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Coming of Spring Brings No Change, Just 'More Rain'

Spring arrived officially at 1:15 p. m. Wednesday afternoon but as far as most persons were concerned it meant nothing different weather-wise from the rest of March. At the appointed time rain was falling on Heppner in buckets-full the same as it has done on many of the other 19 days of the month.

On Tuesday, the day before the advent of the spring season, residents thought maybe the coming of spring was really going to mean a change as the mercury climbed to 59, the warmest of the year, and sun shone the entire day but their pleasure was short-lived. Wednesday brought a new storm front and shortly before noon water began to pile up in rain gauges.

Rainfall Records Climb

Over a week ago the all-time rainfall record at Heppner was broken and during the past week an additional one-third of an inch has fallen here to bring the month's total, as of Wednesday morning to 2.84 inches, almost two full inches greater than the 10 year average for March. The 2.84 figure does not include what fell Wednesday which is expected to put the total over the three-inch mark.

Reports have been received from some ranchers in the higher elevations where soil is shallower, that the continuing moisture is causing some erosion in summer-fallow fields, but those in the lower end of the county where soil is deeper are able to stand several more inches without any trouble. Several ranchers in scattered sections of the county who keep rain gauges have already reported well over three inches of moisture this month.

The temperature and rainfall record at the Heppner weather station for the past week shows:

	Max	Min.	Prec.
Friday	49	40	.05
Saturday	52	31	.25
Sunday	49	30	—
Monday	52	34	.02
Tuesday	51	30	—
Wednesday	59	42	—

School Law Classes Set For Condon

A class in school law and organization, Ed 476, will be instructed by Jack Plug, Morrow county school superintendent, beginning March 27 at the Condon elementary school. The class will be held from 7 to 9:45 p. m. weekly and will last for seven weeks.

The class offers two hours credit and fees for general extension classes are \$8 per credit hour.

Persons interested in the class should contact Mrs. Lovena Palmer, district superintendent at Condon.

IONE GIRL MEMBER OF MARYLHURST ORCHESTRA

Jean Ann Swanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson of Ione, has been chosen for membership in the chamber orchestra of Marylhurst college, where she is a freshman. She is a clarinetist.

Miss Swanson is a member of a freshman "little orchestra" of nine instruments which made an appearance on March 15 at an assembly program presented in the Marylhurst college auditorium by the freshman class. The group played a medley of Irish airs.

LOCAL EFFORTS BEING MADE TO SAVE WW II CARRIER FROM SCRAP HEAP

Local effort to save the World War II carrier Enterprise from the scrap heap is being urged by Kenneth Peck, Lexington, 40-millimeter gunnery officer on the ship for 27 months. National appeal to save the ship as a World War II shrine and museum is being spurred by the USS Enterprise association.

The Enterprise, which took part in all but one of the Navy battles in the Pacific, destroyed 911 enemy planes and 71 enemy ships, is the only pre-World War II carrier left. Association members hope to tow the carrier from Bayonne, N. J. to San Diego, Calif. where it would be moored near the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences building on Harbor Drive. Cost of de-mothing and towing the vessel to San Diego is estimated at \$250,000. In addition to preserving the ship as

Chamber Hears Six Contestants in UN Pilgrimage Contest

Chamber of Commerce members Monday heard six Heppner high school students give talks that are part of the requirements for entering the I. O. O. F. sponsored United Nations Youth Pilgrimage contest.

Speakers were Jim Morris, Peggy Applegate, Helen Graham, Janice Beamer, Joann Brosnan and Ed Groshens. Judging the talks was done by selected chamber members and the results will be entered as part of the process of selecting the Morrow county winner. The local winner will compete against other finalists March 30 at Pendleton for the opportunity to take the summer trip to New York.

The chamber went on record as opposing a measure in the legislature which would require a licensed contractor be employed for all building and remodeling jobs costing in excess of \$100. Local senators and representatives were advised of the chamber's stand.

Mrs. Reba Grabill Dies At Pendleton

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Folsom's funeral chapel in Pendleton for Mrs. Reba Grabill, 46, who passed away March 18 at her home in Pendleton following an illness of several months. She had been a lifelong resident of Morrow county until moving to Pendleton last fall.

