

## Winter Takes Third Swipe at County

Late Wednesday night the unofficial temperature in Heppner dropped to zero but by this morning had risen to 10 degrees and an overcast sky gave indication that a warming trend was on the way. Clouds and possible snow flurries were forecast for Thursday and Thursday night.

Old man winter rolled up his sleeves and took another poke Tuesday night at Morrow county and the entire northwest as a big high pressure area moved in from Canada to drop temperatures to below zero and bringing some snow to the already well-beaten up states of Oregon and Washington.

Snow started falling on bare ground around Heppner Tuesday evening and driven by a strong wind, soon caused sizeable drifts. Actually only about an inch of very dry snow fell Tuesday night and Wednesday morning but strong westerly winds which during the night changed to cold easterly blasts soon had curbs and sheltered spots filled. The mercury dropped quickly soon after dark Tuesday and by Wednesday morning the official low in Heppner was 8 degrees above zero.

Clouds disappeared Wednesday but the bright sun had little warming effect as the thermometer hung in the low 20s and brought practically no thawing.

The state police reported late Wednesday that major highways were in good condition and largely snow-free. No snow remained on the ground at Arlington Wednesday and the Columbia River highway to Portland was reported clear. Considerably more snow fell in the higher elevations and state highway crews at Heppner reported there was some drifting in the Eightmile area but that it was being handled by plows.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday the temperature in Heppner rose well into the 50s and practically all the previous snow pack disappeared in the three days. The frost coming out of the ground during that time however, brought many reports of extremely soft roads throughout this section of the county. Many lead-in roads to ranches which were not heavily graveled were nearly impassable for a while. The thaw caused some break-up of paved and graveled roads though no serious trouble has been reported. One pickup was reported damaged Saturday when it broke through a road between Heppner and Lexington.

As this is being written late Wednesday, weather forecasts call for even colder weather Wednesday night and Thursday with

the chance that the mercury will drop well below zero in the early morning hours. A long-range forecast issued early this week gave warning of the possibility of temperatures as low as 30 below zero for sections of Oregon and Eastern Washington during the late part of the week.

The mercury dropped to 2 in Condon Wednesday morning.

## John Day Dam Subject of Meet

The second area-wide meeting of persons and communities interested in the problems connected with the development of the John Day dam was held last night at Boardman under the sponsorship of the Boardman commercial club. A representative group from the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce attended the meeting.

Boardman, along with Arlington and other river communities face the assurance of being drowned out when the John Day dam is constructed. The present town of Boardman will be either partly or entirely under water after the dam is built, depending on what its eventual height may be.

Aerial photos of Boardman were shown, with the shoreline drawn in as it would be with a dam height of 269 feet. This included all of Boardman from 1 1/4 miles west of town to 1 mile east of town, and showed that the highway, railroad, town, and cemetery would have to be relocated.

Agreement was reached to have a meeting in Arlington at the Vendome hotel, 6:30 p. m. Feb. 27 to further discuss the problems, where W. F. Nelson, Executive Secretary of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce will tell of his experience working with The Dalles dam for 15 years. Later the same evening the P-TA will hold a meeting in the school gymnasium.

A resolution was passed to hold further meetings each third Wednesday of each month, and a community council was suggested to handle the problems arising from the construction of the dam.

## CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Civic League will be held next Monday at 8 p. m. in the kindergarten room at the Heppner high school. Alice Wagner will be in charge of the program on care of the hair. She will also demonstrate hair styling.

## GENERAL EDUCATION ON FARMER PROBLEMS SEEN NEED BY GRANGE

The pending soil bank bill and the need for more education of the general public on farmer's problems were among the major items considered at a meeting of the Lexington Grange Saturday.

O. W. Cutsforth, legislative committee chairman spoke on the soil bank bill which was followed by a general discussion of the needs for more education on farm problems. It was pointed out that many people think that the farmer is one of the few being subsidized, while in reality there are unknown and unpublicized subsidies in many other industries.

The discussion led to the appointment of a committee composed of Cutsforth, Gene Majeske and Jean Nelson which is to prepare resolution to present to the next Pomona meeting. It was suggested that possibly some of the large farm machinery, fertilizer, oil companies, etc., who benefit directly from farming might be interested in sponsoring such educational advertising.

Kenneth Smouse, agriculture chairman, gave a report on the National Wheat League meeting in Portland and said that this county was well represented. He said attendance at the meeting was increased greatly over previous years.

