

## Next Week's Alert To Test County Defense Operations

Local and county civil defense agencies moved this week to complete preparations for Operation Alert 1958, annual national civil defense exercise, set for May 6 and 7. All but one of Oregon's 36 counties will engage in control center operations during the two day training exercise, and many will have field exercises, Colonel Arthur M. Sheets, state civil defense director, said in announcing the exercise.

This is the nation's fifth annual Operation Alert. Previous exercises were held during summer months, but this year the event was moved up to May to allow greater participation of schools, according to Col. Sheets. The simulated enemy attack which will provide problems for civil defense forces to solve during the two-day exercise will not be known until sealed envelopes sent to the Oregon State Civil Defense Agency by the federal government are opened at specified times on the morning of May 6. Previously designated Oregon targets include Portland and Klamath Falls.

Field exercises and public participation events range from establishment of 23 Emergency Welfare Centers set up in 21 counties to register, feed and lodge imaginary or simulated evacuees, to setting up a 200-bed emergency hospital in the McMinnville army. In many counties school evacuations and exercises will be held, including Lane, Clackamas and Yamhill counties. Mass feeding exercises are planned in Morrow, Polk and Gilliam counties, and state employees in Salem will evacuate the capitol mall buildings.

The OSCDA control center will be manned with department heads of state agencies assuming their roles as heads of emergency services. Two federal observers will be on hand for the state activities, and Governor Robert D. Holmes will participate briefly.

Announced objectives of this year's Operation Alert include concentrating on perfecting operational readiness, strengthen continuity of government, and examining the feasibility of responsibilities assigned in the new state operations plan.

Morrow county Civil Defense head Norman Nelson of Boardman reported this week that local units will take part both days in the Operation Alert exercises. Participating will be state to county radio control and alerts to all cities; school, fire and police departments will function as will the welfare department. Nelson will be operating out of the Boardman city emergency reception center.

Locally, fire chief C. A. Ruggles said today that the department will make a practice "dry run" sometime during the alert. The location of the supposed fire will not be known until the word is received.

Local amateur radio operators will also have a major role to play in communications with emergency stations already being planned for immediate operation when word of the test alert is received.

## State Ag Director To Speak May 5

Robert J. Steward, director of State Department of Agriculture will be guest speaker of the Morrow County Livestock Association when they meet May 5th. Livestock association members which total over 100 have been given a special invitation to attend but all livestock men are invited. Steward, on his first trip to Heppner, as State Director of Agriculture will discuss the agricultural situation and outlook with special emphasis on livestock. Comments will be made concerning contract farming or vertical integration which is becoming popular throughout the United States. This type of agribusiness is becoming a concern to many farmers and ranchers who are trading their independence for an insured income.

Guests of the livestock association will be members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at this buffet supper event. The get-together is scheduled for the Elks lodge room beginning at 6:30 pm.

### NEXT CHEST X-RAY DATE IS MAY 7

Residents of Morrow county are urged to take advantage of the free chest X-Ray given at Pioneer Memorial hospital on the first Wednesday of each month. The next date is May 7 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

They will be given free to any resident 15 years of age or older.

# County-Wide Help Asked For Blood Drive

**BLOODMOBILE  
COMING MAY 7**



Make a date  
to give!

Wednesday, May 7, will be Blood Donor Day in Morrow county. As one of the 14 counties participating in the Columbia River regional blood program of the Red Cross, Morrow county will have the opportunity next week to build up a quota of valuable blood credits. The blood donated by local residents will become immediately available to the 42 hospitals served by the regional blood center at Yakima. Besides helping renew the important blood supply for public health and defense needs and for the daily needs of patients throughout this area, it will serve as a tangible in-

urance against future individual needs of Morrow county donors. Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Red Cross chapter chairman for Morrow county, also serving as blood chairman for the drawing next Wednesday, explains the positive value of the program thus: "By donating blood a citizen obtains a credit for himself or any other member of his family to be applied wherever future surgery or emergency treatment may call for a transfusion in Portland, Pendleton, wherever the nationwide reciprocal program is in effect. Also, the Red Cross national blood pro-

gram produces by fractionation of whole blood the extremely valuable supplies of gamma globulin, serum albumin, and fibrinogen medical products which would cost prohibitively, which are made available where needed without cost to the patient."

The May 7th drawing will be held at the Episcopal parish hall, in Heppner, from 11 am to 3 pm.

"We want to collect 100% of our quota of 100 pints," says Mrs. Cutsforth. "This means that everyone who agrees to donate must appear without fail."

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## 25 4-H Summer School Delegates Chosen From Area

Twenty five 4-H boys and girls were selected recently by a committee of 4-H parents and leaders to attend the annual 4-H summer school which will be held on Oregon State college campus June 16 through 22. This group is the quota for the lone, Lexington, Heppner communities. Seven 4-H members from the Irrigon-Boardman area are yet to be selected.

