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## Start Seen For County And Heppner Area Rural Fire Control Districts

### County Asked For Help in Buying Needed Equipment

Steps were taken Wednesday that may lead to the formation of two separate, but coordinated fire control organizations in Morrow county.

The county court accepted formal petitions asking for the formation of a Heppner rural fire protection district that would include an area roughly 7 1/2 miles from Heppner as the center; and agreed to consider a request from a committee of rural residents that the county purchase about four pieces of surplus fire fighting equipment which would be county owned and located in strategic spots throughout the county. These would be operated by volunteer groups in the areas.

The petitions asking for the formation of the Heppner rural district carried the names of 78 residents of the proposed district which is approximately 50 percent of the population. The court accepted the petitions and will set a hearing on the question within 30 days. If at that time it is deemed feasible by the court and interested persons, an election will be called for on the question of forming the district and electing five directors to operate it. The district plan and its description has been approved by the state fire marshal's office, and if it is approved at the election, equipment can be purchased which will serve the rural area. As proposed, the district when in operation would qualify for insurance rate reductions.

The group seeking the formation of a county-wide fire control organization asked the court to consider the purchase of about four pieces of surplus fire equipment which could be stationed at various points in the county. It was explained that a great part of the county is located such that regular rural fire districts cannot be formed because of distances etc, but it was felt that county-owned equipment operated by volunteers could be of very great value in fighting field, range or rural building fires. The county is eligible for surplus equipment at small cost and this equipment and organization could make mutual aid agreements with the Heppner rural district, if formed, and city fire departments so that all areas could benefit from better fire protection.

County civil defense director Norman Nelson attended the meeting and explained how such equipment could be obtained through surplus at a fraction of its regular price.

The committee also told the court of its recent questionnaire of available fire fighting equipment now on farms, and said that returns on this showed that there is lots of usable equipment on many ranches. This could be used to augment any fire trucks the county might buy. The court took under advisement the committee's request that about \$5,000 be included in next year's budget for the purchase of such fire equipment.

A request for certain types of rural equipment will be prepared and sent to the state surplus agency so that costs and availability can be determined.

It was the hope of all those who attended the meeting with the court that both plans can, at least in part, be put into operation by summer.

Mrs Forrest Thornburg, Mrs Albert Feich, and Mrs Henry Rauch spent the day in Pendleton Friday.

### WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	57	35	—
Friday	50	35	—
Saturday	58	43	Tr
Sunday	66	44	—
Monday	50	26	—
Tuesday	52	31	—
Wednesday	48	27	—

Rainfall for the week, trace; for February 1.50; for the year, 4-12 inches.

A Centennial Year Historical Feature—



**HISTORICAL HEPPNER**—This old time picture shows a Heppner pioneer Peter Borg, well known jeweler in the early days, in his buggy on May street alongside what is now the First National Bank building. Immediately behind him is the old Palace Hotel which was built in 1890. At the extreme right can be seen the court house at the end of May street which was built in 1902. From appearances this picture was taken before the June 14, 1903 flood so it is thought that it was taken in the spring of 1903. It belongs to Miss Katie Minert of Heppner. Peter Borg's son, Oscar, now lives in Portland.

### MANY IN COUNTY TAKING PART IN OBSERVANCE OF 4-H CLUB WEEK

About two and a quarter million boys and girls in rural, urban, and suburban areas throughout the United States will join in observing National 4-H Club Week from February 28 to March 7. These young people, between 10 and 21 years old, are members of the Nation's 90,700 4-H clubs.

Morrow County's thirty 4-H clubs are taking part in the week's activities, says Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

They will share with other 4-Hers in recognizing "4-H Alumni"—the 20,000,000 men and women throughout the country have participated in the 4-H program in the past 50 years since the movement started, and who are now benefiting from this training and experience.

Among the special events planned locally are: 4-H displays in various business windows in Heppner, Ione and Lexington; special "thank-you" letters to 4-H friends who have given 4-H summer school scholarships or supported 4-H livestock sales; copies of the "4-H News," national 4-H magazine, have been placed in barber and beauty shops and doctor's waiting rooms; the 4-H posters have been sent to all five schools in Morrow county. The film, "The 4-H Trail" has been obtained by the county agent's office and has been shown at the chamber of commerce meeting in Heppner on Monday and the Empire Builders meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Marilyn Morgan, Ione.

Time has also been secured on the "Heppner Party Line", a featured radio program from KUBE, Pendleton.

Over 300 projects are carried in the 50 4-H clubs in Morrow county. This involves over 250 4-H members and 64 leaders.

