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County Prepared To Store Grain; '54 Crop Estimated

Present storage facilities should adequately handle this year's wheat and barley crop in Morrow county, Al Lamb, manager, Morrow County Grain Growers, said at a special meeting of the Grain Growers held Saturday afternoon at the American Legion hall. About 80 persons were present.

The future storage prospects have improved greatly in the last few weeks due to the expected transfer of 30,000,000 bushels of regional grain to emergency ship storage through the Commodity Credit Corporation prior to harvest, he said.

In addition the reported sale of 15,000,000 bushels of old crop wheat to Japan for March and April makes a total of 45,000,000 bushels of grain to be transferred in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Since 85,000,000 bushels of grain under loan are now in storage in the three states, the sale of wheat to Japan and the emergency ship loading will take care of over half the presently stored grain, Lamb pointed out.

Additional commercial storage space of 30,000,000 bushels has been or is in the process of construction in the three states, of which nearly a third percent is in the Portland-Vancouver area. Several million bushels of wheat will also be ground into feed and flour before the new harvest sets in, he added.

"While Morrow county has 1,250,000 bushels of farm storage space constructed or under construction, this farm storage is expected to be increased to a total of 1,400,000 bushels by harvest. Commercial elevator capacity in the county is 2,600,000 bushels, which makes a total storage capacity 4,000,000 bushels. This total storage capacity will be reduced by the amount of grain carried over," Lamb explained.

The estimated county wheat and barley crop for 1954 is 4,000,000 bushels. Certain portions of the county crop are handled in neighboring counties and the Grain Growers have been promised terminal storage space at Portland for excess grain, said Lamb.

The Grain Growers will construct unloading facilities on the Columbia river near Boardman providing sufficient funds are raised. Transfer of grain for emergency storage is expected to start the early part of April.

To obtain the benefits of early shipping ranchers will be asked to release wheat under loan earlier than the present release date of April 30. Requests for such releases will be made directly to the rancher.

The financial report to January 31, 1954 showed net earnings since June 1 in excess of \$100,000 and a present net worth of over \$600,000. Current assets exceeded current liabilities by a ratio of three to one. In addition total assets exceed total liabilities three to one.

A letter will go out next week to members of the Morrow County Grain Growers association explaining in detail the storage and shipping plan given at the meeting. Information concerning the purchase of unloading facilities at Boardman will be included.

Plans Nearly Done For Hospital Wing

County judge Garnet Barratt and hospital administrator John Ernsdorff were in Portland Monday consulting with architects on revised plans for the new wing for Pioneer Memorial hospital.

