

Official Approval Awaited For Grasshopper Program

Over 70,000 Acres Signed For Spraying

Official approval of the spraying program as outlined in the story below was still being awaited at presstime today.

Art Fah, state supervisor of the U. S. D. A. and Bob Every, OSC entomologist were both due in Heppner this afternoon to confer with Bob Flynn and representatives of the local ranchers. They will go over the program developed by the Morrow County Livestock Growers and check the boundaries of the area signed up for spraying. If they approve the plan, indications are that James Dutton, department head of the USDA in Denver, Colo., will give the final approval quickly.

Optimism was expressed that the program would be accepted and that spraying could start within a very short time.

Much progress has been made since last week in obtaining funds for a grasshopper control program in the badly infested

sections of southeastern Morrow county, but by late Wednesday no definite word had been received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service that the plan as developed would be acceptable for federal match money. Word was expected shortly however.

One of the biggest hurdles to the plan proposed by local ranchers and the insect control committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, that of getting some state money for the program, was passed last Friday when the state emergency board, meeting in special session at Salem, appropriated up to \$34,350 for the program in Morrow, Grant and Walla counties.

At a special meeting at the court house Tuesday night which was attended by about 40 ranchers from the most seriously infested areas the developments were explained and more than 70,000 acres were signed up for spraying. One third of the total cost of the spraying, which is estimated at about 55 to 60 cents per acre must be borne by the land owner, with the USDA providing one-third, and the state and county putting up the remainder. Early this week the county court appropriated up to \$2,500 for the program. The farmers cost was estimated at 25 cents per acre.

USDA MAN HERE

Present at the Tuesday night meeting was Bob Flynn, USDA Agricultural Research Service man who explained that a minimum block of 60,000 acres must be signed up for spraying before the USDA will consider giving assistance. He told the group that he had recently checked several areas in the county and that previous checks showed an average of about 40 hoppers to a square yard with some sections going as high as 400 to the yard. 10 of the insects is classified as an infestation.

Flynn said that no actual boundaries for the hopper plague could be set, as all sections of the county seem to have the insects to some degree.

He told he assembled ranchers that speed in signing up for a spraying program was essential as, has previously been announced, the spraying must be done between July 15 and 25 before the female lays its eggs.

Money Comes in

Ranchers owning more than 70,000 acres lying along Butter creek, Hinton creek, Willow, Balm Fork and Rhea creek signed up for the spraying before the meeting adjourned and many of them immediately put up cash for the work. The fund totaled well over \$15,000 by Wednesday afternoon, it was reported.

Although the USDA set a minimum block of 60,000 acres for a spray program, the present program developed Tuesday includes one block of 50,600 acres and another nearby block of nearly 20,000 acres. One of the main purposes of Flynn's trip here was to give a preliminary check to the area and he was to call Art Fah, Pullman, Wash., state supervisor of the control program who is expected in Heppner today to go over the plans and give the go-ahead signal. He will report to James Dutton, head of the research service at Denver, who will give the final OK.

Other Areas Hit

Ranchers from the lower Rhea Creek and Clark's Canyon have also reported serious infestation of hoppers but not enough were present Tuesday night to form a block of sufficient size to get aid money. One rancher on Rhea creek reported the hoppers have nearly cleaned out some sections of barley planted around his wheat to cut down acreage. There have been numerous other reports of "millions" of hoppers invading some outlying lots in Heppner.

Making the trip to Salem last week to appear before the state emergency board were Dick Wilkinson, Bill Weatherford, Kenneth Peck, Terrel Benge, Oscar Peterson, N. C. Anderson, John Hanna and county commissioners Ralph I. Thompson and Russell Miller.

The county court met Monday in special session to appropriate the money it has offered for the spraying.

Heppner Mill Plans Operations Start About August 1

The moving of the big dry kilns at the Heppner Pine Mills, one of the major operations of the current remodeling of the plant, neared completion today and Paul Koenig, plant manager, said that tentative plans call for the mill to start operations again about August 1.

The moving of the kiln to its new location has taken nearly two months, but the building is now in place and only repair work and the laying of steam lines remains to be done to complete this part of the project. Koenig said.

