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Two-Thirds Inch Of Rain During Week is Welcomed

The first "genuine" rain to fall in this area in nearly two months came down gently on five successive days over the past weekend and early this week. The storms brought precipitation to Heppner and the mountains, and along the Columbia in the Boardman area, but some of the county in between was almost completely missed.

The Heppner weather station recorded .67 inch between last Friday and Tuesday with the heaviest amount falling Friday afternoon and evening. (On the weather report elsewhere in today's paper the .18 shows as Saturday. This discrepancy is because all readings are taken at 9 a m daily and recorded for that day, though the rain may have fallen during the previous day).

The rainfall was generally welcomed by farmers and hunters alike who are keeping an eye on newly seeded fields and dry forests respectively. The fire danger in wooded areas is greatly reduced as a result of the rains but forest service officials still urge extreme care by hunters.

Though this has been an extremely dry year in the entire state, this section has not gone without rain as long as some sections of the valley—even though most of the rains were minor. Some rain has fallen every month this year in Heppner, while sections of the Willamette Valley recorded absolutely dry months during the summer.

Rainfall so far this year in Heppner totals only 8.63 inches, more than two inches below last year's figure at this date of 10.94 inches.

Elmer Heath New Legion Commander

Elmer Heath of Heppner was installed commander of Heppner American Legion post No 87 Monday night at a special installation meeting. Herb White of Pendleton district commander, was installing officers.

Other officers who assumed duties for the coming year were Dean Shaver, first vice commander; Don Frederickson, second vice commander; Bill Heath, finance officers; and William Labhart adjutant.

A dutch lunch followed the installation ceremonies.

Ione Grange Receives Generous Donation

The Willows grange and Home Economics club of Ione, wish to thank the anonymous member who, last week, deposited a substantial amount to their account in the Ione bank.

The donation more than covered the cost of converting the furnace to an oil burner. For this generosity the grange is very grateful.

At the business meeting Saturday night a planning committee was appointed to suggest suitable civic projects which grange members, as a body can undertake.

The work that the Ione Garden club started at the city park, and since taken over by the city council, has been an inspiration to other civic minded groups. Several projects were suggested to be acted on in the near future.

The regular meetings of Willows grange is the third Saturday night of each month at the grange hall at 8:00 p m.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	63	40	—
Friday	68	51	.15
Saturday	71	53	.18
Sunday	73	46	.13
Monday	64	51	.06
Tuesday	67	45	.15
Wednesday	66	41	—

Rainfall for the week .67; for September .81; for the year 8.63 inches.

VIGOROUS RED HAT DAYS PROGRAM OPENS FRIDAY

Friday will mark the opening day of the 1959 Red Hat Days campaign for good sportsmanship in Morrow county and widespread efforts are being made again this year to improve hunter-landowner relations through the drive.

Red Hat pledge cards, buttons and bumper strips are now available at outlets throughout the county, Glenn Ward, committeeman for Red Hat Days, said today. He said the program this year will emphasize the need to practice good outdoor manners throughout the year. Fishermen, campers, picknickers and hikers must also recognize their outdoor responsibilities he added.

Bill Barratt, Heppner, county Red Hat Days chairman said that many cases of trespass were reported to the committee last year and that "unlawful entry on private property is one of the most serious problems confronting us."

He asked all hunters to gain permission from the property owner before entering any private land. "Much of our hunting is done on private lands, and I know from experience that most property owners will permit a person to hunt if a proper request is made," he said.

He urged farmers to make use of "Hunting by Permission" signs. A limited supply is being made available free of charge by the game commission which may be obtained at the county agent's office. Similar signs are also available at a

nominal cost at the Gazette-Times.

Fire Care Urged

Forest Service ranger Vic Kreimeyer, county Red Hat Days committeeman, also called on hunters to continue to be careful with fire in spite of recent rains which helped lessen fire danger. He said hunter-caused fires have caused extensive damage in past years but added that since Red Hat Days was started the hunter fire record has improved.

