

## State Emergency Board to Hear Plea For Hopper Aid

### Meeting Set For Friday at State Capitol

Word was received here this morning from senator Elmo Smith of John Day, chairman of the state emergency board, that he has called a meeting of the board for Friday at 2 p. m. at Salem to hear the request of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association for state aid in an emergency program to control a serious grasshopper infestation in this area.

It has been known for some time that there was the possibility of a serious hatch of hoppers in the county, and a continual survey has been made by U. S. Bureau of Entomology men and local ranchers which now has shown a heavy hatch.

The spraying program as now planned will cover about 170,000 acres on Butter Creek, Balm Fork, Hinton Creek, Johnson Creek, and upper Rhea Creek. The infested area includes practically all of the southeast corner of the county. Cost of the program is set at about \$103,000 which it is hoped can be divided three ways, with the Bureau of Entomology, local ranchers and the state each putting up one-third of the money.

Efforts have been made for over a week to interest the state emergency board in the program and considerable work has been done by the livestock growers to gather evidence of the immediate need for funds. Government funds are already available and according to reports ranchers in the infested areas are ready to pay their share.

Smith told the Gazette Times this morning that the emergency board will convene at 2 p. m. on Friday at the board of control room in the state capitol building to hear the plea for funds. A special meeting of the insect control committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers has been set for tonight and it is understood that a sizeable delegation is planning to make the trip to Salem tomorrow. The county court was also holding a special meeting today and hope was expressed that some money could be obtained from county funds.

The seriousness of the hopper problem in this and other areas prompted the introduction of a bill in the last legislature which would allow the formation of grasshopper control districts and permit the levying of a tax to finance spraying and other control operations. The measure was passed the last day of the legislature but it did not contain an emergency clause and therefore is not operable until after the first of August this year. Because of the delay it would have been impossible to get a tax levy on the rolls in time to do any good this year.

Just how good the possibilities are that the local organization will get the requested \$30,000 from the state is not known, but it is known that the funds available for emergency board were cut from \$2,000,000 to \$700,000 for this biennium.

### John Schaffer Dies Tuesday at Pendleton

Word has been received of the death Tuesday in a Pendleton hospital of John Schaffer, following a long illness. He was over 80 years of age.

Mr. Schaffer was a long time resident of Morrow county and for many years was connected with the Hynd Brothers ranching operations.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. at Folsom Funeral Home chapel in Pendleton with burial to be in the family plot in Salem. He is survived by one son E. R. Schaffer of Cecil, and two daughters thought to live in California.

Visitors at the Harold Wright home over the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Flower and Mrs. Wave Jackson, Monument; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Naley and family, Condon; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flower and family of North Powder.

### Porky Seals Doom With 'Noisy' Meal

One Blue Mountain porcupine probably got the surprise of his life the other night. The porky, apparently even hungrier than usual, chewed through a tire on a car parked at Tupper guard station. The noise of the resulting blowout awakened several men sleeping nearby who investigated and discovered a bewildered porky that had taken one bite too many.

### Coburg Man Named New School Head

The Heppner school board was informed this morning that Joe H. Stewart of Coburg, Oregon has accepted the position of new superintendent of the Heppner schools. He will replace H. C. Reed who announced his resignation last week.

Stewart is a native of Wheeler county and graduated from high school at Spray. He received his bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Oregon and has been superintendent of schools at Coburg, near Eugene, for the past nine years. He had previously taught at both Spray and Kimberly. He has three children, twin girls who are juniors in high school and a girl in the fourth grade.

The Stewarts plan to move to Heppner about August 1, or as soon as suitable housing can be found.

### County Road Oiling Jobs Completed

A total of 26 miles of road oiling has been completed during the past year in Morrow county, it was revealed this week by the county court which only recently accepted the last of the several projects. Much of the work was financed jointly with federal secondary road funds, state and county money.

Most recently completed was the oiling of the 5.1 miles of the new Paterson Ferry connecting road which joins highway 730 and 30 near this end of the Paterson ferry road. It was completed July 1.

On the Boardman project 12.1 miles of county roads were oiled during the past month by Babler Brothers company of Portland. Practically all of this work was financed jointly. Another one-quarter mile of oiling within the city of Boardman was completed following an agreement between the county and the city.

Contractors also finished the oiling of 8.6 miles of the Rhea Creek road which was started last fall but stopped by bad weather. A seal coat had been placed on the road last year, but the final lift was put on last month, the court reported.

Graveling of the recently built bombing range road is progressing according to schedule the court said Wednesday. Eleven and one-half miles of the 14 and one-half mile road has already received gravel and it is expected the job will be completed within two weeks, well ahead of harvest. The new road extends from the D. O. Nelson ranch north of the north Lexington elevator and follows the east side of the bombing range to connect with highway 30 a short distance east of Boardman. When finished it will be the first north-south route, entirely within the county, connecting the two ends of the county.

