

## Livestock Market Continues Steady

HERMISTON—Heppner ranchers came through with tops once again at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday that saw 83 consignors put 334 cattle, 95 hogs and 161 sheep on the auction block.

June Bellenbrock received 17.80 cwt. for three fat lambs weighing 330 pounds while L. A. Palmer brought in a high of 9.10 cwt. with a 1320-pound cow, largest cow of the sale.

The market continued to hold steady with feeder pigs topping last week's prices by almost \$2.

**CATTLE:** Baby calves, 8.50 to 15.00 per head; steer calves, 15.50 to 16.70 cwt.; heifer calves, 14.10 to 15.80 cwt.; veal, 16.20 to 18.10 cwt.; stocker steers, 14.90 to 16.80 cwt.; feeder steers, 16.80 to 17.40 cwt.; grass fat steers, 17.30 to 18.20 cwt.; grass fat heifers, 16.40 to 17.70 cwt.; dairy cows, 85 to 102.50 per head; commercial cows, 12.10 to 13.70 cwt.; utility cows, 10.50 to 11.90 cwt.; canners and cutters, 7.85 to 8.90 cwt.; shells, 4.50 to 6.00 cwt.; and bulls, 13.10 to 14.40 cwt.

**HOGS:** Weaner pigs, 6.50 to 9.00 per head; feeder pigs, 15.10 to 16.95 cwt.; fat hogs, 16.90 to 17.85 cwt.; sows, 11.50 to 15.25 cwt.; boars, 2.50 to 4.00 cwt.

**SHEEP:** Fat lambs, 17.10 to 17.80 cwt.; feeder lambs, 14.50 to 16.90 cwt.; ewes, 1.50 to 4.20 cwt.

## Lightning Sets 23 Fires in Heppner District in 10 Days

The Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest today reported that it had had 23 forest fires in the district since July 9 with all of them being set by lightning.

The latest blaze to show up was a one-acre fire on Little Wilson creek which was set in the last storm Friday but didn't show up until Sunday. About 10 men were sent out on this blaze and suppression crews were still out Monday.

Local officials said that last Thursday night's storm was one of the worst for setting fires that it had out of the five lightning storms in as many days. The largest of the blazes covered only about two acres.

## Services Held For Gruver Infant

Funeral services for John Clark, infant son of Harry and Joan Gruver, Olex, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Creswick Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Donald Austin officiating.

Death occurred July 14 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital about two hours after the infant had been hospitalized. He was born December 6, 1954 in Afton, Wyoming. Parents and four grandparents survive. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS PAID TO MORROW RESIDENTS INCREASE IN 1955

Old-Age benefits under federal social security were awarded to more than 2,500 of the nation's newly retired workers a day during 1955. In Morrow county alone, 24 more retired workers were receiving old-age monthly benefits at the end of 1955 than at the beginning of the year, according to figures just released by Vernon A. Welo, district manager in La Grande.

At the end of 1955, 109 retired workers in Morrow county were getting monthly old-age benefit payments; in addition 81 people in this county were receiving monthly benefits as dependents of old-age beneficiaries or as survivors of workers who had died. In the county as a whole the number of persons receiving old-age and survivors insurance benefits increased by nearly 1.1 million in 1955, 16 percent more than at the end of 1954. Nationwide there were almost four and a half million retired workers receiving old age benefits at the end of 1955 and an additional three and a half million dependent and survivor beneficiaries—wives, children, husbands, mothers, aged widows, widowers, and parents.

In Morrow county, retired workers were receiving \$6,648 monthly in social security payments as 1955 came to a close, Welo said. Dependents of old-age beneficiaries or survivors of workers who had died were getting \$3,154 a month in Morrow county at the end of the year. These amounts represent increases of 51 and 41 percent, respectively.

Pointing out the significance of old age and survivors insurance under social security as a floor of financial protection for the aged, Welo said that in the nation as a whole today, over half of the non-working aged people are eligible for monthly benefits under the social security program and that in the years ahead the proportion will steadily increase. This, he said, will result primarily from the extension of coverage under the 1954 amendments to approximately 10 million more working people—including most of the nation's farm population.

