

Storm Brings Heavy Rains, Power Outage

A fairly general storm hit this section of Eastern Oregon Tuesday bringing with it up to nearly one inch of rain and causing one of the longest power outages that Morrow county has suffered in several years.

Rain started falling in Heppner shortly after noon and continued nearly all afternoon and evening with a very heavy downpour coming about midnight. A total of .70 inch was recorded here with as much as .82 being checked at other points close to town. In the

Gooseberry area .45 inch fell during the storm with most of it coming about midnight. Even the northern section of the wheat belt in the county received a considerable amount which started falling early in the day.

It is usually claimed that any rain that falls in Eastern Oregon is a good rain, but most ranchers would have preferred that the storm had come about a month later as it stopped all harvesting operations and caught most of them with their hay down. As far as is known there was no damage from the storm and no hail was reported. There was some minor washing, but it was thought negligible.

Power Off 90 Minutes

One result of the storm was a power outage in the entire Heppner, Lexington, and Ione areas which lasted from one and one-half hours to six hours on some lines.

Lightning struck a power pole on the main feeder line from Hermiston to Ione about four miles north of the Butter Creek junction burning off a cross arm and damaging 16 insulators along a quarter of a mile of the line. Pacific Power managed to pick up a portion of the power load from its Fossil substation by 4:55 p. m. to give all three towns and some rural lines power, but it was nearly three and one half hours later before the damage could be repaired and the Hermiston line put back into service.

Lightning Sets Forest Blazes

Lightning strikes in the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest caused three small fires over the weekend, the first to occur this season, district ranger Wayne West reported this week.

The first fire was reported Friday evening in the Juniper camp area near Potomac creek. It was quickly controlled and covered less than one-quarter acre.

The largest of the three occurred Saturday on Wall creek and it covered nearly three acres before being controlled by a crew of men and a cat in one and one-quarter hours.

Sunday another strike started a small blaze on the old Watkins ranch between Mallory and Ditch creek but it was controlled before it spread over more than one-quarter acre.

The timber area has dried quickly in the high temperatures of the past week and extreme caution is urged on anyone entering the forest.

Potluck To Honor Rev. and Mrs. Reeves

A farewell potluck dinner will be given at the Episcopal parish house Sunday July 31, immediately after the morning service, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. John Reeves, who expect to leave for their new home in Philadelphia on Monday.

SPECIAL DEER, ELK APPLICATIONS READY; SOME REGULATIONS CHANGED

Big game hunters who wish to participate in the antelope and early deer and elk hunt drawings should submit their applications immediately to the word from the Oregon Game Commission. Application blanks are now available at all license agencies, it was announced this week.

Deadline for submitting antelope applications for the three antelope areas is 10 a. m. on August 8. Applications received after that time and date will not be allowed in the drawings. A public drawing will be held at 10 a. m. on August 10, at which time 200 permits will be drawn for each designated area. The antelope season in all areas will be from August 27 through August 31.

Applications for the Sled Springs either sex elk hunt which extends from August 20 through 25 must also be in the game commission by 10 a. m. on August 8. August 10 at 10 a. m. will also be the date for the drawing of 200 permits for the Sled Springs area.

Four controlled either sex deer hunts are scheduled for September with the John Day river and Wallowa mountain areas extending from September 3 through September 7 and the Hart mountain and Rogue river hunts from September 24 through September 27.

Drawings for 1,000 tags for the John Day area and 600 tags for the Wallowa area are scheduled for August 18 at 10 a. m. The deadline for receiving applications for these two areas is 10 a. m. August 15.

A fee of five dollars must be remitted with each application for the controlled deer hunts with the exception of the Rogue river area which requires only the regular hunting license and deer tag.

Permits and tags will be mailed to all successful participants a few days following each drawing. Also included will be a circular with full instructions and a detailed description and map of the hunting area.

Final hunting regulations

adopted by the Oregon Game Commission at a public meeting Friday included several changes from the tentative regulations proposed by the commission earlier in the month.