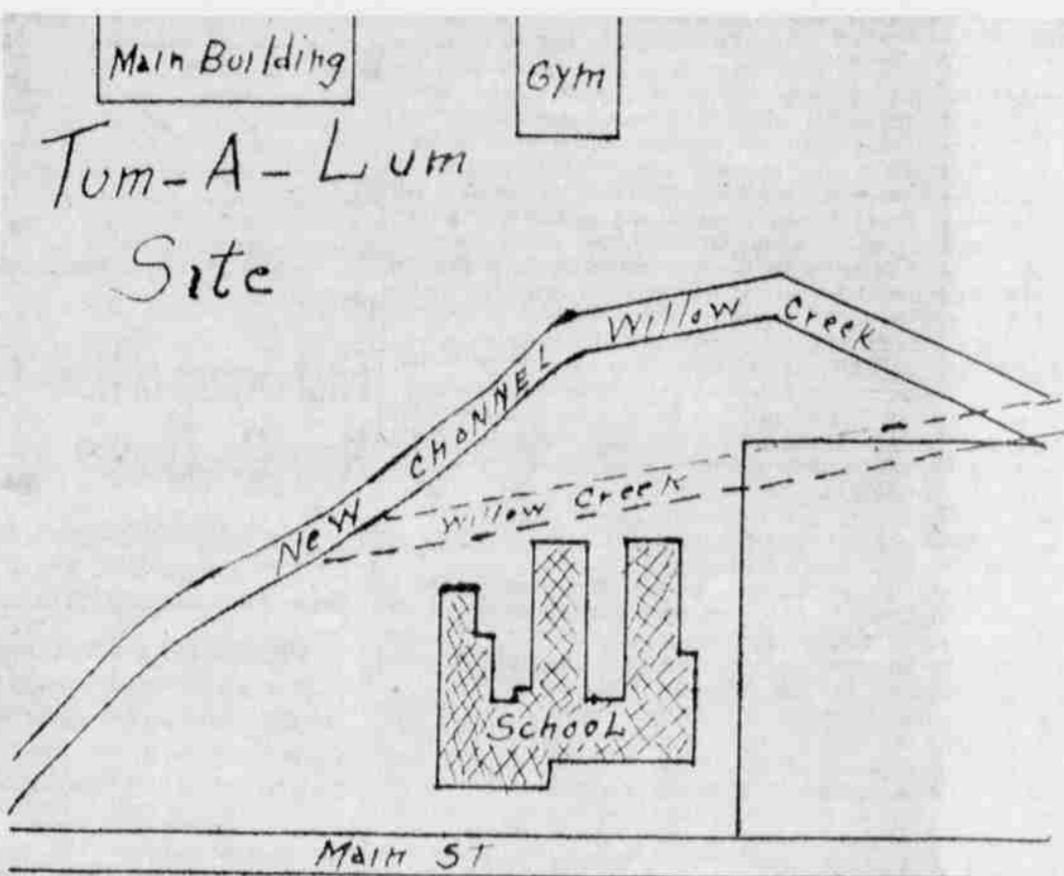
Barratt said on his return that they have now got the plans reduced to where they are within the county's ability to pay for the expansion, and while some hoped for rooms had to be eliminated, the addition will be about as planned. It will provide 15 more beds in the general hospital and six in the lower level nursing home.

As soon as the redraft is completed, the plans will be sent to the public health service for final approval.

CROP INSURANCE AGENT COMING TUESDAY

The local A. S. C. (PMA) office announced today that Archie Beamer, Crop Insurance agent for Morrow county, will be in the Heppner office all day this coming Tuesday, February 23.

Cecelia Carty, acting office manager, stated that anyone who has questions regarding Federal Crop Insurance should call or come into the ASC office on that day and talk to Mr. Beamer.



HOW PROPOSED HEPPNER SCHOOL would be situated on the Tum-A-Lum site is shown in this sketch. The dotted line shows the present approximate location on Willow Creek, the channel of which would be moved east to about where it is shown in the drawing. The square in the lower right hand corner is land which is now occupied by the Heppner Laundry, Richfield station and a few houses and it is not proposed to buy this area. . . . No attempt has been made to draw the school as it might ultimately appear, but only to show approximately where it would be located on the property in relation to the present school and gymnasium building. If the Tum-A-Lum site is approved by the voters at the special election March 4, work of preparing plans and specifications and estimates can be started immediately, and it will leave the Brock-Devin area north of the present school building available for the location of a new gymnasium which will probably have to be built some time in the future. When and if a new gym is built, it will leave the present gym open for the use of the grade school students who will be housed adjacent to it if the elementary building is located as shown here. The present Tum-A-Lum Lumber company buildings are located about where the two right hand wings of the school are shown in the sketch.

C of C Talks Indicate Faster Freight Service

A group of Union Pacific railroad officials and representatives of Platt's Truck Service, met here last week with members of the Heppner chamber of commerce and several members of the Morrow county board of directors to discuss the possibility of faster express and freight service into the Arlington-Heppner-Condor areas, and received assurances from the railroad men that everything possible would be done to give this section faster service.

The request for faster service had been made through the local chamber of commerce and the meeting of the many interested parties was called in an attempt to find a solution to the question.