The job of electrifying the main mill, building a new log haul and the installation of a new edge sorter to replace the old green chain is progressing rapidly. The foundation for a new burner, to be located on the former site of the kilns, was poured Tuesday and it is expected that the burner will be erected by the end of the week.

Logging Starts

Koenig announced that a woods crew of fallers and buckers went to work last Tuesday on Summerfield ridge at the east end of Balm Fork and that logging was to start sometime next week. A fleet of trucks and woods equipment has been purchased during the past few months and the mill will do its own logging and hauling in the future. During past years the logging operations were handled under contract.

The mill has been receiving and stockpiling rough lumber from the North Fork Timber Company mill at Monument. When the plant again starts operation, this lumber will be processed into finished boards. The Monument mill has been supplying rough lumber for the Heppner plant for several years.

Several projects remain to be completed, even after the mill starts operation, Koenig said. One of the main uncompleted jobs will be the installation of a fire sprinkler system throughout the entire plant. A 1,000,000 gallon reservoir is now under construction on the hill south of the plant and the job of installing the sprinklers can be done while the mill is in operation.

WCSO TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC NEXT WEDNESDAY

The annual picnic of the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church will be held Wednesday, July 20 at noon at the court house park. It is to be a potluck affair and everyone is asked to bring their own service.

Hot Weather Halts Burning Permits

Heppner fire chief C. A. Ruggles announced Tuesday that effective immediately no more special burning permits will be issued for the remainder of the fire season.

The quick change from wet to hot weather early this week prompted the order.

Mercury Hits Year's High Wednesday

Old Soj bore down on Heppner and the rest of the county this week and sent temperatures climbing to new records for the year early Wednesday afternoon before thunder clouds brought some relief from the heat.

An official high of 100 degrees was recorded in Heppner Wednesday, the hottest day so far this year. Several locations in town reported thermometers reading slightly over 100 degrees. Tuesday's official high was 91 degrees, which equalled the high set twice previously this year.

Most popular spots during the past several days, especially among youngsters, were the Heppner and Lone swimming pools, which got their first really heavy play of the season.

A continuing high barometer gave indication that the warm weather would probably hold for the next few days and some thunderstorm activity was anticipated, especially in the mountains. The forest service reports that all lookouts have been manned since the first of the week.

Death Claims Helena M. Buschke

Final rites for Mrs. Helena M. Buschke (Mrs. Edward), 70, were held Tuesday afternoon July 12 at the Lone Community church with Rev. Alfred Shirley officiating. Mrs. Buschke passed away July 9 at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

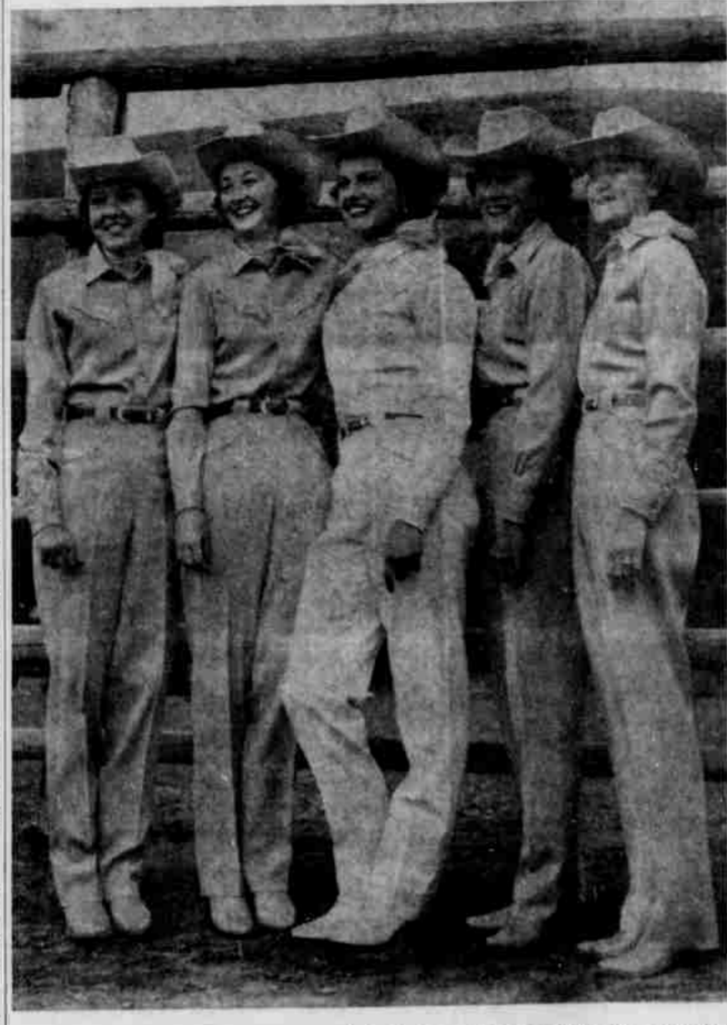
Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn and Mrs. Walter Roberts sang at the services, accompanied by Mrs. Cleo Drake. Graveside services were under the direction of Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge of Lone.

