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### Come to the Fair!

It's fair time again!  
This weekend the people of Heppner and Morrow county are all set to extend a big welcome to a great many visitors, and homefolks too, who will be in town to see and take part in our big weekend—the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo.  
It's a show put on largely by the homefolks who also spend the rest of the year here, but it's planned and organized so that it will be enjoyed by everyone, county residents and visitors alike. Nearly all of the old favorite events that you've been expecting are on the program again this year, such as the Morrow county amateur calf roping, the Fat Stock show and sale, the 4-H pig scramble, Saturday's grand rodeo parade, the cowboy breakfast, the rodeo itself with a whole host of amateur as well as many of the country's top professional cowboys taking part. There are many other events too, and each one is on the program for the purpose of entertaining and pleasing you.  
It's our big weekend, but it's all for you. We hope you enjoy it with us!

### School Days Call for Driving Care

With school starting again next week in all county districts, as well as in many other sections of the state, car drivers must again use caution when passing school grounds, safety lanes and school buses.  
One very important state law, which is inoperative during the summer vacation, requires all cars to stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus which is stopped to load or unload students. The reason for such a law is obvious, and most drivers observe the ruling more from a desire to be careful and save lives than just because it is a state law. Yet there are those who forget, and it is for them that this reminder is given.  
Youngsters don't always watch for dangerous traffic hazards no matter how much safety is drilled into them at home and at school, that is why it is up to drivers to watch out for them.  
Oregon's posted speed laws and traffic regulations are designed to save lives and injuries, yet all the traffic officers in the state can't keep some drivers from daily threatening to kill themselves and others. We all need to use our heads a little more when we drive—if only to save our own necks.



### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times  
Sept. 4, 1924  
Heppner schools will open on Monday, everything being in readiness for this important event.  
Eddie Childsey and other members of the state engineers office have been located at Heppner to take up some work here.  
Rev. W. O. Livingstone, who has been pastor of the Christian church of this city for nearly four and a half years, preached his farewell sermons to the congregation on Sunday, and on Monday departed for Hood River, his new field of labor.  
Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell returned home from Portland on Tuesday evening.  
The Misses Odile and May Groshens and Master Paul Hisler left for Portland on Saturday to remain for the winter.  
Noel Streeter and Bob Lowe of Cecil were doing the sights of Lone on Sunday.  
SAYS McKAY, "NEVERMORE"  
Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has joined our famous Raven Club. He is raving about never holding public office again. Some Republicans had picked McKay as the man to run against Sen. Wayne Morse in 1956. McKay's statement was made just before he flew back to his job in Washington, D. C.

For fifty years we have listened to legislators declare "nevermore" at the close of a session. Ninety per cent of them backslid and their names were found on the ballot at the next election.  
**MUCH NEW AT STATE FAIR**  
Placid Salem where the State Fair is an annual event and even the staid state officials at the Capitol have gone "Hey Rube" over the circus theme of the 1954 State Fair. Nearby towns have decorated with a circus air for the big show September 4th through 11th.  
When here you can't help feeling the spirit of it. The growth of the fair has far surpassed the fabulous growth of the state.  
Every day here something new shows up that was booked or dreamed up by that super showman Leo Spitzbart, state fair manager for the past quarter of a century—a lit up question mark information booth—sealed bids for sale of prize stock—newly decorated art gallery, colorful, by nationally known artist Carl Hall—82 new type race horse stalls—a new Kitchen Queen contest where four winners get appliance prizes—a new Midway you will like, no aromas, spacious, stands 20 feet apart—this could go on for a column. Better see it than just hear about it.  
**UNITED NATION DAY OCT. 25TH**  
Charles A. Sprague, editor of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, was appointed state chairman for observance of United Nations Day in Oregon Thursday.  
The former governor of Oregon was an alternate delegate to the U. N. for a year.  
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### From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson  
As time grows nearer to seeding time, farmers are thinking and discussing more regarding the use of diverted wheat acres. There is quite some interest in grasses and legumes, others are going to seed out gulleys and waterways. But the majority of our farmers are yet undecided what to do with a third of their land which has in the past produced them a cash crop.  
At a meeting at Denver of the head of the various agencies concerned with the decisions in our farm agricultural program should decide soon what the program will be. There has been some talk of relaxing the strict allotment program to allow farmers to seed part of their diverted acres to cash crops. Some are speculating that this will be the outcome of these meetings. It is expected however that it will go hand in hand with a program aimed at getting more land into conservation practices. For instance, some provision may be made whereby if a person carries out specific conservation practices on a portion of his land he would be allowed to seed another percentage to cash crops in excess of his wheat acres. We are sure that some important announcements will be made soon.  
From the Oregon State College economics department, comes some interesting tax information, taxes levied on farm real estate

