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Lost Plane Found Near John Day

Bruce Davis, pilot of the plane which has been the object of a wide search in this area since Monday, walked out to a ranch house three miles south of John Day at 6:10 this morning. He had been trying to reach civilization since Monday afternoon.

According to an Associated Press report given this paper at noon today, Davis was not injured but in severe shock. He said his wife had been injured in the crash, but that he didn't know how badly. He huddled her up and set out on foot for help through deep snow that covered the mountainous area where he crashed. The report said the plane was down in the Aldrich Mountain section about 15 miles southeast of John Day.

A helicopter from the Portland Air Base was expected at John Day shortly after noon and ground parties from John Day, Mitchell, the Forest Service and state police were making their way to the scene.

A late radio report said the plane had been sighted and was lying upside down.

The search for a missing private plane carrying two Fresno Calif residents which centered in the area southwest of Heppner for nearly two days, turned to the Mitchell district Wednesday afternoon when word was received here that a sheepherder near the Wheeler county town had heard the plane late Monday evening with its engine sputtering.

The plane, a Cessna 182 with Mr and Mrs Bruce Davis of Fresno on board, was on its way to Spokane where his parents live. According to the report it gassed at Klamath Falls and was planning to land at Pendleton but got lost in the bad weather somewhere in the vicinity of Condon. Davis radioed Pendleton for instructions and radio aid about 3 pm Monday stating that he was in snow and rain and was lost. That was the last report heard from the plane.

Search centered Tuesday in the Tupper guard station and Madison Butte area southeast of Heppner, when it was reported that a plane was heard flying low over that section in the storm.

Members of the Civil Air Patrol and the Alpines, the Hood River Unit of the Mountain Rescue joined the search Tuesday without results and Wednesday afternoon while the group of six men and two mobile rescue and radio trucks were in Heppner enroute to a new location, they received word by radio that a sheepherder near Mitchell had reported hearing or seeing the plane with its engine sputtering about 5 pm Monday.

Apparently the pilot had doubled back to the south, and according to his report to Pendleton he would have had about enough gas to fly until 5 o'clock.

Joining in the search were up to 15 planes from the Condon, Pendleton and Hood River sections, and another 12 or 15 were searching out of Prineville, Redmond and Bend airports. Clouds were extremely heavy over the Blue Mountains both Monday and Tuesday and it was late Tuesday afternoon before the weather cleared here sufficiently to allow general aerial search. Wednesday morning it was again stormy and planes were forced to wait for better weather.

When the radio report came in Wednesday of the Mitchell sighting, the mobile ground crew, which is entirely volunteer and operates two radio-equipped rescue trucks, immediately left Heppner for Mitchell to join searchers there.

Adding to the difficulty in the Tupper area search, was about four inches of wet snow which fell Tuesday night.

The Hood River search and rescue mobile units serve as ground base operations for searchers as they have radio contact with CAP planes and their ground crews.

LEAVE FOR HAWAII

Mrs Alta Cutsforth and Mrs Van Hubbard left Tuesday by plane for a weeks vacation trip to Hawaii.

Lester Doolittle, who is a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital was visited last weekend by his son Paul and daughter Margaret, both of Portland.

Mrs Margaret Miller, former Heppner resident, is working at a fraternity house in Walla Walla and attended college part time.

County School Budget To Climb For 1958-59

Total estimated expenditures for all county schools for the 1958-59 year will be \$705,490.87, an increase of \$22,448.56 over the current year, the Morrow county school district budget reveals. Elections on the county-wide budget will be held in all districts on Monday, May 12 from 2 to 8 o'clock.

Taxes will have to take an even larger jump to raise the necessary school money due to a decrease this year in the amount of total receipts and cash balances which go to offset the money raised from local taxes. This carryover and receipts will amount to \$187,293.26 compared to \$236,778.65 for the current year. This is a drop of \$49,485.39 leaving \$518,197.61 as the amount needed to balance the budget, an increase of \$71,933.95 over the current period.

The tax in excess of the 6 percent limitation, as proposed by the budget, which is published in its entirety elsewhere in today's paper, is \$370,424.11 and the total estimated levy is \$533,743.35. This is an increase of \$74,091.98 over the current budget.

The major increases in expenditures for the coming year are for instruction costs which are up \$13,304.99; maintenance and repairs up \$4,187.36; general control up \$6,555.90; and auxiliary agencies up \$4,308.65.

Capital outlay shows a decrease of \$9,136.50 to only \$7,172.50 for next year. A breakdown of expenditures by districts shows, Heppner \$257,181.77; Lexington \$81,255; Ione \$135,626.10; Boardman \$89,977; Irrigon \$109,861; Hardman \$4,000 and rural \$16,500.

Reasons given by county school superintendent Jack Flug for the tax increase are the drop in receipts and cash carryover; the low tax base due to the fact that some districts lost their base entirely and others could be increased only the legal 6 percent a year; increased cost of maintaining buildings and making repairs; increases in teacher salaries; high cost of supplies and equipment; and amounts allowed for future purchases of new school buses.

