

2.05 Inches Of Rain Here Tuesday Sets New Record For One-Day Fall

When Eastern Oregon's long dry spell ended last Friday, it ended with a real splash. It fact the splash was so big that Tuesday's downpour set another all-time rainfall record at the Heppner weather station, the second this year.

The break came late Thursday when rain began to fall on an extremely dry Oregon. By Friday night nearly one inch was recorded here and enough fell throughout the state that Governor Robert D. Holmes rescinded his previous hunting season postponement, and opened the hunt Saturday morning.

The real drenching came Tuesday, however, in Heppner and in all sections of Morrow county. Here the downpour started at about noon and continued uninterrupted for almost 12 hours, dumping 2.05 inches of rain which as far as can be determined by Heppner weather observer Len Gilliam, set an all-time record for rainfall in any one day. Even during the comparatively short periods of unusually heavy rains which often accompany thunderstorms, it is very uncommon to get more than one-half an inch.

Tuesday's record-breaking rain

was the second weather record to fall here this year. In March, Heppner received 4.08 inches making that month the first in the 46 year history of the local weather station that four inches of moisture had fallen in any 30 day period. On Tuesday Heppner received over half that amount in only 12 hours.

Other Areas Get More

The early week storm was general all over the county and most of this section of the state. It was reported to the Gazette Times Wednesday that some sections of the county, particularly in the north end and northeast sections, received even more than here. One rancher living between Sand Hollow and Butter creek reported he had recorded 2.95 inches between Friday and Wednesday morning and that it was still raining when he took his last measurement. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry observer, reported 1.55 inches for September and by noon on Tuesday had received 40 inches. Later measurements were not available.

Some Damage Reported

The heavy fall caused considerable washing of summer fallow in many sections of the county.

The worst erosion was reported from the area north of Lexington and Ione where the light sandy soil could not absorb the rain as fast as it fell. The county road department reported Wednesday morning that there had been several reports of minor washouts on county roads with some of the worst being on the bombing range road to Boardman. There was also a small slide reported

on the Willow creek road a short distance above Heppner.

A thunderstorm which came in over the Heppner area Monday evening caused a minor cloud-burst between Ruggs and Hardman which covered the highway with rocks and mud, requiring the service of state highway crews to clean off the debris.

It was also reported Wednesday that several deer hunters were stranded by muddy roads in the mountains, but as far as is known, none were in any particular trouble.

Farmers All Smiles

The rain was particularly welcomed by farmers—especially those few who were through seeding fall wheat. Some fields were already beginning to show green and most claimed it was a "million dollar, plus, rain." The moisture, coming when it was badly needed brightened prospects that the county may have another bumper crop of grain next year.

By comparison, during September 1956, only a trace of rain fell in the county and October's total fall last year was less than was received on the first day of October, 1957.

Early Start Seen For Work on Spray Highway

Bids will probably be called within a few weeks for the construction of the first section of the relocated Heppner Spray highway between Rock creek and the Wheeler county line, it was revealed this week by a letter from the federal bureau of public roads.

County judge Garnet Baruff this week received a letter from the bureau stating that work has been held up recently until condemnation proceedings could be completed by the state highway department for some of the necessary right-of-way for the new road. This work will probably be completed within three or four weeks, and the bureau spokesman said that bids would then be called for the first section of the road.

\$250,000 has been appropriated for the relocation of the 12 mile section of the highway in Morrow county, but it is possible that even more money may be made available by the time the contract is let. Engineering has already been done.

Plans call for the eventual paving of the entire section from Rock creek to the John Day highway, but most of the highway in this county will be relocated to provide a better grade.

Student Council Wins High Award

"Juvenile delinquency" scored a whopping victory over "juvenile delinquency" in Heppner this week as the second national Denim Council Juvenile Delinquency Award was presented to the student council organization in Heppner high school. The honor was awarded to 20 top schools chosen from among all those competing from all over the nation to receive the award, given for outstanding community service work. The Heppner high school won on the basis of its work in initiating and conducting a highly successful clothing drive in cooperation with world clothing week.

A \$25 U. S. savings bond and an impressive "Juvenile Delinquency" certificate inscribed with the school's name comprise the award. These were presented to the school by the Denim Council, N. Y., representing the entire U. S. blue-jean industry, and the National Association of Student Councils, representing over 7300 high school student councils in every state in the country.

