morning with a kickoff breakfast at 7:00 at O'Donnell's cafe, drive chairman George Warner said this week, emphasizing that he planned a short intensive campaign to raise the reduced quota this year.

As explained previously, this year's county quota is greatly reduced from last year due to a considerable carry-over of funds from the previous campaign and county Community Chest officers felt that it was unnecessary to raise additional funds for local purposes. Only \$1906 has been set as this year's goal, the amount being just sufficient to meet the quota for the state organizations participating in the Community Chest, or as it is called in many places, The United Fund.

Warner indicated that he has nearly a full crew of volunteer solicitors to work in Heppner and asks that all be present at the Monday morning breakfast to receive final instructions. He expressed the hope that the local part of the drive could be completed in at least a week.

Robert Ferrell, Chest treasurer, this week released figures on last year's campaign showing where funds were used. The 1952 drive netted \$2,790.64 and during the year the following monies were expended by the county organization: Oregon Chest quota, \$1,395.23; aid to needy, \$84.99; contributions to local Bluebirds, Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts, \$200; Blue Mountain council, Boy Scouts, \$348.80, for a total of \$2,029.02 for 1953. The Blue Mountain council of the Boy Scouts earlier this year carried on their own fund drive, which also reduced the need for additional local money during the coming year.

Of the total to be raised in the coming campaign, 50 percent will come from the Heppner area and the balance will be apportioned among the Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon, Hardman, Cecil and Lena districts. Each area has its own drive committee and will conduct its own campaign.

Ceremonial Set By Campfire Girls

A Campfire Girls ceremonial will be held next Thursday, Dec. 3 at 4 p. m. at the Episcopal parish house it was announced Wednesday by Campfire officers.

Twelve girls from the Wa Kan Te Ka group will receive their certificates to the higher rank of Trailseekers, and 18 girls of the Lovely Bluebirds will "Fly-Up" to the rank of Campfire Girls, it was stated.

All persons interested in Campfire Girls work are invited to attend the ceremonial.

Gary Connor Wins Letter At Pacific U.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Ore.—Gary Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Connor was one of twenty members of Pacific University's varsity football team to receive his letter in football this fall.

Gary, a sophomore, has been active in football, basketball, and track and is a member of Phi Beta Tau, local social fraternity. The football team finished last in the Northwest conference with a record of no wins, four losses, and one tie.

Harvey Wright was in Portland the first of the week for a physical check up at the Veterans hospital. Chuck Bailey accompanied him to the city for dental treatment.

Glen Dard had as his guest during the past week his father, Raymond Ward and John Henner of Haines, Oregon.

Christmas Street Decorations to Go Up This Weekend

The Christmas spirit will soon prevail in Heppner, it was announced Monday at the chamber of commerce meeting as members of the club's merchants' committee made plans to brighten up downtown streets with Yuletide decorations.

The committee, headed by Clarence Rosewall, said that the committee hopes for a large turnout of members and volunteer workers Sunday afternoon at 1:30 to hang the bright tinsel decorations in the business areas of town.

It is also planned to include the strings of colored lights in this year's decorations, Rosewall said. They were not put up last year due to the power shortage and subsequent brownout, but this year no power shortage is anticipated and the lights will be used.

Heppner Calf Brings Top Money At Hermiston Sale

HERMISTON — Mrs. Ola L. Jones of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, with a whiteface heifer calf weighing 495 lbs., going for \$16.80 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports, Archie Munkers, also of Heppner, consigned a 1545 lb. whiteface bull for \$12.10, for a top of the day.

Others topping the market were V. C. Carson, Hermiston, 4 boars, 595 lbs., \$20.10 cwt.; Goodman and Still, Milton-Freewater, 4 feeder pigs, 545 lbs., \$21.80; John McIntyre, Boardman, 1 fat hog, 235 lbs., \$22.30; Marcus Brown, Hermiston, 6 ewes, \$14.00 per hd.; Wickert Brothers, Pilot Rock, 4 ewes, 485 lbs., \$4.00 cwt. E. L. Ferguson, Weston, 2 white face steers, 1365 lbs., \$17.00; C. Bryant, Milton-Freewater, 1 whiteface steer calf, 505 lbs., \$17.80; Harold Coe and sons, Milton-Freewater, 1 whiteface steer, 965 lbs., \$17.70; Ralph Techella, Pendleton, 1 whiteface cow, 1030 lbs., \$11.70 cwt.

Prices and volume were generally lower in line with other markets and due to the Thanksgiving holiday drop in emphasis on meat.

Cattle consigned numbered 562, compared with 657 the previous Friday, but still a substantial number. Also consigned were 114 hogs compared with 44 the previous week and 123 sheep at the semi-weekly sheep sale compared with the earlier 136 head.

Demand remained broad although the market was somewhat slower. Cattle prices generally dropped 50c to \$1, while hog prices were down about 50c and sheep were somewhat lower. Quality throughout was generally lower. Feeder buyers and packer buyers from Idaho, Washington and Oregon were well represented. Especially in demand at the next sale are dairy cows and fat steers and heifers grading good or choice for packer buyers.

Calves: Baby calves 3.00-15.00 hd.; weaner calves—steer calves 15.50-17.80 cwt.; heifer calves \$14.20-16.80 cwt.; veal 16.50-17.90.