"Warming fires are particularly dangerous," he said. "All too often a hunter will leave a fire smoldering, thinking it could not cause damage. Much of our forested area has considerable grass cover. These areas dry out rapidly. Warming fires left in logs or stumps continue to burn for days and a change in the weather can easily turn these into a range or timber fire."

3 Heppner Attorneys To Be Honored

Three members of the local bar association will be honored at the annual meeting of the Oregon State Bar Friday, Sept 25 in Bend.

Certificates will be presented to active members who have been affiliated with the Bar for 50 years or more at the 7 p m banquet in the Bend senior high school. The award recognizes the "valuable and meritorious service" of these long-time attorneys and judges.

Raymond Burr, who spends his Saturdays as a lawyer on the Perry Mason television program, will be the banquet speaker. George L Hibbard, Oregon City, president of the bar, will act as toastmaster.

Also honored at the banquet commemorating the legal organization's silver anniversary as an integrated bar will be attorneys and judges who have had a membership of 25 years or more. They include: Joseph J Nys, P W Mahoney, J O Turner, all of Heppner.

Lewis J Davis, 94, Portland, will be recognized as the oldest active member of the bar. He was admitted in 1896. Frank Spittle, 91, Astoria, will be honored as the active member of the Oregon State Bar for the longest time. He has been affiliated 67 years.

Confirmation Classes To Begin October 6

The Rev Bruce Spencer of All Saints' Episcopal church, has announced that confirmation classes will begin Tuesday evening, Oct 6 at 7:30 p m in his study at the church. All interested are urged to attend these meetings.

He also announced that the summer church schedule of services at 7:30 and 10:00 a m will be continued throughout the winter months.

Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford returned Saturday evening from a vacation spent on the Washington coast.

Mr and Mrs O G Crawford of Taft visited here a few days last week with relatives and friends. Mr Crawford is the former publisher of the Gazette Times.

Mrs Robert Kelly and two daughters Luann and Shannon of Seattle are visiting this week at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Raymond Ferguson.

Mr and Mrs W H Dutton of Portland are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Graham.

Mrs Frank Turner and Mrs A D McMurdo left for Portland by train Monday for a few days.

Meeting Slated To Study Bomb Range Release

A meeting of members of the county court port commission and interested residents will be held next Thursday, Oct 1 at Boardman to lay plans for getting the Boardman bombing range released for private use. The meeting will be held at the school auditorium at 8 p m.

Scheduled to be present at the meeting to aid in the planning will be Forrest E Cooper, Lakeview, of the Association of Oregon Counties, Herbert G West, Walla Walla, executive secretary of the Inland Empire Waterways Association, and a representative of the Corps of Engineers.

The intent is to establish a proceedure by which the range can be released from government ownership and use, and how it would be used following such release.

Savings Bonds Now Earning Higher Rate

Never before have United States savings bonds been so attractive to investors and small saver alike, Jack Bedford, chairman of the Morrow county savings bonds committee, said today in commenting on the one-half per cent increase in interest rates on old and new Series E and H Savings Bonds.

"Forty million people automatically benefit from the recent legislation passed by Congress" Mr Bedford said, "because that many hold outstanding bonds in the amount of $24.6 billion. For the first time, the hike in rates applies to old series E and H savings bonds as well as those being bought currently. So, it will be to the advantage of most bond owners to hold onto their old bonds, thus automatically receiving the benefit of the increase."

The new law does two things: (1) it provides that all savings bonds bought on and after June 1 draw 3 3/4 per cent interest when held to maturity, and (2) it increases by at least one-half of one per cent the interest return on all outstanding E and H bonds, regardless of their age, for the period from June 1 1959, to their maturity. In addition, the treasury has promised a 10-year extension privilege for all E bonds, both old and new.

IN U OF O HOSPITAL

Marvin L Boyd has been a patient in the new Doernbecher wing of the University of Oregon Medical School hospital in Portland for the past two weeks. It has not yet been determined how long he will have to remain there.

