

### Warm-Up Pushes Snow Moisture Into the Ground

A welcome warming trend made itself felt over nearly all of Morrow county Tuesday and Wednesday and by Wednesday afternoon hills were beginning to show bare spots and streets were becoming a sloppy mess as nearly a foot of snow made its way down gutters the past week and only on a couple of occasions was there any freezing rain, but constant below freezing temperatures until Tuesday kept the snow layer from disappearing.

The warming first hit the mountains and higher elevations Saturday and Sunday making many roads in those areas sloppy but the cold layer continued to remain in the valleys until Tuesday when clouds disappeared and the sun started the thaw.

Last week it was feared that should a wind come up, many roads would soon be drifted full, but luckily very little blow was experienced in any part of the county.

Farmers welcomed the gradual thaw of the past three days which allowed nearly all of the one and one-third inches of moisture in the snow pack to soak into the ground. Streams were running a little more water by Wednesday than a week ago, but all were clear and no area has reported any erosion from the thaw.

Solidly packed ice and snow on highways and roads during most of the past two weeks has made driving hazardous in all directions, but no serious accidents have been reported in the entire period. Walking on Heppner's ice-coated sidewalks was a major problem during early morning hours both Monday and Tuesday after a light rain had frozen during the night. Several persons suffered falls, but no broken bones have been reported.

Until the slush all disappears from streets, night-time temperatures will continue to create very slick streets and roads in the mornings.

### Mustangs Again Win 1, Lose 1 Over Weekend

By NEAL PENLAND

Coach Clint Agee's Heppner Mustangs again split their weekend basketball play by rolling over Riverside of Boardman Friday night 47 to 36 but getting trounced Saturday night by Elgin 80 to 45.

Guards Ron Gray and Dennis Doherty led Heppner against Riverside with their brilliant back court work. Heppner opened things up fast when they dumped in 13 points in the first quarter. At half time Heppner could only manage to stay ahead by one point, but in the third period scored 20 points to Riverside's 2. Gray and Doherty led Heppner scoring with 14 and 12.

Saturday night Heppner traveled to Elgin in a return game that saw the Mustangs bow 80 to 45. Elgin had three terrific quarters, scoring in the twenties each period. At the half Heppner was far behind 21 to 44.

Tom Driscoll, Dennis Doherty and Tom Green led Heppner scoring with 11 points each while Crouser found the hoop for 28 for Elgin.

The JV's also split their games, beating Riverside 42-40 but losing to Elgin 51-35. Bruce Moyer led the team both nights with 9 and 15 points.

**Heppner** Green 7  
Webb 2  
Driscoll 8  
Doherty 12  
Gray 14

Subs-Heppner: Moyer, Tibbles, Gardner, Dick, Davidson 2, George 2, Kerr, Riverside: Hobbs, McKay 2, Waks, Getz 6, Kieth.

**Heppner** Green 11  
Davidson 4  
Driscoll 11  
Doherty 11  
Gray 6

Subs-Heppner: Moyer, Tibbles, Gardner, Dick, Webb, George 2, Creswick, Elgin, Nelson 4, Wante, Conatser, Lyman 4.

**ENLISTS IN ARMY**  
Ed Groshens, son of Mr and Mrs Vic Groshens of Heppner recently enlisted in the Army and is now at Fort Ord, Calif where he is receiving his basic training. He left Heppner early in January.

Dr and Mrs C M Wagner were at Tollgate Thursday for skiing.

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FLAGS OF 25 COUNTRIES, that comprise the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), are viewed by county extension agent, Miss Esther Kirmis, and Mrs Walter Corley, extension secretary, in preparation of Miss Kirmis' visit to each home-makers club during the month of February on behalf of this international women's organization.

### HOMEMAKERS TO HEAR ACWW STORY DURING FEBRUARY VISITS TO UNITS

"We mothers of the world believe we are strong enough to spread throughout the world friendship and understanding," states Mrs Alice Berry, Australian, president of the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World.)

Believing that a society with such a good purpose should be studied, Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent, will be visiting each extension unit in the county on its behalf, during the month of February.

