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## Morrow County's Part In Oregon's First 100 Years

100 years ago next Saturday Oregon became a state, and throughout our great state, observances of all kinds are being planned. Celebrations are due, birthday parties are scheduled, and special note is being made by organizations, clubs and publications.

This newspaper is not now planning a special edition or section to commemorate this event which should be observed by all native and and transplanted Oregonians, but we are joining in the spirit of "Oregon History" by today publishing on our state's birthday a little of the lore and remembrance of a real "Old Timer" of Morrow county. As Oregon remembers its history, so should Morrow county, and to help recall those old names, places and events, the Gazette-Times today is pleased to print this year's poetic remembrances of the man we like to call, "Morrow County's Poet Laureate," Spencer Akers.

Mr Akers, who is now 86 and for the past several years has been a resident of Aumsville, in the Willamette valley, but for many years a resident of Morrow county, has brought back in rhyme for us today a lot of this county's history. He does it by naming names of many persons that most of us still know, or remember. In helping to observe our state's birthday, we choose to do it by looking at our own history here in Morrow county—and the people who made it, or who are still helping to make it, through the historical poetic remembrances of Mr Akers.

Here is his work for 1959 and its accompanying letter:

Dear Sir:

Again I am sending you my annual verse contribution. Please do what you like with it. I entitled it "Pioneer" but about a third of it is devoted to eulogizing the heroes of the Heppner flood, Matlock and Kelly, and the erection of a monument in recognition of their heroic deed of informing those below of the on-coming flood of June the 14th, 1903. This should have been done while they were living. It should not cost much and I believe Heppner, Lexington and Ione and those living along the creek would be proud of the monument even tho' a little ashamed that it wasn't erected sooner.

Contributions should be small, allowing a great many to subscribe to it. A good place to leave their donations would be at the G T office. What do you say?

Sincerely,  
Spencer Akers,  
Aumsville, Ore.

### PIONEER

By SPENCER AKERS

At eighty-six you find me here,  
An octogenarian pioneer.  
With pen in hand and deep in tho't,  
Reviewing my life since a little tot.  
Each year I've written you some verse,  
Sometimes it's better, sometimes it's worse.  
So just to pass the time away,  
I write again on my birthday,  
To let the old folks of your town,  
Know that I'm still sticking around.  
Many pioneers I note of late,  
Have entered thru the pearly gate.  
But still I see there are a few,  
Old-timers left whom I well knew.  
For instance, Charlie Jones and wife,  
Whom I have known most all my life.  
And then again there's Charlie Vaughn,  
A brother of old-timer John.  
There's Doc McMurdo whose ready knife,  
Saved many an ailing person's life.  
There's Ealor Huston a real pioneer,  
And Emma Jones, I see are here.  
There's Lester and Millie whom you all know,  
Who came to Heppner long, long ago.  
Millie when young, I think about nine,  
Was a sweet little girl and a pupil of mine.  
There's Roy Neill and Nora too,  
Just to mention an old-time few.  
And Louis Bisbee, a good old scout,  
Who hasn't as yet been counted out.  
His life-time partners, Earl and Len,  
Are still with us but you can't tell when  
The reaper with his scythe and hook,  
Will come without warning and close the book.  
Miss Humphreys with her wonder drugs,  
Is here to kill your inner bugs.  
There's many a ruddy pioneer,  
It's safe to say would not be here,  
Was it not for Leta's store,  
A pharmacy since days of yore.  
A structure made of native stone,  
In architecture it stands alone.  
Twas once a saloon to be sure;

## From The County Agent's Office

By NELS ANDERSON

In visiting with W W Weatherford, Lena community rancher this week, who is one of the many livestock men using a vitamin A supplement this winter I found him to be well pleased with evident results of the use of Vitamin A. Bill reported that while in the past he had encountered problems of weak calves, scours and other symptoms of vitamin A deficiency, that this year cows were calving out without any trouble with calves big and strong. Bill says, "I don't know whether it's the vitamin A supplement that is doing the job, however, I'm going to give it the credit unless proved otherwise. It is money very well spent."

On Tuesday of this week the agent assisted Herb Ekstrom, Ione registered Hereford breeder in setting up a performance testing program on his ranch. The 1958 heifer and bull calf crop were weighed and graded as the first step in the program. Ratings, classified according to the National Beef Registry Association will be given each calf. While Herb has been carrying on a selection program through weight for age and quality determinations, he feels that this new program will work well into the planned state performance testing program which is now under consideration. In grading these calves, I found that the quality was excellent with a big percentage given a two plus

grade and only one animal in the whole group deserving a two minus. An outstanding heifer earned a one minus grade as did a young polled bull calf. The yearling polled bull weighing 1120 pounds will be exhibited at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford show to be held in Walla Walla later this month. The quality of this herd has improved steadily over the few years that Herb has been in the registered Hereford business until he has one of the good herds in the state.

