

Grain Storage Problem Eases With Release of Mothball Ships

Start of Local Grain Shipments Hoped by April 1

Confirmation received Monday by Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, from Senator Guy Gordon in Washington, D. C. and an announcement the same day by the Maritime Administration in Astoria that 135 government owned "mothball" ships at Astoria and Puget Sound would be used for storage of carryover grain, eased the wheat and barley storage problem for the coming harvest and assured an orderly handling of this county's crops.

Lamb received the telegram from Senator Gordon Monday which stated that about 90 ships at Astoria and 40 in Puget Sound would be put into use in time to allow shipment of from 30 to 40 million bushels of the 1953 wheat crop prior to the 1954 harvest. At the present time, practically all storage facilities in the area are still full. Upon receipt of the telegram Lamb immediately announced his full expectation that all wheat and barley grown in Morrow county could be taken care of as harvested in elevator storage now constructed.

Other Construction Helps

To further bolster hopes that adequate storage facilities will be available in 1954 was the announcement by Pete Stalpeck of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association in Spokane that new commercial storage under construction would exceed 23 million bushels of space. This figure does not include the 5 million bushels of new terminal No. 4 in Portland, which was announced Monday. Neither does it include any on-the-farm storage construction.

Lamb advised that his prediction of adequate commercial storage space for the coming harvest was based on anticipating the same total yield of wheat and barley combined in 1954 as was produced in 1953. His estimate was also based on reports from Astoria which indicate that shipment of 1953 carryover grain to the idle ships will begin around April 1. If this is true, he said, local grain elevators can be cleared prior to the beginning of the 1954 harvest.

MCCG Meeting Called

Further and more complete data regarding storage outlook and plans will be released by the Grain Growers manager at the special meeting of the organization next Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Heppner American Legion hall. It will start at 1:30 p. m.

Jeep Spill on Ice Injures Jeff Walker

Jeff Walker, Heppner, is in the Pioneer Memorial hospital suffering from injuries received when his jeep hit an icy spot on the Willow creek road about 12 miles above Heppner and overturned in the ditch, early Wednesday morning. He suffered an injured shoulder and cut arm, but his injuries were not classified as serious, it was reported.

Walker was found walking down the road by Clarence Wise and Robert Campbell who were on their way to work in the area. They brought him to the hospital for treatment.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hunt, Fossil, a 5 lb. 13 oz. girl born Feb. 6, named Ava Terry. To Mr. and Mrs. Val Dotolo, Kinzua, a 6 lb. 3 oz. boy born Feb. 9 named William Val. To Mr. and Mrs. David Raskin, Ione, twin boys born Feb. 9, Jay weighed 5 lbs. 12 ozs and Jon weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs.

Medical—Anita Peterson, Heppner; Sandra Jean Wells, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Betty Ledford, Fossil, dismissed; Mrs. Edith Nicholson, Ione, dismissed; Mrs. Beth McBride, Heppner.

Major Surgery—Elmer McQuinn, Spray; Dempsey D. Archer, Condon, dismissed; Mrs. Hazel Jackson, Ione; Mrs. Mildred Morris, Heppner; Sharon Case, Heppner; Mrs. Mae Hartman, Heppner. Out-Patients—Jesse Beam, La Grande; Garnet Barratt, Heppner. Minor Surgery—Jeff Walker, Heppner.

WEATHER BOOMERANGS ON HEPPIER, FOG BLANKET STAYS FOR 12 DAYS

After 12 days of living under a nearly solid blanket of fog, most Heppner residents were about ready to yell "uncle" and see if they couldn't do something about the way the weatherman has been treating them ever since a week ago Sunday.

The thick, dripping gray blanket of fog descended on Heppner Jan. 31, and until Monday, Feb. 8 the sun never once peeped through, and then it was for only a very short period early in the morning. Tuesday morning brought even briefer periods of sunshine and then the fog lowered the boom on residents for the rest of the day. A dropping barometer Tuesday and Wednesday gave indication that a change in the weather picture might be in the offing, and though the layer stayed up around the hillsides Wednesday, the sun couldn't get through to brighten up the town.

