

# Heppner-Spray Road Paving Gets OK

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### Wagenblast Wins Second in State Grassman Contest

#### Morrow County Winner to Get Award for Work

Hans Leuthold, a Tillamook dairy farmer who is well known for his purebred Guernsey cattle, this week was named Oregon "Grassman of the Year" for 1956 by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Second place in the 6th annual "grassman" contest was awarded to Alvin Wagenblast, Morrow county Hereford raiser from Lexington.

Leuthold and Wagenblast will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$200 from the United States National Bank, Portland, at a special "grassman" luncheon sponsored by the Portland chamber on December 3. At this time the Pacific Northwest "Grassman" will be publicly announced and presented with a \$750.00 cash award from R. M. Wade & Co., Portland irrigation equipment manufacturer.

Alvin Wagenblast, winner of second place honors, has done an outstanding job with grass on a 560 acre Morrow county farm in seven years. In 1949 the place was described as a weed patch when he purchased it. At that time the place supported at most a dozen beef cows; today he runs 113 head of Hereford cattle.

The Morrow county "grassman" story portrays real "boot-strap" effort. Since 1949 steady improvements have been made on the ranch through the addition of irrigation, seeding of improved forage varieties, and proper management. This year his bottom land produced eight tons of hay per acre. Here it is intermediate wheat grass, Akarua orchard grass and alta fescue that are doing the job in combination with vernal, Talent and Ladak alfalfa. He has chosen these varieties of alfalfa because of their differences in maturity dates, thus permitting one man to do most of the harvesting work.

On the unirrigated higher lands, Nonad alfalfa is grown with crested wheatgrass and bulbous bluegrass.

Alvin Wagenblast operates the ranch with his wife, Lee, and two sons, John 9 and Steve 7. He is active in his community, and was nominated to the state contest by the Morrow County Farm Bureau.

### Farm Bureau Names New Officers

Harold Beach of Lexington was elected new president of the Morrow county Farm Bureau at the annual election meeting held Tuesday evening at the Ione Grange hall. He replaces Irvin Rauch, who has headed the Bureau for the past year.

Other new officers are Gene Cutsforth, vice president; Mrs. Gene Cutsforth, secretary.

Plans were made for participation in the state Farm Bureau convention which will be held in Pendleton November 7 through 10.

### Sewing Workshop Planned Next Week

A blouse and shirt workshop sponsored by the Heppner Extension unit will be held at the Methodist church parlors Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Oct. 29, 31 and Nov. 2 from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. There will be a sack lunch at noon.

Basic sewing techniques and time-saving methods will be taught at the workshop and anyone wishing to take part who did not attend the preliminary meeting may get information from extension agent, Miss Beverly Bradshaw. Mrs. Gene Ferguson and Mrs. Douglas Drake are project leaders.

### BAZAAR DATE WRONG

The Degree of Honor bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 10 rather than Nov. 1, as was announced last week.



MORROW COUNTY GRASSMAN of the year, Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, this week was announced winner of the second place award in the state-wide Grassman contest sponsored by the Portland chamber of commerce. The winner is shown with his two sons, John, 9 and Steve, 7.

### VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAQUE PLANNED; CORRECT LIST OF NAMES IS WANTED

The help of the general public was asked this week in obtaining the names of Morrow county veterans who lost their lives in either of the world wars or in the Korean fighting.

J. O. Turner, Heppner attorney, announced last Memorial Day at the Pioneer picnic that he would provide a bronze plaque to be erected in memory of the Morrow county veterans who lost their lives. He is ready to have the plaque made but wants to be certain that a correct list of the names is available to be placed on it.

Following is a list obtained from various veteran's organizations which is thought to be complete, however if any resident knows of an omission, Turner would appreciate hearing from that person:

Earl K. Akin, Tench B. Aldrich, Eldon L. Allen, Elbert M. Gibson, Jr., Clarence T. Harris, Paul V. Rietmann, James A. Stevens, Stanley A. Way, George S. Wallace, Oswald Sika, F. E. L. Stillwell, Roger J. Arendt, Herbert R. Davidson, Ernest Forbes (Pinky Clark) Nalbro Cox, Clyde Edwards, Kay Ferguson, Jerry Settles, Norton King, Kenneth E. Warner, Harding T. Smith.

The list represents known boys who were inducted into the service from Morrow county and lost their lives in the service of their country. Anyone knowing a name that should be included, or if the list holds one that should not, is asked to contact Turner at Heppner or the Heppner American Legion Post No. 87.

Work will start on the plaque as soon as the list is complete.

### FIRST SNOW OF WINTER FALLS HERE TUESDAY; MERCURY DROPS TO 27

The first indications of winter fell upon Morrow county Tuesday morning in the form of big, fluffy white snowflakes. They didn't last long in the lower elevations, but piled up to a depth of two to six inches in the mountains and foothills.

Along with the snow, which rapidly turned to rain in Heppner, came the lowest temperature of the fall when the mercury

dropped to 27 degrees at the Heppner weather station early Tuesday.