With the use of all types of visuals Miss Esther Kirmis will present the historical background of this international country women's organization, its aims, its accomplishments, and its program work.

Since the United Nations came into being in 1946 the ACWW

### Stefani's Restaurant Again Open After Forced Shutdown

Stefani's Fine Food restaurant at Ione has been back in business for the past week after being closed down for a week while the source of a seepage of gasoline into the building was investigated.

Many gallons of gasoline or petroleum product were bailed out of the basement and a sump dug outside of the building, but the source of the seepage still hasn't been found. The restaurant was ordered closed at the time of the find for fear of an explosion.

The building has now been sealed off to prevent further seepage and the restaurant is again serving customers.

### Deadline Near For Obtaining 1959 Crop Commodity Loans

Producers of wheat, barley, rye and oats are reminded that February 1 is the final date for processing loans by the ASC office. Loans should be disbursed as soon as possible after county office approval.

The final date for disbursing all 1959 loans is February 15, it was announced.

### Color Television Set on Display

The Heppner TV cable co-op has recently purchased a color television set, the only operating one in Heppner, and has the unit on display at local dealers.

During much of the past month the set was in operation at Haskell & Haskell show-rooms on North Main street, and starting about February 1 it will be in operation at Gony's.

The set has been performing very satisfactorily and quite a number of color shows are now being telecast. Many persons watched the Rose Bowl game and other special programs in recent weeks.

### Several School Meetings Scheduled During Coming Days

Three important school meetings are scheduled for the near future in the county.

The first will be the special building committee meeting which will be held Tuesday, Feb 2 at 8 p m at the Ione school cafeteria. The county school budget committee will meet the following night at the Heppner grade school multipurpose room, and on Monday, Feb 8 the county school board will hold its monthly meeting at the court house.

All are open to the public.

### Immunization Clinics Again Set In County Schools

The Morrow county health department will again hold immunization clinics in all county schools during February, March and April. It was announced this week by Mrs Velma Glass, county health nurse.

All vaccines are offered without charge and include small-pox vaccination; whooping cough and tetanus combination; typhoid and polio vaccines. Both parents and pre-school children will be welcome at the clinics.

The schedule will be: Heppner, February 9, March 8, April 5 from 9 to 11 a m. Lexington and Ione, February 16, March 15, April 12. Boardman and Irrigon, February 23, March 22 and April 19. Parents are asked to check at the latter four schools to find the time of the clinics.

### State Veteran's Loan Volume to Drop During 1960

After setting a new record for Oregon veterans' farm and home loans in 1959, the Department of Veterans' Affairs announced that starting January 18, its loan volume will be reduced by more than 50 percent.

The veterans' department last year granted 5170 loans to World War II and Korean veterans in the amount of \$52,932,550, exceeding the previous high year of 1957 by more than \$16,600,000 and by nearly 1200 loans. In that year, 3979 veterans borrowed \$36,289,000.

But department director H C Saalfeld said the final amount of loan funds will have been committed to borrowers as of January 18, and loans starting on that date are being scheduled for funds at the rate of 120 a month. Loans in 1959 averaged 430 a month.

"In other words," Saalfeld said, "loans in 1960 will be limited to funds received from veterans' loan repayments, after we pay operating expenses, principal and interest on bonds outstanding, and annual property taxes."

The first 120 loans on the new scheduling basis will be set up to receive closing funds in April; the next 120 in May, and so on. This condition will last at least through 1960. What happens after that will depend upon the outcome of a measure on the ballot in next November's general election to set a higher limit on the amount of bonds that may be issued to finance the loan program.

Since the loan program started in 1945, the veterans' department has granted 29,271 loans in the amount of \$208,645,224. Borrowers have repaid approximately \$96,693,000 in principal and interest, and they are repaying at the rate of about \$1,800,000 a month. Of the 29,271 loans granted, 19,607 were outstanding on December 31 in the amount of \$145,760,648.

The program has been self-sustaining, paying all of the loan division's operating expenses, the principal and interest on bonds issued to obtain loan funds, and earning more than \$6,240,000 in net operating revenue since 1945.