Children made up a large group of beneficiaries in Morrow county in 1955; 39 of them were receiving monthly benefits totalling \$1,542 at the end of the year. Most of them were survivors of an insured father of mother who had died, but some were the minor children of retired workers receiving old-age benefits.

While benefits can now be paid for as many as 12 months preceding the month of filing an application, Welo urges everyone to get in touch with his social security office (1) when he reaches age 65, even though he is still working, (2) when he reaches age 72, regardless of the amount of his earnings, or (3) when the family breadwinner dies. People who have been in employment or self-employment covered by old-age and survivors insurance but who have become totally disabled should also get in touch with their social security

office, or have someone do so for them, he said. A representative of this office will be in Heppner at the City Hall from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, July 25, 1956, and will be glad to assist anyone who has a question in regard to social security.

## Age Limits Up For Salk Vaccine

The State Board of Health at a meeting in Salem, July 13, raised age recommendations on the use of Salk vaccine in Oregon from 20 to 30 years. Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said about 14 percent of the total number of polio cases and about 15 percent of the paralytic cases in Oregon during the last four years are among persons over the age of thirty. If supplies continue to increase, age limits may be raised or removed entirely.

State Board of Health statistics show that only about 300,000 persons in Oregon have received one or more shots. A total of 818,000 persons under thirty years of age are now urged to receive the full series of three shots of Salk vaccine.

Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, city health officer, said physicians will assist Public Health and Welfare officials in administering free vaccine to welfare recipients.

## Fees For Anesthesia Changed at Hospital

The medical staff and management of Pioneer Memorial hospital wish to advise members of the community of a change in business procedure relative to anesthetic fees. In the past the hospital has levied both a charge for anesthetic materials and an anesthetic fee which was used to reimburse the physician if one administered an anesthetic in the absence of a hospital anesthetist.

Henceforth, the hospital will levy a charge for materials supplied and the physician anesthetist will render a bill for his professional services to the patient. This is in accord with the recommendations of the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. There will be no change in the fee schedule.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher** and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Eray O'Donnell, Jr. spent the weekend at Lost Lake. **Miss Leone Graham** returned Tuesday from Vancouver, Wash., where she has been visiting her brother, Wilo Graham and family.

**Sandra Lanham of Eugene** was a guest of Shirley Kononen over the weekend.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble** and family will leave Friday to attend the centennial celebration at Aurora. Mr. Gribble's father, L. L. Gribble, is one of the original settlers still living in the area.

## Increase Noted In Post Office Receipts

Postal receipts for the first half of 1956 show an upward swing over the same period for 1955. James H. Driscoll, postmaster, has reported. Receipts for the first half of 1956 were \$10,711.19 as compared to \$10,246.53 for the first six months of 1955. This is a four and a half percent increase which is accounted for in volume since there has been no increase in rates during the period involved.

It is anticipated that the last half of 1956 also will show an increase over 1955 since it has been noted a considerable number of new families have moved to town for permanent rather than seasonal employment. Driscoll pointed out.

Postal receipts are calculated from stamps sold, post office box rentals, bulk mailing permits and a few minor miscellaneous receipts. Transactions in postal savings and money order business, internal revenue stamps, saving stamps and migratory bird stamps are not considered as postal receipts.

## Ione Voters Defeat Special School Levy

Voters of the Ione school district defeated a special levy of two mills to raise \$6,934.96 to blacktop the playground and rearrange classrooms in the school building by a vote of 27 against compared to 14 for the levy at a special election July 11 at the school cafeteria.

Capital outlay funds were eliminated from the district's budget by the Rural School Board this year.

## SOIL DISTRICT ENTERS CONSERVATION CONTEST

The Heppner Soil Conservation district has entered the national Soil Conservation Awards program sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio. Newt O'Hara, Lexington, district chairman, has announced. The Heppner district, which won the state award in 1953-54, will compete against other soil districts in the state.

Grand award for one member of each winning district governing body and the top cooperating rancher named by the district will be an expense-free trip to Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Arizona.

