

Tuesday's Rain First In 6 Weeks

Yep it was rain!

And, it was welcomed by practically everybody in the county with the exception of the contractor who was oiling the Willow creek road above Heppner.

The first sprinkle in exactly six weeks fell on Heppner and much of the county Tuesday evening starting with a gentle fall about 10:30 p.m. and continuing with varied intensities during most of the night. Heppner received .28 inch of welcome moisture and other sections got even more. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry weather observer, reported .40 inch, and there were reports of up to .55 inch at locations near Ruggs and on Rhea creek. Madison Butte, high in the mountains recorded .35 inch during the night with more falling during Wednesday.

Farmers in particular were glad to see the fall which was entirely unannounced by all weather forecasters who had predicted a continuation of the clear skies that had prevailed during the past many days. Many were waiting for a little moisture to start fall seeding, and some who had already started such work were elated at their good guessing.

Hunters were also pleased by the storm for much fear had been felt locally that unless some rain fell, it was doubtful that the regular deer season would open Sept. 28 as scheduled.

In many sections of Eastern Oregon the rain was preceded by high winds that caused considerable damage, but in the southern part of Morrow county the storm came almost without fanfare though some light winds were recorded during the night.

The Tuesday night rain was the first to fall in Heppner since August 6 when .14 inch was recorded. An even smaller amount fell here during July.

September is normally a dry month in this area and Tuesday's .28 of an inch far exceeded the entire month in 1956 when only a trace was recorded here. The 46 year average is well under one inch.

The only complaint heard anywhere on the drizzle was from the contractor who has been oiling the Willow creek road. It caught him with two tankers of oil that had to be returned because the rain soaked the roadbed too much to allow application of the oil. Part of the 12 miles has received some oiling, but the finish will probably have to wait until spring.

Union Station to Open Next Week

Howell's Union Station, Heppner's newest service station located on Linden Way and built and owned by Piri Howell, will open next Thursday, September 26, it was revealed today.

In addition to usual automotive services, the station will handle a big line of Firestone tires and car equipment.

Kemp Dick will operate the new station.

Ted Thomson who is with the Flying Tigers out of San Francisco, was here visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson over the weekend.



FRANK WILKINSON, well known Morrow county rancher, who died suddenly Friday from heart attack. Photo was taken recently when his ranching operations were chosen for the county Grassman of the Year award.

Frank Wilkinson Dies Friday From Heart Attack

Frank Wilkinson, 72, well known Morrow county rancher, died suddenly last Friday morning at his home on upper Willow creek from a heart attack. He had suffered an attack several weeks previously but had been thought recovering when the fatal attack struck him.

Mr. Wilkinson was born May 2, 1885 in Lincoln, England and came to this country in 1905 to settle in the Fossil area. He was married to Wavel Ball December 14, 1919 at Corvallis and came to Heppner in 1920 to start the Wilkinson ranching operations on Willow creek.

The Wilkinson ranch was well known as one of the largest sheep and cattle ranches in the county and only three months ago, he, his son Dick and son-in-law George Rugg were honored by the Morrow county Farm Bureau with the county Grassman of the Year award for excellent range and farm management. He was a member of All Saint's Episcopal church, Heppner lodge number 69, AF&AM, Heppner chapter number 26, Royal Arch Masons, Ruth chapter number 32, OES, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and the Heppner Elks lodge. He was also active in the Oregon and National Wool Growers association and the Oregon Cattleman's association.

Services were held Monday afternoon, September 16 at All Saint's Episcopal church with the Rev. George R. S. Little officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Wavel, one son Dick, Heppner, two daughters, Shirley Rugg of Heppner and Frances Oslund, Newcastle, Wyoming; two sisters, Kay Porter-Smith of Lincoln, England, and Lynn Mortimer-Rose, Troon, Scotland; two brothers, George Wilkinson, Canada, and Thomas W. Wilkinson who still lives in England. He also leaves seven grandchildren.

Condon Publisher Taken by Death

Stewart Hardie, publisher of the Condon Globe-Times, the Fossil Journal and the Arlington Bulletin, and a former state senator, died early Sunday morning at Providence hospital in Portland following an illness of nearly three months. He was 55 years of age.

Mr. Hardie was born near Condon December 21, 1901 and had lived his entire life in that area. He had published the Condon Globe-Times for many years purchased the Fossil Journal about nine years ago and about a year ago established the Arlington Bulletin. He had served as Gilliam county clerk and Condon city recorder.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Condon Congregational church. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, three brothers and four sisters.

