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## March Rain Tops 46 Year Record

Rainfall in the first 13 days of March has broken a 46 year record at the Heppner weather station. It was revealed this week by Leonard Gilliam, local observer.

Up to Wednesday morning 2.52 inches of rain, snow and hail has fallen here since March 1, breaking the all-time record of 2.32 inches for the entire month which was set in 1932. The 10-year average for March is slightly under one inch.

Along with the moisture, residents received almost a complete variety of weather during the past week. In one day there has been snow, hail, rain, warm sunshine and freezing weather—a typical March assortment. It has rained or snowed on five of the last six days with the heaviest precipitation coming on Tuesday when .35 inch was recorded. Temperatures have largely remained above freezing except during the early morning hours Tuesday and Wednesday.

Regardless of how it came, farmers generally have welcomed the moisture, though by mid-week even a few of them were beginning to think that they had had enough for a while. In most sections the fall has been gentle enough that it has all soaked into the ground, but there have been a few scattered reports of runoff and slight soil erosion. Streams generally are higher than last week, but none have been reported anywhere near flood stage, though most are muddy. Most of the moisture to fall in the mountains has been in the form of snow, which is adding considerably to the light pack reported the first of the month.

Most of the storms the past two weeks have been fairly general over the entire county. The Gooseberry weather observer, Leonard Carlson reported Tuesday that he has measured 2.88 inches since March 1.

One thing is certain—if the wet trend continues through even a part of the remainder of the month, a precipitation record will be set that will probably stand for some time.

The record at Heppner for the past week shows:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Friday	52	35	.31
Saturday	44	37	.32
Sunday	49	33	.03
Monday	50	39	—
Tuesday	44	32	.35
Wednesday	47	28	.03

## Ione Man Receives ROTC Training Trip

Gerald White of Ione, a freshman at Willamette university, recently traveled with the AF-ROTC detachment to McChord Field in Tacoma for an overnight stay and inspection of the installations at that Northwest air force base. Part of the ROTC training trip was made in a C 118 air force plane belonging to the Military Air Transport Service.

A member of the Willamette ROTC program he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White, Ione.

## Campfire, Bluebird Councilfire Set For Next Sunday

The birthday of Campfire March 17, will be a full day of activity for Heppner Campfire girls and Bluebirds. In the morning they will attend church in a body in uniform. Church attendance is rotated and this year the girls will attend the Lutheran church which meets at 9:30 at the Seventh Day Adventist church.

At 2 p. m. the annual ceremonial and council fire will take place in the multipurpose room of the grade school and is open to the public. Approximately 50 girls will participate.

An unusual feature this year will be the Fly-Up ceremony to be held in some time, where 20 Bluebirds will fly up to Campfire. Songs, skits and dances will be featured by the other Bluebird groups as part of the program. A candle-lighting ceremony will be presented by the O-Ki-Zu group during which the awards and honors earned by the girls in the past year will be presented. A tea will follow the ceremony.

Groups taking part are: Fairy Floek Bluebirds, second graders led by Mrs. Ed Dick and Mrs. Alex Thompson; Gay Bluebirds, third graders led by Mrs. Robert Ferrell and Mrs. Marcel Jones; the Merry Bluebirds and the Happy Bluebirds, the two Fly-up groups of fourth graders led by Mrs. Don Bellenbrock, Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mrs. Clem Stockard; and the O-Ki-Zu Campfire Girls with Mrs. Elmer Schmidt and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy as guardians.

## Immunization Clinic Set For Monday

There will be an immunization clinic held Monday, March 18 at 1 p. m. in the office of the Morrow county health department at Pioneer Memorial hospital. It was revealed today by Dr. A. D. McMurdo county health officer.

Free polio vaccine will be given to all youngsters under 20 years of age, and to expectant mothers. Other vaccines available will be typhoid, smallpox, and combination diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

## Final Rites For Gaylord E. Ingram Held at Pendleton

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12 at Burns Mortuary chapel in Pendleton for Gaylord E. Ingram, 51, who passed away March 8 at Pendleton.

