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Wheat Referendum Talks Slated at June 16 Meeting

Official reports have revealed that wheat and flour exports since last July are running over one-fourth larger than a year ago. However, even with this increase in wheat exports, wheat acreage allotments and marketing quotas will be put into force for the 1956 crop if farmers vote them at the June 25 referendum.

To bring local farmers up to date on the wheat situation and what they will be voting for at the June 25 election, an educational meeting has been set for June 16. It will be held at the Lexington grange hall starting at 8 p. m. Officials from the ASC and the extension service will discuss the situation, it was announced.

Up to mid-May foreign shipments of wheat amounted to the equivalent of 225 million bushels compared to 175 million for the same period last year. International wheat agreement sales and the export disposal plan accounted for most of the increase, it was said.

Livestock Prices Continue Climb

HERMISTON—A. G. Edmondson of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with eight white-face stock cows that sold for \$147 pr. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

Prices were generally fully steady to somewhat stronger due to quality and demand Friday.

Consigned were 384 cattle compared with 561 the previous week, 223 hogs compared with 164, and 83 sheep compared with 93. Oregon and Washington packers, feeders and ranchers contributed to broad demand, with mostly small lots brought by 122 consigners.

Price increases Friday included steer calves, up 70c at \$22 cwt.; stocker steers up 10c at \$18.40 cwt.; feeder steers, up 20c, \$21.50 cwt.; higher quality, better finish up \$1.10 at \$22.70 cwt.; fat heifers of better grade up \$4.00 at \$21.10 cwt.; better producing dairy cows up \$67.50 at \$205 hd.; better quality stock cows up \$9.50 at \$147 pr.; slaughter cows, commercial grade, \$15.70 cwt.; utility grade, up 40c, \$13.80 cwt.; canner-cutter up 40c at \$11.60 cwt.; few heavy Holsteins at \$12.60; feeder pigs up \$1.20 cwt., at \$19.10 with a few at \$23.50 cwt., due to quality and demand; fat hogs up 30c at \$19.80 cwt.; lighter sows up \$2 at \$15.80 cwt.; young breeding boars to 12.10 cwt.; up \$1.70; better quality feeder lambs, up \$1.50 at \$15.80 cwt., and ewes up 30c at \$4.80 due to lighter weight and better condition.

Needed next Friday are long fed fat steers and heifers grading good and choice, and killing bulls are expected to stay in strong demand.

Calves: Baby calves 7.50-24.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 20.10-22.00 cwt.; heifer calves 16.20-19.10 cwt.; veal 21.25-23.60 cwt.

Steers: Stocker steers 16.90-18.40 cwt.; feeder steers 19.20-21.50; fat slaughter steers 20.40-22.70; fat heifers 19.20-21.10.

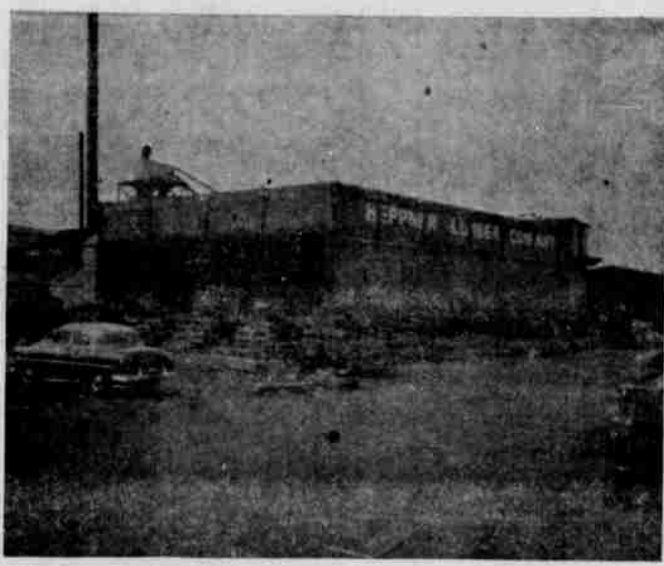
Cows: Dairy cows 107.50-205.00 hd.; dairy heifers 11.40-14.90 cwt.; stock cows 112.50-147.00 pr.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 14.10-15.70 cwt.; utility 12.75-13.80 cwt.; canner-cutter 9.10-11.60 cwt., very few heavy Holsteins to 12.60; shells 7.10-8.50 cwt.

