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## Special Good Friday And Easter Church Services Scheduled

## NORTHWEST BUCKING CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE NEW EVENT FOR THIS YEAR'S RODEO

### Pendleton Round-Up Offers Top Event To Heppner Show

The rodeo committee of the Morrow county fair and rodeo announced today that this year's rodeo will have one of the top riding events of the west as a result of the offer of the Pendleton Round-Up association to give the Heppner show the Northwest amateur bucking championship which has been a major event of the Pendleton Round-Up for the past three decades.

The offer was immediately accepted by the Morrow county rodeo committee and arrangements are being made to give it a prominent spot in the September show.

The Round-Up board said that due to a survey made last year, it had decided to forego the Northwest saddle bronc bucking championship for 1955 on a trial basis from year to year and that it was felt that Heppner was the logical show to have the event. Lester Hamley of Hamley and Co., Pendleton said that his company will donate a saddle for the event as it has done in the past.

In making the announcement, the Round-Up board emphasized that there will be no shortage of bucking in its show as a result of the move, as there will be two or three exhibition bucking horses saddled from snubbing horses as it was done in the old west before the days of chutes. The Northwest bucking will be replaced by the world's championship bull riding, board members revealed.

Last year at the Round-Up there were 38 entries in the Northwest amateur bucking event and the Heppner committee has made arrangements to contract 50 horses to meet expected requirements.

Ed Ring of Wilbur, Washington will provide rodeo stock for the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo September 1, 2, 3 and 4, it was decided last week at a meeting of the rodeo committee. Inland Empire Shows of Lewiston, Idaho will supply the carnival for the fair.

Rodeo stock contracted includes 50 bucking horses, 30 calves and 12 dogging steers while cows for the events will be obtained locally. Entrance fees have been set at \$25 for the calf roping, \$20 for the cow milking and \$15 for the bareback riding and dogging with day money of \$75 set for each event.

As has been previously announced, this year's show will be strictly amateur and plans are under consideration to provide a special Saturday night show under the recently installed lights. Possible events may be a special Calgary roping event, a go-around of a calf roping or a special bucking event. Several possibilities, including one or more special events not previously held, are being considered, it was said.

The committee accepted the offer of Empire Machinery Company to provide a public address system for the rodeo and applications are now being accepted for announcer.

### Beckner Honored

The committee voted to honor Lee Beckner, a former rodeo president and well known stockman who died recently, by placing a western book in the Heppner library and with special events at the fall rodeo.

### Boardman Road Oiling Bids Called

The state highway commission has announced it will receive bids at Portland on April 13 for the oiling of 1090 miles of county roads to a width of 18 feet on the federal secondary highway system near Boardman.

The three roads to be improved are 8.19 miles on the Peters-Messner Junction road, 1.48 miles on the Peters road and 1.23 miles on the Smith road.

### Roy Neill underwent surgery

at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton on Tuesday.

### Heppner and Lone School Bands Win Excellent Ratings

Three local school bands, the Heppner high and grade, and the Lone high school band, all received excellent ratings at the Eastern Oregon music festival held last weekend at La Grande.

Both the Heppner and the Lone bands rated excellent in the competition in the senior division and the Heppner grade school group won the same rating in the junior division.

Band ensembles from Heppner in the senior division also rated excellent included a clarinet duet composed of Lynda Borman and Jay Sumner, accompanied by Carol Anderson and a horn duet which included Darlene Connor and Frances Duran accompanied by Lynda Borman. A good rating was given Janet Kendall, Janet Wright and Roger Harris, accompanied by Mary Ruth Green.

Junior division clarinet quartet composed of Jeanne Collins, Barbara Dobbie, Tom Driscoll and Renn Harris also received an excellent rating.

All band members appeared at the festival in their new uniforms which were recently purchased through the efforts of the band parents club.

### First Grid Game To Be With Burns

Local school officials said this week that arrangements have been completed for the Heppner football team to play its first game next fall under the new lights at the rodeo field against Burns high school. It will be played on September 30.

The game will be a special game sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce as a benefit for the fund to pay off bondholders who helped finance the lighting system. Teams will play for expenses with the remainder to go into the light fund.

The game as expected to be an excellent one as Burns is classified as an A school.

### New Vets Instructor Teaching Farm Class

Tom Fraser, veteran agricultural instructor of Pendleton, announced this week that veterans who are interested in the veterans on-the-farm training program which will be given here, should contact either him at the class on Wednesday evenings or Llewellyn Robbins, local F. F. A. instructor at the high school. Fraser replaces Bill Barratt who has resigned the post as instructor which he held for some time.

