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## North Morrow Fair Starts Today At Boardman

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The North Morrow county fair will be held this week, starting Thursday, Sept. 6, and lasting through Saturday. All entries must be in by 6 p. m. Thursday. Judging will start Friday at 8 a. m., beginning with F. F. A. entries. There will be entertainment in the afternoon. Judges will be Mrs. Mary Parker, Pendleton, home economics, and Ron Davis, Olex, livestock. Name of the agricultural judge was not available.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the parade will start at the school house, going through town and ending at the fair grounds. Prizes will be given for the three best floats, and a prize for novelty will also be given. In the afternoon a pig scramble will be held at one o'clock, followed by a bicycle parade. The Irrigon school band will play. Races will be held in the afternoon at the fair grounds, with Lowell Shattuck of Boardman in charge.

A dance will be held in the fair building in the evening Saturday, starting at nine o'clock, sponsored by the Irrigon grange.

Officers of the fair are Roy Partlow, president; Mrs. Ralph Skoubo, secretary; Mrs. Ronald Black, treasurer, all of Boardman. Directors are Emmett Rogers, Boardman, and Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon. Parade chairmen are Willard Baker, Boardman, and Mac McCoy, Irrigon. Program chairmen are Russell Miller and Lowell Shattuck.

## Clarence Medlock Rites Held Today

Clarence Elmer Medlock, 64 years of age, passed away September 3 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an illness of many years. He had been a patient at the hospital here since December 1950, and had been in ill health for a number of years prior.

Services were held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at the Creswick Mortuary chapel with Rev. Charles V. Knox officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Medlock was born April 14, 1892 at Coos Bay and had lived in this area for many years.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Maud McRoberts, Heppner; and Mrs. Sadie McCorn, Grants Pass; two half-brothers, George Medlock, Ukiah; and Rube Medlock, address unknown. He also leaves two step-daughters.

## District County Meet Here Tuesday

The fall meeting series of the Association of Oregon Counties will begin in Pendleton Monday, September 10. President Lloyd Rea, Baker county judge, reported today.

Judge Rea, together with F. L. Phipps, executive secretary, The Dalles, will conduct the district meetings. Also expected to be present will be members of the county courts of each district. John Catrall, engineer; county and city relations division; Oregon State Highway Department, along with B. J. McClarty, Bureau of Public Roads, will attend all of the district meetings in order to discuss the new highway bill and how it affects the county road systems.

The second district meeting will be held in Heppner Tuesday for members of this six-county district.

## FAIR CROCHET AND CAKE WINNERS NAMED

Mrs. Blaine Chapel of Hardman was the winner of the national needlecraft crochet contest at the Morrow county fair. Her tablecloth was judged best of all entries.

Mrs. Alex Green won first place in the Oregon Wheat League cake baking contest and as a result is eligible to enter the state bake-off sponsored by the league. It will be held late this year in Portland.

Mrs. Harry Howard and children of Kent, Wash., visited her sister Mrs. Gertrude Applegate during the rodeo.

Joe French, who returned Aug. 24 from 18 months service in Seoul, Korea has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Rose Frances. He left Tuesday to start the practice of law in Pendleton. Mrs. Frances and her son and the Raymond French family spent last week in Seaside.



TOP BRONC RIDER, and winner of the famous Hamley and Company of Pendleton saddle, top prize in the Northwest amateur bronc riding championship, was Bud Godby, Gooding, Idaho cowboy. Godby here was receiving congratulations from rodeo queen Patsy Wright and Ralph Schwalbe of Hamley and Company, donors of the fine saddle. Godby rode to top place in the finals on a horse known as "Unknown". Rocky Rockabar, Medicine Hat, Canada was second and Matthew Dick of Nespelem, Washington, came in third. (Wilson Photo)



ROICE FULLETON, Heppner, won the prize saddle as the fastest amateur calf roper and is shown receiving his award from Mrs. Jean Mallory of Heppner Fine Mills, donors of the saddle. Fullerton roped his two calves in an average time of 44 seconds. Bob Buschke and Don Evans, both of Heppner, were runners-up. (Wilson Photo)

## Rosary Crusade Rally Planned Here

Father P. J. Gaire, pastor of St. Patrick's catholic church, is sponsoring a motor cavalcade of this parish for a Rosary crusade rally to be held by Father Patrick Peyton of Albany, N. Y. in Pendleton on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 8 p. m.