U. P. officials told the group that they will make every effort to get the car that carries freight and express for this section out of Portland on the first train each evening which should bet it into Arlington early in the morning. From there the freight is delivered to the Heppner area and Condor and Fossil by Platt's Truck service. It was indicated that it should be possible to get such shipments into Heppner by 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning, rather than about noon as is frequently the case at present, if the proper scheduling could be worked out.

P-TA Congress Meets Feb. 27 at Hermiston

The Morrow and Umatilla county regional meeting of the Oregon Congress of P. T. A. will be held Saturday, February 27, at the Hermiston high school, Leslie Grant, regional committee chairman, said today.

The Hermiston meeting is one of 22 regional conferences held in the state under the sponsorship of the Congress of P. T. A. and the Oregon Education Association to discuss school problems.

Morrow county people appearing on the program include Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, chairman of the committee on education and its functions; Gene Inskip, Irrigon school superintendent, chairman of the committee on the organization of school districts; James Vanover, Lexington school superintendent, and Ray G. Anderson, Boardman school superintendent, are consultants on the panel concerned with Oregon's growing school population.

Fred Martin, Ione, president of the Ione P. T. A. is a consultant on the group studying methods of obtaining more effective citizen participation in school problems and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Heppner, is a member of the panel for the general afternoon sessions. Mrs. Blaine Isom, Pendleton, a former Heppner resident, is regional vice president of the state board of the O. C. P. T. A. and will appear on the program.

All county residents are invited and urged to attend the conference, Grant said. Registration opens at 9:15 a. m. and the sessions start at 10 a. m.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Frank Bennett, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande. His topic will be "How Can We Improve Our School Through Community Participation?"

Red Cross Drive Opens March 1

The Morrow county campaign for Red Cross funds will begin March 1, Mrs. Lowell Gribble, county chairman, said today. The county quota for this year is \$1750.

The county Red Cross chapter hopes to secure chairman and solicitors for county towns and communities this week.

Ione Board Issues Statement of Joint School Use Proposal

Referring to a recent meeting between Ione and Lexington school boards at a rural board meeting at which time the possibility of joint use of the Ione high school facilities by the two schools was discussed, the Ione board this week issued the following statement:

"The board of education of Ione and the school administration wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Lexington school board and the Rural school board for the meeting held recently at the court house.

"We are appreciative of the time taken and grateful to all those present."

It was signed by the Ione board of education and the administration.

Work Started on New School Budgets

Local school district boards and budget committees have started preparing their budgets for 1954-55, Leslie Grant, county school superintendent, said today.

Hardman school board and budget committee met February 3 at the Hardman school with Adrian Becholdt, rural school board member, and Grant was also in attendance.

The Lexington board and committee met Thursday afternoon, February 11, with superintendent Grant to begin preliminary work on their budget. Other school boards have not yet set dates for preliminary budget work.

The Rural School Board plans to visit all county schools during the early part of March to make final audit of local budgets. The final date for these audits is March 15, Grant said.

WYMAN BUYS WHEAT. TREAT BUSINESS

Lester Wyman has purchased the wheat treating and cleaning business formerly owned by J. W. "Kit" Carson who was recently killed in a plane crash here.

Projects To Spur Wheat Use Voted At Wheat League

Methods of spurring the use of wheat and routine business were discussed at the quarterly business meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League held Friday at the Lexington Grange hall.

The group voted to make a survey of stores and housewives in the Portland area to determine why more bread is not consumed and methods of increasing its sale. A home economics worker will be hired to make the survey, which is known as the "Portland Project."

A marketing specialist will be sent to India to encourage wheat consumption and to show the people of India how to use and prepare it. Rice is now the main staple in their diet. These are the main projects listed on this \$113,000 budget set up for 1954, committeemen said.

A film, "Give Us This Day", telling the story of wheat since Biblical times, will be available soon for origination and public gatherings throughout the Wheat League.

Morris Wilson, president, Mayville, presided over the day sessions which opened at 10 a. m. The dinner meeting was led by Glen Campbell, Echo, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers' association. The home economics club of the Lexington Grange served 27 at the noon luncheon and 38 at the evening banquet.

