

State Funds to Be Requested for 'Hopper Control'

Action for a grasshopper control program for 1955 was taken Tuesday evening when thirty farmers met to discuss the potential serious infestation on 170,000 acres in southeastern Morrow county. The group called jointly by the insect and rodent control committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Ass'n and the grasshopper committee of the land use and conservation committee heard Art Fah of the grasshopper control branch of the bureau of entomology outline the survey data made on adult and egg counts in the area. Grasshopper counts showed 20 per square yard where 12 is considered a serious infestation.

Action was taken at the meeting with those present asking the committees to continue their activity and attempt to secure state funds for assistance in the form of a budget from the state legislature or from the emergency fund. Those present also asked that the committee appear before the Morrow county court to discuss the possibilities of setting up a grasshopper control district within uniform tax on each operator within the district. The county budget will also be discussed at this time.

A representative was chosen to go to the state legislature this week to begin work at once on getting state funds.

Doctors Work Five Hours in Futile Effort to Save Girl

Connie Lee Maiment, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Maiment of Condon, died at the Pioneer Memorial hospital March 18 at 2 p. m. Cause of her death was listed by the physicians as cardiac arrest during surgery.

The child's heart and respiratory system both ceased simultaneously shortly after 8.30 a. m. and a staff of five doctors worked over the child for five and one-half hours giving direct manual heart manipulation, but despite all efforts the girl failed to respond. The doctors stated such a condition is an extreme rarity.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Condon Community Congregational church and burial was in the Igo cemetery. Albee Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.



CLOSE FORMATION—Heavy wind early Tuesday morning picked up this Taylorcraft plane belonging to Charles Padberg (foreground) and piled it into the other plane belonging to Gar Leyva. Both were tied down at the Lexington Airport. Padberg's plane suffered sufficient damage that it is thought to be a total loss. The propeller of the rear plane can be seen sticking up through the wing of Leyva's Piper. (GT Photo)

SECOND MARCH WIND STORM CAUSES HEAVY SOIL LOSS, OTHER DAMAGE

Morrow county got another big blow Monday, just two weeks after the first big wind storm of the winter had caused considerable damage in the area. This week's storm, while of much less intensity than the first, caused some major damage and brought traffic nearly to a halt in many places.

The wind came up late Monday night and continued through most of the following day. It was still blowing strongly in the north end of the county Wednesday, though its velocity had dropped to a normal March breeze in this area.

The greatest damage was caused at the Lexington airport where the strong gusts broke loose a light Taylorcraft plane belonging to Charles Padberg of Ione, an A-17 crash landing into a Piper Super Cub splay plane owned by Gar Leyva. Early estimates of the damage indicated it would exceed \$1,500, with Padberg's plane expected to be a total loss. The airport had suffered considerable damage from the first storm, mainly to hangars and doors.

There was a report received at the Gazette Times that a barn in the Lexington area had been blown down Tuesday, but its location and owner was unknown.

Again, the heaviest loss was suffered by many farmers in soil erosion, a loss that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. There were numerous reports of minor traffic accidents along the Hermiston-Lexington highway due to nearly zero visibility because of the heavy clouds of dust. At one point near the north Lexington elevator traffic was held up for a short time because of heavy drifts of dirt across the highway.

Similar conditions were reported in places along highway 30 between Echo and Pendleton. Minor power outages were reported in several areas, but there was no general blackout.

There were reports Wednesday from the north end of the county that many fields in the Boardman area were suffering heavy soil loss from the strong winds that continued to blow during the day.

Some rain accompanied the storm in various sections of the county, but the continuing winds soon dried out the moisture and within an hour or so thick dust clouds were evident.

O. C. Luttrell, 71, Dies at Pendleton

Omer Clinton Luttrell, 71, a resident of Umatilla county for the past several years, but who previously lived at Lexington, died March 22 at a Pendleton hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Friday, March 25 at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston with graveside services at 3 p. m. at the Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Luttrell was born near Knoxville, Tennessee, August 22, 1883 and came to Lexington in 1910 where he engaged in farming. The family later moved to Wallowa and Sherman counties and returned here in 1929. He has been a resident of Umatilla county since 1934. He was married to Ann Elizabeth Dickey July 16, 1905 and she died in 1933. He married Alice Rasmus, who survives him, in 1942.

