

# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Damage Minor in Monday Blow; High Temperatures Hold

The immediate Heppner area luckily was missed by most of the big windstorm which struck the state Monday night shortly after midnight with only minor damage being reported. Other sections of the state suffered fairly heavy damage and received considerably more rain than fell here.

The only serious casualty of the blow was a small wooden equipment building located at the base of the Heppner TV antenna tower on top of the hill west of town. It was blown completely off its foundations and badly broken up. It contained no equipment, however, but had the storm occurred a few weeks later it would have held a sizeable amount of costly equipment. The antenna tower itself was not damaged.

The weather during the past week continued to be as unreasonable as it has been for most of the winter. An unusual high of 71 degrees was recorded here Friday with Maximums during the rest of the week being mostly in the 60's. The coldest temperature here was 36 degrees early Wednesday morning.

Another one-third of an inch of rain has fallen since last Thursday bringing the month's total to 2.25 inches and keeping all streams running quite high and muddy. Most farmland in the higher elevations is completely saturated with some fields beginning to show some erosion. The lighter sandy soils are still able to hold about all the moisture that falls.

## Heart Sunday Response Good

On Heart Sunday, Feb. 23 volunteers throughout the county received a very fine response, it was reported this week by the Rev. Merlin Zier, county Heart drive chairman.

The chairman expressed appreciation to the high school students and members of the Lexington American Legion auxiliary and the lone chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority who were in charge of Heart Sunday. Rev. Zier also expressed his appreciation to the many people who mailed in their Heart fund envelopes, showing their concern over the need for further research to combat heart disease.

A complete tabulation of funds received during the drive was not yet available, but will be announced later.

## Local Stockmen Buy and Sell at Recent Bull Sale

PENDLETON.—Heppner cattlemen figured prominently among buyers and sellers at the recent (Feb. 19-20) "Blue Tag Range Bull Sale", here, sponsored by the Oregon Hereford Association.

Kirk and Robinson, Heppner, sold a single bull to Dick Reed, Mikkaio, for \$570. A July, 1956 bull, he was Larry A. Mischief 15th by Larry Dom Again 334th. Among buyers were the following: Heppner cattlemen: Claude J. White, E. H. Miller, Jr., William Smethurst Jr., John Graves, and Don Greenup.

Charles Chandler, Baker was named president of the Oregon Hereford Association during the group's annual business meeting. Norman Jacob, Merrill, is the new vice president; and Dick Richards, Warren, was re-elected secretary. Three year directors named are John Northam, Eugene, and Robert Hopper, Adams; two year directors elected are Bill Duff, Adams and Jack McCaffery, Powell Butte. Carryover directors are John Horton, Klamath Falls; Frank Anderson, Heppner; and Bill Wolfe, Wallowa.

## Hospital Auxiliary to Have First Meeting

The newly formed Hospital Auxiliary will have their first meeting Monday evening, March 3 at 7:30 p. m. at the court house. Guest speaker will be Barbara Lynch of Hermiston, president of the Hermiston hospital auxiliary. Mrs. Gar Swanson of Ione is president of the Morrow county group.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Mattoon were in Portland the first of the week.

## Red and Yellow Ribbons Work of Oil Survey Party

Last week's request by this newspaper for information about the red and yellow ribbons to be found along most roads in the area brought the information that they are markings for a survey being made by the Humbolt Oil Company.

Complete details are not available, but it is understood that the company is making a geological survey of underground strata in the area. Whether any test drilling may be done in the future presumably will depend on the results of the study.

## County Office Filings Still Slow Coming In

With only slightly over a week until the deadline for filing for county offices, county clerk Bruce Lindsay reported Wednesday that there have been only two petitions turned in to his office. There are four offices open.

Lindsay himself has filed for the democratic nomination to succeed himself as clerk, and Harry Dinges, assessor, has filed for his present position. The other offices which will be open are county judge, and one county commissioner.

