

County Schools All See Increase

Youngsters poured back into the Heppner school system Tuesday and Wednesday for the start of the new year and the first day's registration showed a gain of 8 students over the opening day in 1956.

The big jump was in the high school where a total of 135 have registered compared with 119 last year. The incoming freshman class is the largest in the history of the school with 51 having already signed in. Juniors run second in size with 30, seniors with 28 and sophomores with 26.

The grade school took a slight dip from last year, but Clarence Johnson said he expects many more to show up within the next few days as families return from vacations. Wednesday's count found 365 children in the first eight grades a drop of 10 from last year's tally of 366. The 5th grade is the largest with 58 youngsters followed closely by the first with 53 and the 4th with 52.

The count by grades shows:

First grade, 52.
Second grade, 47.
Third grade, 38.
Fourth grade, 52.
Fifth grade, 58.
Sixth grade, 29.
Seventh grade, 39.
Eighth grade, 40.

Total registration in the Heppner schools is 491, eight more than 1956.

The teaching staff in both the grade and high school is complete and regular classes were under way Wednesday morning.

Lexington Totals Given
Lexington school gained nine students over last year superintendent Dale Waddill reported Wednesday with most of the gain coming in the grades. There are a total of 107 youngsters in all 12 grades.

By grades there are: 1st, 13; 2nd, 14; 3rd, 6; 4th, 14; 5th, 9; 6th, 9; 7th, 7; 8th, 5; 9th, 5; 10th, 7; 11th, 12; 12th, 6.

One Schools Open
One schools saw an increase in

students with 157 registering on opening day compared with 146 last year. The increase was in the grades which now have 116 compared with 102 a year ago. The high school dropped three to 41 students.

By grades there are: 1st, 22; 2nd, 17; 3rd, 18; 4th, 11; 5th, 15; 6th, 12; 7th, 12; 8th, 9. Freshmen, 17; sophomores, 10; juniors, 10; 7 seniors.

Float Sweepstakes Prize Goes to Greenhouse Entry

A garden full of little girls as living flowers won the grand sweepstakes award at the fair and rodeo parade last Saturday morning for Dick's Greenhouse. The theme of the float was "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?"

The float was one of many which was viewed by well over 1000 persons who acclaimed the parade as one of the finest in many years. It also took first place in the business float division which qualified the entry for the top award.

The fair and rodeo theme of Pioneer Days was well carried out in the numerous floats and bands, riding clubs and other entries. Probably the greatest number of youngsters ever to take part in a local parade added much color to the event as did the Pendleton Spinerettes, visiting royal courts, the Main Street Cowboys from Pendleton with their callopes and many other novel and interesting entries. Judging was done by the Main Street Cowboys.

Winners Named
Winners in the business float division were: Dick's Greenhouse, first; Heppner Pine Mills, second; Farley Motor Co., third.

Adult organizations: Soroptimists, first; Rebekah lodge, second; Civic League, third.

Juvenile division: 4-H clubs, first; Little League, second; Bluebirds, third.

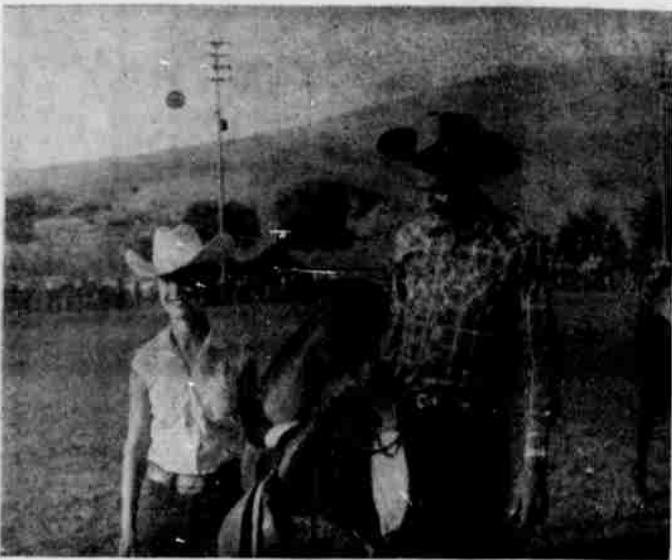
Out of county floats: Hermiton chamber of commerce, first; Pacific Power and Light, second. Other winners were: best mounted cowboy, Don Heliker; best mounted cowgirl, Mrs. Bill Healy; oldest cowgirl, Mrs. Altha Kirk; oldest cowboy, Lotus Robinson; youngest cowboy, Gregory Green; youngest cowgirl, Carmen Papineau; best riding club, Umatilla Sage Riders, first; Heppner Wranglers, second; best family group, the Roise Fulleton family, best comic the Heppner Hillbills including Mrs. Ernie Winchester, Cal Sumner and Bill Scott.

