

## County Weather Observer Group Organized

The Morrow County Weather Observers was organized last week, reports N. C. Anderson, county extension agent.

The newly organized group will invite all farmers throughout the county to participate in a weather observation program. Orders will be pooled for an inexpensive rain gauge which will be used by the weather observers so that uniform precipitation measures can be taken.

Records will consist of a log on the kind of cloud while it is raining, the amounts and times of showers recorded as they fall, time of beginning and ending of each storm, kind of clouds that preceded the rain, and direction of the wind.

A report on the progress of the program, number of recorders, network of rain gauges and weather observers will be made to Oregon State College in hopes that this interest might draw some support from agencies such as the National Science Foundation which are spending funds on programs of experimental weather research throughout the U. S., Anderson said.

Officers and directors elected at the meeting were Frank Anderson, Heppner, president; Clarence Rosewall, Heppner, vice president; N. C. Anderson, Heppner, secretary; directors, Louis Carlson, Ione, Earl McCabe, Ione, Don Heliker, Ione, Harry Proudfoot, Echo, Kenneth Peck, Lexington, and Kenneth Turner, Heppner.

The group requests that farmers interested in any of the phases of weather observation contact them for further details.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Virginia Stillman, Heppner; Stanley Cox, Kinzua, dismissed; Dick Robison, Heppner; Kay Corbin, Heppner, dismissed; Margaret Hamm, Heppner, dismissed; Ella Chapman, Spray; Clarence Leonard, Drain, dismissed; Louis St Onge, Mikkalo; Rozena Cole, Heppner; Juanita Lillie, Condon; Beth Lynch, Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford were in Portland last week.

## Three Local Youths Injured In Car Wreck

Three local youths suffered minor injuries early Sunday when their car was involved in a one-car accident.

Kay Corbin, home on 30-day leave from the U. S. Air Force, was driving his car when it hit loose gravel as he was passing another motorist. The car left the roadway and hit a bank, causing both doors to fly open. Three boys were sitting in the front seat and both on the outside were thrown from the car.

Corbin was hospitalized overnight at Pioneer Memorial hospital with multiple bruises, leg lacerations and a mild concussion.

Dick Robinson received a large forehead laceration, contusions to left elbow and left knee. He also was kept in the hospital overnight.

Bob Bryant was treated for bruises and contusions to left shoulder and chest and released from the hospital.

The 1957 two-door sedan they were in was judged a total loss.

## Justice and Municipal Court Proceedings

James Elvis Sullivan, over-weigh load, \$15.00 bail forfeited. Clyde Raymond Cole, no motor vehicle license, fined \$5.00.

Floyd J. Brends, defective muffler, fined \$10.00.

Dean Hess, no operators license, fined \$5.00.

Robert Vernon Platt, failure to drive right half of highway, fined \$15.00.

Donald James Mills, no motor vehicle license, fined \$5.00.

C. E. Lynch, failure to stop on meeting school bus, \$30.00 fine forfeited.

Patricia L. Sawyer, violation of basic rule, excessive speed, fined \$50.00.

Kathlene Lynch, overtime parking, fined \$1.00.

Vernon Biall, overtime parking, fined \$1.00.

Morrow County Grain Growers, overtime parking, fined \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Matron and Patron of the Heppner O.E.S. chapter, Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Mrs. J. E. Huffman, and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael attended the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Hermiston O.E.S. chapter on Saturday night.

## Snow Pack Low -- Irrigation Water Shortage

Farmers who use spring runoff from the streams of Morrow county to irrigate should be storing water now, reports N. C. Anderson, county agent. This is to compensate for the lack of snow pack on Arbuckle mountain and to carry the crops through the dry season.

Water prospects from the Arbuckle mountain snow pack are at an all time low, according to Ralph Richards, conservationist, who measured 22.3 inches last week. Water content of this pack is only 7.75 inches, an all time low. Last year it was 9 inches; the average is 11.7 inches. The highest water content was in 1953 when it was 17.1 inches.