Judge Oscar E. Peterson has announced that he will file for election to the position to which he was recently appointed by Governor Robert Holmes, but present commissioner Ralph I. Thompson, whose term expires at the end of the year, has announced that he will not be a candidate. Up to the present time, no one has publicly announced that they would seek the post and no filings have been made.

The filing deadline is Friday, March 7. Robert Abrams, present district attorney, who will be up for election this year, has also filed for nomination with his filing being made through the secretary of state's office.

Another position of interest to residents of Morrow county is that of the state representative seat now held by Charles Allen Tom of Rufus. Tom recently made the statement that he would not be candidate for reelection and so far as is known today, no one has expressed any interest in the position nor have their been any filings by either Republicans or Democrats.

## Immunization Clinic Schedule Revealed

The county school immunization clinic schedule for the month of March was announced today by Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse. It will be held at the schools on the following dates:

Heppner, March 4 at 9 a. m.  
Lexington, March 11 at 9 a. m.  
Ione, March 11, at 10 a. m.  
Irrigon, March 13, at 9 a. m.  
Boardman, March 13 at 11 a. m.

## ATTENDS SEMINAR

The Rev. Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church was in Corvallis three days last week to attend seminar on teaching intermediates. The seminar was held at the first Methodist church there and was conducted by the church's board of education.



ON ITS WAY TO ALASKA—This Alaska Elks Cerebral Palsy emergency mobile unit stopped briefly in Heppner last Saturday on its way to Alaska from Flint, Michigan. The unit will be put in service by the Alaska Elks lodges and is being delivered across the country by the Exalted Rulers of over 50 Elks lodges across the country—each delivered the car to the next lodge on the route. Shown here are left, Heppner Exalted Ruler William Labhart, and Pendleton Exalted Ruler William Brown who drove the car to Hermiston as the next stop on its route. The car was on display here during the Heppner Elks lodge's 61st anniversary party last Saturday. (GT Photo)

## Mountain Water Supply Still Above Average

Water content of the Arbutle mountain snow pack averages 11 percent above the 15 year average according to snow measurements taken Wednesday, February 26 on the Arbutle snow course. Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, and Glen Ward, Oregon State Game Commission, reported 31 inches of snow with a water content of 12.4 inches. Measurements taken last year in February showed a snow depth of only 12 inches with 5.8 inches of water. In 1956 at the end of February, snow depth was 51 inches with 15.2 inches of water and in 1955, measurements showed 38 inches of snow with 10.1 inches of water.

A water content of 11.2 inches is the 15 year average for this time of year according to records of federal and state cooperative snow surveys.

February usually shows an increase in the water content of the snow pack, but this year has decreased from 12.8 inches measured the end of January. Unusually warm weather has resulted in considerable water leaving the watershed earlier than usual. Soils are wet and unfrozen beneath the snow.

## Many Here For Elks Birthday Party

Among the 600 persons who attended the 61st birthday celebration of Heppner Elks lodge 358 Saturday were the following officers of the Oregon State Elks association: Jack Judson, first vice president, Ontario, who made his official visitation to the lodge; Bunk Moore, second vice president, Prineville; Fred Stefani, fourth vice president, Oregon City and John Graham, assistant sergeant at arms, Salem.

Other special guests were Val Bulger, past president of OSEA, Portland; Rex Cruise, chairman of the Oregon Elks Hawaiian tour, Portland; A. P. Vengelen, past exalted ruler of Portland lodge; Adrian Carmine, exalted ruler of Condon lodge; William R. Brown, exalted ruler of Pendleton lodge and his officers; Orville Miles, past exalted ruler of Baker lodge; Frank Wells, Hermiston and G. B. Urile, Arlington, past district deputies. All were accompanied by their wives.

The all day celebration featured degree work by officers of the Pendleton lodge when 16 candidates were initiated in the afternoon.

Leadership awards for outstanding high school students from Ione, Lexington and Heppner were presented to winners Phyllis Quackenbush and Eddie Groshens, both of Heppner high school, during lodge. Both are student body officers and active in extracurricular activities. Each was presented a \$25 savings bond.