In the juvenile division: floats, Morrow county youth, Healy and Daggett, first; Mike Lesser, second; Clifford Morris, third; best pet: Carl Edwards, first; Tom Hughes, second; Chris Brown, third. Best juvenile cowboy, Kit George, first; Nat Webb, second; Mark Halvorsen, third. Best juvenile cowgirl, Fern Albert, first; Deanna Fulleton, second; Fay Harvey, third.

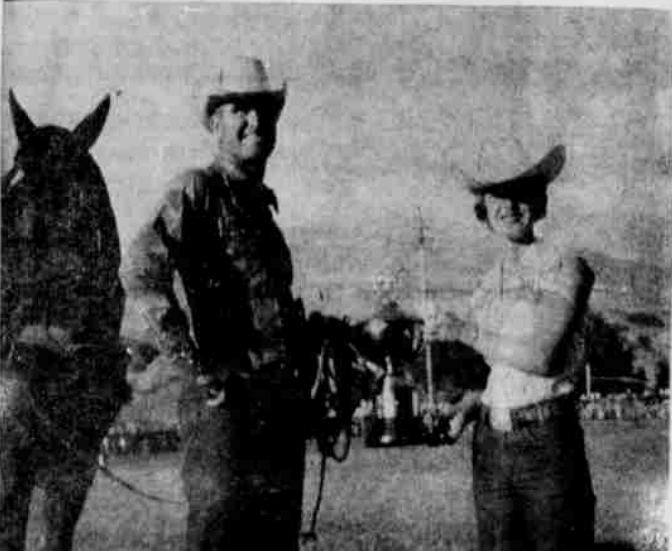
The Heppner school band placed first in its division with the Boardman band taking second. Parade prizes were distributed by the chamber of commerce.



NORTHWEST BUCKING CHAMP—Gib Gregg of Fossil was judged top bronc rider in this well known rodeo contest last weekend. Here he is receiving his prized saddle from Ralph H. Schwalbe, secretary-treasurer of Hamley & Co., famed Pendleton saddle-makers who donate the prize for this event. (GT Photo)



TOP COUNTY ROPER—Winner of the Tarrell saddle presented by the Heppner Pine Mills, is Don Evans of Heppner. His time was the fastest in the Morrow county amateur calf roping. He receives his award from rodeo queen Christine Swaggart. (GT photo)



FLAG RACE TROPHY—Charlie Daly, a member of the Wranglers riding club flag race team which won first place in the event at the rodeo, receives the Farley Motor Company trophy from Queen Christine Swaggart. (GT Photo)

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Monday: Donors Needed

An urgent call for blood donors was issued today by Tom Wilson, chairman of the special Elks committee in charge of the drawing. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Heppner next Monday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Methodist church.

A quota of 100 pints has been set for the drawing and the chairman emphasized that it is vitally necessary to have a large number of donors to insure continuance of the Red Cross blood bank program, which is the major source of badly needed blood in the area. On the Bloodmobile's first visit to Morrow county early this year, donations fell about one-third below the 100 pint quota and it is hoped that a part or all of the loss can be picked up at this drawing.

Sign-up cards have been sent to all local Elks members urging them to schedule the time for their donations but Wilson made it plain that the help of the general public, not only Elks members, is needed to reach the quota.

