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Influx of Deer Hunters Delayed By Fire Weather

The expected influx of deer hunters into the Heppner section of the Blue Mountains will be postponed at least one week as a result of Governor Robert D. Holmes' announcement yesterday morning that the opening of the deer season will be delayed until October 5. It was scheduled to open next Saturday.

The delayed opening was not unexpected because of the extremely dry condition of all the state's forests, but already there are many camps set up in the mountains. Some parties, desiring to get preferred camp sites have been in the mountains since last weekend it was reported.

The fire danger in all forests has been claimed as the worst since 1951 and logging and grouse hunting has been banned for several days in all Western Oregon timber areas. Many fires are causing trouble along the coast and in Southern Oregon, but the Heppner office of the forest service reported Wednesday that no fires have been reported in this district for several weeks.

A small amount of rain fell in this area on Sept. 17, but the fall was not general over the state, and high temperatures in recent days have continued to dry out the woods. Slightly cooler temperatures have been forecast for the next few days, but probably no general rain was foreseen.

Governor Holmes indicated yesterday that he would make another announcement next Wednesday if it was felt necessary to further postpone the opening of the hunting season.

Mustangs Win First League Game From Fossil

By Jim Morris

Heppner's Mustangs got off to a good start in league play as they journeyed to Fossil September 20 where they soundly thrashed their hosts by a 21-13 score.

The Mustangs jumped back to a quick start as they kicked to the Falcons and then forced the Falcons back into their own end zone for a safety. After they continued to play a stout defense and a rambling offense and by half time had run up a 15-0 score.

After the half the Mustangs played heads up ball for a stanza then the JV's took over and the Falcons were able to grind out two scores.

Fumbles marked some of the playing and at least twice the ball was lost within its 20 yard line. The team expects to work on this phase before meeting McEwen.

The Mustangs will strive to continue their win streak as they encounter the McEwen Scotties on Heppner's field Friday September 27 at 8 o'clock.

New Lights Due County Offices

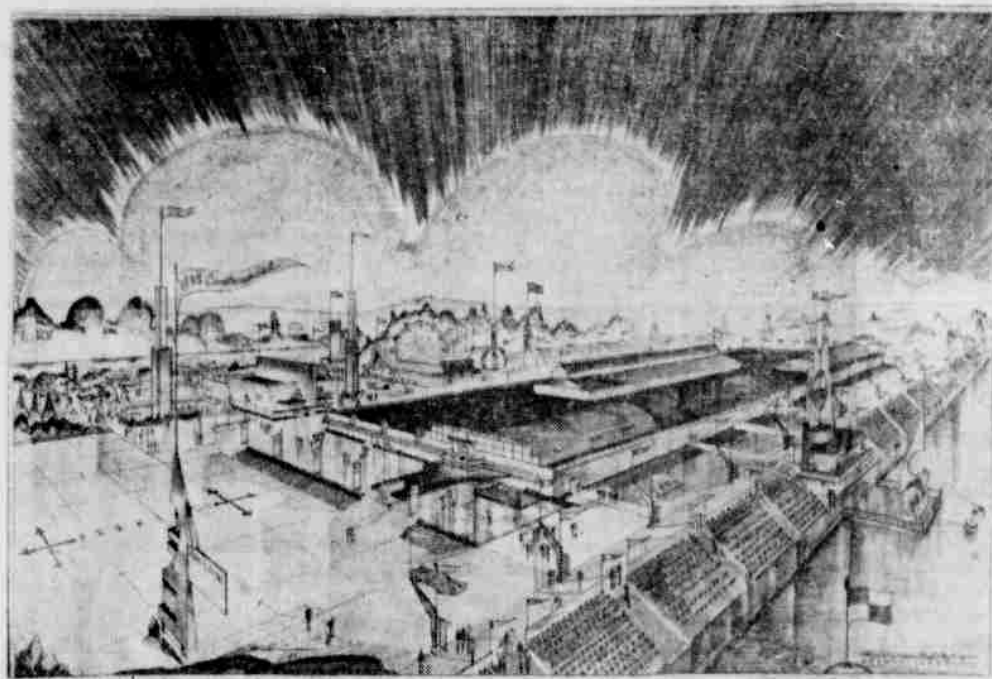
Installation of modern new fluorescent lights in most of the offices on the first floor of the court house was started this week. Cost of the project will run about \$2600, county Judge Garnet Barratt reports.