Steers: Stocker steers 13.50-14.75; feeder steers 15.30-16.50; fat slaughter steers 17.00-17.70, commercials only; fat heifers, 14.50-15.60, commercials only.

Cows: Dairy cows 90.00-132.50 hd.; dairy heifers, 31.00-56.00 hd.; stock cows 100.122.50 hd. Slaughter cows: Commercial, 10.60-11.70; utility, 9.00-10.50; canner-cutter, 7.50-8.75; shells 5.00-7.00. Bulls: 10.50-12.10. Hogs: Weaner pigs, 8.50-14.00 hd.; feeder pigs, 20.00-21.80 cwt.; fat hogs, 22.00-22.30; sows, 18.10-19.60; boars, light, 18.75-20.10. Sheep: Feeder lambs, 10.50-13.75; fat lambs, 14.00-15.60; ewes 14.0 hd.; 3.25-4.00 cwt.

Weekend Storm Brings Much Rain, Little Snow

The heaviest rains of the fall hit Morrow county, and most of Oregon, last weekend, dropping at least an inch on nearly all sections of the area. Though steelhead fishermen on the John Day river didn't appreciate the downpour, most farmers looked upon the precipitation with extreme pleasure as it all soaked into the fields with practically no runoff.

Heaviest reported rainfall over the weekend was in the Gooseberry area where weather observer Leonard Carlson reported 2.5 inch on Friday and 1.25 inches on Sunday. This brings the total for November in that section to 1.79 inches.

Heppner fared nearly as well, getting .93 inch Sunday.

Even in the higher elevations the storm brought just rain early Sunday, but by Monday morning it had changed to snow and five inches was reported on the ground in the mountains between Hardman and the John Day.

The day-long downpour Sunday pleased wheat farmers in particular, as practically all seeding is finished. There were no reports of any washing from the storm, though several points in Western Oregon and along the coast reported flood conditions as a result of it.

Livestock Producers Plan Marketing Meet Dec. 1 at Prineville

Oregon livestock producers will hold their final regional discussion of marketing problems on December 1 at 10 a. m. at the Prineville courthouse.

The meeting is the third to be held regionally for producers as a preliminary to the Oregon livestock and marketing conference, January 6 and 7. The others were November 10 in Baker and November 24 in Corvallis.

Oregon State college's extension service is sponsoring the January conference to look over meat marketing practices in the state. Participating are six groups from producer to consumer, with a member of the extension service staff serving as secretary for each.

James T. Ellings, animal husbandry specialist who is secretary for the producer group, invites any livestock producer, organization or individual interested in marketing to attend.

He said that in addition to discussing the problems, the group will work out possible suggestions for their solution and questions to ask other groups at the January conference.

Recent break in livestock prices and the cost-price squeeze confronting the livestock producers are two of the reasons Ellings cited for examining the state's livestock marketing.

In addition, the animal husbandry specialist mentioned record numbers of cattle in the United States, low point in the hog cycle, recent decline in wool market, and low lamb prices. All red meats are to be included in the discussions.

LOCAL WHEATGROWERS URGED TO MAKE SUPPORT PLAN FEELINGS KNOWN

The executive committee of the newly organized Morrow County Wheat Growers League met at the secretary's office, last week, to discuss plans for the organization and to make arrangements for attending the annual meeting, Oregon Wheat Growers League, which will be held this year at La Grande on December 3, 4, 5.

Main order of business for the evening was the review of the articles of Association and By-laws, which will be taken up at the annual meeting for minor corrections. The committee considered Umatilla county wheat-growers challenge that they will have the largest percentage of Oregon Wheat Growers League members present at the annual meeting. Since Morrow county has the largest percentage of its farmers as members of the League, the group felt that Morrow county farmers could accept the challenge with a little cooperation from the farm people.

The group urged all to attend since price supports will be a major topic for discussion at this year's annual meeting. With the present price support program expiring on July 1, 1954, all wheat farmers are urged to make themselves heard as to the type of program that they would like to have put into effect after the present one expires.

Those who plan to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League are urged to make reservations with the La Grande chamber of commerce, now.

Those attending the executive committee meeting were: H. G. Campbell, Echo, president; Ralph Crum, Ione, vice-president; N. C. Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Kenneth Smouse, second vice-president, Oregon Wheat Growers League; John Graves, chairman, youth activities committee; Frank Anderson, chairman, production and land use committee; Henry Baker, chairman, wheat disposal & transportation committee; and Raymond Lundell, chairman, federal agricultural programs committee.

Seven 4-H Club Members Get Pigs

Morrow county 4-H club members catching pigs in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo pig scramble last fall were delivered pigs for their project last weekend. The pigs were purchased from the Paul Muller ranch at Wamic, Ore., and are Tamworth-Landrace crosses, which are excellent bacon type gilts. They will serve as foundation for pig-breeding projects.

Those getting pigs were: Kit George and Connie Anderson, Heppner; Robert Campbell, Echo; John, Ralph and Ivan Akers, Ione. Donating the pigs were: John Graves and Harold Peck, Heppner; Alfred Nelson, Jr., Lexington; Bill Brannon, Alvin McCabe, and Ronnie McCabe, Ione.

ONLY **24** MORE SHOPPING DAYS til Christmas

