

## Horse Show Friday Expected to Draw Many Entries

One of the popular events of the Morrow county fair and rodeo will be the horse show on Friday, August 31 sponsored again this year by the Wranglers. A full morning and afternoon program is again scheduled.

Show officials emphasized this week that anyone who is a resident of Morrow county is eligible to enter any of the fair events, but that horses must have been owned and kept in the county at least 30 days prior to the time of entry.

Entries for the horse show must be in by 8 p. m. Wednesday, August 29 and entry blanks are available now at the office of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Insurance.

Fred Hill of Helix has been named judge for the show and Joyce Buschke will act as secretary. It was announced, Howard Bryant will be ring master. Flatter classes will be held in the rodeo arena Friday morning and working classes that afternoon. No admission will be charged to either of these events.

The following people will be in charge of the various classes for the horse show: F. R. Jones, colts foaled in 1956; John Newman, yearlings foaled in 1955; Bruce Lindsay, two year olds foaled in 1954; Cornett Green, stallions, 3 years and over; Merlyn Robinson, mares 3 years and over; Ralph Beamer, geldings 3 years and over; Howard Bryant, mare and produce; William Smet-hurst, mare and nursing colt; Harry Dinges, Get of sire.

Bill Healy, stock horse with bit; Bruce Lindsay, stock horse with hackamore; Floyd Hutchins, junior equitation class; Merlyn Robinson, western pleasure horse class; John Newman, gaited pleasure horse class; R. R. Fullerton, trail horse class; Howard Bryant and Cornett Green, cow cutting; Oscar George, junior calf roping; Mrs. Martin Bauernfiend, ponies on lead rope; John Eubanks, ponies managed by riders, and other ponies under 14 hands.

### IONE POOL TO CLOSE

The lone swimming pool will close for the season Sunday, August 26.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner left Saturday for Portland and went on to the coast the first of the week. Joe Hughes accompanied them as far as Portland.

## Alonzo Edmondson Injured When Pinned by Tractor

Alonzo Edmondson, Balm Fork rancher suffered a compound fracture of his left leg and severe lacerations of the right when he was caught between a tractor and a hay stacker while working alone in a field near his home.

Edmondson was pinned between the tractor and the stacker when it in some way got in gear and though pinned down he succeeded in reaching over the spinning tracks to kill the motor. The accident occurred at about 8:30 Wednesday morning and it was 11:30 before his wife noticed his plight from the house through field glasses.

He was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance where he is being treated by local physicians. His condition is described as fair.

## Mercury Climbs During Week

Old Sol rolled up his sleeves again this week and really bore down on Morrow county bringing maximum temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday nearly to the 100 mark.

The official high mark in Heppner Tuesday was a hot 96 and by 11 o'clock Wednesday morning had reached 97. Unofficial thermometers in downtown Heppner recorded well over 100 on both days.

Despite the continuing hot weather, there have been no reports of any serious fires either in the forests or farm areas, but continued caution is urged on everyone who uses the forests.

Official temperatures at the Heppner weather station for the past week were:

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	79	47
Friday	82	50
Saturday	86	54
Sunday	90	55
Monday	93	59
Tuesday	96	58
Wednesday	97	—

## Rev. Alfred Shirley To Leave Lone Church

Rev. Alfred Shirley, pastor of the Lone Community church for the past 10 years, has resigned his pastorate and will move to Portland. He plans to do interim and free lance work there. He and Mrs. Shirley plan to leave for their new home early next week. No new minister has been named for the church.

## To Play in Saturday Shrine Game



ED BROSAN, Heppner high school tackle, will see action next Saturday night at Pendleton in the Shrine All-Star east-west football game. Brosnan weighs 175 and is the lightest tackle on the east team which is being coached by Jim Conroy, Malin, and John Comisky, Union. The east squad is working out at La Grande. The game and preceding Shrine festivities and parade is expected to draw a capacity crowd at Round-Up park.