Anderson said that prospects for an excellent crop now exist. The lack of snow in the county was offset by the heavy recent rains and unless rain should skip the county in May and June the crops will be good. No reason to expect this condition exists, as normally enough rain falls in those two months to finish maturing the crops.

Irrigation farmers may have a different picture if they do not start conserving their surplus now by impounding. With the low water content on Arbuckle the normal late spring runoff just will not occur, but they can guarantee enough water if they make provision for it at this time.

## Unightly Spot On Sidewalk Repaired

A needed improvement to the town was made by the city crew this week when the gutter at E. Willow street and Main Street by the Hotel Heppner building was repaired.

Due to a low spot water did not drain into the sewer properly. The matter was brought to the attention of the city crew at last week's city council meeting. A week later work was completed of installing a new sidewalk over-pass and raising the low spot with cement.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb and family visited his mother, Mrs. Minta Webb in Walla Walla on Sunday.

## Farmers Union Meeting Held

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmer's Union was held Tuesday evening at the Fred Mankin home in Heppner.

Al Lamb made a report on his recent trip to the National Farmers' Union convention in Washington, D. C. The convention heard an address by the Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

Mr. Freeman told the convention that the Agriculture Department and the administration was dedicated to raising the parity of income and standard of living of rural America and at the same time assuring the consumers of America an adequate supply of food at reasonable prices.

Neil Anderson gave a report on the newly organized Morrow county weather observers organization and asked for the cooperation of the farmers in keeping weather records.

Orville Cutsforth, legislative chairman, made a report on his recent trip to Salem to testify before the agriculture committee in opposition to H. B. 1391. This bill was designed to control and prohibit the use of 2-4-D in the state of Oregon and was very detrimental to the wheat growers of Morrow county.

The meeting adopted a resolution endorsing the new Omnibus farm bill to be introduced in congress this week and urged all farmers in the county to write to their congressman soliciting his support for the bill.

## Ski Club Elects

Kenneth Peck, Lexington, was re-elected president of Baldy Butte Ski Club at a meeting at the fair annex Sunday evening. Other officers chosen were Donald Peterson, Ione, vice president and Alice Vance, Heppner, secretary-treasurer. Jim Miller, Heppner, was elected to the board of directors.

The agenda for the coming year was discussed. It is proposed to supply bus service from Heppner to the ski area next winter. Plans were made for a spring carnival for 1962. It was decided that a first aid program would be given the ski patrol before the beginning of the ski season.

Kenneth Peck gave a report on work to get a use permit from the U. S. Forest Service for a new ski run on Arbuckle mountain.

An arm patch contest to pick an official emblem for the club will be held at the next meeting with a prize awarded the person presenting the winning emblem.

Bob Rietmann, Ione, showed the members motion pictures he took of the Olympics last year at Squaw Valley, California.

Refreshments were served and special ski prizes were given.

Another meeting will be called by the president in May to plan a summer work program in improving the ski area, and in building the new ski trail on Arbuckle mountain if a use permit is granted.

## Rhea Creek Road To Be Surfaced

At its Tuesday meeting in Salem the State Highway Commission received bids for the oiling of 10.14 miles of the Rhea Creek Road extending northerly from the town of Ruggs and the bid was awarded to C. C. Meisel, McMinnville for \$72,244.

Plans call for the construction of a leveling course of crushed rock and oiled surface over the existing base which has been constructed by the county.

The work is scheduled to be completed this fall.

## Legion Sponsors Magazine Sales For Sickroom Benefit

American Legion Post No. 87, Heppner, will again sponsor the sale of magazines for sickroom equipment.

The equipment is stored at the local Legion hall and is available for use in private homes to the general public on request. There is no charge for its use as the program is financed through the annual sale of magazines by the Legion.

Canvassing of the county will be started April 17. Those carrying on the sale will carry letters of introduction signed by the sponsoring local post officials. Alva Jones is chairman of local equipment committee.

Other officials of the Legion here whose names will appear on the letters of introduction are Kemp Dick, commander; Marcel Jones, vice commander; William Labhart, adjutant, and William Heath, finance officer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Root and three children from Port Jagers, Wash., visited with the Everett Harshman family this past week.