Dinner speeches were given by Wilson who explained the history and importance of the Wheat League and by Kenneth Smouse, Ione, vice president of the National League. Smouse, who returned last week from Wichita, Kansas where he attended the League's national meeting, explained the county organization in relation to the state and national groups.

Harry Pikerton, Moro, one of the oldest living presidents of the Wheat League told of its founding at Moro in February, 1928, just 26 years ago. It was formed to do something about the production and marketing of wheat during the crucial farm economy of that time, he said.

Speech Festival Set At Teachers Meeting

The Lexington teachers were host at a meeting of the Morrow county teachers group of the Oregon Education Association Monday night at the Lexington school. A dinner was served to about 55 members by the Lexington P. T. A.

The Morrow county school speech festival will be held on March 16 at the Boardman school, Mrs. LaVerne Partlow, Boardman chairman of the festival committee, reported. The festival will start at 1:30 p. m. and continue into the evening when the one-act plays by high school groups will be presented.

Marble Cook of the state O. E. A. staff discussed the insurance program for teachers and Miss Estella Howe, new high school teacher at Lexington, showed slides of Holland, Germany and other foreign countries taken while she was doing secretarial work with the occupational forces.

MEN ATTEND DAD'S DAY AT OSC

Attending Oregon State college Dad's Day in Corvallis over the weekend were Sam Turner who visited his son, Kenneth; Leslie Grant who stayed with his son, Mike; John Bergstrom whose son, Gerald, is a student; Conley Lanham who visited his son, Mickey, and E. W. Bergstrom, Ione, who stayed with his son, Rudy.

NEW JURY LIST DRAWN UP
The new jury list of nearly 250 names released by the county court is published in full in this paper. Circuit court juries will be drawn from the list in 1954.

New Condon Elks Lodge To Be Instituted Feb. 27

Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 will conduct initiation ceremonies for a class of 20 candidates at the dedication ceremonies of the new Condon Elks temple on Feb. 27.

Other events on the program are the dedication rites scheduled after the 3 p. m. initiation. Many of the state's leading Elks including past Grand Exalted Ruler, Frank Louergan of Portland, will be on hand to assist with the dedication.

At 6:30 p. m. Elks and their ladies will be the guests of the Condon lodge for a buffet dinner followed by dancing at 10 p. m. A full program for the ladies will begin at 2 p. m. at the Veteran's Memorial hall with a coffee hour. Pouring will be Mrs. Jas. D. Burns and Mrs. Carl Anderson, and hostesses will be the wives of Condon lodge officers and trustees.

At 3 p. m. there will be a style show featuring fashions from Marvel's and Jackson's in Condon and Eleanor's in Arlington.

Post Office To Be Closed Next Monday

Heppner postmaster James Driscoll reminded residents this week that the post office will be closed Next Monday, Feb. 22 in observance of Washington's birthday, a national holiday.

The closure will mean that no mail will be received in Heppner, or other Willow creek valley towns, from Saturday morning until Tuesday morning and that the last outgoing mail until Tuesday night will be Saturday night. Mail for the Condon-Fossil area must be mailed before Friday night closing, or it will not leave here until Tuesday night, Driscoll said.

Pine Pruning Crew Working at Tupper

A three-man crew is pruning Ponderosa pine trees in the Tupper area of the Umatilla National Forest, Wayne West, forest ranger for the Heppner District, said today. The crew, consisting of Whitmer Wright, Oliver Creswick and Walter Ray, have been working on the project for the past six weeks and have the job about half completed.

Pine pruning, which is done with hand and machine pruners, is done on fast growing, young trees to promote the growth of clear timber, free of knots, West said. Future crops will be ready for harvest in another 100 to 125 years.

South slopes in the Tupper area are fairly clear of snow except for shady spots, West said.

March of Dimes Brings In \$2462.47

A total of \$2,462.47 has been collected on the March of Dimes drive for Morrow county to date, according to Jack Marshall, local chairman.

