

Goofy Weather During Week Adds Much Moisture

Most of Morrow county experienced its wettest week of the winter and during the past seven days got almost a complete assortment of weather.

The moisture recorded at the Heppner weather station for the past week was 1.19 inches, and it came in the form of snow, rain, hail, sleet and just plain freezing rain or ice. One day was even springlike with the temperature reaching 49.

The moisture generally was welcomed, though there were some reports of erosion when rain fell on only partially thawed fields. There was little general soil damage, however, as the moisture did far more good than damage.

A big share of the week's precipitation came in the form of snow flurries which were laden with moisture. In some of the higher elevations up to two or more inches fell in a short time, but clearing skies usually melted the white stuff in a few hours.

Heppner and adjacent area experienced its worst freezing rain or silver thaw in many years early Saturday morning, coating everything with about one-eighth of an inch of ice and making walking and driving almost impossible. During the few early-morning hours before the ice melted, there were several reports of minor car accidents and many motorists left their cars at the foot of hills or at curbs, unable to move them.

The continuing surge of Pacific storms added considerably to the snow pack in both the Blue and the Cascade mountains with over two feet falling in the Cascades and about a foot in the Blues. Some graveled roads were very soft as the frost came out of the ground, but as far as is known, all were passable with care.

All-in-all the past week provided a perfect example of what March can offer in weather fare. Since the first of the month temperatures have ranged from 9 to 49 degrees.

Local Workers Are Needed For Census

Homer E Rainey, district supervisor of the 1960 Census of Population and Housing which starts April 1, today issued an appeal to residents of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties to become candidates for jobs as census takers.

Applications for jobs as census takers may be obtained from Mrs Rose Marie Nelson, Box 87, Condon, crew leader for this area, or by writing to U S Census District Office, 1104 Wall Street, Bend.

Applicants for jobs as census takers must be over 18 years of age, be citizens of the United States, and have a high school education or its equivalent. Candidates will be required to pass a selection test demonstrating their ability to understand written instructions and read maps. Persons who are presently or recently associated with law enforcement or tax assessing or collection agencies are not eligible.

Census takers will be paid on a piece price basis. A diligent census taker should earn about \$1200 per day, the district supervisor said. A \$20 training fee will be paid to census takers who successfully complete the course of instruction required before they start their rounds, and accept a census assignment.

Chamber Hears Of Aircade Discussions

County judge Oscar Peterson reported briefly Monday at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the events of the U S Chamber of Commerce Aircade which he had attended at Salem. He told of many of the important discussions held there.

It was announced that on March 21 the chamber will be the guests of the Heppner schools for lunch and program.

The Monday program was a series of color slides on the Montana Yellowstone earthquake which were narrated by Oliver Creswick.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	22	13	.19
Friday	24	14	.08
Saturday	31	21	.7
Sunday	41	27	.31
Monday	48	32	.44
Tuesday	49	34	.10
Wednesday	47	30	.07

Precipitation for the week 1.19 (mostly in the form of snow and sleet), for March 1.19; for the year 3.25 inches.

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EASTER SEAL GIRL—Mrs E E Gonty, Heppner, Morrow county chairman for the 1960 Easter Seal sale of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, receives a corsage and a smile from little Susan Philip of Eugene, Oregon Easter Seal girl for 1960. Mrs Pearl Devine of Heppner, a member of the county committee, watches. Susan and volunteers met during pre-campaign session in Portland. She is a student at the society's children's hospital school in Eugene. Sale opens March 17.

P-TA HEARS OF NEEDS FOR SCHOOL EXPANSION PLANS

An item of \$130,000 has been included in the Morrow county school district budget for 1960-61 in a serial levy building fund and if approved by county voters at the April 12 election, this money will provide for the construction of four to six new classrooms, plus necessary associated facilities on a new site at Heppner.

In a panel discussion of local school needs at the Heppner Parent-Teachers meeting Wednesday night, Dr Wallace Wolff, a member of the Heppner-Lexington advisory and building committee, pointed out that this planned expansion provides for minimum needs for the Heppner school at this time. He quoted statistics from the US bureau of the census and the U S department of health which showed that in spite of recently declining numbers of marriages, birth rates continue to rise. Reduced birth rates during the depression years has caused the present downward trend in marriages. However, younger parents with more years to raise larger families have been responsible for a 65 percent increase in the number of babies born since 1940. Dr Wolff pointed out that between 1960 and 1965 the trend toward fewer marriages will be reversed when post-war babies reach marrying age. Then a rising number of marriages, plus an already increasing birth rate, will create even greater population pressures.

