

Ample Wheat Storage Seen Despite Size of County Crop

First Wheat is Harvested Monday, Yields 30 Bushels

The harvesting of a bumper wheat crop got under way in Morrow county Monday when William J. Doherty started cutting on his 2,000 acre Sand Hollow ranch. Several other ranchers in the same area are expected to start either today or Monday.

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, received word Tuesday from the Union Pacific Railroad that daily train service will be started on both the Heppner and the Condon lines on July 10 which apparently means that there will be ample supply of cars to handle necessary shipping. Lamb also said that arrangements have been made in Portland for sufficient terminal storage space to take care of what grain must be shipped.

Union Pacific also reported that they will move out about 75 cars of CCC wheat now stored in the county before July 10.

Lamb said that prospects are for one of the largest wheat and barley crops ever grown in Morrow county. He said that the Morrow County Grain Growers now has about 2,000,000 bushels of storage space available and that the Co-op expects to handle in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 bushels during the 1956 harvest. This means that the MCGG alone will have to ship at least 1,000,000 bushels during the next few weeks.

Grain Looks Good

The first wheat to come in to the North Lexington elevator from Doherty was Requa variety, which is new to this section of Oregon though it has been grown in Washington. Early reports give Doherty a yield of 30 bushels to the acre and the wheat is testing at 58 pounds to the bushel.

Other ranchers in the north section of the county who are expected to start harvesting within the next day of two are D. O. Nelson, always one of the first to start, Irvin Rauch, Glenn Campbell and the Van Buskirk ranch near Butter Creek.

Harvest is starting a week to 10 days earlier than was expected, and it will be in full swing throughout all areas but the higher elevations by July 15 to 20. Taking the yield from the early cutting as a basis, some of the high-yielding areas of the county are expected to produce as high as 50 bushels to the acre, it has been reported.

The barley yield will also be high.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Lexington, a 7 lb. 11 oz. girl born June 29, named Lolita Holly. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson, Heppner, a 5 lb. 3 oz. girl born June 30, named Lynn Dee. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strowbridge, Kinzua, a 5 lb. 7 oz. girl born June 29, named Dawn Lee. To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easter, Heppner, a 7 lb. 1 oz. boy born July 2, named Melvin Ray. To Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen, Hermiston, a 7 lb. girl born July 3, named Wilma Louise.

Medical—Steven Peterson, Condon, dismissed; Johnnie Johnson, Heppner, dismissed; Mark Pryor, Condon, dismissed; John Mollahan, Heppner, dismissed; Dick Robinson, Heppner, dismissed.

Minor Surgery—Art Lessard, Moxee, Wash., dismissed; Oma Cox, Heppner, dismissed; Glen Fryer, Fossil, dismissed; Clarence Buchanan, Lexington.

Major Surgery—William Jewell, Monument; May Hartman, Heppner; Freida Wasson, Ordinance; Rosetta Palmateer, Ione.

CORVALLIS MAN TO BE SUBSTITUTE COUNTY AGENT

John Massie, Corvallis, agent at large with the OSC extension service, will take over as Morrow county agent during the month of July. Massie will serve during the absence of county agent, N. C. Anderson who is planning a vacation trip to North Dakota and the midwest.

Oregon's Share of Federal Highway Funds to Be Huge

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—The Federal highway bill which passed Congress this week will mean an additional 91,300,000 in Federal funds for building roads in Oregon during the next three years, Congressman Sam Coon has learned.

"During this period a total of \$66,236,000 in Federal funds will be available for work on the interstate system of highways in Oregon, \$19,311,000 for primary roads, \$13,581,000 for secondary roads and \$5,091,000 for urban highways. This will make a grand total of \$104,219,000 for Oregon."

Coon added, "I have supported this legislation which will mean the completion of our interstate highway system and will help us modernize our roads. The pleasure motorist, business and industry will benefit from an improved road network. Road construction employment will increase to new, high levels."