Bulls: 14.75-17.10 cwt.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 7.50-13.50 hd.; feeder pigs 16.75-19.10, few to 23.50 cwt.; fat hogs 18.40-19.80 cwt.; sows 12.60-15.80; boars 6.25-12.10 cwt.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 13.75-15.80 cwt.; no fat lambs; ewes 2.25-4.80 cwt.; no bucks.



READY TO GO—The large tile kiln building at the Heppner Pine Mills is shown up on timbers and nearly ready to start its several hundred foot trip to its new location near the rear of the mill property. Actual moving of the building is expected to start late this week. When the moving and remodeling project is completed the local mill will present an entirely new appearance and will be planned for more economical operation. (GT Photo)

Big Moving Job Now On at Heppner Mill

One of the major operations in the current remodeling of the Heppner Pine Mills will start late this week when the firm of Henkle and Son of Portland will begin the job of moving the big dry kiln building to its new location.

The large tile building 70 by 104 feet has been jacked up and placed on timbers during the past two or three weeks and will be moved on special tracks to its new location southwest of the main mill. It has been located

near the highway, but in its new location it will be more accessible and considerable hauling of lumber will be eliminated.

A large part of the other moving and remodeling has already been started or completed, Paul Koenig, mill manager said. The office has been moved out to the front of the property and several other frame buildings have been moved to new locations to streamline the operation of the plant.

Other changes which are now being made include the electrification of the main mill, the installation of an edge sorter which will replace the old green chain, a new log haul from the pond and the construction of a million gallon water storage reservoir and installation of a complete fire sprinkler system in all parts of the mill. A new burner will also be installed about where the dry kilns now stand.

Koenig said this week that tentative plans call for the start of regular cutting operations at the mill about July 1. He said that the entire remodeling and moving job probably won't be completed by that time, but that the mill and planers should be ready for operation by then. The plant was shut down on May 1.

Ione Swimming Pool Now Open

School officials announced this week that the Ione heated swimming pool has been opened to the public this week and will be open daily except Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Free swimming instruction will be given four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, and a special class for beginners is planned for Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a. m., it was announced. The pool will also be available for special private parties between 9 and 11 p. m. A nominal fee will be charged for this service.

Admission prices have been set at 15 cents for grade school students, 25 cents for high school and 50 cents for adults with season tickets available at \$4.00 for grade school, \$6.00 for high school students and \$9.00 for adults.

Vacation Bible School Opening Set For June 27

The Christian church has announced plans to hold its own vacation Bible school this year but the help of other groups or individuals will be welcomed, it was said.

Opening of the classes will be later than usual with the date having been set for June 27 through July 1. Children who will be old enough to attend school next year through those in the sixth grade will be welcome.

FIRE ALARMS FALSE

Two false fire alarms, sounded practically together, attracted a large crowd of people Saturday evening but brought only disappointment to any thrill seekers.

The two calls, coming within two minutes of each other, sounded the automatic alarm twice. Fire department officers said one was accidental dialing of the fire department number, but the second was thought to be intentional.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jones and family left late this week for Kansas where they will visit relatives.



TO PRESENT PROGRAM—The Northwest Nazarene College Ambassadors quartet which will present a special program next Wednesday evening, June 8 at 7:45 at the Ione Church of the Nazarene. They will be accompanied by Paul Anderson, also of the college.

Accident-Free Record Set Over Weekend

According to police reports, Morrow county was different from many other areas of the country over the Memorial Day holiday in that no serious car accidents occurred over the long weekend. Only one minor accident was reported and police called it a very quiet weekend even though there was heavy traffic on highway 30 through the north end of the county.

May Rainfall Hits 1.75 Inches Here

Local records revealed that Heppner received 1.75 inches of rain during May, one of the heaviest falls during that month that has been recorded in several years.

Practically all of the month's rain fell over a two-day period at the middle of the month, though a small amount was checked during the first few days, and another trace over the Memorial Day weekend. The mid-month storms were quite general over the county with nearly an inch of rain being reported from some of the normally drier areas to the north.

May's one and three-fourths inches brought the total precipitation for the first five months of the year to 6.52 inches. Rainfall by months has been: January .56; February .74; March 1.30; April 2.17 and May, 1.75.

PLANS MADE FOR 4-H SUMMER CAMP; WORK PROGRESSING ON BUILDINGS

Mrs. N. C. Anderson, chairman of the summer camp committee reported that all committees had been appointed and were active in making arrangements for 4-H summer camp, it will be held at the Herron Creek meadow July 6 to 10.