Mrs. Edith Miller, home economic chairman, reported that new officers were installed at the January meeting and she presented corsages to Mrs. Earl Evans and Mrs. Myles Martin, retiring chairman and treasurer. She also announced the next

meeting would be Feb. 17 at Mrs. Earl Evans' home.

Considerable discussion was held on the coverage of farm meetings and programs in local papers. Many saying they would like to see more farm news in county papers as Morrow's economy is based on farming.

Lyle Cox was elected lecturer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Audrey Ansted.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stockard showed pictures of their recent trip to Pasadena and of the rose parade and Disneyland.

Members of the supper committee were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cutsforth and Mrs. Leonard Munkers.

## John Day Fishing Conditions Brighten With Cold Weather

Steelhead fishing on the John Day river in the vicinity of Kimberly and Monument was reported as excellent last Saturday, but warm weather early this week caused a rapid rise in the water and stopped all fishing by midweek. Ice was also causing trouble in the river by Tuesday and Wednesday.

The state police reported that should the weather stay cold there is a good chance that by this weekend the water will clear and drop considerably again offering good fishing conditions. Fishing last Saturday was reported the best in some time.



TO ATTEND STATE MEETING—The Heppner high school students, Miss Joann Eronson, left and Miss Judy Collins will leave next week for Corvallis to attend the annual state Future Homemakers of America meeting held on the OSC campus. Judy is the new president of the Heppner FHA chapter and Joann the recently elected secretary. Both girls are honor roll students and have been active in many other fields. Mrs. Homer Hager, school instructor and chapter advisor will accompany the girls to the meeting. Story below. (GT Photo)

## Heppner Students To Take Part in State FHA Meeting

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The Future Homemakers of America chapter at Heppner high school will be one of 99 Oregon chapters participating in the annual state FHA meetings February 24 and 25 at Oregon State College.

FHA is composed of high school girls taking home economics classes. Oregon's membership now totals 4,000.

The local chapter has 15 girls enrolled.

Theme for this year's eleventh annual meeting is "FHA's Face the Future". One of the high-points of the meeting will be awarding of state homemaker degrees, the state's top award for high school home economists. They go to outstanding members who meet school, home and community program requirements. New state officers will also be named for the coming year.

## State Traffic Deaths Up in January

Thirty persons were killed in Oregon traffic accidents during January, two more than died in street and highway crashes during the same month a year ago.

The figure, released by the state traffic safety division, is "tentative," based on reports of known deaths from state, city and county law enforcement agencies.

At the same time, the safety office announced that the 1955 traffic death toll has been revised upward to 410 as a result of the death of a woman injured in an October accident.

The state's death rate for last year—which illustrates the number of persons killed in each 100 million miles of travel—has been set at 5.92. The previous year it was 6.2.

Safety men said the state has recorded slight drops in the death rate every year since 1952. These death rates they said, mean that on a mile-for-mile basis, the state's roads are becoming safer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll spent Sunday in Walla Walla visiting their daughter Janice who is a student at St. Paul's Parochial school.

## February Named As Heart Month

Urging all citizens and organizations to support the 1956 Heart Fund, Heppner mayor Mrs. Mary Stevens this week designated February as American Heart month in Heppner.

The Heart fund drive, conducted by the Oregon Heart Association, and affiliate of the American Heart Association, has a local goal of \$350 and the campaign will be conducted in this county from February 1 through 29 with John Hartman, Heppner as general chairman.

In proclaiming Heart month, Mrs. Stevens pointed out that the heart and circulatory diseases are responsible for more than 52 percent of all deaths in the United States annually and are the leading cause of all deaths in this area. Almost 800,000 deaths were caused by these diseases in the United States in 1954.

"There is a need for greater scientific knowledge to control the heart and circulatory diseases," the mayor declared in her proclamation. "This can be developed only through intensive research and adjustment programs."

In her proclamation Mrs. Stevens urged all citizens to support the 1956 Heart Fund.

Chairman Hartman also announced today that Sunday, Feb. 26 has been designated as Heart Sunday. A house to house canvass will be made on that day, he said. Chairmen for the special day will be announced later, Hartman said.

## Oil Furnace Cause Of Saturday Alarm

Faulty control equipment which allowed a furnace to fill with oil before igniting was the cause of a fire call Saturday afternoon to the Heppner American Legion hall.

