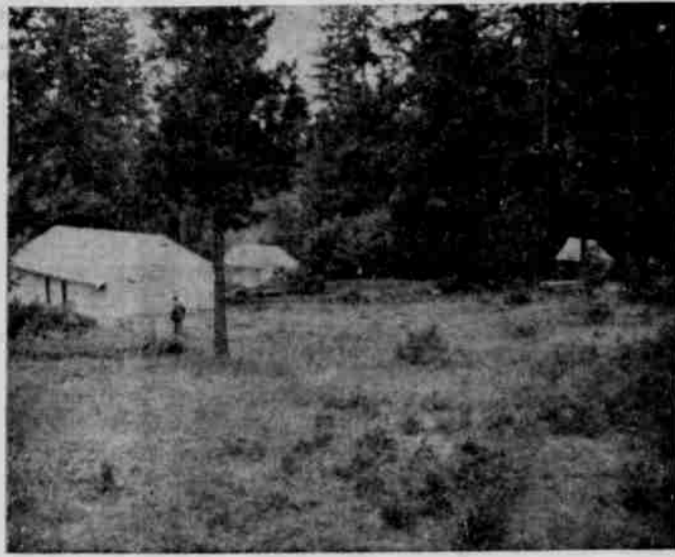


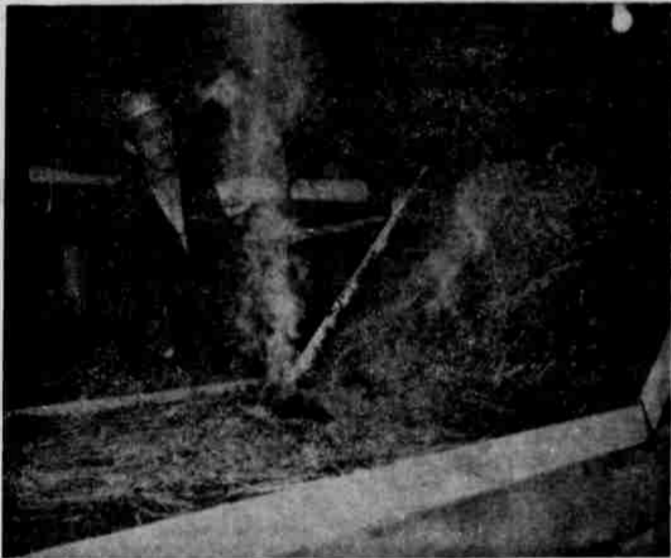
Forest Firemen in Training Session Here



SITE OF FIRE SCHOOL is Tupper Guard Station in the Blue Mountains 34 miles southeast of Heppner. Shown are the recently completed kitchen and messhall, left, which is now being used for a bunk house during the school; bath house, center, and storage building, right. Old guard station does not show.



POPULAR SPOT during the first day of the school was the camp fire as rains and cold weather made many of the outdoor training courses uncomfortable. Shown are a dozen of the nearly 60 men warming up between classes which last throughout the day and evening.



FIRE BEHAVIOR is being demonstrated by F. H. Armstrong, district ranger in the Pomeroy, Wash. district of the Umatilla forest. This demonstration was designed to show how much faster a fire will travel uphill than on flat ground. Pine needles were used for fuel and the fire on the simulated hill reached the top before that on the flat was hardly started.



USE OF POWER EQUIPMENT available in fighting forest fires is taught during the three-day training session. Here the Heppner district's pumper truck is leaving camp with a load of trainees to get instruction in the use of this truck and other portable pumping equipment. In this area very little water is available which means that most fire suppression work is done with hand tools. (GT Photos)



MAP READING CLASS is being led by Martin Lowther, Heppner center. This class is one of the most important for new forest service employees who must spend much of their time during the summer months on the trail chasing fires.

Umatilla Forest Men At Tupper Guard School

In weather more conducive to duck hunting than forest fire chasing, more than 60 forest service firemen, district assistants, rangers and instructors gathered Monday at Tupper guard station for the start of an intensive four-day guard training school. Look-out men and firemen from all six districts of the Umatilla National forest are taking the course.

The crew set up camp Monday at the Tupper station, 35 miles southeast of Heppner in the Blue Mountains and classes began on Tuesday morning amid a continuous procession of thunderstorms that made it nearly impossible to get demonstration fires to burn in the well soaked timber area. Men from Pomeroy and Walla Walla districts in Washington, Pendleton, Ukiah, Dale and Heppner districts of the Umatilla forest are taking part in the school.