Herman Blettell, chairman of the permanent summer camp building committee reported that he had met with a group of 4-H parents and leaders last week and had set up the mechanics for getting the permanent type buildings erected on the camp ground held by lease from the Cutsforth Forest Park board. The building 20 x 100 will be constructed and hoped equipped by this camp.

He reported that the first load of gravel had been hauled that day by H. G. Campbell. Approximately ten loads of gravel are being donated by 4-H backers for the foundation and concrete floor. D. O. Nelson is chairman of the gravel project. Chairman of other projects outlined for building of the camp are O. W. Cutsforth, cutting of logs; cement, Roy Martin; concrete pouring, Glen Campbell; log sawing, Howard Cleveland.

The kitchen planning committee met with Mrs. Walter Wright presenting plans for the 15 x 20 kitchen. It was reported that many contributions have been made for equipment for the camp including electric light plant from Glen Campbell, gas stove from Glen Campbell and gas refrigerator from Howard Cleveland, a hot water tank from D. O. Nelson, sinks from O. W. Cutsforth and E. M. Baker, laundry tubs from Bob Dobbs and N. C. Anderson. The Ione Congregational church had previously donated folding chairs for the summer camp. Chairman Herman Blettell reported that if the weather conditions prevail, concrete pouring will get under way the first part of next week. The council requested that the county agent's office write a letter to all of the 4-H club parents asking for their voluntary contributions of labor or materials for the camp building. The building will be of log construction with aluminum roof, concrete floor and finished with materials salvaged by 4-H parents from one of the old CCC houses donated to the club council by the Morrow county court.

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Boardman Fire District Election Set For Monday

A special election will be held Monday, June 6 at the fair pavilion in Boardman to decide on the formation of a rural fire district and the election of five directors to operate the district if the voters approve the proposal, it was announced this week.

The county court had previously been petitioned to call for the formation of such a district and at the hearing set the date for the election.

The proposed district will include all of the Boardman school district with the exception of the town of Boardman itself. All registered voters residing in the district outside the city limits of Boardman are eligible to vote and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., it was said.

No petitions have been filed with the county clerk for anyone desiring to run for the five positions on the board of directors, so in consequence, write-ins will be required.

Only one other rural fire protection district is currently in operation in the county. It is at Irigon and was formed in 1946. Two attempts have been made to organize one in the Ione-Lexington area, one was voided because of improper organization procedure, and the second election, held last year, ended in a tie vote which automatically stalled the formation.

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of the various clubs are now gathering supports for the 11 steers, 15 lambs and 6 pigs that will be exhibited from Morrow county. This year's show will be the greatest ever with 637 head of wheat fed animals consigned to the three day show.

Fishing in Area Said Only Fair

Weekend catches at Wallowa lake were only fair as cold weather and snow jinxed trollers. Bank anglers caught Rainbows up to 17 inches on eggs. Excellent catches of Rainbow were made on the Wallowa river with bait. All Wallowa county streams are clearing and dropping. Good catches were made on many area streams, the state game commission reports.

McKay Reservoir has been good streams are clearing and dropping. Willow and Rhea creeks in Morrow county are fairly good and stream conditions are clearing.

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Mrs. Percy Hughes New Memorial Picnic Head



MEMORIAL DAY DINNER—Shown are a few of the more than 200 persons who gathered Monday at the Heppner fair pavilion for the second annual Memorial Day Friendship dinner. The potluck affair brought out an ample supply of food, as the loaded table in the foreground shows. Many visiting former residents attended. (GT Photo)

Well over 200 persons attended the second annual Memorial Day Friendship picnic held Monday afternoon at the Heppner fair pavilion and selected Mrs. Percy Hughes of Milton-Freewater as president of the organization for the coming year. She replaces Mrs. Guy Boyer, John Day, who has served the past year. J. O. Turner was elected vice president.

Following a welcome by Don Boyer, John Day, J. O. Turner pointed to the marks of progress in the county during the past 50 years naming as examples the coming of the telephone, the automobile, radio, mechanical farm power, bulk shipment and storage of wheat, rural electric power and the general use of the airplane.

Turner told how sheep and cattle raising was the main industry in the area until the coming of the railroad in 1888 when wheat growing on a small scale was started.

Turner opened his talk with a tribute to the war dead of the country and suggested that an honor plaque listing the soldiers of Morrow county who had died in the service would be a fitting memorial to their service and efforts.

Several musical numbers were presented by Oliver Creswick and a chorus composed of J. O. Turner, Frank Turner, Harold Becket, Oliver Creswick, Clem Stockard, Harvey Wright and Fred Bartholomew of Estacada.