The building was filled with smoke when firemen arrived but no fire damage resulted to the building.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones are in Portland visiting their daughter, Miss Loma Mae Jones and their nephew Don Jones who is recuperating from surgery.

## Carnival Planned For Band Benefit

Plans were made for a band benefit carnival to be held April 7 at the Heppner fair pavilion at the monthly meeting of the Heppner band parents club Monday evening at the high school.

The carnival is planned to be bigger and better than before and Phil Blakney, on behalf of the chamber of commerce, accepted co-sponsorship of the carnival. The chamber will operate one booth for which it will receive one-fourth of the net of that booth to apply on the field lighting fund.

It was decided to give the old band uniforms to the Boys Town of the West at Camp Columbia and the old caps and capes will probably be given to the Salvation Army.

Committees for the carnival include Bill Cox, chairman; Mrs. J. R. Huffman, food chairman; Mrs. Al Bunch and Mrs. Randall Martin art and publicity.

One band uniform has been purchased so far this year and it is planned to buy a band banner and drum majorette outfits later.

Mrs. Alvin Bunch was installed as vice president of the organization. She was absent at the regular installation.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. Cal Sumner.

## Coon Questionnaire Asks Voters' Aid

Congressman Sam Coon has mailed out a legislative opinion questionnaire to more than 46,000 residents of the Second District of Oregon.

Coon stated, "During this session of Congress we have before us questions of vital importance to you. I wish that you would help me in deciding on these issues by answering the questions on my questionnaire. Any comments on other issues that you care to make will be appreciated."

Coon's 1956 questionnaire asks for opinions on nine important issues: agricultural policy, aid to education, the John Day Dam, Oregon power development, road construction, labor policy, foreign aid, debt and taxes and postal rates.

## Special Taxpayer Service Announced by Revenue Offices

District internal revenue service director E. C. Granquist has announced that Monday of each week has been designated as taxpayer assistance day for the Portland internal revenue district throughout February and March.

All offices in the district including the Pendleton office at 204 Byers building will have ample personnel available on those days to furnish information and service to taxpayers in the preparation of their 1955 income tax returns.

From April 2 to 16 the Pendleton office, and many others, will remain open continuously to aid taxpayers, it was announced.

## TOUR PICTURES SEEN AT GRANGE MEETING

Henry Baker of Ione showed pictures of his recent European tour at the meeting of Rhea Creek Grange Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash of Heppner were accepted into membership in the grange.

Floyd Tolleson of Portland, former resident of Heppner, was a weekend visitor here.

## Unander Tells of State's Problems

State treasurer Sig Unander, speaking Wednesday in Heppner on the 97th anniversary of the statehood of Oregon, told a sizeable group of county Republicans some of the history of the state and of the problems that must be faced in the future.

Unander's talk was given Wednesday noon at O'Donnell's cafe under the sponsorship of the Morrow county Republican central committee. He said the state has been and still is suffering with growing pains with schools and water problems being among the most important. He listed conservation as the key to the state's future.

Oregon has the third highest degree of seasonality in employment of all states due to its type of employment and industry which is based on lumber, agriculture, tourists, mining and fishing. To Oregon's credit however, Unander said, is its educational and highway programs which are among the finest of all states.

The treasurer told of the improvements now being made in the numerous state institutions and plans for the future.

Unander was introduced by Mrs. Verner Troedson of Ione, vice-chairman of the county Republican committee. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Collis Moore of Wasco, Mrs. Unander; mayor and Mrs. Omar Rietmann of Ione and Mrs. Mary Stevens, mayor of Heppner. Mrs. Moore is a candidate of Republican national committeewoman.

## Savings Bond Sales Continue High

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds continued high in Oregon in January, according to figures just released by Ted R. Gamble, chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds committee. People of the state bought \$3,938,283 worth of these high grade treasury securities last month.

"Although sales were well ahead of December's, they could not be compared with those of January 1955," Gamble said, "for that month set our peace-time sales record at a fantastic \$5,418,659, a figure which is apt to stand for a long while. Compared with any other since World War II, last month's sales were excellent."

In spite of the all-time high set by bond sales in January of 1955, nine of Oregon's thirty-six counties showed better totals this January than a year ago.

"Sales of E and H Bonds in Morrow county in January were \$22,989," said county chairman Jack Bedford. "In January of 1955 they were \$46,000."

Savings Bonds sales nationally in January were \$572,000,000, about \$1,000,000 less than in January, 1955. Sales exceeded total redemptions by \$122,000,000.