Members of the Heppner district governing body are John Wightman, Raymond French, Don Peterson, Raymond Lundell and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Thelma Maley, Condon; Betty Wilhelm, Heppner; Johnny Gruver, Olex, deceased; Jim Lynch, Heppner, discharged; Whitmer Wright, Heppner; Donn DeBernardi, Tigard.

Minor Surgery—Patricia Crawley, Condon, dis.; Jean Martin, Ione.

Major Surgery—Edna Morris, Heppner; Georgia Hunt, Fossil; Warren Morgan, Condon; Leta Smith, Condon; Ruby Kinzer, Condon.

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Heppner, a boy, David Bryan, 7 lbs. 6 ozs., born July 12. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greiner, Mayville, a boy, Richard Stephen, 7 lbs. 8 ozs., born July 14. To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Adams, Spray, a boy, Vincent Eugene, 8 lbs. 4 ozs., born July 15. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munkers, Heppner, a boy, Dale Allen, 8 lbs. 8 ozs., born July 16. To Mr. and Mrs. David Eckman, a boy, Kenneth Dean, 7 lbs. 14½ ozs., born July 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner returned Monday from Portland where they have been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scrivner and other relatives since Thursday of last week.

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## Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. H. W. Allen at Redmond. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smith at Springfield and vacationed at Wecoma Beach.

John Snyder began work as a lookout on Wheeler Point in the Heppner district of the Umatilla forest this week. He replaces George Little.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins and Jeanne and Patti left Sunday for a two weeks vacation trip.

Mrs. Tom Wilson returned last Thursday from Post Falls, Idaho where she had been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. M. Fisher.

Mrs. L. D. Tibbles and sons, Lance and Larry, returned last Wednesday from a four week's vacation with relatives in Missouri. At Maysville they visited Mrs. Tibbles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turnage, two sisters, Miss Arla Turnage and Mrs. Herbert Wolf, and at Kansas City, her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Payne.

Mrs. Tom Wilson is working this week at the Gazette Times office in the absence of Mrs. Robert Penland, who with her son Neal, is in Coos Bay visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neal. Guests of Mrs. Robert Thompson last week were Mrs. Stephen Thompson and daughters, Janet and Judy, and Mary and Judy Lazinka, Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Munson, Vancouver, Wash., returned to their home Tuesday following a visit at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. James Norene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner and families have returned from a week's vacation at Priest Lake, Idaho.

Mrs. Frank Turner left Thursday for Portland for a two day visit enroute to California. Mrs. Turner and her sister, Mrs. Sophia Barr of Portland left by plane Sunday for San Francisco, to be gone about two weeks. They plan to visit at Carmel, San Jose and other California points before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell and daughters, Nancy and Judy spent the weekend in Pendleton, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hattenbauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle returned Tuesday of last week from a two week trip to the Uranium Mines at Boulder, Montana.

Mrs. Don Fleck and daughter Sandi of Seattle were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grabil for several days last week. Mr. Fleck arrived Friday and returned with his family to Seattle on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Downen and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sumner in Ellensburg and attended a reunion of Central Washington college at Swauk Mountain over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teague and daughters, Kathy and Leslie, of Stayton were recent visitors at the Paul Brown ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills of Salem left Tuesday after a visit at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake have returned from a week's vacation near Beaver, Ore., and Depoe Bay where they went deep sea fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Brown and sons, Chris and Mark, returned last week from a vacation of fishing and boating at Walla Walla Lake.

Mrs. Jim Barratt and children of Corvallis and Mrs. Bob Pinckney and two children of Eugene were recent visitors of Mrs. Bill Blake and Mrs. Gertrude Applegate respectively.

## Lexington News

The Women's Fellowship met at the church for its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harry Dinges after which the devotional was given by Mrs. Norman Northrup. She picked as a very interesting topic "Hands". A report was given on the clothing boxes sent to the McKinley Indian Mission at Toppenish, Washington. It was decided to sponsor another box for the mission. This time it will be tablets, crayons, and pencils to be sorted and boxed in the August meeting, and the clothing box for fall delivery to the mission was also discussed and will be prepared in the early fall months. The hospitality committee served cookies and coffee and punch.

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