This is the seventh consecutive year the training school has been held at Tupper in the Heppner district and two new buildings, a combination kitchen and mess hall and a shower building have been completed during the past year to accommodate the school and for use during the fire season. At the present time the new mess hall is being used as a dormitory.

John Kucera, Pendleton, fire control officer for the Umatilla forest, is in charge of the school program, with Bob Abbott, district assistant from Dale; Homer Oft, Walla Walla ranger; Wayne West, Heppner ranger and numerous other district assistants and rangers aiding with the instruction. Whitmer Wright, Heppner is camp boss, and Abbott is his assistant.

Classes Outlined
All phases of forest service work and fire fighting are taught during the course. Some of the major classes include instruction in use of fire tools; suppression of small fires; map reading; detection; smoke chasing; fire behavior; fire prevention and others. Special classes in fire weather were also taught by a representative of the weather bureau and the problems of skywatch were discussed by a member of the U. S. Air Force.

While numerous documentary films and slides were used during many of the classes, much of the work of learning was done by

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Week's Storms Bring .41 Inches of Rain To Dry Wheat Fields

A very welcome rain started falling over much of Morrow county last Saturday and by Wednesday afternoon an unofficial total of .41 inch was recorded in Heppner. In most places it was sufficient to easily be classified as a "million dollar" rain.

Heaviest fall here was recorded Monday night and Tuesday when .30 was checked. Saturday's storm brought another .11 inch to bring the month's total to .41.

The cooler weather which accompanied the storms was also welcomed by ranchers most of whom felt it came in time to materially aid the current wheat crop. Most of the storms were accompanied by some thunder but no cases of hail damage have been reported.

Harvest To Start About The Fourth

If favorable weather continues wheat harvesting in the county should maintain the county average of about 20 bushels per acre this season according to predictions of ranchers throughout the area. N. C. Anderson, county agent, said this week.

Barley harvesting is expected to begin shortly after the Fourth of July followed by wheat around the tenth in the north Lexington area, which is usually the first to be harvested, Anderson indicated. Acre averages in the Alpine and north Lexington communities is expected to run between 15 to 20 bushels.

The hot weather in June has not seemed to hurt wheat in the Morgan area where the grain is heading out well in the cool weather which followed it. However, crops in some of the south Ione and Dry Fork areas are dry and not filled out, Anderson said.

Wheat is looking good in the Eightmile and south Heppner country where 20 bushel grain may be expected if the weather continues favorable.

FISH, BIRDS RELEASED

The State game commission today released 2,000 rainbow trout in Willow and Rhea creeks. 300 Mongolian pheasants were also released in south Morrow county this week.

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Swimming Pool To Open Soon; Lifeguard Named

The long-awaited filter equipment for the Heppner swimming pool arrived in town yesterday and city workmen started immediately to install the machinery. It is hoped the pool can be opened either Saturday or Sunday.

Opening of the Heppner swimming pool is expected about July 1 following installation of the filter which is due this week, Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, mayor has announced. Larry Down, high school physical education instructor, will be lifeguard and give swimming classes in the mornings.

With the exception of the filter, all other equipment including the chlorinator, has been received and installation has been done by city employees. Cost of the equipment, purchased from the Sparkler Manufacturing company, Chicago, totalled \$7,548.

Heppner School Head Quits Post

Heppner school superintendent H. C. Reed revealed this week that he has submitted his resignation to the local school. It is to become effective July 1.

Reed said that he expected to move to the Willamette valley and will probably accept a principalship in a school there. He expects to spend some time at a state school working for his doctorate.

Reed came to Heppner from Prescott, Washington two years ago where he had served as superintendent of schools. Prior to that he was at Sweet Home, Oregon and Astoria.

Members of the school board said Wednesday that they have not yet named a successor but they are receiving applications for the post and interviewing interested persons. They indicated that a new superintendent will be named as soon as possible.

Reed said he does not plan to move his family from Heppner until about September 1.

Camp Fire Leaders Plan New Groups

Miss Eileen Plumb, field director for region six, Camp Fire Girls, was in Heppner, Thursday, June 23rd and met with local group leaders for a potluck luncheon and general discussion of Camp Fire and Blue Bird problems and procedure.

Miss Plumb, from Spokane, Washington, is one of four directors for region six which includes the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana. Miss Plumb stated that while Heppner is too small a community to have a councillor, she would advise an advisory committee made up of interested citizens who would help in organizing new groups and in solving existing problem among older groups.

Two new Blue Bird groups are just starting and it is hoped there will be two more by the time that school starts. Leaders who will serve with these groups are Mrs. Robert Ferrel, Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz, Mrs. Marion Huggert and Mrs. Ernie Winchester.