The \$22,000 by itself is a tentatively small amount when it comes to road construction, but if the larger appropriation is made in time so that the two can be combined, a sizeable road program can be developed.

Last week the state highway commission approved the awarding of a contract to Babler Bros. Inc of Portland for the oiling and construction of 5.64 miles of the McNab-Olex county road and work is expected to start on this shortly. Money had already been appropriated from similar funds for most of the cost of this project, which was bid at \$63,743.

Important Farm Meetings Slated

Two important meetings that should be noted now by all ranchers, were planned recently by the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and Morrow County Wheat Growers Association.

The first, scheduled for May 5, is a buffet supper and meeting of the membership of the Livestock Association. Robert J Stewart, Oregon State Director of Agriculture will be present to discuss the livestock situation and outlook; contract farming and duties of the State Department of Agriculture. The buffet supper will be held at the Elks Lodge beginning at 6:30 pm followed by this informal discussion.

The other event, is the annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association which will be held at the Lexington grange hall on May 6. Floyd Root, president of the National Wheat Growers Association will be featured speaker on the subject of national farm programs and legislation. Standing committees will make reports. The meeting will start at 8:00 pm.

League Rummage Sale To Be May 9-10

The Heppner Civic League met Monday evening to make final plans for their annual spring rummage sale to be held May 9 and 10 at Farley Motor Co.

Mrs Harry Bongers told the group about life in the Netherlands, of which she is a native. Committees appointed for the rummage sale are co-chairmen of the sale, Mrs Phillip Blakney and Mrs Gordon Pratt; pick-up, Mrs William Labhart, Mrs Jack Healy, Mrs Rod Murray; clerks, Mrs Robert Abrams, Mrs L E Dick; cleaning, Mrs Dave Eckman, Mrs Fred Gimbel; advertising, Mrs Paul Koenig, Mrs Jean Mallory.

Articles that will need cleaning should be in to the committee by May 1.

GOC MEETING MONDAY

The Heppner unit of the Ground Observer Corps will meet Monday, April 28 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs Riley Munkers, M/Sgt Ralph A Bragg will speak to the group.



QUEEN SANDRA EUBANKS, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eubanks of Ione, who last week was chosen queen of the Fossil Junior Rodeo, May 10 and 11. Blonde Sandra, who is in the seventh grade at Ione, is shown with her princesses Judy Culver, Spray; Reta Rattray, Condon; Sady Kay Luther and Peggy Couture, both of Fossil.

Homemakers To Hold Festival Here Tuesday

Arrangements for the annual Morrow County Homemakers Festival have recently been completed and is scheduled to be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner on Tuesday, April 29. Hostess this year is Lexington extension unit who with the help of the county extension committee have drafted an interesting program for the day. Over 200 extension unit members have been given personal invitations to attend and everyone is welcome.

Starting with registration at 9:30 am the morning program will include songs led by Mrs Norman Nelson and Mrs Charles Ruggles; the welcome by Mrs Milton Eiegel, chairman of the county extension committee. The Irrigon and Pine City extension units will feature skits and N C Anderson, county agent will introduce 4-H leaders and discuss 4-H club work in Morrow county. The afternoon program features skits by the Rhea creek and Ione extension units. Those extension unit members having a perfect attendance during the year will be presented. Mrs E M Baker and Mrs Norman Nelson, chairmen of the youth activities and home community living committees of the recent planning conference will feature their reports of these active committees. Exhibits and demonstrations consisting of the projects carried during the past year will be presented by Rhea Creek, Ione, Pine City, Irrigon, Boardman, Lena and Heppner units. The noon luncheon will be a potluck affair.

The Heppner school FHA class will again care for pre-school children of mothers who wish to attend the festival and register their children by April 25.

Two Students On OSC Honor Roll

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Adella Ann Anderson and Janet L Wright of Heppner are listed on the winter term scholastic honor roll at Oregon State college.

To be eligible for honor roll listing, students must make at least a B plus average for the term. Miss Anderson is a senior in the school of education. A 1954 graduate of Heppner high school, she is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Ervin Anderson of Heppner. A 1957 graduate of Heppner high school, Miss Wright is a freshman in the school of science. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter W Wright.

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HEPPNER GIRL SELECTED ON ROUND-UP COURT

A Heppner girl, whose name cannot be revealed until Friday night will be a member of this year's Pendleton Round-Up Royal Court. The announcement will be made at the Queen's dance to be held Friday night at Pendleton armory.

The Round-Up queen and princesses have been selected from the cities of Heppner, Pendleton, Portland, La Grande and Prosser, Washington. All have been outstanding in their local communities both in school and in outside activities. The girls have been selected for their riding ability, for the horses and equipment they own and for their attractive appearance and personality.

Final Registration Figures Show Drop in County Voters

Final registration figures compiled this week by the county clerk's office show a considerable drop in the number of both Republicans and Democrats who are eligible to vote in the May 16 primary election.

