

Census Shows Business Increase in County

Retail sales during 1954 of 83 stores in Morrow county totaled \$5,886,000, according to preliminary 1954 census of business figures released this week by the bureau of census of the department of commerce.

There have been 14 new businesses that filed reports, added to the merchandising group in the county in the five year period. Stores with payrolls in 1954 numbered 47 and had 151 paid employees in November 1954; the month the census was taken. They reported a payroll of \$434,000 and accounted for sales of \$4,766,000. Proprietors of unincorporated businesses numbered 100. The census showed the number

of stores and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business. The first figure shows the number of stores in the county, the second the dollar volume.

Food stores, 20, \$1,347,000.
Eating, drinking, 20, \$500,000.
Apparel, accessories, 4, \$201,000.
Service stations, 15, \$610,000.
Lumber, building materials, hardware, farm equipment stores, 9, \$1,449,000.
Other retail stores, 5 \$273,000.

Several other groups such as drug, furniture, general merchandise, automotive, etc., were also included in the total business volume for the county, but were not broken down into individual tabulations because of the small number reporting.

A business census report of the state's 36 counties and towns of 2,500 or more population is available from the Bureau of Census, Washington 25, D. C. The cost is 10 cents per copy.

Wheat League Meeting Now on at Pendleton

Key speaker at the 28th annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at Pendleton, this weekend will be Ervin L. Peterson, assistant secretary of agriculture whose subject will be "National Agricultural Policy". The Morrow county Wheat League is hosts for the meeting which is being held in Pendleton due to lack of facilities here.

Other Friday speakers will be Kenneth Smouse, Ione, president of the League; C. H. Keadon, Dalton, Neb., president of the Nebraska association; Dr. D. D. Hill, farm crop specialist from OSC; Don McGinnis, Summerville, on league activities.

Word was received today that Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, Hood River, who was scheduled to speak at the main banquet Friday evening, is ill and will be unable to be present. A special entertainment program prepared by J. G. Kepley, Pendleton show band leader, will be offered instead, it was announced.

On the Saturday program, Richard K. Baum, executive secretary of the league, who just returned from a trip to Japan, will speak on "Wheat Market Promotion in Japan." Also scheduled is a report of the domestic wheat utilization committee, by state chairman, Mrs. Raphael Raymond Sr. of Helix, and John Stephenson, Bengie, Wash. will give a report on the Washington league.

Polio Vaccinations Show Big Increase

The county polio vaccination campaign showed a marked increase during the past week following the report of one case of polio in the area and the urging of local and state health officials that residents take advantage of the availability of the vaccine.

Several local physicians reported this week that two to three times as many vaccinations were given during the past week than had been given previously, but Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer, said the number was still well below what it should be. He pointed out that the state is faced with the possibility that some of its quota of vaccine will be recalled unless more public interest is shown. He urged parents to participate in the program to have their children inoculated as soon as possible.

No mass inoculation clinics are planned in county schools this year, Dr. McMurdo said, due to the poor response to last year's program.

He said that Morrow is listed as one of the two lowest counties in the state in per capita response to last year's program.

William M. Perry Dies at Baker; Services Friday

William Merrill Perry, 55, a former resident of Heppner, passed away Tuesday morning at St. Elizabeth hospital at Baker, Oregon. Death was caused from pneumonia. He was a brother of Mrs. Earl Gilliam of Heppner.

Mr. Perry was born July 7, 1900 at Lonerock, later moving to Heppner where he graduated from high school.

Funeral services will be held from Burns Mortuary in Pendleton on Friday, Dec. 9. The time had not yet been set.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, one son, Darrell of Baker, and three step-children. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. May Gilliam, Heppner; Mrs. Linnie Clapp, Pendleton; three brothers, George N. Perry, Pendleton; Lawrence A. Perry, Zillah, Wash.; Leo C. Perry, Ellensburg, Wash.; two nieces and three nephews.

O. E. S. and Masons To Have Annual Dinner

The annual Eastern Star and Masonic turkey dinner will be held at the Masonic hall Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 p. m.

All members and members of other Eastern Star chapters and Masonic lodges living in this community are cordially invited. Following the dinner there will be joint installation of officers of the Eastern Star, Masons and the Royal Arch.

Heppner Stores Set Friday Night Opening Hours

A large number of Heppner stores are announcing this week that they will remain open three Friday nights before Christmas for the convenience of shoppers unable to shop during regular business hours.

The stores will remain open until 9 p. m. on the nights of December 9, 16 and 23. All are displaying the largest selection of gift merchandise offered here in many years.

REA Manager To Take New Position

Edgar H. Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op for the past six years, will leave shortly after December 15 to take over new duties as manager of the Big Bend Electric Co-op with headquarters in Ritzville, Washington.

