



BEAUTIFUL BUT BOTHERSOME—Typical of most houses and buildings in Heppner during the past two weeks is this array of icicles hanging from the eaves of this home on South Court street belonging to Alta Cutsforth. Many buildings were having troubles with icicles weighing down eaves and freezing under shingles, pushing them up. Continuing sub-zero temperatures have only added to the length of the icicles as some thawing occurs during the day. (GT Photo)



PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL has been festooned the full length of the building with icicles up to four and five feet long, but even these are small compared with some which have reached clear to the ground and are up to three feet around. Snow depth was about six inches when picture was taken.

18-Day Cold Spell Sets Record Here

Mercury Dips to -15 During Week; Break Comes Wednesday

Puddles were rapidly replacing piles of snow today as the long-hoped-for warm-up finally came.

A rising thermometer late Wednesday following a brief nearly one-quarter inch of snow over Heppner started the first thaw felt here in nearly three weeks. The warm front was accompanied by brisk winds that caused some drifting over roads but were removed as fast as possible.

At press time the thermometer stood at 40 degrees and slush appeared to be the order of the day.

The weather continued to be the top item of news and conversation in Morrow county this week as the area completed its 18th consecutive day (as of Wednesday) of sub-freezing temperatures. Much of the time the minimums have been far below zero.

The storm which started on January 13 and brought over one foot of snow in the first 10 days was followed late last week by a huge high pressure weather system which brought clear skies to all of the Pacific Northwest.

After dropping to -15 on two nights last weekend, the cold moderated somewhat Tuesday and Wednesday when the mercury climbed clear up to 30 degrees for a few minutes. Night-time lows however, still fell below zero and every night for the past six days the minimum has been zero or colder.

The minus 15 degree lows recorded here both Saturday and Sunday nights came within three degrees of equalling the Heppner weather station all-time low record of -18 which has been recorded here on several occasions, the last time in January, 1950.

The 1950 cold spell, though more severe than the current one, did not last so long without a break. The present 18 consecutive days of constant below-freezing temperatures is a record here, as far as is known. In January and February 1950 there were two spells of extremely cold weather, one of seven and one of 13 days, but they were broken by nearly a week of warm weather.

Heppner still "warm" Even with the thermometer dropping to -15 degrees, Heppner held on to its "banana belt" title for during the same period last week Pendleton was setting a record with 28 below, Hermiston and Stanfield was as low as 35 below and other sections of Morrow county chalking up -22 to -25 degree temperatures.

Ruggs, traditionally the cold spot of the area immediately around Heppner, recorded an unofficial -24, according to reports. There is thought to be little crop damage resulting from the extreme cold, as far as can be determined. The heavy layer of snow, which now has settled to about 6 to 7 inches in Heppner, has provided ample protection for fall seeded wheat. Some barley may have to be reseeded, however. The loss of a few newly-born calves and lambs has been reported.

Pipe Thawing Big Business Plumbers and others equipped to thaw frozen water pipes have been on the go almost constantly during the past seven days and it was a common sight to see cars being towed or pushed to get them started. City water crews have reported a surprisingly small number of broken water meters and credit the luck to the protective snow covering.

Nearly all buildings and homes are festooned with long icicles and several residences have suffered water damage when icicles have formed on overhanging eaves and water has backed up under the shingles to eventually run down into the house. The ice-walls form when heat from the building melts some of the snow covering. The water then re-freezes as it gets to the overhanging eaves or other water behind it. Considerable damage has resulted to plaster and wall paper.

Ione School Closed Heppner and Lexington schools held classes throughout the past week, but at Ione the school was closed Monday and Tuesday when

pipes froze in the kitchen and the heating system failed to keep up with the need for warmth. Regular classes were held again Wednesday. In the Irrigon, Umatilla and Hermiston area, schools have been closed all week, mainly because of the inability of the busses to cover their routes. Several high and grade school basketball games scheduled during the past week were postponed or cancelled because of the closed schools or hazardous driving conditions.

According to reports received here Wednesday the Columbia river is frozen over solid from Bonneville to The Dalles. Above The Dalles the ice is piling up rapidly, it was said.