"Though we are planning a minimum building needs to house our school children this year, we must expect additional expansion in the near future," Dr Wolff said.

At the present time there are 62 grade school children using the Lexington school building. Next year, it will be necessary to house 103 grade school students in the Lexington building unless expansion can be accomplished prior to that time. At last night's P-TA meeting, Gene Majeske of Lexington, pointed out the present facilities at Lexington and the need for remodeling and repairs if the building is to be used for an increased number of students.

The group was told that in 1957 there were 135 high school students in Heppner. By 1959-60 the number has climbed to 178 and by 1964 there will be 255 students from Heppner and Lexington, nearly twice the number educated in 1957. It was explained that these figures do not allow for the 7 percent annual increased experienced in the Heppner school over the past several years—it represents the

actual number of children now in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades who will be in high school by 1964.

Dick Wilkinson pointed out that taxes are a necessary part of any expansion. To raise the \$130,000 necessary to finance the minimum expansion needs would necessitate a serial levy of approximately 10 mills.

A comparison of school levies was made showing that in 1959-60 Heppner was paying a total of 49.4 mills toward school expenses. Pendleton is paying 56.9 mills and Pilot Rock 60.4 this year. Increases in the 1960-61 general funds, plus the serial levy for building purposes, if approved, would raise the Heppner school levy to approximately 63.8 mills. This figure compares favorably with school levies now experienced in these neighboring communities and is lower than the current figures for Umatilla, Echo and Stanfield which are 76.4, 71.6 and 88.4 mills respectively.

County Schools Get Federal Money

The Gazette-Times was advised this week by Congressman Al Ullman that the application of Morrow county school district for federal assistance under provisions of Public Law 874 has been approved.

According to the announcement of the department of health, education and welfare, the school district will have a tentative entitlement of \$7,409. Of this amount \$5,556 has been certified for immediate payment.

In former years, before consolidation of all county districts, the federal aid went to the Irrigon district.

Farmers Union Hears National Report

The Morrow County Farmers Union met Tuesday evening at the Paul Brown ranch with 25 members and guests present.

President, Paul Jones, appointed an executive committee of Al Lamb, legislative chairman; Al Bunch, education chairman; and Mr and Mrs Max Barclay, insurance and youth activities chairmen.

Al Lamb gave a report on the Farmers Union national program and stressed more bargaining power for the farmers and the need to eliminate the word surplus and replace it with the word reserve.

Al Bunch gave the group a school budget report and a discussion was held and questions answered.

Political Filings Gain Locally As Friday Deadline Approaches

With the primary election filing deadline nearly here, (Friday, March 11) local political activity began to pick up this week as several filings have been made with the county clerk. By Wednesday there were no contests for any major office, though there appeared a chance that the county clerk's post might see a fight.

As of Wednesday noon here are the filings:

Democratic
County clerk, Mrs Sadie Parrish.
Port commissioner, Al Lamb, Heppner; Paul Slaughter, Irrigon. Two positions are open.

Republican
County commissioner, Russell Miller, Boardman.
Port commissioner, Dewey West, Jr, Boardman.
Precinct committee woman, Margaret Troedson, Ione.

Two local measures will also be voted on at the primary election, one by the entire county electorate, and one by residents of the Heppner rural fire district. The county-wide vote will be to establish a tax base of \$32,000 for the Morrow county port commission, and residents within the Heppner rural fire district will vote on a special one-year levy of about \$6,000 to finance operation of the district which was formed last year, but could not operate because a tax base could not be established.

As the law apparently reads, a fire district cannot vote to establish a tax base except at a general election in November. The special levy will give the district money to operate this year, and a regular tax base will be voted in the fall.

The law allows a port district to vote its tax base at either a general or primary election.

