

## WINTER KEEPS HOLD ON COUNTY

### -20 Temperature Tuesday Claimed November Record

The weather, always a top subject of conversation among Eastern Oregon residents, really took the spotlight this week as old man winter delivered a series of low blows to Morrow county and the entire northwest.

Snow started falling last Friday and by Saturday morning the storm had deposited upwards of two inches over all the county with several areas reporting four and five inches. By yesterday there was between 16 and 20 inches of snow in the mountains and an average of about four to six inches over most of the county with a heavy fall reported from the north sections.

Clearing weather following the first snow brought a series of extremely cold days and nights, which according to reports set a record for November. The coldest official temperatures recorded in Heppner was 8 below early on Tuesday morning, but there were numerous reports of the mercury falling far below that. The lowest unofficial temperature reported to the Gazette Times was a frigid -20 checked at the Harold Wright ranch near Rugs. At another ranch near there it was 17 below Tuesday morning and at the W. W. Weatherford ranch at Lena the temperature dropped to -14. Several unofficial thermometers in Heppner showed 10 and 12 below zero that morning. The cold set a November record here.

No thawing, was seen during any of the past five days and the lowest daytime official maximum was 12 above on Sunday, only three degrees higher than the minimum of 9 for that day. At no time between Saturday and Wednesday did the mercury climb higher than 20 degrees, yesterday's unofficial high.

Damage Thought Slight  
N. C. Anderson, county agent, said Wednesday that he didn't think the unusual cold weather had caused too much damage to crops as yet, but that there was bound to be some loss to barley plantings, especially where farmers had planted some types that were not a true winter grain. Farmers were fortunate that the fairly heavy snow came ahead of the extreme cold wave, and most seemed to think that there was enough protective blanket to prevent any serious freeze-out unless the cold wave should continue.

The possibility was also seen that some Federation wheat, which was planted instead of Rex this fall by numerous farmers might be killed as it has a tendency to freeze out worse than some other kinds. Overall, however, it was felt that so far no serious crop damage has occurred.

Plumbers Get Workout  
Probably the busiest people in the county were the limited number of plumbers available to thaw out frozen pipes. Hardly a house in the Heppner area got by without some type of a freezeup Tuesday though no serious damage resulted as far as is known. Only one small fire occurred due to thawing of pipes and that was quickly extinguished with only minor damage.

Service stations also experienced a grand rush at the outset of the cold wave and nearly all ran out of anti-freeze and winter tires before the winter seige got a good start. It was a common sight early in the week to see wreckers towing in stalled cars.

Roads Kept Open  
State highway crews kept all main roads plowed out and the lack of any strong wind which would cause heavy drifting, aided their work. All roads into and out of Heppner were open to traffic at all times though chains have been advised for anyone heading into higher elevations.

Snow started falling again Wednesday and weather reports indicated that it could develop into a general snowstorm by today. Gradually warming temperatures are expected, though no change to warm weather is

looked for in the immediate future.

Road reports Wednesday afternoon told of light snow and fairly strong winds in the Columbia gorge and some drifting was reported between Arlington and The Dalles on highway 30. It snowed lightly all day Wednesday in Heppner adding well over an inch to the previous white blanket. The fall was reported considerably heavier to the west and north.

Official temperatures at Heppner for the past several days follow:

	Max.	Min.
Friday	37	32
Saturday	19	8
Sunday	12	9
Monday	17	4
Tuesday	18	-8
Wednesday	20	3

### County Bond Sales Continue High

The sale of United States savings bonds in Morrow county during October dropped below the same month a year ago for the first time this year, but sales for the year are still well ahead of last year, the state savings bond division announced this week.

The county's sales for last month were \$28,450 compared to \$61,368 for October, 1954, but the total for the first ten months of the year is now \$418,303 as compared to only \$196,238 at the same time last year. Morrow still rates as one of the three highest counties in Oregon in percentage of sales gain.

Bond sales in the state were \$200,000 ahead of the same month of 1954, according to Ted Gamble, Portland, state chairman. Sales for the year represents a 27 percent gain over last year and Oregon continues to lead the entire nation in improvement of this year's total sales over those of last year.