Christian Church Slates Rally Day

Sunday will be rally day for the Christian church Bible school. A goal of 135 has been set, it was announced. A program featuring the beginner and primary departments will be given during the Bible school hour. All members and friends of the church are urged to be present for the program.

The church is also observing homecoming Sunday this Sunday, Sept. 22. A potluck dinner will be served in the dining room at noon.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thurs.	83	51	—
Friday	81	48	—
Saturday	80	47	—
Sunday	84	47	—
Monday	86	45	—
Tuesday	77	48	—
Wednesday	75	46	.28

Rainfall for week, .28, for September, .28; for the 1957 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Norene, Portland are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Norene this week.



UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE delegates from Heppner, Miss Joan Brosnan, will be honored at a special public meeting of the Heppner Odd Fellows lodge Saturday night at 8 p.m. when she will give a report of her summer's trip to New York. A special attraction will be an evening of entertainment provided by a troupe of performers from Hermiston, Gordon Grady and his amateur stars of Tomorrow. The public is invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

Immunization Clinic Again Scheduled

The regular monthly immunization clinic will be held at the Morrow county health department office Friday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m. Diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus combination, smallpox and typhoid vaccine will be offered all age groups without charge. Expectant mothers and youngsters up to 20 years of age may also receive Salk polio vaccine without charge.

Patients are reminded by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer, that the series of polio shots includes three doses of vaccine—the first two shots are given two to six weeks apart and the third seven months after the second. Until more conclusive evidence is available it is recommended that a booster shot be given each year.

One Small Woods Fire Controlled; New Lookout Contracted

The forest service reported Wednesday that it had controlled one small man-caused fire in recent days in the Red Hill area of the Blue Mountains southeast of Heppner. It was thought the blaze was caused by smoker's carelessness, and it was put out before it covered an acre of ground.

The forest service also reported that road location crews are completing field work on a road down Wall creek which will serve an area of land to be part of the forest's timber sale program during the next five years.

It was also reported that Kinzua Corporation has recently started logging about 10 million feet of timber in the Bacon creek and Still creek area which are included in the Wallowa timber exchange.

A contract was let during the past few days for the construction of a new lookout on Madison Butte. A Portland construction firm is building an all-steel lookout on a 30 foot tower at the site. It is one of the first of its type to be built in this area.

Special Meetings Slated at Church

Rev. E. O. Vaale will begin evangelist-artist meetings on Tuesday, September 24 at the Assembly of God church and continue nightly except Monday and Saturday.

A large colored picture will be given away each evening and each night will feature a different musical program and congregational singing.

The public is invited to the services which begin at 7:45 p.m. each evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ticer and family of Eugene, formerly of Heppner, are vacationing here. Heppner is with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Dick and daughter Diane left Monday for a week's visit in Helena, Mont. with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick. Ron Reid will have charge of the greenhouse and Flower Shop in their absence.

Lone Flower Show Adds New Features

Table settings will be an added feature of the annual flower show and silver tea, the "Fall Flower Festival" to be held Sunday, Sept. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lone Legion hall. It is sponsored by the Lone Garden club.

In the new classification, the general public is invited to participate and show officials advise that the exhibitor must provide linen, china, glass and other accessories. Silver is not obligatory and tables will be provided by the committee.

An added attraction during the afternoon will be folk dance numbers provided by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hausler.

All amateur gardeners are invited to enter exhibits at the show and junior gardeners are also welcomed. Such entries must be by youngsters under 12 years of age, except for the flower growing contest. Entries will be received from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 and from 8 to 10:30 on Sunday. The hall will be closed for judging from 11 to 12 noon on Sunday.

Hundreds of classifications have been arranged by those in charge of this annual affair, with 34 and many sub-classifications set in the horticulture section; one under garden bouquets; three and subs under junior gardeners and 17 with many sub-classifications under arrangements.

Space prevents a complete listing of classifications here but complete information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Phil Emert, lone 8-7273 or Mrs. F. T. Marfin, lone 8-7142.

* Each year the show attracts hundreds of entries and visitors from all sections of the county.

McQuarrie New Golf President

C. E. McQuarrie, Heppner grocer, was elected new president of the Willow Creek country club Tuesday evening at a meeting of the group held at the Elks lounge. Other new officers included Lowell Gribble vice president; Mrs. Larry Downen secretary-treasurer. The three are also directors as is the immediate past president John Williams. Ted Palmateer, lone, was named a fifth director.

