

Effects of Winter Runoff on Fields Viewed on Tour

More than 50 local farmers, FFA students and interested local business men took part in the Heppner Soil Conservation district's annual conservation tour last Monday. The approximately 40 mile tour was planned to show the effects of the unusually wet winter on farmlands.

The tour, an annual affair, is normally taken in April or May but was set up this year to give farmers an opportunity to view the effects of heavy runoff of water and snow on both seeded and summer fallow fields. In nearly every instance some indication of soil loss can be seen, but the group viewed both lands on which recommended conservation practices have been used and where they have not. On some fields where such practices as strip-cropping and other soil-saving measures have not been practiced the tour members found very heavy erosion and soil loss. In numerous instances deep furrows have been cut in bare fields and roads have been covered with soil washed from fields.

By comparison the group found that in areas where strip-cropping and other conservation measures were in effect runoff and soil loss was practically negligible. It was pointed out to tour members that the past winter has been one of the wettest in many years and that soils throughout the area are saturated.

The tour is sponsored jointly by the Heppner Soil Conservation district and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber was host at a free luncheon for all ranchers at the Methodist church Monday noon prior to the start of the tour. The trip was made in a school bus provided by school district No. 1 and in many private cars.



CONSERVATION TOUR members are viewing the effects of heavy winter runoff on a field of fall-seeded wheat. This was just one of the many seen on the tour where the water has gouged deep furrows and caused extremely heavy soil loss. (Story adjoining) Other pictures in this group, and elsewhere in today's paper, were taken last week but the cuts did not arrive in time to be used in last week's paper. The washing and damage shown is similar to that seen on the tour except that the pictures were taken while the runoff was at its height. (GT Photos)



MUD COVERED HIGHWAY just south of Heppner on the Condon road. Topsoil washed from fields has completely filled ditches and overflowed several inches deep on the highway. This is one of the pictures taken a week ago during the very heavy runoff and similar scenes could be found on nearly any road in county.



BALM FORK ROAD, shown covered with mud from adjacent fields for a stretch of over 100 yards was just one of the many instances of heavy runoff and soil loss that could be found throughout the county as a result of the snow melt and rains early this week. The mud in this photo was as much as 8 inches deep on the road and ditches were full.

Grain Growers Buys Paterson Ferry Dock and Elevator

The Morrow County Grain Growers Monday exercised its option for the purchase of elevators and dock facilities located at Paterson Ferry in north Morrow county. The plant was purchased for \$150,000 from the Continental Grain Company, builder of the facility which has been operated under lease for the past two years by the Grain Growers. Grain Growers manager Al Lamb said Tuesday that the elevator and dock facilities have a storage capacity of 175,000 bushels. The purchase did not include the flat storage elevator adjacent to the dock which is owned by W. E. Melena of Ione and is operated by the MCGG under lease. It has an additional storage capacity of 575,000 bushels giving the co-op total storage of 700,000 bushels on the river.

The shipping and storage plant was built in 1954 and the Grain Growers took over its operation in August of that year. The large Melena elevator was built last summer. During 1955 a total of 1,200,000 bushels of grain were handled through the plant and it is expected that over one and one-half million bushels will be shipped this year including a considerable amount of Umatilla county wheat. It is classified as one of the largest dock facilities on this section of the Columbia river.

With the completion of this purchase the Morrow County Grain Growers now owns seven elevators in the county and operates two others under lease agreement giving the co-op a total grain storage capacity of over 3,000,000 bushels in all plants. The two operations now leased are the Melena warehouse at Paterson Ferry and Archer-Daniels elevators at Ione.

Lamb said, in making the announcement of the purchase, that the Paterson ferry elevator is located on high enough ground that it will not be flooded out when the John Day dam is built and in operation.

Lamb also said that shipping from MCGG elevators has been going on at a rapid pace during the coming season. Most of the barley has been shipped to Europe and the wheat to the far east, Lamb said.

Livestock Sales Up in Volume

HERMISTON—After three slow badweather weeks, the Hermiston livestock auction bounced back with the sun Friday and moved swiftly, sale manager Delbert Anson said today.

Volume, off during the bad weather, peaked at 272 cattle, 284 hogs and 113 sheep. Anson said the hog market was much stronger. Veal and dairy cows were higher and fat and heavy feeder steers were showing strength at the sale.