Surviving in addition to his widow, are five daughters, Miss Edna Luttrell, Los Angeles; Mrs. Lois Snively, Hermiston; Mrs. Ruth Vanderwood, Libby, Montana; Mrs. Faye Munkers, Lexington; Mrs. Fern Boyer, Pendleton. Another daughter, Mrs. Dona Kittson, preceded him in death.

He also leaves two stepsons, Francis and Albert Connor of Heppner, one sister, Mrs. Luther Stout, Newburg, Ore. and two grandchildren.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED

There will be a special meeting of Willow Lodge No. 66 on Wednesday, March 30 to conduct important business and put on degree work.

Special Election To Decide Plan For Kindergarten

The Heppner Civic League Monday night announced plans to advise voters of the Heppner school district of the pros and cons of the proposal to include the kindergarten which is now operated by the league. Into the school system. A special election on the plan has been called for April 12.

The League recently circulated petitions which requested the school board to put the matter to a vote of the people. The league indicated that it is neutral on the proposal, but had circulated the petitions after requests by many persons in an effort to determine the wishes of the voters of the district.

A committee of Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mrs. Jim Sumner, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mrs. Alvin Bunch are to conduct an investigation into the facts for and against a public kindergarten and prepare a leaflet which will be mailed to all registered voters prior to the election. The opinions of persons in the field of education as well as those of private individuals will be presented it was said. An estimate of the cost will also be shown.

Two elections will be necessary before the kindergarten could be taken over by the schools, it was revealed. The first vote will determine if the people wish it in the school, and if that passes it would authorize the school board to include funds for its operation in the budget to be presented to the rural school board. If that request was rejected by the rural board (which is probable) then a supplemental budget will be drawn up by the local board and referred to the people for a special levy vote. It is planned to ask for a one-mill levy, which would probably not quite cover the cost of the kindergarten, but the league voted to furnish the balance of the funds required.

If the two measures are approved at the elections, it would be necessary to hold a special election each year for three years to establish a tax base.

Members of the league made it plain that regardless of the outcome of the vote, they will try to continue operation of the kindergarten. The April 12 election will be only on the question of whether or not the kindergarten should be included as a part of the school system. The tax levy vote would come at another special election.

P-TA to Present Three Benefit Plays

The Heppner P-TA announced this week that it is sponsoring three one-act plays which will be presented late this month with proceeds to go for local scholarships awarded by the organization.

The three plays will be "To-bacco Road with Detours," presented by the school faculty; "Shock of His Life," given by the P-TA; and "Shadow of a Dream," put on by high school students. There will also be several band numbers on the program.

The plays will be presented on Wednesday and Thursday nights, March 30 and 31 at 8 p. m. at the high school gym. Admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents for children.

Major Remodeling To Start Shortly at Heppner Pine Mills

Work on a major remodeling and modernization project will get under way at the Heppner Pine Mills about May 1, it was revealed this week by Paul Koenig, manager. The changes, which are designed to provide more efficient operation of the plant, will include complete electrification of the mill, installation of a burner, moving of the dry kilns and offices and other improvements.

Koenig said Monday that the owners of the mill, Maurice Hitecock and Dant and Russell, plan to shut down sawing operations about May 1, or whenever the present cold deck is cut. It is hoped the big project, which will cost in excess of \$250,000, can be completed within 30 days so the plant can resume production early in June. Koenig said that it is the plan to use practically all of the regular crew for remodeling.

Some of the major changes to be made include a complete electrification of the mill, which is now operated by steam; the installation of an edge sorter, which will replace the present green chain and give a more efficient sorting operation; installation of a new log haul which brings the logs into the mill from the pond; construction of a burner to handle waste material; moving the present dry kilns to a new location south of the railroad tracks adjacent to the new edge sorter and the moving of the offices out near the highway to make room for the kilns. The installation of a complete sprinkler system and 1,000,000 gallon water storage reservoir is also included in the plans.

