

Civil Defense Meeting Billed

Tom Campbell, Pendleton, Civil Defense director for Umatilla county, will be the main speaker at a Civil Defense meeting at the county courthouse at 8 p. m. Monday night.

Speaking on the general organization of Civil Defense, Campbell will tell of the need of fall-out shelters and give directions on how to build them, will outline plans for caring for evacuees who will arrive in the county in case of enemy attack, and will explain the part in Civil Defense which will be played by local individuals.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Morrow county civil defense director, said that it is hoped people will be at this meeting to be appointed to necessary posts in Civil Defense and to learn the part they will be expected to play in event of attack.

N. C. Anderson, county agent, will be on hand to tell of the part farmers will play in rural defense and explain the program which is being set up among

Broad Program Said Available For 1962 Wheat

Approval by farmers of marketing quotas for the 1962 crop of wheat means that growers in commercial wheat-producing areas will have a broad program available for their next wheat crop to help adjust production and increase farm income. David McLeod of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office said today.

Since more than the necessary two-thirds of growers voting in the August referendum approved marketing quotas, the 1962 wheat program provided by recently enacted legislation will be in effect. The program includes:

Price support at a minimum national average of \$2 a bushel, available to those producers in the commercial wheat area who comply with their 1962 farm wheat allotment and who participate in the special wheat stabilization program.

Payments to wheat growers who cooperate in the special 1962 wheat stabilization program for diverting a specified portion of their wheat acreage to conservation uses.

Farm wheat allotments for 1962 which are 10 percent lower than they would have been under previous legislation.

Marketing quota penalties, at 65 percent of the May 1, 1962 parity price, on "excess" wheat produced on farms where the farm wheat allotment is not complied with.

The office manager explained that wheat producers subject to marketing quotas on the 1962 crop are those who will have an acreage of wheat in excess of the smaller of (a) 13.5 acres or (b) the highest number of acres actually planted to wheat on the farm for harvest in any of the calendar years 1959, 1960, or 1961.

Ministers Elect Rev. Walter Smith

Rev. Walter Smith of the Lexington Community Christian church was elected president of the Morrow County Ministerial association at the first fall meeting last week at the Methodist church.

Other officers elected to serve for the coming year are Father Bruce Spencer, vice president, and Rev. M. Carlton Sober, secretary-treasurer.

Presiding at the meeting was Rev. Austin McGhee, retiring president.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 3, at the Lexington Christian church when several fall projects will be discussed.

First 'Ham' Meet Slated October 9

First meeting of those interested in amateur short wave radio, popularly known as "hams," will be Monday, October 9, at 7:30 p. m. in the science room of the high school, Haskell Sharrard announces.

The new club for "hams" is open to all interested in amateur radio, regardless of age or skill. Sharrard said that a number of persons contacted him after last week's announcement of the plan to form a club for those interested. The group will be primarily interested in a study of code and radio theory.

farmers of the county. Sheriff Bauman attended a meeting on rural defense in Pendleton Tuesday night and has just returned from the State and regional Civil Defense meeting in Salem held two days. Newer phases of Civil Defense were explained at this meeting and will be presented by Sheriff Bauman at the Monday night meeting.

Hunter 'Army' Ready For Season's Opening

Deer hunting will be good in the south Heppner area, but will also be better than ever before in all areas of the state, says Glen Ward, State game agent. Season opens Saturday and hunters are expected to be on hand in a record-setting turnout.

Ward said the increased chances of getting game were due to the large increase of deer population in the state caused by mild winters.

"Deer are scattered near water all over the area," Ward stated. "They are numerous and in good condition."

Due to lack of rain the deer are coming down into the creek bottoms near roads to find water.

The full moon, which will continue into hunting season, will cause deer to feed at night, but the prevalence of hunters in the area is expected to drive them out in the day time as well, according to Ward.

Particular areas quoted as good for hunting by the State Agent were south of Heppner, the north fork of the John Day river near alfalfa fields, all tributaries of the John Day, the Mitchell-Spray area, the breaks of the lower John Day out of Condon, and the north Ochoco area.

Ward issued a warning to all

those hunting in the area to be careful "with fires and firearms."