The Bloodmobile crew and local volunteers will be on duty in the basement of the Methodist church from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday. It only takes a few minutes to make a donation and ample help will be available to insure that no donor has to wait any length of time.

Heppner Pine Mills Tree Farm Gets WPA Certification

PORTLAND — Certification of seven new tree farms in Eastern Oregon was announced today by Western Pine Assn., Portland, sponsor of the program in that area.

The additions, totalling 14,712 acres, bring the area of timberlands enrolled in Eastern Oregon to 1,552,544 acres on 98 Tree Farms. Over half the privately owned, commercial forest land east of the Cascades is certified.

Receiving certificates were Cecil Carter, Freewater; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gwin, Walla Walla, Wash., for their Umatilla County Tree Farm; Marion E. Cady, Bend; Loyde Blakely, Bend; Manville Troxel, Mosier; Heppner Pine Mills Inc., Heppner; and Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Trail.

The pine association also reported cancellation of a 500 acre tree farm in Walla Walla county.

West of the Cascades, Industry Forestry Assn., Douglas fir region sponsor, has 188 tree farms encompassing 2,155,513 acres in the program for privately owned, tax-paying lands to grow timber as a crop.

Total Oregon acreage is now 3,708,057 acres on 286 tree farms.

MCGG Buys 420,000 Bushel Lone Elevator; Modernizing Slated

The Morrow County Grain Growers last week completed the purchase of the former Archer-Daniels grain elevators at Lone which the co-op has operated for two years under lease. The purchase was made from W. E. Melena and Sons of Lone for \$175,000.

The three elevators which are operated as one unit have a combined capacity of 420,000 bushels and give the MCGG total storage of 2,950,000 bushels in its 9 elevators located at Lexington, Heppner, Lone (two units) McNab, Ruggs, North Lexington and Paterson Ferry. The co-op is now the second largest county elevator operator in Oregon, being exceeded only by the Pendleton Grain Growers.

The MCGG has operated the Archer-Daniels facility for the past two years and has held an option to buy the plant. The transfer of ownership was effective August 26.

Heppner Modernization Due
At the same time the announcement of the purchase was made, MCGG manager Al Lamb revealed the co-op is now making plans to modernize the Heppner elevator before next year's harvest. The elevator will be speeded up with the installation of larger augers and the height of the elevator legs will be increased to facilitate easier handling of the grain. The modernization program is expected to cost around \$30,000.

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Red Hat Day Program Planned in County

Morrow county sportsmen will be asked in coming weeks to sign the Red Hat Pledge, which promises care with fire and firearms, observance of the laws, and respect for the rights and property of others.

September 20 is kickoff day for a season-long educational campaign among Oregon hunters. Sponsored for a third successive year by many state-wide organizations concerned with landowner-sportsman relations the program is a continuation of one which has brought Oregon national recognition in this field.

Newt O'Hara Red Hat Day chairman announced that free pledge cards and buttons will soon be available in all parts of the county.

The pledge cards were donated by Keep Oregon Green, Inc. Signers are asked to keep the stub for their billfold and to leave the card with the distributor or mail to committee headquarters, P. O. box 4136, Portland 8.

Teachers' Reception Planned Sept. 16

The reception for all Heppner teachers will be held Monday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Elks lodge, it was announced today by Mrs. Leon Ball and Mrs. Ray Massey, co-chairmen for the annual event.

The reception is sponsored annually by the P-TA and the public is invited to attend.

CAR BID ACCEPTED

The county court Wednesday accepted the bid of Fullerton Chevrolet Company of \$1602.52 for supplying a 1957 Chevrolet 4-door sedan for use by the sheriff. The bid was the lowest of two received.

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North Morrow Fair Opens Today

The North Morrow county fair will open today at Boardman with final events to conclude the three-day show on Saturday it was announced this week by fair officers.

Grounds and buildings have been put in shape for an even larger display of produce and animals are being anticipated.

The grand parade is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock Saturday morning in downtown Boardman.