With this year's 4-H summer school shortened in time, delegates have been asked to enroll in special classes, dress revue and arrange for bus transportation earlier than in past years. Those planning the classes, recreation and special events hope to squeeze into seven days what was formerly done in ten days without sacrificing the good record of activities of summer school. The time was shortened due to rising costs and the need for making an adjustment either in the cost of scholarship or length of the event. It was decided to try a one week summer school this year.

Those club members chosen from records submitted were Gary Van Blokland, Jerry Anderson, Roger Doherty, N. A. Webb, Dennis Doherty, William Hill, Shirley Van Winkle, Bernice Thomson, Mary Slocum, Libby Van Schoiack, Carol K. Anderson, Connie Anderson of Heppner; Kenneth Smouse, Linda Halvorsen, Dianne Pettyjohn, Marilyn Morgan, Brenda Townsend, Jo Ann Turner, Linda Hams, Linda Rae Heimburger and Judy Morgan of Ione; Thomas Martin, Russell Dolven, Karl Beach, Beverly Davidson, of Lexington.

The summer school selection committee composed of Kenneth Smouse, Ione; Bernard Doherty, Heppner; Mrs. Kenneth Peck and Mrs. Bob Mathews, Lexington made selections from the boys and girls submitting 4-H permanent record sheets. Those considered were 13 years or older on January 1, 1958 who had completed at least two years of successful 4-H projects. The group was approved by the South Morrow 4-H council at their regular monthly meeting, April 24. North Morrow 4-H member delegates will be selected soon.

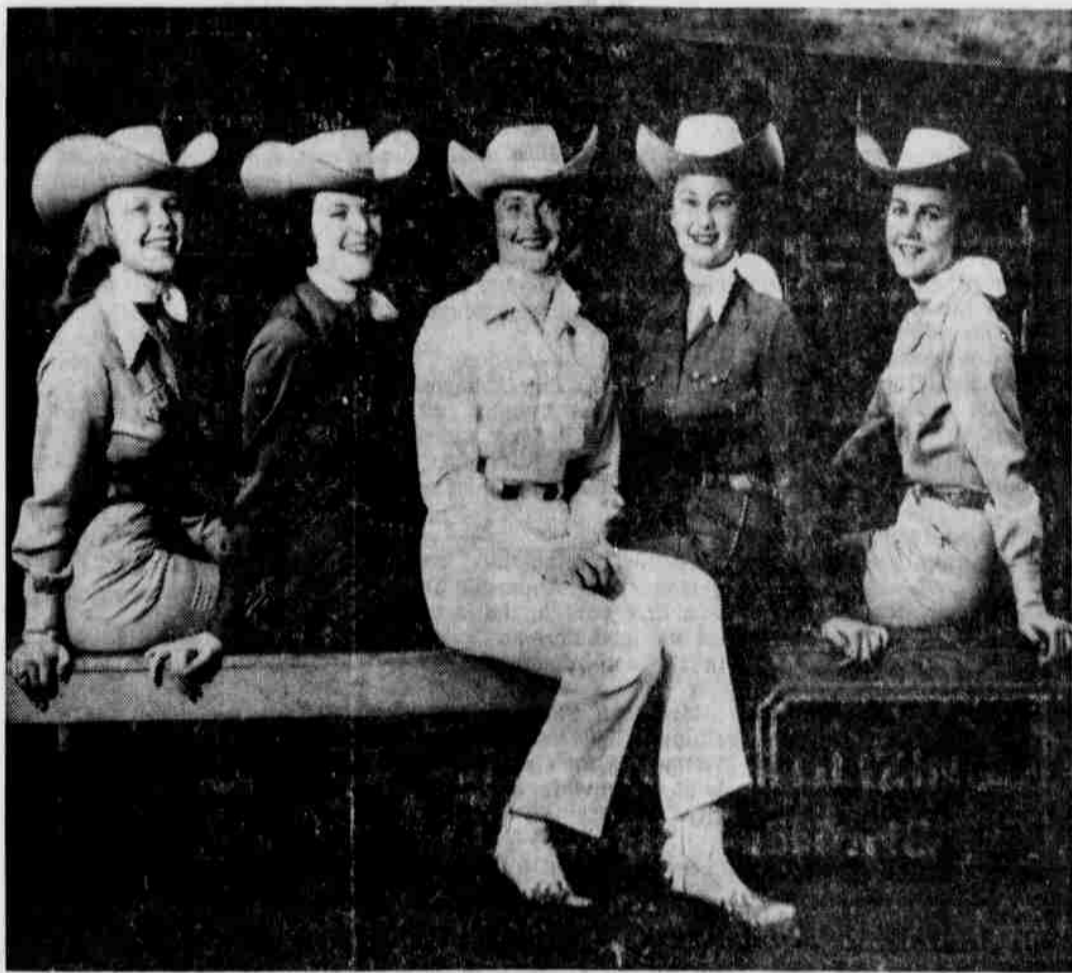
Delegates to 4-H summer school will again be sponsored by interested individuals or organizations and businesses. The scholarship is \$25.00. A committee composed of Harold Beach, Alfred Nelson, Lexington; Marcel Jones and Mrs. Walter Wright, Heppner are now soliciting for scholarships.