All of the time Heppner was lost in fog, the weather forecast for the rest of the state was for bright spring-like days. Yesterday however, the state forecast was for fog, but what that might mean here was anybody's guess.

The blanket kept daytime temperatures in Heppner to around 35 degrees, while at night the mercury dropped just enough to cause the fog to freeze to trees and wires.

What made local residents even more unhappy was the fact that a trip of only a few miles in any direction would take them into the spring weather that they were supposed to get at home. The fog caused one death in Heppner, that of J. W. "Kit" Carson, when his plane crashed into Heppner's west hill Feb. 2.

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Confirmation of the dates for the area meetings being held for the purpose of letting residents aid in setting land values under the county tax reappraisal program, was made this week by Mrs. Joe Hughes, county assessor. The dates for the various meetings was announced last week, but some were only tentative at that time, she said. They have since been confirmed.

Each of the meetings will start at 1:30 p. m., it was announced and residents of each area will receive cards prior to the date. The entire list is run here for reference.

Feb. 16, North Heppner community, court room.
Feb. 17, South Heppner community, court room.
Feb. 18, Eight Mile community, court room.
Feb. 19, Ione community, Ione Legion hall.
Feb. 23, Lexington community, Lexington grange hall.
Feb. 24, Alpine community, Pine City school.
Feb. 25, Morgan community, Ione Legion hall.

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Death Claims Mrs. Belle LeFort

Mrs. Belle LeFort, 83 a resident of this section of Morrow county for most of her life, died Monday at a Pendleton hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Folsom's Funeral Chapel in Pendleton and burial was in the Vin. son cemetery.

Mrs. LeFort was born in Cuttingsville, Vermont and came to Oregon when she was 16 years of age. She had lived in or near Heppner and at Huntington since coming to this country. Mrs. LeFort was a resident of Heppner at the time of the flood of 1903 and was one of the persons who recounted her experiences of that disaster in an article published in the special flood edition of the Gazette Times last June. During recent years she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Brosnan on Butter Creek.

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School Crosswalk Light Problem Closer to Solution

Leslie Grant, chairman of the chamber of commerce school crosswalk lighting committee, told the group Monday that things were looking a little brighter for getting some type of warning lights at the two much-discussed crosswalks in Heppner. A safety engineer from the state highway department was in Heppner last week and made the suggestion that an illuminated "Cross-Walk" sign be placed at the Tum-A-Lum crossing on Main street and also said that the department will work out a recommended traffic control plan for the three-way intersection in front of the court house.

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Cattlemen's Assn. Range Bull Sale Set February 12 and 13

Many ranchers from the Pendleton area have consigned bulls to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association fifth annual Range Bull Sale to be held in Ontario on February 12 and 13.

Double M Hereford Ranch, of Stanfield; William Duff Adams; Harold Eakin, Grass Valley; F. S. and Stanley Green, Stanfield; Richard Larson, Pendleton; Balle Rand, Irrigon; and Ernest Sires, Stanfield have offerings for this annual sale sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Judge Tipplett, well known Walla Walla county cattleman will serve as one of the graders. Others are Harve McDougal, commercial cattleman of Collinsville, California, and Paul Muller, Wasco county cattleman. Dr. William Hansell, Athena will serve on the sifting committee with Jim Ellings, Oregon State college.

The sale will feature 92 Herefords, 5 Polled Herefords and 13 Shorthorns. The Oregon Short-horn Breeders have joined with the Cattlemen's Association in this sale.

Social Security Benefits Explained

In these uncertain times, the worker who is insured under the social security can take comfort from the fact that a measure of financial security is guaranteed him and his dependents through the payment of his social security taxes. Social Security representatives say. To examine this protection more closely, first, there are retirement benefits for the insured person and his family when he retires at age 65. And second, in the event of his death, monthly benefits are payable to his dependent children under 18, and their mother or, if his family grown, to his widow when she reaches 65. A lump-sum death benefit is also payable to help with funeral expenses when he dies no matter at what age. For further information about social security payments consult the social security office at La Grande.

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Representative Sam Coon

Rep. Sam Coon to Seek Reelection

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Sam Coon of Baker, who represents Oregon's second district in Congress, announced today that he will be a candidate for re-election.

