

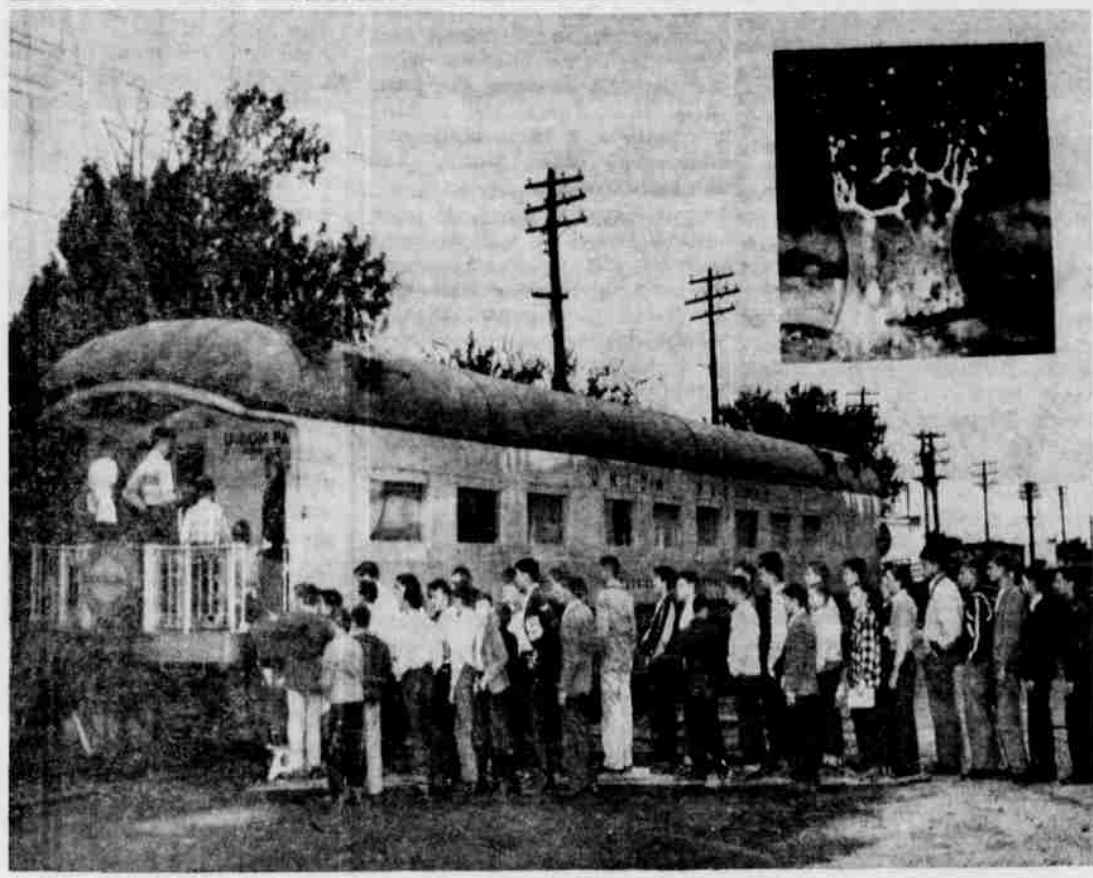


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UNION PACIFIC'S agricultural improvement car will bring staff of soil specialists to Heppner January 23 to help Morrow farmers combat erosion on their fields. County agent N C Anderson points out that soil runoff begins with billions of raindrop explosions such as one magnified in inset photograph. U P ag car will also visit Condon, January 22, and Pilot Rock, January 26.

Livestock Growers To Gather For Annual Meeting

A majority of the county's cattlemen are expected to gather in Heppner Friday and Saturday for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association, and a full two-day program is on tap.

Reorganization Committee Sets District Hearings

The county school reorganization committee met at the lone school Thursday evening, Jan 8 with about 50 persons from Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Cecil in attendance. Fredrick Martin of Ione is chairman.

The object of the meeting was to present preliminary plans for forming an administrative district under the new law. Hearings on this will be held in February. One meeting will be held in Ione, one in Heppner and one in Boardman. Zoning of districts was discussed but no action was taken. Five board members will be elected in May, and also a committee from each district.

Persons from Heppner, Lexington and Ione asked that two men from the state department of education be sent here to discuss sites for schools and transportation and to determine whether it would be feasible to have one or two high schools in the south part of the county.

Cecil was well represented and stated that residents there preferred to remain in the Arlington district.