Father Peyton is conducting this crusade to enlist the Catholics of the diocese of Baker to recite the daily Rosary and for family prayer. These rally crusades in Eastern Oregon, will be linked with other meetings to be held in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Father Gaire announced that he has selected Richard Brunster as the general chairman and Paul Koenig as associate director. The Bernard Doherty family will recite one decade of the Rosary at Pendleton on Sunday night.

## Judy Howton is Style Revue Winner

Judy Howton of Ione won the grand champion in the the 4-H style revue held Thursday night at the fair pavilion. Her flowered tan fall sheath dress with Chinese type duster won her the title.

Other awards presented at the style revue were to Judy Schmidt, Heppner, champion clothing demonstrator; Marilyn Morgan, Ione, champion cooking demonstrator; Janet Wright, Heppner, champion home economics judge; and Lona White, champion home economics judge, junior division.

## Three Local Entries Win at State Fair

Only three local residents won blue ribbons or first places with their state fair entries, winner lists showed today.

One Heppner 4-H girl, Julie Pfeiffer, won a blue ribbon on her sponge cake. Two winners in open classes were Betty Bunch, Heppner, first place for portrait art; and Ray Smith, Heppner, first for alfalfa or sweet clover extracted honey.

## Blouse Workshop Preliminaries Set

Preliminaries for the children's blouse workshop will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p. m. at the club house in Heppner, and at 1 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Pine City school, it was announced this week.

This workshop is to show how to make children's blouses and shirts and suitable patterns and materials will be explained at the workshop. Those interested are asked to buy nothing until after the meeting.

All women planning to participate in the workshop must attend one of the preliminary meetings, it was said.

## PARTIAL LIST OF FAIR WINNERS GIVEN

A partial list of fair and rodeo winners will be found in numerous stories in today's Gazette Times. Time and space limitations prevent the running of all winners this week, but it is hoped to complete the list next week.

## Air Base Man Dies Here Following Auto Accident

One Condon Air Force man died Monday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital, from injuries received in an auto accident which occurred early Sunday morning about one mile west of Fossil. Two other air base men who were with him in the car were also injured.

Dead is Fred R. Neve, 19 years of age, whose home was Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He suffered multiple fractures and other injuries. He was owner and driver of the car. Also injured and brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance were Richard Miller, 20 of Myrtle Point, Oregon, who suffered a lacerated scalp and face; and Jerome Farar, 19, Minneapolis, Minn., who had a fractured left arm, dislocated wrist and facial lacerations.

Both Miller and Farar were transferred by plane to an Army hospital at Geiger Field, Spokane. Five Air Force men who were seriously injured just a week ago, were transferred to the same hospital from here by helicopter and ambulance plane.

## Accidents Numerous

The Labor Day—Fair and rodeo weekend saw several other car accidents in this area, but no one suffered any serious injury.

Early Sunday a car driven by Malcolm McKinney struck a bridge just north of the North Lexington grain elevator and overturned. McKinney reported that he went to sleep while driving. The car was demolished but McKinney escaped with only scratches. He credited the use of seat belts for preventing his injury.

Sometime Monday evening a car driven by Leonard Cole of Kinzua left the Condon-Heppner highway near Eightmile and overturned several times. The car was a total loss but Cole reportedly was not hurt.

Two cars driven by A. C. Swanson of Ione and Donald Hunt of Lexington collided Sunday evening just west of Heppner causing considerable damage to both vehicles but no injuries.

Other weekend casualties included Thoral Broadus who suffered a broken leg when kicked by a horse at the rodeo grounds. Broadus was on duty with the hospital ambulance when the accident occurred.

Several cowboys taking part in the rodeo were taken to the hospital for treatment of injured arms and legs, but none were classified as serious.