### Ione Voters Approve Special School Levy

A total of only 15 Ione school district voters went to the polls last Thursday to vote on a special tax levy to make up a district deficit of \$9,999.54. The measure was approved by a vote of 11 to 4.

The deficit had been carried on the Ione school district books for over five years since the formation of the rural school district in the county. The one year levy will amount to slightly over two mills it was said.

### Tri-County Weather Meeting to Hear S. Dakota Man

Dean Eberly of South Dakota State College and member of Eisenhower's advisory committee on weather modification will speak at the annual meeting of Tri-County Weather Research in Condon Tuesday. The committee has been studying cloud seeding for the past year.

George Wilson, Kent, president of Tri-County Weather Research announced that the program will get underway at 1.30 p. m., July 12. Anyone interested is invited he said.

Three cloud seeding firms have been asked to present bids at the meeting for the 1955-56 season. They are: Weather Modification Co., a Redlands, California firm that has been employed the past two seasons; North American Weather Consultants of Pasadena, California and Water Resources Development corporation of Denver, Colo.

Representatives of farmer groups in Connell, Washington, Prosser, Washington, and Pendleton, have been asked to report on results in cloud seeding in their areas. The two Washington groups have conducted programs for 5 years in an effort to increase precipitation.

Weather Modification Co., will report on cloud seeding done in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties. The firm has been seeding clouds with silver iodide smoke in an effort to artificially induce nucleation in clouds to increase precipitation. Clouds were seeded from Sept. 1 to June 30 with the exception of January, February, and the first part of March. One airplane has been used along with a number of ground generators. Seeding was directed from a company office in a trailer (equipped with radar) East of Condon.

### 4-H Summer Camp Opening Delayed by Continuing Rains

Wheat farmers were rejoicing over the past week's rainfall in the county, but those with hay down were joined Wednesday by another group in condemning the continuing sprinkles.

The latest organization to complain about the unseasonal rains were 4-H club members and their advisors who at the last minute had to postpone the annual summer camp at Cutsforth park because of too much mud and water. The camp was scheduled to open Wednesday but was called off until the weather changes for the better. No definite date has been set but officials said they hope to start the camp today or Friday if the weather breaks.

Though the past holiday weekend weather was cloudy here most of this time little rain fell during the four days, only an unofficial .04 was recorded. Tuesday's storm however added .33 inches to bring the week's total to .37 inch.

### County Enjoys Wreck-Free Fourth

While Oregon and the rest of the nation were chalking up one of the worst Fourth of July accidental death records in history, Morrow county enjoyed an accident and injury free weekend. Police said they have received no reports of any serious accidents anywhere in the county.

The only fatal accident in this immediate area occurred at Fossil Monday when a private plane crashed near the airstrip there. Killed outright in the crash was Donald Creighton Lynn, 28 of Ashland. His wife, Edith, 20, died in an ambulance enroute to Pioneer Memorial hospital here. The cause of the crash was given as engine failure.

Mrs. John Heltzel (Margaret Barratt) was a Heppner visitor Monday and Tuesday of last week at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt.

### Funeral Services Held Today for Frank Fraters

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at Creswick Mortuary chapel for Frank Fraters, 73, who passed away July 2 at San Leandro, California. He had been in poor health for several years.

Mr. Fraters was born July 1, 1882 at San Pablo, California, but had lived in Morrow county since his marriage to Amelia Sawyer on January 17, 1903. Mrs. Fraters died here in 1947 and he had made his home with his son Tom on the family ranch in the Eight-mile area.

Rev. Lester Boulden, pastor of the Methodist church officiated at the service and burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Tom, Heppner and Charles of The Dalles. Two daughters, Mrs. Irene Marcielo, San Leandro and Mrs. Celia Needham, Citrus Heights, Cal.; four sisters; Mrs. Mary Sota, San Pablo, Calif.; Mrs. Anna Murray, San Francisco; and Mrs. Kate Roderick, Berkeley, Calif.; Mrs. Rose Biana, Richmond, Calif. He also leaves eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Free Instruction In Swimming Plan At Heppner Pool

The Heppner swimming pool opened last weekend following installation earlier in the week of the new filtering equipment, but, because of unfavorable weather over the weekend, didn't get much of an opening crowd.

Larry Downen, lifeguard and water safety instructor at the pool, announced today that the pool will be open to the public from 3 to 7 p. m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and from 1 to 5 on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. It will be closed on Mondays.

Downen announced that he will give free swimming and life saving instruction to all who desire it with classes to be started in the near future. He asked that all persons, children or adults, who are interested in such instruction sign up at the pool within the next 10 days. He also said that he will give an adult class in survival swimming if a sufficient number of persons show interest in such a course.

