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Lex Says 'No' To School Change

Local CD Crews Get Workout In Test Alert

The Morrow county Civilian Defense organization, hardly more than one year old, showed up very well in the two day nationwide Operation Alert held Tuesday and Wednesday.

Some snafus showed up in the early stages of the test alert, but in nearly every case, they came from other sections of the state, and not the local organization.

The first, and worst ball-up, came early Tuesday when, due to a misunderstanding at the Pendleton district warning center Morrow and several other counties received no word of the start of the alert which came at 7:36 am. Word was received by Norman Nelson, county CD head, at his headquarters in the court house at 10 o'clock that morning, two and one-half hours late, and it came through radio monitoring of other county's CD communications.

Though the plan was slow in getting started here, the eventual results are probably among the best in the entire state. On the credit side of the ledger were the following results:

Every community in Morrow county took active part.

Every school in the county held test fire drills and Boardman and Irrigon schools carried out evacuation drills.

Every city sounded some form of warning alarm.

Every fire department in the county conducted a "dry run" to test turnout and facilities.

Medical facilities were surveyed and supplies checked and accounted.

Emergency radio communications were established immediately and were used throughout the two days.

Emergency welfare operations were established.

Arrangements were made to publish emergency newspapers. Available food and housing supplies were tallied.

A continuing pattern of radio-act fall-out was plotted here.

The basis for the test was the dropping of nuclear bombs on Portland, Salem, Redmond and Klamath Falls with the first one hitting Portland shortly before 10 am Tuesday. By plotting the wind direction it was found that the fallout pattern would have made The Dalles "hot" within three hours; the edge of the cloud could have been to Willows by 3:45 pm, and to Hermiston by 6:45 pm Tuesday requiring evacuation of all those areas. Within a 12 hour period Heppner, Lexington and Ione would have been within the cloud pattern and here it would have been necessary to stay in shelter for 36 hours or evacuate.

Nelson pointed out that the fallout pattern would hold true for about 60 percent of the year due to prevailing west winds.

Nelson stated that he received much aid from Heppner high school students who assisted him and that a plan has been set up for future aid from this source.

Radio communications were handled for the local headquarters by several local amateurs including Glenn Way, in whose shop most communications were handled, Earl Blake, Ray Smith, Ralph Taylor, Mickey Van Schoick, Stanley Holm and Will O'Harra.

Nelson expressed satisfaction with the results of the test and stated that he will be called to Salem CD headquarters May 19 to report on how it was handled here. He said he received fine cooperation from all sections.

Mrs James Mounts Dies in Alaska

Word has been received of the death of Mrs James Mounts (Marie Akers) at Fairbanks, Alaska on April 22. She was 46 years of age and was born Oct 11, 1911 in Toppish, Washington, the daughter of Mr and Mrs A L Tucker of Fairbanks. Both she and her parents were former Heppner residents.

She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Ida. Burial was in a Grandview, Washington cemetery.



ALERT MEANT MUCH WORK to county Civil Defense Director Norman Nelson of Boardman who is shown here plotting radio active fallout over the county Tuesday from information supplied to him through emergency radio communications. Nelson established his headquarters at the sheriff's office in the courthouse and received reports there from all segments of the county's CD organization. The test alert was acclaimed a success from the county viewpoint at least, and apparently functioned well on the state level. (GT Photo)



"DRY RUN" DURING TEST ALERT—The Heppner Fire Department joined with other county CD agencies Tuesday in testing equipment and plans for an emergency Civilian Defense alert. Without prior warning to firemen, they were called to an imaginary fire at Interior Warehouse in northwest Heppner. The call came at 11 am and a good response resulted. (GT Photo)

Death Claims Hilma Anderson

Funeral services were held Monday at 10 o'clock for Hilma Marie Anderson, 69, who passed away May 2 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a lingering illness. Rites were conducted at All Saints' Episcopal church by the Rev Lane W Barton, Bishop of Eastern Oregon.

Mrs Anderson was a native of Morrow county, having been born November 28, 1888 at Eightmile. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge and the Lutheran church. Her husband, Frank Anderson, preceded her in death in 1919.