One of the biggest, and most ticklish operations of the entire project will be the moving of the large dry kilns, Koenig said. They will be moved from their present location along the highway to a new position approximately where the office now stands. A contract has been made with a moving contractor to move the floorless masonry building.

Planner To Operate

Koenig said that it is their hope to keep the large planer operating most of the time during the mill shutdown on stacked lumber now on hand. Short shutdowns of this section of the plant may be necessary he said, during parts of the remodeling and moving operations.

No increase in the size of the mill is contemplated, but the entire program is designed to provide more efficient operation of the plant. Koenig said the owners are making the expensive changes with the idea that the plant will continue to operate here for many years and that they want it to be in the best possible position to compete in the market for its forest products.

It was also said that the modernization will have little if any effect on the total number of employees required. It will however, make possible some future operations which are not economically feasible.

It was also announced that the mill plans to operate its own logging and log-hauling division, which have in the past, been done under "gypco" contract. A considerable amount of new logging and hauling equipment is now on order, and it is planned operations which are not now economically feasible.

New County Health Nurse To Take Over Duties May 1

The county court announced today it has obtained the services of a county health nurse and that the position will be filled by Mrs. Velma Glass of Phoenix, Arizona. She will take over her duties here on May 1, according to the latest information received by the court.

The position has been vacant for nearly a year and a half, since Miss Martha Tapapainen resigned in October, 1953 to accept a similar position at Klamath Falls. The court has made every effort to find a replacement, but until recently could find no one interested or qualified for the post.

Mrs. Glass will come to Morrow county well recommended and with considerable experience in her field. She is currently employed in a Phoenix, Arizona hospital, but received her education and training in the middle west. She has served as director of nurses, child welfare and visiting nurse association at Danville, Ill., and was with the Van Buren county, Illinois health department.

Dryness to Prevent Maintenance of Any County Roads Now

Unless considerable moisture falls within the next month, most county roads will have to stay in their present condition, county Judge Garnet Barratt said Wednesday.

The court made a survey of nearly all county roads early this week and came to the conclusion that because of the dryness it will be impossible to blade but very few of the roads without causing more damage than good. The court said that most roads had come through the winter in excellent shape, but that the lack of moisture precluded any possibility of smoothing them at the present time. To put a grader on the roads when they are so dry, the court said, would result in heavy blow and chucking out, making the roads worse than if they were not maintained at all.

A few small sections of county road which have been graveled with native rock probably can be maintained now without damage, but most will be left alone until some rain falls.

The county is currently expending most of its efforts in the north end on construction projects before it gets too dry to do such work. The county rock crusher is still working near Lexington, but is stockpiling the rock.

It is planned to move the rock crusher to a site north of the D. O. Nelson ranch about April 1 and it is hoped that the new bombing range cutoff road will be graveled a ready for use by the grader and ready for use by the dryness made it imperative that rock be placed on the road as soon as possible to prevent further blow and erosion.

Construction work on the new Paterson Ferry-Highway 30 road, a five-mile connecting link is now complete and base gravel is being hauled as fast as possible to prevent further sand blow in that area also.

For The Squirrel's Sake

'Nuts To Neuberger'

When Oregon's Senator Neuberger opened his "Save the Squirrels" campaign in Washington, it is doubtful that he expected to get much support from normally Republican newspapers in his home state. The Gazette Times this week however, opens a drive to aid the senator in his efforts.

For the benefit of the dis-

placed squirrels that are causing such a hubbub in the capital, this paper asks its readers to bring one nut to this office—any kind of a nut will do, walnut, filbert, peanut, hazelnut etc., and they will be forwarded to the senator for his humanitarian campaign.

Just label them "NUTS TO NEUBERGER".