He requested that hunters respect the rights and property of landowners and that they ask permission to hunt on private land.

The light rain that came to Heppner during the night Wednesday was not general and did not reach forested areas, thus fire danger remains high in the woods. A good rain would improve hunting conditions, and forecast is for some light showers.

Auxiliary Food Sale

A cooked food sale by the American Legion Auxiliary is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29, at the Heppner Red and White store. The proceeds go to help finance the auxiliary's many activities throughout the year.

Also they wish to announce the postponement of the potluck supper originally set for Oct. 3 to Oct. 17 at the Legion hall. All Legionnaires are guests of the auxiliary.

Lydia Van Houte Property Recovered

The finding of \$10,000 to \$20,000 worth of stolen clothing in a private home in Portland has made a Heppner girl most happy.

Robert Van Houte reports that Portland police said Wednesday some of his daughter Lydia's stolen things have been identified in the two truck loads of clothing found. Sorting has been going on for 48 hours by police and Lydia expects to join them Friday afternoon in the search for her things.

The clothing was taken from the family auto while it was parked near a Portland hotel last week when Van Houte was taking his daughter to Eugene to register her for college.

Schools in Morrow County will be closed Monday, giving students a day of vacation.

Teachers will attend the Eastern Oregon Educational conference at La Grande high school.

Teachers will register for the one day conference at 8:30 a. m. in La Grande. During the day they will hear outstanding speakers, including Dr. Willard B. Bear of the State Department of Education, Salem; Dr. Marie Hughes, professor of education, University of Utah; Dr. Gerald R. Wallace, superintendent of schools, Corvallis; and others.

"This institute is to bring teachers up to date on current practices on teaching and important social changes in our society," Robert Van Houte, administrator, said.

Property Tax Statements to be Mailed Soon

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City Millage Levy Down 36 Per Cent

Morrow county's property taxpayers will receive their annual statements through the mail soon, well ahead of the October 15 deadline, Assessor Oliver Creswick said Wednesday.

Printed summaries that will be included in the envelope with each statement, necessary to explain the breakdown of the taxes to the taxpayer, are now being printed. As soon as this job is done, the mailing will start. Assessor Creswick said that the tax roll has already been turned over to Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman for collection.

At least for the taxpayers living within the city limits of Heppner there is some good news with this year's property taxes. Expiration of the 10-year sewer levy will mean a reduction in the levy of 25 mills, resulting in a 36.5% reduction in taxes levied for city purposes. Thus the total levy in Heppner this year for all purposes, including the county levy, schools, Port of Morrow, cemetery district, and city purposes, will be an even 90 mills as compared with 115 mills last year.

The lowest levy for an area in the county is 69.6 in one rural section. Taxpayers will pay a total of 85 mills, Lexington 78.3, Irrigon 79.4, and Boardman, the highest in the county, 93 mills. The latter includes a 15.5 tax for city purposes.

Assessor Creswick points out that assessments this year have been computed on the basis of 25% of true cash value, in accordance with the new state law, as compared with the 21% of true cash value used last year.

Total taxes to be collected in the county for all purposes this year is \$1,300,789.76. This is broken down as follows: Schools, \$873,937.60, or 67.19% of the total; county, \$303,016.29 or 23.29%; cities, \$33,435.62, or 2.57%; fire patrol, \$15,613.07, or 1.20%; rural fire districts, \$7,920.50, or 0.61%; west ext. irrigation district, \$22,912.84, or 1.76%; cemetery districts, \$12,538.87, or 0.96%; and Port of Morrow, \$31,415.97, or 2.42%.

The county's total assessed valuation, less exemptions, is figured at \$16,534,721.00. Of this, \$12,512,770 is real property, \$2,644,270 is personal property, and \$1,424,951 is the public utilities assessment as compiled by the State Tax Commission. Exemptions are figured at \$47,270.

Real property is broken down as follows: Land inside city limits, \$232,250; land outside city limits, \$8,342,520; improvements inside city limits, \$1,781,370; improvements outside city limits, \$1,728,440; and timber (land excluded), \$427,190.