She is survived by one son, Frank Anderson, and one daughter, Mrs James Farley, both of Heppner; five sisters, Mrs Florence Becket, Miss Esther Bergstrom, Mrs Hanna Anderson, all of Heppner; Mrs Ellen Allyn, Portland; Mrs Emma Long, Milwaukie, Wis; four brothers, Carl and John Bergstrom, Heppner; Edwin Bergstrom, Ione; and Wilfred Bergstrom of Portland. She also leaves five grandchildren.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Regional Farm Bureau Meeting Set Lex Grange May 14

Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla county Farm Bureaus will hold a regional meeting at the Lexington Grange hall, May 15, starting with a potluck dinner at 6 pm. All Morrow Bureau members are urged to attend.

The program will include discussions on: Farm Bureau women's program by Mrs John Devereux, OFBF women's chairman; state issues, by George Dewey, executive secretary; national issues by Gerald Detering, president; county FB achievement program by Cliff Wright, director of organization; publicity and news reporting by Scott Lamb, information director; and commodity by Howard Fujii, commodity director.

The Morrow county Farm Bureau will furnish the potluck.

Primary Election Polls Listed

County clerk Bruce Lindsay today released the list of polling places for the May 16 primary election:

- Northwest Heppner—Empire Machinery
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 - Southwest Heppner—Court house
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 - Ione—city hall
 - Lexington—Odd Fellows building
 - Boardman—Grange hall
 - Irrigon—schoolhouse
 - Hardman—Odd Fellows hall
- Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm.

Student Officers Named At Heppner

Student body elections were held at Heppner high school Tuesday noon with Rem Harris being chosen president for next year and Bob Mahoney vice president. The election was preceded by a period of campaign speeches.

Other officers named included Celia Boulden, secretary; Connie Anderson, assistant treasurer; historian, Mickey Van Schoick; and Tom Driscoll, sergeant at arms. Cheerleaders will be Carolyn Carter, Carol K Anderson, Celia Boulden and Carolyn McDaniel.

Picnic Committee Asks For Donations

Officers of the county pioneer association, hosts for the annual Memorial day pioneer picnic, this week are asking for donations for meat for the picnic. The picnic is always potluck, but the local organization supplies the meat, and needs funds to enable it to do so.

Anyone wishing to help is asked to call Lennie Loudon, 6-5313; Mrs Clive Huston or Dr A D McMurdo.

Mr and Mrs Donald E Turner and children of Portland were at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs J O Turner, from Friday until Sunday.

Soil Judging to Be Part of Week's Conservation Plan

The first soil judging field day and contest to be held in Morrow county will be an event of Conservation Week and will be held at the Newt O'Harra ranch near Lexington on May 15. Howard Cushman, Soil Conservationist, OSC and Elmer Hill, Soil Scientist, soil Conservation Service will assist with the field day and contest. Those attending will have the opportunity to examine soil profiles in the area and use the soil judging card. Beginning at 11 am those present will be coached in what to look for in judging soil. After lunch all will have the opportunity to learn by going through a soil judging contest sponsored jointly by the Boardman and Heppner Soil Conservation Districts. Substantial prizes have been donated by Inland Chemical, Central Fertilizer and Les Wyman of Heppner and Ione. There will be prizes for men, for women and for youth.

Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch with the O'Harra's providing coffee. Every one is invited to attend.

Soil Week Program, Area Practices Outlined

A total of 539 acres of strip cropping was established in the Heppner Soil Conservation District in April, according to the monthly progress report given at a meeting of supervisors Tuesday night in the First National Bank building.

A break-down of the total shows 154 acres contour stripped on the ranch of Don Peterson; 243 acres for C N Jones and Sons; 162 acres on the Raymond Lundell ranch and 40 on the Jack Swanson farm. Two new district cooperators, Kenneth Turner and Kenneth Batty, plan to establish 250 acres each of strips this year to bring the total to over 1000 acres. At present over 10,000 acres of farm land are in strip cropping in the district, the report showed.

Tom Helseth, Oregon State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, will be guest speaker at the Morrow Heppner Chamber of Commerce at the noon luncheon Monday, May 12, at O'Donnell's Cafe, Newt O'Harra, county chairman for state conservation week, May 11-18, announced. Other conservation week activities will include school exhibits on conservation week, soil stewardship Sunday observances in local churches and soil judging contest Thursday, May 15, at 11 am at the O'Harra ranch near Lexington.

