



**JUNGLE OF SCRAP IRON** — Two of the 15 Bonneville transmission line towers in north Morrow county which bowed before the winds in last Wednesday's destructive thunderstorm which also demolished several buildings at the Frank Wilkinson sheep camp near Boardman and caused heavy wheat loss in some fields in the lower end of the county. Nearly two miles of the 230,000 volt power transmission line between McNary and Detroit are still on the ground and BPA officials estimated damages at over \$200,000. The winds that tangled these towers were estimated at over 100 miles an hour.—(GT Photo)

## North Morrow Suffers Worst Storm Damage

Last Wednesday's (June 5) storm which brought strong winds and some rain to Heppner caused heavy damage in many other sections of the state including the loss of 15 Bonneville Power transmission towers and other destruction in north Morrow county. Wheat loss due to hail and winds was also serious in sections of the county.

Damage to the Bonneville towers was set at a minimum of \$2200,000 and the Frank Wilkinson sheep camp near the downed towers suffered heavy loss when numerous sheds and buildings were overturned and scattered like match sticks. No definite estimate was placed on damage at the Wilkinson ranch but it was expected to run at least \$4,000 to \$5,000. Sheep and several trailers had been moved away before the storm hit which saved a much heavier loss.

**Wheat Downed**  
The worst part of the storm followed a path across the lower end of Morrow and Gilliam counties and in the Morgan and Cecil areas there were numerous reports of total or partial crop loss due to hail. Ranches in that area suffering the most included those of Lee Pettyjohn, Jody Morrison, Donald Linnell, the Hartfield

ranch, Lodan ranch, Palmateer ranch, the Baffus ranch and the Krebs ranch. In some fields in the area only about one head of wheat in 50 to 100 was left standing and there were also reports of damage to summer fallow fields.

The heaviest storm area was about two miles wide but there were other reports of varying amounts of hail damage in the area southwest of Heppner.

The storm struck without warning and was preceded by a heavy dust storm here, however Heppner caught only a small corner of the main blow which traveled the entire width of the state in a few hours. There were numerous power outages here during the storm, but they lasted only short periods.

## Beaverton Firm Gets Oiling Bid For Willow Road

The Barney Heiser Rock Production company of Beaverton was awarded the bid for the production of crushed rock and the oiling of 12 miles of the Willow creek road from Heppner to the mountains, the state highway commission announced this week. The low bid was for \$119,758.50.

The bids were opened at a special meeting of the commission last week in Salem and will be formally awarded at the regular meeting later this month. The early opening was scheduled to allow the contractor ample time for the work.

According to the contract the Heiser company will start by July 15 and must complete the job in 60 working days. The total cost of the project will be \$134,897 which includes engineering and other costs. The county's share of the project is \$26,980, county judge Garnet Barratt said Wednesday.

County road crews have been working for nearly a year on relocating and widening the entire length of the road preparatory to the paving and will have their part of the work done within a short time.

## Heppner F.F.A. Wins Honors At The Dalles Show

Mike Gray, Cliff Green, Bill Pettyjohn and Bill Irby, Heppner F.F.A. boys, took top honors at The Dalles Fat Stock show last week.

In the livestock judging contest of two classes of beef, two sheep and two swine the Heppner boys placed second out of 15 chapters participating.

Mike Gray walked away with the high judge banner, scoring 562.7 points from a possible 600. Bill Pettyjohn placed ninth and received a ribbon for his judging ability. There were approximately 65 entered in the judging contest.

In the beef judging and placing of the entire group of light Hereford steers, Mike Gray received champion and reserve champion on his two steers, weighing 910 lbs. and 880 lbs., grading high choice and choice respectively. Bill Pettyjohn received third place in the FFA Angus-Shorthorn division with his Shorthorn weighing 1040 lbs. and grading choice.

From the six steers shown from the Heppner chapter, five steers were entered in the "group of five steers from one school contest" and won second place.

Other steers shown were two steers of the Heppner FFA chapter's feed out and shown by Cliff Green, of these two, one graded choice and the other good with weights of 975 lbs. and 910 lbs. Bill Irby was showing his steer which graded good and weighed 800 lbs.

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fastabend** and family of Kenewick visited over the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

**Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nash** and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash and two daughters visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer in Ione Friday evening.

## Annual School Meeting And Elections June 17

Annual school meetings will be held in all county school districts next Monday, June 17 for the election of directors and the approval of special levies in some districts.

In the Heppner and Ione districts polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m., though in some of the other districts they may be kept open only from 2 to 3 p.m. if the district board desires.