Mrs Jones New Auxiliary Head

Mrs Cecil Jones of Lexington was elected president of the Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary at its quarterly meeting Monday evening at the court house.

Other officers elected were Mrs Gar Swanson, Ione, vice president; Mrs Kenneth Palmer, Lexington, secretary and Mrs Clarence Rosewall, Heppner, treasurer. The members of the nominating committee were Mrs Cecil Thorne, Miss Leta Humphreys and Mrs Mervin Leonard.

It was reported that after the purchase of the bulletin boards for the patients in the nursing home by the auxiliary, several donations were made to help with a worthwhile project for the hospital, by the Ione Garden club, a 4-H group, Willows HEC of Ione and two individuals in Ione.

Projects for 1959 were discussed and Mrs Alex Green of Heppner gave a report on what had been done for tray favors during the past year and anyone interested in helping with favors for holidays may contact Mrs Green.

Two other projects discussed for 1959 were that of different organizations adopting a room in the nursing home and the purchasing of small name plates for the foot of the beds.

A report for 1958 was written by Mrs Velma Glass and Mrs Gar Swanson and listed as the year's projects, a picnic on the court house lawn for nursing home patients, bulletin boards for each one, guided tours for high school girls for the county to help interest them in becoming nurses, arrangements for some patients to attend the Morrow county rodeo and fair, showing slides and motion pictures to patients and the general visiting, reading and letter writing for the patients.

It was suggested that a Future Nurses club be established in each high school in the county, if proper leadership can be found.

Mrs Harry Bongers represented the auxiliary at the state convention in Gearhart this last summer. It was announced that the executive board meeting will be held at the Bank of Eastern Oregon the first Monday afternoon in February.

City's First Traffic Light Due at School



WHEN IT SAYS "STOP," YOU'D BETTER!—Heppner chief of police Dean Gilman stands beside the new portable "stop and go" traffic signal recently purchased by the city of Heppner to control both car and foot traffic at the school crosswalk on Stansbury street which separates the grade and high schools. There has been a red blinker "stoplight" at the crosswalk for over a year but it has been either ignored or not seen by a great many motorists, and city and school officials have been afraid that a child would be injured at the crossing. The new traffic light will stand in the middle of the street during school hours when in use and it will control not only automobile but pedestrian traffic as well. Parking of any kind will be prohibited along the street both ways from the light to allow space for passing the light and to assure ample vision. Chief Gilman stated that there will be absolutely no excuse for any driver to miss seeing the new signal, and warned that in the future there will be no warning notices issued—in other words, any motorist caught "running" the light will get a violation citation. The signal will be put into operation Monday morning. (GT Photo)

1958 POST OFFICE BUSINESS TAKES BIG INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

"The 1958 Christmas season at the local post office was the smoothest operation in the 21 years I have been associated with the office," Heppner postmaster, James H Driscoll said this week. "A preponderance of credit must go to the public for the excellent cooperation given in presenting the mail bundled and labeled for "out of town" and "local" delivery. This, along with the ability of the postal transportation service to keep the mails on time, enabled the local force to keep well abreast of the rush at all times. The net result was a saving of 51 man hours during the peak 10 days

1st 6 months	\$10,612.64
2nd 6 months	\$13,529.84
Total	\$24,142.48
1958	
1st 6 months	\$11,603.91
2nd 6 months	\$16,702.21
Total	\$28,306.12

Increased postage rates effective August 1, 1958 accounts for the \$3,172.37 increase in the latter part of the year. However, Driscoll noted that the first six months was up \$991.26 which reflects a healthy local economic condition.

Driscoll said there is reason to believe that there was some resistance to the increased cost of mailing Christmas cards, as cancellations for 23 days in December 1957 show 74,000 and in 1958 only 70,328. Overall, it appears that business in the community must be at least on a par with 1957 if postal business can be used as an indication.

Another Rural Fire Destroys Big Trailer Home

Another rural fire occurred last week but was not reported until after last week's Gazette-Times had gone to press. It brought to four the number of damaging rural blazes to occur within four days.

The latest fire completely destroyed a 37 foot trailer home belonging to Mr and Mrs George Rugg which was located on the Wilkinson ranch on Willow creek above Heppner. It started from an unknown cause at about 12:30 a m Thursday and before it was controlled, damaged another trailer which was parked nearby and scorched paint on a truck which was used to tow the second trailer into the creek.