The competition, with its award, is a public-spirited move in itself, originated to help inspire the nation's young people to constructive and rewarding use of their leisure-time hours, to help point the way to a better way of life, and to aid in the great fight against juvenile delinquency and for juvenile delinquency being waged by schools, youth and parent organizations and community leaders everywhere. Formal announcement of next year's contest will be made in the near future.

Catholic Conference Cancelled Due to Flu

Due to the flu epidemic in the diocese, Bishop Francis P. Leipzig, D.D., Bishop of Baker, has called off the 17th annual Deanery Conference of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the Diocese of Baker which was to have been held here Wednesday, October 9.

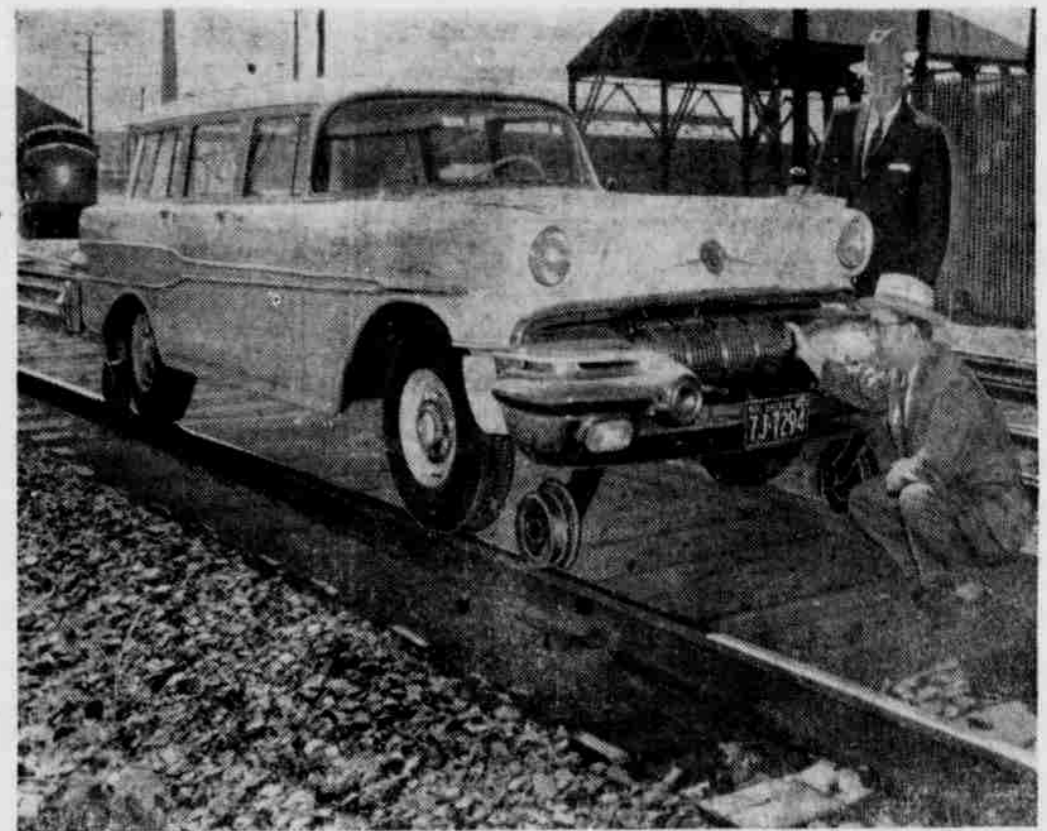
Word of the cancellation was received here Thursday morning by Rev. Patrick J. Gaire of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Arthur Raymond Reid, Ex-Heppner Resident, Passes at Eugene

Arthur Raymond Reid, 76, died Sept. 23, at Eugene where he had made his home for 17 years. He was a former resident of Heppner, where he had a lumber yard and operated a lumber mill in the mountains for several years. He was born Sept. 28, 1881 in Bradley, S. Dakota.

Mr. Reid is survived by his wife Martha; one son Raymond, of Springfield; a sister, Mrs. Clara Gertson, Heppner; two brothers, Clarence of Hermiston and Alonzo, of Baker.