Fraser particularly advised Korean veterans that they have only 24 months from the time of their release to sign for such training.

The class is held Wednesday evenings starting at 8 p. m. at the Heppner high school.

### BARLOWS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barlow have returned to their home in Heppner after a visit of several months with relatives in Eugene.

### Validity of Names On Street Petitions Is Questioned

City attorney J. J. Nys told the city council Monday night that there is a question as to the validity of some of the names appearing on petitions presented to the council last fall requesting the improvement of several streets on the west side of Heppner.

The statement was made after the council had asked the attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance setting up an improvement district in the area concerned so that work could get started this spring on the requested improvements. Nys said that not all petitions had been checked but agreed to do so before the next council meeting.

The petitions had asked for the curbing and paving of Gale street from May to Willow creek and the cross streets of Center, Baltimore, Church, Water and Jones. The improvement of the short unnamed street leading into the Seventh Day Adventist church was also asked in the petitions. The council has requested an estimate on the cost of the work from its engineers.

### New Bridge Planned

Plans for a new concrete and steel bridge across Willow creek from Main street to the school grounds were examined and work on that project is planned for this summer. The present wooden bridge is nearly 40 years old and has been called dangerous.

A request from William Duran was heard asking that the city close an alley adjacent to his property on south Court street. He said it was not used by residents but that it was only used as a turn-around for "squirrelers". He was told that such a closure would have to be petitioned by residents before the council could take action.

A new building permit ordinance was read twice and passed to the next meeting for final approval.

### MARCH RAINFALL ADDS OVER ONE INCH OF MOISTURE IN HEPPNER AREA

March rainfall of 1.30 inches in Heppner materially brightened crop prospects in the area and brought the highest precipitation of any month since last August, Len Gilliam, weather recorder reports. Rainfall during March 1954 was 1.12 inches.

The month's increase brought to 5.45 inches the total to fall here since last September.

Heppner received more than any other section of the county, though all areas received considerable moisture during the month. Gooseberry reports 1.25 inches; Ralph Crum, north lone, 2.2 inches; Lloyd Howton, south lone 55 inch; E. M. Derrick, Eightmile .95 inch; and Kenneth Peck, Lexington, 1.07 inches.

The moisture and the considerably warmer weather during the past few days has brought most grain up noticeably with fall wheat in the north end of the county showing nicely. Consider-

### 'He Helps Those Who Help Themselves'

At the Morrow County Grain Growers anniversary banquet Tuesday night several door prizes were given away. Among them a \$50 savings bond.

Chairman Al Lamb asked R. B. Rice, one of the original directors of the co-op, who was sitting at the head table, to draw a number from the hat. He drew his own number.

### Water Prospects Better, Mountain Snow Pack Deep

Water content on the Ad buckle mountain snow pack is 31 per cent above the 25 year average and 60 per cent above last year at this same time, according to measurements taken by Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation Service who skied into the area Wednesday.

A total of 43 inches of snow with a water content of 14.2 inches was measured March 30 while a year ago at this time the snow cover was 23 inches with a water content of 8.9 inches. Average water content this time of year is 10.8 inches according to 25 year records of federal-state cooperative surveys.

During the 25 year period water content of snow has varied on April 1 from a high of 17.7 inches in 1933 to a low of zero in 1943.

Soils were found to be saturated on North Jones prairie where the snow course is located. Upland forested soils are only moderately moist, Wilson said.

Rising streams in the watershed during the past few days of warm, rainy weather indicated that at least part of the soil moisture deficit occurring from below normal rainfall during the fall and winter months has been corrected and normal runoff can be expected. W. T. Frost, Soil Conservation Service stream forecaster, Portland, has indicated that with normal rainfall during April, May and June the present snowpack should insure at least one good irrigation for Willow and Butter creek bottomlands.

### Band Benefit Carnival To be Held at Fair Pavilion April 16

Plans are progressing for the school band uniform benefit carnival to be held at the Heppner fair pavilion Saturday, April 16. It is under the sponsorship of the Lions club and the Band Parents club.

A full evening's entertainment is promised by committee members who have been making arrangements for the numerous booths which will be operated from 6 o'clock until midnight. A food booth is also planned and visitors are urged to bring the family there for dinner.

The carnival is being held to raise money for the purchase of new uniforms for both the high school and the grade school bands.