Loss to the trailer and contents was estimated at over \$7,000 which included destruction of a \$500 two-way radio setup in the trailer. Damage to the other trailer was set at about \$1000. The Ruggs did not happen to be staying in the trailer the night it burned, though they were in a nearby house on the ranch and aided in controlling the flames.

During the weekend prior to the Ruggs fire two rural homes near Heppner were completely destroyed by fire and another damaged.

Wiese to Head Port Commission

George Wiese of Boardman, last week was named president of the newly organized Morrow county port commission. Al Lamb of Heppner was chosen secretary.

The other three members of the commission are Warren McCoy of Irrigon, Dewey West of Boardman and Garland Swanson of Ione. All were appointed last week by former governor Robert D Holmes.

To meet the requirements of the law, members must draw lots to determine the length of their initial terms. At such a drawing West and Lamb drew two year terms; Wiese, Swanson and McCoy drew four year tenure. The first meeting was for organizational purposes only, and another is scheduled in the near future.

Irrigon Approves Consolidation With Boardman Schools

Irrigon residents appear to be overwhelmingly in favor of consolidating their schools with the Boardman schools, a vote held early this week at a public meeting showed. The vote was 38 to 1.

A similar public meeting was held last night at the Boardman high school but results of that meeting are not yet known.

Present at the meeting were members of the Irrigon school board and the county school board. The vote approved the consolidation for the 1959 fall term.

Speakers at the meeting included Jack Flug, county school superintendent; Wesley Hamilton, Irrigon superintendent; and Fredrick Martin, Ione, chairman of the county school reorganization committee.

It was explained that a new county unit school board and a three member local committee from each of the five zones in the county will be elected at the annual election on May 4.

A written vote will be taken later of all residents in Irrigon inasmuch as many were not at the meeting.

Mrs Eppler Dickey Dies at John Day

Funeral services for Mrs Eppler Wyland Dickey were held January 10 at John Day with burial in the Canyon City cemetery.

Mrs Dickey was born June 12, 1893 at Hardman, the daughter of the late James H and Leora Wyland. She passed away January 6 at John Day.

Mrs Dickey is survived by one son, James Joe Glese, Mesa, Ariz; a daughter, Bonita of Mesa; one grandson, two granddaughters, one great-grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs Dickey's brothers and sisters preceded her in death, one brother being drowned in the Heppner flood of 1903.

Area Water Supply Reserve Only Fair; Snow is Missing

The water supply outlook for the Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties is only fair according to a report released today by W T Frost, snow survey supervisor for U S Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and Oregon Agricultural Experiment station. Much more snow is needed to create a favorable situation; particularly for those irrigators served from streams without reservoirs.

Water content of snow is low, with two of the three surveyed courses reported as zero. These were Emigrant Springs and Meacham measured on December 23. Tollgate as of that date had 2.4 inches of water or about 20 percent of last year.

Watershed soils are moderately well wetted. The melting of most of November snowfall coupled with recent December rains have improved these moisture conditions.

Cold Springs and McKay reservoirs hold 13 percent more water than last year at this date. They are currently storing 93 percent of normal.

Since October 1st the Umatilla river has had a flow 107 percent of normal. Both November and December flow were above normal, while October flow was below normal at 52 percent.

The state-wide outlook for Oregon's 1959 water supply, as of this early winter date, is not good. However, reservoir water supplies are excellent with most reservoirs holding well above average amounts. The mountain snow-pack averages a new record low according to current snow surveys.

The next report on snow surveys and water supply conditions will be issued on February 8, 1959.

Careful! Uncle Sam Doesn't Like This!

Police and post office officials this week were investigating the damaging of several mailboxes between Heppner and Lexington and issued a warning that it is a federal offense to molest or damage a mailbox.

Sometime Saturday night five rural mailboxes between Heppner and Lexington were pushed over, apparently by a car which was run against the post or box. Police reported some leads and were continuing the investigation.

Invitation Received For Alaska Inaugural

Mr and Mrs Allen Case of Heppner this week received an invitation to attend the inaugural ball to be held in Juneau, Alaska, Saturday, January 17, but the Case's will be unable to attend. The invitation was sent to them by Mr and Mrs Hugh Wade, first secretary of state of the new state of Alaska. Mrs Wade is the former Madge Case, a cousin of Mr Case.

Final Rites Held Here Monday for Harvey O Bauman

Funeral services for Harvey Oscar Bauman, 68, were held Monday afternoon at the Heppner Masonic hall. Mr Bauman passed away January 8 at a The Dalles hospital. He was a resident of Arlington.