(East Oregonian Photo)

## AIR FORCE FLIES IN INCUBATOR FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY

Premature babies for a while this week taxed the incubator facilities at Pioneer Memorial hospital, but not for long, thanks to the assistance of the U. S. Army and the Air Force.

The hospital had its one incubator occupied with a baby on Tuesday when another premature birth required the use of the hospital's airlock to keep the infant breathing. It appeared that the newest baby might require incubation for several days which would tie up all of the hospital's emergency oxygen giving equipment and leave none in case another emergency arose.

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## MORROW AMONG NATION'S TOP COUNTIES IN BARLEY PRODUCTION

A bureau of census report released this week shows Morrow county to be among the top 100 counties in the United States in the production of barley. The figures were for the year 1954. Three other Oregon counties were listed among the top 100.

Morrow county, with 44,945 acres of barley in 1954 ranked 71st in the acreage grown, but it placed 64th in production with a total of 1,281,722 bushels grown.

Umatilla county was the top barley producer in Oregon with a total production of 2,125,475 bushels which ranked it 32nd in

the nation in production. Klamath had a production 2,096,927 bushels and a rank of 34th. Morrow county was third in Oregon, followed closely by Sherman with a production of 1,268,913 and a rank of 65th among the counties of the nation.

The biggest producer was Fresno county, California which grew nearly 13 and one-half million bushels on 234,672 acres.

Bill Walker of Eugene was visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Barlow, last week.

## State Planning Rebuilding of Heppner Bridges

The chamber of commerce received word this week from the state highway department that two major bridge improvement projects in Heppner will be included in the department's 1957 construction program.

The two bridges which will be widened are the ones across Willow creek at the north end of Main street and the May street bridge directly west of the court house. Both carry heavy traffic and are only two lane wide.

The chamber of commerce and the city council has tried for several years to get the highway department to improve the Main street bridge, and according to reports, it has been submitted in the department's plans by engineers but rejected by the commission in every instance.

The letter to the chamber of commerce did not indicate whether the bridges would be completely rebuilt or whether they would be just widened by placing the sidewalks outside the present railings. State engineers previously have said, however, that the present bridge was not constructed in such a manner as to allow widening which would make it appear that they will be rebuilt.

The letter also said that the commission was to consider at its meeting last week, the construction of a footpath on the north side of the Heppner-Pilot Rock highway between the school buildings and the rodeo grounds. No report has been received as to the commission's action on this project. It has been proposed that a portion of the bank south of the highway near the grandstand be cut back to provide additional parking space near the grounds, but engineers said that it was not the policy of the highway department to provide parking area in such locations.

There was no definite date set for the bridge work except during the 1957 construction year.

## School Sign-Up Times Revealed

Heppner school officials again reminded parents that they must accompany first grade students for registration which will be held in the afternoons on Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31 and Tuesday, September 4. Each first grader will be required to have a birth certificate or some other official evidence of birth and a health examination certificate.

All ninth graders entering high school and all students new to Oregon schools also must have a physical examination.

School will begin Wednesday morning, Sept. 5 at 8:45 with an assembly in the gymnasium at which time all students who pre-registered will have a chance to change their registration to correspond with the new schedule. New students will register Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4 and also any students with special registration problems.

Supintendent Joe Stewart announced this week that due to the steel strike and other difficulties, the cafeteria will not be completed when school starts so it will be necessary for students to carry sack lunches or make other lunch arrangements for a while. The home economics department will be finished, however, it was announced.

# Fair And Rodeo Program Complete

Everything is in readiness for the start of the Morrow county fair and rodeo, the middle of next week, fair officials said today, and indicated that they expect more exhibits and interesting events than at any recent fair.

One time change which fair secretary Nels Anderson pointed out to residents who plan open class exhibits is that all such exhibits must be entered by Wednesday noon, August 29 rather than Thursday morning as has been the case in past years. The earlier deadline has been set to allow all judging to be done before the actual opening of the fair so that ribbons and awards will be in place.