Mrs. Grabill was born May 19, 1910 at Gooseberry and was married to Robert E. Grabill June 20, 1931 at Vancouver, Washington. They had lived in Heppner for a number of years where her husband was manager of Empire Machinery Company. They moved to Pendleton last October when he was transferred to the main store. She was a member of All Saints' Episcopal church and of Ruth chapter of Eastern Star at Heppner.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Robert; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilman Hogue, Heppner; one brother Earl Hogue and a sister, Mrs. Cecil Stefani, both of Ione.

Bearers were Donald Fleck, Hyman Shoop, Garnet Barratt, John Williams, Vern Arstall and Mervin Leonard. The Rev. Charles V. Knox, pastor of the Heppner Christian church, officiated and interment was in the Pendleton Masonic cemetery.

College Students Home For Vacation

Among the college students home this week from their schools for spring vacation are Patsy Wright, Jim Hayes, Dick Kononen, Jim Wightman and Skip Ruhl from Oregon State College; Lance Tibbles, and Wayne Soward from the University of Oregon; James Monahan and Larry Lindsay, Portland University; Nancy Anderson, Connie Newman, Bob Grabill, Jean Marie Graham and Mike Monahan, Eastern Oregon College at La Grande; Lowell Turner, Portland State; Lyle Jensen, Steven Green, Neil Beamer, Bill Hughes, Keith Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Drake returned to Pacific University Sunday after their vacation in Heppner.

Mrs. Harold Cohn spent last weekend at Eugene, visiting her daughter Sally.

Field Day Planned At Ranch of State Conservation Man

Elaborate plans are now being made for the annual field day at the state Conservation Man of the Year ranch, the Kenneth Peck operation near Lexington. Peck was named the 1956 winner.

The plans for the field day were made last week at the meetings of the state Conservation Man of the Year committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Attending were Vernon Munkers, Kenneth Peck and N. C. Anderson.

The field day will be held May 25 and a program is scheduled that will be of interest to everyone. It will start at 10 a. m. followed by a free lunch at noon and a tour of the entire farm to see the conservation practices that earned the title for Peck. A number of dignitaries will take part in the program and several county organizations have been asked to help.

The Morrow County Wheat Growers Association has appointed a committee composed of Bernard Doherty, Raymond Lundell, Vernon Munkers, Tom Wilson and N. C. Anderson to develop further plans for the event.

Peck is the first Morrow county rancher to win the state award.

Hospital Sends Call For Nurse's Aides

Mrs. Florence Bradshaw, supervisor of nurses at Pioneer Memorial hospital, has revealed the hospital is in need of nurse's aides to fill vacancies in the present staff.

Anyone over 18 years of age who is interested is eligible, Mrs. Bradshaw stated, but she emphasized that they must enjoy the work of caring for the sick. Training will be given at the hospital.

Ione P-TA Elects New Officers for Year

Mrs. Wallace Matthews was elected president of the Ione P-TA for the coming year at a meeting Wednesday evening March 13. Other officers elected were Mrs. Gordon White, vice president and Mrs. John Hatfield as secretary and treasurer. A very interesting panel discussion was held with Fredrick Martin as moderator. The subject was "Is the Youth Program for Morrow County Adequate?" Those on the panel and the points they brought up were: Julie Rietmann representing a high school student named many of the activities of the high school; Mardine Baker representing the 4-H clubs, stated that many children took up 4-H club work in the grades but dropped out during high school. She thought more time should be given to 4-H club work. R. H. Woodroof, representing the schools, stated that more emphasis should be given to academics and a larger student body was very important; Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, from the churches, pointed out the church programs and that not enough youth took part in the work; Ray Heimbigner, representing the P-TA, stated that the P-TA had help acquire many things for the youth as the swimming pool, trampolines and other equipment and that they should be used more; Mrs. Norman Nelson took the parents side and showed that more home life guidance was very important. Mr. Martin summed up all the highlights after the discussion. Many questions were asked from the floor and discussed.

The school band played several numbers led by Gary Stephenson. These numbers will be played at the band concert at La Grande March 23 at 4:45 p. m. Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen had charge of the program.

At the business meeting of the P-TA conducted by Ray Heimbigner, president, the flag salute was given followed by the benediction by Rev. Floyd S. Bailey, pastor of the Community church. The following announcements were made. The speech festival will be held here March 26, the band concert at La Grande March 23 and the P-TA convention at Pendleton April 9, 10 and 11. The elective officers will go as delegates.