Scholarships provided to date through contacts that have been made in Lexington, Grange, Morrow County Farm Bureau, Alfred Nelson, Jr., Lexington Oil Cooperative, Padberg Machinery Company and Pine City Extension Unit — full scholarships. Part scholarships have been provided by Jim Barnett, Ione Chevrolet Station, Rietmann Hardware, Britows Market, McCabe Meat Market, Bill Melana, Verner Troedson, Dick's Market, Jordon Elevator, Charles O'Connor Insurance and Ione Shell Oil Distributor, Paul Pettyjohn all of Ione, Mr and Mrs Walter Wright, Heppner and Hatfield Grocery, Lexington.

The delegation will travel by chartered Greyhound bus again this year.

Dr and Mrs Duane A. Fellows of Garabaldi visited Sunday with her cousins Mrs. Lester Doo little and Miss Leta Humphreys. The Fellows were on their way home from Arizona.

## Heppner Girl On Pendleton Round-Up Court



MIS JANICE EEMER, second from left, was chosen as a member of Queen Judy Lazinka's Pendleton Round-Up royal court. The announcement was made Friday night at the Queen's dance in Pendleton. Janice is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Beamer of Heppner and is a senior at Heppner high school. She is an excellent horsewoman and has ridden since she was three. She is a member of the Wrangler's riding club. Other members of the court are, left to right, princesses Marcia Bull, Portland; Janice Beamer; Queen Judy Lazinka of Pendleton; Loretta Anderson of Prosser, Washington; and Kay Smutz of La Grande (Howdyshell photo)

## Burns Fatal To Mother of Two

Burns suffered when a heating stove exploded while she was attempting to light it, took the life of Mrs. Wilma Barker, 26, of Butter Creek. She was burned Friday morning and died Saturday evening at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She was burned over 80 percent of her body.

The Barkers had been employed at the Raymond French ranch for the past year. They came here from Pilot Rock which had been Mrs. Barker's home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Pendleton.

Surviving are her husband Grant; a son William, 2½ years of age; and one daughter, Marlan, 1 year old.

## Accident Victim Dies Here Saturday

Darrell Jones, 29, of Condon died Saturday night at Pioneer Memorial hospital from injuries received when his car struck the Rock Creek bridge on the Heppner-Condon highway.

According to meager information available, Jones, who had been working in Madras, suffered fractured ribs and a punctured lung in the accident. He walked some distance before being picked up and taken to Condon. He was brought here to the hospital, but died within a short time.

No funeral details are available.

## Rummage Sale Location Changed

Location of the Heppner Civic League's annual rummage sale has been changed to Empire Machinery company, it was announced this week. The sale is put on by the club to raise funds to support the Heppner kindergarten.

Sale dates are May 9 and 10 and the club will welcome any donations.

## Assistant Ranger Added to Heppner Forest District

Fred W. Prussing has been named new assistant ranger in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest, it was announced today by Vic Kreimeyer, district ranger. He was transferred here from the Lakewood Ranger district of the Nicolet National Forest in Wisconsin.

His new position in the Heppner district made necessary by the increased work load.

Before going to Nicolet National Forest, Prussing had been assistant ranger and timber management assistant on the Baker Ranger district of the Wallawhitman National Forest at Baker. He served four seasons as a smoke jumper in region I at Missoula, Montana along with other work in that region. He served in the Navy in World War II, is a graduate of the University of Montana and his home is Lakewood, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Prussing and their four children will join him here as soon as housing can be obtained.

## Mountain Snowpack Above Normal

Water content of the Arbutle mountain snowpack continues above average for this time of year. Measurements taken Monday, April 28, by Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, showed 26 inches of snow with 10.2 inches of water remaining on the course.

Past records show the snowpack usually is melted by the end of April, but extensive April storms and cool weather has held the snow in the mountains longer this year, Wilson said.

In 1957 and 1956 no snow remained on the course by the end of April. In April 1955, cool wet weather similar to this year held the snow and 41 inches with a water content of 15.7 inches was measured.

Soils are wet and unfrozen beneath the snowpack, Wilson stated and will favor run-off from snow-melt.