Break Foreseen

Wednesday afternoon the temperature rose into the high 20's and snow began to fall in Heppner, an indication that the long-hoped-for break might be in the offing. Government weather forecasts called for gradually warming temperatures later this week with the possibility of more snow as the mercury rises.

The lack of wind during the past week aided highway and road crews in keeping roads clear, but Wednesday strong winds in the higher elevations were causing considerable drifting and new snow was falling.

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

	Max.	Min.
Friday	17	0
Saturday	6	-15
Sunday	6	-15
Monday	9	-11
Tuesday	19	-9
Wednesday	30	-2

Observer Leonard Gilliam also reported that up to Wednesday there has been an even one inch of moisture fall here during January 28 which was in the form of snow with the balance coming as rain early in the month. Slightly over one foot of snow has fallen here this month.

Heppner Fire Dept. Adds New Members, Elects Officers

Three new members of the Heppner volunteer fire department were taken into the organization Monday at the annual business meeting and election of officers. They are Darrell Power, Forrest Burkenbine and Floyd Sayers. The department now has 15 active members.

C. A. Ruggles was re-elected chief of the department and Robert Penland, a captain for the past two years, was named assistant chief. He replaces Cornett Green, who has held the post for several years, but recently resigned from the department. Everett Keithley is a company captain and chief Ruggles will appoint another captain to replace Penland.

Neil Beamer, Stephen Green and Bill Hughes left Monday for Pacific University at Forest Grove where they will enter for the second semester.

"DO-IT-YOURSELF" WEATHER REPORT INAUGURATED BY GAZETTE-TIMES

Writing a news story about Oregon weather for a weekly paper is about as tough a job as any weekly editor can run into. Its not the reporting of what happened that is the problem, but trying to keep up with the changes that causes the headaches.

In the case of the Gazette Times and many other smaller weeklies, most front page news stories must be written at least by Wednesday afternoon to give time to get them set into type and printed by Thursday afternoon. The way the weather has been this week a story written Wednesday afternoon (such as our weather story) may be completely out-dated by the time readers get their paper. As the story was being written it was snowing, but before it was completed it had stopped and the temperature was beginning to drop again slightly. What can happen between the time this is written and it gets into print is



A REAL SLEIGH—Heppner residents came back for a second look early this week as this sleigh pulled by a two-horse team slipped silently along snow layered streets. The sleigh and team is the property of Floyd Hutchins, Heppner policeman, who says the runners have been in his family for years. To rig it up, he merely slips the wheels off an old buggy and substitutes the runners. (Photo by C. A. Ruggles)

Joseph B. Adams, 86, Called By Death, Services Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church for Joseph B. Adams, 86, who passed away January 26 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. The Rev. Charles Knox officiated at the service and interment was in the Hardman cemetery.

Mr. Adams was born January 24, 1871 in Jackson county, Missouri and came to Heppner twice, the last time when he was 19 years of age. He has been a continuous resident of this area for the past 67 years. He formerly farmed in the Hardman area and was married to Ida May Warren August 5, 1905 at Hardman.

Surviving are two sons, Frank L. of Pendleton and Forrest E. of Heppner; three daughters, Esther Burnside, Heppner; Lois McKittrick, Bellevue, Idaho; Charlotte Rogers, Hermiston; three brothers, Tom, Steve and Bob, all of Independence, Missouri; two sisters, Annie Adams and Dolly Perkins, both of Independence, Missouri. He also leaves 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His wife and two children preceded him in death.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Former Heppner Man Dies in England

Word has been received here of the recent death of Frank Hale at the home of a niece, Mrs. Barbara Creek, at Grays Essex, England. He had previously suffered a stroke which left his arms and legs paralyzed. Mr. Hale was a former Heppner resident who left here many years ago to return to England to assist his sister who lost her husband in World War I. He later entered the Royal Flying Corps where he served during part of the war. He was never able to return to Heppner as he had planned.

He leaves a brother, Norman of Hollister, California.

Soil Conservation District Names New Director

Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, was elected a supervisor of the Heppner Soil Conservation district to replace Nevt O'Hara, Lexington, at the annual district meeting attended by about 50 persons Tuesday night at the Lexington Grange hall.