Heppner will elect one director for a five-year term and Jack Loyd has filed to succeed himself on the board. Voters will also be asked to approve a special levy of \$25,000 for a special construction fund. The election will be held in the multipurpose room of the grade school.

Ione will elect one director for a five-year term and candidates are Alfred Nelson Jr., Dave Baker and Ray Heimbigner. They will also vote on a rural board director and that candidate is Fred Martin.

In addition Ione voters will pass on a special capital outlay measure calling for \$2,470 for the purpose of improving the heating system in the main building, improvements around the swimming and wading pool, purchasing additional band instruments, a public address system, darkening curtains for the cafeteria and other instructional equipment.

## Area Conservation Report Reveals Progress in District

The May progress report of the Heppner Conservation district, given at a meeting of district supervisors Tuesday night at the Bank building showed 60 acres of grass-legume pastures seeded, 5900 feet of diversions stakes on the McElligott Bros. ranch, Ione and surveys made for 24 acres of land leveling.

In addition 48 acres of land leveling was completed on the ranches of Tom Michos, Heppner and Lawrence Doherty, Pine City; five stock pond surveys made on the ranches of Randall Martin and Hugh Perrin and one irrigation reservoir surveyed for Raymond Ferguson. A district conservation plan was signed for the ranch of Dr. H. S. Huber.

A scholarship of \$20 for the range youth camp at Tupper, sponsored by the American Society of range management, was approved by members.

Attending were Raymond French, Donald Peterson, Raymond Lundell, John Wightman, Alvin Wagenblast, Tom Wilson, soil conservation service, and John Denison, Pendleton, area conservationist of the S.C.S.

## Al Lamb To View Signing of New Law

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers and president of the Oregon Cooperative council, has been invited to be in Salem Thursday to be present for the signing of the new Oregon Cooperative code law, by Governor Robert D. Holmes.

## AUXILIARY PLANS MEET

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 8 p.m. at Legion hall for installation of new officers, it was announced today.

**Mrs. Elaine S. George, Kit and David**, were in Portland the first part of the week on business.

## Local PP&L Crews Win Safety Council Commendation

A "Certificate of Commendation" of the National Safety Council has been awarded Heppner district employees of Pacific Power & Light company for achieving a record of four years without a disabling loss-time accident.

J. R. Huffman, local manager, reported the citation honors a safety performance of 371,418 man-hours for work during the period January 12, 1953 to December 31, 1956.

The district's safety record is still unmarred by a loss-time mishap, Huffman reported.

Fons J. Hughes, safety director of PP&L, sent his congratulations to the district crews under S. A. Kari, district line superintendent, and noted the outstanding record was achieved during a period which included record-breaking construction activity.

Hughes reported the company's safety program currently is nearing another record of one-million man-hours of safe work for the entire system. There have been no loss-time accidents for 11 consecutive weeks, thru June 2, for a total of 926,540 man-hours of safe work, he said.

## Lutherans To Use New Church Sunday

Friends and members of Hope Lutheran church will begin using their new church for the first time when services will be conducted this Sunday, June 16.

The church was organized two years ago with 34 members and subsequently purchased a section of property in the southeast part of Heppner and have erected a contemporary style church on the corner of Alfalfa and County road.

The date of the dedication has been set for September 15, but the church is far enough along now for occupancy, with many items to be completed by volunteer help during the summer, it was announced by Gene Cutsforth, Gene Majeske and Al Fetsch of the building committee.

Regular services are held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and adult classes at 10:30 a.m. The public is always cordially invited to attend services.

## Tilden H. Williams Funeral Services Held Here Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Creswick Mortuary for Tilden H. Williams, 81, who passed away in Baker on June 7.

He was born in Clarksville, Virginia, October 22, 1876. He came to Morrow county about 1900 and on January 7, 1906 was married to Corda Keithley. They farmed for many years in the Hardman and Eightmile area.

Survivors are three sons, Lawrence, Heppner; Tilden, Jr., Ordinance; Ellis, Stockton, Calif.; two daughters, Lucy Swanson, Eugene and Laura Nelson, Halfway, Ore., and 12 grandchildren. His wife and a son Floyd preceded him in death.

Rev. Charles Knox officiated at the service and interment was in the Hardman cemetery.

**Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson** and family visited over the weekend in Bend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher.

**O. G. Crawford of Delake** and Portland, former publisher of the Gazette Times, was visiting in Heppner on Friday.

## County Budget Down Slightly; Heppner's Climbs

Completion this week of both county and City of Heppner budgets reveals that one shows a slight drop from last year while the other an increase over the 1956-57 figure.