This increased Federal highway building program will be financed on a "pay as you go" basis by such means as a one-cent increase in the Federal excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel, and by taxes on tires, re-tread materials and trucks. The new taxes went into effect July 1.

Two Jump When Truck Goes Out of Control

Terrell Bengue and Clarence Buchanan, Ione, both suffered painful but not serious injuries Monday afternoon when they jumped from a truck which went out of control on Hardman grade. The truck which was owned and driven by Bengue, was loaded with lumber and it went out of control when the brakes failed. The two men jumped and let the truck go over the bank. It was badly damaged.

Buchanan suffered severe lacerations to one leg and to his face and Bengue received numerous lacerations and bruises.

Republicans Reelect County Officers

Officers of the Morrow county Republican central committee were reelected to present positions Friday at a meeting of the county's Republican committee and committeewomen held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Dick. Don Hatfield of Lexington will continue as chairman of the county committee, with Mrs. Verne Troedson, Ione as vice-chairman and Mrs. Dick, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were discussed for the coming political campaign and an active voter registration campaign will be carried on.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gilman and son are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy Sr. and Mrs. Mrs. Walter Gilman of Heppner. Mr. Gilman is chief inspector with the U. S. Border patrol at El Paso, Texas. Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz and Diane spent Monday in The Dalles.



Gold Medallion for Service To Young America, awarded to President Eisenhower by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for his "faithfulness to the ideals and principles of freedom" is accepted by Presidential Secretary Bernard M. Shanley, right-center, from John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks, at White House June 21. With them are Jeanne LaDuke, Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Joe Edward Pendergraft, Joplin, Mo., winners of the annual Elks National Youth Leadership Contest from a field of 55,000 entrants, who received their awards, \$1,000 Savings Bonds, from Mr. Shanley acting for the President.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS DRIVE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION HERE

The Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday took steps to start an active drive within the county to increase the voter registration in the area.

It was voted to establish registration places in downtown Heppner, Lexington and Ione within

Wheat Growers to Vote on Marketing Quotas July 20

Friday, July 20 is the date when growers will determine how they want to market their 1957 wheat crop. Norman Nelson, chairman of the Morrow county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, reminded farmers this week.

Farmers who will harvest more than 15 acres of wheat as grain on a farm in 1957 are eligible to cast ballots in the wheat quota referendum. Polling places will be set up in convenient locations in the county and growers will be notified where they may vote.

A two-thirds favorable vote means that marketing quotas and penalties on excess wheat will be in effect for the 1957 wheat crop. Under quotas, too, price support to growers who comply with their wheat acreage allotments will be at the full level available, between 75 and 90 percent of parity.

If more than one-third of the growers voting disapprove quotas, they will not be in effect, and the available price support on the 1957 wheat crop to those who comply with farm wheat acreage allotments will be at a level of 50 percent of parity.

When a marketing quota program is in effect, the excess wheat of a grower who does not comply with his farm wheat acreage allotment and who has more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain on the farm will be subject to a marketing quota penalty. This penalty will be equal to 45 percent of the May 1, 1957 parity price for wheat.

Nelson emphasized that the vote is on wheat marketing quotas and not wheat allotments. Whether or not the vote is favorable on the quotas, acreage allotments will be in effect for the 1957 crop.

Marketing quotas have been approved by growers voting in referendums for the past three wheat crops. Last year 77.3 percent of the growers favored quotas for the 1956 crop.

Voting places will be announced next week.

FORMER PASTOR TO SPEAK HERE

Martin Clark and family will speak two nights, July 12 and 13 at the Heppner Church of Christ at 8 p. m. A fellowship hour will follow both the evening services.

Mr. Clark is a former pastor of the Heppner church and is now a missionary working in the Osaka Bible seminary in Osaka, Japan.

the next few weeks where citizens may sign up to vote. It is the plan of the chamber to place the registration booths in stores which are open evenings so that those persons unable to get to the county clerk's office, or other regular registration places in the county, can register at their convenience.

