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Another Wheat Acreage Cut Announced

Crop and Storage Facilities Said Bright For Coming Harvest

The heavy rains which fell on Morrow county early this month virtually assured a good crop of both wheat and barley in the county, and Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers today announced that ample storage facilities were available for both grains. The good news was tempered somewhat, however, by the Monday announcement from Washington that the government is planning an additional cut of 127 percent in the acreage allotments for next year. This was followed by another statement that possibly other crops would also be placed under controls.

In speaking of local crops and storage conditions, Lamb said that both wheat and barley crops were looking better, and that while no bumper crop is in prospect, a good average yield is expected. He said that continuing shipments of wheat into terminal storage at Portland and into the malthouse at Astoria, have eased the load on local elevators and that by July 1 there should be available 1,000,000 bushels of storage in the company's elevators. Grain is being shipped at the rate of 150,000 bushels a week, and by July 1 the rate will be up to approximately 200,000 bushels Lamb said. He indicated that even the increased barley crop could be handled in covered storage, with the possible exception of barley which is below loan grade.

Allotment Cut Told
Most wheat ranchers have been expecting word of another cut in wheat acreage allotments, but the first definite word of what the cut would be came Monday when Ezra T. Benson, secretary of agriculture announced a reduction in total plantings for next year to 55 million acres. This compares with 62 million acres planted to wheat for this year's harvest.

Paul Tews, office manager of the local ASC office, said Wednesday that his office has not yet received any information on the new acreage reductions, but that he expects to get instructions within the next few days. Last year's acreage cut in the county under allotments, was 33 percent. Following the original Washington story on allotments, came

4-H Members to Hold Encampment This Week at Herron Creek

Meeting at the fairgrounds in Heppner on Friday, June 25th, will be fifty 4-H club members, who are enroute to Herron Creek 4-H camp grounds. The various committees have been making plans and selecting the 4-H club members who will be attending the three day camp June 25, 26 and 27. Among the various activities for the campers are: nature study hikes, camp crafts, evening campfire programs with singing, story telling and games.

On Sunday morning, June 27, at 11:00 church services will be conducted with Rev. Soward of the Christian church as speaker. Ronald Baker, former 4-H club member from Ione will be in charge. The public is invited to attend this last day of encampment and join in with the club members for church services and the potluck dinner which is scheduled for noon. The afternoon promises to be an exciting one with fun for all. Recreational activities will include a good game of baseball.

Ullman to Speak At Saturday Pomona

Morrow county Pomona Grange will meet at the Lexington Grange hall June 26 at 10 a. m. with master Ray Drake presiding. Lunch is scheduled at noon with the program to start at 2 p. m. All members and the public are invited to attend the program. Main speaker of the afternoon will be Albert Ullman, Democratic nominee for Congress and president of the national Hells Canyon association. The various Granges will also provide part of the program.

County School Head Leslie Grant Resigns Position

Leslie E. Grant, county school superintendent for the past three years, announced early this week that he has asked the rural school board to release him from his 1954-55 contract, and that he has purchased the Columbia Basin Insurance agency at Arlington which he will operate after July 1.

Grant's new contract with the county would have become effective July 1 but in a letter to Milton Morgan, chairman of the rural board, Grant said that he would be available for consultation with the board and would assist whomever the board picks as his successor with the change-over.

Grant came to Heppner in July 1951, taking over the superintendent's post from Henry Tetz. He has been very active in civic and community affairs having served as vice-president and director of the chamber of commerce, county community chest drive chairman. He also served in the Lions club, Wranglers, Odd Fellows, Royal Arch Masons, Shrine and square dance club. He has also been quite active in state school organizations, having served as executive member-at-large of the state association of county school superintendents.

Non-Wheat Producing Lands Allotment Deadline June 30

The local ASC office again this week reminded county ranchers that they have until June 30 to apply for 1955 wheat acreage allotments for land which has not grown wheat during the past three years.

Tews said that the special allotment consideration applies only in the cases of new farms which have not in the past produced wheat. He cited as an example new desert land claim farms, or plots of a similar type. Application blanks and complete information can be obtained from the ASC office which is located in the First National Bank building in Heppner.

Assembly of God Holds Annual Meet

Members of the Assembly of God conducted their annual church business meeting last Thursday evening, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Willis Geyer.