Next Friday, a special sale on registered cattle will be held in connection with the market's regular action. Buyers are also calling for grain fed steers, heifers and veal, Anson said, adding that the market is opening up on good stocker cows.

Sherman Sayre of Walla Walla Washington led other consignors in the volume department at the Friday sale. Sayre marketed 24 white face feeder steers weighing 24,360 pounds and earned a top price of \$15.40 a hundred-weight for them.

The Market:
CATTLE: Baby calves, 2.50 to 29.00 a head; steer calves, 17.30 to 18.30 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.80 to 14.60 cwt.; veal, 19.50 to 21.00 cwt. Stocker steers 13.70 to 14.60 cwt.; feeder steers, 14.70 to 16.80 cwt.; fat slaughter steers, 15.60 to 17.60 cwt.; fat heifers, 14.10 to 15.30 cwt. Dairy cows, 89.00 to 154.00 a head; stock cows 101.00 to 110.00 a head; commercial cows, 12.40 to 13.10 cwt.; utility cows, 10.40 to 11.50 cwt.; canner cutter cows, 6.50 to 9.50 cwt.; shells, 5.00 to 6.00 cwt. Bulls, 11.50 to 14.00 cwt.

HOGS: Weaner pigs, 2.25 to 4.75 a head; feeder pigs, 9.60 to 10.80 cwt.; fat hogs, 12.30 to 13.80 cwt.; sows, 8.20 to 11.50 cwt.; boars, 2.25 to 4.60 cwt.
SHEEP: Feeder lambs, 13.50 to 14.80 cwt.; ewes with lambs at side, 18.25 to 20.25 a head; no bucks.



FIRST BOXES OF CANDY in the Camp Fire Girls annual candy sale were sold to Heppner Mayor, Mrs. Mary Stevens early this week. Making the sale are Diane McCurdy, center, Camp Fire Girl; and Joan Stockard, a Bluebird. The girls will sell their boxed candy in Heppner on Saturday, March 11 and all will wear uniforms and appropriate identification. The sale raises money for the organization's activities during the year. (GT Photo)

MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK 50 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR, SURVEY SHOWS

Water content of the Arbutle mountain snowpack averages 36 percent above the 14 year average and 50 percent more than last year at this time according to measurements taken Tuesday, Feb. 28 on the Arbutle mountain snow course.

Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, and Whitmer Wright, Forest Service skilled into the area and reported 51.2 inches of snow with water content of 15.2 inches. Measurements taken last year at this time showed a snow depth of 38 inches with 10.1 inches of water. Comparable measurements in 1951 were 21.9 inches of snow with 8.4 inches of waer and in 1953 snow depth was

38.6 inches with 15.5 inches of water.

A water content of 11.2 inches is the 14 year average for this time of year according to records kept by Federal and State cooperative snow surveys. Soils are wet and unfrozen beneath the snow pack, Wilson reported.

Elks Scholarship Winners Named

Two students from Ione high school, one from Lexington and one from Heppner were named as winners of the scholarships offered annually by the Heppner Elks lodge. First place winners receive \$200 grants and second place get \$100.

First place winners were two Ione students, Ernest Drake and Anna Jepsen. Donald Casteel of Lexington was announced winner of the boys' second place award of \$100 and Virginia Anderson, Heppner took second place honors for girls. Two alternates were also selected and they are James Monahan and Sharon Bryant, both of Heppner.

The scholarships are given annually by the local Elks lodge, but this is the first year that second place awards have been included in the program.

The two first place winners were taken to La Grande Sunday by Elks lodge officers La Verne Van Marter and Alton Yarnell to compete in the district contest for further scholarship grants. Neither placed in the contest which was won by two Ontario students, but both showed up well in the competition, it was announced.

The local contest is open to all students of Heppner, Lexington and Ione high schools.

Entire Ione School Faculty Rehired

Board members and school officials of the Ione school district announced this week that all the teachers in the school have been rehired for next year.

On the high school faculty are Phil G. Newitt, superintendent and instructor; Selma Johnson, Zara Z. Porfily, Larry Pryse, Grant Rigby, Gary Stephenson, Joe Hausler and Mrs. Grace Schmidt. Elementary teachers are Harriet I. Hall, Roxie Moeck, Gladys Ely, Joe Hausler, Wayne Pierce.