Plans were made for another men's tournament to be played this Sunday, and several others are slated in the future. It was also announced that efforts are being made to obtain the services of a golf pro from Pendleton to give instruction here.

It was also reported that ladies day Tuesday, is drawing many women to the course.

C of C Guests of School; To Visit Mill Loggin Monday

Chamber of Commerce members were guests of the Heppner high school Monday for their regular noon meeting with football team members and coaches providing the program. The group ate at the school cafeteria.

All members of the Mustang football team were introduced and coach Jim Mallon also introduced his assistants Larry Downen and Tom Hughes.

The chamber received an invitation for all members and guests to visit Heppner Pine Mills logging operations on Willow Creek next Monday. A bus will leave O'Donnell's Cafe at 10 a.m. to take guests to the woods. Lunch will be served after the tour and the party will return to Heppner by about 1:30 that afternoon.

RECENT GRADS LEAVE FOR COLLEGES

Among the 1957 graduates of Heppner high school who have left or are leaving soon for colleges are Shirley Kononen, Meredith Thomson, Jay Sumner and Janet Wright, Oregon State college; Alice Faye Stewart and Mary Jo Stewart, University of Oregon; Bill Brinda, Eastern Oregon College; Laurel Alstott and Marilyn Pettyjohn, Northwestern Business College and Vic Grosfens is leaving for Portland.

Over 400 Attend Dedication of Lutheran Church

Over 400 people attended the morning and afternoon services held last Sunday at the new Hope Lutheran church. Dr. S. C. Siefkes, president of the northwestern district of the American Lutheran church performed the morning dedicatory rites assisted by the regular pastor.

Dedicated to the glory of the Triune God, the morning service included Psalms sung by the ancient Israelite nation as recorded in the old Testament of the Holy Bible and reflected the same faith which had guided them. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, who shall stand in His Holy Place?" is answered in scripture: "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Consecrating a house of worship for the use of the entire community and announcing its availability to anyone at any time Dr. Siefkes reviewed the scriptural injunction: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein."

After the morning dedication services about 200 friends joined in the first dinner served in the church basement which is equipped with a modern kitchen. In addition to the many members and friends of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches, several clergymen were also present and included Rev. E. G. Wuest of Oregon City, Rev. Edward Wagner of Walla Walla, Rev. Clarence Eller of Pendleton, and Rev. Armin Reitz of Hermiston.

The afternoon cornerstone unveiling service included a sermon by the Rev. Armin Reitz who conducted services in the old fair building several years ago. Rev. Reitz commended the spirit of devotion and sacrifice which characterized the erection of the church and on the part of friends and members and especially the building committee. Special music was furnished by the Trinity Lutheran church choir and Rev. Wuest as a special guest recalled the days of his pastorate in Pendleton a quarter of a century ago. He noted how the growing congregation in Pendleton began a small mission in Echo and later established a church in Hermiston. The church now numbers over 300 members and through its influence the present Hope church developed.

Part of the service included the signing of a parchment to be sealed within the cornerstone. In addition to many Morrow county signatures, a great number were from out of this area.

Former Resident Dies Wednesday

Notice of the death of Hugh Currin Githens, 84, in Berkeley, California on September 18 was received in Heppner where he was a resident for several days.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta, and was the father of Lera Crawford, Berkeley, and Bernice Lovett. Also surviving is a sister Etta Groves of Oregon City.

Morrow County 4-Hers Win At State Fair

Morrow county won a state champion at the State Fair when Janet Wright received a blue ribbon and the state champion on construction of a wool suit. She will also receive wool yardage from the Oregon Wool Growers association.

Helen Graham received a blue ribbon on construction of a wool garment and Meredith Thomson a red ribbon.

Janet Wright and Janice Martin entered the style review and both received red ribbons there. Janice was recipient of a red ribbon in the bread baking and a white ribbon in food preservation.

Shirley Van Winkle and Fern Albert both were given white ribbons on their garments.

The Livestock judging team, composed of Janet Palmer, Dennis Doherty and Kenneth Smouse received a red ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guin Stewart of Albany are visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. E. R. Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson left Tuesday morning for Moffet's Mineral Springs North Bonneville, Wash. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Springer of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Justus of Pendleton, former residents here, were in town on Monday.