

Heppner Gazette Times

Copies 10cents

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, January 20, 1955

71st Year, Number 45

County Stockmen Approve Formation Of Beef Commission

The annual meeting of the Morrow county Livestock Growers association held last week was one of the best yet in attendance and in the program presented. It has been reported by many who were present.

The first day's program included a panel discussion on Morrow county meat and livestock marketing problems and producers, sellers, packers, retailers, financiers and consumers were represented. Discussion brought out the need for closer cooperation for all concerned with meat from the growing to the consumption. More than 165 persons attended the meat cutting, identification, grading, wrapping and cookery demonstration put on by Dorothy Sherrill and John Landers of Oregon State College. The association passed a resolution commending the college on the demonstration and asked that it be used further as a teaching method on the preparation and use of meat.

Beef Commission OK'd

Friday's program included a talk by Dr. Beagle of the bureau of animal industry who spoke on livestock disease control. He complimented the county on the Bangs test that have been carried out here and stated that a certification for a modified Bangs-free area will soon be declared.

Marion Weatherford, representing the Oregon Cattlemen's association, spoke regarding the survey that is now being made among Oregon cattle raisers on the desirability of setting up a beef commission to finance beef promotion. Following his talk, the Morrow county association unanimously approved the establishment of a beef commission for the state.

Kenneth Peck, chairman of the livestock disease control committee, reported that 9,117 cattle had been tested during the year, with only three-fourths of one percent being reactors to the disease. Other committees to report during the meeting included the rodent and insect control committee, pasture and range improvement, game laws and marketing.

The banquet and dance Friday evening concluded the two-day meeting.

Re-elected as president of the county association was Raymond French; Dick Wilkinson was chosen new vice-president; and John Graves and N. C. Anderson were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively.

Heppner Bakery Reopening Due

Reopening of the Heppner bakery, closed for the past several months, on about February 1 is planned by the new owners, Dan J. and Edith E. Hutchinson, formerly of Pendleton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are experienced bakers, having more than 45 years experience between them in the baking business. They have both been connected previously with the Purity bakery in Pendleton as well as others in this area. They have purchased the equipment of the plant and leased the building from its owner, Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

The Hutchinsons are now giving the plant a complete cleaning and renovation and expect to run some test baking next week. An official opening date will be announced later.

They also will open the ice cream department at the same time as the bakery, they announced today.

Social Security Representative Due

A representative of the social security office in La Grande will be in Heppner at the city hall from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, Jan. 26 to interview individuals who have questions pertaining to social security and to assist those who wish to file application for benefits.

BAND BENEFIT CARNIVAL ANNOUNCED

A band uniform benefit carnival will be held at the fair pavilion on Saturday, April 16 it was announced this week. It will be sponsored by the Heppner Lions club with the assistance of the Heppner Band Parents association.



KNOWS HIS MEAT!—Oliver Devin, one of the group of senior boys who are taking the homemaking class at Heppner high school, has learned enough about meat (other than eating it) from his class that he won third prize in the meat identification and cookery methods demonstration last week during the Morrow County Livestock Growers meeting. First prize was won by Mrs. Roy Orwick and second by Mrs. G. Hermann of Ione. The class of boys has been studying meat cutting, grading, inspection, identification etc. under Mrs. Homer Hager. Shown with Oliver is Patsy McDonald who won a door prize at the demonstration. (Photo by Tom Wilson)

Feeder Steers Bring Top Price

HERMISTON—Oren Brace of Ione topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with 12 Angus feeder steers weighing 960 pounds that sold for \$21.10 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. This price, the highest since last July 9, was 60c above the previous Friday, and resulted from better quality.

Quality of other cattle was generally poorer. Consigned were 465 cattle compared with 601 the previous Friday, 272 hogs compared with 219, and eight sheep compared with 13. Oregon and Washington packers, feeders and farmers contributed to broad demand at an active sale. More feeder cattle could have been sold, and more calves and feeder steers are needed for the sale next Friday. One consigner will bring 150 weaner calves to the sale.

Other price increases Friday included baby calves up \$8 at \$25 hd., heifer calves up 50c at \$18.75 cwt., dairy heifers up \$3 at \$41 hd., commercial cows up 30c at \$15 cwt. and utility up 35c at \$12.85 cwt., and feeder lambs up 15c at \$15.75 cwt. Fat hogs were down 90c in line with other markets at \$19.10 cwt.

