

Saturday Kickoff Dance First of Fair Events



DEL STENSON, featured vocalist with Ken Knott's orchestra that will play Saturday night at the Morrow county fair and rodeo Kickoff dance.

The annual Morrow county Fair and Rodeo kickoff dance which will be held Saturday night at the fair pavilion will mark the opening of a series of dances and events leading up to the big show August 29 through September 2.

The dance will present to the public for the first time Queen Patsy Wright and her royal court which includes princesses Janet Myers, Lena community; Sue Coleman, Ione, who is sponsored by Willows grange; Maxine Sl-card, Boardman, sponsored by the Greenfield grange; and Pat Steagall of Lexington who is being sponsored by the Lexington grange.

Each princess will be honored at her own dance which will follow the kickoff dance on consecutive weekends. The queen's dance will be the last and will be held just prior to the opening of the fair.

Ken Knott, well-known Portland orchestra leader, will bring his band to Heppner for the dance which traditionally draws one of the largest crowds of the year. Knott has played in Heppner on many previous occasions.

The dance is sponsored by the Morrow county fair board with Jack Van Winkle serving as chairman for the affair. Admission price is \$1.50 per person.

Services Held Here Thursday For Marion F. Cork

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at Creswick Mortuary chapel for Marion F. Cork, 71, who passed away July 9 at his home in Hardman. He was found Tuesday morning by residents of Hardman, and he had apparently died Monday night from natural causes.

Mr. Cork was born October 30, 1881 near Pendleton, the son of Theodore and Melissa Cork, and had lived his entire life in Morrow county. He had made his home at Hardman for several years.

Services were conducted by Rev. Charles V. Knox, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ and burial was in the Lexington cemetery with the I. O. O. F. lodge in charge of graveside rites. He was a member of the Hardman Odd Fellows lodge.

Surviving are one brother, Bert Cork of Heppner; three sisters, Mrs. Wilbur Loban, Carlton, Ore.; Mrs. Mabel Davis, Tumalo; and Mrs. Etta Burns, Santa Barbara, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.

Postal Clerks Exams To Be Given Here

The Heppner post office announces that applications for examinations for substitute postal clerk are now being accepted. Although no positions are available at the present time, the examination is being given to establish a register for future appointments.

Any person living in the delivery area of the local post office wishing to make application for this exam may contact the local civil service representative for further information.

HUNTERS AND ANGLERS TO MEET

The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers will meet Monday, July 23 at the court house at 8:00 p. m.

There will be a discussion of the tentative hunting regulations.

Polls Named For Wheat Quota Vote

Voting places in Morrow county for the wheat marketing quota referendum to be held July 20 were designated today by Norman Nelson, chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

For the Alpine and Lexington communities the polling place will be the Lexington Grange hall. For the Morgan and Ione and part of Eightmile, voting will be at the Ione Legion hall; and for the North and South Heppner and part of Eightmile districts the polling place will be the Heppner Legion hall. All will be open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. on July 20.

Growers eligible to vote in the wheat quota referendum are all those who will have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest in 1957, and these farmers have been notified of their wheat allotments.

If quotas are approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum, the quotas will remain in effect for 157 and price support will be available to farmers who have complied with their wheat allotments at a level between 75 and 89 percent of parity. The farmers who exceed the larger of the farm allotment or 15 acres will be subject to a penalty of 45 percent of the parity price for wheat on the excess production.

If more than one-third of the growers voting disapprove the quotas, they will not be in effect and price support will be cut to 50 percent of parity.

Barbecue Planned For Grange Meeting

The Lexington Grange will meet Saturday evening with the regular meeting to be preceded by a barbecue at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch, it was announced today. The membership is asked to bring salads and desserts and the Cutsforths will provide the rest of the meal.

The Grange meeting will start at 8 p. m. with the program to include a film and talk on farm safety.

PAST MATRONS PICNIC

All Past Matrons and Patrons of O. E. S. and their families are invited to attend a picnic Sunday July 15, after church, at the mountain place of Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker.

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Willow Creek Road Oiling Will Be Delayed One Year

that due to delays by state highway engineers in preparing specifications, no oiling will be done this year on the Willow creek road east of Heppner, the county will start immediately completing the construction of the remaining six miles of the project and placing base rock on the lower six miles, it was announced this week by county judge Garnet Braratt.