Other conservation practices in the district included in the April progress report showed 480 acres of grass-legume seedings; 137 acres of land leveled on the ranches of Jasper Meyers, Darrel Padberg, Earl McKinney and E B Wattenburger and conservation farm plan completed on 3,672 acres on the Valentine-Rice ranch.

Reorganization To Be Subject of Two P-TA Programs

Both the Heppner and the Ione P-TA's will hear talks next Wednesday, May 14 on school district reorganization. Fredrick Martin, chairman of the school reorganization committee, will speak at the Heppner meeting, and Robert Abrams, a committee member will speak to the Ione group.

Martin just returned from a state meeting at Salem, and is expected to give a very interesting talk.

School Budget Up For Monday Vote

Voters of all school districts in the county will go to the polls Monday, May 12 to vote on the county school budget which calls for an appropriation of \$370,424.11 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation for the operation of all county schools for the coming fiscal year.

Numerous Board Members Named In Monday Vote

One hundred and seventy-two voters turned out Monday to cast their votes in the Lexington school election and overwhelmingly voted to retain their present high school. The vote was 121 to 51.

The total vote is probably something of a record as it represents well over 90 percent of the registered voters and this compares with a total vote of 8 in 1957 and 5 in 1956.

In other contests at Lexington, E H (Tad) Miller won a spot on the non-high board for zone II with 50 votes. He was followed by Elwynne Peck with 29, Bill Parsons 18, Eldon Padberg 5, Lucille Peck 5. Bernard Doherty won the post on the Lexington school board by a margin of 116 to 39 for Lucille Peck.

The vote on the discontinuance of the Lexington high school which would require transportation of students to other schools climaxed a period of intense controversy with feeling running high on both sides. The plan was designated as a temporary measure to provide equal educational opportunity until such a time as consolidation of the schools might be put into effect.

All Districts Vote
In other districts of the county, all of whom voted on Monday, the following results were reported:

Heppner—Raymond French was reelected to a five year term on the local board with 75 votes. He was unopposed. Dick Wilkinson edged out Phil Blakney 42 to 37 for a post on the rural school board from zone IV, and Garland Swans received 62 votes to 11 for L E Diek for the member at large on the rural board.

Ione—Bryce Keene was reelected to the local board 32 votes to 2 for Ray Helmbigner. Garland Swanson received 33 for member at large on the rural board, and Irma Morrison 1.

Irrigon—Bessie Hobbs, local board 72 votes. Rural board, zone I, James Henderson 69, Harvey Warner 1; rural, member at large, Garland Swanson 26, James Henderson 2, Lloyd Berger 3. Non high board, zone I, Warren McCoy 9, William Smeder 6, James Henderson 8, Andrew Skiles 6.

Boardman—Local board Harold Kress 31. Rural board, zone I, James Henderson 30, Russell Miller 1. Rural board, member at large, Garland Swanson 24. Non high board, zone I, Willard Baker 9, Dewey West 4, Roy Partlow 3, Henry Zivney 3.

Hardman—Local board, Vern Batty 2; rural board, member at large, Garland Swanson 2.

The unofficial tally shows Willard Baker, Boardman, and Warren McCoy of Irrigon, are tied for the non-high board from zone I with nine votes each. Garland Swanson easily won the rural board seat with 246 votes.

Hospital Slates Open House During "Week"

In observance of National Hospital week, May 11 to 17, Pioneer Memorial hospital will hold an open house on Sunday, May 18 from 2 to 6 pm. There will be guided tours provided all visitors and refreshments will be served by members of the newly formed hospital auxiliary.

The county has one of the best equipped hospitals in the state. Auxiliary members stated, and the public is invited to visit their hospital and become better acquainted with the facilities that are available.

Work Starts On Park Ski Facility

Heavy work on a ski slide addition to facilities at Cutsforth park on Herren creek started early this week, when a crew of three men and a bulldozer from Heppner Pine Mills was sent to the area.

The slide will be located on the hill above the park and will be about 800 feet long and 600 to 800 feet wide. The mill is donating the work for the development of the park area.



