

# Monday's 103 Highest Temperature in 19 Years

## "Please Don't Waste Any Water," Plea of City

City of Heppner water users set an all-time record during the past month in the amount of water consumed, reported city water superintendent Vic Groshens. A total of over 21,000,000 gallons of water has been used in the city during the past 30 days.

Groshens said the city is very lucky to have sufficient water supply for such a demand, but noted early this week that pumping from the city's upper well had to be reduced to keep the water level from dropping. The city is now pumping 700,000 gallons a day from its two wells, which is a reduction from the 820,000 gallons a day that was being obtained before the one well had to be slowed down.

The extremely hot weather of the past week has pushed water use to its highest point in history and the city water department this week asked all users not to waste water. Groshens said that if everyone will cooperate there should be no necessity for rationing. He pointed out that sprinkling an irrigation should be done in the early morning or evening rather than during the heat of the day when evaporation makes such irrigation almost useless.

So far there is no necessity to ration water, Groshens said, but should the supply drop further, it might be necessary later in the summer.

## 2 Promoted in Forest Service

Victor Kreimeyer, district forest ranger, announces the promotion of Raymond Williamson to the assistant position in the Heppner district.

He fills the position vacated when Fred Prussing was transferred to region 4. Also in line for promotion was Sam Nigel who was promoted from timber sale officer to timber management assistant, the position which Williamson held. A replacement for the timber sale officer has not been announced.

## Number Listed For Rural Fire Calls

Several residents living within the boundaries of the Heppner rural fire district have asked recently how to report a fire or call for help.

All fire calls should be made directly to the Heppner Fire Department fire number which is listed in the telephone book. It is 6-9109. Calls will also be taken by fire chief C A Ruggles or assistant chief Robert Penland at the Gazette-Times, but calling the fire department number is the quickest and surest method. In case additional equipment is needed a call to the county agent's office can provide a list of additional volunteer equipment in the area which may be pressed into service if needed.

The Heppner department can answer calls only within the Heppner rural fire district, but later, when county owned fire equipment is operating it may be possible to develop a mutual aid agreement among the various departments for the benefit of all areas. Three pieces of county-owned equipment are now under construction.

## Scottish Visitor Leaves Thursday

Mr and Mrs Randall Martin and Janice were in Arlington Thursday morning to take Miss Rhoda Campbell to catch a bus for California. Miss Campbell is the IFYE student who has been visiting at the Martin ranch and she is on her way to California to visit relatives from her homeland, who live there.

While she was here the Martins took her on a trip of the Wallowa country and to Hat Point to see Hells Canyon.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week around 50 people called at the Martin home to see Miss Campbell's slides of Scotland and to hear her tell of her homeland.

Mrs Frank W Baker of Kennewick was a guest recently of Mr and Mrs Charles Vaughn.

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## Lexington Princess Dance Due Saturday



PRINCESS CHARLENE JONES

Saturday night Princess Charlene Jones of Lexington will be the guest of honor at her own Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess dance at the Heppner fair pavilion.

Princess Charlene is a 5 foot, 1 inch tall brunette with brown hair and blue eyes. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles C Jones and is being sponsored by the Lexington Grange.

The princess was born in Yakima, Washington but moved to Lexington when she was five years old and has lived there since. She attended the Lexington schools for 11 years, transferring to the lone high school last year to graduate with the class of 1960.

During her high school years in Lexington she was secretary of her class for three years, student body secretary for one year and assistant editor of the school paper.

## New Government Trapper Due Here

Carl McDaniel, government trapper in the Heppner area, announced this week that John Wharton has been assigned as trapper for Morrow and Umatilla counties replacing Joe Baitrenas who resigned in May.

Wharton comes here from Malheur county where he has been with the wildlife service. He will split his time between the Butter Creek area of Morrow county and Umatilla county.

McDaniel recently attended a meeting of government hunters in Bend and won a first place tie in a shooting match.

## MONAHAN BOYS HOME

Mr and Mrs James Monahan had their three sons home with them last week for a visit. Mike Monahan was here from Portland; Major James Monahan of Spokane and Sp/4 William Monahan of Fort Whittier, Alaska. William (Billy) is staying on to spend his 30 day leave with his parents.