### Kindergarten Vote In District No. 1 Set For Tuesday

The question of whether or not the kindergarten will become a part of the Heppner school system will be decided at a special election next Tuesday, April 12. Voting will be held at the school and the polls will be open from 2 until 8 p. m.

The question will be put before the voters of school district No. 1 as the result of petitions circulated in the district by the members of the Heppner Civic League which now sponsors the kindergarten as a private operation. Over 300 signatures were obtained asking the school board to call an election on the proposal.

Though the League took the initiative in circulating the petitions, it has taken a neutral stand on the suggestion. Officers said that numerous requests had been made to have the nursery school included in the school system, so the organization took the step to have the question settled at the polls. It was made plain however, that even if the proposal is voted down, the League will continue to operate the kindergarten on a tuition basis, as has been done in the past. Next year a room in the present school building has been promised to house the class which has been held in the old Heppner civic center building.

The question to be voted on Tuesday is only whether the kindergarten should be incorporated in the school system. If the plan is approved, then a 1-mill special levy will be asked at another election, as funds for its operation probably cannot be obtained from rural school moneys. It was pointed out that a 1-mill levy will not be sufficient to pay the entire cost of the class, but the Civic League has agreed to provide what ever additional funds are needed.

### Argument Given

All voters in the district will receive a letter within the next few days telling of the plan and presenting argument in favor and against it. The letters are being sent out by the League and a committee consisting of Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Alvin Bunch, Mrs. L. E. Dick Jr. and Mrs. James Sumner have had charge of preparing the arguments for and against.

Inasmuch as all voters in the district will receive the letters giving both sides of the proposal, the numerous points of discussion will not be presented here, but voters are urged to watch for the mailing and read the proposal carefully for a full understanding of the plan.

### Local Penney Store Scene of Burglary

What police officers termed a "break and enter" rather than the usual "break and enter" occurred sometime Tuesday night when an unknown burglar robbed the Heppner J. C. Penney store of approximately \$100 in cash. All the money was rolled in packages and was in small change, manager Jeff Carter reported.

Police said the burglar apparently was hidden in the store when it was locked up Tuesday evening as clues showed that exit from the building was gained by smashing out a small window in the rear stock room. All the broken glass from the window was on the outside of the building, which police said indicated that it had been broken from the inside. All other windows are barred and doors locked so that they could not be opened from the inside without a key.

As far as could be told no merchandise was taken.

### NEW OFFICER ON DUTY

Kenneth Green has accepted the position of day police officer in Heppner, chief Floyd Hutchins has announced. Green takes over Hutchins' position which has been vacant since he was appointed chief to replace George Reid who resigned last week.

A series of Pre-Easter and Easter services are scheduled in nearly all churches in Heppner, Lexington and Lone with the first to be special union Good Friday services which will be held from 12 noon until 3 o'clock at the Heppner Methodist church.

Four Heppner ministers, Rev. Lester Boulden, Methodist; Earl L. Soward, Christian; Willis Geyer and John R. Reeves will take part in the Good Friday services which will be divided into separate 20 minute services.

Beginning Thursday evening and continuing through Easter Sunday the lone church of the Nazarene will hold special Holy Week services. The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be commemorated in the Thursday night service and Rev. Harmon Schmeling, a student at Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho will speak at the Friday and Saturday night services and both services on Sunday. A special

### Wheat Growers Spring Meeting To be at Lexington

Meeting Monday night, the executive committee of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association set plans for their annual spring meeting. It will be held at the Lexington Grange hall at 7:30 p. m., April 22nd, announces N. C. Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Included on the program which should draw all Morrow county wheat growers, is Bob Taylor, administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission, who has been active in forwarding the wants of wheat growers in farm legislation in Washington D. C. Taylor spent considerable amount of time during the month of January, with farm legislation and other matters concerning wheat farmers. The Oregon Wheat Growers League has had someone in Washington since the first of the year which will be reported on by Taylor.

Kenneth Smouse, president Oregon Wheat Growers League will report on league activities, while Miss Niada Whybark, home economist, Oregon Wheat League, will report on her program. Al Bunch, Heppner, chairman of the Conservation Man of the Year program, will outline this activity for selecting the top Conservation Man of the Year for the state. Plans are underway now for selection of outstanding conservationist in each of the communities in Morrow county.

Reports of committees will be the main business of the meeting. Recommendations made by Morrow county farmers at the fall meeting which in many cases comprise projects for the Wheat League for the year, will be given as the progress report.