### PASTORS PLAN POTLUCK

All the pastors of the Heppner ministerial association and their families will hold a potluck dinner at Hope Lutheran church Sunday at 6 p m.

It was recently adopted at an association meeting that such dinners will be held the last Sunday of five Sunday months to better the already fine fellowship existing among the clergy of Heppner.

### EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, Feb 9 at the court house between 9:30 a m and 3:30 p m.

### County Weed Meeting Set For Feb 2 at Heppner

New chemicals for fence and roadside spraying, rye control, research in morning glory control and chemical summer fallow will be featured at the annual weed control meeting which is set for Tuesday, February 2, Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, OSC, and Dean Swan, weed research specialist, Pendleton branch experiment station will lead the discussion. N C Anderson, county agent and Oscar Peterson, county judge will have spots on the program. The meeting will be held at the fair annex building from 10 A M to 4 p m.

Dean Swan will report on chemical summer fallow, a new promise to simplified fallow and weed control combinations. Mr Swan in cooperation with Oregon State College and the Pendleton branch experiment station has a series of plots using promising chemicals for cheat grass and other weed control throughout the Columbia Basin. Various rates and types of chemicals were used. Gar Leyva, spray applicator, Lexington, cooperating with the experiment station has applied many of these plots by air for comparison with ground applied chemicals. Newest morning glory control recommendations will also be given by Mr Swan, who has over the past few years carried out a series of experimental plots in Morrow and other counties.

Boardman and Irrigon, February 23, March 22 and April 19. Parents are asked to check at the latter four schools to find the time of the clinics.

A progress report on the county spray program for 1959 will be discussed by N C Anderson, county extension agent. Oscar Peterson, county judge will lead a discussion in the enforcement of the weed district law which was requested at the 1959 weed meeting.

Newest developments in annual selective weed control in cereals will be discussed. A short time will be spent on a report of the volunteer fire prevention program which drew much interest at last year's weed meeting and which was carried through to some success during last year's fire season.

Co-sponsoring the annual weed meeting for the second year is the Morrow County Farm Bureau. Door prizes are being provided by this farm organization will be drawn during the day.

### Smaller Water Bills On Tap

Heppner water users will get a moratorium on any big water bills for a month. It was announced this week by the water department. All February 1 bills will be for just minimum charges.

The reason for the smaller bills, in many instances, is that because of the layer of snow and ice city crews have been unable to read water meters.

The respite will be purely temporary, however, for the next month the extra gallonage will appear on water bills.

In instances where a home or business only uses up to the minimum charge, no difference will be noted in bills.

### FLUE FIRE BURNS

The Heppner fire department answered an alarm to the Glen Barbour home on West Center street last Thursday night to control a flue fire. There was no damage.

### WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	22	14	—
Friday	23	11	—
Saturday	29	11	—
Sunday	29	15	—
Monday	30	15	—
Tuesday	45	25	Tr
Wednesday	49	29	—

Rainfall for the week a trace; for January 1.32 inches.

### GROW-YOUR-OWN-TROUT IDEA GETS START IN COUNTY



NICE CATCH—Kit, son of Mr and Mrs N C Anderson of Heppner, displays his catch of nine Kamloops trout taken last Sunday through the ice on one of three ponds on the Don Greenup ranch near Heppner. The largest was just 12 inches long. The trout were planted last May as one and one-half inch fingerlings and have shown a surprising growth in nine months. (Yes, its legal to catch 'em this time of year through the ice as long as its from a private pond.)

An interesting new crop has shown that it can be produced in Morrow county—one that most persons wouldn't look for in a dry-land wheat country.

The crop is fish! Last May 3500 one and one-half inch Kamloops trout were planted in three man-made ponds on the Don Greenup ranch east of Heppner. By August the fish were found to average 9

### Great Decisions To Begin Here During February

Oregon's annual review of main issues in American foreign policy will start in February when residents of 27 counties will meet in "Great Decisions" discussion groups. Miss Esther Kirmis of Heppner is Morrow county chairman.

Early reports indicate that more study groups are being formed this year than in 1959 when some 6,000 Oregonians discussed current topics in more than 400 groups.