There will also be a new Camp Fire group this fall, known as a Fly Up group of girls graduating from Blue Bird to Camp Fire work. Assisting with this group will be Mrs. Roice Fulleton, Mrs. William Barratt and Mrs. Albert Veig.

Miss Plumb stated that she was much impressed with the growth of Camp Fire and Blue Birds in Heppner since it began here last fall with a membership of 31 to 61 at the present time. Taking into consideration the number of Heppner girls of Camp Fire and Blue Bird age (from 7 to 18), it is hoped to have a membership of 80 when two new groups get started and about 100 by next spring.

Other leaders and assistants who have served groups include: Mrs. Ervin Anderson and Mrs. Al Veig; Mrs. James Thomson and Mrs. Paul Jones; Mrs. E. H. Schmidt, Mrs. Andy Van Schoick and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy; assistants; and Mrs. Clem Stockard and Mrs. Willard Blake.

Conley Lanham, Eugene, was a visitor in Heppner over the weekend.

Grain Growers Issue Call For Two Groups Of Certificates

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers announced today that the co-op is now calling in two separate groups of certificates issued during past years. They are to be redeemed for cash at face value.

The two groups of certificates called are series 1 capital reserve certificates which were issued as a patronage dividend for the 1941 crop year, and the 1945 building fund certificates.

It had been announced several months ago that the directors of the co-op planned to call in the capital reserve certificates, but no previous mention had been made of the other group. Final bank approval for the call was received only this week, Lamb said.

Hopper Funds Asked to Control Severe Hatch

Negotiations began this week to request \$37,000 in state emergency funds to control grasshoppers which have been termed severe in county areas inspected by Bureau of Entomology personnel.

Heavy infestations were observed in the Balm Fork, Sanford Canyon, Eightmile, Blackhorse and Willow creek areas by Art Fah, Bureau agriculturalist, of Pullman, Wash. and Bob Flynn, Bureau field surveyor, Twin Falls Idaho this Monday and Tuesday. Although surveying has not been completed in other county areas the entomologists reported severe infestations in all areas that were infested last year and stated warm weather, following showers, causes heavy hatching.

Following a meeting of the insect control committee of the Morrow county Livestock Growers Association Monday night at the county agent's office, John Hounsell, state senator from Hood River, requested Governor Paul Patterson to call a special meeting of the emergency board immediately to consider the county's request for hopper control funds. A delegation from the county will be sent to present their program at the board meeting when it is called. N. C. Anderson, secretary of the livestock group, said.

A third of the funds for the spray program, costing about 60 cents per acre, for materials and spraying, has already been allocated by the Bureau of Entomology. If the request for state funds is approved, ranchers will pay a third of the cost, or 20 cents per acre, with the remaining 20 cents covered by the state.

Bids for aircraft application and fuel oil used as a carrier mixture for the Aldrin spray were opened in Minneapolis Tuesday by the Bureau of Entomology, including a bid for spraying 274,000 acres in Grant and Morrow counties.

Meeting Monday night to implement the hopper control program were Ralph Beamer, Dick Wilkinson, Bill Weatherford and Anderson.

Fireworks Slated At Ione Saturday

A fireworks display will be held at Ione on the athletic field turf Saturday, July 2, at dusk in observance of Independence Day, it has been announced.

Staged by the Ione American Legion, fireworks will be set off by Bob Rietmann, Bob DeSpain and Bob Hoskins, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend.

Businesses to Observe Monday Holiday Here

Nearly all Heppner stores, businesses and offices will be closed Monday, July 4, a legal holiday. Also to remain closed will be the county and federal offices and the state liquor store.

The last outgoing mail until Tuesday will be Saturday evening and none will be received here on Sunday or Monday.

No holiday celebration is planned here though several surrounding communities will hold special events.

Guests of Mrs. Mary Van Stevens over the weekend were Mrs. Ovidia Dewey and her sister, Mrs. Sophia Burkett, White Salmon, and Mrs. Mack, Portland.

Nys Wins Rural Board Position, Canvass Reveals

The rural school board announced Wednesday that it had determined that J. J. Nys had won the election for a three-year term on the rural board from district IV. The final vote was Nys 39 and Frank Anderson 36.

The announcement was made following a canvass of the votes at a special meeting of the board Tuesday night.

The result of the election has been in question for over a week after the local election board had thrown out 10 ballots which it felt were improper. Nys was the only one of the two men to file for the position and Anderson received all of his votes by means of write-in. In the local board's tally, Nys received 36 votes to Anderson's 29.