Helena May Buschke was born July 25, 1884 to Joseph and Augusta Mason at the Mason farm home on Rhea Creek. She was married to Edward Buschke June 22, 1910 and had lived in this community all of her life. She was a member of Willows grange, Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Edward, two sons, Louis of Morgan and Henry of Los Angeles; one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Peck of Lebanon; three sisters, four brothers and five grandchildren.

Interment was in the Lone I. O. O. F. cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Kickoff Dance Saturday To Open Fair Program



ROYAL COURT of Morrow county's Fair and Rodeo will be presented for the first time Saturday night at the Kickoff dance at the Heppner fair pavilion. Shown with Queen Carol Ann Wiglesworth (center) are princesses Betty Olmstead, Boardman; Sharon Rill, Heppner; Marilyn Munkers, Lexington and Carolyn Crabtree, Ione. (Thompson Studio Photo)

The annual Kickoff dance to be held this Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner will mark the opening of a series of dances and activities leading up to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, September 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Saturday's dance will mark the first appearance of Queen Carol Ann Wiglesworth and her court and a large crowd is expected to take in the event. Ken Knott and his orchestra, well-known Portland musical organization that has played for numerous fair and princess dances in past years will provide the music.

Vernon Flatt, Moro Dies at Portland

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Community church in Moro, for Vernon Flatt, 60, who passed away July 9 at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. His home was in Moro.

Mr. Flatt came to Moro about 30 years ago from the Dakotas and shortly afterwards started the truck line which still bears his name. He first served the Moro-Wasco area and later expanded the line to include service to Condon and Heppner. Both the Condon and the Heppner lines are operated by his sons.

Among his survivors are his wife; two sons, Robert of Heppner and William of Condon; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Axtell of Moro. He also leaves a brother Floyd of Moro.

Lighting Fund To Benefit From Saturday Wrestling

A good advance sale of tickets gave indication today that a large crowd is expected to take in the chamber of commerce sponsored wrestling and boxing matches next Saturday night at the Heppner rodeo grounds. The show will be under the new field lights.

Headlining the evening's entertainment will be a double main event consisting of six rounds of boxing between two heavyweights and a tag team wrestling match which will feature four locally well known heavy matmen.

Scheduled to tangle in the six round boxing event is Harley Breshears, Idaho heavyweight champion and Joe Quinlon, 191 pounder from Seattle.

The tag team wrestling bout will bring Bill Fletcher, 188 pounds, from Boise; Cal Roberts, 200 pounds, Seattle; Doug Donovan, 215 pounds and Red Donovan, 193 pounds, both of Canada. All four of these men are well known to local wrestling fans who have seen many matches at Pendleton. The tag match will run for one hour of two out of three falls.

Two other 15 minute special events are scheduled for the evening with participants to be announced at that time.

The bouts are being put on by Jack and Maurice Kennedy Pendleton promoters for the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce field lighting fund. The program is to start at 8:30 p. m. and will be over in time to allow those wishing to attend the fair and rodeo kickoff dance, also set for Saturday night at the fair pavilion, an opportunity to do so.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students 14 and under. They may be obtained at several Heppner businesses or can be purchased at the gate.