Others topping the market were Emmet Rogers, Boardman, two fat hogs, 365 lbs., \$19.10 cwt.; Al Ritch, Hermiston, three weaner pigs, \$14.75 hd.; Ed Bellinger, Hermiston, one sow 405 lbs., \$16.50 cwt.; M. E. Connelly, Pilot Rock, one whiteface heifer, 445 lbs., \$18.75 cwt.; James Elliott, Walla Walla, four whiteface stock heifer calves, 2005 lbs., \$16.50 cwt. and one baby calf, \$15.00 hd.; Herman Rosenberg, Pendleton, eight Ayrshire feeder steers, 7840 lbs., \$15.20 cwt.; Tucker Echo Ranch, Echo, one whiteface bull, 1365 lbs., \$14.20 cwt.; Russell Kennedy, Adams, one whiteface cow, 1180 lbs., \$15.00 cwt.; John Ware, Stanfield, one whiteface calf, 260 lbs., \$23.00 cwt.

Calves: Baby calves 4.50-25.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 17.35-21.10 cwt.; heifer calves 14.75-18.75 cwt.; veal 19.60-23.00 cwt.

Steers: Stocker steers 14.75-16.85; feeder steers 17.85-21.10; no fat slaughter steers; fat heifers 16.60-19.30 cwt.

Cows: Dairy cows \$5.00-137.50 hd.; dairy heifers 22.00-41.00 hd.; stock cows \$5.00-110.00 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 13.10-15.00 cwt.; utility 11.75-12.85 cwt.; canner-cutter 8.60-10.10; shells 6.20-7.80.

Bulls: 12.75-14.20 cwt.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 7.25-14.75 hd.; feeder pigs 17.35-19.90 cwt.; fat hogs 18.20-19.90 cwt.; sows 14.25-16.50, no light sows available; boars 6.50-14.10 cwt.

Sheep: Feeder lambs, 7 at 15.75 cwt.; no fat lambs or ewes; 1 blackface buck, 13.00 hd.

Pvt. George Flower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Flower has been home on leave following basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He left Sunday for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he will enter Army Engineer's school.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McLachlin spent last weekend in The Dalles.

Four Morrow Gridders Named on East All-Star Team

Forty Eight boys of the B schools have been selected by the coaches and Shrine Committee to play in the fourth annual class B football game to be played on August 27th, 1955 at Pendleton.

Thirty four of the B schools are represented in the selection with Monroe, Union and Moro heading the list with 3 players each. On the East squad Scho with two in the lineup is the only other school placing more than one boy. For the West, Knappa, Coburg, Amity, Siletz, Chemawa, St. Marys of Medford and Lowell each places 2 boys. The game will give head coaches, John Comisky of Union and Don DeLay of Monroe an opportunity to settle their rivalry since their respective teams battled to a scoreless tie in the finals of the state championship game last fall.

Picked to play on the East team for the Shrine classic are the following Morrow county boys: first team, Malcolm McKinney, Ione; tackle; Ralph Marlatt, Heppner, center; and Larry Groves, Lexington, halfback. On the alternate squad is Denny Swanson of Ione.

Jerry Ditch of Moro will repeat the roll he played last year as Asst. coach for the East team. Buck Kauffman of Knappa, the only newcomer to the coaching staff will assist Don DeLay in handling the West squad. Roy Tatum of La Grande and Walter Fallen of Pendleton will be serving their fourth year as trainers for the squads. Bruce Morehead of La Grande has been named manager of the East squad and Nolan Wright of Pendleton will have charge of the Westers.

The game on August 27th will be the fourth of the series and the West is ahead in the payoff column having won two and lost one, although the East can boast of the most points scored.

'55 Farmer Income To Slip Bit More, Economists Contend

Oregon farm incomes will probably slip a bit more in the year ahead, says M. D. Thomas, extension service economist at Oregon State college.

Big supplies, lower price supports, production restrictions and high marketing costs all point toward a smaller take from farm sales in 1955 despite strong domestic demand and increasing exports.

In the latest "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" circular prepared and released by economists at OSC, Thomas explains that grain growers seem likely to take the biggest part of the income cut. A further roll-back on wheat acreage, plus lower price supports on all grains, will hit hard.

