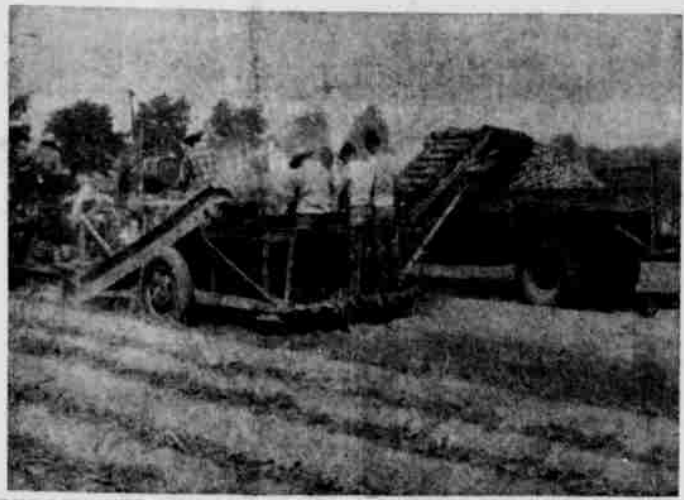
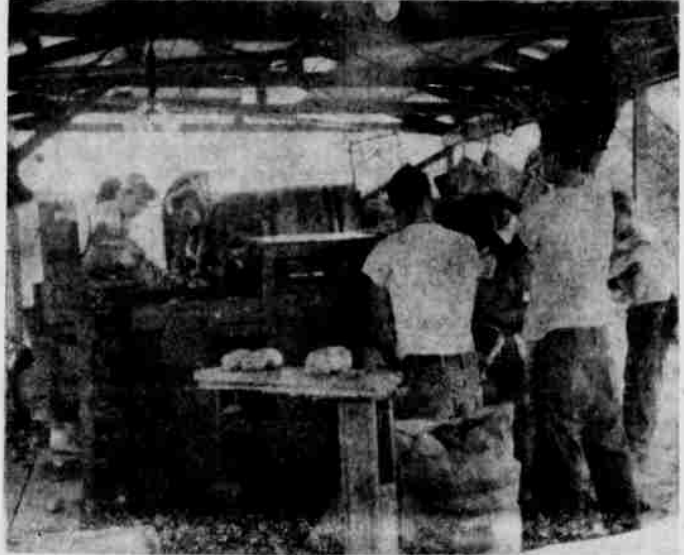


Boardman Potato Harvest on; Price Said Highest in History



SPUDS BY THE TRUCKLOAD are being harvested on the Boardman ranches of Russell and Bob Miller. This photo shows the two-row digger in operation. The men on the back of the digger are cleaning out rocks and dead vines and the potatoes travel up the conveyor to the truck which moves alongside. It takes eight men to operate the digger and the tractor which pulls it. In two eight-hour shifts the men and machines will dig about 2,500 sacks of potatoes.



GRADING AND SACKING of the potatoes is done along a railroad siding less than a mile from the fields. A conveyor brings the spuds up from the truck (out of picture to the right) to the washer in the background. Girls on the left sort and grade and the men in the foreground sack and weigh the spuds. From the scales in the foreground the sacks travel about 10 feet into a railroad car.



POTATO GRADING is shown closeup. The number one washed potatoes move on a conveyor into the foreground where they are sacked. Number two spuds are shunted off into another conveyor between first two girls on the right and the culls are kicked off into another conveyor to drop into a waiting truck to be hauled off. About 80 percent of all potatoes handled here are graded number ones.



READY FOR MARKET—Russell Miller, who in addition to operating his farm finds time to serve as Morrow county commissioner, is shown holding a 100 pound sack of his own "Desert Gold" potatoes. He and all other Boardman spud growers are wearing big smiles because of the \$6.50 per 100 pounds price they are getting this year. (GT Photos)



HANDFUL OF GOOD EATING—Jack Bedford, Heppner bank manager, who accompanied GT photographer to see the potato harvest, holds five big, juicy spuds which were left in the field by the digger. If spuds lie uncovered in the field for even a few minutes they will sunburn and spoil so digging and hauling process must be fast.

Swim Tests Slated; Pool Attendance Up

Fifteen students in the first class of beginning swimmers will pass their swimming tests next week, Larry Downen, instructor and lifeguard, reports. Total enrollment of three beginning classes has dropped to 70. Twenty are enrolled in intermediate swimming classes and 15 in the junior life saving classes, making a grand total of 105 students. Attendance at the pool both afternoons and evenings is larger than at any time, Downen said. Canvas has been installed around the pool for wind protection.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE SETS CLEAN-UP DAY

The Rhea Creek Grange will hold a clean-up Sunday, July 22, at 2 p. m. followed by a potluck supper. All members are urged to attend.