## Injured Air Force Men Fly Out of Lexington Airport

There was excitement at the Lexington airport Tuesday when a DC3 army plane landed and took aboard the airforce men who had been injured in a car accident near Condon. The plane flew them to Gieger field at Spokane.

They were brought to Lexington by the Heppner ambulance from Pioneer Memorial hospital where they have been patients since the accident. The plane was about as large as the field can accommodate.

Last week five men from the Condon air force base were transferred from the hospital by helicopter to Pendleton and thence to the army hospital by plane.

## Schools Again See Student Increase

Youngsters poured into the Heppner schools Wednesday for their first day of the new year and by this morning the first eight grades were bulging with 31 more students than were accommodated at the peak period last year. A further increase is expected during the next week or two as more families return from vacation periods.

The first day registration totaled 366 children in the first eight grades which compares with 335 at the highest point last year. The fourth grade is the largest with 57 students, closely followed by the first and third grades which each have 51.

Registration in the high school is down slightly from last year, but this is common for the first week. To date 117 students have returned compared with a high of 134 last year. Superintendent Joe Stewart said today that there will be enough late registrations in the upper grades to at least

bring the figure up to last year. Total registration in the entire school system is up over 1955-56 with a total of 483 youngsters compared to 469 at last year's peak. Two classes are required in all elementary grades except for the fifth which is the smallest with 32 students.

Registration by grades shows: First, (2 classes) 51; Second, (2 classes) 40; Third, (2 classes) 51; Fourth, (2 classes) 57; Fifth, (1 class) 32; Sixth, (2 classes) 45; Seventh, (2 classes) 42; Eighth, (2 classes) 48.

## High School

Freshmen, 27; Sophomores, 27; Juniors, 31; Seniors, 32.

## Teachers Named

28 teachers are now on the staff of the Heppner system. They are: First grades, Mrs. Edna Turner, Janice Crowley; second, Arolene Laird, Kathryn Hoskins; third, Mildred Hanna, Velma Bechdot; fourth, Lena Kelly, Ila Albert; fifth, Miss Marguerite Glavey; sixth, Inez Edwin, Lawrence Crowley; seventh, James Mallon, Blanche Bouden; eighth, Richard Willis John Snyder. Clarence Johnson is elementary principal.

High school teachers are Marie Clary, librarian; Larry Downen, basketball coach, PE, and history; Joyce Fett, Girls PE; Katherine Hager, home ec.; Stanley Holm, history and mathematics; Marion Huggett, science and mathematics; Margaret Kirk, commercial; Roy Kirk, social studies; Norman Peters, music; Gordon Pratt, vice-principal and English; L. L. Robbins, agriculture. Joe Stewart is superintendent.

## Champion Beef Brings Owner 61c

An 860 pound grand champion 4-H Hereford brought top money of 61 cents per pound to Gary Van Blokland, Heppner, at the annual 4-H and F. F. A. fat stock auction Friday night at the fair. The purchaser was the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Jerry Anderson of Heppner realized 48 cents per pound for his reserve champion Hereford at the sale which was purchased by the Gilliam County Bank while 17 other animals brought from 25 1/2 cents to 33 cents per pound.

Top price for lambs went to Phyllis Nelson, Lexington for her grand champion which brought \$1.30. The reserve champion shown by Kenneth Lynn Smouse, Lexington brought 35 cents. There were a total of 21 sheep put on the block by auctioneer Don Wink.

The top hog price of 29 cents went to Dennis Doherty of Heppner and Kenneth Nelson of Ione, who showed the grand and reserve champion animals. Two pens of hogs were put on sale by Robert Campbell, Echo and Tom Pointer of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gilliam of Condon were guests of his father, Len Gilliam over the weekend.

## Soroptimists Take Top Parade Prize; Winners Named

The Heppner Soroptimist club float won the grand sweepstakes prize at Saturday's rodeo parade after taking first place in the adult organization float division. The parade was one of the longest and best in recent years.

Other parade winners were: juvenile organizations, first, 4-H group; second, Rainbow Girls; third, Munkers and neighborhood children.