Civic League Asks For Help During Next Rummage Sale

There is an enrollment of 29 children in the Civic League sponsored kindergarten, it was announced Monday at the monthly meeting of the organization. These children represent 27 mothers as new members of the Civic League, it was pointed out, but only one was present at the meeting.

This is the 11th class to attend the school and it was pointed out that at no time has the kindergarten even come close to being self-supporting as tuition has been kept low to enable as many parents as possible to enroll their children.

This year's large enrollment requires two sessions which has increased the cost of operation Also the loss of the classroom in the high school has added to expenses.

The League sponsors spring and fall rummage sales for the purpose of financing the kindergarten and officers expressed the feeling that only through the cooperation of the League's members, can the sales be a success. In other words, volunteers are needed.

The fall rummage sale has been set for Oct 16 and 17 at Bruce Motors with Mrs Robert Abrams as chairman. The committees needed are: pickup, sorting, washing and ironing, and cleanup. All members are needed to help arrange, sort and price items the night before the sale and to help clerk during the sale in two-hour shifts.

Volunteers and members are asked to contact Mrs Abrams at 6-9787 or League president Mrs David Eckman at 6-9101.

Copper Tooling Workshop Scheduled For October 2

"Have you admired the copper tooling pictures, lamps and planters you have seen at the county fairs, and have you wished you knew how to do this embossing? You're in luck," announces Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

The extension units of Morrow county are sponsoring a public workshop on copper tooling, Oct 2 at the Pine City school beginning at 10:30 a m.

Mrs William Bergstrom and Mrs Ray Drake, Heppner; and Mrs Lester Cox, Lexington, women who have become quite proficient in this craft, have consented to instruct project leaders from the extension units and representatives from other organizations who are interested.

The workshop is set up to handle 24 people at a cost of $2.25 per person. If any organization is interested in sending a representative, they are urged to call the county agent's office in Heppner. If more than 24 sign up for the craft, additional meetings will be scheduled.

The fee of $2.25 will include three tools and a sheet of copper 12 by 16 on which a person can work. Other materials needed, which will have to be bought by the enrollee, will include a turkish towel, rags, large water gass, dry ballpoint pen, and a piece of masonite or glass for a hard working surface.

"By the end of the day you will have completed a copper picture which you will be proud to hang in your home," promises Miss Kirmis.

Sack lunches should be brought and coffee will be furnished.

CAR, TRUCK COLLIDE NEAR BOARDMAN

No injuries were suffered, but one car was badly damaged Tuesday afternoon just east of Boardman on highway 30 when it was sideswiped by a tractor-trailer truck owned by Eastern-Western Trucking, Inc of Puyallup, Wash.

Roy E Ball Jr, his wife Ruby and 8 year old daughter, Teresa were in the car when it was struck while turning off the highway. State police are investigating.

Father Condon of Condon was in Heppner Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs Paul Koenig and son Mike and Laddy Dick were visiting in The Dalles Sunday.

Secretary of State To Speak Sunday At Heppner School

Secretary of state and Mrs Howell Appling will be in Heppner Sunday, Sept 27 to speak and to meet with the people of Morrow county. A family potluck dinner is planned at 2 p m in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school.

Mr Appling will speak on the principles of good government and the objectives of the Republican party, and it is expected that his remarks will be of particular interest to many persons.

La Verne Van Marter will present a financial report and there will also be a muscial number and other entertainment.

Appling's visit is being sponsored by the county Republican committee which will furnish coffe and punch.

1959-60 County Taxes And Valuation Climb --But Only Slightly

1959-60 real and property taxes in Morrow county, which will be due for payment on November 15, will be up slightly from last year, but the increase is reported to be much smaller than in many other sections of the state.

The total amount to be raised by taxes during the coming year will be $1,052,405.90, which is an increase of $41,090.81 over the 1958-59 figure of $1,011,315.09, it was reported this week by the assessor's office.