Growers Hitting "Jackpot" Because Of Spud Shortage

Potato digging got under way in the Boardman area the middle of last week and by the weekend growers were going around with the biggest smiles they have sported in years.

The reason? The lowly spuds were bringing the highest prices ever experienced by most growers. Last Friday number one Boardman long white potatoes were bringing the growers \$6.50 per 100 pounds F. O. B. Boardman. Last year's price averaged about \$1.80 per hundred.

Growers Russell and Bob Miller, brothers who farm separate ranches but dig and market their potatoes jointly are digging and shipping at the rate of about 2,500 sacks per day and they expect that it will take 25 days to harvest their 130 acres of "gold nuggets". Indications are that the market will hold close to the present prices for at least a month giving the growers what they call "a once in a lifetime market" for their product.

News stories appearing during the past week have told of the extreme shortage of spuds throughout most of the nation with the New York price called the highest in 40 or 50 years. From the Boardman growers point of view, such a condition is ideal.

The cause of the present high price is said to be an unusual in-between season shortage. California early potatoes and Yakima valley early reds have already been used up and it is expected to be about 30 days yet before other producing areas start to dig.

The Miller Brothers have the largest acreage in the Boardman area though there are several other farmers who have 15 to 20 acre fields.

Pictures accompanying this story show the digging, grading and shipping process at the Miller Brothers ranches.

A. Andrews Found Hanged Near Condon

Archie Andrews, about 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Andrews of Heppner, was found last weekend hanged in a barn on the Beck farm out of Condon on the John Day river, according to word received by C. J. D. Bauman, county sheriff, Sunday. Death had apparently occurred about a week earlier. Whether the cause of death was criminal or suicide has not been reported here.

In addition to his parents, Andrews is survived by sisters and brothers.

Grangers Urged To Show Hay and Grain

Ranchers were urged to exhibit wheat at the Morrow county fair by Kenneth Smouse, agricultural committee chairman of the Lexington Grange at a meeting Saturday night. The business session followed a barbecue at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch.

A sweepstakes prize of \$25 for wheat will be awarded by the fair board, Smouse, who is also wheat superintendent at the fair, announced. Wheat entries will be cleaned at the fairgrounds if exhibitors get them in early, he said.

Members were also asked to exhibit bales and sheaves of hay at the fair and Mrs. John Graves announced the Wheat League baking contest and national needlework contest at this year's fair. Plans were made for a Lexington Grange fair booth.

A resolution requesting a ground water survey for the Columbia slope district, which includes Morrow county, instigated by the Lexington Grange was passed at the last Pomona meeting. Alvin Wagenblast, master, reported.

John Graves and Vernon Munkers were named co-chairmen of the Lexington Grange dance honoring Princess Pat Steagall on July 28. August and September meetings will be cancelled, it was announced.

State deputy Joe Guttridge, Hermiston, was present and assisted with floor work.

VICE PRINCIPAL RESIGNS

Vivian White, vice principal of Heppner High school, has resigned to take a teaching position at Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Lennie Loudon is visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown, Portland.

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Heppner-Spray Road Improvement Prospects Brighten

Prospects are good that within about six months the state highway commission may give consideration to the continuing request from this area that the Heppner-Spray highway be placed on the commission's schedule for improvement, county judge Garnet Barratt told the chamber of commerce Monday.

Barratt told the group what efforts had been made by the county court to get at least the 11 miles of now unpaved state secondary highway from Chapin creek to the Morrow-Wheelser county line paved. He said that continued efforts had resulted in the state highway commission taking a new traffic count on the road which showed an increase of more than double over the count previously carried on state records. The highest number of cars checked in the newest count showed 140 cars where the previous record was only 60 vehicles a day.

Barratt said that he met with the state highway commission last weekend and was able to tell the engineers that the forest service, which has partial jurisdiction over the road because it is a forest road, has approved the allocation of some of its funds for the road's improvement.

The highway commission estimates that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$700,000 to realign and improve the 11 mile section of the road but Barratt pointed out that funds for such work would come from the Forest Service, and other federal moneys as well as from state highway funds.

He also told the chamber that the Heppner-Spray road has received only \$65,000 in federal funds during the past 30 years, whereas several adjoining counties have received upwards of \$1,000,000 in the same period.