Braratt said that the court has received many complaints about the condition of the road, but warned motorists that its condition would get worse before it got better. However, the county rock crusher will be set up in the area shortly and by fall the entire 12 miles of the road will get base rock and a fine macadam surface. The state is expected to contract for the paving of the entire 12 miles next year. It had been planned to oil the road in two six-mile sections over a two year period due to lack of funds. The work is being done jointly with federal, state and county funds.

The lower six miles of the road has been widened and straightened this year, and county crews will start shortly on improving the upper six miles. Braratt said that though the delay in paving will cause some inconvenience, the road will be better inasmuch as many fills have been made and these will have a chance to settle fully before the surfacing is applied.

The new federal highway program recently passed by congress will aid somewhat in financing the overall project, it was also announced. Because of the passage of the bill, an additional 20 percent in federal funds, or around \$6,000, will be made available for the paving contract.

Wranglers Set Sunday Events at Dougherty Sand Hollow Ranch

Another in a series of Wrangler riding and roping events, Dougherty's Billy Duster, has been set for Sunday, July 15 at the E. C. Dougherty ranch in Sand Hollow.

A potluck dinner at noon will start the day, with the club furnishing coffee and ice cream, and events will start at 1 p. m.

On the program are stake, barrel and pole bending races, musical ropes, calf roping, wild cow milking, cow riding and others. A new arena has been built on the Dougherty ranch and the public is invited to attend the meet.

Stock will be furnished by Cliff and Jerry Dougherty and judges will be Pat O'Brien and Jerry Brosnan. Secretaries, Joyce Buschke and Barbara Jordan; announcer Bruce Lindsay; field flagman, Al Fetsch; race starter Pat O'Brien; calf chutes, Gerald Swaggart; bucking chutes, Jack Edmondson and Glenn Ward; and arena directors will be Corbett Green and Oscar George.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith are on two weeks vacation. Harry Tamblyn is serving as city recorder during Smith's absence.

Thunderstorms Put on Big Show But Cause Little Damage Here

Mercury Climbs And Rain Falls As Summer Hits

Genuine summer weather came to Morrow county last weekend and early this week to send the mercury climbing into the 100's for the first time this year.

Heppner's highest official temperature was recorded Monday when the government thermometer hit 94. The same day unofficial thermometers in several other locations in town climbed to 99 and 100 degrees. Boardman apparently was the hottest spot in the county with 103 being recorded there on Monday.

Along with the heat came thunderstorms which dumped over one-half inch of moisture on Heppner in two evenings, Monday and Tuesday nights. The Monday storm brought .10 inch of rain and a whooping .42 inch fell Tuesday night during a spectacular storm. The two storms brought to .54 the rainfall so far in July which is already over the 40 year average for the month of only .35 inch. June rainfall here was 1.02 inches.

The warm weather came Sunday when the official mercury hit 90 and dropped to only 59 early Monday morning. Tuesday's high was 89 and low 60.

Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth Named New Chairman Of County Red Cross

Mrs. Orville Cutsforth of Lexington was named new chairman of the Morrow county Red Cross chapter at a meeting of about 15 interested persons held Monday evening at the Turner Van Marter and Bryant office in Heppner.

Other officers named by the group were Mrs. Verner Troedson, Ione, secretary-treasurer; Paul Koenig, Mrs. Roice Fulleton and Richard Brunner, trustees. Mrs. Cutsforth will replace Jack Bailey who has headed the chapter for the past several years.

Several appointive Red Cross officers will be named later by the new chairman.

The chapter approved the continued participation in the district Red Cross blood program and sent a check for \$528 as its share of the district cost of the blood program carried on by the national organization.

The chapter will continue its activities in the blood program and arrangements are being made to have the bloodmobile brought to Heppner again this year. A chairman for the blood drawing will be announced later, and the chapter will make a strong drive to get public support when the bloodmobile is again brought here.

Soil Bank Program, Price Support Costs Explained to Chamber

The new federal soil bank program and how it will effect local farmers was explained by Paul Tews, manager of the Morrow county ASC office, at the Monday meeting of the chamber of commerce.

Tews told how the program was set up and how farmers could put part of their diverted acres into acreage or conservation reserve. Payment schedules are now being set up, but much more information will be obtained before next year. He pointed out how the new program is tied in with present supports for grains, etc.