One of the most important changes that took place in the proposed regulations was the elimination of the taking of deer with visible antlers in eastern Oregon during the regular buck season. As in the past, hunters will be allowed to take bucks with no less than forked antlers during that period. The season dates remain the same, October 1 through October 14. Another important change was the shortening of the either sex hunting periods. Hunters with unused tags will be allowed one deer of either sex in eastern and western Oregon from October 15 through October 21 and in portions of central Oregon, which includes the Metolius river area, from October 18 through 21. All of the controlled and extended deer seasons will remain the same as proposed with the exception of the John Day river controlled hunt where there was a slight change made in the boundaries.

The general elk season survived as written in the tentative proposals and will extend from October 29 through November 23 in eastern Oregon and the Cascade area and from October 29 through November 13 in the coastal area. Several changes, however, were made in the controlled elk hunts. In the Sled Springs area, the boundary lines were shortened to exclude about one-fourth of the original area as proposed in the tentative regulations, and, in addition, the number of permits was changed from 400 to 200.

In the Chesnimnus, Wenaha, Walla Walla, Umatilla, Ukian, Starkey, Heppner, Minam, and Desolation units, the taking of either sex elk by permits would be from November 11 through November 23. In addition, the number of permits was reduced from 400 to 200 in the Wenaha unit. There will be no special hunt in the Burnt river area.

Final Rites for Harvey McCallister Set for Sunday

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Lexington Community church for Harvey L. McCallister, 86, who died July 23 at a veteran's hospital at Yountville, California.

Mr. McCallister was born June 7, 1869 in Iowa and had lived in the Lexington area since before the turn of the century until about 20 years ago when he entered a veteran's hospital in Oregon. He was later transferred to California. He and his two brothers were associated in farming for many years.

Mr. McCallister graduated from Oregon State College in 1897 and during his years at OSC (then OAC) he was one of the all-time great football centers at the school. He was known as "Pap Hayseed" in his football days. He was a veteran of Company B of the Second Oregon Volunteers during the Spanish-American war and fought in the battle of Manila.

He is survived by two brothers, Ray and Marshall, both of Portland. He was never married.

Burial will be in the Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery with the Lexington post of the VFW in charge of graveside services. Rev. L. G. Wetzel will officiate at the church services.

Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

New Heppner School Head Here

Joe H. Stewart, new superintendent of school district No. 1, and his family arrived in Heppner this week to make their home.

During Stewart's nine years as superintendent of the Coburg schools many improvements were made, among them the raising of the school from sub-standard to standard, a school band was organized and other music added to the school system. Plans for a complete new building setup have been made and the high school has been repaired and repainted, school bus transportation was secured and the school lunch program was expanded along with many other improvements.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are active in the Christian church, civic and social organizations. Stewart has served as an elder in the church. Mrs. Stewart worked in the Bible school and both were participants in the musical program of the church. Mrs. Stewart is a member of the Rebekah lodge and he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Stewart has for the past five years been a worker in the Girl Scouts and an active worker in the Parent-Teacher Association. He has been very active in the Lane county Teachers Assn.

They have sixteen year old twin daughters, Mary Jo and Alice Faye and a nine year old Linda Sue.

Second Golf Meeting Called for August 9

The golf club meeting originally scheduled for next Tuesday, August 2 has been postponed one week until August 9, it was announced today by Rev. Francis McCormack, chairman of the group.

A group of persons interested in trying to form an organization to build a golf course met a week ago and named a committee to seek possible locations for a course. Several locations are now being investigated, Rev. McCormack said, but an extra week before the next meeting is expected to give time for a more complete check of sites.

The meeting will be held at the Elks lodge and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Keep Oregon Green Program Discussed

Details of the 1955 Keep Oregon Green campaign in connection with "Red Hot Day" which will be proclaimed before hunting season were discussed Tuesday night at a dinner meeting at O'Donnell's Wagon Wheel by Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the KOG association. County Judge Garnet Barratt is county chairman of the organization.

Wiesendanger arrived here from Salem enroute to Wallowa county where he and district fire warden William Curtis plan to enter a forest fire prevention float in the Chief Joseph Days parade this Saturday.