### Ione Grange Comes Out Winner of Door Prize at MCGG Meet

Willows Grange at Ione, scene of the Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting Monday, came out winner of the door prize offered by the Co-op for attendance, and according to reports, the money will be put to good use.

A \$25 savings bond was offered as a prize and winner of the drawing was Van Hubbard, who turned his winnings over to the Grange as a gesture of appreciation for the use of the hall and the luncheon the grange women had served.

After Hubbard made his announcement, Al Lamb, MCGG manager, said he would match the amount.

As a result, the equivalent of two bonds worth of paint will soon be put on the building.

### Ione High Honor Roll Announced

Sixteen Ione school students earned high enough grade point averages to win positions on the honor roll. It was announced this week by Phil Newitt, superintendent. Nine were seniors, four were juniors, two sophomores and one freshman.

They are Gary Brenner, Carolyn Crabtree, Ernest Drake, Anna Jepsen, Keith Rea, Wayne Rietmann, Clyde Ritchie, Jean Swanson, Gerry White, all seniors. Juniors are Sue Coleman, Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Howton, and Julie Rietmann. Sophomores are Mardine Baker and Neil McKay, and Leann Padberg, freshman.

### CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Heppner Civic League will meet at 8 p. m. Monday, Nov. 21 in the kindergarten room at the school. Election of officers will be held.



SENATOR WAYNE MORSE who will speak Friday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. The meeting is being held at the fair pavilion in Heppner.



REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN TOM is one of the speakers on the program for the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. The meeting is open to the public.

### Howton Reelected President of Grain Growers

About 70 persons braved snowy roads and sub-freezing weather to attend the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers Monday at the Ione Grange hall. New officers were chosen for the coming year, but members didn't get to hear a talk which was to be given by A. C. Camp, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers of Spokane. Road and weather conditions prevented him from getting to the meeting.

Lloyd Howton of Ione was re-elected president of the organization. Also re-elected were A. C. Lindsay, vice-president; Paul Brown, secretary and Al Lamb, treasurer.

Lewis Halvorsen was elected to a three year term as director and Paul Jones is a new director for a one year term. Directors who were re-elected were Paul Brown, three years; and John Graves for one year.

Seven associate directors were also chosen at the meeting. They are Archie Munkers, Earl McCabe, Edwin H. Miller, Al Bunch, Archie Bechtolt, Marion Palmer and L. H. Rill.

Other business taken up during the day included the financial report and a report on the year's operation.

### Teenage Drivers Attend Hermiston Safety Conference

Twenty Heppner, Lexington and Ione high school students attended the first teen-age traffic safety conference Tuesday at Hermiston. They were among the 81 students from Morrow and Umatilla county schools.

The group heard many of the state's top safety experts speak and they endorsed compulsory driver education in high schools, more rigid driver licensing, periodic written exams to keep the drivers posted on new laws and trial of teenage drivers in traffic courts rather than by separate juvenile courts. The conference was sponsored by the Oregon Highway Lifesavers and the Umatilla Association of insurance agents.

The group went together in a school bus driven by Joe Stewart, Heppner superintendent. Those attending from Heppner were Del Piper, Wayne Soward, Ed. Olson, Dee Bailey, Alice Stewart, Ron McCabe, Evonne Esch, Tom Currin and Sue Stratton.

### Paper Out Early Next Week; Deadline Moved Up One Day

The Gazette Times will be published one day earlier than usual next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday, and the publishers ask that news correspondents and advertisers get their copy to the paper at least one day ahead of normal time.

Social news deadline will be Monday evening and correspondents are asked to get their news to the paper by the same day if possible.

Heppner residents will receive their paper Wednesday evening, because no mail will be delivered on the holiday, other subscribers will get theirs on Friday as usual.

### Crowd Expected For REA Meeting Here Friday

The continuing bad weather is not expected to cool interest in two talks to be given Friday at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op to be held in the fair pavilion.

Main speakers will be Senator Wayne Morse and state representative Allen Tom. Tom will speak on future taxes, but the subject of Morse's talk has not been announced.

The meeting opens at 11 a. m. followed by a luncheon for the co-op's members and their families at noon. The afternoon program which includes talks by Morse and Tom is open to the public. E. H. Collison, co-op manager announced.