The new lighting will replace an old hanging globe system that has been in use since the building was built in 1902.

Students Return to Colleges This Fall

Among the students who are returning to college this fall are Dick Kononen, Skip Ruhl, Jim Hayes, Adella Anderson and Terry Thompson, Oregon State college; Neil Beamer, Pacific University; Lyle Jensen, barber college in Portland; Stephen Green, Northwestern School of Commerce; Lowell Lee Turner, Willamette University; Jean Marie Graham, Al Parent, James Wightman and Dale Hill, Eastern Oregon college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collison and family of Ritzville, Wash. were here recently to attend the dedication of Hope Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pratt and family visited with relatives in Newport over the weekend.



ARTIST PERSPECTIVE of the remodeled Pacific International Livestock exposition building and improvement of the adjacent area which is the site for the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair to be held in Portland in 1959. This is an area of 45 acres to which will be added another 20 acres for additional parking. The building covers an area of 11 acres with 400,000 square feet of exhibit space for a coliseum type of arena, seating 8,500. The adjacent aqua center area for boat races and water sports will have a seating capacity of 15,000.

Local Courts Draw Seven Day Blank

Local citizens were really on their good behavior during the past week.

Not even one criminal or traffic case was recorded during the past seven days in either the city court or the Justice of the Peace Court.

FHA Farm Housing Loans Now Available

Eligible farm owners in Morrow county may borrow from the Farmers Home Administration to build or repair farm houses and other farm buildings.

Farm housing loans are repayable over periods up to 33 years at 4 percent interest, and are secured by a first or second mortgage on the farm.

Applicants get building plans and specifications from whatever source they choose and make all arrangements for hiring the necessary labor and purchasing materials. The Farmers Home Administration will review the plans, inspect the construction as it progresses, and see that it meets generally accepted standards of soundness.

In addition to being a farm owner other eligibility requirements provide that the applicant must have enough income from the farm or from the farm and other sources to meet family living and farm operating expenses and to repay his loan and other debts on schedule.

Other loans available to farms who cannot obtain credit over a reasonable period of time consistent with their payment ability are: Operating loans, farm ownership loans and soil and water loans.

Further information on loans may be obtained at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration located at 105 S.E. Byers avenue, Pendleton, on Monday of each week.

Midco Hereford Sale Is Cancelled

The 12th annual Midco Hereford association show and sale scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 has been cancelled. Dropping the 1957 show and sale is due to lack of consignments. As the activity in registered Herefords has improved recently, most breeders have considerable less bulls to offer for sale.

The following consignor have indicated they had cattle that they would enter in the October event and resulting from the cancellation they will be marketing these consignments at their ranches: Frank Anderson Heppner; Bernard Doherty, Lexington; Golden Hills Hereford Ranch, Harold and Cecile Eakin, Grass Valley; Ralph Eakin, Condon; Herbert Ekstrom, Ione; Lloyd Henrichs, Moro; Wallace May, Grass Valley; Ernest Sires, Echo; Smith and Clunliffe, Goldendale, Washington.

Attending the football game at Seattle last weekend between Coach Dallas Ward's University of Colorado Golden Buffalos and the University of Washington Huskies were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Earl Warner, Ralph Jackson and E. C. Dougherty.

Mrs. Cal Sumner and Laura Lee and Mrs. James Lovgen and Frankie accompanied Jay Sumner to Corvallis where he has entered Oregon State college. They drove down Saturday and returned Monday.

County Receives Liquor Revenue

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports that distribution of revenue from liquor sales, license fees and taxes on beer, and wine during the fiscal year ended June 30 amounted to \$15,248,032.80. This is the largest annual allocation in the entire history of the OLCC, according to Joseph Nance, administrator.

The general fund of the state received \$13,083,445.20, while \$1,227,885.15 went to incorporated cities. \$925,982.20 went to the various counties and \$10,750.25 to the state census fund. Most of the revenue is from net liquor sales, which amounted to \$13,250,000, of which 95 percent was earmarked for the general fund.

Morrow county and the various incorporated cities within the county received a total of \$6,404.10 from the distribution of liquor revenue during this last fiscal year. Cities and counties share in 60 percent of license fees and counties receive 75 percent of net privilege tax revenues. In addition, 20c of each \$1.30 tax per barrel of beer and 10 percent of the revenue obtained from taxes on manufacturers and importers is distributed to cities and counties in proportion to population.