R D Allstott Taken By Death; Services To Be Here Friday

R D Allstott, 58, well known Ione area rancher, died March 8 at St Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr Allstott was born Dec 19, 1901 in Lindsey, Oklahoma and came to this area when he was 16 years of age. He was married to Dolly Barlow, July 2, 1924 at the Barlow home on Rhea Creek.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p m at the Heppner Christian church with the Rev Charles Knox officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of one; three sons, R D, Jr, Tone; Richard D of Pendleton, and Clyde of Heppner; three daughters, Dorothy Jackson, Gresham; Virginia Peck, Rufus; and Laurel Butler of Mayville; two brothers, Bernie Allstott, Portland and Jack of Hawthorne, Calif; two sisters, Irene Padberg, Lexington; and Jane Luoto, Salem. He also leaves his step-mother, Frances Allstott of Salem, 13 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Court Appoints Zoning Group

The county court last week ordered the formation of a county zoning and planning commission and named five commissioners to the original group.

The five persons, appointed for staggered terms of office are Milton Biegel, Irrigon; Arthur Allen, Boardman; Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Kenneth Peck, Lexington; and Roy Lindstrom, Ione.

The new commissioners will meet in the near future to organize and adopt its rules.

The formation of such a zoning and planning group was made possible by the last legislature and the court felt the need of such work in the county with the possible industrial development of the north end of the county.

Ione Council Names Planning Committee

The Ione city council last week named Mrs Robert DeSpain, Fredrick Martin and Bill Rietmann on a committee to make a long range study of the city for zoning, etc, so as to be prepared for possible future development. The council also discussed street patching.

It was reported that the oil seepage at Stefani's Fine Foods had stopped but the pump is still operating in a sump.

E W Bristow and Pete Cannon prepared the budget for the coming year.

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SEN. RICHARD L. NEUBERGER

Sen. Neuberger's Death Creates Political Shockwave

The sudden unexpected death early Wednesday in Portland of Senator Richard L. Neuberger brought immediate expressions of sympathy and regret from friends and members of both political parties, and it threw both state party organizations into turmoil and started feverish activity.

The 47 year old senator, who had been recovering at his Portland home from a series of relatively non-serious illnesses, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Tuesday evening and died early Wednesday morning. He was highly respected by both Democrats and Republicans, and it was expected that he would be unopposed for nomination for a second six-year term in the United States Senate.

His death came just three days before the deadline for filing for the May primary election and both parties took immediate action to determine what steps would be taken.

The first to indicate that he will run for the Senate position was former Governor Elmo E Smith, publisher of the Albany

Maurine To Run

The Associated Press reported Thursday afternoon that Maurine Neuberger made the statement today that she will file before Friday night for the Senate position which had been held by her husband. At the time she announced her candidacy, Democrats Edith Green and Charles O Porter said they will not run and they will support Mrs Neuberger for the Senate seat.

Republican Walter Norblad was still in Salem at presstime today, but he had not filed and had made no statement as to his intentions. Ex-Governor Elmo E Smith, who yesterday said he will file for the Republican nomination, had not yet done so at noon today.

A Portland political unknown by the name of Murphy Thursday threw his hat into the Democratic ring for the Senate seat, but was given little or no chance to win.

Democrat-Herald, who will file as a Republican. The Associated Press reported Wednesday that the state's other representatives, Charles O Porter, and Edith Green, both Democrats; and Walter Norblad, Republican, are flying out from Washington to confer on the possibility of entering the race. Several other state personages are expected to join the race by 5 p m Friday, the deadline.

Governor Hatfield announced that he will make no interim appointment until after the Senator Neuberger's funeral, which will be held Sunday. His appointment would be until the general election in November.

There was wide speculation Wednesday that Senator Neuberger's wife, Maurine, might get the appointment to fill out her husband's term, and late Wednesday she made the following statement:

"I would deem it an honor to receive the appointment to serve out my husband's unexpired term until the general election in November. I am unable at this time to make any decision on the possibility of running for election to succeed my husband in the senate." Mrs Neuberger formerly served in the state legislature and has assisted her husband in Washington.

Statements Made
Among the many statements of regret, was one made to the Gazette-Times by Al Lamb, chairman of the Morrow county Democratic committee. He said:

"Senator Richard Neuberger is dead. This man, who became Oregon's first Democratic senator in 40 years, on a program of restoring two party government in Oregon and dedicated to saving our natural resources, grew in stature to the extent that no effective opposition to his reelection developed in either party."

"Oregon and the nation have lost a great man, who would have gone further, and I have lost a personal friend. His vision of real two-party government has been accomplished and the great John Day dam will forever remain as a monument to his effectiveness and devotion to duty."

Marilyn Colvin, who attends Pacific University at Forest Grove, was here or the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs Richard Colvin.

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