Personal property is divided as follows: Merchandise and stock in trade, \$303,275; furniture, fixtures and equipment, \$83,110; farm machinery and equipment, \$1,015,215; other machinery and equipment, \$354,880; miscellaneous, \$12,760.

Livestock, which is included under personal property, is assessed as follows: Horses and mules, 790, \$28,240; cattle, 28,353, \$782,335; sheep and goats, 27,662, \$56,785; swine, 947, \$4,780; poultry, 14,521, \$2,890.

Millage for city purposes shows Boardman at the top with its 15.5 mills, Ione with 14.8, Heppner with 13.6, Irrigon with 9.8, and Lexington 5.3.

Each statement going to a taxpayer will bear a code number that may be used in referring to the printed summary accompanying the statement. By this method, the taxpayer can readily determine the breakdown of his taxes.

Taxpayers will have until November 15 to pay their tax bills in order to take full advantage of the rebate. If the amount is paid in full by that time, 3% rebate is given.



LEONARD L. GILLIAM, Heppner's faithful weather observer, points to thermometers that record maximum and minimum temperatures. He has done the daily job of reporting weather since 1933 and his father, Frank, for 23 years prior to that. (G-T Photo)

Leonard Gilliam in 28th Year as Weather Observer; Father Did Job for 23 Years

Anyone looking for Leonard L. Gilliam of Heppner can find him at the same spot at 9 a. m. any day of the year—the same as it has been for 28 years.

He will be at the weather gauges in the front yard of his big old home at 505 N. Jones, recording weather information for the previous day.

He has done this since 1933, and his father before him, Frank Gilliam, did the job of recording local weather since 1910.

Through their faithfulness on this volunteer job, they have compiled information that is vital and valuable to the community and surrounding area. Leonard's weekly reports are rather inconspicuously printed in each issue of the Gazette-Times and little has been said about the devoted work that he has been doing.

There once was a time that Gilliam, a former owner of Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, telegraphed daily reports of the weather to the U. S. Weather Service, and for this, he received as he put it, "two-bits a day."

When the daily reports stopped a goodly number of years ago, the pay also stopped, and he does his daily work without any compensation except the personal interest he has in it, and the satisfaction of doing something that needs to be done.

"Somebody has to do it," he said. Gilliam's instruments consist of two rain gauges, a maximum temperature thermometer and a minimum temperature thermometer.

One of the rain gauges weighs

the rain and records a weekly chart of the rainfall. It is operated by an 8-day clock, which revolves the drum on which the chart is fixed. Gilliam winds the chart daily. At the end of the week he takes off the chart, records the data and sends the chart to the Weather Records Processing Center in San Francisco.

The other rain gauge is used for actually measuring the rain, and this is done with a slate ruler. The gauge that records rainfall by weight is not accurate enough to record a trace of rain, but when the slate ruler, used in the other gauge, is wet on the tip, Gilliam puts down a "T" (for trace) on his daily report.

Anti-freeze is used in the weight rain gauge to keep the week's accumulated rainfall from freezing in winter months.

The thermometers record the extremes in the highs and lows and remain there, thus permitting the observer to check them at any time with accuracy.

To start them over for the next day, the observer spins them at a fast rate of speed to drop the mercury inside.

In addition to the weekly reports sent to San Francisco, Gilliam keeps a monthly report. One copy is sent in, and the other is kept in his file, so that he has a complete record of all the data since 1910.

A number of years ago, Gilliam compiled the information accumulated since 1910 on two charts that are mounted on galvanized metal. These are invaluable as a source of information. They include maximum and minimum temperatures for each year, rainfall for each month, the 10-year averages, 50-year averages, amount of snowfall, and other information.

A check of these charts shows that the highest recorded temperature in Heppner was 108 degrees on July 25, 1928. This was closely followed by the 107 of July 28, 1939. The sizzling 107 was attained again this summer when the mercury hit that point on August 5, 1961.

Gilliam's charts show that the 107 was the all-time high for August in Heppner, and the 105 degrees of June 17, 1961, also set an all-time high for that month.

The unassuming weather observer declares that he is sure that the 1961 summer was the hottest and driest in the history of Heppner. (No one is in a better position to make that statement.)