Girl Scout Council Planned for Area

At a meeting at The Dalles, last week preliminary plans were begun for developing a Girl Scout council to serve this part of Oregon and Washington. Miss Laura Mae Hammer, member of the national field staff from Seattle, met with a group of people of The Dalles, White Salmon, Bingen, Wasco and Hood River. When organized, the council will include the counties of Morrow, Wheeler, Jefferson, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Hood River in Oregon, and Klickitat county in Washington.

The purpose of this plan is to make it possible for girls living in these counties to become a part of the Scouting movement if they wish and to have a full program including out-door activities and camping under trained leadership. At present there are more than 3 million Girl Scouts in the United States; but many girls who would like to be members, have not been able to join because they live in rural areas which are not at present served by Girl Scout council.

There was particular discussion of the camping needs of girls of this area and reports were made of several possibilities of camping sites which can be considered by the council development committee.

It was decided that a council development committee would be formed as representative as possible of all the counties to be included in the new council jurisdiction and that this committee would have its first meeting in November. It is hoped to be able to charter the new council within a year to a year and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peck of Cottage Grove visited Thursday night at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mike and Mrs. Paul Koenig and Susie spent Tuesday in Walla Walla.

Civic League Fall Rummage Sale Date Set November 1-2

The Heppner Civic League's fall rummage sale has been set for Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2. It was announced following a meeting held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Robert Jones. The sale is a benefit for the League-sponsored kindergarten. Mrs. Marion Huggins has been named a co-chairman with the other head to be named later.

The club received a check for \$5 as third prize for their float entry in the rodeo parade.

Over 1000 Birds Released Recently Throughout County

Good news for bird hunters came this week from the state game commission with the announcement that 600 China pheasant roosters and 440 adult chukars have been released in this section of Morrow county during the past few weeks.

The bird season opens here at 8 a.m. Saturday, October 19.

Heppner JV's Nudge Pilot Rck Eleven

By Steve Flug

Heppner's junior varsity football team came from behind to beat Pilot Rock's JV team 14-13 here on the rodeo field Monday afternoon.

Pilot Rock made the first two touchdowns, one in the first quarter and one in the first part of the second quarter but missed the extra point after the second touchdown.

Heppner then became alert and with the running of backs Driscoll, Brosnan and Penland, carried the ball 60 yards. Driscoll then went across from the one for the TD. Dan Brosnan went over for the extra point.

The ball changed hands a few times in the fourth quarter. Penland recovered a Pilot Rock fumble and a couple of plays later, Brosnan raced around end for 30 yards and a second TD. Driscoll went across for the extra and what proved to be the winning point.

The rest of the fourth quarter the ball again changed hands many times but no one scored and the game ended, Heppner winning 14-13.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ray Boyce, Condon, an 8 lb 4 oz. boy born Sept. 24, named James William. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dean Jones, Condon, a 7 lb. 14 oz. girl born Sept. 25. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rosencrantz, Condon, a 6 lb 9 1/2 oz girl born Sept. 25.

Medical—Edward Johnson, Vinson, dismissed; Frank Pepper, Dale, dismissed; John Doherty, Heppner; John Reeder, Pilot Rock, dismissed; May Cox, Heppner; Dean Meadows, Kinzua; Lois A. Boice, Lonsock; Carl Eaton Condon, dismissed; Ray Johnson, Condon; Delaware Tate, Condon; Minor Surgery—Leona Woolman, Heppner, dismissed; Hattie Spivey, Kinzua, dismissed; Zelma McDaniel, Heppner, dismissed; Gregory Sweek, Heppner, dismissed; Glenna Fitzgibbon, Condon.

Major Surgery—Charles Cunningham, Kinzua.

TRUCK DRIVER BRINGS 'HOT' LOAD TO UNITED STUDS MILL TUESDAY

One log truck driver had the makings of a major catastrophe on his hands Tuesday evening and probably the fact that there was no wind blowing prevented what could have been a serious fire.