Recently we received a report on wheat smut control from our plant pathologist at Oregon State college. Dr Bill Raymer reported that smut control was excellent in 1958. On a bushel basis only 1.1% of Oregon's wheat was smutty compared to 12.4% in 1957 and 23.6% in 1956. This phenomenal drop in smut incidence was due primarily to the tremendous increase planted to

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the  
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Lucy E Rodgers, county school superintendent, has just finished compilation of the health inspection report of Morrow county schools for 1928.

Dr Fred E Farrior, dentist with offices in the IOOF building, this week disposed of his business and office equipment to Dr J H McCrady of Seattle who will take charge of the same on the 15th of this month.

The weather has been extremely cold in the Hardman vicinity for the past two weeks, and the snow is deep up that way, is the report of Lotus Robison.

Morrow county has been favored by the selection of Heppner as the place for holding the championship tournament for the Umatilla Basketball League Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 28, March 1 and 2.

Omar and other resistant varieties. However, the seed treatment program must also be credited with a significant part of this control.

Another significant fact is the decrease of smut incident in the susceptible Elmar variety from 34.9% in 1956, 19.5% in 1957, 8.9% in 1958. This may be attributed to both improved seed treatments and a generally lower smut in the wheat region. The report pointed out that this reduction in smut incidence was made in the face of very favorable weather for smut infection.

Now that we have our smut infection down to such a low percentage this is our best opportunity to control this disease. Resistant varieties and good seed treatment materials are available for the job. In order to protect Omar and the other resistant varieties all seed wheat should be treated with HCB. Treaters should use at least one ounce of Material no matter what formulation and preferably two ounces of a 40% formulation. Dye containing compounds are much preferred since the thoroughness of coverage may be assessed by the distribution of dye on the seeds. Until better treating machines can be developed for the use of HCB it is suggested that larger cups and longer mixing chambers as well as agitation in the reservoir tanks be used. HCB is not soluble in water to any great extent and therefore needs agitation to prevent it from settling out. We hope our Morrow county farmers will not let up with seed treatment now that we are as far along with active control.

Kenneth Smouse, Ione purchased one of the top Yorkshire bred gilts at the Washington Swine Breeders sale at Colfax, last Friday. The bred gilt which is due to farrow on March 26 is bred to the outstanding herd sire "Stony Acres" owned by Robert E Wolff of Tekoa, Washington. It was from a litter of 20. This should provide a lot of good breeding stock for those interested in hog production here in Morrow county.

At the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League held in December a recommendation was made that county wheat organizations sponsor periodic meetings during legislature to discuss bills and other proposed legislation that might affect our people. The Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association last month agreed that these meetings would be held from time to time as necessary. Max Barclay, president of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association has called the first of these meetings to be held at the conference room in the Bank of Eastern Oregon on Friday afternoon, February 13 beginning at 1:30 P. M. A number of people will be given special invitations to attend the meeting representing their particular organization. Everyone is invited to attend, however, if they are interested in keeping up with legislation.

Word has recently been received from A G Beagle, veterinarian in charge of the animal disease eradication division, that Morrow county has been recertified for Brucellosis for three years beginning January 1, 1959. This is the first recertification of the number one county of Eastern Oregon. Figures for the three years since the original certification shows that 465 herds have been tested which included 18,393 cattle. Of these 51 were reactors herds containing 4,624 cattle with 245 reactors. During the same period of time there were 438 suspects in these herds, 255 herds had 5,889 heifers calving vaccinated. In Dr Beagle's letter notifying us of this recertification he stated, "It is quite evident from the number of reactors removed that considerable further testing is necessary in Morrow county to maintain certification standards and to eventually eradicate the disease." It is the hope that an adequate testing program can be worked out to meet the needs for the county.

The third in a series of Oregon extension bulletins on ranges and range management is now available for distribution. This bulletin "Range Robbers" tells of the effects of sagebrush and other range weeds that steal moisture and plant food from useful range plants. The bulletin



### BUDGET MESSAGE

Governor Mark Hatfield appeared before a joint session, Senate and House, Monday to mull over and augment his inaugural budgeteering.

He emphasized that "a 100-day legislature could not await the detailed reconstruction of the budget to reflect fully either the

tin like the two preceding it Grass is Wealth and Ranchers, Ranges and Cows, is written in easy to read form and should be read by every rancher concerned with ranges.