The thermometer was over 100 a number of times in each of the months of June, July and August.

Other interesting statistics are immediately apparent from a cursory check of his charts. The most snowfall here since 1910 was the 65 1/2 inches of the winter of 1915-1916, and the most rainfall for a year was the 19.23

inches of 1942. Lightest rainfall noted on the charts was the 7.81 inches of 1939.

Fifty year average of snowfall is 18.8 inches annually, and for rain, 13.14 inches annually.

Leonard Gilliam's father, Frank, was a pioneer in this area and with Tim Bisbee operated the Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware for years. Frank was mayor of Heppner at the time of the flood in 1903. Gilliam and Bisbee were brothers-in-law.

Leonard worked in the store a great deal, and when his father died in 1933, he became associated as one of the owners with his brother, Earl Gilliam, and L. E. Bisbee, son of Tim Bisbee. The three ran the store for years.

A few years ago they sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke, who have retained the original name.

Leonard, who points out that he is no hand for remembering dates and statistics, said that he doesn't recall just how his father got started collecting weather data. He does remember that a neighbor did it prior to 1910.

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Accident Sends Youth To Hospital Surgery

Two Heppner high school youths were involved in a one car accident Monday night, sending one to the hospital.

Gene Wallace, 16, son of Mrs. Buster Padberg, Lexington, was driving an auto registered to Padberg, about two miles south of town on highway 207 when he lost control on a curve he said. The car hit a bank.

Daniel Anderson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Heppner, the only passenger in the car, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital with internal abdominal injuries Thursday when he underwent surgery. His condition was reported by his doctor as "fair" after the accident.

Wallace was not hurt.

WEATHER

(Leonard L. Gilliam, Observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	64	33	—
Friday	69	42	—
Saturday	62	32	—
Sunday	72	44	—
Monday	74	34	—
Tuesday	76	35	—
Wednesday	78	48	.02

Temperature dropped to freezing (32 degrees) early Saturday morning.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Clarence Asher, Fossil; Antone Sandviken, Condon; Donald Snow, Heppner, dismissed; Florence Greiner, Condon, dismissed; Daniel Anderson, Heppner; Nettie Denton, Heppner; Nancy Cleveland, Heppner; Mildred Morris, Heppner; Phyllis Cole, Lexington, dismissed.

Chamber to Ask PUC to Re-open Hearing on Heppner Freight Haul

A request that the Public Utility Commission re-open a hearing on the application of Union Pacific railroad to operate a motor freight line to transport freight to the area was voted at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Permission to operate motor freight hauling to Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties was granted Union Pacific by the commission, and has been in effect since Sept. 15.

Bill Flatt, Condon, of Flatt's Truck Service, was on hand at the meeting to explain the new ruling and answer questions of chamber members. He said, "This will put us out of business in Heppner and will take a man or two out of the community."

Flatt said according to Union Pacific plans a loaded truck would be brought from Portland to The Dalles piggy-back on rail cars, then would take to the highway. It would deliver merchandise for Union Pacific to the local railway station, but would come by way of Moro and Condon. From here it would return to The Dalles through Arlington. Thus all freight into the area would have to be hauled for long distances. He said he expected Saturday deliveries would be done away with; that only deliveries to the local station would be made by the Union Pacific hauler and dray service might be employed to distribute the freight from there.

The permit as issued allows Union Pacific to transport freight by truck only if that same freight has already traveled by rail, he said. Thus "Union Pacific is saving on highway tax, and cutting down on help." Because of the rail shipping requirement, "this will cut out shipping between Heppner and The Dalles on consignment," he added.

and that "about 80 letters have already been sent the Commission objecting to this ruling."

He said both the Chamber of Commerce at Arlington and Condon, and the Sherman Booster club have already gone on record against the decision and had written the governor objecting and sent copies of the letter to the PUC.

Questions from those present brought out that a possible delay in service from Portland could be expected, and an additional two to three hour delay in re-loading freight on to a local truck at the depot for local delivery may result. A lower freight rate could not be expected as there would not be enough tonnage to warrant such.

The secretary was instructed to write the PUC and the governor requesting the re-opening of a hearing so a full explanation could be obtained.