It was announced that at Hood River the chamber of commerce had sponsored such a program prior to the primary election which resulted in a sizeable increase in the number of registered voters in that area.

As soon as the locations are established here they will be announced.

National Forest Fire Regulations Now In Effect

All National Forest areas within the Umatilla National Forest have been designated by regional forester J. Herbert Stone as areas on which smoking while traveling is prohibited because of the fire danger on and after July 1 and extending to October 31.

Camp fire permits are not required on the Umatilla forest, but it is a requirement that camp fires be built in a safe place, cleared of all inflammable material, and that they be completely put out before being left even for a short while. Campers are required to have in their possession a shovel, axe and water bucket. All persons using the forests are urged to use extreme care with their smoking and camp fires.

Gilman is Named Chief of Police

The Heppner city council Monday appointed Dean Gilman chief of police. He will replace Floyd Hutchins who has served in that capacity for the past two years. Hutchins will probably remain on the force as night officer, it was said.

The council authorized the purchase of \$10,000 in sewer bonds which were offered for sale. The bonds were not due for several years yet, but were offered to the city, and sufficient money is available in the sewer fund for their purchase. The purchase will save the city well over \$1,000 in interest which would have had to be paid had the bonds run until their maturity.

Four building permits totaling \$2,350 were issued, all for remodeling or repair. They were Hubert Wilson, \$1,000 estimated cost; Mary Schwarz, \$500; A. M. Ferguson, garage, \$500; Herman Howard, \$350.

The city officially accepted the recently constructed footbridge over Willow creek on Baltimore street and OK'd final payment to the contractor.

4 Acres of Grass Lost in Monday Fire

About four acres of grass was burned Monday afternoon when strong winds whipped sparks from a controlled burn at the Heppner city dump and ignited an adjoining field owned by Pete Lennon.

The Heppner fire department answered the alarm and controlled the blaze before it reached nearby wheat fields.

The blaze was the first grass fire in the city in nearly two seasons, there being none during all of 1955.

HAND BIT BY HORSE

Slim Walker of Heppner nearly lost a finger Wednesday at the Ukiah rodeo, when it was badly bitten and mangled by a wild horse.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner left Monday for Ellensburg, Washington where they will make their home.

Mrs. Robert Kelly and daughter Luanne of Everett, Washington are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.



ORCHESTRA leader Ken Knott, well-known Portland musician, whose band will play at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo dance Saturday, July 14. His orchestra has played for Fair and Rodeo dances on many previous occasions.

Chariot Race is Added to Fair And Rodeo Program

Another added feature of the Morrow county fair and rodeo will be a chariot race, it was revealed this week by the fair board.

The race will be limited to the first four chariots to be signed up and the Heppner Odd Fellows lodge has put up a \$50 purse for the first two winners, it was announced. There has been no such race on rodeo programs for many years.

The rodeo will again get the Northwest amateur bucking championship contest, held here for the first time last year. It formerly was a part of the Pendleton Round-Up program, but was offered to the local show last year. Hamley and Company of Pendleton will donate a saddle for the winner of this event and the Heppner Pine Mills will donate a saddle for the winner of the Morrow county amateur calf roping. The Morrow county derby will again be sponsored by the Heppner Elks lodge.

Race officials during the fair and rodeo which is scheduled for August 30 through September 2 will be C. L. "Buck" Lieualten, Pendleton, starter, and Harry Dinges and W. W. Weatherford, judges.

Invitations have already been sent to neighboring riding clubs to enter flag races and other events during the rodeo and royal courts in surrounding communities have been invited to take part in the weekend festivities.

Kickoff Dance July 14

The first event of the series leading up to fair and rodeo week will be the kickoff dance scheduled for Saturday evening, July 14 at the fair pavilion. On succeeding weekends through August 11 the princess dances will be held, to be followed by the Queen's dance on August 18. There will be only one rodeo dance, on Saturday night because the entire fair pavilion will be used early in the week for fair exhibits, it was revealed.