Total registration in the county is 2167, 218 less than were on the rolls in October 1956. Republicans still hold a commanding lead in the county with 1216 compared with 939 Democrats. There are 12 who list no party preference. In 1956 there were 1332 Republicans and 1027 Democrats registered.

Forest Service Now Planting Burns

Two three-man crews are now working in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest planting Ponderosa pine seedlings in burn areas of the district.

One three-man crew has been planting in the Burnt Cabin area for about two weeks, and another similar group is headquartered at Tupper Guard station and are planting in the Wall creek section. Last Saturday members of the Heppner FFA chapter aided with the planting. A total of about 60,000 little trees will be set out.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	59	44	.08
Friday	61	31	.08
Saturday	59	33	.03
Sunday	65	48	.10
Monday	56	40	.25
Tuesday	55	36	.25
Wednesday	50	32	T

Rainfall for the week .79; for April 1.53; for the year 6.93 inches.

And Still It Rains... Anglers Unhappy

Rain . . . that stuff that is normally quite welcome in Morrow county, but has finally become a genuine nuisance because of its persistence, has continued to fall during the past week raising streams and hob with fishings prospects for the coming weekend.

Some measurable rain has fallen during every one of the past eight consecutive days, and on 10 of the past 14 days to bring April's total fall as of Wednesday morning to 1.53 inches as recorded at the Heppner weather station.

Even as wet as it has been here, the county still has fared better than did sections of Umatilla county near Pendleton and Pilot Rock where heavy downpours early this week has caused considerable flooding along McKay creek. Locally all streams are high and fairly muddy, especially Willow, Hinton and Butter creeks. Rhea and Rock creeks are also much higher than normal but fairly clear, though they don't give hopeful opening day (next Saturday) fishermen much encouragement.

The heavy rains coming out of

a series of weekend storms which dropped one-half inch on Heppner in two days, brought all area streams up quickly and caused some field erosion, particularly in the higher elevations. There have been no specific reports of damage, but most ranchers are still waiting hopefully for a few dry days and a chance to get started on spring cultivation which so far has been seriously hampered by daily precipitation that has kept them out of the fields.

Rainfall here for the past week has been .79 inch with much heavier fall being reported closer to the mountains. Monday night about four inches of new snow fell in the mountains, but cooler nighttime temperatures had slowed runoff somewhat Wednesday.

Fishermen Glum
The high, muddy streams made prospects dark for opening day fishing enthusiasts. Normally McKay reservoir near Pendleton attracts several hundred fishermen, but the flood conditions in that area have just about ruled out any chance there. Willow creek is too muddy to be much good, and Rhea and Rock creeks are quite high. The only county stream to receive any fish this spring is Rock creek with plantings slated for Willow and Rhea creeks later in the year.

State police report that some nice catches of bass have been made in the sloughs along the Columbia near Boardman and Irrigon, but general angling chances for most of northeastern Oregon are reported poor.

Band Carnival Set For Saturday Night

The annual band carnival presented by the Heppner band parents club, the American Legion and the student council, will open at 5:30 Saturday afternoon at the fair pavilion and an evening of fun is promised for all comers.

A cafeteria will serve food throughout the evening and a wide variety of games and entertainment will be provided. The school bands will play concerts during the evening and a carnival king and queen will be crowned.

The carnival is given as a benefit for the bands.

Friday Meet to Attract 10 Schools

At least 10 area high schools will enter track teams in the Heppner invitation track meet to be held on the rodeo field here Friday night starting at 7:30. The meet is sponsored by Heppner high school.

Over 100 track boys from Arlington, Fossil, Condon, Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Lexington, Weston, Prairie City, Ione and Heppner will take part in the 13 events and the relays. Heppner coach Jim Mallon said Wednesday that there is a chance that two more schools may also accept the invitation.

Mallon said he expects some extremely good competition in the events and five positions will be awarded in each.

Gun Club Slates Annual Spring Shoot

The annual spring shoot will be held Sunday, April 27 at the Morrow County Gun club with six perpetual purses awaiting winners. There will also be a special merchandise shoot, it was announced.

In the events, the purses will pay \$25 to the winner, and \$50 to repeat winners. The six perpetual purses are the Luke Bibby purse, Dale Brown purse; Morrow county Gun club purse; Turner, Van Marter and Bryant; Wilson's Men's Wear and the Farley Motor Co purses.

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ANN BELLE COLEMAN



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Three Ione Girls To Appear at Pacific U Festival

Three Ione high school girls have been chosen to take part in the Music in May festival at Pacific University at Forest Grove, May 8, 9 and 10. They are: Mardine Baker, Ann Belle Coleman and Karen Lundell.

The first two are seniors and Karen is a sophomore, and all three took part in the festival last year.

Mardine and Ann Belle will play clarinet and tenor saxophone in the band and Karen will sing second soprano in the choir and play some accompaniments.