

Lightning Sets Many Forest Blazes

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Heavy Water Use Brings Call For Care in Irrigating

The extreme heat and resulting heavy use of water for irrigation forced Heppner city superintendent Vic Groshens to ask all city water users to use extra care not to waste any of the precious liquid and to limit sprinkling of lawns and gardens to the cooler hours of the morning and evening.

Groshens reported that both city wells are now pumping 500 gallons a minute, (720,000 gallons per day) which is the maximum that can be brought into the reservoirs through the feeder line down Willow creek. Even with this heavy pumping, the water level in the city's big reservoir on Balm Fork dropped two feet during the one 24 hour period early this week.

Groshens asked that residents do not sprinkle or irrigate between 9 am and 4 pm to give the city a chance to refill the reservoirs during that period. He also asked that hoses not be left running all night. The superintendent pointed out that sprinkling during the heat of the day was practically useless, inasmuch as practically all of the water evaporates as fast as it runs.

A substantial level of water must be kept in the reservoirs at all times for fire protection, and if customer use were to continue to exceed available supply it would be necessary to limit irrigation in order to hold a substantial reserve, Groshens indicated.

Work Starts on New Addition to Fair Pavilion

The Morrow county fair board Tuesday night approved the construction of a 30 by 60 foot addition to the fair pavilion and were given assurance by the builder that it should be ready for use by fair time, late in August.

The building will be of block construction to match the present building and will adjoin the west end of the present structure. It will house added display space, provide facilities for demonstrations and contests and will also be available for general use during the rest of the year.

The contractor is Louie Case of Heppner.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY

An executive meeting of the hospital auxiliary has been called for Monday, August 4 at 2:30 pm at the director's room of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. All members are urged to attend.

GRANGE TO HOLD PICNIC

The Rhea Creek Grange will hold its annual picnic at the Claud White ranch Sunday, Aug. 3, at 1 pm. All members and families are invited. Bring your own service. Coffee will be furnished.

Boardman Sponsoring Saturday Night Dance

The third in the series of weekly Morrow county Fair and Rodeo dances will be held Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner under the sponsorship of the Tillicum club of Boardman.

Though the Boardman club, which normally sponsors one

princess on the royal court, this year has no member on the court because the girl of their choice was forced to withdraw, they are holding their regular dance as usual. In place of calling it a Princess dance, they are designating it as a Rodeo dance and club members have promised that good music and a good time will be in store for everyone.

Music for the affair will be provided by The Shadows orchestra of Walla Walla, a band new to dancers of this area, but one which provides excellent popular music. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 and admission has been set at \$1.50 per person or \$2.00 per couple. Members of the Tillicum club will be in attendance at a refreshment stand during the evening.

6 More Korean Orphans Arrive

Six more Korean orphans arrived last week to make their homes with families of this area. Five of the youngsters, three girls and two boys were brought to this country by the Rev Bill Collier, pastor of the Ione Baptist church and a teacher at Arlington. The other was obtained through Harry Holt, Creswell farmer who originated the well-known "babylift."

Two families, the Bill B Marquardt's and the Carl Marquardt's of Lexington, each got a boy and a girl, and Rev Collier and his wife kept one seven-months old girl. The sixth youngster will make its home with Mr and Mrs Hubert Wilson of Heppner, who about three months ago adopted a Korean boy.

Mr and Mrs Bill Marquardt adopted a five year old girl Choi He-Ryun, who has been renamed Penny Esther, and a five year old boy, Kim Yun-Kuel who has been renamed Bruce Daniel. The Carl Marquardt family now have a two year old girl, Gri-Kim-Ack who has been renamed Joyce Vonita; and a boy, Wyne Isaac who has the new name of James Dale Marquardt. Both the Marquardt families are well known here and the new youngsters are the former Rena and Betty Messenger, daughters of Mr and Mrs T E Messenger of Mitchell.

Rev Collier made the trip to Korea on the Holt plane and made the arrangements for the youngster's adoption's independently of Mr Holt. The new Wilson baby has been named Juanita Joy and more information on her is contained in a separate story.