Officers chosen were: Ray Barnett to serve on the board; Ellis Pettyjohn, secretary and treasurer; Muggs Storro, Sunday school superintendent; Fern Graves, assistant Supt.; Norma Storro, Christ's Ambassadors president; Betty Pettyjohn vice president of C. A.'s; Mrs. Ora Wyland, women's missionary council president; Mrs. Willis Geyer, W. M. C. vice pres.; and Hubert Wilson, music director with Muggs Storro as his assistant.

It was decided to give the Christ's Ambassadors a week-night for their service instead of the hour preceding the regular Sunday night evangelistic service. They will have charge of the Thursday night services until about the middle of July.

Real Friendly Like, Porky Visits Town

Heppner's bright lights attracted an outsider Tuesday night, but he wasn't welcomed too heartily by the family he came to visit.

Mrs. Ed Breslin, 223 N. Main called for police help after finding a porcupine wandering around her front yard. Not wanting to shoot him in town, officers finally got the porcupine corralled and in a box and transported him back into the wide open spaces.

Jr. Legion Team Takes Baker 5-4

The Heppner Junior Legion baseball team got their first taste of victory this season last Sunday when they defeated the Baker squad on the rodeo field 5 to 4. Highlight of the game came when Ernie Drake, Heppner hurler won his game with a home run.

Heppner had the edge in statistics as well. Collecting 5 runs, 8 hits and 3 errors to Bakers 4 runs, 6 hits and 2 errors. Pfeifer of Baker also collected a home run.

Batteries for Heppner were Drake and Larry Graves; for Baker Duncan and Bowers. Heppner meets Hermiston next Sunday on the Hermiston field.

Attorney General Visits in Heppner

Robert Y. Thornton, state attorney general, spent Wednesday and part of Thursday in Heppner conferring with district attorney Bradley D. Fancher and county officers. His stop here was a part of a trip through this section of the state visiting district attorneys and law enforcement officials in several Eastern Oregon counties.

Thornton was speaker at the Thursday noon meeting of the Soroptimist club, while he was in the area.

Sanitarian Checks Schools

William B. Culham, district sanitarian for the state board of health was in Heppner Wednesday checking sanitation conditions in the present school building and the plans for the proposed new grade school.

He expressed approval of the new plans, inasmuch as they called for raising the new building four feet above the present ground level which would eliminate possible damage from flood and improve sewer service.



NEW BASKETBALL COACH—Heppner's new basketball coach, Larry Downen, and his wife, who visited here the first of the week. Downen, who has been coaching at Sultan, Washington for the past two years, will move his family here as soon as housing can be found. In addition to his coaching duties, Downen will teach high school physical education and health. (GT Photo)

Swimming Lessons, New Hours for Ione Pool are Announced

The Ione school board announced this week that a new schedule of hours has been worked out for the Ione swimming pool, and that swimming lessons will be given free starting next week.

Until further notice the pool will be closed on Mondays. John Jordan, life guard and swimming instructor, will give lessons daily Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 a. m., and also for a two-week period starting June 29 on Tuesday through Friday from 3:30 to 5 p. m. The lessons are free for both children and adults.

General swimming will be from 1 to 3:30 p. m. for the two-week period and from 7 to 9 p. m. until further notice. It was said. The board said that the hours are subject to change as the needs through the harvest period becomes apparent. Reservations can be made for private swimming parties after regular hours, from 9 to 11 p. m.

Local 4-H Members Named as Officers

Four Morrow county 4-H club members were elected to house offices at 4-H summer school as leaders were chosen in the living organizations.

They included Diane Grant, president, and Judy Howton, social chairman. Alpha Phi; Sally Palmer, president, Delta Delta Delta; and Janice Martin, president, Phi Gamma Delta.

Mrs. W. E. Barratt Ill at Salem Hospital

County Judge Garnet Barratt left Monday for Salem following receipt of word that his mother Mrs. W. E. Barratt is ill at a Salem hospital.

Mrs. Barratt suffered a rupture of an artery leading to the heart and her condition was described as critical.

County-Wide Elections Bring Many Membership Changes in School Boards

A check of votes cast in last Monday's county-wide school district elections, revealed many new faces will appear on most county boards. One new member was elected in each of the Heppner, Lexington and Ione districts, and at least one change in the membership of the rural school board was voted. Results from Boardman and Hardman were not yet available.

In the Heppner voting, Edgar H. Collison was elected for a three year term on the board easily defeating five other write-in candidates. Collison received 131 votes with his closest competitor receiving 8.