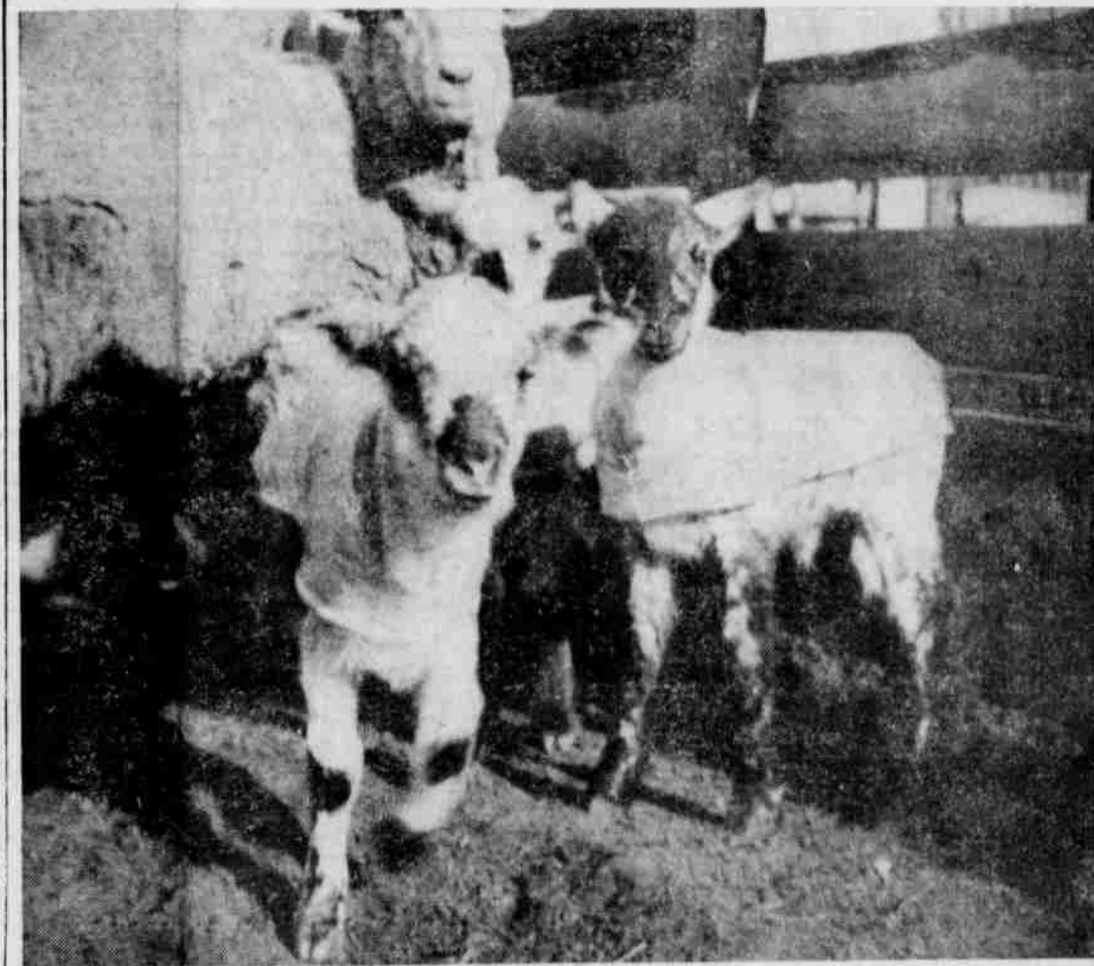
## WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	60	44	..
Friday	62	42	..
Saturday	71	40	..
Sunday	59	40	.05
Monday	65	47	..
Tuesday	60	42	.11
Wednesday	53	36	..

Rainfall for the week .32; for February 2.25; for the year 3.81 inches.