Clubs and leaders in Morrow county include:

Clothing clubs: Have Needle—Will Stitch, Mrs Andrew Skiels, Irrigon. The Make and Model Sewing club, Betty Carlson and Ruth McCabe, Ione. Needle and Thread club, Mrs Earl McQuaw, Chloe McQuaw, Boardman. The Merry Tailors, Jane Rawlins, Ione and Verne Batty, Heppner. The Sew and Sew Girls, Veda Brenner, Karen Lundell and Brenda Townsend, Ione. Happy Stitchers, Irene Leathers and Betty Hausler, Ione. Super Sutures Sewing club, Beth and Libby Van Scholack, Heppner. Happy Stitchers, Mrs M E Hadwick, Mrs F J Murtishaw, Irrigon, Sandra Davis, Jr Leader. Busy Sew and

Sews, Maxine Gray, Heppner.

Foods Clubs—Bachelor Cooks, Mrs Larry Schaad and Garry Schaad, Irrigon. Cookies, Eva Schmunk, Patricia Schaad and Ann Schmeder, Irrigon. Cookettes, Marjorie Baker and Marilyn Morgan, Ione. The Spoon Lickers club, Carole Anderson and Celia Boulden, Heppner. Jolly Cookers, Helen Franke, Wanda Davis, and Lila Mulkey, Irrigon. Mother's Helpers, Mrs Maurene Malone, Boardman. Heppner Cookerettes, Mrs Herb Case, Heppner.

Home Living Club: Tune in to Color, Esther and Connie Anderson.

Saddle Horses: Pine City Saddle Horse, Charlie Daly, Billy Doherty and Tommy Martin, Lexington. Have Horse—Will Travel, Oscar, Virginia and Kit George, Ione. Heppner Rough Riders, Rod Murray, Homer and Katherine Hager, Heppner.

Livestock clubs: Ione Livestock club, Kenneth Smouse, Hershall Townsend, Ione. Lexington Livestock club, C K Peck and Roy Martin, Lexington. Black Horse Livestock club, Jim Bloodworth, Bernard, Dennis and Roger Doherty, Heppner. Hinton and Butter Creek Livestock, Don Greenup, Heppner. Buttercreek Junction Livestock, Carl and Sandra Rhea, Leo Ashbeck, Echo and Billy Doherty, Lexington. Hoof and Horn club, Marcel Jones, Rhea Creek Livestock club, Harold Wright, Leonard and William Rill.

4-H Empire Builders: Mrs B J Doherty, Heppner.

4-H Junior Leaders club.

### Many Benefits Come Back to County From Red Cross

During the past year 79 pints of blood were administered to residents of Morrow county, and derivatives of donated blood distributed in the county had a retail value of \$1,917. Harry Bongers, county chairman for the Red Cross drive said this week. All this blood was given to the county free of charge by the Red Cross.

Bongers pointed to the value of the Red Cross blood campaign in expressing the need for cooperation in the Red Cross campaign which got under way in the county this week. In addition 202 persons took part in the Red Cross swimming and life saving programs and four volunteers took the first aid course and are now qualified to teach first aid.

### Civic League Sale Date Set

Plans will be made for the annual spring rummage sale at the Civic League meeting to be held March 16 at the home of Mrs Bud Collins. All members are urged to attend.

The sale has been set for April 17 and 18.

Members of the pickup committee for the rummage sale, and their phone numbers are: Mrs Bill Scott Jr, 6-5302; Mrs James Johnson, 6-9691; Mrs Howard Pettyjohn, 6-9284. In the Lexington area, call Mrs Gene Cutsforth, 3-8182 or rummage may be left at Gene's Chevron station in Lexington. It may also be left at Jack's Chevron in Heppner.

Mothers of children who will enter kindergarten next year are also urged to attend the March 16 meeting.

### Vinton Howell, Ex-County Resident, Dies in Portland

C Vinton Howell, 52, a former resident of Morrow county, passed away Feb 23 at the Veterans hospital in Portland. Services were held last Thursday at the A S Rose and Sons Mortuary with interment in Willamette Memorial Park, Portland.

Mr Howell was born March 26, 1906 at Hardman and lived most of his life in Morrow county until about 15 years ago. He is survived by his wife Jerry; two sons, Terry and Johnny, Portland; three brothers, Pirl and Thomas of Heppner, and Clarence of Irrigon; three sisters, Opal McLaughlen, Beaverton; Dora Mahoney, Hawthorne, Nevada; and Blanche Wise of Heppner.