Collison came to Heppner in October 1949 from Missouri and has served as manager of the local electric cooperative since that time. In making the move to Washington, he will head a like organization which is nearly twice as large as the Columbia Basin Co-op. The Big Bend cooperative serves over 2,600 subscribers in an area roughly bounded by Pasco, on the south and Davenport on the north. Othello and Ritzville are other major towns within the area.

Kenneth Smouse, president of Columbia Basin said this week that no replacement has been chosen for Collison who will spend part of the time here until a new man has been selected.

Collison has been active in civic and community affairs while in Heppner. He is a member of the school board of district No. 1, and the chamber of commerce and he played a big part in the chamber program to obtain lights for the rodeo field.

He does not expect to move his family to Ritzville until after the first of the year.

Beamer Named Wrangler Prexy

Ralph Beamer of Heppner was named new president of the Wranglers riding club at its annual election meeting Tuesday night. He replaces Hoyard Bryson and who has headed the organization for the past year.

Other officers who will assist Beamer during the coming year are Bruce Lindsay, secretary; and Barbara Jordan, treasurer. Three new directors were also selected. They are Walter Wigglesworth, Al Fetsch and Charlie Daly.

The Tuesday meeting was also the annual Christmas party which included a Santa Claus and special treats for the children.

Furnishings Needed For Teacher's Room

The Heppner P-TA announces that it has undertaken the project of furnishing the teachers room in the new grade school and will appreciate donations of a used davenport, chair, lamp and end table. Drapes for the room have already been donated, it was said.

Anyone having any of the above items they would like to donate are asked to contact either Mrs. Kenneth Keeling, Kenneth Carpenter or Mrs. James Sumner.

EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET DECEMBER 13

The Heppner extension unit will meet with Mrs. N. C. Anderson Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. The program will be a short skit of how grandma celebrated Christmas when she was a girl. There will also be a program of Christmas songs.

In charge of the program will be Rev. Norman Northrup and Don Hatfield. Refreshments will be served in the lunch room by Mrs. Ray Dolven, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. George Steagall and Miss Jewell Boone.

County Continues Perfect S-D Day Traffic Record

For the second year in a row, Morrow county joined with its neighboring counties of Gilliam and Wheeler in posting a perfect Safe-Driving Day record, police reported this week. Not a single traffic accident has occurred in the three counties on S-D Day in the past two years.

Nation-wide, there were more accidents on S-D Day this year than occurred in 1954, but throughout most of the country heavy snow and freezing weather contributed largely to the mishaps. The total figure was down however, from a normal day, it was announced.

Since the observance, last Thursday, Morrow county has continued to hold a good traffic record with only one minor accident being reported. That was caused by icy roads and there were no injuries.

Council to Check Parking Problem

Parking of cars in two or more congested areas of Heppner will be investigated by the council's street committee and recommendations will be made to eliminate some of the difficulties, it was decided Monday night at the monthly city council meeting.

The congestion alongside and to the rear of the First National Bank building and on South Main street, south of May will be checked and the committee is expected to recommend that several "no-parking" areas be posted. The council also ordered the police to enforce the ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of trucks on Main street.

City superintendent Victor Groshens gave a report on the activities of the city crew during this year and revealed that upwards of two dozen major projects had been started or completed. These included the construction of several small buildings on city property, considerable water main replacement, street maintenance and other activities.

The council also heard that it would soon receive a request from Mrs. Bert Kane and Mrs. Helen Cox that sections of their property be taken into the city limits. The property mentioned adjoins the city boundary to the south of town and lies along the Condon highway.

The council voted to appropriate \$25 to the chamber of commerce to help defray the cost of newly purchased Christmas street decorations.

Annual Meeting Set By Episcopalians

The 11 o'clock service at All Saints' Episcopal church will be the Litany and following its reading the congregation will go to the parish house for the annual meeting. At that time the reports of the various organizations will be given and the vestry and wardens for 1956 will be elected.

The rector, the Rev. George R. Little, stated that the meeting will be confined to 45 minutes and will be adjourned at approximately 12 o'clock.

It was also announced that the women's auxiliary will meet on Monday at 8 p. m. when new officers will be elected.

DIRECTOR RE-ELECTED

Paul Jones was re-elected to a three year term as director of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district at a special election held here Monday. Other directors are Harold Becket and Mrs. Oscar George.

Mr. Joe Hughes visited last week in Canby, Oregon.



CHRISTMAS STREET DECORATIONS were about ready to go into air as this picture was taken Sunday afternoon. A crew of over a dozen chamber of commerce members, merchants, power company and electric co-op workers labored in freezing weather to bring the "Christmas Look" to Heppner. Here the streamers of fir boughs and strings of colored lights are laid out on the street preparatory to raising them.