Red Cross Blood Drawing Planned For August 15

The Red Cross will hold its first 1955 blood drawing in Heppner on Monday, August 15 at the Methodist church, it was announced today by Jack Bailey, chairman of the Morrow county chapter of the Red Cross and Jack Edmondson, blood committee chairman.

A quota of 100 pints has been set for the drawing and the committee heads hope to get at least 125 to 130 donors signed up before the drawing. The last drawing to be held here was last summer when only 32 pints was obtained, and it is hoped to more than double that amount at the coming drawing. Donor sign-up cards will be available shortly.

It was also announced that the Morrow county chapter has recently become a member of the National Red Cross blood program and the local chairman expressed the hope that the public would respond to the local for blood.

Heppner Scheduled For Check on New Post Office Needs

Senator Richard L. Neuberger, of Oregon has asked the public works subcommittee on government buildings to inquire into the need for additional post office buildings and facilities in nine Oregon communities. They are Portland, Pendleton, Heppner, Hermiston, Prineville, Redmond, Enterprise, Oakland and Sutherlin.

Senator W. Stuart Symington of Missouri who is chairman of the subcommittee, assured Neuberger that he was ordering the committee staff to report back on the situations concerning post office space and accommodations existing in the nine Oregon cities.

In making his request Neuberger, who is a member of the subcommittee on government buildings, told he committee he had received complaints or statements from residents of the nine communities that post office facilities should be expanded. Neuberger said that the committee would ask both the post office department and the government services administration to file reports on the needs in the nine places.

New Episcopal Rector Arrives

The Rev. George R. S. Little, Richmond, Virginia, arrived in Heppner last week and will take over his duties August 1 as the new Rector of All Saints Episcopal church. He replaces Rev. John R. Reeves who several weeks ago announced his resignation to accept the pastorate of St. James Episcopal church at Green Ridge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Little comes to Heppner from St. Luke's church in Richmond where he served as rector for one year. Prior to that he was curate at St. John's church at Hampton, Va. and head master of the Emmanuel Episcopal school at Hampton. He received his education at the Oakridge Military Institute, Oakridge, Tenn., a graduate of William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.; DuBose Theological Seminary, Montevalle, Tenn.; and the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Little and their two children, George 17, and Grace 11, arrived in Oregon about two weeks ago and are living temporarily in an apartment until the church rectory is vacated.

Rev. Reeves will conduct his final services at All Saints church Sunday and he and Mrs. Reeves plan to leave later in the week for their new home, which is a suburb of Philadelphia.

NEW OFFICER STARTS

Melvin Piper, Heppner, took over his duties Monday as new city day police officer. He replaces Kenneth Green who recently resigned to devote more time to his business.

Piper recently completed a two weeks training course with the Pendleton police department.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson left the end of last week for a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nickerson in West Fir, Oregon.



Princess Betty Olmstead of Boardman

Boardman's Princess To be Honored at Dance

Miss Betty Jo Olmstead will be the second princess of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo to be presented to the public at her own dance next Saturday night at the Heppner fair pavilion. She is being sponsored by the Boardman Tillicum club which is putting on the dance in her honor.

Princess Betty, an attractive 18 year old grey-eyed brunette, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olmstead of Boardman. She is five feet, four inches tall and is a native of Irigoin.

Princess Betty has just completed her junior year at Boardman high school where she was last year chosen president of her class and also of the Pep Club. She served on the staff of the

school paper and was a member of the girls' volleyball league. For the past two years she has been yell leader and for four years drum majorette. She began her twirling career in California while in the sixth grade.

Having lived on a farm most of her life, Betty has ridden horses ever since she can remember and while in grade school she worked in the fields with her father. Her interest in domestic activities began with her participation in 4-H work while in the sixth grade, at which time she attended cooking and sewing classes. After having had years of practical experience she is considered a very capable cook, seamstress and homemaker.

Betty is a member of the Church of the Nazarene of Hermiston, having been active in church work for nearly five years. At the present time she is vice-president of the young people's society of her church.