Those reporting will be Henry Baker, lone, chairman, wheat disposal and transportation committee; Vernon Munkers, Lexington, chairman federal agricultural programs; Henry Peterson, lone, chairman taxation and legislature; Garland Swanson, lone, chairman production and land use; D. O. Nelson, Lexington, youth activities; and Mrs. H. G. Campbell, Echo, chairman domestic wheat utilization.

Those attending the Monday night meeting were Frank Anderson, Heppner, chairman; Kenneth Peck, Lexington, vice chairman; Henry Baker, lone; Kenneth Smouse, lone; Vernon Munkers, Lexington; Al Bunch, Heppner; and N. C. Anderson, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Cleveland Gerard, soils assistant, Pendleton branch experiment station, also attended the meeting. Kenneth Peck, Lexington, was made publicity man for this meeting.

### Red Cross Drive Falls Short of Goal

The Morrow county Red Cross drive ended early this week with only \$1,600 of its quota of \$2,579 collected, Jack Angel, county chairman has reported. It is the first year, according to records, that the county has failed to meet its quota.

Angel said a check of contributors indicated the lack of small \$1.00 contributions led to the shortage as most large contributions came in about the same as in past years.

A special Red Cross board meeting has been called for Tuesday April 12.

Easter program and Sunday school is planned at 10 a. m. Sunday.

### Sunrise Services Set

Special Easter Sunrise services are planned by lone Community church which will be held at 5 a. m. on the hill south of lone. This will be followed by a breakfast at the church. The Christian and Methodist young people will also hold sunrise services at the Christian church at 5 a. m. and they will be followed by a breakfast for the young folks at the Christian church.

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified starting at noon and followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:30 will be observed at St. Patrick's Catholic church on Good Friday. Holy Saturday services are scheduled at 6:30 a. m. and the choir under the direction of Miss Marguerite Glavey will present special Easter music at high Mass at 9:30 Sunday at Heppner. There will also be Mass at the lone church at 8 a. m. An Easter egg hunt will also be held on the church grounds following the Sunday Mass. Rev. Francis McCormack announced.

Special Easter services Sunday are planned at all Heppner churches with many calling for special Easter music. An Easter cantata is also scheduled at the Lexington Christian church, it was announced.

A special service will be held Saturday at the Heppner Seventh Day Adventist church dedicated to "The Glorious Hope of His soon return."

Many churches are also scheduling special Sunday school programs either on Saturday or Sunday.

### Need For Farmer Co-ops Recounted At MCGG Banquet

"Farmer-owned cooperatives are a component part of the profit system and they are not receiving tax benefits over other types of business," L. C. Wallmark, vice president of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, told 300 persons Tuesday evening at the 25th anniversary banquet of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Wallmark was the main speaker on a program that included a report by manager Al Lamb, a short talk by president L. L. Howton and a brief history of the founding and early efforts of the farmers of the county to form the cooperative recounted by R. B. Rice, one of the first directors of the company.

Wallmark told the group how the cooperative movement had aided the farmer in many ways and recounted numerous instances where other businesses have formed similar groups to aid themselves in combating competition and gaining better marketing or purchasing positions. He named several grocery purchasing cooperatives which do many millions of dollars of business each year. Other lines using the co-op idea to advantage are drug firms, department stores, hardware businesses, newspaper wire service, and freight forwarding companies. He said that time has shown that co-ops are a necessary part of business.

### Formed in 1930

R. B. Rice, one of the founders of Morrow County Grain Growers, told how the organization was formed in 1930 with practically no cash, as merely a marketing agency and how, since then it has grown to be the largest marketing and grain storage organization in the county with facilities located at seven strategic points in the county.

Manager Lamb told the group that when the annual audit is completed in June of this year, the directors have voted to make available \$50,000 to be used for payment of 1941 crop dividends and 1945 ownership certificates. This will be the first payment made on such certificates in many years, he said.

During the turkey dinner which was prepared by members of the Heppner Legion auxiliary members of the Heppner high school band and orchestra provided several selections.

Several out of town guests were present including several officers of the Pendleton Grain Growers and the Condon Grain Growers, officials of the Inland Navigation Company and others. Each guest received a special anniversary pen and every family a rain gauge.



JUST IN CASE some persons might not believe that Morrow county has a grasshopper problem, this picture, supposedly taken during last year's "minor" infestation, should dispel any doubt. According to reports few of the critters would stand still long enough to be harnessed for work, but this one apparently was caught unawares. The identity of the photographer who took this shot is unknown.