Refreshments were served at the meeting by Mrs. Earl McKinney, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Garry Tullis, Mrs. Darrell Padberg and Mrs. Harold Snider.



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL AWARD of Merit Presented to Pacific Power & Light Workers. Company employees who completed more than 1,000,000 man-hours of work without loss-time injury have been cited for their achievement by the National Safety Council. Presentation of the council's Award of Merit was made recently by Johnny Carpenter, right, Portland representative of the council, to Don R. McClung, left, executive vice president of P&L. The total of safe hours reached 1,235,000 for the 2500 workers of the system, a record unsurpassed in the company's 46-year history.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE DOING HEAVIEST BUSINESS IN ITS HISTORY

The La Grande social security office is experiencing the greatest rush of business in the 16 years of its existence. Since the first of the year, the number of people making claims for insurance benefit payments has tripled over that of a year ago, district manager Vernon A. Welo said this week.

The increase in the number of claimants here reflects a condition prevailing in most of the 556 social security offices throughout the country. In one February week alone, a total of 112 people in this area made claims for old-age, survivors, or disability insurance payments.

Welo said that his office is doing everything possible to expedite the handling of people making benefit claims. Due to the increased number of claimants, however, many may have to wait longer for interviews when they come to the social security office. Also, he said, the larger number of claimants in the office slow up the processing of the claims papers. A new beneficiary must sometimes wait longer before he receives his first monthly insurance benefit check.

Second Clothing Construction Class Enrollment Open

A second series of basic Bishop clothing construction classes will start in Heppner this spring announces Mrs. Marvin Smith, vice president of the Heppner P-TA.

Women who are interested are to enroll with Mrs. Smith and they will be accepted for the class in the order in which they enroll. Only a limited number will be instructed in each class.

Women who enroll must attend the preliminary meeting at the Heppner school homemaker room Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p. m. and they are asked to bring notebook paper and pencil to the meeting.

The training is available to the Heppner community through the cooperation of the state vocational department, school district No. 1 and the P-TA. A nominal fee is charged for the 10 lessons. Mrs. Homer Hager will be the instructor.

Christian Church Men To Have Work Night

The Christian Men's Fellowship of the Christian church will meet at the church, Monday evening, March 25, for a work night.

They will work from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m., refreshments will be served by the women of the church, followed by a short business meeting.

This is for all men who attend the Christian church.

Farm Bureau Meeting Set For March 26

The regular Farm Bureau meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26 at 8 p. m. at the Bill Barratt home on Hinton creek.

A discussion of pending legislative measures will be held and Don Heliker will show pictures and tell of his recent trip to Hawaii.

NAMED ON HONOR ROLL

James Monahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan of Heppner, has been named on the freshman honor roll at the University of Portland.

New Ione Minister To Be Installed At Sunday Service

An installation service for the Rev. Floyd Bailey, new pastor of the Ione Community church, will be held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the church. The service will be followed by a potluck dinner and is open to everyone.

The Rev. Stuart Goude of Condon will be in charge of the program and Dr. Paul Davies of Portland will be the main speaker. Several other ministers are expected to take part.

Parking Meter Users Reminded to 'Give Back Nickel'

The chamber of commerce sponsored "give-back-a-nickel" parking meter plan which was inaugurated a year ago through the cooperation of the City of Heppner has worked quite well until recently. It was revealed by chamber officials and chief of police Dean Gilman.

Weekly checks of money received from the orange envelopes which are given out instead of overtime parking citations, has shown the fund, set up by the chamber, to have gained somewhat during the year. The story during recent weeks has been different, however, when the weekly "take" has been less than is being used to "feed" the meters.

As long as the fund comes reasonably close to breaking even, it will probably be continued, but both Chief Gilman and chamber officers reminded car owners that if the fund gets too far in the red, it may again be necessary to resort to parking tickets which will cost the violator \$1.00 rather than the five cents now asked with use of the envelopes.

No threat is intended, it was emphasized, but drivers are being reminded that it is to their own benefit to drop a nickel in the envelope and leave it at a local store.