Hubert Wilsons Adopt Korean Orphan Girl

Mr and Mrs Hubert Wilson, who adopted a Korean orphan boy last March, received a baby girl through the Harry Holt orphan airlift in Portland last Friday. The new baby is a 10 month old girl whom they have named Juanita Joy. Their Korean boy, now 5 1/2 months old, is named Clayton Calvin.

The other member of the Wilson family is Rogenia Faye, 10 year old. Wilson has been employed at the Heppner post office since 1951 and the family are members of the Assembly of God church. The first baby they plan to adopt died enroute to the states.

Mercury Hits 100 Here Monday; Entire Month Hot

It is probably no news to anybody, but it has been mighty hot for the past several days—even by weather bureau standards.

The mercury in the official government thermometer at the Heppner weather station climbed to the 100 mark Monday for the first time in over two years, and even with that record, Heppner was one of the coolest places in the state. On the same day Pendleton temperatures climbed to 108 and at Boardman a scorching 115 was recorded. The temperature in downtown Heppner was reported to be 105 or 106 with some residents willing to swear that it hit 120.

The month of July has been one of the hottest in many years in almost all sections of Oregon, and even Portland, which normally brags about its rain is behind Heppner for the month. If none falls Thursday in Portland, that city will have received absolutely none during July, and even Heppner has done better than that for .06 inch fell here. The last, however was .05 which fell on July 6 and hardly settled the dust.

Temperatures here have been abnormally high all through July. A check of Heppner weather records shows that the mercury hit 100 on one day; the 90's on 10 days; the 80's on 12 days; and the high 70's on five days. The "coldest" minimum during the entire month came on the first day of July when a low of 43 was recorded. The highest minimum came last Monday night when it only cooled off to a warm 71 degrees on other days the minimums were in the 50's and 60's. The coolest day of the month also came on July 1 when the temperature got only to 71 degrees, the same temperature as Monday night's high minimum. During the past seven days the coolest day was last Thursday with an 87, during the rest of the time 90 or better has been the order of the day.

The Sad "Tail" of A Siamese Cat...

A Siamese cat belonging to Mr and Mrs Al Bunch really got the "hot seat" last week but apparently will live to tell the tale. It may be shy most of its own tail, however.

The cat was run up a power pole at the neighboring Paul Brown ranch by a dog and got tangled up in a transformer and lead-in wires with the result that it got well lit up. Fred Gimbel, Pacific Power and Light company lineman estimated that the cat took a 7200 volt jolt of electricity before being knocked to the ground.

At the veterinarians, where the mouser is now recuperating, the doctor says everything is going as well as could be expected, though it may be necessary to amputate the animal's tail.

Arlington Cut-off Road Being Asked By Local Interests

County Judge Oscar Peterson and Garland Swanson of Ione, along with several interested persons from Arlington, are in Salem to attend a hearing Friday of the state highway commission. The group is there to request improvement of the proposed cut-off road between Ione and Arlington which would leave the Willow creek highway near Morgan and go cross-country to hit the Condon Arlington highway just south of Arlington.

It will be asked that the state take over this present county road and improve it as an alternate to the present highway on down Willow creek to Heppner junction.

Heppner FBLA Wins Top Award For Business Activities

The Heppner chapter of Future Business Leaders of America last week received notification that it had been awarded a special Gold Award for outstanding work in business. It was issued at the national convention.

The local chapter took part in many school and community affairs during the past year including work with the county fair, helped the chamber of commerce with Christmas activities, took part in the Easter Seal drive, did duplicating work for local organizations, made regular hospital visits and wrote letters and cards for those who were unable to do so themselves.

A member of the Heppner FBLA chapter, Jim Morris, was president of the state FBLA last year, and Janice Martin will be editor of the state chapter magazine for the coming year. Local officers are Helen Graham, president; Len Ray Schwarz, vice president; Janice Martin, secretary; Rodger Harris, treasurer; Celia Boulden, reporter.

Mrs Roy Kirk, school instructor, is chapter advisor, and she is assisted by Dr E K Schaffitz and Gene Pierce.