The judge said that the court will continue to press for action by the commission and urged the chamber of commerce to step up its efforts along the same line.

Rites Held For O. G. Haguewood

Funeral services for Oliver George Haguewood, 68, lifelong resident of Morrow county, were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Elks Temple with the Rev. Earl L. Soward officiating. Mr. Haguewood died July 11 at Providence hospital in Seattle following a lingering illness.

Born November 19, 1887, at Ione, Mr. Haguewood was the son of William and Mary Haguewood. He was a rancher in the Heppner Flats area. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the American Legion and the Elks.

Survivors include the widow, Vivian, Heppner; two sons, Ronald, Heppner, Jerry, San Diego; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Lane, Hood River; five sisters, Mrs. Alice Privocek, Eureka, Calif.; Mrs. Elsie White, San Rosa, Calif.; Mrs. Bernice Morrison, Nampa, Idaho; Mrs. Cleo Devine, Mason, Nevada; Mrs. Bird Sadler, Zillah, Wash.; one brother, Hubert Haguewood, Port Angeles, Wash. and three grandchildren.

Chamber Sponsored Parking Plan Proves Out; Fund is Ahead

Heppner and Morrow county people as a whole are more than 100 percent honest, the chamber of commerce has found out during the past four months.

On March 24 city police started using chamber-sponsored "give-back-a-nickel" parking plan, whereby officers checking parking meters would put a nickel in the meter in violation and leave a bright orange envelope on the windshield which asked the driver to return the envelope with a nickel rather than give citations.

As of last Wednesday the special parking fund is \$17.60 to the good.

As much as 50 cents has been returned in envelopes by grateful drivers and dimes and quarters are not uncommon.

Over the same period the city's return from the meters has been steadily climbing.

Mrs. Earl Gilliam left Sunday by train for Portland on a business trip.

Rodeo Dance to Honor Princess Sue Coleman



PRINCESS SUE COLEMAN

First Morrow county fair and rodeo princess to be honored in a series of court royalty dances will be Princess Sue Coleman, Ione. The first princess dance, sponsored by the Ione Willows Grange will be held Saturday, July 21, at the fair pavilion with music by Jack Kelly's orchestra, Pendleton. Dates for the fair and rodeo are August 29 through September 2.

Princess Sue, daughter of Mrs. Ida Coleman, Ione, is a striking brunette, five foot seven inches tall and weighing 125 pounds. A senior at Ione high school next fall, Princess Sue was selected to attend Girls State by the American Legion auxiliary this year, is a member of the Ione band, volleyball and tumbling team, Girl's athletic association and Girl's League and was cheer leader two years.

In addition she has been secretary-treasurer of her class three years, a member of the student council, assistant editor of the class paper last year and will be editor this coming year.

Living on a ranch, Princess Sue helps with cattle, harvest and hay and cooking for ranch crews. At the age of 10 she made her first cattle drive from Ione to the mountains, covering 45 miles in about five days.

Besides riding, Princess Sue's hobbies include tennis, swimming, volleyball and dancing. She will ride her palomino, "Goldy" during the rodeo.

Other members of Princess Sue's family include four sisters, Mrs. Jack Healy, Mrs. Joan Williams, Heppner; Mrs. R. A. Crawford, Anna Belle and Wally Coleman at home.

Other princesses in the court of Queen Patsy Wright to be presented at Princess dances on succeeding weekends are Janet Myers, Lena community; Maxine Sicard, Boardman and Pat Steagall, Lexington. The Queen's dance will be held August 18.

Remodeling Work On School Rooms Shows Progress

Remodeling of the cafeteria and lunch room in the basement of Heppner high school and the new home economics department room on the first floor is progressing at a good rate, Joe Stewart, school superintendent, reported this week.

Cabinets are being completed in the home economics room. Plans also include a new asphalt tile floor, new lights and a lowered ceiling of acoustical tile.

Flooring is being prepared in the basement for pouring a new cement floor and plumbing and electrical work is being roughed in, Stewart said. Cafeteria and lunchroom space has been extended to include the area formerly used by the home economics department. Simonton and Steele, Portland contractors, are doing the work on a bid of \$16,206.16.

Maintenance work done by the school custodians, Paul Warren, Nelson Connor, and Scott Furlong, includes patching the roof on the old school building, patching and painting the gym roof and repairing eave troughs, painting the boiler room and shop on the inside and the base of the shop building and the school outside. In addition they are building cabinets and painting the band room, sanding desks and refinishing floors.