City Business Quickly Handled

In one of the shortest meetings in many months the Heppner city council Tuesday night, read one new ordinance, reinstated a livestock permit, granted one building permit and approved the month's bills. The meeting lasted just over one hour.

The group reinstated a permit to Roy Stamp to keep horses in town with the understanding that efforts would be made to keep the barns clean and the animals fenced in.

An ordinance granting the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. a franchise to operate in Heppner was read twice and passed to the next meeting for final action. The ordinance calls for a franchise tax of two percent of the gross annual revenue.

One building permit for \$2000 alterations was granted to J. W. Norene to add an office to his residence.

Aurora Borealis Puts On Beautiful Show Wednesday Night

One of the most beautiful and colorful displays of northern lights to be seen here in many years was watched by many Heppner residents for 15 to 20 minutes Wednesday night.

The show started shortly after 7:30 and the northwestern sky for several minutes. Pillars of bright white light moved across the sky for some time.

It was at least the second display this year, and was by far the most beautiful. It is thought to be unusual so early in the evening and at this time of the year.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low
Thursday	75	46
Friday	77	51
Saturday	77	49
Sunday	77	47
Monday	85	50
Tuesday	84	53
Wednesday	81	47

Rainfall for week, none; for August, 14; for the year, 10.27 inches.



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER in Saturday's fair and rodeo parade, was this entry by Dick's Greenhouse of Heppner. Float theme was "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow." Youngsters on the float were Tricia Keithley Beverly Holm, Veella Robbins, Janna Lee and Jill Scott. Pamela Neff, Marie Van Marter, Dee Ann Pettyjohn, Diane Dick was Mary. (GT Photo)

Work to Start on Bank Building

Directors of the Bank of Eastern Oregon late last week awarded a contract to Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles for the construction of the bank's new Heppner branch building. Work is scheduled to get under way today.

Officials said the contract calls for completion of the new plant within 120 days, but it is hoped that it can be occupied prior to that time. The building is to be located on the former McClintock property on Main street and the bank is now operating from temporary quarters in the Empire Machinery building next door.

The building will be 36 by 70 feet in size and will be strictly modern in design with heavy use of glass and brick. It will set back about five feet from the sidewalk and the remainder of the lot will be used for customer parking.

Nine bids were received on the project. The cost was not disclosed.

Mrs. W. E. Irwin of Spokane visited here over the weekend with her sister Mrs. Oma Cox, her father and other relatives.

Rodeo and fair guests at the Homer Hager home were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harvey and daughters Silva and Fay of Pendleton. Mrs. Harvey is state president of the Oregon 4-H leaders association.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish and Mrs. Dorothy McKenzie visited in the Tri-Cities over Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes, daughters Christine and Billy Pat and their guests of Condon, stayed at the home of Mrs. Hayes' mother, Mrs. Frank Nickerson, during the Rodeo.

County Welfare Head to Leave for Malheur Position

Ray Myrick Morrow county welfare administrator will leave Sept. 9 for Ontario where he will take over a similar position for the Malheur county welfare commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrick came here in May 1955 from Pendleton where he had been employed by the Umatilla county welfare department.

His successor has not been named.

Local Mineral Club Welcomes Members

Many residents of the county viewed the rock display of the Morrow county Gem and Mineral Society in the Peterson's Jewelry window in recent days.

The organization putting in the display is composed of Morrow residents who are interested in organizing and helping each other learn more about rocks and their formation. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month and plans at least one field trip a year.

Persons interested in joining the club may get more information from John Newman, Ora Evans or Hubert Wilson.

HOME EXTENSION TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Heppner Home Extension Unit Tuesday September 10 at the home of Mrs. Al Fetsch at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gonty and daughter Ramona of Renton, Wash. were visiting over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty.

Mrs. L. H. Guild and son Bob of Snohomish, Wash. were here over the weekend visiting at the J. O. Hager home. She is a niece of Mrs. Hager.

Gib Gregg, Don Evans Win Saddles

Gib Gregg, a Fossil cowboy who stayed on top of a mustang named Wigwam, won the Northwest amateur saddle bronc riding contest Sunday afternoon and along with the title a Hamley & Co. saddle. Another saddle winner was Don Evans of Heppner who received his award for placing first in the Morrow county amateur calf roping.