Pool Gets Workout; New Lessons Due

New beginners, intermediate and swimmers classes will begin Friday, Aug 1 at the Heppner pool, instructor Tom Hughes announced today. The two previous series of classes have been well attended and will provide opportunity for junior and senior lifesaving and to learn to swim, or for advanced lessons.

Hughes also announced that junior and senior lifesaving and advanced swimming classes will start on August 14. The junior lifesaving classes are open to anyone 12 through 15 years of age or those in the 8th through the 10th grades. Persons above that age must enter the senior classes.

The instruction classes are held in the morning. Hughes reported that the extremely hot weather of the past week has brought the heaviest use of the pool of any time during the summer. Last week 1505 persons were checked in with an average of 250 per day. On several occasions the afternoon swim load of youngsters has nearly reached the saturation point of the pool, but it has not been necessary yet to limit the time allowed in the pool.

Hughes also reminded local residents that the pool is available on Mondays and evenings for private parties and that such arrangements can be made at the pool office.

FREE CHEST X-RAYS SLATED

Free chest X-rays will be given Wednesday, Aug 6, between the hours of 7 and 8:30 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital for residents of Morrow county.

School employees are reminded that this is the last X-ray date before school opens.

400 Acre Fire On Potamus Creek Biggest in Area

The Forest Service reported Thursday noon that The Potamus fire was under control and in the mop up stage. The size of the fire was also scaled down to about 300 acres.

It is expected that all of the Heppner Pine Mills crew which has been on the fire lines for two days will be out by this evening.

The Service also said the Black Mountain fire is out and that only one other small spot fire has shown up during the past 24 hours.

A continuation of the extremely hot weather, fairly brisk winds, and a Monday evening lightning storm combined to cause forest service, state forestry and private timber owners considerable trouble Tuesday and Wednesday. Fourteen forest fires were reported in the Umatilla National Forest with several others on state and private lands.

The biggest blaze was reported to have covered about 400 acres by Wednesday afternoon and was located in the Potamus creek-Mallory creek section of the Blue Mountains near the North Fork of the John Day river. It started sometime Monday night during the heavy electrical storm which went over this section of the state starting many fires in the timber.

The fire was burning on state owned land but was within about one-quarter mile of the Umatilla National Forest boundary and Heppner ranger Vic Kreimeyer was aiding the crews fighting the fire. As close as could be determined there was approximately 50 men fighting the fire which is in heavy timber on rough ground near the breaks of the John Day. Tuesday afternoon 18 men from the Heppner Pine Mills woods crew were sent into the lines and Wednesday afternoon another 10 from the planer crew at the mill in Heppner was sent out to help. The mill's planer had to be shut down, and the mill will probably go down shortly because no logs are coming in from the woods operation.

In addition it was reported by the state forestry office in Kinzua that 14 men were fighting the fire from the Monument station and that another 25 had been sent from Pilot Rock.

Little information was available from the fire area, but it was thought late Wednesday that the fire had been surrounded and probably could be controlled unless winds get too strong. The Forest Service called into action a B-25 plane from LaGrande Tuesday afternoon to dump 1000 gallons of slurry (wet water) on the flames in an effort to slow down the spread. Food and equipment was air dropped to the fire fighters Wednesday morning and evening by the Forest Service.