Boardman residents will pay the highet levy of any community in the county, an even 100 mills, but even then residents there have something to be happy about, for this is 0.7 mills lower than last year. Boardman is also the only town in the county to show a decrease.

Irrigon has the record of showing the greatest increase over last year, 4.4 mills which will bring the taxes in that town to 85 mills, stil consideraby below Boardman's.

Ione ranks second in the amount of increase this year. The tax there will amount to 90.1 mills, up 4.2 mills from last year. Nearly all of this is accounted for in the increase in the county school levy.

Heppner ranks second in the total amount of taxes, but its increase is low, only 1.8 mills. The total tax within the Heppner city limits will be 98.6 mills compared with 96.8 last year.

Lexington will pay only 0.1 mill more than last year when its tax was 69 mills.

In the county's lowest tax districts, where no city or special levies are in effect, the tax for 1959-60 will be 64.5 mills which reflects an increase of 4.4 mills over last year.

Vauation Increases

Total valuation of the county increased $135,695 during the year to a total of $13,785,283. Real property valuation stands at $10,381,790, up about $110,000; and personal property valuation for next year will be $2,168,700 which is an increase of $318,178. These two increases are offset by a reduction in public utility valuations in the county of almost $200,000. Public utilities are valued by the state tax commission for the coming year at $1,266,643 compared with $1,463,821 last year. This follows a general trend throughout the state as the tax commission has for several years been gradually reducing utility valuations to bring them in line with other property valuations.

A breakdown of 1959-60 levies for the towns in the county show:

Heppner—(98.6) Morrow county 20.1; county school 44.4; school district bonds and interest 5.0; City of Heppner 27.1; cemetery district 2.0.

Lexington — (69.1) Morrow county 20.1; county school 44.4; city 4.6.

Ione—(90.1) Morrow county 20.1; county school 44.4; school district bonds and interest 8.6; city 17.0.

Boardman — (100.0) Morrow county 20.1; county school 44.4; school district bonds and interest 18.1; city 15.4, cemetery district 2.0.

Irrigon—(85.0) Morrow county 20.1; county school 44.4; school district bonds and interest 6.9; city 10.6; cemetery district 3.0.

By comparison one community in Umatilla county will pay a 1959-60 tax of approximately 146 mills, which is at least 46 mills more than the highest in Morrow county.

ANNUAL "KNOW YOUR LIBRARY WEEK" SPONSORED BY IONE TOPIC CLUB

The Ione Topic club will observe the annual "know your library week", September 28, 29 30 and October 1.

Mrs Norman Nelson, president of the club, announced that on Sept 25 the library board will entertain the teachers of the Ione public schools at 4 o'clock coffee hour at the Ione City library.

This will give the teachers an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the books that are available there.

Members of the club will visit the school Monday morning, Sept 28 to invite the pupils to visit the library at the time scheduled for each class.

Mrs Bert Palmateer will visit the first grade; Mrs Elmer Griffith, the second; Mrs Dixon Smith, third; Mrs John Proudfoot fourth; Mrs Norman Nelson, fifth; Mrs Walter Jacobs, sixth; Mrs Garry Tullis, seventh and Mrs Roy Lindstrom, eighth. They will also show some of the books that have been acquired recently.

Other club members acting as hostesses at the library during the week will be Mrs David Baker, Mrs Omar Rietmann, Mrs M E Cotter, Mrs C W Swanson, Mrs Victor Rietmann, Mrs Verner Troedson, Mrs Roland Bergstrom, Mrs William Rawlins, Mrs Charles O'Connor and Mrs Charles Carlson.

In order to contact the adult readers of the community, letters have been sent to the local organizations, inviting them to visit the library in groups during the year.

At this time the library has approximately 4200 books, with about 120 borrowers. 180 new books have been added since June 1, including those for children, young adults and adults.

The members of the library board are Mrs Norman Nelson, chairman; Mrs Elmer Griffith, Mrs Verner Troedson, Mrs Helen Proudfoot, and Mrs Vera Rietmann. Mrs Bert Palmateer is the librarian.