The 10 questioned votes were originally held out because of the belief that they had been improperly marked. The rural board however, allowed most of the questioned votes to be counted following receipt of word from James Turnbull, legal advisor of the state department of education, that they could be counted. The point in question was whether or not an X had to be placed in front of a write-in name to make the ballot official.

Nys has served on the rural board since its formation in 1949. Anderson served a term on the Heppner board a few years ago.

Fair And Rodeo Kick-Off Dance Slated July 16

Opening activities of the annual Morrow county fair and rodeo slated for September 1-4, will get underway with the kick-off dance at the fair pavilion on Saturday night, July 16. N. C. Anderson, secretary, said this week.

Music will be by Ken Knott's orchestra, Portland. Making their first appearance in their rodeo outfits at the dance will be the rodeo court consisting of queen Carol Anne Wiglesworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiglesworth, Echo; and princesses Marilyn Munkers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Lexington; Betty Olmstead, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olmstead, Boardman; Sharon Rill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rill, Rhea Creek and Carolyn Crabtree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Ione.

Several improvements at the fair grounds in preparation of the September show include the purchase of a 10 horsepower electric motor and new sprinkler system for the grounds and for fire protection, Anderson said. A permanent dam will be constructed on Hinton creek, a main steel pipe line installed underground and several hydrants with high pressure sprinkler heads added. The new electric pump replaces the old gas motor used for several years.

Roof trussing began this week on a new 30 by 100 foot pole barn being constructed between the old barn and Hinton creek and the old residence building has been torn down to make more room on the grounds. Raymond Ferguson is in charge of grounds, construction and installations.

Fair ribbons and bumper placard advertising has been ordered and preparation of the premium book is underway, Anderson added. The royal court, representing the fair and rodeo will appear at the Ukiah Rodeo on July 3 and 4.

Other dances will be July 23 for Princess Marilyn given by the Lexington Grange; July 30 for Princess Betty by the Boardman Tillicum club; August 6 for Princess Sharon by the Rhea Creek Grange; August 13 for Princess Carolyn by the Ione Willows Grange and August 20 for Queen Carol Anne.

Ione Swimming Pool To Be Open on Fourth

The Ione swimming pool will be open on the Fourth of July but will be closed Sunday July 10.

Free instructions for adults only will start Tuesday July 5 at 10:00 a. m. for all interested.

Quotas Favored Ninety Per Cent In County Vote

of 351 county ranchers who voted at the wheat marketing quota referendum elections Saturday a total of .9173 per cent favored the measure with 322 in favor and 29 against, election results showed.

District vote showed 63 for and three against at Lexington; 36 for and nine against in the Alpine community; 54 for and five against at Ione; 44 for and one against at Morgan; 50 for and four against, Eightmile; 29 for and four against in north Heppner and 46 for and three against in south Heppner.

Ranchers who stay within their wheat acreage allotments will receive 76 per cent of parity which in Morrow county is \$1.81 a bushel for farm stored wheat, Paul Tews, office manager of the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee, said.

Allotments for 117,010 acres for the 1956 crop are all completed and returned to ranchers, Tews said.

FORMER RESIDENT TAKES OWN LIFE

Word was received today of the death of Mrs. William Instone, 58, a former resident of the Butter Creek area. According to reports she took her own life Wednesday at her home in Hood River.

Funeral services have been announced for Saturday, July 2 at 2 p. m. at Creswick Mortuary with Rev. Eric Robathan officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

State Farm Bureau Head Talks Here

More than 50 persons attended a potluck dinner meeting of the Morrow County Bureau secretary and Newt O'Hara, Morrow county president reported on the regional training meeting at Estes Park, Colorado which they recently attended.

High point on the program was a talk by Eber Howard, Milton-Freewater, state Farm Bureau vice-president, who discussed the aims and activities of the Farm Bureau. He said that during the late 40's this country began losing foreign trade and now is in a jam with surpluses of commodities which we should get to foreign countries instead of giving them money.

Mrs. Wanda Bolin, Pendleton, Umatilla county Bureau secretary and Newt O'Hara, Morrow county president reported on the regional training meeting at Estes Park, Colorado which they recently attended.

Old time music was furnished by Roy Quackenbush, Alvin Bunch and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

Weather Research Meetings Changed

The Tri-County Weather Research meeting originally scheduled to be held today at the Lexington Grange hall has been postponed until July 12 at 1:30 p. m. It will be held at the fair pavilion at Condon.

Dean Eberle of South Dakota State College who is vice-chairman of president's advisory committee on weather control, will be the speaker.

The date for the annual meeting of Morrow County Weather Research, Inc. has also been changed to July 7. It will be held in the evening at Pine City.