It was announced last week that both Collison and John Ernsdorff would seek the position, but Ernsdorff presented a statement at the annual meeting stating

that he would decline the position if elected, and asked that residents not vote for him. A statement of his position and reasons for his withdrawal from the race is printed on page two of today's paper. Ernsdorff's withdrawal left Collison as the only person nominated at the meeting.

At Lexington Roy Martin was elected to a term on the board replacing Millard Nolan who was not a candidate. Ione voters elected Alfred Nelson to a position on the local board. He will replace Earl McKinney who has served for the past three years.

In the election for two members on the rural school board to fill vacancies occurring July 1, only one position was filled when Ione voters elected Fredrick Martin. He defeated Milton Morgan who was seeking reelection to the position he has held for the past term. The winner of the other open position is not yet known as results of the Hardman election, from which district one rural member was to be chosen, has not been reported.

At Irrigon, J. L. Cooley was re-elected to the local board defeating William B. Taylor who was seeking the position.

Heppner voters also approved by a vote of 135 yes to 7 no a measure to set the limits within which the district will provide transportation for students. The vote set the maximum and minimum mileage for transportation, establishing the Heppner city limits as the minimum and 35 miles as the maximum.

Clean-Up Drive Ends Here Sunday

Local residents gave chamber of commerce truck drivers some work Wednesday on their first round of free city pickups during the chamber sponsored clean-up week drive, but response was not as great as had been hoped for, president Jeff Carter said today.

He joined other members of the organization in urging all residents to take advantage of the free pickup service offered and said that trucks will make the rounds of the town twice more before the end of the campaign. Trucks will work Saturday afternoon and again Sunday removing all trash that is piled on the curbs.

The committees also repeated their offer to aid in moving and loading junk that is too heavy for residents to move to the curb and will provide a lift truck loader if necessary to get rid of heavier articles.

They ask that anyone having rubbish they wish picked up, and which cannot be piled in a conspicuous place to call 6-9618 or 6-9652 before Saturday and advise workers of the location that trucks may make the pickup.

Trucks for the pickups have been donated by several chamber members and local business concerns.

Youth Rally Set At Christian Church

A special evening of interest to local boys and girls will be held at the Heppner Christian church Monday, June 28 starting with a potluck dinner to be served at 6:30.

During the evening music will be provided by Marvin Soward and Gerre Hancock and Rev. Truman Robbins of Milton-Freewater will show pictures. The rally is being sponsored by the Crusaders, young married group of the church.

VFW Holds Cleanup Day

Members of the Lexington VFW and auxiliary met Sunday at the hall for a potluck dinner which was followed by a cleanup day at the hall. About 25 persons joined in the dinner and work.

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Princess Echo (Legler) Oldre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Legler of Monument, Oregon, passed away suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage, while visiting a near neighbor, on Thursday June 10th in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the age of 29 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Death Takes Former Monument Woman, Rites at Minneapolis

She leaves beside her husband, Corlyn Oldre, and a son Arden, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Legler of Monument; one sister, Iris Howell and two brothers, Iven and Glenn Legler all three of Gales Creek, Oregon; also two nephews, Terry Howell and Ronald Legler; An aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tafel of The Dalles, Oregon; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiglesworth of Echo, Oregon; also several cousins in The Dalles.

Princess was born at Hermiston, Oregon January 6, 1925. She was a high school graduate of The Dalles, Oregon. After graduation, she worked for a time as a bookkeeper before her marriage to Corlyn Oldre of Minneapolis. She then decided to make nursing her life work. She graduated three years ago from North Western School of Nursing in Minneapolis. After working at the Northwestern hospital for a while she transferred to the Veteran's hospital in Minneapolis, where she worked until March 1st, 1954.

Her sister, Irl and brother Glenn flew by plane from Pendleton to Minneapolis to attend the funeral services which were held June 14th. She was laid to rest in the Veteran's cemetery, which is close to her home, also close to the Veteran's hospital where she loved to work so well. Princess was well known in Monument, and leaves many friends to mourn her passing.

Roger Babson Gives Business Predictions for Remainder of Year

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., June 24. While most of the columnists and business counselors last December forecast a depression for 1954, I constantly insisted that 1954 would be a "fair business year." This you will find in my Forecast which then appeared in this paper.