A display of interest to all visitors was a table of old time art.

Those who are attending the Wheat League show who had animals at the demonstration were: Dick Ekstrom, Ione; Skip Emert, Ione; Dennis Doherty, Heppner; Don Castiel, Heppner; Jerry Anderson, Heppner; Donald Craber, Heppner; Billy Doherty, Lexington; and Joe Palmer, Lexington—Beef. Those with lambs going to the show are: Russell Dolven, Karl Beach, Sandra Beach, Tom Martin, Jim Martin, Kenneth L. Smouse, Kenneth Nelson, Janet Palmer, Lexington; Carlene Rhea, Sandra Rhea, and Mike Spike, Echo; Dennis Doherty, Roger Doherty, and Martha Doherty, Heppner. Larry Campbell, Echo, and Bill Brannon, Ione, exhibited hogs.

4-H Members Hold Livestock Field Day

Sixty-three 4-H club members, parents, and leaders Saturday held a livestock field day at the Freddie Nelson farm near Lexington. During the day beef, sheep, swine and dairy were studied by the club members and demonstrations were given in blocking, fitting, grooming, showmanship and judging. Livestock that will be exhibited at the Oregon Wheat Growers League sponsored 4-H Fat Stock Show and Sale at The Dalles on June 6, 7, and 8, were groomed for the show.

Assisting with the demonstrations and training were local leaders: D. O. Nelson, Freddie Nelson, Carl Rhea, and Roy Martin of Lexington; Bernard Doherty of Heppner and Herman Blettell of Ione. County agent N. C. Anderson, placed classes of fat sheep and beef and gave pointers on showmanship.

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Leaders of each of the clubs reported that they had gathered supports for the fat livestock that will be exhibited at The Dalles with the following giving supports of 4c over market price for beef, 5c for sheep, and 6c hogs. Supporting Morrow county club members exhibiting lambs are Ashbeck and Luciana, Phil Cohn, and Van Buskirk and Floyd, Echo; W. J. Doherty, Lexington, Hatfield Grocery, Lexington, Fred Nelson, Lexington.

Supporting beef are: Pendleton Grain Growers, Hermiston branch, Lexington Co-op, Jordan elevator, Paul Pettyjohn, Morrow county, Farley Motor Company, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, C. Ervin Anderson, Roseway Motor Company, Heppner Pine Mills, and Heppner Elks lodge. Those supporting swine are L. F. Leathers, Delbert Emert, and A. E. Stefani, Ione.



FFA ADVISORS in many sections of Oregon this week are offering final advice to club boys who will enter several hundred head of wheat-fed steers, hogs and lambs in the FFA section of the Ninth Annual 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. The show will get underway at 9:00 A. M. Monday, June 6, at The Dalles and close with auctions in the afternoon and evening of June 8. Here Dorcey Davy (right) FFA Advisor at The Dalles high school, looks over the show entry of John Coos (left) of The Dalles FFA chapter, while another chapter member, Lonnie Shoemaker, looks on.

Wranglers and Sage Riders Meet Sunday

The second go-around of this year's riding and roping "fued" between the Heppner Wranglers and the Umatilla Sage Riders will be held at the rodeo grounds here next Sunday starting at 1:30. Wrangler officers have revealed.

The first of the series of meets was held two weeks ago at the Sage Riders arena near Hermiston and the host organization came out winner in the meet. Should the Sage Riders win Sunday they will obtain permanent possession of a trophy for the series.

The Sunday show will be preceded by a parade through Heppner at 1 o'clock.

O'Harra to Attend Regional FB Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra will leave by plane Tuesday from Pendleton for Estes Park, Colorado where O'Harra will attend the regional Farm Bureau educational meeting to be held there four days next week. O'Harra is president of the Morrow county Farm Bureau.

O'Harra was chosen to make the trip at a recent meeting at the O'Harra home in Lexington. High point of the program at the last meeting was the showing of pictures of his trip to South America by Henry Baker.

New Dentist to Open Office June 27

Dr. Bob B. Bliss and his wife and sons of Portland were in Heppner early this week to make arrangements for housing. They plan to move here within a short time.

Dr. Bliss announced plans to open his office for the practice of dentistry in the Heppner Clinic building about June 27. The office has been vacant for the past several months since Dr. Fred L. Gronemyer moved to Moses Lake, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher are in Portland for a week vacation, where they are visiting relatives and friends.