Services were held Sept. 26 at Eugene with interment in West Lawn cemetery there.



RAIL-OR-ROAD CAR has been introduced in Northwest by Union Pacific for its officials to use on inspection trips. U. P. calls versatile vehicle Hy-Rail car. Supt. George H. Baker watches Asst. Supt. Jack Bowen lock steering mechanism for rail trip at Portland.

NEW UNION PACIFIC HIGHWAY-RAIL CAR MAKES VISIT TO HEPPNER

The Union Pacific has a new fangled "contraption" that can travel on railroad tracks as well as on the highway.

This vehicle that is drawing a lot of stares in northwest is a stock model 1957 station wagon that has been converted to what the U.P. calls its Hy-Rail car.

The car visited Heppner one day last week on an inspection trip of this branch line and one person driving down the highway

below town nearly ran off the road watching the vehicle coming up the tracks.

The idea behind this dual-purpose car is to save time for U.P. officials making track inspection trips. It will be especially helpful in going from one branch railroad line to another where there are no connecting tracks.

Four of these station wagons with retractable rail wheels have been bought by the company from Fairmont Railway Motors, Chicago. One of them was delivered recently to the Albina Yards in Portland for use in this region.

The HyRail car can be switched from highway to railroad tracks in a few minutes at any road crossing. Four small wheels, two in front and two in back, are lowered hydraulically on the rails. The tires, which are inflated with 40 pounds of air, also ride on the rails.

Since the rail wheels guide the car on the tracks, the steering mechanism is locked as a safety measure. The driver uses his gas pedal, brakes and standard gear shift and clutch pedal to operate the car. Speed is governed by track restrictions.

To assure passengers of a safe as well as comfortable ride, Fairmont has added more weight, a torsion bar suspension on the rail wheels and heavy duty springs on the road wheels.

Mack Gentry Funeral Services To Be Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Creswick Mortuary for Mack Gentry, 79, who passed away Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient for six years. Rev. George R. S. Little will officiate at the service and interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Son of Frank and Nancy Gentry, he was born August 5, 1878 in Winterset, Iowa.

He is survived by four sons: Frank, Portland; Harold, Bend; Roy, Omak, Washington; and Eldon. There are seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rock Creek State Park Seen Possible

An answer was received this week to the recent request of the Rhea Creek grange, the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations, that a state park be built at the confluence of Rock and Chapin creeks above Hardman. The state highway department stated that the request would be given consideration.

A letter was received this week by the chamber of commerce, which stated that the request for a new state park was given very careful consideration by the state highway commission at its September 12-13 meeting and that the superintendent of state parks has been asked to make a study of the proposal.

The letter said . . . "In line with your thinking and the desire of the commission to provide park facilities wherever needed for the benefit of the people as a whole, it was their (the commission's) request that

Proposal Heard For Small Lake Development Here

The chamber of commerce was told Monday that the state game commission is looking for sites where small recreational ponds may be developed and a proposal was presented to the group that a location at the junction of Herren and Willow creeks could be easily developed.

Kenneth Keeling presented a scale drawing of a proposed pond which would be about two acres in size and could be developed for fishing and winter ice skating by the construction of a low dam below the confluence of the two streams. Keeling said that if approval can be obtained it is possible that one-third of the cost of the dam would be paid by the game commission and two-thirds by federal money which comes from the excise tax on sporting goods equipment.

Keeling explained that the proposed pond would be of adequate size to support a sizeable number of fish and that during the winter it would make an ideal ice skating surface. It is also easily accessible the year around.

Several other sites in the same area, have been considered, it was reported, but it is felt that the Herren creek location offers the best year-around use.

The chamber voted to add its voice to those interested in seeing the area developed and will write to the game commission asking that a survey be made of possible sites with the hope that some such development can be planned in the near future. Most members felt that there is a big need for such a pond or lake, as there are no lakes of any size in this section of the Blue Mountains.

Weekend guests at the C. E. McQuarrie home were his mother, Mrs. Grace McQuarrie of Missoula, Montana; his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herb McQuarrie and his sister, Mrs. H. T. Booker all of Portland.