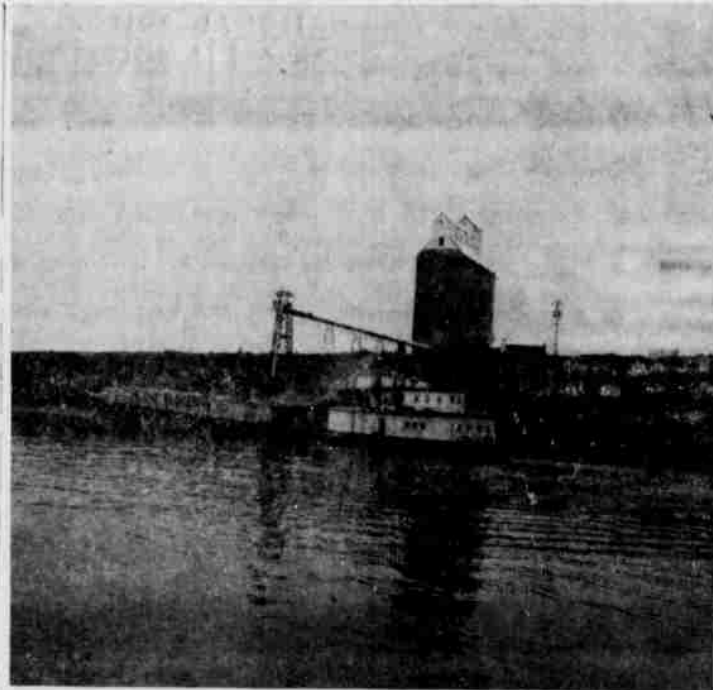
Dairy incomes in Oregon are expected to be down some too. Production probably won't increase much and prices seem all too certain to average lower. Until supply and demand adjust further, there is little chance to recover the drop in market milk prices that followed the November election.

The economist says there are some possible bright spots, however. National egg production should decline enough to bring better prices in the second half of 1955, and prices of seed crops this year should compare fairly well with 1954. Production of most kinds of seed has been brought back in line with usual market requirements and much of the surplus accumulated earlier has moved. Imports leave prospects for fine fescues uncertain.

Weather will shape fruit prices and income in the year ahead, Thomas continues. With consumer spending expected to hold about steady, changes in national production and processors' carryovers will determine the price trends. At best, Oregon strawberry growers will have been competition from California. Cherry prices probably have been too good to last another year. Pear and apple growers should do fairly well.

Oregon's income from beef cattle, hogs, lambs and wool seems likely to hold up. This is expected even though pork production is headed up and hog prices are expected to work lower, and beef supplies will continue large. Wool returns will be boosted by a special government payment to be received in 1956.

Copies of the "Agricultural Situation and Outlook" circular are available from county extension offices and OSC.



NEW GRAIN GROWERS DOCK—The first barge load of wheat being loaded out of the new Hogue-Warner dock of the Morrow County Grain Growers is shown here with the new facility in the background. The port is located just west of Paterson Ferry landing about three miles west of Irigon. The first cargo was loaded Dec. 30 and was destined for transfer to an ocean liner at Portland for shipment to Japan. The load consisted of 25,000 bushels of No. 1 soft white wheat raised near the North Lexington elevator of the MCGG. Approximately 1,000,000 bushels of Morrow county grain is scheduled for shipment through this port in 1955.

Theater Installs New Wide Screen

The Star Theater reopens tonight after being closed Tuesday and Wednesday for installation of new equipment which will make possible the showing of Cinemascope and wide screen motion pictures as well as some of the other new mediums. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. George, owners, announced today.

Besides bringing to the patrons of the theater, the latest developments in motion picture projection, it will also give the managers a wider choice of films, it was said. With productions coming out in several different aspect ratios instead of one, as in the past, it has been almost impossible to find enough pictures in one medium to operate a theater.

The new silver screen will be 21 feet wide, about seven feet wider than the present one, and will utilize the entire width of the stage. Three pairs of lenses will be used instead of one and will be exchanged to fit the particular film in use at the time. Also installed are a pair of lamphouses and a pair of rectifiers, both higher powered to provide the light required by the larger screen.

The managers also took advantage of the shutdown to do a thorough housecleaning and make needed repairs to furniture and fixtures, do painting and install new carpets.

The work is being done by Interstate Theater Equipment company of Portland with Howard Keithley redecorating the entire auditorium.

County and Cities Get Liquor Money

Licensing operations of the Oregon liquor control commission during 1954 resulted in allocation this month of \$601,665.50 to cities, counties and the general fund of the state. The commission reports that warrants totalling \$360,093.90, representing 60 per cent of license fees collected, are being allotted to localities. Morrow county will receive \$292.87; Boardman \$97.11; Heppner \$99.37; Ione \$70.91; and Lexington \$30.83.

Forty per cent of the earned license revenue, or \$240,062.60, is being channeled to the general fund, plus revenue from out of state licenses and sale of lists, bringing the total distribution to the general fund to \$241,571.60. Distributions are made in accordance with the liquor control act which specifies that 60 per cent of license fees return to the locality in which the licensed outlet is located, and the remainder go to the general fund.

Social Security Topic of CC Talk

P. W. Mahoney, Heppner attorney, spoke at the chamber of commerce meeting Monday telling of the numerous changes now in the social security law. Mahoney explained that many farm workers are now covered under the provisions of the law who were previously excluded, and told how farmers must report their earnings. A question and answer period followed the talk.

Heart Attack Takes Life of Elbert L. Cox

Elbert L. Cox, 67, for the past 17 years mail carrier on Heppner route one, died this morning enroute to the Veterans hospital in Portland. He had suffered a serious heart attack on Wednesday.