Only meager information was available on Mr. Ingram, though he was born at Hardman and had lived his entire life in Eastern Oregon. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Ellen Harrara, Vantage, Wash.; four sisters, Mrs. Rose Mathews, Dayville; Mrs. Sadie Austin, The Dalles; Mrs. Julia Adkins, Mt. Vernon; and Mrs. Ada Knight, Chiloquin. He also leaves several nieces and nephews living in Morrow county.

The Rev. Eric O. Robathan officiated at the service and burial was in Olney cemetery in Pendleton.

## Pendleton Man Kills Self After Arrest Here

Fay S. Baird, 56, shot himself to death in his home in Pendleton Saturday afternoon where he had been taken by Morrow county sheriff C. J. D. Bauman to obtain some clothes before starting to serve a 10-day sentence for drunkenness.

Baird, who was very well known in Pendleton, had been arrested Friday by sheriff Bauman and state police officer William Labhart after he had stopped his car in the highway near Lexington. He was brought before justice of the peace J. O. Hager and sentenced to 10 days in the county jail on a charge of being drunk on a public highway.

The sheriff reported that Saturday Baird asked if he could be taken to Pendleton to serve his time inasmuch as he had an appointment with a doctor there during the time of his sentence and he wished to stop at his home to advise his wife and to get a change of clothes before starting to serve his sentence.

Bauman drove Baird to Pendleton in Baird's car, parking it in the driveway and taking him into the house. The sheriff said he appeared completely rational, having talked all the way to Pendleton with Bauman and his wife, who accompanied them. Baird spoke to his wife, then went up stairs to change his clothes and obtain some personal effects. While Bauman was talking with Mrs. Baird they heard a shot from upstairs. Investigation disclosed that the man had shot himself in the chest with a 30-06 rifle.

Baird was a former flouring mill employee in Pendleton and was active in many organizations there. He owned a grocery store in Portland and a farm near Mabton, Washington.

## Local School Budget Approved; Teacher Resignations Told

The budget for the Heppner school district for 1957-58 was recently approved by the rural school board and the district board Tuesday night set April 9 at 8 p. m. as the time for the public hearing. The entire budget will be published in the March 21 and 28 issues of the Gazette Times.

The board accepted the resignations of Miss Joyce Fett and John Snyder to be effective at the end of the current school year. Other members of the faculty were reelected and the board announced that they plan some changes in teaching assignments for the coming year.

## WOMAN INJURED

Word was been received that Mrs. Monetta Aldrich of Ione was injured recently in an auto accident in Seattle. She received some fractured ribs and is in Doctor's hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and family of Oak Grove were weekend visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish.

## Korean Orphan Boy Has New Home With Heppner Family

Lee Sun Ho, a three-year old Korean orphan, arrived in Heppner late last week to start a new life. He was one of 76 youngsters brought to America last week by Harry Holt, Creswell farmer and he has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stockard.

Now known as Tommy, the youngster adapted quickly to his new name and new life and it took but a short time for him to learn how to wear and handle a gun and holster, play with a toy jeep and other American toys. He received plenty of help from his new sisters and brother Jean, 13; Joan, 8; and Bill, six years old who are delighted with the new member of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stockard and family met the Holt plane March 5 in Los Angeles and returned with Tommy and two other Korean children 19 months old and 5 years of age. The other two were brought as far as Salem by the Stockards for two Oregon families who had made their homes available for the orphans but were unable to make the trip to Los Angeles to pick them up.

Tommy as yet can speak no English, which has caused a few minor problems in his new home. Holt, his adoptive father and mother say he has no trouble making himself understood when he needs attention; they also say that while he can't speak the language he understands quite a number of words and phrases.

For the first couple of days he said practically nothing, though on the trip from California he and the 5-year old boy talked occasionally in Korean. Once after he arrived in his new home he rattled off a Korean sentence while in the bath tub, but his mother is still at a loss to know what he was talking about.

The boy was understandably confused at first at all the new faces and things which confronted him, but unless tired, he enjoyed playing with his new sisters and brothers and normally

wore a big grin. He eats well and will tackle any food put before him.