When first elected, Sam Coon was named to the powerful Appropriations Committee, a rate honor for a new Congressman. Expressing himself as being devoted to the idea of reducing government expenditures, which he says will lead further to tax relief, Representative Coon emphasized the fact that his committee last year cut the budget estimates of the previous administration by more than 13 billion dollars.

A cattle rancher for 22 years, Sam Coon is a university graduate, with a B. A. degree in business administration. He was State Senator from Baker county before he was elected to Congress.

Hermiston Prices Holding Steady

HERMISTON—O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with a 1500 lb. white-face bull that sold for \$16.30 and a 1485 lb. registered bull selling for \$22.60 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reported.

Volume was up and prices were steady. Consigned were 340 cattle, compared with 273 the previous Friday, 159 hogs compared with 91, 211 sheep at the semi-weekly sheep sale compared with 48, and 12 horses.

Quality cattle was generally lower, lacking in the finish of the previous week, but prices were steady. Hogs were of the same quality and steady in price and sheep were fully steady, lambs of better quality and ages March 1, lambing ewes bringing up to \$13.50 cwt. Demand was broad and active, with feeder and farmer buyers competing and Washington and Oregon packers also well represented. In current demand for the coming sale are good stock cows ready to calf, commercial cows and good to choice fat heifers.

Others topping the market were R. V. Reed, Spray, 7 feeder pigs, 790 lbs., \$27.60 cwt.; Elbert Walls, Hermiston, 6 weaner pigs, \$18.00 per hd.; J. E. Bennett, Hermiston, 575 lb. boar, \$10.50 cwt.; Curt Benninghoben, Pasco, 10 mixed lambs, 900 lbs., \$18.20; Marcus Brown, Hermiston, 200 lb. fat hog, \$28.00 per hd.; Ned Roberts, Paterson, Wash., 930 lb. whiteface fed steer, \$21.00; Harry Molstrom, Pendleton, 1 registered bull, \$252.50 per hd.

Calves: Baby calves 3.50-17.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves, lower quality, 18.50-19.75 cwt.; heifer calves 17.75-19.20 cwt.; veal 22.50-24.75.

Steers: Stocker steers 46.25-17.60 cwt.; feeder steers 17.60-18.90; fat slaughter steers 19.50-21.00; fat heifers, no good or choice grades 17.10-18.60.

Cows: Dairy cows 100.00-142.50 hd.; dairy heifers 31.00-58.00 hd.; stock cows 129.00-147.00 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 14.75-1.00 cwt.; utility 11.75-14.00; canner-cutter 8.50-11.00, few heavy Holsteins to 12.90; shells .50-7.10.

Bulls: 14.10-16.10.
Hogs: Weaner pigs 15.25-18.00 rd.; feeder pigs 25.75-27.60 cwt.; fat hogs 27.10-28.00; sows 23.10-24.60; boars 1.575 lbs., 10.50 cwt.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 14.60-16.10; fleshy mixed feeder and fat lambs, up to 18.20 cwt.; ewes, 9.50-13.50 hd.; bucks 3.50-5.50 cwt.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Houston of Ukiah.

Wheat League Exec. Committee To Meet Friday at Lexington

The executive committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League will meet Friday at the Lexington Grange hall for their quarterly business meeting. Officers of the Wheat League, standing committees, and executive committee members from each of the county organizations make up the executive group.

The executive committee have in the past met at Pendleton but this year proposed to meet out in some of the Columbia Basin counties where it might be possible for wheat farmers to attend and discuss problems of their county organization. Morrow county is the first county to invite the executive committee to try this plan of operation, and if it is successful it will be continued.

The meeting will start at 3:00 p. m. and will continue during the day with business of the executive committee as the program for the day. An open meeting will be held in the evening and all Morrow county farmers are invited to attend. It will begin at 8:00 p. m. A great share of the executive committee members will stay over for the evening meeting to discuss with our wheat farmers the program set up for the year that the Oregon Wheat Growers League now have under way.

Water Resources Hearing Monday At Arlington Gym

The state water resources committee will be listening to water problems of a six-county area at 1 p. m. Monday, February 15, in the Arlington grade school gymnasium.

It is the first of a series being held throughout the state to find out what water problems are and what should be done about them. The meetings are to gather public opinion.