Princess Betty has two brothers, Leonard 19, who just completed his freshman year at Oregon State, and Ronald, 10, a fifth grader at Boardman.

Music for Princess Betty's dance will be furnished by Gene Rietmann's orchestra of Ione and admission has been set at \$1.25 per person.

Injuries Minor in Tuesday Accident

Police reported Wednesday that two Natchez, Washington men suffered only slight injuries when the car in which they were riding went off the road just west of Heppner Pine Mills and overturned. The two were Claud L. Jones, 24, and Clarence Pettit, 34, both of whom worked for Charles Carlson, of Ione. The accident occurred about 6 p. m. Tuesday.

No cause was given for the accident which completely demolished the car.

Another Wrestling Match Set by C of C

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce decided Monday to sponsor another wrestling matches under the lights on the rodeo field. The date tentatively set is Saturday night, August 20 and the card will be announced later. Promoters will again be Jack and Maurie Kennedy of Pendleton.

It was felt that interest was sufficiently high in the first match held two weeks ago to justify another event. The first match netted the chamber over \$250 for its lighting fund.

The matches will be held the same night as the fair and rodeo dressup parade and the queen's dance.

Joe Allen of Pendleton was a visitor Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed. The two men taught together at Sweet Home.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, Corvallis, is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt. She has just returned from a trip to Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

38,000 Acres of Bombing Range to Be Released Soon

The county court revealed this week that arrangements are now being made by the real estate division of the Army Engineers to release approximately 38,000 acres of the Boardman bombing range for private use under a permit or lease plan.

The land, a strip five by 12 miles along the south end of the 94,000 acre bombing range, is expected to be released by the engineers sometime this fall after the area has been decontaminated, cleaned of all old shells, bomb fragments etc. According to reports, the land will be released only on temporary permit which can be revoked at any time the army determines it again needs the area. Under the presently announced plan, the land will not be sold or go back on the tax rolls as some stories had indicated.

Most of the area is usable only for rangeland. What the permit requirements will be has not yet been announced.

Harvesting Now At Peak; Quality Holds to Average

Until rain put a stop to all combining operations Tuesday, harvest has been in full swing in all sections of the county except the higher elevations, the Morrow County Grain Growers reported this week.

Both wheat and barley have been coming in in heavy amounts with Lexington, North Lexington, Ione and McNab elevators receiving the largest amounts. As harvest gets underway in the higher country, the Heppner and Ruggs plants will begin to receive more grain.

Tests show that the wheat crop is running about average quality compared to the average over the past several years. It is running heavier to No. 2 wheat than last year, it is said, but the 1954 crop produced more No. 1 wheat than usual. Barley appears to be running somewhat light, but nearly all is running well above the loan weight minimum of 40 pounds per bushel.

Local facilities have been able to handle all incoming grain and no storage problem is anticipated.

Funeral Services for Lt. Karl Gabler Held in Portland

Funeral services for Lt. Karl V. Gabler, 23, who was killed July 18 when a jet Thunderbolt plane he was piloting collided in the air with another plane, were held Wednesday at the Peninsula mortuary in Portland. Interment was in the Mt. Scott military cemetery.

The collision in which Lt. Gabler was killed occurred over the eastern coast of Virginia near the base where he had been stationed.

Lt. Gabler was born in Prairie City, Nov. 24, 1931 and had graduated from Heppner high school in 1949. He married Miss Marjorie Pierson of Condon April 29 of this year.

His widow and two sisters, all of Portland, survive him.

County Veterinarians Named; Areas Set

The county court this week announced the appointment of Drs. R. R. Fast of Hermiston and J. W. Norene, Heppner, as county veterinarians. It also announced that the county has been divided so that Bangs testing in the north end will be done by Dr. Fast while Dr. Norene will handle all such work in the south part of the county. The dividing line is between townships two and three north.

The county has no federal veterinarian since Dr. George Marugg was transferred several months ago and Dr. Fast will take over some of the work formerly handled by Marugg. Dr. Norene has been a county veterinarian since moving here last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Nelson of Kinzua were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson last Friday.