Tews also told the group that the cost of price supports for wheat during the years from 1933 to 1955 amounted to only a small part of the total cost of operating the Commodity Credit Corporation. The total cost for wheat support has been 331 million dollars. During the same period dairy products supports has cost 844 million, corn 269 million, potatoes 478 million and peanuts 118 million dollars. The total cost to the taxpayers of all price support losses during the 22 year period has been \$2,636,995,937, Tews reported.

Lightning Strike Destroys Heppner Junction Depot



ALL THAT REMAINED of Union Pacific's Heppner Junction depot Tuesday morning was this pile of rubble after fire completely destroyed the building Monday evening. Workmen are replacing badly burned telephone poles.



LIGHTNING is thought to have caused the Monday night fire which destroyed the Heppner Junction railroad depot. The building stood between the first two poles shown in this photograph. The water tower, which stood at the left just below the windmill was also burned in the blaze. (GT Photos)

The Union Pacific depot at Heppner Junction, 16 miles west of Boardman was completely destroyed by fire Monday night after the building was struck by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm. The fire was reported at 7:40 p. m.

David Bashaw, night operator, was in the depot at the time. He reported that lightning struck the building and went through the wiring to the switch board which threw sparks and fire all through the room. Bashaw went out through a window.

Robert Myrick, section foreman at Willows Station, about a mile west of the junction reported the fire to Arlington, who in turn called Boardman to see if they could send fire equipment, but one of Boardman's trucks was broken down and the other could not be sent out of town.

Both section crews of Willows and Castle stations, which is 10 miles east of the junction were called out to fight the fire. They remained on the job all night.

The building, a wooded structure which was built in 1875, burned completely down, as did a wooden water tower about 75 feet away from the depot and a fruit cellar built of ties.

Lawrence Compton is the regular telegraph operator at the station and he and Mrs. Compton, whose living quarters were in the building, were away on a vacation trip to Montana. None of their furniture or clothing was saved. Compton has been agent at the junction for many years and is eligible for retirement in about two years.

A strong wind was blowing which made the fire spread rapidly but it did not spread far from the depot grounds.

Historically, deposit totals are at their low point in June of each year, but the present deposit decline reflects the acceleration of corporate tax payments to the government plus the impact of the increase in the state income and excise tax rates, the bank president said.

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Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for June 30, 1955. On that date, deposits were \$6,060,609 and loans totaled 1,999,208.

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Forest Crews Kept Busy, Seven Fires Started in Woods

A third thunderstorm rolled in over Heppner and this section of Morrow county Wednesday night dropping a fairly heavy rain and a small amount of hail here, but as far as can be determined at presstime there was no hail damage to crops.

The forest service reported this morning that the storm started one fire in the Wall creek area, but it was thought to be small.

Continuing reports received here today of the Tuesday night storm in the John Dwy area, tell of even greater damage than was originally reported. Complete details are not available, however.

Thursday weather forecasts call for more lightning storms and showers today and tonight.

A series of thunderstorms which hit Morrow county Monday and Tuesday nights put on quite a lively show, brought considerable rain and wind, and gave forest service crews a workout, but actually caused very little damage to farm or timber crops.

Both storms brought a brilliant display of lightning to the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas, but the brunt of the two were felt in other areas. Pilot Rock and Pendleton got the worst of Monday night's storm which started several grain fires, and the John Day River country around Mt. Vernon fell heir to the Tuesday night blow. The heaviest loss locally was the loss of the Union Pacific depot at Heppner Junction which was destroyed by fire Monday night after being hit by lightning.

The Heppner ranger district of the national forest reported that its lookouts reported in over 100 lightning strikes in the forest area Monday night and at least another 50 during Tuesday's display. As far as was known late Wednesday only seven fires were started by the strikes.

The largest of the fires, about two acres in area, was reported on Wall Creek Tuesday and later that day two smoke jumpers from the Wenatchee National Forest in Washington were flown in and dropped. They were being aided by nine men from Kinzua Pine Mills and at least two local Forest Service fire control men.

There was very little rain with the Monday storm, but the Tuesday storm brought extremely heavy rains, particularly in the eastern end of the district, which probably drowned out many blazes before they got started.