### Heart Fund to Get Coffee Money

Coffee dimes will again go for a good cause Saturday at Winn-Dee's Snack Shack in Heppner. All money for coffee sold that day will go into Heart Fund containers instead of the boss's till.

Mrs Harry Bongars, Mrs Robert Brindle, Mrs Fred Prussing and daughter, Kathy, and Mrs Phil Blakney and daughter, Sally, were in Pendleton Friday and while there had lunch at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Sanders, formerly of Heppner.

Mr and Mrs Ray Gilham and two children of Pendleton were weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford.

### Mountain Water Supply Gains, But Still Short

Water content of the Arbuckle mountain snow pack is still below normal according to snow measurements taken Thursday, February 26, on the Arbuckle snow course. Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, reports an average snow depth of 24.4 inches with 7.7 inches of water. This is 31 percent below the longtime average of 11.2 inches of water for this time of year according to records of federal and state cooperative snow surveys.

Measurements last year at the end of February showed 31 inches of snow with 12.6 inches of water. In 1957, snow depth was only 12 inches with 5.8 inches of water, and in 1956 snow depth was 51 inches with 15.2 inches of water.

"We have had a normal increase in water content of the snow pack during the past month", Wilson states, but because of the deficit in January, are still considerable below normal. This may mean shortage of late irrigation water for water users on Willow, Rhea and Butter creeks.

### French To Head HSC District

Raymond French, Lena, was re-elected chairman of the Heppner Soil Conservation District for 1959 at the regular district meeting held Tuesday, at the county agent's office in Heppner. Other officers elected to continue in office were Don Peterson, Ione, vice chairman, Raymond Lundell, Ione, treasurer, and N C Anderson, Heppner, secretary. John Wightman, Heppner and Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, complete the district supervisors' board.

Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, reported 33 acres of land leveled for irrigation on the Delbert Emert ranch at Ione. Contractor R T Meador is moving his equipment to the Phil Emert ranch at Ione and is starting on 17 acres of land leveling for him. New surveys for land leveling were made on the Wightman Brothers ranch, Heppner; Healy Brothers ranch, and Charles Daly ranch on Little Butter creek by Roy Tabor and Jesse Payne, SCS field engineers.

19,000 feet of diversions were staked for construction on the Ken Turner and Don Evans ranches in Sand Hollow.

New conservation farm plans were completed and signed by the district board on Henry Peterson & Sons ranch, Eightmile and Paul Tews ranch, Ione. Applications were received for conservation farm plans from Clarence Rosewall, Heppner, and Healy Brothers, Heppner.

District supervisors meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p m at the county agent's office. Meetings are open to the public and farmers are encouraged to attend to discuss their conservation problems with the board.

### Plans Under Way For Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball

Arrangements were made Monday night at a meeting of persons interested in Little League and Babe Ruth baseball for the summer season of play.

Among those named to various jobs in the league were Jim Barron as grounds manager; Herman Green, head umpire; and Paul Koenig and Jerry Daggett were chosen to find a general manager for the Babe Ruth league.

All youngsters who plan to take part in the league will be required to register and a registration fee of \$1 will be charged to cover insurance, etc. It is also hoped that uniforms can be obtained for at least two of the Babe Ruth teams.

Much volunteer work is needed to get the field in shape for play, and anyone willing to help is asked to contact Barron or Albert Connor.

Mr and Mrs Charles Vaughn and Mrs J O Rasmus were in Walla Walla Thursday for the day.



### Veteran Saddle Maker, Gene Noble Taken By Death

Eugene G Noble, 87 years of age, died February 28 at Pendleton following an illness that had kept him hospitalized for about the past six years.

Gene Noble was born near Salem, Oregon December 31, 1871 and came to this part of the state when he was two years of age. The family settled on a ranch on McKinney Creek, between Rhea Creek and Hardman, but within two or three years moved into Heppner where Mr Noble's father George and a partner opened the Noble and Horner Saddle Shop. Gene grew up in the saddle and leather business and when he was about 19 years of age he entered the business with his father.

He became one of the best known saddle makers in the entire United States and his saddles and leather products were in demand throughout this country, Canada and South America. He continued the operation of his saddle shop in Heppner until 1946 when age necessitated selling it to Tom and Jack Loyd who operated it for a short time before selling to Joe Snyder, who at one time was connected with Mr Noble in the shop.

In 1951, Mr Noble was presented a plaque for being the oldest subscriber in Morrow county to the Portland Oregonian. At that time he had taken the paper continuously for 71 years. He at one time served as mayor of Heppner, and was a member of the Heppner Elks lodge and the Odd Fellows.