Adult organizations: first, Soroptimists; second, Civic League; third Heppner Fire Department. Business floats: first, Dick's Greenhouse; second, Phil's Pharmacy; third, J. C. Penney.

The best riding club was the Umatilla Sage Riders with the Heppner Wranglers second; best family group, Ray Papineau; best mounted cowboy, Buck Lieuallen; best mounted cowgirl, Linda Stewart; oldest cowboy, Lotus Robison; oldest cowgirl, Katie Currin; youngest cowboy, Mark Llywellan.

In the juvenile division, child's float, Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe—Morris and Van Winkle, first; Bob Davidson, Lexington, second; Ma and Pa Kettle moving, Jean Martin, Steve Lindstrom, third.

Best pet, Kathy and Larry Ayers, first; LeRoy Gardner and Bill Cox, second; Kathy Casebeer, first. Best juvenile cowboy, Jimmy Lindsay first; Steven Dean Pettyjohn, second; Larry Heath, third. Best juvenile cowgirl, Nancy Ferrell, first; Martha Peterson, second; Mary Johnson, third.

Judging was done by the Main Street Cowboys of Pendleton.

## THE WILLOW CREEK STORY—

# Irrigation Benefits Seen from Proposed Dam

(This is the third and last in a series of articles on floods and water problems along Willow Creek. The information was prepared by Quentin Bowman, engineer for the state water resources board. This article covers irrigation in the valley.)

About 7,200 acres of bottom lands are in the basin, most of which have established rights to waters of the streams for irrigation, but the water supply is so undependable that only about 60 percent are irrigated. The census for 1920 listed a total of 7,160 acres under irrigation, but the irrigated area has steadily decreased, and the 1940 census indicates that the total irrigated lands in the basin have been reduced to 4,330 acres. Irrigation water is applied when available during the spring and summer months, but acute water shortages are frequently experienced and crops are often lost on this account. The early spring runoff would, in most years, provide sufficient water for later irrigation if means were available to

store the surplus flow.

The rights to the diversion and use of the waters of Willow Creek were adjudicated by court decree in 1910 and certain incomplete rights were the subject of a supplemental decree in 1917. Present practice is generally to divert water whenever it is available to the full extent of ditch capacities with little recognition of regulating the use according to rights. This is due principally to the extremely variable water supply which is generally quite large in the early spring but within a few weeks the flow recedes and provides little water for later irrigation purposes. Recognition is given to prior rights and rotation of use is practiced to some extent along the lower 12 miles of the valley.

In the valley below Heppner there is a total of 69 separate diversion rights for the irrigation of 3,760 acres. The areas under these rights vary in size from 0.33 to 236.33 acres. The relatively steep gradients of Willow creek permit water users to

divert from the stream by use of dams, approximately bank height, located almost adjacent to the lands to be served. The narrow stream channel cut to depths of 6 or 8 feet below the valley floor provides the main conveyance channel for the distribution of water throughout the 35 mile length of the narrow valley. Separate diversions and lands are scattered along both sides of the stream in a "necklace pattern" so that return flow, seepage and surface waters from one tract are generally available to the next lower diversion. Unirrigated land along the valley floor and some of the lower hillside slopes, which are in dry-land wheat or sage brush, might be developed by irrigation if low cost water were available. It is improbable, however, that these lands could compete with the bottom lands already developed which lie along the stream.

## Flood Problem

All damaging floods in the Willow creek basin have resulted from the cloudburst type of

storms. Although the intensive rainfall covers relatively small areas, the run-off is extremely high, and concentration of flow is fast due to the treeless hills, barren and steep-sided gulches and coulees leading to the main water courses. Channel capacity sufficient to pass the natural peak flow of major floods at Heppner would require the removal of a large part of the city to adjacent hills. The construction of an adequate flood channel through the 22-mile rural area on Rhea creek for which protection is desired is impracticable. Storage reservoirs of sufficient capacity for complete control of the maximum-possible floods were found to be uneconomical. The most practical solution to the flood problem appears to be the construction of detention reservoirs to halt the first precipitous rush of floodwaters and the subsequent expeditious release of stored floodwater to improved channel capacities in order to provide storage space for storms that may follow.