Other business to be conducted will be the election of four directors, a report on the year's operation and discussion on the \$625,000 expansion project already started by the utility.

### 34 Heppner Students Make Honor Roll

Eleven Heppner high school students compiled high enough grade point averages to get on the high honor roll with grade points of 3.75 or higher. 4.00 would be the equivalent of straight A's.

Another 23 students ranked 3.00 or better on the low honor roll for the period. On the high honor roll were the following: seniors — Nancy Anderson, 3.95; Karen Prock, 3.91; Shirley Peek, 3.80; James Monahan, 3.80; Lance Tibbles, 3.80. Juniors — Jay Sumner, 3.92; Janet Wright, 3.90; Mary Jo Stewart, 3.88; Shirley Kononen, 3.75. Sophomores — Tom Currin, 3.80; Joann Brosnan, 3.95.

Those with grades between 3.00 and 3.75 were: Seniors — Lynda Borman, 3.60; Bob Hare, 3.43; Bob Stevens, 3.25; Skip Ruhl, 3.20; Wayne Soward, 3.20; Edith Morris, 3.12; Dale Osmin, 3.12; Virginia Andresen, 3.00. Juniors — Alice Fay Stewart, 3.68; Francine Francis, 3.60; Laurel Allstott, 3.25; Alice Peterson, 3.25; Meredith Thomson, 3.20; Jesse Smallwood, 3.05. Sophomores — Helen Graham, 3.62; Peggy Applegate, 3.30; Judy Collins, 3.17; James Morris, 3.10; Karen Valentine, 3.04; Janice Beamer, 3.00.

Freshmen — Renn Harris, 3.58; Carolyn McDaniel, 3.50; Gayle Cox, 3.20.

### Adult Welding Class Meeting Proposed

A planning meeting looking to the formation of an adult welding class will be held at the agriculture building at Heppner high school on Monday evening, Nov. 28 at 8 p. m. It was announced this week.

The purpose of the meeting will be to find out how many persons might be interested in such a class and to determine how long it will run. If it is started it will be carried on under the state vocational education program. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. C. Smith spent last weekend in Portland visiting relatives.

### House Fire Thaws Frozen Pipes, Water Puts Out Blaze

A fire started from a torch being used to thaw frozen water pipes caused only minor damage to a bunk and cook house at the Don Greenup ranch on Hinton creek Sunday morning.

Eteyle Gentry, an employee at the ranch was working on the frozen pipes when the fire started about 10 a. m. No water was available when the fire started, but heat from the flames soon thawed the pipes and the flowing water was used to put out the flames before they gained enough headway to destroy the building.

Several persons from Heppner and forest service employees answered a call for help, though their services weren't required after the pipes thawed themselves.

### C of C Conservation Dinner Changed

The chamber of commerce's annual conservation dinner, usually held at the Cutsforth Cabin on Herren creek, will be held next Monday night as planned, but the location has been changed to the Legion hall in Heppner. It was announced today by Newt O'Hara, agriculture committee chairman.

The annual event, which includes an elk meat dinner, has been held at the cabin for several years at the invitation of its owners, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth, but the heavy snows of the past week have made the road nearly impassable. As a result the dinner will be held at the Legion hall. It is open to chamber members and their wives.

The meeting is planned to honor the Conservation man of the year in the county, and as a rule the Grassman and the Cattleman of the year are also guests. The chamber sponsors the Conservation award. The dinner will start at 7 p. m.

### Temperance Speaker Coming Sunday

Melvin Derby, director of education for the Oregon Temperance League, will be the guest speaker at the Christian church next Sunday evening at 7:30, it was announced today.

Derby is an outstanding personality in his field, both as an educator and in the presentation of his subject. His appearance is sponsored by the Heppner ministerial association and the public is urged to attend.

### Smorgasbord Location Changed

Because of the bad weather and the difficulty of finding adequate parking space near the Heppner Legion hall, members of the Catholic Altar Society announced this week that the location of its annual smorgasbord has been changed to the Heppner fair pavilion. It will be held this Saturday evening.