Funds from the various communities are Heppner, \$1,719.00; Ione, \$276.46; Lexington, \$224.08; Irrigon and Boardman, \$229.97; and Hardman, \$129.96.

Chapman To Speak at C of C Annual Meet

Don Chapman, vice president of Equitable Savings and Loan company in Portland will be the speaker at the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce annual banquet scheduled for Monday night, March 1, Jeff Carter, chamber president has announced.

The banquet, an annual affair of the organization, will be held at the Legion hall starting at 6 p. m.

Permanent State Water Commission Is Recommended

Water resources within the state can best be handled through a permanent water resources commission, according to the group opinion of every county representative attending the Water Resources Committee hearing held Monday at Arlington.

Morrow county representatives attending the hearing were James and Burton Peck, O. W. Cutsforth, Irvin Rauch, Newt O'Harra, and Julian Rauch, Lexington; Henry Baker, and Oscar Peterson, Ione; Herbert Hynd, Jack Hynd and George Miller, Cecil; John Wightman and N. C. Anderson, Heppner. About 200 people from Columbia Basin counties were represented at the hearing.

Conservation and management of water resources should start in the local water sheds at the source, the group agreed. Several counties asked that new surface and ground water codes be drawn up for the state and that a constant check should be kept on the water depth in the various areas, using existing wells where possible.

Conservation of water resources for recreational purposes was stressed as an important aspect of the resource picture. The Pendleton Fish and Game Club suggested that live beavers be placed in high mountain streams for dam building to hold back water and prevent flood and erosion damage.

Among the recommendations made by the Morrow county delegation was the matching of the county funds with state funds to insure reasonable local control, regular recording of stream flow data for issuing water permits and adjudicating water, and the development of dams to hold winter run-off.

Early flooding of irrigated lands in the fall and winter to help retain the underground water table was urged.

Heppner Bowlers Take Third in Tourney

Heppner's bowling team placed third in the team D division at the state bowling tournament held last weekend at Albany. Members of the team are Walt Barger, Floyd Sayers, Roscoe Kelly, Bill Collins and Conley Lanham. Barger placed second in the single C division runoff.

Also attending the tourney were Mrs. Barger, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Collins. Lanham stayed with his son, Mickey, at Oregon state college, Corvallis where he attended the University of Washington-Oregon State game.

Lions Club Charter Night Set March 20

Arrangements were completed last weekend for a charter night banquet and program for the new Heppner Lions club to be held at the Legion hall Saturday evening, March 20, president Lowell Gribble announced this week.

The banquet is scheduled to start at 7 p. m. and a large group of visitors from Pendleton, Umatilla, Hood River, and other clubs are expected to be present for the affair. The charter presentation will be under the direction of the Pendleton club which was active in aiding in the formation of the new one in Heppner.

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COUNTY POPULATION INCREASES 4.9% SINCE 1950; ESTIMATED AT 5,017

Morrow county's population has increased 4.9 percent since 1950, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of Oregon State Board of Health in its estimate of Oregon's July 1, 1953 population.

The 1950 census showed Morrow county's population to be 4,783 persons. The Health Bureau estimated and adjusted figure gives Morrow county a population of 5,017 as of July 1, 1953.

The estimated census figure is found by a formula which takes into consideration school enrollments, births, deaths, economic growth and other factors.

Enrollment in Morrow county schools rose from 966 in 1952 to a total of 1,018 at the beginning of the school year, 1953-54.

Gilliam county showed an increase of 8.6 percent with a 1950 census figure of 2,817 and a 1953 estimate of 3,037. Umatilla county increased 12.3 percent. The '50 census population was 41,703 and the '53 estimate was 46,813. Grant county showed a nine percent increase with an estimated '53 population of 9,077 over the 8,329 census figure.

Sherman county showed the smallest increase with the estimated '53 population at 2,300 over the '50 census of 2,271. The largest estimated increase was 17.9 percent in Curry county with 7,133 persons compared to the '50 census of 6,048.