Many Fires Started

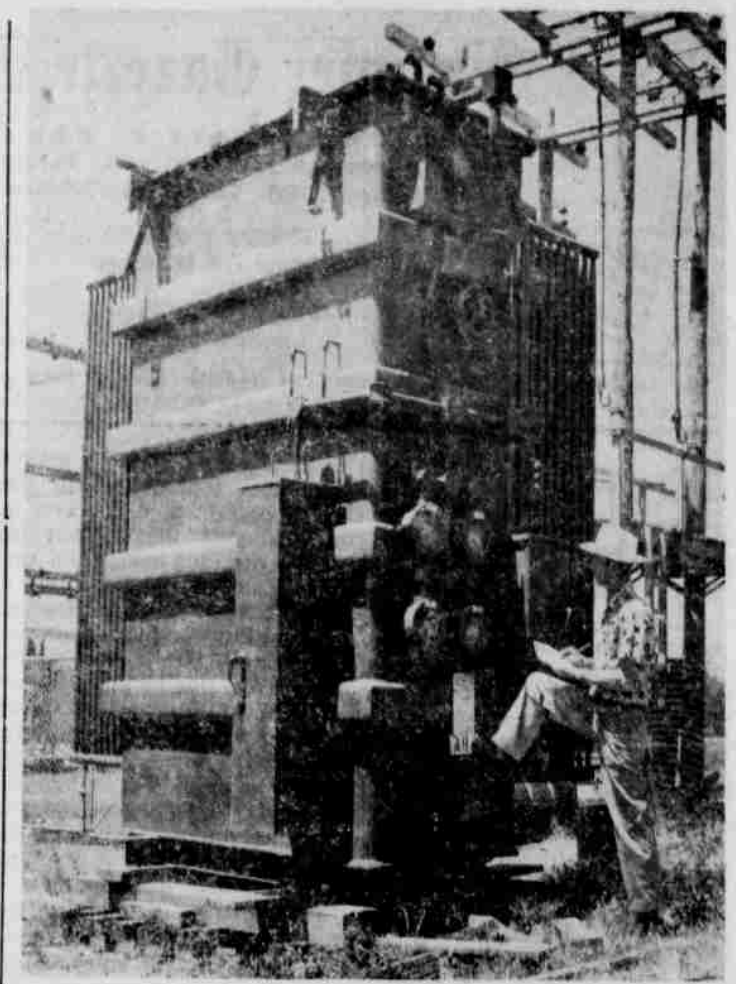
The lightning storm which followed a day of over 100 degree temperatures, started at least 14 fires in the Heppner ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest. All but two were spot fires which were quickly controlled or were drowned by the heavy rains which fell in some sections of the maintains. One other fire which caused concern for a while was a three acre blaze on the north side of Black Mountain near the head of Shaw creek. It was under control Wednesday.

The state office at Kinzua reported that a 50 acre fire on Willow creek in Kinzua Corporation timber and slash was put out by the Kinzua crew but six others had been set Monday night in that same general area; three in the Monument district and another eight in the John Day district. All these were on state or private lands. Several other large fires were reported in the LaGrande district of the National Forest, one was said to cover about 300 to 350 acres.

Storm "Dry" Here

Heppner received only the tail end of the Monday night storm which put on a bright display of lightning but dropped no measurable rain. Condon was reported to have received a heavy downpour and two or three grain or stubble fires was said to have been started in the area near the Morrow-Gilliam county line. No report of damage was available.

Only one grain fire was reported during the past week in this area. This occurred on the Delbert Emert ranch near Ione where between 40 and 50 acres



AWAITING INSTALLATION at Pacific Power & Light company's Heppner substation is this big 3,000-kva power transformer, which will play a key part in the company's 1958 electric system improvement program for the Heppner area. The transformer will boost the power output of the substation to meet the area's use of electricity which has increased sharply during the past several years. Inspecting the big power unit is Fred Gimbel, PP&L serviceman.

NEW HOUSE NUMBERS SOON TO BE INSTALLED ON ALL CITY BUILDINGS

Work was started this week on preliminary planning for the complete renumbering of all houses and business buildings in Heppner and it is hoped that actual installation of the numbers can start within a short time.

M C Huggett, Heppner high school instructor, is now mapping the city and assigning numbers to all buildings and lots which may in the future hold buildings. As soon as the new black and aluminum numbers arrive, he will start installing them on every building in town.

In very few cases will the new numbers coincide with present house numbers which are in evidence on less than half the houses and stores in town. Under the new system the town will be divided into four sections; north, south, east, and west. The north-south dividing line will be May street and Main street will divide the town east and west. A north-west designation will be used in that section of town along Riverside Ave and Linden Way and a southeast designation will be used for the area along Race-track street and the county road leading to Balm Fork. One hundred numbers will be used for each city block with the first blocks from the dividing lines to begin with 100. Though in some areas streets may angle, houses there will be numbered according to their distance east or west from Main street or its extension.