## WINS TRIP

Frankie Lovgren, son of Mr and Mrs James Lovgren spent a few days last week at Jantzen Beach as a guest of the East Oregonian of Pendleton. He won the trip by getting his required number of new subscriptions to the paper.

paper. She was active in sports, being on the volleyball team, a three year member of the GAA, and a member of the Girls League for one year. She was also active in dramatics and took first place in the student body play as a sophomore. In lone she served as feature editor of the lone Cardinal. She is a four year 4-H club member in a cooking club, three years in a sewing and one year in a knitting club.

Princess Charlene plans to enter Western University of business in Portland following her exciting summer as a princess. She is a member of the Lexington Christian church where she teaches a primary Sunday school class.

Sharing in her excitement is a brother Kenneth, and Charlene has an aunt Pat McMillan Sawyer who was on the court in 1954.

A fairly new horsewoman, Charlene will ride Little Red, a registered quarterhorse belonging to William Smethurst. She was a banner bearer in the 1959 rodeo.

Wes Tittle and his Tri-County Boys from Redmond will provide the music for Charlene's dance which is scheduled to open at 10 p m.

## Wheat Truck Starts Thursday Blaze

A wheat truck belonging to Mildred Bergstrom threw a connecting rod just before noon today on the Condon highway near the Eight Mile intersection and set fire to surrounding grass and a small amount of grain belonging to Fred Mankin.

Quick action on the part of neighbors and the Morrow County Grain Growers fire truck prevented spread of the fire. The truck was completely destroyed.

## RECEIVES SALES AWARD

James J Farley, Heppner auto dealer, was in Portland last weekend to receive the Pontiac Motor division Knudson trophy for outstanding sales effort during Pontiac's 1960 sales contest. He has also received a GMC truck division award for sales during the past model year.

Mr and Mrs E L Florence of Eugene visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr and Mrs Norman Florence.

## PORT DISTRICT MAY PICK UP LAND OPTIONS ON RIVER

The Port of Morrow at a meeting last week discussed the possibility of taking up options on a sizeable piece of land in the northeast corner of the county that was originally intended to be an access zone between the Columbia River and the Boardman Bombing Range.

The land was optioned by the state department of planning and development, but the department was unable to obtain a complete corridor, so moved its operations to the west end of the range where the needed land was obtained. The state game commission is also interested in this land as a possible location for a wildlife refuge.

Port commissioners indicated that financing probably could be arranged for the purchase of the property which county judge Oscar Peterson said could well prove an extremely valuable asset for the port for future industrial development. Much of it lies along the Columbia.

The Port commissioners went on record as favoring the contribution of \$1500 to the budget of the six-county planning commission which is now being formed. The money is included in the port budget.

The Port of Morrow action followed a request of the Mid-Columbia regional planning commission that each port district and county in the organization put money into the planning group's budget on a voluntary basis. Such money would make possible the establishment of a permanent office with a hired planning consultant. The five ports involved are in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco and Hood River counties. Sherman county is also a member, but it has no port district.

The regional planning commission is to help plan for the coming industrial development of the mid-Columbia region which is expected to come from the development of the Boardman Bombing Range into a space age industrial park.

The Umatilla county court and the Port of Umatilla both have indicated that they will each put up \$1500 for the commission budget, and judge Peterson said it is possible that the Morrow county court will be able to provide a like amount.

Mrs Harry Dinges was elected president of the board and other officers named were Mrs Cornett Green, vice president and Mrs Sam Turner, secretary-treasurer. Trustees are J O Turner, one year; Mrs Ture Peterson, two years and Mrs Alex Thompson, three years.

On the book committee are Mrs Ray Smith, Mrs Dinges, Mrs Elmer Schmidt, Mrs P W Mahoney, Mrs Peterson, Mrs Blanche Brown and William Sowell.

Mrs Brown, librarian, announced that for the fiscal year July 1, 1959 to July 1, 1960 there were 3419 adult books checked out, 4595 for juveniles and 407 new books were added to the library with 251 new borrowers being added.

## Car Wreck, Fire, Broken Leg Hit Family in Minutes

Troubles came in bunches Sunday morning for Mr and Mrs Aurby Willard who live on the E C Dougherty ranch near Sand Hollow. But without Willard's quick action there could have been many more.