Ground leveling in the back of the new grade school was started this week by Richard Meader, local contractor, with fill dirt from across Hinton creek. Addition of top soil and seeding should be completed in about two weeks. Piping of Hinton creek through the area is expected to be done next year, Stewart said.

Wheat Ranchers Vote Friday on Market Quotas

Wheat ranchers of Morrow county will vote this Friday on the wheat marketing quota referendum at community polling places from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has announced a national average wheat price support for the 1957 crop of \$2.00 per bushel if wheat marketing quotas are approved in the July 20 vote.

If wheat marketing quotas for the 1957 crop are not approved, wheat support will be 50 percent of parity, which currently figures out at \$1.21 per bushel. The final support rate for the 1956 crop also has been announced at \$2.00, which is about 82 1/2 percent of current parity, according to information received by Norman Nelson, chairman of the Morrow Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

If quotas are approved by at least two-thirds of the farmers voting, the wheat unit rate under the Soil Bank's acreage reserve in 1957 will be 60 percent of the \$2.00 national average, or \$1.20 a bushel as an approximate national average, with the usual differentials for local areas. If disapproved the wheat unit rate under the Soil Bank acreage reserve would be 60 percent of the price support level of \$1.21 then in effect.

The Morrow county wheat allotment will be 114,876 acres in 1957 compared to 117,010 this year. The decrease is due to a total lower wheat base for 1957. The state allotment was \$19,522 acres in 1956 and has been announced at \$19,060 in 1957. The national wheat acreage allotment for 1957 will continue at 55,000,000.

Polling places are the Lexington Grange for Alpine and Lexington communities; Ione Legion hall for Morgan, Ione and part of Eightmile and the Heppner Legion hall for North and South Heppner and the remainder of Eightmile.

Peak of the wheat harvest in Morrow county is expected to be reached Saturday or Monday with the daily output hitting the 100,000 bushel mark. Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, said Wednesday. Harvest this week is running about 75,000 bushels per day.

Wheat is expected to average about 30 bushels per acre, up five bushels from an earlier estimate of a 25 bushels per acre. An extremely heavy barley crop is expected to average 35 bushels per acre. Last year's wheat crop averaged about 20 bushels per acre and the barley crop 22 bushels per acre. Wheat production over a period of years averages about 22 bushels per acre.

The Co-op expects to handle about 3,000,000 bushels of grain this season, which includes about 700,000 bushels of barley, the largest crop grown in the county to date. About 2,000,000 bushels of storage space is now available in MCGG elevators. Shipment of wheat by Union Pacific cars is not expected to keep up with grain coming in, making it necessary to store some of the wheat on the ground temporarily, Lamb said. With the exception of the Ruggs elevator, all company elevators at Lexington, North Lexington, Heppner, Ione and McNab are now in operation. Harvest in the Ruggs area is expected to begin in about a week depending on the weather.

Warm water following the early July rains has speeded harvest operations. Yields of both wheat and barley has been running from 25 to 35 bushels per acre with the heaviest yields expected to come from the south of the county in the Ruggs area. While harvest is not complete enough in other areas to accurately gauge yields, heaviest acre production to date has been in the Blackhorse and Lexington fields, Lamb said.

Daily train service on weekdays was started July 10 by the Union Pacific railroad and will continue through harvest, Elmer Schmidt, agent, said. Arrangements have been made in Portland for sufficient terminal storage space to take care of grain shipped from the county.

Care Urged in Use of Water

With the coming of hot weather, water problems again plagued the city and water superintendent Vic Groshens today said that the daily use for the past few days has been over 300,000 gallons which is the maximum that can be pushed through city mains.

Because of the danger of shortage, Groshens this morning issued the following warning and asked residents to use care to not waste any water. He said, "Water is very precious, please don't waste it. We hope to have enough, and will, if you will only cooperate. If not, it will be rationed," he warned.

Mercury Climbs to 95 Here Wednesday

The temperature climbed to an official 95 degrees Wednesday making it the hottest day of the summer. But even at that, Heppner was one of the coolest places in the northwest as Old Sol began to bear down.

Other temperatures Wednesday were 104 in Pasco, 100 in Pendleton, 96 in Portland and 100 plus in the Willamette valley. Red Bluff, Calif., was the hot spot of the nation with 112. Tuesday's temperature here was 91 degrees.

The weatherman says to expect more of the same.

HUNTERS, ANGLERS TO TALK HUNTING RULES

The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club will hold an important meeting Monday evening, July 23 at the court house for the purpose of discussing the tentative 1956 hunting regulations. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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