MIGHTY HANDY CONTRAPTIONS were these two fork-lift trucks donated by Heppner Pine Mills to aid in the job of hanging street decorations. Riding on special platforms, workers were raised to the top of power and telephone poles where lights and fir streamers were quickly fastened. Each downtown intersection was decorated in about 30 minutes with the aid of the machines. Another similar type lift truck was supplied by Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., and as they have done for many years, Pacific Power and Light supplies free power for the lights. As usual, two days after the streamers were hung, a heavy wind whipped some of the boughs from the wires, but many still remain to remind of the Christmas season.

SANTA CLAUS PLANS VISIT TO HEPPNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Phil Blakney, chairman of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce, told the group at its Monday noon meeting that he had received word from Santa Claus that the popu-

lar old gentleman will make a quick visit to Heppner on Saturday afternoon, December 17 to check up on Morrow county youngsters and to pass out treats to them.

Heppner, Ione Post Offices to Remain Open Saturdays

Mrs. Ruby Roberts, Ione postmistress, and James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, announced this week that both offices will remain open until 6 p. m. on Saturday afternoons for the convenience of residents wishing to mail Christmas packages.

Both post offices will remain open the next three Saturdays, December 10, 17 and 24, and the postal department urges that Christmas packages and cards be mailed as early as possible to facilitate handling by the department.

Hunters and Anglers To Meet Monday; Porky Winners Due

The last Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club meeting of the year will be held Monday night, December 12 at 8 p. m. at the Heppner Legion hall, it was announced.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the club-sponsored porcupine killing contest and it was asked that all persons who still have porky noses to turn in do so before December 10. The noses can be redeemed for 22 shells or cash at any of the following Heppner stores: Gilliam and Bisbee, Alkens, Western Auto or Anderson's Builders Supply.

A film on fishing and hunting will be shown at the Monday night meeting.

Reception to Honor George Allyn on 60th Anniversary

The Lexington VFW auxiliary and the Lexington Christian church and Sunday schools will hold a reception at the I. O. O. F. hall Sunday, Dec. 18 from 2 to 4 p. m. honoring Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn on their 60th wedding anniversary.

A short musical program is planned during the afternoon and the public is invited to attend the reception.

A fourth goal is to increase total enrollments.

Hutton explained that a 4-H annual will be published next summer and each county is asked to contribute a page of 4-H activities and pictures, which the local group voted to do.

Other business discussed at the meeting was the leaders banquet to be held in January for all county leaders and a county-wide food sale to be held as a money-making project.

A potluck luncheon was served at noon to the 20 members present.

A third goal is to expand the junior leader program which is now growing with over 400 attending classes. Here a junior leaders club will be organized and older 4-H members are urged to become junior leaders.

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County Water Resources Group Formation Asked

Letters went out yesterday to nearly 150 interested persons calling a meeting to discuss and organize a county committee to conserve, protect and apply the water resources of the upper Columbia river basin. The meeting is being sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of Commerce and will be held Monday, Dec. 12.

The formation of such a county committee, which would also become a part of an area-wide organization, was suggested several weeks ago by members of the Upper Columbia Basin Commission, with the idea that the area committee could continue the work the commission has been doing. The commission was ordered dissolved by the end of this year by an act of the last legislature, with some of its activities to be taken over by a state water resources board, but members of the new board have admitted that many of the jobs of the former commission cannot be handled by the new board.

Monday's meeting is scheduled for 2 p. m. at the court house in Heppner with the main purpose to organize a committee to investigate and promote the development of water resources in the area. It was pointed out that Governor Patterson and members of the Water Resources Board are favorable to the formation of such a committee.

It is hoped the local committee can be formed at the first meeting as there is to be an area meeting, composed of representatives of other county committees, in Pendleton on December 15.

The Upper Columbia River Basin Commission had intended during the current binnium to encourage the formation of such a voluntary area-wide water resources committee for counsel and collaboration on efforts throughout Eastern Oregon. With its abolishment on January 1 and absorption of its functions by the new state board, the commission feels that such a grass-roots committee will be just as valuable and necessary for area counsel and collaboration with the new state agency.

FHA Livestock Loans Continued

The special livestock loan program, designed to help livestock producers continue their normal operations when other suitable credit is not available, has been extended for another two years, Farmer's Home Administration county supervisor, J. S. Cody, said this week.

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Special livestock loans are made to established producers and feeders of cattle, sheep, and goats (except commercial feedlot operators) who are temporarily unable to get from regular sources the credit needed to continue their normal operations.

To be eligible, an applicant must have a good past record of livestock operations and have reasonable prospects for success with the help of the loan.

The loans are made to meet the usual expenses of livestock operations such as the purchase or production of feed, and replacing or repairing of farm machinery. A borrower may also stock his herd to normal size if he can carry his present herd, plus the additional livestock to be bought, without buying a substantial portion of his feed. Loans are not made to pay existing debts except current incidental bills.

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