Mrs Willard and their small child were coming to town in the family car when the child caused a distraction and the car went over a bank. Willard who was following in a pickup jumped from the road to see about his family, who incidentally were unhurt, and broke a bone in his leg.

He loaded the family in the pickup to go back to the ranch to get a tractor to pull the car back on the road only to see it erupt in a cloud of smoke.

Willard got the tractor and bulldozed dirt over the car to put out the fire and kept it from getting into an adjacent wheat field where it could have destroyed hundreds of acres of grain.

Now Willard is driving truck with a cast on his leg.

## Al Ullman to Visit in County Saturday

Congressman Al Ullman will meet Morrow county citizens and friends on the patio of the New O'Hara home in Lexington at 8 p m Saturday, July 23, according to Al Lamb, county Democratic chairman.

This will be an informal gathering and light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to get better acquainted with the second district Congressman who is on his way to Washington, D C from the Democratic National convention at Los Angeles where he served as a delegate.

## Graveside Rites to Be Here Friday for Spencer Akers, 87

Word has been received here of the death Monday of Spencer Akers, 87, at his home in Aumsville, Oregon. A heart attack was reported to be the cause of death.

A daughter, Mrs Charles Barlow, left Tuesday for Aumsville. Graveside services will be held Friday at 1:30 p m at the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Rev Charles Knox officiating.

Mr Akers had been a resident of Morrow county for many years before moving to the Willamette Valley several years ago.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

## School Employees Urged to Get Health Certificates

All employees of Morrow county schools are reminded that Oregon school law requires a school health certificate registered with the county school office prior to Sept 8.

The requirements for a health certificate include a negative chest X-ray or a negative tuberculin skin test. A tuberculin Patch test is not acceptable.

Chest X-rays are available without charge at Pioneer Memorial hospital on Wednesday, August 3 from 7 to 8:30 p m and on Wednesday, Sept 7 at the same hours. If an appointment is made with the technician at some other time, a chest film is available for \$1.50. The cost of this is assumed by the Morrow County TB and Health association.

If chest X-rays are taken in the offices of private physicians they must be sent to a qualified radiologist, appointed by the state board of health, for interpretation. All certificates must be countersigned by the Morrow county health officer before they can be registered.

Certificate forms for both chest X-rays and skin tests are available in the offices of private physicians and at the county health department in the court house.

Mr and Mrs Joe Stewart and daughter Linda of Halfway were in Heppner on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Jim Diemerly, formerly of Sigourney, Iowa now of Long Beach, California, were guests of Bess Huddleston this week.

## Continuing Hot Spell Brings Rash of Fires

Heppner has sizzled under the hottest weather of the summer during the past seven days and on Monday, when the official government thermometer here reached 103 degrees, that reading set a 19 year record for heat.

Monday marked the third day in a row that the official temperature in Heppner went over the 100 mark. It was 101 on Saturday and 102 Sunday. Tuesday's maximum dropped to a mere 97 degrees, but many persons complained more of the heat that day than previously due to a higher humidity.

Even with the local thermometers reading well over 100, Heppner was one of the coolest spots in this part of Eastern Oregon. Boardman recorded a 111 on Sunday, 110 Monday and 107 Tuesday, and Hermiston outdid that record Tuesday with an unofficial 118. Arlington, however, probably laid claim to the dubious honor of being the hottest spot in the state Sunday when an unofficial 123 degrees was chalked up.

Should anyone doubt that the entire month of July has been

## Heat Hurting Some Grain Crops

Morrow county's 1960 wheat and barley crop is pouring into elevators at the rate of 90,000 to 100,000 bushels a day with a considerable portion of the higher elevation fields not yet harvesting despite the fine ripening weather of the past week.

Al Lamb, Morrow County Grain Growers manager, said Wednesday that about 90,000 bushels a day are being delivered to the co-op's elevators with Lexington and North Lexington facilities handling the greatest load. All elevators are now receiving some grain, he said.

The extremely hot weather of the past week undoubtedly hurt some of the crops in the higher elevations where it was still quite green when the heat wave started, but early crop forecasts for a good crop still hold. Barley appears to be running lighter than usual, but wheat is reported to be of good quality on the average.