During the past seven days a total of .81 inch of rain has been recorded in Heppner which brings the October total to nearly one and one-quarter inches. Leonard Carlson at Gooseberry reports .63 inch so far during the month which pleases ranchers in that area who say that in most fields the reserve and surface moisture has met and recently planted wheat is beginning to sprout.

The colder weather and snow is expected to be welcomed by Elk hunters who will take to the hills this weekend. Tracking the animals will be easier, but there is not enough on the ground to cause any particular travel difficulties—that is unless more falls.

### Auxiliary Plans Benefit Card Party

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a card party Friday, November 2 at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Kemp Dick. The benefit is for disabled veterans at the Portland Veterans hospital. Admission will be unwrapped, non-fragile gifts which the patient will select to send as Christmas gifts to members of their families.

Both pinochle and bridge will be played. Mrs. Gene Ferguson, chairman of rehabilitation committee, is in charge of the event.

### Boat Landing Being Built at Boardman

The county, in cooperation with the city of Boardman and the Boardman Commercial Club, is building a boat landing ramp and picnic area on the Columbia river at the North end of Main Street in Boardman.

There is no landing on the river the entire length of Morrow county and it is known that there will be many people use the new facility for launching boats for fishing and pleasure. An attractive picnic and park area is planned.

### Daniel S. Barlow, 86, Taken by Death; Services Here Sunday

Funeral services for Daniel Scott Barlow, 86, who passed away October 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cecil Lutkins of Gooseberry, were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Earl L. Soward officiating.

Mr. Barlow was born July 14, 1870 at Rock Port, Atchison county Missouri. He was married to Mary Etta Smith January 1, 1893 and to the couple were born three sons and four daughters. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death. He was a devout Christian and member of the Christian church.

Surviving are a brother Joel Barlow, Ione; sons Frank, Martinez, Calif.; Alvin, Ione; and Everett, Madras. Daughters Maude Lutkins, and Dolly Allstott, Ione; and Flora Schunk, of Heppner; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Those from a distance who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barlow, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Sr., Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Jr., Ordinance; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie of Boardman.

### Hayride, Parties Are Planned For Hallowe'en

Heppner youngsters of all ages will be provided with ample entertainment to keep them out of serious mischief on Hallowe'en. The older ones will be treated to the annual Soroptimist hayride and others have parties planned for them at various churches.

The Soroptimist club will again have its hayride Wednesday evening with trucks scheduled to leave the school grounds at 5:30 p. m. The youngsters will then go to the Rhea Creek Grange hall where they will be treated to a dinner, games, dancing and other entertainment. All Heppner school youngsters from the seventh grade through the high school are eligible to attend. The party will break up at the Grange hall about 10 o'clock and the trucks will bring the students back to town by about 10:30, it was announced.

The Methodist and Christian churches are cooperating to hold a Hallowe'en party on Wednesday evening for all children 3 through 14 years of age. Pre-school children, 3 to 5 years of age will be entertained from 2 to 4 p. m. at the Christian church. First, second and third graders will have their party at the same location from 6 to 7:45 and the youngsters in the fourth through eighth grades will meet at the Methodist church from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Games, prizes, films and refreshments will be on the program for all groups and kids may come in costume if they desire, it was said.

### UNICEF Plan Set

Children of the Episcopal Sunday school will assemble at 6:30 Oct. 31 to "trick or treat" for UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). They will cover the town asking for nickel and dime donations to the fund in place of the regular candy and eating gifts usually asked for on Hallowe'en.

Following their canvass the youngsters will be treated to a party at the parish house.

### Irrigon Man Named To Welfare Board

Governor Elmo Smith this week appointed Loyd M. Berger, Irrigon as a member of the Morrow county welfare board. He replaces C. N. Jones of Heppner, who recently resigned after serving 17 years on the board.

Berger is superintendent of the West Irrigation District at Irrigon. Other members of the county board are Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Ione; Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Lexington; J. O. Hager, Heppner; and the three members of the county court.

### Grange Plans Booster Night Saturday

Rhea Creek Grange will have a Booster night program Saturday night, Oct. 27. It will begin with potluck supper at 6:30, and state grange youth chairman and state deputy, Mr. Hendrickson, will be on the program, and will show pictures of the state grange meeting in Pendleton and of his trip to Hawaii.

All grange members, friends and neighbors are welcome to attend.

### Supreme Court Upholds Avert Murder Conviction

The Oregon supreme court Wednesday affirmed the second degree murder conviction of Ann Whitney Avert for the fatal shooting of Delmore Sessard, former Portland attorney, here in June 1955. The opinion was written by judge Hall S. Lusk and upheld circuit judge William W. Wells.

The opinion stated that "Sessard was unarmed and there can be no question under the evidence about the fact that, from the moment the defendant uncovered the revolver until he was killed, he was retreating from her."