The county budget estimates total expenditures of \$388,355 for the coming year, which is an increase of \$14,392 above the present year, but the cost to the taxpayer for county services will be down \$7,405, or about one-half mill, due to larger cash carryover and other receipts. The amount to be raised by taxes for the 1957-58 year will be \$118,705 compared to \$126,110 for the present year. The major increases in expenses are to be found in the fair fund, hospital maintenance and general road funds, but even these are minor.

Heppner's budget took just the opposite trend than did the county estimate. Total expenses are down nearly \$5,000 from last year, but the amount to be raised by taxes jumped nearly \$6,900. The increase in taxes was due to the fact that the city had a cash carryover at the end of the current year nearly \$13,000 smaller than for the previous year. The amount to be raised by taxes for general city use is \$14,864.50 which is inside the 6 per cent limitation allowed by law. Special levies voted by the people total approximately \$19,000.

The reason the city's cash carryover showed such a drop is that all available funds from the current budget were used to buy pipe for replacement of the city water feeder system.

Both the city and county budgets remained within the 6 per cent limitation and both are published in full elsewhere in today's paper.

## Grange Urges Farmer Vote on Wheat Quotas

The Lexington grange met Saturday evening June 8 and it was urged that all wheat farmers vote on wheat quotas on June 20.

Committee reports given included legislative committee with Orville Cutsforth as chairman, who reported on new grain standards as discussed by Marion Weatherford at the spring Wheat League meeting. Kenneth Smouse, chairman of the agriculture committee reported that the Wheat League Fat Stock show at The Dalles was a success and reminded members that they now have a seed committee in Morrow county. Anyone having fields with clean seed should have them inspected before harvest.

Resolution on relocation of highway 74 for Lexington, Ione and Arlington area down four mile canyon was prepared to send to Pomona on June 29.

Mrs. Orville Cutsforth reported that a loud speaker had been ordered.

The committee appointed for the princess dance was Lyle Cox, Orville Cutsforth and Cecil Jones.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. Cutsforth, lecturer, was on Fathers Day and Dairy Month and included a reading "When Pa Was Young," by Alvin Wagenblast; a talk by Judge Garnet Barratt, fathers in Morrow county and juvenile delinquency; a piano duet by John and Steven Wagenblast; the origin of the first cheese, a talk by the lecturer; a reading "What The Old Cow Said," by Kenneth Smouse and the program closed with a quiz game on famous fathers.

Burton Peck won a prize for being the oldest father and having the most grandchildren and great grandchildren; Lyle Cox, the youngest father; Garnet Barratt, the handsomest father and Orville Cutsforth, the baldest and having the most children.

## WEATHER

	HI	LOW	Rain
Thursday	90	54	15
Friday	73	49	---
Saturday	77	51	---
Sunday	72	44	---
Monday	74	45	---
Tuesday	76	51	---
Wednesday	81	46	.09

Rainfall for week .24; for June .25; for the year 9.88 inches.

## Polling Places Announced For Wheat Referendum

The Morrow county ASC office today announced polling places for the marketing quota referendum vote which will be held on Thursday, June 20.

Polls will be open in all three places from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and farmers eligible are urged to vote in the referendum. The North and South Heppner and a part of the Eightmile district will vote at the Heppner Legion hall, the Morgan, Ione and remainder of the Eightmile district at the Ione Legion hall; and residents of the Lexington and Alpine communities at the Lexington Grange hall.

Any person who will be engaged in the production of wheat for harvest of 15 acres or more in 1958 or is entitled to share in the proceeds of the 1958 wheat crop is eligible to vote in the referendum. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the local ASC office, Paul Tews, office manager announced.

The secretary of agriculture has proclaimed marketing quotas on wheat for next year, but growers must approve them in a referendum vote. For further information see the county agent's column in this week's paper.

## Delegates Leave For Girls State Sunday

Misses Helen Graham and Joann Brosnan of Heppner and Kay Sherer of Ione left by train Sunday for Salem where they will be for a week attending Girls State.

Miss Graham and Miss Sherer were sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliaries of Heppner and Ione and Miss Brosnan by Soroptimist International of Heppner.

## Rainbow Girls To Attend State Meeting

Those from Heppner attending the Rainbow Assembly to be held in The Dalles starting June 16 are Meredith Thomson, grand representative; Helen Graham, member of the grand choir; Judy Brindley, Sandra Jones, Sharon Keithley, Fern Albert, Judie Spaulding, Judy Cochell, Janice Martin, Bernice Thomson, Frances Slocum, Lynn Thomas, Barbara Warren, Phyllis Quackenbush, Janice Beamer, Mrs. Paul Jones, motner advisor, Mrs. James Thomson, Mrs. Roy Quackenbush, and Mrs. Claude Graham.