## It's Been So Wet In Eastern Oregon That Even The Lambs Wear Raincoats



WHAT THE WELL DRESSED LAMB WILL WEAR—is demonstrated by these three lambs, who are recent arrivals to the big family of sheep owned by the Wilkinson ranches of Heppner. The small plastic raincoats were tried out this year for the first time at the Wilkinson lambing operation at Six-Mile canyon near Boardman and proved highly efficient according to George Rugg, one of the ranch operators. The raincoats give the new-born extra protection against the weather and Rugg reports losses would undoubtedly be cut greatly during cold or wet lambing seasons. The coats are put on the lambs shortly after birth and are held on by a light elastic band which goes just behind the front legs. After a couple of weeks as the lamb grows and no longer needs the protection, the light plastic will break and the coat will drop off. Only a limited number of the raincoats have been used this year, Rugg said, because the weather has been very mild, though wet. In cold weather they help the lamb retain body warmth. (GT Photo)

## Annual Red Cross Fund Drive to Start March 1

The annual Morrow county Red Cross drive will get under way Saturday, March 1, drive chairman Robert Abrams announced today, with plans completed for a personal contact drive in nearly all sections of the county.

Abrams said that Mrs. Williams Labhart will serve as residential chairman for Heppner with Phil Blakney working as business area head. Chairmen in other towns include Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington; Mrs. Verner Troedson, Ione; and members of the Tillicum club in Boardman.

The need for generous donations to the annual campaign was pointed out by president Eisenhauer in a recent statement. "The past year has been a costly one for the Red Cross. Disaster reserves have been exhausted and funds available for national emergency are dangerously low. In March, therefore, when the Red Cross makes its annual appeal for funds, it must receive an unusually generous response."

Red Cross officials have also pointed out that the past year was one of the most expensive in the history of the organization. The many disasters throughout the country completely drained Red Cross funds for that type of aid.

The Morrow county quota for 1958 is slightly over \$1850 and Abrams expressed the hope that the quota could be exceeded by a sizeable amount.

## PARTY CANCELLED

The Elks teenage party which had been scheduled for Friday night has been cancelled, it was announced Wednesday, because of the Heppner-Irrigon basketball game which will be played that evening at Umatilla.



"GIT ALONG LITTLE LAMB"—Mother ewe didn't particularly relish the idea of a photographer pointing a camera at her offspring and here nudges one of the "coated" lambs out of danger. At the Wilkinson ranch the crew is about half way through lambing 4100 sheep with an unusually high percentage of lambs being born. The first 1300 ewes to lamb produced 140 percent. There have been nearly 20 sets of triplets. (GT Photo)

## Nearly 30 Million Feet of Timber Planned for Sale

The planned timber sales program for the Umatilla National Forest for 1958, as announced by supervisor Charles M. Rector, lists tracts totaling 184 million board feet scheduled for sale.

In the Heppner ranger district a total of 29.7 million feet will be put up for sale in the following areas: Black Mountain, 10 million feet to go on sale in the spring; Wall Creek, 15 million in a spring sale; Associated No. 3, 4 million to be sold this summer, with an additional 700,000 feet to be sold in various small sales.

In the other ranger districts of the forest 12.6 million feet of timber will be sold in the Dale district; 15.1 million in Pomeroy; 25.9 million in Ukiah; and 44 million in the Walla Walla district.

## Mustangs Play Off District Tie With Irrigon Friday

Heppner high school's Mustangs wound up their regular basketball season Tuesday night by defeating Irrigon 51 to 45 on the local floor and thereby earned themselves a chance to again play Irrigon Friday night to see which of the two teams will go into the district playoffs in Pendleton early in March.

By virtue of their win over Irrigon, the Mustangs ended the season in a tie with Irrigon for third place in the western division of district 7-B. The two will meet on a neutral floor (Umatilla) Friday night to settle the argument. The top three teams in each division will enter the district tournament for a chance to go to the state tournament.

## Opposition to Highway Route Seen Easing Up

By MARY LEE MARLOW  
BOARDMAN—Dewey West was installed as the new president of Boardman Chamber of Commerce at the meeting Wednesday of last week at the Saddle Room of the Hitchin' Post cafe. Arthur Allen, the retiring president, was presented with a trophy.