The instruction classes will probably be given in the mornings, Downen said, with the exact time schedule to be worked out later.

### COHNS HAVE GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cohn of Hermiston are the parents of a 8 lb. boy born Monday July 4 at the Hermiston hospital. He has been named Philip Andrew. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn of Heppner.

### Council Passes New Ordinance On Solicitation

The Heppner city council Tuesday passed and put into immediate effect a new ordinance governing nearly all types of solicitation within the city.

The ordinance does not prohibit legitimate solicitation but does require any person doing such work to register at the city hall and obtain a permit from the city recorder. It applies to anyone soliciting for donations or subscriptions to magazines, periodicals or publications of any kind. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged for the permit and at the time of application sufficient evidence must be shown that the solicitor is working for a legitimate company, church or organization and has express authority from such organization to work for it.

The ordinance carries a penalty for violation of not over \$100 fine or 50 days in jail.

The ordinance had been read at previous meetings of the council and was given final approval Tuesday night.

### New Officer Named

The council accepted the resignation of Kenneth Green, day police officer, who had served in his present capacity for the past several months. Green said that the press of private business made his resignation necessary.

On the recommendation of the police committee, the group appointed Melvin Piper of Heppner to replace Green on the police force. Before taking over his duties here, Piper will be sent to Pendleton for a two-weeks training and indoctrination course with the Pendleton police department.

### No Bids Received

Last month the council ordered a call for bids on the construction of a new concrete footbridge across Willow creek between the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company and the school grounds with bids to be opened at Tuesday's meeting. Apparently no contractors were interested in the job at the present time for city superintendent Vic Groshens reported that no bids were received.

The council decided to issue another call in the near future and to include the construction of another new footbridge to replace the old wooden one across the creek at Lover's Lane which was recently closed by the city because of its very poor condition.

The Lover's Lane bridge was originally built by the owners of the private land on which it stands, but is in the process of being deeded to the city by the owners. It has been used as a public thoroughfare for nearly 50 years according to reports, and the council agreed previously to take it over if the owners would deed it to the city.

### Permits Issued

Six building permits totaling \$17,600 were granted by the council to the following persons:

- Ray Taylor, a garage, \$400.
- Norman Case, a new house on Riverside street, \$8,000.
- Kemp Dick, remodeling house, \$6,000.
- Wilbur Worden, remodeling, \$400.
- Claude Buschke, remodeling, \$1,000.
- Richard Calvin, remodeling, \$1,800.

### Special Prosecutors Are Named for Murder Case

Circuit Judge William W. Wells early this week set Monday, August 29 as the date for the trial of Mrs. Ann Avent on a charge of second degree murder in the shooting of Dellmore Lessard, Portland attorney, June 4. It was also announced this morning that attorney general Robert Y. Thornton has appointed two special prosecutors to handle the case against Mrs. Avent.

Thornton announced the appointment of George Corey, Pendleton, former Umatilla county district attorney, as a special assistant attorney general for the case. He will prosecute the case against Mrs. Avent in place of Bradley Fancher, Morrow county district attorney who had requested governor Paul Patterson that a special prosecutor be assigned because Fancher had previously represented Mrs. Avent as an attorney and had gained confidential information. He said that in the interest of justice he felt that he should be relieved of the requirement that he prosecute this particular case. Patterson accepted the request and asked Thornton to make the special appointment.

At the same time the attorney general announced Corey's appointment, he revealed that he has also assigned Wolf D. Von Otterstedt, as assistant attorney general from Thornton's office to assist Corey with the case.

Mrs. Avent, who is now being

### Rev. John R. Reeves Accepts New Post

The Rev. John R. Reeves, rector of All Saints Episcopal church, announced this week in a parish letter to the congregation his acceptance of an appointment to St. James Episcopal church in Green Ridge, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia.

In his letter Mr. Reeves expressed regret at leaving Heppner but explained that at his age he could not refuse the unusual opportunity that St. James church offered. He also pointed out that the climate there is better suited for Mrs. Reeves' health and that they will be close to their children in New Jersey.

The church to which Mr. Reeves is going has a long history as a pre-revolution, down-town city church. The original property was finally sold as business encroached and the new church was built in 1952 in a rapidly growing suburban community of over 6,000 persons. It is the only Protestant church in the section, he said.

Rev. and Mrs. Reeves came to Heppner two years ago from Madras where he was serving St. Mark's church as a missionary. In his two years here, 56 members have been added to the church by confirmation and \$8,000 in improvements have been added to the church and rectory. The Reeves will leave for the east about September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner have returned from Portland where they spent a few days on business and visiting with Mrs. Turner's sister, Mrs. Sophia Barr.

held in the Wasco county jail at The Dalles, is being represented by attorneys Ralph Currin, Pendleton and John Bassett, Portland.