Adult Welding Class Completed by 25

Twenty-five students last week completed an adult course in welding conducted at the Heppner school by L. L. Robbins, local Ag instructor.

Robbins announced that some welding rod was left over from the classes which will be divided among the students. He asks that anyone taking the course who has not picked up his rod, to do so.

BABY GIRL TO WAIT LONG TIME FOR BIRTHDAY

It will be a long time between birthday for a young lady who arrived at Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday and plans to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hairston of Fossil. The girl, who has not yet been given a name, weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. She arrived in this world on February 29 so she won't have her first birthday until 1960.

Filings Indicate High Interest in Political Races

With only a week left before the March 9 deadline for filing for political office considerable activity has been apparent during the past few days. Several filings have been made for county offices and at least 18 persons have indicated their intention to run for precinct committeemen and women.

Those having filed for county offices include Mrs. Sadie Parrish, Republican candidate for count clerk; Bruce M. Lindsay, Democrat incumbent who is seeking reelection as county clerk; Sylvia McDaniel, is seeking the Republican nomination as county treasurer, a post she has held since last summer when she was appointed by the county court. Two other county officials have announced their intention to run for reelection though they have not yet filed for the positions. They are C. J. D. Bauman, Republican, incumbent sheriff, and Russell Miller, Boardman, who will seek reelection as county commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Heaviest filings seen in many years have been made for the positions of both Republican and Democratic precinct committeemen and committeewomen. For those positions from the Democratic party are the following: Al Lamb, Heppner; Bruce Lindsay, Heppner; Lloyd Howton, Ione; C. N. Jones, Heppner; Newt O'Harra, Lexington; Barbara Cutsforth, Lexington.

Filing for Republican committee posts have been Rachel Dick, Harold Becket, Robert Penland, Olive B. Hughes, and Mildred Wright, all of Heppner; Margaret Troedson, Ione; Donald Hatfield, and Lucille Peck, Lexington; Dewey West Jr. and Myra Sko-ubo, Boardman; and William R. D. Allen, Irrigon.

Other filings on both the Democratic and Republican tickets are expected for precinct positions before the deadline.

Of interest to local voters is the recent filing of John P. Hounsell, Hood River Republican, who is seeking reelection to the senate from this district. He may be opposed by senator Stewart Hardie, Condon Republican who has served several terms in the senate. Both Hardie and Hounsell were in the senate last session but because of reapportionment only one senator will represent the district in the future. This week Hardie had not indicated whether he planned to run.

The secretary of state's office has received many filings during the past week for state and district posts and a continued rush is expected during the final week.

Plays to Be Given At Speech Festival

Entries for the one-act play festival to be staged in Lexington at 7 p. m. Tuesday, March 6 in connection with the county speech festival were received this week.

The plays to be presented are: Heppner, Great Smokies, a hill-billy comedy directed by Stanley Holm; Ione, The Seventh Age, a comedy directed by Mrs. Freda Thayer; Lexington, Shock of His Life, a comedy directed by Mrs. Nola Covall; Irrigon, The Dummy a mystery directed by Ruth Coy.

Kirk and Robinson Cattle Take Honors

Two Oregon cattle breeders won top honors at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Association show and sale Feb. 17 and 18 at Yakima. Breeders from Oregon, Washington and Idaho exhibited at the show.

Top honors were received by Earl Hoag of Blalock who exhibited the grand champion bull and Kirk and Robinson of Heppner who showed the grand champion cow.

Kirk and Robinson also took honors at the recent Oregon Hereford Association blue tag show and sale at Pendleton showing the reserve champion bull. They were in competition with well-known breeders from over the state.

Rev. and Mrs. George Little returned today from Lakeview where they had gone to attend a meeting of the clergy of the Episcopal church.

Mrs. Tom Hughes of Fossil, former Heppner resident, was visiting here on Friday.

Red Cross Drive Opens Today

A kickoff breakfast for the Morrow county Red Cross drive in March was held this Thursday morning at O'Donnell's Cafe with volunteer community chairman and chapter directors attending. Dick Brunner, county drive chairman, was in charge. The fund quota is \$2,818.