"Integration of agricultural producers, processors and marketing agencies is slowly causing changes in agriculture", Dr. Burton Wood, head of the department of agricultural economics, Oregon State college, stated in a speech to the group. "Large companies control over types and amount of feed and selection of breeds in chicken raising or control of spraying, cultivating and harvesting of citrus fruits are examples", he pointed out.

In forecasting a stable year for agriculture in 1957, Wood pointed out that 40 percent of the people in the nation are employed in the food business and its subsidiaries. Since 1950 the cost of marketing food has risen faster than spendable income. Farmers feel the pinch as they are not institutionalized as is labor, he explained. In addition inflation is quite real and credit is beginning to tighten through banks at the national level and through Federal Reserve board policies.

In a panel on conservation, Jack Angel, president of the Heppner chamber of commerce stressed the importance of businessmen to aid ranchers to develop conservation on their farms; Joe Stewart, superintendent of the Heppner schools, stated that Oregon was a top state in teaching conservation in its school system and reported on such classes in the Heppner system.

L. E. Tibbets, agricultural representative of the First National bank, Portland, explained the importance of natural resources and Alvin Wagenblast and Kenneth Peck, ranchers winning county and state awards as the "grassman of the year" and "conservation man of the year", respectively, explained practices on their farms. Tom Wilson, soil conservation service, Heppner, was moderator.

Other supervisors of the district are Raymond French, Raymond Lundell, John J. Wightman and Don Peterson. Glen Purnell, state soil conservation executive secretary, spoke briefly and congratulated district supervisors who work without pay to spread conservation farming.

Included in the annual progress report of the district was strip cropping established on 3008 acres; conservation crop rotations, 876 acres; contour farming, 3261 acres; crop residue utilization, 3866 acres; improved water applications, 255 acres; brush control, 173 acres; range improvement, 57,350 acres; pasture planting, 45 acres; range seeding, 180 acres; channel improvements, 11,790 linear feet; land leveling, 350 acres; diversion dams, 8; windbreak plant-

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Weather Brings Postponement of Mother's March

The Mothers March of Polio, scheduled to be held in Heppner tonight (Thursday) by members of the Heppner Civic League, has been postponed until a later date, it was announced Wednesday by League officers.

It had been planned to hold the final push to raise March of Dimes funds tonight and at the same time to conduct a survey of the area as to the use of Salk polio vaccine, but club officers said the extremely cold weather and snow covered streets served to bring on the postponement. The Mother's March will probably be held sometime within the next week or so, it was said, whenever the weather is more favorable.

Drive money is coming in rapidly, Miss Joyce Buschke, treasurer, reported Wednesday. A total of \$1,297.13 has been counted and there are still many communities in the county which have not yet reported. Ione has sent in \$131.11 to date; Lexington \$101.25 and \$150.91 has been turned in from the Heppner school, Miss Buschke said. The balance has come from mail contributions to the fund received at the Heppner post office, and from money turned in from the coffee parties given as a drive benefit. None of the donation banks placed in most places in most business houses have been collected yet, she said.

Monument Man Top Prize Winner in Porcupine Contest

First prize of a model 721 Remington 30-06 rifle went to Stanley Musgrave of Monument in the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers annual porcupine contest, it was revealed at the club's meeting Tuesday night. He turned in a total of 270 porky noses.

Other winners, in the order of their rank, were David Cox, Heppner; Sidney Zinter, Jr., Ione; James Thompson; Len Ray Schwarz, Heppner; Ruswell Crabtree, Monument; Dr. James Norrene, Heppner; Lionel Huston, Heppner; and Clifford Green, Heppner.

A total of 927 noses were turned in during the contest and an additional 323 were turned in by Glen Ward during the year. Ward, however, was not eligible because of his connection with the game commission. In addition to the prizes, each nose brought a bounty of seven cents paid by Heppner Pine Mills.

New Officers Elected

Ralph Taylor was elected new president of the club at the Tuesday meeting, replacing Ken Keeling who has served for the past year. Keeling was named vice president and Vic Kreimeyer, secretary-treasurer. Glen Ward discussed the sex ratio studies on deer being made by the game commission and showed a Union Oil company film on Wyoming fish and game department work.