The new house numbers will all be uniform and will be installed for the property owner by the city and a charge of \$1.00 will be assessed against the property for each set of numbers installed. Where a business or house requires two actual designations, \$1.00 will be charged for each set of numbers. The cost will be added to the occupant's water bill, probably on the September 1 billing.

The city council authorized the new numbering system several months ago and the overall plan was developed so that proper designations could be determined. The new system is expected to be a great aid to the fire department in determining the lo-

Lexington Youth to Leave as Exchange Student to Holland

Donald Casteel, a sophomore at the University of Oregon and a brother of Mrs B J Doherty of Lexington, will leave Sunday for New York on the first leg of a trip to The Netherlands where he will spend the next 12 months as an exchange student.

Casteel was chosen for the exchange scholarship by the Interfraternity council at the University, the sponsors of the program. One Dutch student will attend classes for the coming year at the U of O.

The Lexington youth who is majoring in political science, will go by boat to Bremerhaven, Germany, then to the Brussels World's Fair and to Bruckelen, Netherlands where he will attend classes at The Netherlands Institute for Representation Abroad, a foreign trade school. He will return to America late next summer.

Michael Williams is spending a two weeks vacation with his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Dick Knoll at Medford.

Work of fires. At the present time most alarms come in as the name of the resident which isn't always clear and can cause delays. It will also make it much easier for strangers to be directed to a certain location.

It is also planned to install new street signs as money becomes available and after the council takes action in renaming several streets which now either have duplicate names or no names at all.

Teaching Staff Completed For Heppner Schools

With the hiring of Mrs Beverly Olesen as a sixth grade teacher this week, the teaching staff of the Heppner schools is complete for the coming year, school officials have announced.

Mrs Olesen has taught in Sherwood and Norma, North Dakota and attended State Teachers college in Minot, N D. Mrs Olesen has two children and her husband will arrive in the fall to reside and work here.

Members of the high school staff include Joe H Stewart, superintendent; Gordon Pratt, principal, English; Mrs Madelyn Duke, librarian; Clinton Agee, basketball, boys' physical education and history; Mrs Janet Agee, girls' P E and health; Mrs Katherine Hager, home economics, lunch room supervisor; Stanley Holm, history and math; Marlon Huggett, science and math; Margaret Kirk, commercial; Roy Kirk, social studies; Arnold Melby, band and chorus and L L Robbins, vocational ag.

The elementary staff include Clarence Johnson, principal; Mrs Edna Turner and Mrs Louise Clark, first grades; Mrs Arlene Laird, Mrs Kathryn Hoskins, Mrs Anita Stockard, second; Mrs Mildred Hanna, Mrs Velva Becholt, third; Mrs Lena Kelly and Mrs Albert, fourth.

Miss Marguerite Glavey, Vernon Flowers, fifth; Inez Erwin, Mrs Olesen, sixth; Mrs Blanche Boulden, seventh; Tom Hughes, James Mallon, eighth.

Extensive remodeling, painting and cleaning are underway at the high school in preparation for the opening of school September 8. Work is well along on the remodeling of the library, science and commercial rooms and repainting of two classrooms on the first floor is started. A contract for tiling the ceilings in the lunchroom and basement hallways has been awarded to Johnson Acoustical Service of Portland and work on the project has been started. A bid for tiling the floors in the office and in rooms 9 and 10 has been accepted from the J A Wiley company in the high school building, it was reported.

WEATHER

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Thursday	87	52
Friday	91	58
Saturday	91	58
Sunday	90	60
Monday	96	65
Tuesday	100	71
Wednesday	94	56

Rainfall for the week, none; for July .06; for the year 10.57 inches.



GETS GOLD SEAL AWARD—Helen Graham, president of the Heppner high school chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, is holding the Gold Seal award recently awarded the chapter by the national convention in St Louis, Mo. It is made to less than 10 percent of the chapters and is given for outstanding work in school and community relations. Reading the award is Dr E K Schaffitz, one of the club's sponsors. (GT Photo)