The affair was originally set for the Legion hall but the snow and ice makes driving and parking difficult on the hill.

### IONE STUDENTS FIND THEIR TOWN WAS NEARLY A CITY BACK IN 1904

Several Ione high school students who are now studying American Problems were quite surprised to learn recently that in 1904 the town of Ione had a population of 700 persons, nearly double the present population of 340.

A study of why the town had shrunk revealed the information that the railroad's coming, not too many years before probably had something to do with its size, however the main reason was that farming methods were not nearly so far developed in those days and consequently farmers could farm only a much smaller ranch than is possible today. Most farmers lived on their

farm then but the town had to provide facilities for them as travel was not nearly as easy as it is today.

Some of the students also got quite a surprise when they found out how many businesses were operated in Ione in 1904. Included among them were two meat markets; three general merchandise stores; two doctors, Dr. Bruce and Dr. Chick; two drug stores; one jewelry store; one paper, the Ione Proclaimer; seven saloons; two lawyers; two blacksmith shops; a hotel; one hardware; and one each of the following: paint shop; photo studio; rooming house; pastime and parlor; millinery and dentist.

### Many Special 4-H Awards Given at Achievement Party

More than 125 South Morrow 4-H club members were presented special awards and membership pins at the annual 4-H achievement party held Saturday evening at the fair pavilion in Heppner. Nearly 200 persons attended the dinner.

Special awards went to Skip Emert, Dick Ekstrom and Bill Brannon, all of Ione who received the Wheat League trophy for being the high livestock judging team. Connie Anderson of Heppner received the Dave Hynd trophy for top livestock judge at the Morrow county fair and Kenneth Lynn Smouse, Ione, a breeding livestock summer school scholarship.

Judy Howton, Ione won the Danforth Foundation award as the outstanding county 4-H club member for 1955; Patsy Wright, Heppner was honored for being selected to attend the national 4-H club camp next summer.

Mrs. John Graves, a former club member who is now a leader, was presented a state alumna recognition plaque. Other awards were Mardine Baker, Ione, high home economics judge; Sally Palmer, Heppner achievement in 4-H work; Carlene Rhea, Echo, grand champion livestock showmanship; Mardine Baker and Marilyn Morgan, Ione, special food awards.

Janice Martin, Janet Wright, Meredith Thomson won clothing awards; Mardine Baker, food preparation; Judy Howton, girls' record; Dick Ekstrom, Ione, Larry Campbell, Echo, boys agriculture; Connie Anderson and Kit George, Heppner, dairy; Gerald Bunch, Jerry Anderson, Heppner, electric awards; Libby and Mickey Van Schoick, Heppner, entomology; Russell Dolven, Lexington, Bill Brannon, Ione, meat animal awards.

Leaders of 18 clubs in the area presented pins to members and 17 of the clubs received 100 percent completion certificates and charters for fulfilling the required years work.

Introductions and special awards were presented by N. C. Anderson, county agent, and Miss Beverly Bradshaw, home economics agent.

### State Conservation Meeting Planned

Final plans for the 7th annual meeting of Oregon Association of Soil Conservation districts were announced today by president, Ralph Saylor, Echo. The meeting will be held in Pendleton with headquarters at Hotel Pendleton on November 30—December 1. A directors' meeting and registration will open the convention on Tuesday evening, November 29, according to Saylor.

The ladies auxiliary plan a special meeting, a breakfast and tour on Thursday morning, according to Mrs. Ralph Saylor, president.

Nolan Fuqua, national president, Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Duncan, Oklahoma will participate in the program and give a report on soil and water conservation progress nationally.

D. A. Williams, administrator, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C., will address the group on Thursday morning. Mr. Williams received his early soil conservation training and experience in Oregon and the northwest when he was progressively field engineer, assistant regional director, SCS, Portland. Later he went on to chief of operations, SCS, Washington, D. C., and administrator, ACP, Washington, D. C., and two years ago was appointed administrator of the SCS.

### Social Security Representative Due

A representative of the La Grande Social Security office will be in the Heppner city hall on Wednesday, November 23, from 9:00 a. m. to noon, to interview individuals interested in old-age and survivors insurance and to assist those eligible to file application for benefits.