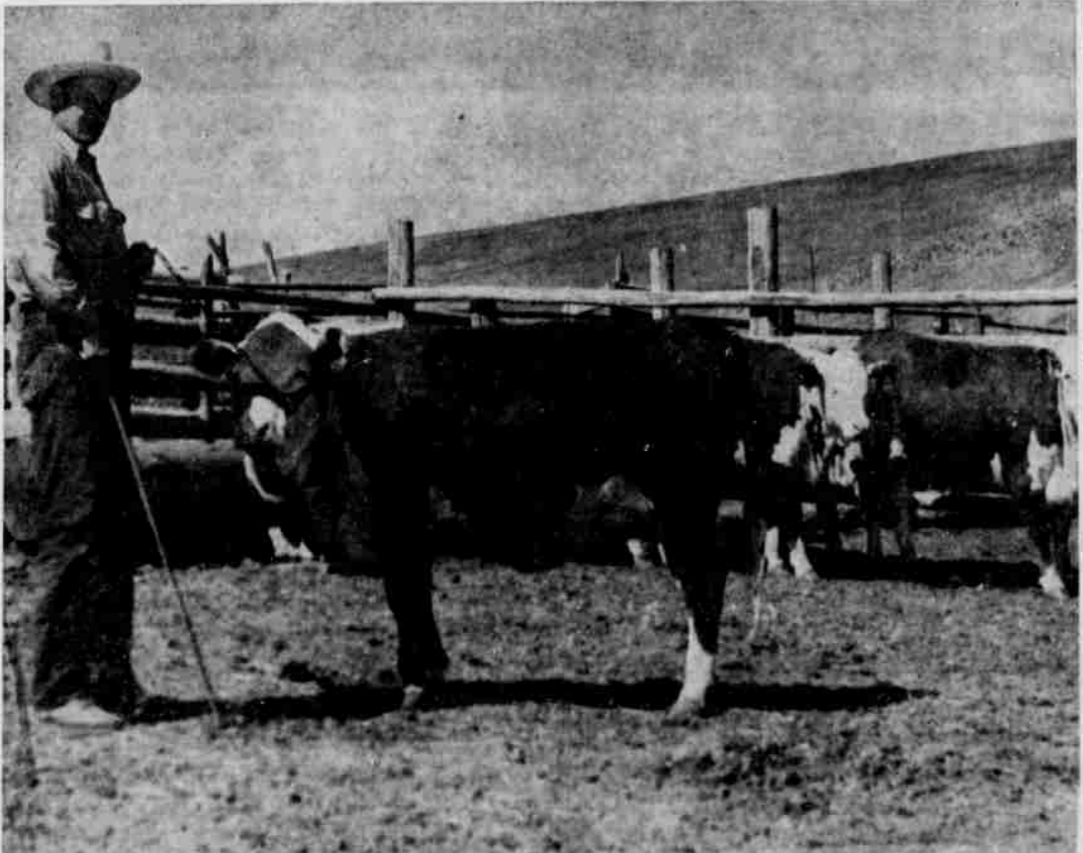
The Heppner weather station recorded 42 inch of rain Tuesday night and .10 inch Monday, but as far as could be determined very little damage was done to grain in the area. There were a few scattered reports of wheat being blown down by the strong winds, but there have been no major losses reported. Neither have there been any grain or field fires started by the lightning strikes.

Both the Pacific Power and Light Company and the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op reported numerous fuses were blown on power lines in this area, but no major damage or outages resulted. There was one report of an Ione woman being knocked down when lightning struck near her house Monday night, but further details are not known.

Al Lamb, Morrow County Grain Growers manager reported Wednesday that the rains had slowed harvesting considerably and that he now expects it to be early next week before cutting gets in full swing. The top day so far at the North Lexington elevator of the co-op has brought in only about 15,000 bushels of wheat and only 2,000 to 3,000 a day are coming in to Lexington at present.

The Condon-Fossil area and the western end of the John Day around Spray and Service Creek apparently felt the Tuesday night storm, according to reports received here late Wednesday. They told of the Condon-Fossil highway being closed for a time by mud

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DONALD ROBINSON, who last week was named Morrow county cattleman of the year, is shown with one of his 100 registered Herefords. His development of an outstanding feeding, breeding, disease control and forage program won for him the 1956 title. The story on Robinson's accomplishments ran last week, but this cut failed to arrive in time to be run with the story. (Wilson Photo)