Lyle F. Watts of Portland, chairman of the committee, is particularly interested in local water problems of stream pollution, fish and recreation, industrial development, irrigation and drainage, and domestic and livestock supplies. The committee also seeks opinions on what should be done about small dams.

According to Charles A. Tom, floor leader for the Arlington meeting, everyone who has a water problem to present or a proposed solution to an existing problem will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Watts pointed out that water is one of Oregon's most important natural resources, and citizens have a responsibility to help solve its problems.

Arrangements to make a statement at the meeting can be made through Tom, chamber of commerce secretaries or the county agent, N. C. Anderson. Counties expected to be represented are Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler, Morrow, Umatilla, and Gilliam.

Findings of the state water resources committee are to be submitted to the 1955 state legislature as a proposed guide for developing the water supplies.

L. Redding of Carson, Washington, father of Mrs. C. Ervin Anderson, was taken to Portland on Wednesday where he will enter Emanuel hospital for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Holt of Oswego are the parents of a son, their second child, born Feb. 3. The grandmother is Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman and the great-grandmother is Mrs. Lee Cantwell.

KINZUA PINE MILLS TO GO ON TWO- SHIFT BASIS SOON, CHAMBER TOLD

The mill operation of Kinzua Pine Mills will go on a two-shift basis some time in May, the chamber of commerce was told Monday noon by Bob Kennedy, logging manager for Kinzua Pine Mills Co., and Eastern Logging company, its woods affiliate. The entire operation was purchased several months ago by a group of Washington Lumber operators.

Other changes planned by the new owners will include closing down the box factory. Kennedy said that while a two-shift operation of the big plant will mean a faster cutting of available timber, even at the high rate of cut there is sufficient pine area adjacent to the mill to sustain it for 15 to 20 years. It is only planned at the present

Lex Board Turns Down Joint High School Proposal

Members of the Lexington school board this week made it known that they have no intention to consider the proposed combination of the Lexington high school with the Ione school, as was announced last week following a joint meeting of the Lexington and Ione school boards with the rural school board. They also site several cost figures to bear out their stand, and indicated that unless the residents of the Lexington school district themselves ask for a vote on the question, they will not call one.

The Lexington board said that a check of cost figures for the Lexington and Ione districts show that Lexington is educating its high school students at a lower cost per pupil than is Ione, contrary to a statement made previously. A check of the final audit report for the 1952-53 school year shows the pupil-year cost at Lexington to be \$727.23, or \$5,479 per pupil day compared with Ione's cost for the same period of \$878.64 per pupil-year or \$5,564 per pupil day.

Budget figures for the current 1953-54 budget, gathered by the Lexington board and cited by them as proof of lower costs at their school, show a total high school operation cost of \$15,999 for Lexington and \$38,660 for Ione. This figure divided by the number of students in each school (22 at Lexington and 51 at Ione) makes the current per student-year cost at Lexington approximately \$730 while Ione's is roughly \$760.

The board also questioned the statement that they were having troubles keeping high school teachers, and pointed to the fact that their difficulties in this line were no greater than were suffered by other county schools.

The board, through its clerk, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael said that it definitely was not interested in the proposal, which came from the Ione district, and probably would not even have attended the joint meeting had the invitation not been extended through the rural board.

The proposed plan was to transport Lexington's high school students to Ione on the premise that better facilities were available there and that education costs could be reduced. The board said its figures proved it could save money by keeping its students in the present location.

Members of the Lexington board are Millard Nolan, chairman; Adolphe Majeske and Elwynne Peck directors. Mrs. Carmichael is clerk.

C of C Announces Special Sales Event

Plans are underway this week for a city wide special sales event to be held Feb. 26 and 27 in Heppner, Phil Blakney, chairman of the chamber of commerce merchants committee, sponsors of the event said today.

The committee is currently contacting all local merchants and the event, which will be announced through the Gazette Times and special advertising on Feb. 25, is expected to attract many shoppers to Heppner, by offering many special buys during the two days.

The event is part of a series of special sales events scheduled during the year.

SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Robinson are the parents of a 7 lb. 8 oz. son born February 9 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He has been named Kirk LeRoy.