Two From County Receive New State Scholarships

Awarding of 126 county and legislative district scholarships to students in the state system of higher education was announced today by the newly created state scholarship commission. Students from Morrow county who have received the grants are Stevan Flug Heppner, Oregon State College; and Maxine Sicard, Boardman, University of Oregon.

The commission acted under a new law, Senate bill 133, approved by the last legislature which provided for one scholarship per county and one per legislative district. The awards cover most tuition and fee charges. They are automatically renewable for a maximum of four years without further application as long as the recipient remains academically eligible. Students may also transfer among the schools of the state system and retain their scholarship.

The act creating the commission and its scholarships was developed from an old law rediscovered last year under which similar scholarships were made available to students at Oregon State College. These had been awarded by the county courts and legislators from respective districts. The new law gave the appointive power to the commission.

In addition to its responsibility for the legislative and county scholarships, the commission is empowered to encourage donation of private funds to permit increased scholarship assistance for worthy students beyond what state funds can supply. Finally, the commission was given charge of certain previously established state scholarship funds.

Commission members include Mr and Mrs E B Lemon, Corvallis, chairman; Miss May Darling, Portland; Mr Sidney Schlesinger, Salem; Mrs Cheryl S McNaughton, Portland; and Mr Lynn S McCready, Eugene. Commission offices are located in Eugene.

Cub Scout Pack Meet To Be Tuesday Night

The first Cub Scout pack meeting of the fall will be held Tuesday, Sept 29 at 7:15 p m in the multipurpose room of the grade school.

All present Scouts as well as those wishing to join a den are urged to be present. The ages for Cubs are 8 to 11 years and all those wishing to join need to be accompanied by a parent to this meeting.

HUNTERS NIGHT SET

Tonight (Thursday) is the date of the Heppner Elks annual hunters night, which officers promise will be one of the biggest ever. The meeting will be preceeded by a turkey dinner at 6:30.

Advisory Group To Be Chosen

A meeting has been called for Wednesday, Sept 30 at 8 p m to elect a school advisory committee for the Heppner schools, it was announced today by Joe Stewart, Heppner superintendent. It will be held in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school.

The committees in each of the former school districts, prior to their combination in one county administrative district, have been authorized by the school board, and each will have limited control duties over the schools in each area. They will also serve as a go-between, reporting needs and desires of the schools to the county board.

The Heppner committee will consist of five members with three to be elected from the Heppner district, one from Hardman and one from Lexington.

All other schools in the county have previously chosen their committees.

PP&L TO JOIN IN CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Authorization has been given a utility company group of which Pacific Power & Light is a member to develop and build the world's first high performance gas-cooled nuclear power plant which is hoped to point the way to a major advance in the technology and economics of obtaining electricity from the atom, according to notice received by PP&L officials.

Pacific Power is one of seven northwest utilities participating in a 52-company group, High Temperature Reactor Development Associates Inc, which will share in sponsorship of the new-type 40,000-kilowatt prototype plant, scheduled for completion in 1963.

D R McClung president of PP&L, said the companies sharing in the gas cooled reactor program will obtain first-hand knowledge of advanced technology and experience in nuclear plant operation from the project, which has received approval from Congress and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Although utilities of the Pacific Northwest are still primarily concerned with full deveopment of the region's hydroelectric resources, McClung noted that supplementary power sources will be needed in the future to meet the huge growth forecast in energy requirements. PP&L, he said, is looking both to coal and nuclear developments to take a necessary place in the regional power picture.

Final clearance for the new power reactor project came with the signing of contracts by the Atomic Energy Commission with General Dynamics Corporation, whose General Atomic division conceived the plan, and Philadelphia Electric Company, principal sponsor, which will be responsible for construction and operation of the plant on its system. General Atomic will design and provide the nuclear steam supply system, including the reactor, under contract with the Bechtel Corporation, the engineer-constructor.

One of the advantages attributed to the gas-cooled reactor concept is that it will produce steam at a high temperature of

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