Last weekend's three rodeo performances attracted bigger crowds than have been seen here in many years.

Gregg was judged the best rider of the four finalists in the Northwest bucking championship, beating out Jim Groves of Brooks, Alberta, Canada; Mac Griffith, Heppner; and Lester Herman, Tonasket, Wash. He accepted his saddle from Ralph H. Schwalbe, secretary-treasurer of Hamley & Co., famous Pendleton saddlemakers.

Don Evans set the best time for two calves in the other top contest with a record of 97.4 seconds and he had the fastest one calf time of 26.7 seconds. He barely beat out Cornett Green with a time of 98.8 seconds Bruce Lindsay, Heppner, was third with a time of 132.1 seconds. Evans' saddle was made by Tarrell's Saddlery of Heppner and presented by the Heppner Pine Mills.

Bulldogging Winners

Final bull dogging winners in two go-arounds were Frank Johnson Condon, first, 45.6 seconds; Ed Holly, Yakima, Wash. 48.3

sec.; Allen McKay, Wilbur, Wash., 49.1 sec.; and Bob Gammell, Heppner, 51.5 sec. Fastest time on a single bull was made Saturday by John Rattray, Condon, 7.4 sec.

In the calf roping finals Fred Holly, Yakima, was first with a total of 40 seconds and made the fastest single calf roping time Sunday with 16.1 sec. Les Patterson, Yakima, came in second with 49 seconds and Duane Fulp, Portland, was third, with 57.5 sec.

Sealy Top Bareback Rider
Buzz Sealy, Arlington, was first in the bareback riding finals. Gib Gregg and Bob Featherly, Omak, Wash., tied for second and third and Mike Isley, Winnemucca, Nev., was fourth.

Christine Swaggart, queen of the rodeo, rode to first place in the Morrow county derby and Floyd Hutchins placed second. Marion Finch was third. A purse of \$275 was given by the Heppner Elks lodge for derby winners. In the riding club flag race the Heppner Wranglers won the trophy awarded by Farley Motor Co. The Umatilla Sage Riders came in second and the Ukiah Evergreen Riding club was third. Winners of the \$100 purse awarded in the Morrow county chariot race by the Odd Fellows lodge were Floyd Hutchins, first; Wayne Papineau, Lexington, second, and Green and Dolven, Heppner, third.

Wild cow milking champions with one cow each were Don Anderson, Blalock, first, 32.6 seconds; Jack Adams, Portland, second, 42.3 sec.; and Roger Neilson, Walla Walla, Wash., third, 44.6 sec.; Other money was paid to Monte Flack, Hermiston, fourth; Don Evans, Heppner, fifth, and Neil Beamer, Heppner, sixth. The Wranglers cow riding trophy given by Herman Green was won by Wayne Martin, Heppner. Junior calf roping winners were Jim Steagall, Lexington, first; Larry Fetsch, Heppner, second; and Ray Lovelle, Boardman, third.

Sunday Race Winners
Sunday race winners included pony race for children nine years and under: Terry Greenup, first, Sue Ann Greenup, second. Horses 44 to 48 inches: Delores Emert, first; David George, second; Judy Harvey, third. Cowgirl race, Geraldine Swaggart, first; Sandra Eubanks, second; Judy Johnson, third. Cowboy race: Jim Steagall, first; Fred Wyatt, second; George Steagall, third. Ponies under 14 inches: Sandra Eubanks, first; Bernard Doherty, second; Bobby Fetsch, third.

More than 100 cowboys were entered for the various events. Vern Evans and Frank Johnson were judges; Floyd Jones arena director; Ann Culver and Nadine O'Brien, timers; Gerald Swaggart, cattle chutes, Harold Erwin, field judge; Windy West, announcer; and Marion Green secretary. Members of the rodeo committee are Jones, Green, John Eubanks, Bruce Lindsay, William Smet-hurst and Al Fetsch.