Ken Knott's orchestra of Portland will furnish the music for the Kickoff dance.

Traffic Deaths Drop During May

Mile for mile, May was the safest month so far this year on Oregon streets and highways.

State traffic safety officials said the state's mileage death rate, which compares number of people killed with number of miles driven, was 4.4 in May. That means in each 100 million miles traveled slightly more than four persons were killed. The May death rate was slightly more than two full points below the death rate for April.

May also accounted for a high mark in travel for the year. On the basis of gasoline gallonage sales reports, the motor vehicle department said 633,937,121 miles were driven during the month.

Mileage figures are expected to continue an upward climb for the next few months as vacationists crowd highways. The high month for travel in Oregon last year was August when 731,349,872 miles were driven.

Needless to say, traffic officials reminded that heavy traffic loads call for increased driver attention if accidents, injuries and deaths are to be lowered.

Don Robinson Named Cattleman of the Year

By Irene Wilson
Donald Robinson, Heppner, has been named county "Cattleman of the Year" for 1956 by the Morrow County Livestock association. Robinson runs 100 registered Herefords on a partnership basis on the 1365 acre Kirk and Robinson ranch in the Sand Hollow district northeast of Heppner.

An outstanding feeding and breeding program, disease control and forage management are among the practices followed by Robinson in his operation with his father-in-law, M. N. Kirk.

Death Claims J. Orve Rasmus

Orve Rasmus, a resident of Heppner for 70 years, died early Tuesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a heart attack suffered about two weeks ago. A subsequent attack Tuesday brought on his death. He was 73 years of age.

Jacob Orval Rasmus was born August 1, 1882 near Pomeroy, Washington, the son of John and Marietta Rasmus. He came to Heppner when he was three years of age and had made his home here since.

Mr. Rasmus served the city in various capacities during his life. He was city marshal and deputy sheriff for several years, later serving as watermaster and city manager for a considerable period. He was a young man at the time of the Heppner flood in 1903 and on the 50th anniversary of that event, he wrote a story of the flood for the Gazette Times commemorative edition published in 1953. He had been a member of the Heppner Elks lodge for over 50 years and was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

He was married to Norah Cecil, May 8, 1915 at Heppner. Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at All Saints' Episcopal church with Rev. George R. S. Little officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with the Elks lodge in charge of graveside rites. Creswick Mortuary had charge of arrangements.

Mr. Rasmus is survived by his wife Norah and some cousins. A brother Frank, died about three years ago, and a sister, Luttie, passed away many years ago.

Morrow Stock Bring Top Money

HERMISTON — Buyers from Morrow county continued to hit the "top" at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday that saw 98 consignors put 334 cattle, 176 hogs and 45 sheep on the auction block in a fast moving market.

Franklin Miles, Lexington, received 18.60 cwt for a 945-pound grass fat steer; while Wilbur Gourley, Heppner, pulled in 12.90 cwt for a 1215-pound white face cow.

Manager Delbert Anson reported the market generally steady with packer, feed lot and rancher buyers all active. Needed for next Friday's sale, Anson reported are grass fat heifers and steers and more hogs.

The market:
CATTLE: Baby calves, 8.50 to 21.00 per head; steer calves, 16.60 to 17.80 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.20 to 15.30 cwt.; veal, 15.60 to 17.60 cwt.; stocker steers, 14.70 to 16.20 cwt.; feeder steers, 16.50 to 18.10 cwt.; grass fat steers, 17.90 to 18.60 cwt.; grass fat heifers, 14.60 to 16.60 cwt.; dairy cows, 10.25 to 12.75 per head; commercial cows, 11.80 to 12.90 cwt.; canners and cutters, 7.50 to 9.70 cwt.; shells, 4.50 to 6.50 cwt.; bulls, 13.70 to 15.30 cwt.; and utility cows 10.50 to 11.60 cwt.