in 1953, showed an increase over 1952. The total gain for the nation has been reported at around 5.4 percent. Taxes levied on farm land have increased for the eleventh consecutive year. The largest increase was in Nebraska this past year where there was a 22 percent increase for taxes levied on farm real estate. This was due to a new state equalization program which resulted in shifting the tax burden from personal property and public utilities to real estate. One state, Nevada, showed a two percent decrease. In Oregon, the gain in taxes levied on farm real estate during 1953 showed an increase of 3.8 percent over 1952.  
Results just received from the experimental wheat nurseries which were grown this year again in the Eightmile and Ione vicinity have been calculated for yields. They were grown at the Frank Anderson and Rietmann Bros. farms. This year, Elmar was the top yielding wheat at the Ione nursery at 25 1/2 bushels per acre. At the Eightmile nursery, it was second with 28.3 bushels. First at that station was black hull Rex cross, crossed on Cheyenne, which yielded 30.8 bushels per acre. Other yields at the Eightmile nursery were: third, Rex with a 27.1 bushels; fourth, Brevor 25.6; fifth, a Hy-mar-Orfed cross, 25.5; Karkoff, 25.3 in sixth place. There are several crosses along the line that yielded quite comparable to established varieties. Golden yielded 25.2; Orfed 25.0. At the Ione nursery following Elmar was Golden with 20.6; Brevor 20.2; Karkoff 19.5; Orfed 18.6; Rio 18.4 and Rex 15.8.  
Some new information has just been received concerning milk fever in dairy cows. Results at the university of California in feeding trials, indicate that a low calcium, high phosphorus diet fed during the last month of the dry period effectively pre-



**CAMPAIGN SHOWS LIFE**  
Oregon's two senators and two of the four representatives participated in a semi-official opening of the November general election campaign last Sunday. Rep. Sam Coon was still in Wash-

ington, D. C. and Rep. Homer Angell is at his beach home near Otis.  
Senator Guy Cordon, candidate for reelection, spoke Saturday afternoon at a picnic near Ashland observing the authorization of the Talent irrigation district.  
The Republican senator defended his stand on the tidelands oil bill. His Democratic opponent Richard Neuberger contends that the bill deprives school children of educational benefits.  
Cordon announced that he would campaign for his candidacy for reelection in Oregon for the next two months.  
Following Cordon, Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Rep. Walter Norblad and Gov. Paul L. Patterson were presented to the gathering.  
Senator Wayne Morse arrived in Portland Saturday night and drew a large audience when he spoke on "We Must Avoid Another 83rd Congress" Sunday at a picnic at Jantzen Beach Park.

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For those who have been wondering about the disappearance of the goatweed beetles that were released in goatweed patches earlier this summer, these should be no fear. It is entirely normal for these beetles to disappear at this time of the year. Briefly the life history of the insect is as follows: the adult beetles immerse during later April or May and feed on the foliage of goatweed. The later part of June and in July, the fully fed beetles seclude themselves beneath stones and in the soil and hibernates for the remainder of the summer. This is called aestivation. With the coming of the fall rain the beetles become active and commence laying eggs in about mid October. By spring, most of the eggs have hatched and the larvae are reaching maturity. The larvae feed on developing shoots at the base of the plant. A double-action insect, the goatweed beetle hitting the plants high and low.

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