## Two Girls' State Delegates Chosen

Two Heppner girls this week were selected as delegates to Girls' State which will be held June 16 to 22 at Salem under the sponsorship of the state American Legion Auxiliary.

The Heppner Legion Auxiliary named Janice Martin as delegate and Janice Driscoll as alternate. The other delegate, sponsored by the Soroptimist club is Carole Anne Anderson and her alternate is Celia Boulden.

Both girls are juniors at Heppner high school. Janice is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Randall Martin of Butter Creek, and Carole Anne is the daughter of Mr and Mrs N. C. Anderson of Heppner.

### WEATHER

	HI	LOW	PREC
Thursday	48	37	.17
Friday	55	33	—
Saturday	54	37	.11
Sunday	53	32	.02
Monday	56	33	—
Tuesday	60	32	—
Wednesday	61	36	—

Rainfall for the week .30; for April 1.83; for the year 7.23 inches.



NELS ANDERSON, Morrow county agent, who this week was named Morrow county's Father of the Year by the Morrow county Cow Belles. (GT Photo)

# Monday Vote to Decide Lexington High School Fate

**Board Members to be Named  
In All County School Districts**

All school districts in the county will hold annual meetings and election of directors next Monday, May 5 with the polls to be open from 2 to 8 pm. At least one director will be chosen in each district, but the greatest interest is expected in the Lexington district where voters, in addition to choosing a board member, will decide whether to discontinue the high school or to keep it operating as in the past. The ballot title will be "shold the Lexington High School be discontinued."

Feeling is pretty well divided in the district as to which course to take. The recently organized Education Betterment Committee is urging that the school be discontinued and that the district then make arrangements to have the district's high school students transported to either Heppner or Ione high schools. Their primary argument for the

change is that Lexington students will have better educational opportunities in a larger school.

Also quite active is another group which is seeking to retain the high school in Lexington. This group has obtained signatures of over 70 residents of the district who favor status-quo.

Only one person filed a petition for the one Lexington school board post to be vacant in June. He is Bernard Doherty. The Education Betterment Committee is currently urging a write-in vote for places on three boards where vacancies will occur. They are Mrs. Kenneth (Lucille) Peck, for the Lexington board; Edwin (Tad) Miller, for the non-high board; and Gar Leyva for the rural school board.

Running for member at large on the rural board is Garland Swanson of Ione. Phil Blakney and Dick Wilkinson are seeking the seat in zone 4 (Heppner) and James Henderson is running for the rural board position from zone 1 which is Irrigon-Boardman. No one filed for the open position on the non-high board.

In the Heppner district, Raymond French is seeking re-election for a five year term; and Bryce Keene, present Ione school board chairman, is up for re-election in that district.

The wide interest in the Lexington high school discontinuance question is expected to bring out a record vote in that district while most others expect only a mediocre turnout of interested persons. The Lexington vote concerns only the high school, no attempt is being made to discontinue the grade school there.

## Father of Year Honor Goes to Nels Anderson

One of the county's best known Dads was this week given the honor of Morrow county "Father of the Year." He is Nelson C. Anderson, county agent here for the past 12 years, the father of seven children and a hard-working "Pop" to all the county's several hundred 4-H club members.

Anderson was chosen for the award by the Morrow County Cow Belles and he is the second to receive such an honor.

Nels Anderson came here June 1, 1946 from Bowman county, North Dakota where he had worked as county agent and in his 12 years in the same position locally has been active in many farm and civic organizations. His 4-H work is of great importance to him and he is proud of the fact that the number of 4-H clubs in the county has grown from 16 to 30 during the past 12 years, though he gives most of the credit for such growth to the many leaders who have aided. Club membership has more than doubled during that period.

His own youngsters are as wrapped up in 4-H work as their Dad for six of the seven (the seventh isn't yet quite old enough to start a project) are now carrying 19 different 4-H projects which run all the way from livestock to child care and canning. Nels says, "The kids kind of help develop me. I have to keep going to keep up with them."

His wife Esther, also plays an important part in 4-H work serving as club leader for several clubs.

His family includes Carole Anne, 17; Connie, 15; Jerry, 14; twins David and Douglas 11; Kit 7; and Richard 4 months. The two girls are both club leaders, and Jerry is a junior leader and is carrying two FFA projects in school.

Anderson has served as secretary of many local organizations including the Heppner and Boardman Soil Districts; Morrow County Livestock Growers and the Wheat Growers; and the county fair board. He was a member of the JayCee's and was named junior citizen of the year in 1949; he belongs to the chamber of commerce and has served on its board of directors; he is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Greenfield Grange and the Elks lodge, and is chairman of the agriculture committee of Pomona Grange.