Civic League Sets Rummage Sale Date

The annual spring rummage sale sponsored by the Heppner Civic League will be held May 3 and 4, it was decided Monday night at the monthly meeting of the organization. Funds from the sale are used to support the Heppner kindergarten.

Co-chairmen for the sale will be Mrs. Bud Peck and Mrs. Bud Marshall and in charge of rummage collection are Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn. The group asks that persons having rummage to donate call either 6-9725 or 6-9284 or it can be left at Van Winkle's Chevron station.

The League also made plans to hold a style show on Wednesday, April 3, with the location to be announced later.

Will O'Hara, laboratory technician at Pioneer Memorial hospital, spoke to the group and urged them to sponsor a blood typing project in Heppner. The members will consider the proposal and may make arrangements for such a program later in the year.

Masons Start Drive For New Furnishings

A drive was started this week to raise funds from members for a new carpet for the Heppner Masonic lodge hall, it was revealed by Harold Becket, secretary.

The drive was started Tuesday night when several members offered donations or pledges toward a fund to replace the carpet which has been in use since the building was built in 1916. It is estimated the project will cost about \$3,000.

ATTEND GOLDEN WEDDING

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Huber of Heppner were in Collage Place, Wash. last Sunday to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huber.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE

The Rhea Creek grange will meet Friday evening March 22 at 6:00 p. m., starting with a potluck supper and a business meeting later.

Increased Costs Bring Larger School Budget

Portion of Raise Due to Remodeling

A public hearing on the 1957-58 budget for school district No. 1 has been set for April 9 it was revealed this week by school officials. Following the hearing the budget will be approved by the board and it will later be submitted to voters at the regular school election.

The budget for the coming year lists total estimated expenditures at \$297,745.31 which is an increase of approximately \$34,000 over the current year's figures.

The largest increase in school operating costs will come in the teacher's salaries section which show a figure of \$151,872. This is an increase of slightly over \$19,000 more than this year and is the result of the recent acceptance of a revised teacher salary schedule.

In other categories, operation of the physical plants show an increase of \$1,400, general control expenses are up less than \$1,000, and transportation costs etc. raised nearly \$1,500. Decreases in budgeted expenses are seen in maintenance and repair, down \$1600 and in a capital outlay which dropped from \$18,610 last year to only \$809 for the coming budget.

This latter reduction is offset by a special improvement fund of \$25,000 for remodeling the science laboratory. This fund was not shown in the former budget but was included under capital outlay. The special fund will supply about half the money needed for the remodeling, the balance to be raised in 1958-59.

Estimated receipts, other than county taxes, are set at \$68,389.01 which is approximately the same as shown on the current year's budget, which leaves a total of \$229,356.30 to be raised by taxes. This is an increase of approximately \$34,000.

At the general school election voters will not decide on the \$25,000 for special improvement, inasmuch as the complete budget will include overall combined county school figures. Last year the rural school board set a policy of requiring separate districts to finance their own improvement projects, such as above mentioned, and voters of the Heppner district will decide that matter at another election. The figure is included in the budget, however, so that it may be shown in overall expenses of the district and may be used if approved. Such an item may not be spent, even though given voter approval, unless it is regularly budgeted.

The complete itemized budget appears elsewhere in today's issue of the Gazette Times.

Anniversary Noted By Willows Grange

The Ione Willows Grange last week observed its 31st anniversary with a special program highlighted by a brief history of the grange by Master Leo Crabtree.

During the meeting considerable discussion was held on senate bill 68 and the grange passed a resolution opposing the measure, a copy of which will be sent to Representative Allen Tom. Members are urged to write him of their feelings.

Lecturer LaRetta Dobyns, program chairman, presented Ida Esteb and Anna Baij with 25 year pins and corsages and three charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and Earl Morgan were presented. Pat Townsend was presented a past master's pin and Mrs. Dobyns received a perfect report card as last year's lecturer. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heliker showed films of the trip they recently took to Hawaii.

A cake decorated with grange colors and decorated with a sheaf of wheat which had been made by Mabel Ring was served at the close of the meeting. Presiding at the tea table were Vida Heliker, Mary Lindsay and Dot Halvorsen, all past masters.

PLEDGES WILLAMETTE FRAT

Gerald Gordon White, freshman at Willamette university from Ione, was recently initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, following one semester of pledging.

A graduate of Ione high school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White.