"Her felonious intent is conclusively shown by the fact that she pulled the trigger five times before accomplishing her purpose," the opinion said.

The high court also turned down a motion for a new trial on the grounds that the defendant was emotionally disturbed.

Mrs. Avert was convicted of second degree murder in September 1955 and was sentenced to life imprisonment. She was taken to the penitentiary where she was held for a short time before she appealed the conviction. Since that time she has been held in Rocky Butte jail at Portland inasmuch as the Morrow county jail has no facilities for women prisoners.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman will return her to Salem shortly.

### Sample Ballots Now Ready for Voters

County clerk Bruce Lindsay last weekend received delivery of the general election ballots from the printers and now has an ample supply of sample ballots available for the public.

Samples are also available at the Gazette Times office.

### \$250,000 Approved For Start of Work

W. C. "Dutch" Williams, chief engineer of the state highway department, last weekend advised county judge Garnet Barratt that \$250,000 has been appropriated for the relocation, construction and paving of the first section of the Heppner-Spray highway and that survey work will be started as soon as possible.

The approval marks the start of work on a road improvement program that has long been advocated by the county court, the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce and many individuals in both Morrow county and the John Day river area.

Money for the job will come from the \$4,000,000 appropriation for the state from Forest Service and Bureau of Public Roads funds.

According to the report, the state highway department will relocate and improve between four and five miles of the present graveled road starting at the end of the present pavement at Chapin creek. The highway department announced that it planned to call for bids on the project early next year.

There is a total of 26.6 miles of unpaved road across the mountains between Rock creek and the John Day highway, 11.1 miles of it in Morrow county. Plans call for the improvement of all of the Morrow county end of the road over a three-year period and then follow up with the paving of the entire 26 miles after the north end of the road is relocated and rebuilt. It is understood that most of the road from the Wheeler county line south will not have to be relocated so cost of that section will be less than for the Morrow county end.

The highway commission received numerous letters and requests last winter from organizations and individuals asking that the highway be included in

an improvement program. For several weeks during the late winter and spring, the road was closed to heavy traffic and at times it was nearly impossible to all vehicles. The road carries a considerable amount of traffic from Kinzua, Camp Five, Monument and Spray and Heppner businesses felt the business slump last winter when residents of those areas were unable to get into Heppner.

The road is a state secondary highway and all funds used for its improvement will come from the federal departments.

### Arlington Bank Reapplies For Heppner Branch

Reapplication for a charter to establish a branch of the Gilliam county Bank at Heppner was made Tuesday by the directors of the Arlington bank and two interested Morrow county men, Garland Swanson and Bradley Fancher.

The men met personally in Salem with Marshall Case, new state superintendent of banks, and A. A. Rogers, former state bank head, who recently resigned his post.

Marion Weatherford, chairman of the board of directors of the Gilliam county bank, reported that Case agreed to reopen the hearing on the application and will personally investigate the request within a week or two.

Earlier this year, the bank applied for permission to establish a branch in Heppner, but was turned down. If approval is granted the bank plans to expand its board of directors to include several interested Morrow county persons and to change the name of the organization to one more appropriate to the areas it will serve. Present directors are Marion Weatherford, D. L. Lemon, John Krebs, Earl Hoag and L. C. Buchner.

It is expected to be several weeks before a decision is known.

### McKay Campaigners To Be In Heppner Friday Morning

Phil Hitchcock, primary candidate for the Republican nomination as U. S. senator; Don Walker, Portland attorney and Ivan Conklin, representing veterans organizations, will be in Heppner Friday in behalf of Doug McKay for Senator campaign, J. O. Turner, Morrow county McKay for Senator chairman, announced today.

The three McKay committee members are making a trip through this section of the state campaigning for McKay and will be guests at a no-host lunch to be held at 12:30 Friday at O'Donnell's Cafe.

The meeting is open to the public, Turner advised.

### Deadline Near For Rummage Donations

Persons wishing to contribute rummage to the Heppner Civic League sale November 2 and 3 are requested to turn it in as soon as possible, according to co-chairmen, Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. Ray Myrick. Garments needing cleaning must be in by Oct. 27.

Final preparations for the kindergarten benefit are now under way and members will hold a pricing and sorting session at Empire Machinery Thursday evening, Nov. 1. The chairman also announced that any good rummage not sold during the sale will be donated to local church groups.



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### Father of Heppner Man Dies Oct. 21

James Smyth McMurtry, 90, a former resident of Philomath, passed away in a Eugene hospital October 21. He was the father of R. G. McMurtry of Heppner.

Mr. McMurtry was born Jan. 19, 1866 in Illinois and came to Oregon in 1916, and he lived in Philomath for a number of years where he engaged in the grocery business.

Survivors include three sons, Edward F. McMurtry, Muskogee, Oklahoma; James L. McMurtry, Philomath; R. G. McMurtry, of Heppner; one daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Andreasen, Eugene, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Philomath Oct. 23 with interment in the Mt. Union cemetery.