As far as is known, Mr Noble was the last surviving member of his family. A sister is thought to have died a few years ago, though there may be a nephew still living, but his whereabouts is unknown. His wife died in Heppner in 1950.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3 at 10 a m in the Creswick Mortuary chapel with the Rev Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church officiating. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

### Heppner J C Penney Manager to Take Over Baker Store

Keith Inus, manager of the Heppner J C Penney store will leave this weekend to take over duties as manager of the Penney store in Baker. Inus will replace Richard Brunner at Baker, also a former Heppner store manager, who is being transferred to the company's store in Pasco, Washington.

The new manager of the Heppner store will be Don Whitesmith, who has been assistant manager of the Penney store in Nampa, Idaho. He is expected to arrive here late this week.

Inus came to Heppner two years ago from Seattle where he was assistant manager of the Penney store in the University district. He has been very active in civic affairs, having been elected president of the chamber of commerce only about two months ago. He served as chairman of the chamber's merchants committee last year and is active in Hope Lutheran church here.

### Cemetery Care Payments Now Due

Members of the board of Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District call attention to patrons of the annual care method of lot maintenance that payments of \$10.00 must be made to Mrs Elaine S George, secretary, Heppner, on or before March 1, to make it possible for the work to be completed by Memorial Day. Should the payments not be received by April 1st, annual care will be discontinued. Requests for information regarding annual and perpetual care should be directed to the secretary.

At the regular annual election of the board, John Pfeiffer was elected chairman and Mrs George was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Paul Jones, outgoing chairman, remains as the third member of the board.

### Swiss Student On Next P-TA Program

Hans Kubli, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland, will be featured on the Heppner P-TA program next Wednesday evening in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school.

Kubli has been in this country since August and is attending high school in Pendleton where he lives with the Verne Tinnerstet family. Both of his parents are teachers in Switzerland.

Mr and Mrs James Mallon and sons went to Ontario Friday to visit at the home of her mother and father and returned to Heppner Sunday.

**ANOTHER ARTESIAN**—The second artesian well to be brought in in this section of the county within a few weeks is this one on the Gerald Swaggart ranch on Little Butter Creek. The well is just over 100 feet deep and flows an estimated 150 to 200 gallons a minute.

### Ekstrom Bull Wins Top Show Honors

Championship honors in the open halter class was won by an Ione yearling polled Hereford bull at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association's annual show and sale early this week in Walla Walla.

The bull is owned by Herbert Ekstrom and Sons of Ione and it is the first polled bull he has entered in competition, most of his herd being horned animals. The bull is the offspring of Ekstrom's only polled Hereford dam.

Champions in other classes that came from Morrow county herds included a summer bull calf shown by Kirk and Robinson of Heppner; and a senior bull calf entered by the Barnett Hereford Ranch of Boardman and Condon.

Several other entries by Kirk and Robinson and Jack Sumner received second or third place awards at the show, and a complete list of the county winners can be found in the county agent's column elsewhere in today's paper.

### Heart Fund Drive Tops Last Year

It was reported today that the 1959 Heart Fund drive in Morrow county has raised \$1,110.59, which is an increase of \$76 over last year.

Heart Fund treasurer, Marion Green of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, reported that the final count is not yet available as donation envelopes and coin collectors are still coming in to campaign headquarters.

Rev John Rydgren, county chairman, urges all persons who have not yet sent in their donations, or those who wish to make special donations, do so at their earliest convenience. The chairman said that Morrow county has given splendid cooperation in the 1959 drive and he extended his thanks to all who gave, not only of money but also time.

### Council OK's Water Line Engineering

The Heppner city council Monday authorized the Salem engineering firm of Clark and Groff to proceed immediately with preparation of plans and specifications for replacing over six miles of the Willow creek water feeder line. The approval was given after a lengthy discussion about the firms fees for the job.

In other business a building permit for \$2,500 was granted to Randolph Lott for a new 24 by 40 warehouse to be built at the rear of his present building on North Main street.

### State School Hearing Set For Saturday

The state department of education will hold a public hearing Saturday, March 7 at 2 p m in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school, on the final phase of the county's school reorganization plan. Anyone concerned with the county-wide plan is urged to attend.

The county school reorganization committee has recommended to the state that a single county administrative school district be formed.

### UNINJURED IN WRECK

Bill Barratt of Heppner was uninjured but his car was totally demolished last week when it was struck head on by another vehicle near Spokane, Washington.