Mr. Cox had been hospitalized here following his attack but his condition made it advisable to move him to Portland for treatment. He passed away in the ambulance shortly after leaving here.

Mr. Cox was born in Coal Creek, Virginia, Dec. 21, 1887, and came to Morrow county 50 years ago next March. He had nine brothers and sisters, all of whom are still living. He also leaves his wife, Oma, two sons and a daughter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at All Saints Episcopal church with Rev. John R. Reeves officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear next week.

Record Deposits At Heppner Bank

A new all-time bank deposit and loan record was reported today by the statewide First National Bank of Portland, underscoring other year-end business indexes that have pointed to a generally favorable economic outlook for Oregon. The year-end deposit total at the Heppner branch was also the highest in its history.

Year-end statement of condition figures for the Heppner branch of the First National show that on December 31, 1954, deposits at the branch were \$7,111,615 and loans were \$5,398,727, according to manager J. H. Bedford. At the same time one year ago the branch reported deposits of \$6,276,958 and loans of 1,339,884.

According to bank President C. B. Stephenson, deposits for the 69 statewide banking offices were \$784,731,426, loans were \$368,245,083 and resources were \$860,374,437, as of December 31.

Total deposits have increased \$195,683,993 over the same date one year ago, loans are up \$67,222,728, and resources have increased \$214,214,410.

Since the December 31, 1953 statement of condition, the First National organization has increased by 20 banking offices. This includes 18 former affiliated banking offices which became branches on February 8, the First State Bank of Waldport which was acquired on July 26, and the Halsey Street branch which was established in September.

Taxpayers Reminded Of Personal Property Statement Deadline

County assessor Harry Dinges reminded taxpayers this week that their personal property tax statements are due in the office by March 2 and urged that residents get them completed and filed as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush. Reports filed later than the deadline are subject to a 5 percent penalty of the total tax.

The individual is responsible for accurate reporting of personal property, on the forms, but Dinges is now in the process of making a personal check of all business operations in the county to ascertain the accuracy of reporting. This work however, does not replace the necessity of the individual filing his report, it was pointed out.

Reappraisal of all real property in the county is now completed and a good share of the personal checking has been done except in Heppner and other incorporated areas.

Year's First Fire Does Little Damage

Heppner firemen answered their first fire call in over two and one-half months Sunday afternoon, but had little work to do when they found the blaze. A small fire of undetermined origin burned a few shingles off the roof of a barn located near Lynden Way in northwest Heppner. It is owned by Joe Delameter.

State Savings Bond Sales Climb in '54, County Total Down

Savings bonds sales in the State of Oregon for 1954 surpassed those of 1953 by 28%. This is the highest annual sale of E and H Bonds since 1949.

In his first report to the people of Oregon as state chairman, Ted Gamble of Portland announced that during the twelve-month period the U. S. treasury sold \$36,034,406 worth of E and H savings bonds to individual investors in Oregon. This is \$7,984,512 more than 1953 sales.

"Sales for December were the highest for any similar month since 1949", Gamble said. "They amounted to \$2,753,575, as compared to \$1,779,834 a year ago, or an increase of 54%.

As part of the annual report county chairman Jeff Carter announced that sales in Morrow county amounted to \$241,470, a drop of about \$32,000 under 1953. December bond sales in the county were \$20,501, a reduction of \$13,000 below the previous December.

Boardman Man is Killed by Tractor

County coroner Oliver Creswick and Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman were called to Boardman Wednesday morning to investigate the death of Pete Kitto, about 56, who was killed when his tractor upset pinning him beneath it.

According to the report Kitto had been clearing a piece of land on his property about one and one-half miles east of Boardman during the morning. When he did not return home at noon his wife noticed the tractor upside down and called a neighbor to investigate. The accident apparently happened about 11 a. m. The body was taken to the Burns Mortuary in Hermiston.

The Kittos had lived in the area for about two and one-half years.

Building Permits Show \$119,050 in 54

Building permits for the year totaled \$119,050, according to Ted Smith, city recorder. This does not include \$100,000 for the hospital addition, which would bring the total to \$119,050.

Most of the permits were for alterations and repairs. Also included was one residence for \$7,500.

CUB SCOUT PACK MEETING JANUARY 25

Cub scout pack 61 will hold its monthly pack meeting Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the basement of the Christian church with den 3 presenting the monthly theme.

All parents are urged to attend as most boys have awards coming and cannot receive them unless at least one parent is present. The entire family is invited to the meeting.

IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Mrs. Claude Buschke is in the Providence hospital in Portland and will undergo heart surgery today (Thursday). Mr. Buschke and two sons and Mrs. Buschke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket are with her in Portland.