GOC OBSERVERS GIVEN AWARDS—These four members of the Heppner GOC post received training certificates or observer wings Tuesday from Sgt. R. D. Coleman, left, and Sgt. J. R. Kissire, right. They are, left to right, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Kenneth Keeling, Mrs. Cecil Hicks, and Mrs. William Heath. (GT Photo)

Local Skywatchers Receive Awards At Tuesday Meeting

Several Ground Observer Corps skywatchers received observer wings and training certificates at a GOC awards meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ray Smith. Making the presentation was Sgt. R. D. Coleman. Also present was Sgt. J. R. Kissire, new sector sergeant for this area.

Receiving training wings for completing 25 hours skywatch, were Mrs. Kenneth Keeling, Mrs. Cecil Hicks, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Alex Green, Mrs. Roice Fullerton, Miss Celia Boulden. For 100 hours skywatch work Mrs. William Heath received the merit badge.

Other observers present at the meeting were Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mrs. Mervin Wagoner, Mrs. Nels Anderson, Mrs. Llewellyn Robbins and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

Sgt. Coleman showed slides of his tour of duty abroad. Following the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Smith.

The post here is now on a stand by basis, but will operate in an emergency.

Chiropractor to Open Offices Here Early Next Week

Dr. Robert W. Pfeiffer, chiropractic physician, will open offices the first of next week at 6 E. Willow street in the Heppner hotel building.

Dr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer and their daughter Carolyn, who is a high school sophomore, came to Heppner from Eugene. He is a graduate of Western States college in Portland where he completed six years work. He practiced last summer in Ketchikan, Alaska, where he operated an office for Dr. R. M. Overton. Dr. Pfeiffer plans a general practice treating all types of human ailments including eye, ear, nose and throat ills.

He has spent four weeks getting his office ready to open to the public.

Farm-City Week Banquet Planned

Suggestions for observing farm-city week, Nov. 22-28, were discussed at a meeting of the board of supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation district Tuesday night at the county agent's office.

Included was the possibility of a farm-city banquet as held last year under the co-sponsorship of the district, Morrow county Farm Bureau and chamber of commerce at which awards would be presented to the county conservation man of the year and the grassman of the year. Named on a committee to organize the week's plans were Alvin Wagenblast, Tom Wilson and N. C. Anderson.

The group suggested that the district send a two-man team to compete for the \$100 prize in a soils judging contest held the day before the state association meeting of soil conservation districts at Tillamook sponsored by the Pacific Supply cooperative and the Oregon association of SCD. Representatives from the district will attend the state meeting Nov. 21-22.

A progress report for September showed three district conservation plans completed on the ranches of John Graves, Arnold Pieper and Son and Frank Anderson; 15 acres of land leveled for irrigation, one irrigation dam surveyed and an irrigation flume designed on the ranches of Don Greenup, Harry Proudfoot, Marcel Jones, Dr. H. S. Huber and the Orville Cutsforth Sand Hollow ranch.

Bill Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, has returned to Pacific University where he is a junior. He is on the PU regular JV football team.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble were his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Milton-Freewater.

Elks Collecting Deer Hides For Vet Rehabilitation

The Heppner Elks lodge this week opened a program of collecting deer hides which will be turned over to state veteran's hospitals to be used for veterans' rehabilitation. Chairman of the program is Glen Ward.

Ward said today that over 50 hides have already been received and that the first load will be shipped out on Oct. 19. He explained that either dry or fresh hides are wanted and that they may be left at Barnes's Chevron station in Ione; Gene's Chevron in Lexington; or at Jack's Chevron station, Farley Motor company or the Elks in Heppner.

College Relations Meeting Slated

The high school-college relations committee of the Oregon State System of Higher Education will visit Heppner high school Friday, October 4, at 1 p.m., principal Joe Stewart has announced. All parents are cordially invited to attend.

The visitation team will consist of a representative from the state institutions of higher education and Oregon Technical Institute. The team is headed by Francis Nickerson, executive secretary of the committee, who is headquartered with the state board of higher education at Eugene.

An assembly has been called to explain general college preparation and requirements. Later sessions are held by the various representatives to discuss specific requirements of their institutions. Parents and interested public are invited to the meeting.

The visitation is offered annually as a regular part of the guidance program carried on in the high schools to help students in the area of college and other post-high school training.

Ensign Donald Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, has been assigned to Hutchinson, Kansas Air Base for advanced training in multiple engine planes.