Damage Suit Opens In Circuit Court

A suit for \$25,000 general damages and slightly over \$400 special damages brought by Daisy Weatherford of Condon against Conley Lanham, Heppner, former owner of the Western Auto store here, opened Wednesday in circuit court here. Judge William W. Wells is hearing the case.

The suit came about as a result of an alleged fall suffered by Mrs. Weatherford in the store several years ago. Edward York, The Dalles attorney, is representing Mrs. Weatherford and John Kilkenny, Pendleton is defending Lanham. The trial is expected to last two days.

Heppner P-TA Plans Annual Chili Supper

Plans are being made by the Heppner P-TA to hold its annual chili supper, it was announced this week by committee members in charge. The supper will be held February 9 preceding the Heppner-Ione basketball game and will be served from 5 to 7:30 at the school cafeteria.

Mountain Snow Pack 70 Percent Below Last Year

Water content of the snow pack on the Arbuckle snow course is 56 percent below the long time average and 70 percent less than last year at this time, according to snow measurements taken Tuesday by Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation Service.

Sixteen inches of snow with a water content of 3.3 inches was reported compared with measurements taken Jan. 31 last year that showed a snow depth of 46 inches with 11 inches of water. A water content of 7 1/2 inches is average for this time of year, according to records of federal and state cooperative surveys taken since 1929.

Watershed soils are frozen hard beneath the snow, Wilson reported. Usually there is a build-up in the snow pack during February and March, he added.

Insurance Subject Of C of C Program

Marion Green, Heppner life insurance representative, explained some of the many uses of insurance and the various types of policies now being written by insurance companies at the chamber of commerce meeting Monday noon at O'Donnell's. He told of life insurance plans now being put into effect in the business world as well as individual plans.

In other chamber business, secretary J. R. Huffman reported that there are now \$6,700 in lightning bonds still outstanding. Two years ago the organization sold \$9,300 in bonds to finance the lighting of the local rodeo field.

Next week the chamber will be guests of the Heppner high school student council and will eat at the school cafeteria.

Ione P-TA Slates Annual Fun Night

The Ione P-TA will hold its annual Fun Night Saturday night February 2 at the school cafeteria. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. The affair is an annual money-raising event of the group and always draws a big crowd.

Dr. and Mrs. James Norrene left today (Thursday) for Portland where he will attend a veterinary meeting. They plan on returning to Heppner on Sunday.

Morrow Abstract Company Sold to Harry O'Donnell Jr.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson announced this week that she has sold the Morrow County Abstract and Title company to Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr. of Heppner. They took over operation of the business January 15.

Mrs. Nickerson has been in the business since she and her husband Frank purchased it in 1926. In 1930 it was incorporated and title insurance was added in 1935. Mr. Nickerson died in 1942 and she has operated it since that time.

Mrs. Nickerson plans to remain on for a while to aid the new owners.

Arley Lee Padberg Dies Wednesday at Ione; Services Set

Arley Lee Padberg of Ione died late Wednesday at his home near Ione. He was 57 years of age.

Mr. Padberg was born August 6, 1899 near Ione and had lived in this area all his life. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p. m. at the Lexington Christian church with the Rev. Norman Northrup officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Lana Padberg, Ione; three sisters, Mrs. Opal Burton, Portland; Pearl Kruse, Lake, Grove, Oregon; and Mrs. Hazel Devin, Condon. He also leaves one brother, Darrell of Ione.

Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

"Sunny" Vacation Plan Backfires

Tom Huston of Ione left last week for a vacation in "warm, sunny" Palm Springs, California with the idea that he would get a respite from the Morrow county snow.

His plans didn't work out quite as expected however, for early this week snow fell in Palm Springs—the first in many years.

Lexington High Names Honor Students

The Lexington high school this week announced its list of honor roll students for the first semester.

They are: seniors, Donald Hunt, Maureen Groves and Beverly Baker. Sophomores, Hoyt Laney, Hank Pointer and Nadine Waddill. Freshmen, Dennis Doherty and Charlene Jones.