Mr Bauman was born August 8, 1890 at Akron Ohio. He had been a resident of Arlington for 8 years, and prior to that lived in Nampa, Idaho and Heppner. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Heppner Methodist church, the Heppner Masonic lodge and the Heppner American Legion post.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice, Arlington; two daughters, Mrs Carolyn Rock, San Angelo, Texas; Mrs Marjorie Garmendia, Nampa, Idaho; a son, James David Bauman, Salt Lake City; one brother, C J D Bauman, Heppner; three sisters, Mrs Esther Writer, Olympia, Wash; Mrs Walter Lyons, Portland; and Mrs Allen Brown of Monument.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Spencer and Libby Funeral Home of The Dalles in charge.

Swaggart to Head Fair Board; Dates Set For Aug 27-30

Gerald Swaggart was named chairman of the Morrow county fair board at a meeting Tuesday evening. He replaces Charles Carlson of Ione, who resigned several weeks ago. Other members of the board are Bernard Doherty and Al Fetsch.

The board set the dates for the 1959 fair as Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 27, 28, 29 and 30. This is one week earlier than usual but it will allow local participants an opportunity to enter in the state fair. No dates have yet been set for the rodeo.

In other business the board hired Raymond Ferguson as fair and rodeo grounds manager and it was agreed to allow all Morrow county non-profit organizations to use the new fair building annex free of charge for business meetings providing the building is left in the same condition that it was found.

Weather Moderates, Also Gets Wetter

Temperatures moderated considerably during the past week with the only sub-freezing recording at the Heppner weather station coming Wednesday when the mercury dropped to 28 degrees.

The weekend saw heavy rains come to nearly all sections of the state. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Heppner received a total of .80 inch which was well under that recorded in other sections of the county. During that same period as much as 10 inches fell in other sections of Oregon.

UP Ag Car Due In Heppner, Jan 23

Morrow county farmers will hear five speakers point up the need for "saving our soil" when the Union Pacific agricultural improvement car visits Heppner, January 23.

The S O S car, as the railroad calls it this year, will be parked at the depot. The meetings will be held at 9:30 a m and 1:30 p m, said county agent N C Anderson, program chairman. The car has a seating capacity of 55.

Cooperating with Anderson and the Union Pacific's agricultural department in presenting the program are the soil conservation service and Oregon State college.

Cal Crandall, U P agricultural agent, will open each session, telling about the purpose of the Ag car and then showing a color movie "The World at Your Feet". The movie dramatizes the action of wind and water on soil.

Tom Wilson, SCS unit conservationist, will point out the conservation needs in Morrow county, and Don Peterson, former county conservation of the year, will tell about his experiences with soil.

E R Jackman, OSC farm crops specialist, will tell how machinery, nitrogen, farm practices, grass and alfalfa can check soil runoff.

Results of conservation research at the Pendleton branch experiment station will be reported by Supt Merrill Oveson.

Anderson will announce the recommendations of the 1958 Town and Country Planning Conference on soil conservation. Soil meetings will also be held on the U P car at Condon, January 22, at 12:45 and 2 p m, and at Pilot Rock, January 26, at 2:30 and 7 p m.

The Condon meetings will include talks by Jackman and a panel of three farmers and an SCS conservationist discussing the "problems and solutions for good trashy fallow."

Jackman, Oveson and John Dennison, area SCS man, will speak at Pilot Rock. Ed Hoelt, state winner of the conservation farmer title, will tell how he has checked erosion on his fields.

Steven Wiles Rites Held Monday at Ione

Funeral services were held for Steven L Wiles Monday at 2 p m at the Baptist church in Ione with the Rev Charles V Knox, pastor of the Christian church in Heppner officiating.

Mr Wiles was born in Logan, Mo, Oct 28, 1895 and died at his home Jan 9. He came to this community in 1907. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, one stepdaughter, Mrs Carl (Juanita) Schulz of Rock Creek and one stepson, James Morgan of Ione; two sisters, Mrs Lester (Vida) Brittin of Tygh Valley and Mrs Ned (Jessie) Carr of The Dalles and one brother, Floyd Wiles of Ione.

Interment was in the Ione cemetery and Creswick Mortuary of Heppner had charge of the arrangements.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	56	44	—
Friday	59	50	—
Saturday	63	37	.43
Sunday	45	36	.12
Monday	55	37	.25
Tuesday	52	33	—
Wednesday	47	28	—

Rainfall for the week .80; for January .97; for the year .97 inches.