## Lone Schools Plan Opening Tuesday, Sept. 4

The new school year in Lone will get underway Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 8:00 a. m. All grade school students will be greeted by their teachers in their regular classrooms for registration between 9:00 and 11:30. Buses will run their regular routes in the morning to arrive around 8:45 and will be leaving for the return trip promptly at 11:30. No lunch will be served Tuesday.

High school students will gather in the cafeteria at 9:00 for a meeting with the new superintendent. After a general explanation of procedures they will then register and have an opportunity to buy their books. The afternoon will be given over to a short faculty meeting at 1:00 o'clock and time for teachers to prepare their classrooms and official registers and roll books for the opening of regular classes.

Parents are reminded that all first graders and ninth graders and other students entering the lone schools for the first time should bring a physical examination form at the time of registration. Athletes planning to play football must have a special physical examination. Forms for the regular physical or special athletic examination are available at the school office if anyone does not have the necessary forms. First graders must also bring a birth certificate with them.

Starting Wednesday, September 5, the regular schedule will be followed, school starting at 9:00 o'clock and dismissing at 3:25 each day.

New additions to the faculty this year include the superintendent, Robert Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brostrom and Mrs. Emma Dally. Faces which will be missed are Phil Newitt, Wayne Pierce, Mrs. Selma Johnson and Mrs. Grace Schmidt.

Mr. Woodroof served as high school principal in Hereford, Oregon last year. Mr. Brostrom taught in the Pedee grade school, Pedee, Oregon and will be serving here as 8th grade teacher, grade school coach and assistant high school coach. His wife has not taught before, but has completed all her training. She will be teaching one high school art course and working parttime in the grade school. Mrs. Dally comes from the Powers, Oregon schools to take over English and home economics departments and to serve as librarian. Mr. Woodroof is in his office daily if there are any questions he can help with.

All 4-H entries must be in by 9 a. m. Wednesday and several of the 4-H contests will be held during the day Wednesday. Home economics and other exhibits and entries will also be judged that day.

Both open class and 4-H livestock and agricultural exhibits will be judged Thursday morning and early afternoon and one of the top events of the fair, the annual 4-H style revue will again be held at 8 p. m. Thursday evening. Judging of 4-H dresses for the revue will be held at 9 a. m. Thursday. It was announced. The style revue will be held in the fair pavilion.

The fair will officially close at 4 p. m. Saturday.

Other high points in the week's events include the 4-H pig scramble and fat auction sale Friday evening; the horse show Friday morning and afternoon; the two rodeo shows Saturday and Sunday and the special Saturday night show which will feature this year, for the first time, a Morrow county chariot race, and numerous other events.

The complete program of fair and rodeo events during the five days can be found in the fair board advertisement elsewhere in today's paper.

## Nearly \$600 in Prizes Await Parade Winners

The merchants committee of the chamber of commerce this week announced the prize list for the fair and rodeo parade on Saturday, Sept. 1 and urged all interested groups, businesses and individuals to plan now for floats and parade entries.

A total of nearly \$600 has been provided for prizes, Dick Brunner, merchants committee chairman revealed Wednesday. The prize money is put up by merchants and individuals of the area.

Topping the prize list is the \$50 award for the grand sweepstakes float winner which will be taken from the first place winners in the three float divisions, juvenile organization, adult organization and business. As has been the practice for many years, each grade school child who takes part in the parade will receive a silver dollar.

The various divisions and the prizes are listed below with the amounts for first, second and third places are listed in that order.

Floats — juvenile organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; adult organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; business, \$25, \$15, \$5. Grand sweepstakes, \$50.

Best riding club \$50, \$25; best comic, \$10; best family group, \$7.50; best mounted cowboy and cowgirl, each \$7.50; oldest cowboy, \$5; oldest cowgirl, \$5; youngest cowboy and cowgirl, \$3.50 each.

In the juvenile division — child's float, \$7.50; \$5, \$3.50; best pet, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best juvenile cowboy, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best juvenile cowgirl, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50.

### EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, August 28 at the court house from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laird and family and Miss Shirley Kononen were visiting in Salem over the weekend.