About two weeks ago the grand jury returned an indictment for second degree murder against Mrs. Avent who since has entered a plea of not guilty to the charge.

### Wrestling Under Field Lights Set For July 16

The first major sporting event to be held under the new lights at the Heppner rodeo field is to be a lighting benefit wrestling match it was announced today by Jack Loyd, committee chairman for the sponsoring organization, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce. The matches will be held Saturday night, July 16.

The matches will be put on by Jack and Maurie Kennedy, well-known Pendleton promoters, for the chamber of commerce with proceeds to go into the fund to pay off bonds which were sold last year to raise money for the lights.

A big double main event card has been scheduled with a six-round boxing match and a one-hour tag team wrestling match to be the feature events. The boxing will feature Harley Breshears of Parma, Idaho who will meet a suitable opponent to be named within a few days. Breshears now holds the heavyweight title of Idaho.

In the tag team match Doug and Red Donovan, two brothers from Edmonton, Alberta will meet Bill Fletcher of Boise and Cal Roberts of Seattle in what promises to be a bang-up affair. Plans also call for two 5-minute special event wrestling matches, Loyd said. Fletcher is a former intermountain junior heavyweight champion and the Donovans have spent the winter meeting some of the outstanding grapplers on the coast.

Loyd said that tickets for the matches will be placed on sale this weekend at Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office, Aiken's Place, Cal's Tavern, Bucknuns and O'Donnell's. They will also be available at the gate on Saturday night.

The matches fall on the same night as the fair and rodeo kickoff dance, but sponsors of the show made it plain that the bouts would be over by the time the dance is to start at the adjoining fair pavilion.

### New School Board Members Take Office

Heppner's first five-man school board met Tuesday evening with three of the five members taking the oath of office as new members.

Taking their place as new members were Alvin Bunch and Raymond French with Howard Cleveland returning by reelection. The other members of the board are L. E. Dick, Jr., chairman and Edgar Collison.

## The Story of Hanford--The West's Atomic Center

(The following is the first of a series of seven articles disclosing the highlights and sidelights which have accompanied the nation's development of atomic energy. Prepared at the Hanford atomic energy plant the series will deal with the human things which followed in the wake of the first historic announcement that man had harnessed the atom. It will touch upon the things which lie ahead.)

### By Bill Jure General Electric News Bureau Hanford Atomic Plant

Seldom in American history have three neighboring villages seen such violent change as Hanford, White Bluffs and Richland in southeastern Washington during the infancy of the Atomic Age.

One of the tiny communities billowed almost overnight into a sprawling boom town and quickly faded away and was lost in a desert wind and sand.

The second village was swallowed up, its value as a potential orchard center overshadowed by the need for an atomic energy

plant site.

The third outlived the roaring boom period and since has grown into an unincorporated city of 27,000 persons, its future secure as a business and residential area for atomic plant personnel.

Deep inside the barricade boundaries of the Hanford atomic energy project today lies the remnants of the town which once was given great promise of becoming a leading producer of orchard crops. The town was White Bluffs.

Once a small orchard community on the banks of the majestic Columbia, it since has been absorbed by the sprawling, bustling Hanford project. Now it is a crossroad in the center of a 600-square-mile government reservation where General Electric company operates the Hanford plutonium plant for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The town which gave its name to the Hanford project also was a quiet community of 300 persons before its selection as site for the huge atomic energy plant turned it into one of the biggest

boom towns the West has ever known.

More than 50,000 persons, comprising workers and their families, moved into the area early in 1943 to help construct giant plant facilities. They were people from all over the country, recruited from wartime labor markets to build the original Hanford works. When their job was completed most of them moved on. Those who stayed behind to operate the atomic energy plant moved to little Richland village, some 25 miles away from the nearest plant area.

Today, the town of Hanford is a ghost town, its blacktopped streets and wind-swept wooden frame skeletons offering only slight evidence of its brawling past.

Richland, village of 250 persons which stood 30 miles downriver from Hanford and White Bluffs, survived its sister communities and the fleckle prosperity of the era. It expanded and absorbed its new people until today it is one of the largest cities in Eastern Washington.

Because of the almost complete absence of facilities for caring for its increased population in the early days of the Hanford project, the responsibility of providing the necessities of a big town was placed with the plant contractor, in those days, E. I. duPont de Nemours, prime contractor to the Army Engineers.

The essential activities, of a municipality—police and fire protection, supplying the necessary utilities and recreational facilities—are now provided by the Community Services Section of GE. This group covers all normal departments of most cities in the nation; everything from public works and safety, to parks and library boards. In addition, it manages most of the town real estate rentals and operates the plant administrative area.

The communities of Hanford and White Bluffs now are chapters in American history, but Richland—a child of the Atomic Age—is making history as this nation's first atomic city. (Next Week—"Desert Miracle")