General Business

(1) Despite my general optimism with regard to prospects for business during the last half-year, there will be many cross-currents. The improvement over the first six months will be no one-way street. Some industries will lag, or fall behind. Others are slated for betterment. Building has held up well, and was the backbone of business in the first half of 1954. The momentum generated should carry through the balance of the year.

or slated to show the least improvement, are the following industries: Machinery, machine tools, railroad equipment, metal fabricating, steel and iron, and autos and auto parts. In particular, auto output will not match the first half, with competition keener in the last half than at any time since the 1930's.

Sales and Inventories

(4) As in the case of general business discussed above, sales prospects will rule selective. With purchasing power holding well, demand for food products and soft goods will remain at a brisk pace. The public, however, have learned something about watching their pennies. They have become more price-conscious. For this reason, I predict that the mass distributors, such as the grocery and variety chains, will run ahead of the others sales-wise, during the last half-year.

(6) I forecast that the more liberal attitude on the part of the Eisenhower Administration will surely continue through November and perhaps until the 1956 elections. During the past six months rumors have been spreading to the effect that President Eisenhower will not run again; but there is no agreement at this writing by either party as to who the next candidates will be.

Political Outlook

(7) The President has won his conflict with Senator Bricker; the House approved his Tax Bill; the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill has been shelved, to the relief of all; and he has so far kept out of the McCarthy-Army row. I forecast that for the balance of the year he will leave domestic affairs to his associates and devote most of time helping Mr. Dulles ward off trouble with Russia and China, and avoid another "Korea."

(8) During the first six months of the year a "New Look" has developed in connection with defense expenditures. Appropriations for foot soldiers and certain classes of airplanes have been cut in favor of items for atomic warfare and guided missiles. Best authorities agree that we will get more protection and

fighting strength from this change with less cost. As a promise "to get our boys out of Korea" was a great factor in electing Dwight Eisenhower as President, he naturally will hesitate to send U. S. foot soldiers into Indo-China, at least before the coming November elections.

War and Peace

(9) There will be no World War in 1954 started by Russia or the U. S. A. In the last half of 1954, however, the United States will move closer and closer to the position occupied by Great Britain during the 19th Century. The United States will prepare to engage in small wars anywhere in order to prevent outbreak of a world conflagration.

(10) I predict that the United States in the last six months of 1954 may by-pass the United Nations and try to form a "defensive" league of nations interested in Southeast Asia. The purpose: To keep the rice, tin, and rubber of that area from falling into Communist hands. Most of the arms and military know-how needed by such an alliance of anti-Communist nations in the Far East will be furnished by Uncle Sam. This means that cuts in arms expenditures, already scheduled for the last half of 1954 by the Administration, may not be put into effect. The Korean

situation will remain about as is—"much talkie, no shootie"; but Indo-China will constantly be a greater threat.

(11) Do not forget Europe and the Middle East. France is torn by internal dissension and a blow-off could come there any time. West Germany is growing more impatient with French bickering over the Saar and over the formation of a Western European army including German participation. Russia will strive mightily to widen the split between France and Western Germany by holding out the "bait" of reunion between East and West Germany.

Stock Market Outlook

(12) Friction between the Jews and the Arabs in the Middle East is being encouraged by Communist agents. The smoldering fires there could break into flame at any time, requiring a hurry-up call for Uncle Sam's fire department.

(13) Of course, some day the market (especially the Dow Jones Industrials) will get a bad wallop with very much lower prices. On the other hand, this may not come during the next few months. Up to this time the high yields of stocks have not appealed so much to investors, owing to the personal tax on both dividends and on income in general. Although stock yields compared with those

of twenty years ago are higher if personal taxes are not considered, yet when these personal taxes are deducted, today's yields have not been attractive.

(14) The new Tax Bill and the increased buying for pension funds and investment trusts have, however, increased the demand for common stocks and could hold the market up for some months to come. I forecast that it will be very important to make careful selections of stocks. Don't buy stocks just because they have gone off heavily in price and appear cheap.

(15) Unfortunately, many small concerns will find it more and more difficult to compete with their big competitors. Not only can these big corporations make goods cheaper and have better means of distribution, but they can spend huge sums on advertising, which a smaller concern cannot do. This will be especially evident during the next six months. The companies which will prosper most are those which have inaugurated effective labor-saving programs. Manufacturers will win only as they purchase new labor-saving machinery, spend more money on research and on well-directed advertising.

(16) Automobiles will continue to be hard to sell and easier (Continued on Page 8)