It all started a little after 7 p. m. when John Perry of Elgin, who is hauling logs for the United Studs mill on Hamilton creek got a flat tire on his rig. He didn't notice it until it got so hot that it burst into flames and started his load burning. Perry attempted to cut his binders loose and dump the load, but the flames were too hot to allow it. As a last resort

he climbed back in the truck and drove his burning load about a mile on into the mill sounding his horn all the way to summon help. To complicate matters, the fire burned his air hoses and he made the trip without trailer brakes.

On getting to the mill the truck was run to the dump and the entire load picked up and dropped into the pond.

In making his hurried trip down the road Perry's truck left flaming pieces of tire scattered for a mile which started numerous grass fires. These were controlled by a hurriedly assembled crew of mill workers and others called from Heppner.

The fires burned considerable grass before being stopped, but fear was felt that had there been any wind blowing the flames could easily have raced clear to the timber before help could have been summoned.

Request Made For County Priority For Flu Vaccine

At a meeting of local officials Tuesday evening at the office of Dr. A. D. McMurdy, county health officer, it was urged that a request be made to Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state public health officer, for a priority for Asian flu vaccine for Morrow county.

The meeting was attended by officials from the schools, Heppner Pine Mills, Pioneer Memorial hospital, chamber of commerce, and county health officers.

The main purpose in asking for the vaccine priority, is so the area will be in a position to obtain the vaccine in event of a serious epidemic of the disease which some fear may come later this year.

Dr. Erickson recently released a statement through the state civil defense agency which pointed out the possibility of a serious outbreak. He said, "Based on experience in other areas, it is possible during the next few months (probably with the advent of cooler weather—perhaps in October or November for 300,000 to 350,000 (approximately 20% of Oregon's population to become ill with the disease during a period of four to five weeks. Unless adequate vaccination can be instituted in time to prevent such an outbreak, its effects on our economy could be temporarily devastating."

The civil defense agency has prepared a priority list of persons who would be the first eligible for vaccine should it appear that an epidemic might be starting. Heading the list are hospital personnel, firemen, sewage control workers etc.

The state board of health has released considerable information on handling an epidemic and one point of particular interest to the general public is that "The uncomplicated case of influenza runs less risk of acquiring cross infection if cared for at home rather than in a hospital." It is hoped to limit hospital admissions largely to those cases with complications.

Few if any cases of what is diagnosed to be Asian flu have been reported in this immediate area, though several towns in the state have been hit. The disease generally is mild and lasts from three to five days in most cases, it was said.

Pendleton Planning Birthday Party

Pendleton is going to have an old-fashioned birthday party this coming October 24 to 26. This is the city's 77th anniversary. The theme for the event is "Old Fashioned Hospitality".

On Saturday October 26, Main street will be roped off and the only vehicles allowed will be gas buggies. The older the better. Anyone with an ancient auto is invited to bring it to town and show the young moderns how it was done in the good old days. If you have an Apperson Jack-Rabbit, a 1910 Buick, a Big Six Franklin or any of the other autos from "the golden age of motoring" and want to share in the celebration of Pendleton Days, contact the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

SUPERINTENDENT SPEAKS AT SUNDAY SERVICE

Dr. Edward Terry, Portland district superintendent of the Methodist church, spoke at the morning service Sunday at the Heppner Methodist church.

Following the service a potluck dinner and a special Know Your Church program was held.

County Taxes to Climb Considerably For Coming Year

County taxpayers will find larger tax bills when they receive their 1957-58 statements in the near future, it was revealed this week on completion of the summary of taxes by the assessor's office. Total taxes to be raised in the county jumped to \$948,022.39 for the coming year, an increase of about \$59,000 over 1956 figure of \$889,457.46.

Valuation in the county, despite a sizeable loss of utility value, was down only \$7.00 from last year. The figure now is \$14,033,918. The greatest increase came on improvements made within corporate limits of the county's towns which jumped nearly \$140,000 during the year. Much of that gain was in Boardman where valuation climbed from \$58,992 last year to \$158,351 for the coming year.

Moneywise, the rural school district again accounts for the greatest cost. Total tax to be collected for the operation of the county schools will be \$455,580 for the coming year. This will be up about \$26,000 from last year's \$429,011.67. Millage for the schools is up 2.1 to 35.4 mills.

The city of Heppner will pay the highest millage of any town in the county, 94.4 mills, which is an increase of 11.2 mills from last year. Taxes in the city will be \$33,970.28 compared with \$27,253.95 last year. Heppner's valuation dropped slightly to \$1,272,295 from \$1,273,549. The loss was probably due to the reduction of utility valuations.