## County Savings Bond Sales Jumps First Six Months

"More United States savings bonds are held by American people than ever before in the 19-year history of the program", state bond chairman Prideaux said today when announcing state savings bond sales for the month of June.

Morrow county sales for June were \$4,094 and for the first six months of the year they amount to \$79,508," the state chairman said.

June sales in Oregon jumped substantially over those of a year ago. They were \$2,678,104 compared to \$2,664,958 last June," he continued. State sales for the first-half of the year totaled \$18,270,195." In Morrow county sales for the first half of 1960 were \$12,306 over the same period for 1959.

In commenting on the value of savings bonds holding to the community, he said that "more than \$72 billions of United States savings bonds has been used in the past 19 years to improve or buy new homes, for education, retirement, and other benefits for the savers and their families."

## School Lunch Heads Attend Conference

Mrs Andy Van Scholack and Mrs Homer Hager returned to Heppner last Thursday from Corvallis where they attended the State School Lunch Conference at Oregon State College. About 300 school lunch personnel were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, Mrs Hager had been attending summer school at Oregon State College. Before going to Corvallis she attended the State Homemaking Teachers conference at the South Salem high school.

Gene Ferguson was in Boise, Idaho the first of the week to get an offer for the county road crew.

Mr and Mrs Mike Whitesmith and children were in Toppish this last weekend to attend a wedding reception on Sunday.

hot, a check of local weather records shows that on every day since July 1 the maximum temperature in Heppner has been 81 degrees or higher, mostly in the high 80's and 90's. The lowest maximum recorded this month was a moderately cool 76 on July 1.

## Record Broken

Heppner's 103 on Monday was the hottest day since July 17, 1941, a check of the Heppner Weather station records showed. The all-time high temperature recorded here was 108 on July 25, 1928. That was the hottest day in the 50 years that weather records have been kept here.

## Heat Brings Fires

The continuing hot spell has brought a rash of fires throughout the county and the Umatilla National Forest. The largest fire occurred Saturday when sparks from the Heppner city dump set off a blaze that burned between 600 and 700 acres of grassland belonging to Bert Kane, Elwyn Hughes and Roice Fulleton. The Heppner fire department, aided by the Morrow County Grain Growers truck, fought the fire for over two hours.

Last Friday a small amount of grassland on the Walter Ruggles ranch east of Lexington was burned when a truck lost a set of dual wheels letting the axle drop on the pavement and showering the area with sparks. A Heppner rural truck answered the call but neighbors had the fire under control by the time it arrived.

The Heppner department answered another call Monday just below Kinzua mill where a small patch of grass had burned, apparently from a cigarette. This blaze also had been controlled by passersby and neighbors.

The lone department has also answered several calls in recent days, but none of the fire were serious.

Vic Kreimeyer, Heppner district ranger for the Umatilla National Forest, reported Wednesday that Tuesday night's dry electrical storm set at least 101 fires in the Umatilla forest, but none of them in the Heppner district. The largest blaze, about 100 acres, was in the Pomeroy, Wash district, with Pendleton and Walla Walla districts taking the brunt of the storm. It was also reported that many fires were set by the same storm in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Kreimeyer said that seven men from the Heppner district were sent to other districts Wednesday to help control the numerous blazes.

The Tuesday storm set two fires in state controlled land in the vicinity of Monument lookout and south of the John Day river.

The Forest Service reported that all mountain areas are extremely dry bringing the fire danger to its highest point in years. The Forest Service weather report Wednesday called for possible additional dry electric storms Wednesday night, and also said that no relief is in sight for Eastern Oregon.

## Confusin' Aint It?

Several persons have noted that G-T stories about temperatures or rainfall don't jibe with the Heppner weather report that appears in the same paper. There is a good reason.

In today's story on the weather, we said it was 103 on Monday, yet the weather report on the same page said it was 103 on Tuesday. Here's why.

Temperature readings are taken every morning with the result that the previous 24 hours' temperatures are credited to the day on which the reading is taken. As a result, for example, Monday's 103 was recorded for Tuesday.

It really didn't make much difference, though. Both days were hotter than 15-71

## WEATHER

	H1	Low
Thursday	92	52
Friday	91	55
Saturday	96	57
Sunday	101	59
Monday	102	61
Tuesday	103	60
Wednesday	97	55

No rainfall for week or July. 8.33 inches for the year.