## Holt Brings 380 Orphans

Last April the Stockards first made their home available for one of the Korean children but it took nearly a year for their name to work far enough up on Holt's list to get one of the youngsters. Their other children have been very impatient during recent months waiting for their turn to come and late last year were down-hearted when it was feared that Holt would be unable to bring additional orphans to this country after the first of this year.

Stockard is a pharmacist at Humphreys Drug Co. and is a member of several local organizations. Both he and Mrs. Stockard are members of the Christian church where he is chairman of the board of elders and teaches in the Sunday school. Mrs. Stockard is superintendent of the primary Sunday school department and a Blue Bird leader.

The 76 orphans which Holt and his daughter Barbara brought on the last plane load were destined for homes in all sections of the United States.

## Band Benefit Carnival Planned

The third annual Band Parent carnival has been set for Saturday, April 6 at the fair pavilion in Heppner. It was revealed this week by Geraldine Sumner, club president.

This year the junior and senior high school have been included in the plans to help with the carnival and both will share in the proceeds. Seven high school organizations and the junior and senior student bodies will operate booths with the assistance of band club parents.

The club has worked for three years to provide funds for band uniforms and the carnival is one of their major money-making enterprises.

The program on carnival day includes a street parade in the afternoon, dinner served from 5:30 and a band concert at the fair pavilion from 6:30 to 7 p. m.

## Morrow County Leads State in Bond Sales During February

Sales of E and H savings bonds in February were down substantially in Oregon from a year ago, but Morrow county was one of only four counties in the state to show an increase during that period, it was revealed today by figures from the state savings bond division of the treasury department.

Sales in Morrow during the month were 28,606 compared with 21,590 a year ago. Since the first of the year residents of the county have bought \$108,515 in bonds compared with \$44,579 last year—the greatest gain of any county.

Statewide sales dropped from \$4,765,309 in 1956 to \$2,655,816 this year.

The only other counties to show a gain during February were Crook, Gilliam, and Wheeler and Morrow sales more than equalled the other three counties combined.

## Pendleton Legion Mass Initiation Set

Members of the local American Legion and Auxiliary are invited to attend a mass initiation for all posts and units numbers 5, 6 and 7 in Pendleton Saturday, March 23 at 7:45 p. m. at the junior high school gym.

A parade at 6:30 will precede the ceremonies and a party will follow at the Lariat club. Members are urged to attend.

## Local GOC Adds New Members

Several new names have been added to the list of volunteer Ground Observer Corps workers during the past week, it was revealed by Mrs. Ray Smith, supervisor. There are now about 20 persons active in the corps.

New members are Mrs. Kemp Dick, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Alex Green, Mrs. James Monahan, Mrs. Cecil Hicks, Mrs. Marion Huggett and Miss Celia Boulden.

## African Missionaries Due Assembly of God

The Assembly of God church will be host to guest missionary speakers next week the evenings of March 19 and 22. Rev. Willis Geyer announced Sunday.

Rev. Harry G. Downey, missionary to Belgian Congo, Africa, will speak Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30. He will show colored slides of his work there.

Rev. Lionel P. Furman, also missionary to the Belgian Congo area will speak Friday evening, March 22. Rev. Furman will show the new kodachrome sound production, "Dark Battle Ground", just released by the general Assemblies missionary promotional department which he personally had a small part in filming.

The public is invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle returned Friday after spending three months in Mesa, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Blakney spent the weekend in Walla Walla.



LEE SUN OH Three year old Korean orphan boy who last week came to America through the efforts of Harry Holt, Creswell farmer, is rapidly making friends with his new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stockard of Heppner. He had been in Heppner less than a day when this picture was taken, but his big brown eyes sparkled when he was given the toy jeep which he is holding. His new name is Tommy. (GT Photo)



TOMMY'S NEW FAMILY to which he is rapidly adjusting are, left to right, Bill, six, his new father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stockard with the boy on his dad's lap, Joan, 8 and Jean 10. Though the boy speaks no English and his new family no Korean, the language barrier has caused little difficulty. (GT Photo)

## HEPPNER PARENT-TEACHERS TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS DAY MARCH 20

The Heppner Parent-Teachers association will observe Founder's Day at its regular monthly meeting next Wednesday, March 20 at the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school. To be present for the special program will be Mrs. Stagger, state P-TA president as well as many local past presidents.