Heppner's millage breakdown shows the following: state and county 18.5 mills, city 26.7, rural schools 35.4, school district No. 1 11.8, and Heppner cemetery district 2.0 mills for a total of 94.4.

City millages in other incorporated towns in the county are Ione 16, up 0.1; Lexington 7.9 down 4.8 mills; Boardman 18.8 down 12.8 mills. Irrigon, which was incorporated during the past year has a city millage of 3.3 mills.

The complete statement of taxes will be sent to all county taxpayers with their 1957-58 tax statements which will be mailed out later this year.

Lost X-Ray Plates Being Traced by County Association

The Morrow County TB and Health association regrets to announce that reports of chest X-rays taken at Pioneer Memorial hospital on free days July 3, August 14 and September 7 have not been received to date and are presumed lost. Every effort is being made to trace them.

Any Morrow county resident who had a chest x-ray on one of those days is asked to have another taken at his convenience between the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call the hospital for an appointment. There will be no charge.

The association also wishes to remind Morrow county residents that the next free day for obtaining chest x-rays is October 2, between the hours of 7 and 8:30 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Hugh C. Githens

Hugh Currin Githens, a former resident of Heppner, died Sept. 18 in a Mt. Eden rest home near Berkeley, Calif. He was born May 23, 1873 at Eagle Creek, Ore. and went to Berkeley in 1920. He was a carpenter at the University of California for 20 years. He was a 55 year member of the Heppner Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife Henrietta Holcomb Githens; two daughters, Mrs. Spencer Crawford and Mrs. Hobart M. Lovett, both of Berkeley; three grandsons, John S. Crawford, Portland; Calvin W. Crawford, Eugene and Hugh V. Crawford, Los Angeles. He also leaves 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Berkeley Hills chapel.

MEETING SLATED

The Methodist adult fellowship will hold its first potluck and party the evening of Friday, Oct. 4. All interested couples are invited and it was announced that the activities will break up early enough for hunters to get a night's rest.

GOC Awards Meeting Planned Monday

The Ground Observer Corps will hold an awards meeting Monday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ray Smith.

Sgt. R. D. Coleman will present the awards and introduce Sgt. James R. Kissire, new to this district. Sgt. Coleman has been transferred to the La Grande district.

All members are urged to attend.

Seattle Men to Speak at Special Lutheran Meeting

Members and friends of Valby and Hope Lutheran churches are urged to attend a potluck dinner and special meeting to be held Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6 p. m. in the basement of Hope Lutheran church. The informal evening will feature several laymen and the pastor of the Prince of Peace Lutheran church of Seattle.

The young church was established in Seattle less than two years ago and now has a membership of nearly 300. Erecting an attractive first building, which was outgrown before completion, the congregation set an unusual record. Two of the laymen who will tell about their experiences in the field of evangelism and stewardship are top executives and have arranged business flight schedules to be present here, Rev. Merlin Zier, Hope Lutheran pastor said. The Seattle pastor, Rev. Norman Orth, gave up a promising career as a lawyer to enter the Lutheran ministry. It will be his first visit to Morrow county.

All members are especially asked to attend the meeting.

'Don't Shoot at Insulators', Plea of Phone Company

"Think and Look before you shoot" was the appeal made to hunters in the area this week by telephone manager D. A. Short.

With the hunting season at hand, Short added, the year-around problem of damage to telephone cables, wires, insulators, and crossarms by firearms is intensified.

Hitting a cable can interrupt vital government, civil defense and emergency services as well as normal long distance and other telephone services.

Oregon law classifies willful injury, destruction or obstruction of telephone or telegraph lines as either a misdemeanor or a felony. Conviction is punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both in some cases.

In urging hunters to use extreme caution, Short especially warned against the use of insulators as targets for sighting-in rifles.

TEA DATE CHANGED

The date for the Christain church tea is Saturday, Oct. 5 rather than Oct. 1 as was previously announced.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low
Thursday	57	31
Friday	69	44
Saturday	74	42
Sunday	77	43
Monday	80	45
Tuesday	85	47
Wednesday	88	49

Rainfall for the week, none; for September, 28; for the year 10.55 inches. First frost Thursday, Sept. 19.