PATRICIA WRIGHT, Queen of the Morrow county fair and rodeo, received her white Stetson hat as a crown from Phil Blakney, president of the chamber of commerce, at coronation ceremonies in downtown Heppner Saturday night following the Dress-Up parade. Shown are Princesses Pat Steagall, Sue Coleman, Queen Patsy, princesses Janet Myers and Maxine Sicard. Mrs. William Smet-hurst, right, is chaperone for the court. Blakney is standing behind Queen Patsy. A sizeable crowd witnessed the parade and coronation ceremonies which were followed by the Queen's dance at the fair pavilion. (Photo by Clem Stockard)

## FLOODS NUMEROUS IN COUNTY'S HISTORY—

# Record of Floods Shows Need for Willow Creek Dam

(With the recent revived interest in the construction of a flood control and irrigation dam on Willow creek, the Gazette Times this week begins a series of articles on flood history and irrigation in the Willow creek valley. The information was assembled by Quentin Bowman, field engineer for the state water resources board from government agency sources. The information is also being used by the county water resources planning committee in its study of the water and flood control needs of this area.

Some of the information contained in the report is well known to many residents, but it is presented to give the overall picture of the study that has been made.

Because of its length, the report will be presented in sections.)

### Flood and Storm Characteristics

Discharges above normal occur annually in the late winter and early spring months from melting snows in the headwaters region. The stages in these snow-melt floods are very seldom high enough to exceed channel capacities or cause notable damage.

Summer storms are sudden and violent with intensely heavy rainfall over the upper portion of the basin. Most of these short duration storms are of cloudburst type that follow a comparatively narrow band crossing the basin

near the timber line. The concentrated rainfall precipitates a great volume of water that sweeps down the barren, steep sloped gulches and rapidly descending beds of intermittent stream courses to the main channel. The cloudbursts of greatest intensity have generally occurred in June.

The destructive effect of these cloudburst floods is due more to the rugged character of the watershed and almost total absence of vegetation than to the unusual amounts of rainfall. The precipitation during the 1903 storm period was one and one-half inches in 20 minutes. The steepness and bareness of the watershed re-

sulted in an immediate run-off of approximately two-thirds of the total rainfall.

History and Magnitude

The first white settlements in the Willow creek basin were started in the early 1870's. The earliest major floods, according to historical records, occurred in 1883. This flood destroyed a large part of the early improvements and drowned livestock, but did not cause any known loss of human life. The reported high water marks of the 1883 flood exceeded any other flood stages known in the valley. Another major flood occurred in 1888, which caused the loss of live-

stock, bridges and other improvements. Two lives were reported lost in this flood. The reports on high water marks are conflicting, but generally the flood of 1888 appears to have been lower than the floods of 1883 and 1903.

The flood of June 14, 1903 was the most destructive flood that has occurred in the basin. This storm centered in the headwaters region of Balm Fork and Willow creek above Heppner. It occurred between 4 and 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and was accompanied by a cold wind and fall of hail that caused most of the residents to seek the shelter of their

homes. Doors and windows were closed when the wave of water struck so that it could not pass through the dwellings, and the houses were lifted off their foundations and floated away. The height of the wave flattened to about 5 feet as it entered the town, but its high velocity soon drove the houses against trees, bridges and other objects, crushing them to pieces. In the swift current and among masses of timber, those who could get free found it almost impossible to swim to safety. This flood caused the loss of 247 lives from drowning and exposure and property damages of about \$350,000, of

which \$250,000 was estimated for Heppner.

Two cloudburst floods of major proportions occurred in 1905 and 1934. In the flood of 1905, five lives were lost and considerable property was damaged. No estimate of property damage is available for the 1905 flood, but the damages reported to have been heavier on Rhea creek than in the Willow creek valley. No lives were lost in the 1934 flood. Local interests estimated the damages at \$125,000 in 1934 to property and livestock, and the Red Cross spent about \$2,500 for relief.

(Next— Magnitude of area's floods.)