Community chairman are Mrs. Raymond Lundell, West Ione; Mrs. Art Allyn, Boardman; James Henderson, Irrigon; Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and Mrs. Robert Kil-kenny, North Lexington; Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Edgar Albert, Hardman; Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Lexington; Mrs. James Lindsay, Morgan; Mrs. Don Heliker, Ione; Mrs. Earl McCabe, Ione bus route.

Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Balmfork; Mrs. E. R. Schaffer, Mrs. Herb Hynd, Cecil; Mrs. Sam Turner, Sand Hollow; Mrs. Harold Wright, Ruggs; Mrs. William Barratt, Hinton Creek; Mrs. Eugene Wardwell, Hinton Creek; Mrs. Eugene Wardwell, Blackhorse; Mrs. Claude Graham, Heppner-Lexington highway; Mrs. Frieda Slocum, Upper Rhea Creek; Mrs. Gerald Swaggart, Lena; Mrs. Ben Anderson, Eightmile; Mrs. Marcel Jones, Dry Gulch; Mrs. Garry Tullis, Lower Rhea Creek; Mrs. Tom Wilson, Upper Willow Creek and Mrs. Buster Padberg, Clarks Canyon.

In Heppner Mrs. Jack Bedford is residential chairman; Jack Angel, business district; Miss Shirley Kononen, Heppner schools and Bruce Lindsay, courthouse. Volunteer solicitors in Heppner will be Jack Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, Miss Ona Gilliam, Mesdames Lowell Gribble, Harry O'Donnell Jr., L. L. Robbins, Marvin Smith, Victor Kreimeyer, Jack Loyd, Harold Johnston, Lucy Peterson, Kenneth Keeling, Richard Brunner, James Monahan, R. B. Rice, J. J. Nys, L. D. Neill.

Working in the business district will be Dick Calvin, John Hartman, Jack Van Winkle, Bill Collins, Del Jordan, Howard Bryant, Phil Blakney, Allen Case.

VISITORS FROM SCOTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson have as their guest his sister, Mrs. Ellinn Mortimer-Rose of Troon, Scotland, who arrived here last week for an indefinite visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin returned Saturday from Gresham where they went to attend the funeral of Henty Gerdes, who was a butcher in Heppner in 1896.

Patients Overflow Hospital Capacity

The value of and the need for the new addition to Pioneer Memorial hospital which was completed last year, was well demonstrated this week when the institution operated for a few days at over 100 percent capacity.

Administrator Jack Angel reports that early this week the hospital had 29 patients in the general hospital section which has a normal bed capacity of 28, and 16 in the nursing home section which is maximum capacity there. The overflow was cared for in a special bed in the pediatric ward.

Before the new wing was completed, it was not uncommon to find as many as six patients in beds along the halls, but this is the first time the hospital has been over-full since the addition has been in use.

AUTO DAMAGED

A car driven by John Piper, of Heppner left the road and overturned a short distance west of Heppner Friday afternoon causing \$700 damage to the car but causing no injuries. According to the accident report the car left the road when the brakes were applied as it came up on a turn east of the Heppner Pine Mills.

GRANGE MEETING CALLED

Rhea Creek Grange will meet Sunday, March 11 starting with a potluck dinner at 1 p. m. Miss Donna Lingie, Oregon IFYE delegate will speak about her experience in Greece.

New Transformer Installed by PP&L

Pacific Power & Light company has installed a large 5,000-kva transformer at its Jordan substation which will increase the power capacity for the Heppner-Jordan-Ione area, it was reported here by J. R. Huffman, local manager.

The big transformer was hauled to Jordan from Central Washington on a special underslung flat-bed truck, and was installed for service last week. It replaces a 2,000-kva power unit, which is being kept in the area marked especially by a steady rise in the use of electricity in the past several years, are reflected in the increase in substation capacity.

He pointed out that the Jordan substation is a major supply point for Pacific's system in the Heppner-Jordan-Ione area. Under an interchange agreement, the company delivers power into this section from its substation at Hermiston to Jordan by way of the Columbia Basin REA transmission line.

Democrats Line Up Precinct Candidates

Over 30 county Democrats attended an organizational meeting Monday evening at the Newt O'Harra home in Lexington. A general discussion of political problems was held and it was announced that candidates have been obtained for precinct committee and committeewomen for all county precincts.