Red Cross Drive Lags in County

Returns in the current county Red Cross drive are coming in slow with only \$1,100 of the \$2,579 quota collected to date, Jack Angel, county drive chairman, announced Monday. An intensive campaign is being held this week to aid in reaching the goal, he added.

All communities have sent partial returns with none completed, Angel said. The Red Cross office in Heppner, located in the old telephone building, will be open the rest of the week. It is being manned by volunteers from church, grange and women's organizations. Chairmen in Heppner include Mrs. Jack Bedford, residential; Howard Bryant, business and Bruce Lindsay, special groups.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Charlton of La Grande visited over the weekend at the home of their son, Harold Becket.

Walter Luckman Dies In England on Day Of Departure For U. S.

Word was received here the first of the week of the death in England of Walter Luckman, a former Heppner resident for many years. He passed away on March 7, the day he was to leave England to return to this country to make his home.

Mr. Luckman returned to his former home in England about four years ago after spending many years in this country. He was married shortly after he arrived in his former homeland and his wife died last year. He was buried near his old home.

Further details are lacking.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR TREASURER'S POST

The county court said today that it will accept applications for the position of county treasurer until April 7, and will make the appointment shortly thereafter. The present treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers resigned last week from the post effective May 1.

Cancer Drive to Start April 1

Morrow county's cancer drive, with a quota of \$630, will begin April 1. Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, chairman, has announced. A total of \$909 was collected last year in the county which has been the first in the state to reach its quota for the past three years.

Meeting with Mrs. Pettyjohn Saturday to prepare 1300 letters for mailing were committee members Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. Mike Saling, Mrs. Dick Meador, Mrs. Don Bellenbrock and Mrs. Kemp Dick. The month-long drive is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

Ione Library to Observe 'Week' with Open House, Tea



VALUE OF LIBRARY is illustrated by these three Ione children Marjorie O'Connor, Bobby Lee DeSpain and Trova Rigby, who are enjoying some of the young people's books in their own special section of the library which is sponsored and operated by the Ione Topic club. More than 3,000 books are available to residents of this area. (GT Photo)

"Know Your Library Week," March 28 through April 1 will be the occasion for a series of special events designed to acquaint the residents of Ione and vicinity with its public library which is sponsored by the Ione Women's Topic Club, an organization of 24 women. Climax of the week will be an open house and silver tea to be held at the library from 2 to 4 p. m. Friday, April 1.

Ione's library, like those in other small towns, has had a rather rough history which includes numerous moves and one disastrous fire which completely destroyed the building and its contents. The Topic club started a traveling library on October 5, 1935 and established it in a semi-permanent location, the front part of the present Rebekah hall on January 11, 1936. Its founding was aided in June of that year by the donation of 75 books by W. J. Clark of Pendleton. The

original library board included Mrs. Laxton MacMurray, Mrs. Fannie Griffith and Mrs. Bert Mason, who also served as librarian.

The library was moved to the Swanson building and finally in 1952 to the new city hall. Prior to its most recent move, however, members of the club had to start rebuilding the book stock from scratch when the entire library was lost in a fire which destroyed the Swanson building in 1949.

The present library of 3,000 books is now housed in a 21 by 18 foot modern room in the new city building. All fixtures and shelves were furnished by the Topic club, the city of Ione furnishing the room and fuel and \$100 a year. The heating system in the room was donated by the Heppner Elks lodge.

The library boasts 200 regular borrowers and during 1954 practically every book in the library

went out into the hands of readers. 2,984 books were loaned during the year, records show. The young adult section now has a total of 420 books of interest to teen-agers an reference books include a set of encyclopedia Britannica, Webster Merriam dictionary, a world globe and others.

The present library board includes Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, chairman; Mrs. Fannie Griffith, the only remaining member of the original board; Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Mrs. Verner Troedson, Mrs. Victor Rietmann, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Echo Palmtaer, librarian.

Books are continually being added to the library collection with one of the main sources being an annual book holder held by the sponsoring club. The open house and silver tea planned by the organization will be held in the library from 2 to 4 p. m. on April 1.