## Junior Legion Game Sunday At Ione

The Junior Legion baseball team will open its season Sunday afternoon when they play Milton-Freewater on the Ione diamond, starting at 2:30 p.m.

About 20 boys from Heppner, Lexington and Ione have turned out for practice with Ernie Drake as coach and Floyd Sayers as manager.

Other games already scheduled for the season are with Pendleton and John Day, with several others tentatively planned. Admission for the Sunday game will be 50 cents.

## Wranglers Slate Sand Hollow Stampede

The Wranglers will hold their Sand Hollow Stampede Sunday, June 16 at the Don Evans ranch, it was announced this week. The ride will start from the Cohn place on Hinton creek at 10 a.m., with lunch at noon and the show to start at 1 p.m.

Several extra events are planned for the show including cow riding, calf roping, wild cow milking and others, it was announced.

## COLUMBIA BASIN CO-OP IN NEW POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Pacific Northwest's newest corporation for development of Columbia Basin power supplies was organized June 6 at Spokane, Washington, by 12 electric cooperatives operating in three states.

"Our purpose is the establishment of a new corporate entity through which our members may develop and transmit their own common supplies of electric energy under terms of federal rural electrification statutes," N. V. Fisher, chairman protem, of the new group announced.

Name of the new enterprise, incorporated under the laws of Washington, is Lewis-Clark G. & T. Cooperative, Inc. Charter member cooperatives participating are:

Washington: Inland Power and Light, Spokane; Benton Rural Electric, Prosser; Big Bend Electric, Ritzville; Columbia County Electric, Dayton; Lincoln Electric, Davenport; Nespelem Valley Electric, Nespelem.

Idaho: Northern Lights, Inc., Sandpoint; Clearwater Power, Lewiston; Idaho County Power & Light, Grangeville; Kootenai Rural Electric, Coeur d'Alene.

Oregon: Eastern Oregon Electric, Pendleton; Columbia Basin Cooperative, Heppner.

Incorporators of the new organization are: R. R. McClure, Lester Mann, Henry Baker, Carl Womack, Ralph Ethier, James W. Whittaker, D. I. Hopkins, Paul W. Smick, Edgar H. Collison, Arthur C. Jacquot, N. V. Fisher, P. J. Miller.

Articles of incorporation, approved by the membership at the June 6 meeting, state the principal purposes of the cooperative are the generation, manufacture, purchase, acquisition, exchange, sale and accumulation of all types and kinds of electric energy and other products and services for its members, including but not limited to atomic power, steam and hydro and to transmit, distribute, furnish, sell and dispose of such electric energy and other products to its members.

The articles provide the cooperative's principal place of business will be at Walla Walla, Wash.

"Rapid growth in the demands for power in our market areas have made it mandatory for us to make plans for at least a part of our own future power supplies" was the comment of chairman N. V. Fisher.

Spokesmen for the new corporation did not specify exactly the power sources they expect to develop. They stated they are planning to retain competent engineering counsel for the exploration of hydro and steam generation possibilities which can be located in such a way as to take full advantage of the northwest transmission grid and which can be geared into any program for full development of the Columbia Basin.

Although 12 cooperative utilities participated in forming the new cooperative, officers said it is permissible for other qualified organizations to become members.

## Many Students Are Home For Summer

Among the college students from here home for the summer vacation are Lance Tibbles, Wayne Soward, Sally Cohn, University of Oregon; James Hayes, Skip Ruhl, Patsy Wright, Dick Kononen, Adelia Anderson, Oregon State college; Jean Marie Graham, Mary Ruth Green, Nancy Anderson, David Cox, Mike Monahan, Eastern Oregon College; Lyle Jensen, Steve Green, Neil Beamer, Pacific University; James Monahan, Jack Monagle, Portland University.

## Little League Ball Gets Underway Here

Little League baseball got underway this week with the forming of four teams.

The practice schedule for the teams is Monday, Ed Dick and Jim Driscoll team; Tuesday, Keeling and Hitchcock team; Wednesday, Leon Ball and Marcel Jones team; Thursday, Ray Ayers team. All practice sessions will begin at 6 p.m.

The first scheduled game will be Tuesday June 25 between the Ray Ayers team and Leon Ball-Marcel Jones team. On Thursday, June 27 the Ed Dick-Jim Driscoll team will play the Keeling-Hitchcock team.

Anyone wishing to go out for the teams, who has not yet signed up should contact Jim Mallon.