The most important topic of discussion at the meeting was the proposed Ellensburg-Boardman federal highway. It was brought out that the objections that have been raised by the groups and individuals from Umatilla county are gradually easing up, and that it is fairly apparent at this time that the original plan of building the road from Ellensburg to a new bridge across the Columbia river at Boardman will be carried out.

The present plan is for representatives from the city of Boardman, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, the Boardman Planning Commission, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, the Morrow county court, and the engineering firm of Cornell-Howland-Hayes and Merryfield, attend a highway commission meeting in Portland Feb. 28 in support of the Boardman crossing of the Ellensburg highway. This will be a final follow up to an original proposal of this route by a Boardman group and the Morrow county court some months ago.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the new Boardman ferry which E. W. Peck plans to put in operation in the near future. A ferry and barge have been leased and the Morrow county court has agreed to acquire necessary rights of way and construct the road to the ferry landing, which will be about three-quarters of a mile west of Boardman. Negotiations are now being carried out with Benton county officials for the same program on the Washington side of the river. Property owners on both sides of the river are being contacted for right of access and for ferry landing privileges.

Out of town guests at the meeting were members of the Morrow county court, Judge Oscar Peterson of Ione, Commissioners Ralph Thompson of Heppner, and Russell Miller of Boardman. Others were Jack Lloyd, president of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, and Bruce Lindsay, vice president of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of Commerce, both of Heppner. Dinner was served to 27 people.

## Lenten Series Starts At Hope Lutheran

In keeping with the Lenten season held sacred throughout the Christian church, Tuesday evening services will be held at 7:30 at the Hope Lutheran church.

The main part of the service will be devoted to a pictorial review of the last weeks of Christ's life upon earth. Using visual aids recently released by Cathedral Films, in which careful research has provided accurate costuming and background information, the following subjects will be reviewed on consecutive Tuesday evenings. Triumphant entry and cleansing of the temple, the pass-over supper and betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion, the Resurrection and the Upper Room.

The public is invited to the services.

## X-RAY DATE MARCH 5

The next free chest X-ray date at Pioneer Memorial hospital will be Wednesday, March 5 from 7 to 8:30 p. m. The service is provided by the Morrow county TB and Health association.

## Education, Roads, Government Get Study

Last week's town and country planning conference was the culmination of many weeks of intensive study of the county's problems by a great many interested residents and several hundred recommendations were made by the several committees taking part.

This week the Gazette Times presents the second in a series of articles covering those recommendations. Because of their length, the reports will be briefed in these articles, but in the near future, a complete report will be published and will be available to help guide the county's future. This week the report of the public education committee, headed by Gene Cutsforth, is given. It deals

with school reorganization, college entrance exams and qualifications, the county road program, future needs of education, taxes and farmer-city public relations. Following are the main recommendations:

**EDUCATION**  
1. That the people of this area acquaint themselves with every phase of the school reorganization program.

2. Study be given to the need for basic education needs and special education needs with an outlook for a broader curriculum.  
3. That parents accompany students when they register and that registration be held in spring rather than fall.  
4. That state laws pertaining

to truancy be more rigidly enforced.

5. Study be made towards recommending a junior college and a trade school in this area of Oregon.

**ROADS**  
6. The rural school board work out a driver training program for schools in this county which is financed by \$1 extra on driver licenses.

**ROADS**  
1. The continued ten mill special road levy for five years, with possible change in levy at that time. Reasons felt it should be continued are that there would be only \$56,500.00 available for road budget which would be totally inadequate to maintain roads at present standards with-

out any improving. Also would probably lose match money of federal and state government.

2. The county court keep a current map of school bus and mail routes and that special attention be given these roads in keeping them passable at all times.

3. Property owners adjoining county roads take an interest in control of weeds and prevention of fire hazards by farming as close possible to the road and seeding right-of-ways down to grass.

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
1. We believe that unwarranted rumors have a deteriorating effect on the morale of those people dedicating their time, money and (Continued on Page 6)