The program also is carried by high school social studies classes and each issue is reviewed by Oregon newspapers, television and radio stations.

Mrs Mabel Mack, assistant director of Oregon State College extension service and co-chairman of the state Great Decisions program, stressed the importance of Americans understanding the full range of international problems they face.

She pointed out that Great Decisions groups give participants an opportunity to study facts and arrive at an informed opinion. Group members study fact sheet material prepared by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) and discuss one key issue each week for an eight-week period. Sets of fact sheets and extra ballots may be secured in each county from the Great Decisions chairman.

At the end of each discussion, participants will record their opinions on individual ballots. Summary of ballots cast in Oregon will be sent to FPA as well as ballots from the 43 other states participating in the Great Decisions program. State and national summaries will be forwarded to the U S state department.

Information about the 1960 Great Decisions program is available from county Great Decisions chairmen and county extension agents.

In Oregon, Great Decisions is co-sponsored by Oregon State College extension service and the general extension division of the state system of higher education in cooperation with the FPA, the state department of education, state library, and some 25 state-wide organizations.

### Suppose It's Spring?

Pussy Willows are in bloom at the Bill Weatherford ranch near Ione.

Even though they poked their way out through the snow and ice, Weatherford thinks they are about 15 days earlier than last year, so maybe the winter hasn't been so bad after all.

### INCOME TAXES SUBJECT OF CHAMBER TALK

P W Mahoney, Heppner attorney, spoke to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday noon on income taxes. He explained changes that are in effect for this year and how many of the tax law's provisions apply to the individual.

Harlan McCurdy Jr and Al Lamb were in Portland several days last week to attend a meeting of the North Pacific Grain Growers. They returned Sunday.

inches in length and last Sunday, Kit Anderson, son of Mr and Mrs N C Anderson of Heppner, fishing through the ice on the ponds, came up with nine fine fat fish averaging conservatively one-third of a pound each. The largest fish was an even foot long and had a cleaned weight of about 10 ounces.

Kit's dad, who is county agent, got to figuring what the rate of meat production was out of the three ponds, and came up with some quite surprising figures:

3500 fish each weighing a conservative one-third pound, in three ponds covering three acres, equals a total of 1165 pounds of nice fresh fish. This is an average of 400 pounds of meat per acre in just nine months.

To make the story even more interesting, the fish have not been artificially fed—they have made their growth on the natural feed found in the ponds.

There is a further incentive for local ranchers to grow their own fish—when you plant your own in private ponds, you can fish for them at any time of the year, in any manner you see fit, and you don't need a fishing license to do it.

Anybody for a nice fresh foot-long trout for dinner?

### Chaplaincy Plan Set For Hospital

The Heppner ministerial association began in January a newly organized chaplaincy program for Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The proposed program as presented to the hospital board consists of visitations to all main floor patients each day of the week by different clergy of the association. Once a week a visit is made to all the patients in the geriatrics ward. This is also done on the rotation system. Beginning in February devotional services, 10 to 15 minutes in length, will be held for the geriatric patients Sundays at 1 p m.

The chaplaincy program also provides for a chaplain of the month. Each month a different clergy is on call should an emergency arise where pastoral help is requested but no preference of denomination is given.

The hospital board approved the program at its January 21st meeting.

Those clergy now in the Heppner association are Rev Knox, Rev McGhee, Father Spencer, Rev Wolfgang, Rev Rydgen, Father Beard and Rev Vorles.

### Beginners Typing Course To Start

The beginners typing course, sponsored by the P.T.A. will hold its first class Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 in the Heppner high school.

The course will be taught by D G Lujan of Ione, who announces that a small fee will be charged for purchasing typing books and paper.

The course will last approximately six weeks.

At present there are 12 people signed up for this class and anyone else interested is asked to please contact Mrs William Labhart or Mrs Creston Robinson.

### County Republicans Schedule Meeting

A meeting of the Morrow county Republican committee has been set for 8 p m Wednesday, February 3 at the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office in Heppner, it was announced this week by Mrs Kenneth Peck, chairman.

All interested Republicans are urged to attend.