COUNTY CONSERVATIONISTS—Jack Sumner, left, this week was named Morrow county Conservation Man of the Year, but he wouldn't be photographed without his wife, who has played a big part in his winning of the award. The announcement of the award came at the beginning of the nationwide observance of Conservation Week. (Wilson Studio)

Young Rancher Wins Conservation Title

Because of excellent conservation methods of farming steep and shallow lands on his 922 acre farm in the Eightmile area, Jack Sumner has been named Morrow county "conservation man of the year" by a selection committee headed by Max Barclay, vice president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association.

Mr and Mrs Sumner, who purchased the ranch in June, 1956, have contour stripped 540 acres of cropland, practice stubble mulching and seeded 40 acres of grass legumes this spring for improved pastures.

In addition to wheat production, Sumner runs 25 head of registered polled Herefords. He started his herd while a junior in high school when he first purchased five head of the registered stock.

Sumner started ranching after his graduation from Heppner high school in 1953 when he was valedictorian of his class. In 1952 he was a district winner in the United Nations Pilgrimage contest to New York City. In November, 1953, Sumner was married to Rita Cox, also Heppner high school graduate. They have two sons, John, 3 1/2 years and Charlie, 2 years.

A member of the Odd Fellows lodge, Sumner this year is chairman of the Umatilla-Morrow county United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest; he is a member of the Farm Bureau, the county and state Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon and American Polled Hereford Associations, the Masons, Eastern Star and Elks lodges and a cooperator with the Heppner Soil Conservation District. Born at Prineville, Sumner came here with his parents in 1945. Mrs Sumner is a member of the Morrow County Cow Belles, the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges.

Briefly, the county unit plan would replace all present individual school districts and boards in the county and centralize purchasing, hiring, etc., in the hands of a manager or county superintendent. One advantage of such a plan, it was pointed out, is that the entire county would be included in the district (unit) and would automatically return to the county tax valuation which now goes to Echo and Arlington because of the overlapping into Morrow county of some Umatilla and Gilliam county districts. It is claimed that the establishment of a county unit is about the only way that such valuation can be returned to the county. That valuation is approximately \$1,800,000.

Recently the county reorganization committee made a tentative recommendation that the county be divided into two districts, one in the north of the county, and one for the Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Hardman areas. However, it is said that such a two-district plan will not make possible the return of tax valuation to the county as would be possible under the county unit proposal.

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WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	69	45	—
Friday	69	42	—
Saturday	73	43	—
Sunday	65	36	—
Monday	68	43	—
Tuesday	66	45	.47
Wednesday	65	48	.11

Rainfall for the week, .58; for May .58; for the year 7.81 inches.

LITTLE LEAGUE SETS FIELD DAY SATURDAY

All Little Leaguers are asked to attend a Little League field day Saturday at 2 pm. The field day will be held at the school ball field.

Primary Ballots Published Today

Appearing in today's Gazette-Times are reproductions of the ballots all county voters will receive when they go to the polls Friday, May 16 for the primary election.

The ballots are published under terms of a new law passed by the last legislature which is intended to largely replace the need for sample ballots. Both the Republican and Democratic ballots are shown as is the non-partisan ballot which also includes the special county road tax levy measure.

A limited number of sample ballots are still available, however, and may be obtained at the county clerk's office.

Mrs Eppa Ward Rites Held at The Dalles

Funeral services for Mrs Eppa Ward who passed away at Newport, Oregon, were held Tuesday at Smith-Calaway chapel in The Dalles with committal at Parklawn Memorial Gardens. She was the widow of the late Del Ward.

Mr and Mrs Ward were long time residents of Heppner and Morrow county, at one time owning the Heppner Hotel.

Mrs Ward was the former Eppa Wilson of Monument. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs Lotie Farnsworth of The Dalles and Mrs Helen Knappenberg of Portland. Mrs J J Nys of Heppner is a sister-in-law.

Mrs Ward was a member of the Episcopal church, Order of Eastern Star of Heppner, and Daughters of the Nile.

Going down from Heppner were Frank Turner, Ed Bennett, Alva Jones, Lou Bisbee and Harlan McCurdy Sr who served as pallbearers, Mrs A D McMurdo and Mrs Nys.