HOGS: Weaner pigs, 6.50 to 9.75 a head; feeder pigs, 13.75 to 15.00 cwt.; fat hogs, 17.00 to 18.00 cwt. sows, 11.50 to 15.70 cwt.; and boars, 2.50 to 7.00 cwt.

SHEEP: Ewes, 1.50 to 4.10 cwt.; and feeder lambs, 14.50 to 16.50 cwt.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter left Sunday for Chicago where they will attend the Elks convention and travel through some of the Eastern states. They will be gone about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek have returned after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Riley at Estacada.

Average weight of Robinson's herd is 550 pounds at eight months and 1400 pounds at 18 months with the heaviest weight running at 1565 at the 18 month period. A half ton of loose bound grain hay and alfalfa is used per cow for wintering with supplements of cottonseed meal, bone meal and mineral added. All hay is cut early to get maximum protein and fed in racks during the wet season.

In his breeding program Robinson uses four prime herd bulls and culls cows constantly for fast gain, milking ability and desirable profile. Two bulls are turned in separate pastures with part of the cows and the remainder of the herd is lot bred. Production records are kept on herd and individual cows.

Disease control includes yearly testing, calfhood vaccination, regular vaccination for blackleg, malignant edema, pink eye and shipping fever, regular spraying of cattle and clean and dry sheds and barns.

In his forage management, Robinson has 50 acres of hay land, five acres of sprinkler irrigated pastures and has reseeded 30 acres of range with more being converted as rapidly as feasible. Grass production is increasing through reseeded, deferred rotation and utilization of forage during the proper seasons. Fields are sprayed for weeds and erosion is controlled by plowing under stubble, working and seeding on the contour and the use of a sub-soiler. Six miles of cross and boundary fences divide the range into four separate pastures with water developed in each. Some irrigated pasture is rented to supply dry range land and to insure good growth for fall and winter feed. Alfalfa and grass mixtures are used in both dry and irrigated pastures for stock feeding.

Robinson, whose cattle have taken an array of prizes at various sales, consigns all his cattle for sale. In addition to winning the premier beef exhibitor trophy at the Morrow county fair three times since it was organized in 1951, Robinson showed the grand champion bull at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association show in Walla Walla in 1950. In other shows and sales of the association, which represents Washington, Idaho and Oregon, he showed the reserve champion bull at Ellensburg in 1952 and the champion cow at Yakima in 1955. At shows and sales of the Oregon Polled Hereford association Robinson showed the champion cow and reserve champion bull in 1952 and the reserve champion cow in 1953 at Salem and the champion and reserve champion cow in 1955 at Redmond.

Robinson assumed operation of the ranch in 1948 following 6 1/2 years of military service. His livestock experience began on his father's ranch where he was born in the Hardman area. Because of his interest in fine cattle Robinson has made bull service available to 4-H members, donated calves to 4-Hers, has made his herd available for 4-H judging and held a 4-H day at his ranch.

Robinson is president of the Round-Up Polled Hereford Breeders, member and past president and director of the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association, member of the American and Oregon Hereford association, Oregon Cattleman's association and of the beef promotion committee of the county Cattle association. In addition he has been beef superintendent at the county fair since 1947, is past director of the Wranglers riding club and a member of the American Legion and Elks. He has been a cooperator with the Heppner Soil Conservation district since 1948. He is married and has two sons, Kirk, 2 1/2 and Kyle, six months.

Robinson will compete with other county winners for eth state cattleman's title.

Rev. Wilkes New Nazarene Pastor

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Wilkes and family of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Ione last week and are now making their home in the parsonage formerly occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred McKay.

Rev. Wilkes has taken over the pastorate of the Ione Nazarene church. Rev. McKay, former pastor, left recently to take over a church in Idaho.