A few days ago, we received the sale catalog for the Red Bluff bull sale which will be held at Red Bluff, California on February 5, 6 and 7. There will be offered at this sale 55 Shorthorns, 54 Angus and 307 horned and polled Hereford bulls. They will be sold as individuals and pens of 2, 3 and 5. Hereford judging and grading will be held on Thursday, February 5th; Shorthorn judging and grading the morning of Friday, February 6th with the Shorthorn and Angus bulls sold the afternoon of Friday, February 6. Horned and polled Hereford bulls will be sold on Saturday, February 7.

Complete working drawings for six corrals for beef cattle may be obtained from this office. Lay outs are included for different sizes of herds and operations. A good arrangement of well constructed pens, chutes and other devices makes handling of stock easier, saves labor, and helps prevent accidents. All of these lay outs have been used successfully and in general have similar facilities. They can be somewhat modified to suit special requirements. You can obtain a copy of this plan from this office by asking for Six Corrals, building plan 36.

philosophy or the program of the new governor. We must find a way to permit an incoming governor adequate time for review of the budget he inherits, without obstructing the rapid completion of your legislative agenda."

He stated, in the third person, that a new governor does not share in determining the ground rules under which the printed budget (Gov Holmes') is compiled. He suggested amendments to the present law to require that an incoming governor lay before the legislature his budget recommendations, not less than 45 days after his predecessor's completed budget is available.

It is impossible to interpret the financial intent of either the budget of Ex-Gov Holmes or Gov Hatfield without hours of arranging the different bases each accepts or refuses.

Some of the best students of government have made the biggest flops with budgets, while the wildest political guessers have earned credit for having compiled wonderful budgets.

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## STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Feb. 12, 13, 14

### Wild Heritage

Will Rogers Jr., Maureen O'Sullivan, Casey Tibbs, George Winslow. PLUS

### Me and The Colonel

Danny Kaye, Curt Jurgens, Nicole Maurey, Akim Tamiroff.

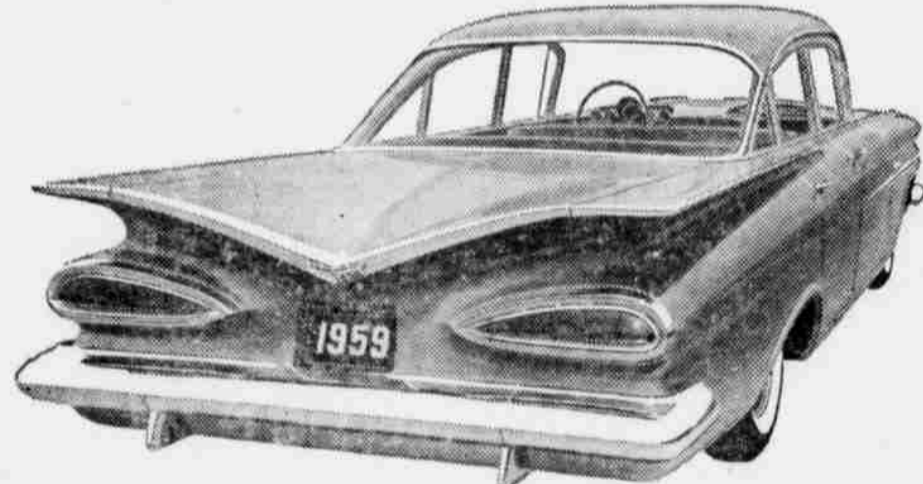
Sun., Mon., Tues., Feb. 15, 16, 17

### The Tunnel of Love

Doris Day, Richard Widmark, Gig Young, Gia Scala. Sunday at 4, 6 and 8.

St. Albin's Guild  
**Spaghetti Dinner**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
SERVED 2 TO 5 P.M.  
EPISCOPAL PARISH HALL

# GOES AND GOES AND GOES ON A GALLON!



Biscayne 4-Door Sedan shows the Fisher Body beauty of Chevrolet's lowest priced series for '59.

## CHEVY'S NEW HI-THRIFT 6

More miles are back in a gallon of regular-grade gas—up to 10% more—and Chevy's new Hi-Thrift 6 engine puts them there. It also gives you more "git" in the speeds you drive the most.

Here's an engine that always seems able to coax extra miles out of a tank of regular-grade gas. In fact, if you're one of those drivers who keep tab on things like gas mileage, you'll soon see for yourself that this new Hi-Thrift 6 gets up to 10% more miles a gallon.

Another thing you'll like about this 135-h.p. 6 is the

extra pep it gives you for passing and climbing hills. This is due to higher torque at normal speeds.

It may be hard to believe anything that looks and moves like this '59 Chevy can be such a stickler for economy. But—whether you pick the Hi-Thrift 6 or a vim-packed V8—this is just one more reason Chevy's the car that's wanted for all its worth. Stop by your dealer's and see.



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