Jack Loyd is chairman of the chamber committee handling the matches and mayor Mary Van Stevens this week appointed a 5-man boxing commission to handle arrangements for the Saturday night bout. Appointed were Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Jack Loyd, La Verne Van Marter Jr.; and C. J. D. Bauman.

RHEA CREEK HEC TO MEET

The H. E. C. of the Rhea Creek grange will hold an afternoon meeting July 21 at the home of Mrs. Clive Huston.

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Harvesting Gets Under Way Monday

Harvesting operations got under way in Morrow county Monday and with the help of hot weather Tuesday and Wednesday considerable cutting was being done by Wednesday, the Morrow county Grain Growers revealed today. Quality of wheat appeared to be good, early sampling showed and one report from operations in north Lexington told of an 18 bushel average for one small section.

The north Lexington elevator of the co-op received the first wheat and barley Monday from D. O. Nelson, but by Tuesday, grain was coming in from the W. J. Doherty, A. C. Lindsay, Ashbeck & Luciani, and Pettyjohn ranches with several other farmers in that area expected to start work Wednesday or Thursday. Some barley was received Tuesday at the lone elevator from the W. C. Crawford ranch located north of Ione.

The Grain Growers received 40 loads at the north Lexington elevator on Tuesday, and if the warm weather holds harvest is expected to be in full swing in the northern section by this week-end.

Though it is still too early to get much indication of the quality or crop, some early club wheat was tested at 58 pounds to the bushel and one sampling of white wheat checked No. 1, it was said.

Continued warm weather is expected to bring the crop on rapidly in the higher elevations.

THE HANFORD STORY— Desert Wasteland Transformed

(The following is the second 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 deals with the human things which followed in the wake of the first historic announcement that man had harnessed the atom. It touches upon the things which lie ahead.)

By BILL JURY General Electric News Bureau Hanford Atomic Plant

The story of the amazing transformation of a land of sagebrush and sand into a true desert oasis is another chapter in America's atomic history.

Desert wasteland in Southeastern Washington was selected as the site of the now-famous Hanford atomic energy plant nearly 13 years ago because of its sparse population and the nearby Columbia River and abundant electrical power met the requirements of scientists and engineers.

Thousands of workers and their families moved into the area to help construct and maintain the

plutonium-manufacturing plant, now operated by General Electric Co. for the AEC. They soon realized they would have to fight the ageless desert before they would be comfortable in their new home.

The nearby village of Richland was a logical townsite for the new families—almost flat with plenty of room to grow—but it arose to a low crown from the Columbia and Yakima rivers on the east, south and west and caught the full effect of every wind that swept across the desert.

The Atomic City immediately embarked upon a vigorous campaign to save its homes and belongings from screaming winds and frequent dust storms which roamed the arid waste unchecked. To combat the wind, dust and summer heat, a program of tree and shrub planting was begun in an area barely capable of supporting sagebrush.

A few hardy old trees were salvaged from the nearby village of Hanford. They were dug up, lifted and moved by truck-mounted cranes and replanted in

the new townsite. While the transplanted trees were cared for a search began for species of trees which could survive Richland's cold winters, hot summers and thin, somewhat alkaline soil.

The first step was the establishment of a tree farm. The project started out with around 20 types of seedling trees and was built up to include 150 varieties. In the end, about 75 types proved to be adaptable.

Western pine and spruce and leafy trees native to the midwest fared the best. Lawn trees were selected with the idea of getting something that would let a little breeze blow. In this line Catalpa, maple and sycamore were favorites. The street trees were of varied types, mixed to prevent a single pest or disease from wiping out the entire plantings in one sweep. They included Norway maple, locust, European Plane tree, European Linden, ash and American sycamore. All grew tall and dense after long and continuous watering.

Since 1943, approximately 25,000 trees and shrubs have been (Continued on page 6)



BOXING HEADLINER—Featured in Saturday nights boxing-wrestling matches at the Heppner rodeo field will be Harley Breshears, Idaho heavyweight. Also scheduled is a tag team wrestling match and other features. The show is being sponsored by the chamber of commerce as a field lighting benefit.