The P-TA has a long history, dating from early in this century when the first state congress of P-TA was formed in 1905. It was known then as the Columbia Maternal association and though these founding women felt that only the Devine power could protect their children, they recognized their own maternal responsibilities. The first Congress of Mothers was held in 1897 in Washington, D. C., and in 1904 another organization in Portland known as the Home Training association was started. As the latter organization grew school principals and teachers invited parents to form in circles.

This group merged in 1906 with the Oregon Congress of Mothers, and since that time the national congress has grown to one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country with a membership of over 11 million.

## Formation of County Cow Belles Group Planned Next Week

There will be an organization meeting for a Morrow county Cow Belles association Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30 p. m. It was announced this week. It will be held at the Wranglers club house at the fair grounds in Heppner.

All wives of members of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association are invited to attend and assist in forming this organization.

Now nearly every school in the state has a P-TA.

During the years the organization has worked continually for better education and has encouraged some of the best state and national school legislation.

The local group hopes for a large turnout for the Wednesday night observance. Mrs. Leon Ball will be refreshment hostess for the meeting.

## Care Urged During Kite-Flying Time

It's kite-flying time—and time for parents to remind their children to avoid the vicinity of electric power lines while enjoying the sport.

The following rules for safe kite-flying have been suggested by Pacific Power & Light company local manager J. R. Huffman:

1. Always fly kites in an open field or playground, well away from power lines.
2. Use only dry cord for kite line.
3. Never use wet string or metal threads for kite line. These are conductors of electricity and can bring about a serious shock from accidental contact with overhead wires.
4. If a kite should lodge in a power line, or in a tree near power wires, leave it there. Don't try to take it down. Skilled power linemen never take chances with live wires—neither should you.

## FIELD DAY SLATED SUNDAY ON JOHN DAY

There will be a field day Sunday on the game reserve area on the North Fork of the John Day river. It was announced by the state game commission. Persons interested in taking in the trip are advised to contact Glen Ward or Ralph Taylor, Heppner.



A ST. PATRICK'S DAY HAM DINNER will be served by the men of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Catholic church Sunday, March 17, from 3 to 7 p. m. at the fair pavilion. Shown here in their "working clothes" are left to right, James Farley, chief cook; Jim Healy, co-chairman with Paul Koenig; and Harry O'Donnell, Jr., one of the assistant cooks. Other committee heads are Clifford Coleman, ticket chairman; Max Barclay, head waiter; E. E. Genty, chairman of the kitchen committee; James Monahan, chairman of the decorations committee; and John Williams, another cook. This will be the first public dinner given by the men of the church. (Wilson Photo)

## 'Brahma Bull Stew' Dinner to Aid Red Cross

The local Red Cross drive which is now in its third week and lagging badly will get a shot in the arm next Wednesday evening when Dan Wagner, new manager of O'Donnell's Cafe will serve "Brahma Bull Stew" to all comers with all proceeds from the meal to go to the Red Cross.

Wagner advised Frank Turner, local Red Cross drive chairman, that from 5 p. m. until all customers are taken care of, he will supply absolutely free a "darn good beef stew" and rolls to anyone wishing it, children included. There will be no charge for the stew dinner, but persons may make whatever donation they wish for the meal and all proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Helping Wagner with the handling of the stew dinner will be several members of the county Red Cross drive committee who are now working at lining up at least 200 customers for the dinner which will be served as long as anybody comes for it.

Turner reported today that very little money has been re-

ceived during the current drive and he stressed the need for the county to make its quota. He expressed the hope that the stew dinner would materially aid the fund and urged all residents to attend the feed and to bring the entire family.

The date again: Wednesday, March 20, O'Donnell's Cafe, served from 5 p. m.