## A Salty Story

Salt can be a dangerous weapon, according to a news item received this week from the GT's Monument correspondent.

Darrel Farrens of Monument suffered a broken toe one day last week when he dropped a block of salt on his foot. Not long afterwards salt caused a second casualty when Darlene Boyer dropped a block on her foot while loading some in a car.

When in Monument it might be wise to steer clear of all salt.

## Forest Report Shows Use High, Fires Low in 1955

Though 1955 was characterized by many large forest fires in the forests of the west, the Umatilla national forest suffered a fewer number of fires than the five-year average in the forest, the annual report released this week by supervisor C. M. Rector, Pendleton, revealed.

Despite the exceptionally dry weather during last August, only 54 fires were reported in the area during the entire year. The five-year average is 73. The fires were all small and the total area burned did not exceed 25 acres, the report said.

Other sections of the report indicated that the success of deer hunters throughout the forest was about the same as the previous year, but that elk hunters bagged more animals in 1955 than in former years.

A major use of the forest was for grazing with 7,050 head of cattle and 19,900 sheep securing summer pasture from the forest range land. Another 1,075 cattle and 3,975 sheep grazed under free permits issued for the use of intermingled private lands located within the forest boundary.

The service reported that recreation use of the forest is increasing every year with more persons packing into remote areas than ever before. One of the big events of the ski year was the Spout Springs Olympic ski training camp held during November and December. The U. S. Nordic team made the springs, located near Tollgate, their headquarters.

Camping and picnicking facilities were still crowded and not holding up under the increased use, but some additional maintenance funds were received to start correcting to shortages in this line.

Maintenance was completed on over 1,100 miles of road and 810 miles of trail throughout the forest during the year and in the Heppner area three miles of the Penland Prairie road was graveled. Also, over 25 miles of new roads were surveyed.

There were 129 timber sales of forest timber during the year and of these 120 were small with values of less than \$2,000. 35 million board feet of timber was cut from forest lands during the year under sale and exchange agreements which netted the government \$570,000.

Headquarters for the Umatilla forest is in Pendleton and there are six districts under the supervision of rangers. V. L. Kreimeyer is district ranger of the Heppner district. He came to Heppner last fall replacing Wayne West who was transferred to Portland.

## March of Dimes Receipts Nearly Equal Last Year

A total of \$2,148.50 has been turned in so far in the 1956 March of Dimes drive in Morrow county, it was revealed this week. The figure is only slightly below the nearly \$2,500 collected in the county last year and there is still one community to report.

All Areas of the county have reported in to drive chairman Floyd Sayers with the exception of Irrigon, but when that is received it is hoped the figure will nearly equal last year's drive.

Following is a breakdown of the donations from communities. School and special efforts are included in the total for each town as they were reported previously:

Heppner, \$1,409.99; Lexington, \$158.75; Ione, \$328.91; Cecil, \$75.00; Hardman, \$36.83 and Boardman \$139.02. The report from Irrigon is expected within a few days, it was said.

## Skin Care Extension Unit Project

Mrs. N. C. Anderson and Mrs. Levellyn Robbins presented the project lesson, care of the skin, to 13 members of the Heppner extension unit Tuesday afternoon at the Al Fetsch home.

Present were Mesdames William Heath, Al Fetsch, N. C. Anderson, Henry Rauch, Ray Bailey, Levellyn Robbins, Kemp Dick, Ray Drake, Lee Scrivner, William Turner, Kenneth Keeling, Paul Warren and Douglas Drake.



PART OF THE CAST of the play "Hessie of the Hills" which is to be presented Friday night at the Lexington school auditorium by the Lexington Thespians is shown in this photo. The play is being given as a benefit for the Lexington Christian church and the Cub Scouts. Shown are, front row 1 to 4, Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Mrs. Jim Angell, June Cooper. Back row standing, Ted McMillan, George Irvin, Delpha Jones, Jo Irvin, Bill Nichols and Jim Angell. Almost overlooked in the front row is "Rags" who is reputed to be one of the best actors (canine) in Morrow county.



PLANNING THE DETAILS for the county-wide Red Cross drive which will open here March 1 are county and state heads of the organization who met early this week at Heppner. Left to right are Dick Brunner, chairman of the fund drive; Jack Bailey, Morrow county Red Cross chapter president; Ray Vester, Portland, national vice-chairman of the 1956 fund campaign; and Harold Berentson, Portland, manager of the Multnomah county chapter. (GT Photo)