## Methodist Church Elects Leaders

Lew Robbins, Heppner, was re-elected lay leader of the Methodist church at the fourth quarterly district conference held Monday night.

Commission chairmen elected were Edna Turner, membership and evangelism; Lucille Owens, education; Mrs. Lew Robbins, missions; Ray Williamson, stewardship and finance.

Three new trustees were elected: Fred Gimbel, J. W. Farra and Ralph Richmond.

Mrs. Douglas Drake was named church school superintendent for the ensuing year. Mrs. Ted Smith was elected treasurer and Mrs. Howard Bryant, financial secretary.

Communion stewards are Mrs. Lincoln Nash and Shirley Nash.

Seven stewards of the church were named: Mrs. Harry Duvall, Darl Hudson, Mrs. Fred Mankin, Lincoln Nash, Douglas Drake, Emma Hager and Cornett Green.

Ernest Wilson, district superintendent from Portland, presided at the meeting.

## High School Class Reunion Set

Members of the Heppner high school graduating classes of 1925, '26, '27, '28, '29 and '30 will hold a joint class reunion at the Terril Benge ranch on Rhea Creek May 28.

Harold Erwin, Heppner, is chairman and Irma Keithley, Heppner, is secretary-treasurer of the group.

Invitations are being mailed to a complete roster of all graduates of those years. Mrs. Keithley states, and a large attendance is anticipated.

Mrs. Frank Opp of Kalispell, Mont., has been visiting recently with her daughter, Mrs. Dave Townsend and family.

## Appointments Given Episcopalians

The Rev. Bruce Spencer, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church at Heppner, was appointed as delegate to the Synod of the 8th Province of the Episcopal Church at the Convocation of the Missionary of Eastern Oregon Friday through Sunday at Hood River. The 8th Province takes in all of the North American continent and some Pacific Islands. The Synod will be held in San Jose, California, May 2.

Other appointments of local people made at the convocation were Robert Abrams to the district executive committee; Father Spencer was appointed to this committee for the second year; and Clarence Rosewall was appointed to the financial board of equalization.

Delegates to the Convocation from here were Father Spencer, Rosewall, Jack Loyd, Gerald O'Malley and James Driscoll. Representatives to the Youth convocation were Gerald Bunch, Alvin Ayres, David McBath and Johnnie Pfeiffer.

## Dr. Wagner Attends Special Heart Study

Dr. C. M. Wagner, Heppner physician and surgeon, attended an invitational closed heart resuscitation session at the health and science building of the medical school at the University of Washington at Seattle last week.

The demonstration of heart surgery at the meeting was put on by two doctors from Johns Hopkins. Attending physicians were to carry on similar demonstrations in their areas so all doctors could benefit from the new procedures.

Dr. Wagner said that films are being made to be used at these demonstrations and as soon as they are available he will conduct a demonstration here.

Dr. Wagner flew to Seattle to attend the one-day meeting.

## Music Students Participate in Baker Band Festival

Students of Heppner schools participated with more than 2,000 other students from 29 schools at the Eastern Oregon Music Festival held in Baker last Saturday.

The high school band, the high school chorus and the grade school honor band each received "2" ratings.

Arnold Melby, instructor, reported that both bands were judged "1" rating by one judge, "2 plus" by another, and "2" by the third, making a rating of "2." Ninety-nine students entered the festival from Heppner.

The long trip took a toll on students who arrived tired and did not perform as well as they might have under other circumstances, Melby stated.

Evaluation by the judges will be presented band parents at a Band Parents Club meeting when they have been received.

## Evan J. Evans, 92, Dies In Portland

Word has been received of the death at a Portland nursing home of Evan J. Evans, 92.

Services were held at St. Paul's Chapel of the Dawn, Portland, April 10.

Mr. Evans was born in Oak Hill, Ohio, July 2, 1869. He lived in Morrow county for 40 years, coming here in 1912. He ranched north of Lexington, and retired and moved to Portland in 1952.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Pendleton; a son, Llewellyn, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Earl Gray, Spokane, Wash.; a brother, Thomas, Oak Hill, Ohio; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Interment was in Rose City cemetery, Portland.



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