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Only Storm Loss Felt in Forests Here

Hundreds of Morrow county residents, snug and secure from the near-hurricane storm that devastated western Oregon, nevertheless felt indirect results through relatives, friends and other interests in the stricken area.

Ironically, the fringe of the storm that reached here—bringing only mild wind and .82 of an inch of rain in a 4-day period—if anything, was a blessing to the area. An exception was in the higher forested elevations where considerable damage was sustained.

The week's rain brought to 1.63 inches the rainfall for the month and it was greeted by many farmers, most of whom have grain crops seeded. It will give them a start that they did not enjoy in the dry fall of last year.

Although no accurate check is available on the wind, it is certain that the blow in progress here, while the area west of the Cascades was being wracked by the gale, did not exceed 20 to 25 miles per hour, nothing unusual for this area.

A report from the Heppner Ranger district of the U. S. Forest Service Thursday morning assessed damage on the district. Foresters checked the area thoroughly on airplane flights Wednesday.

It is estimated that 50,000 board feet of timber is down in the Black mountain sale area of which 75% is pine. A total of 130 miles of roads are closed because of non-salvageable blowdown and 40 miles of trails are closed. It is also estimated that 15 miles of telephone lines are down throughout the district.

There was no apparent damage to bridges, equipment, structures and lookouts. Some range fences were damaged, however, and must be repaired.

The county extension agent's office said that there had been no reports of damage to farms in Morrow county, nor to farm structures.

Many Morrow residents on visits to Portland and valley points went through the storm and came back with awesome reports of the damage. Some of those here with relatives in the area had some difficulty reaching them in many instances because of the fact that telephone lines were out.

Local residents may experience some inconveniences and delays because of manpower and resources being sent from eastern Oregon to help in the repair and restoration. Dale Slusher, manager of the Pendleton office of Pacific Northwest Bell, announced Thursday that only emergency telephone installations and movements will be made here pending recovery in the west. Crews of Pacific Power Co., too, have been sent over.

These small inconveniences,

though, will be trivial compared to the suffering and hardship the storm has caused others, local residents will agree.

Weather report for the week is as follows:

| | Hi | Lo | Prec. |
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| Thursday | 66 | 43 | .13 |
| Friday | 67 | 40 | .15 |
| Saturday | 58 | 42 | .41 |
| Sunday | 51 | 38 | .13 |
| Monday | 56 | 30 | — |
| Tuesday | 58 | 32 | — |
| Wednesday | 64 | 37 | — |

Rainfall for the week is .82 of an inch. Total for the month is 1.63 inches. This is above the average October rainfall which is 1.22 inches for a 50 year average.

33 Organizations Are Represented At Project Meet

Representatives from 33 Morrow county organizations, comprising a coordinating committee, were present at a meeting in the county courthouse Monday night to hear the facts on the proposed Willow Creek dam project and to discuss the matter.

Elmer Schmidt, chairman of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce development committee, presided, and Oliver Creswick, County Judge Oscar Peterson and Chamber President Fred Gimbel were on hand to present information on the dam. The meeting had been called by the development committee.

Creswick outlined information that has been gleaned in preliminary studies to date. He told of work that had been done by the Army Corps of Engineers and of the work on an irrigation survey, conducted at the request of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Results of this survey were previously reported in this paper. Creswick mentioned the multipurpose values of the dam and also said that it would necessarily displace a few homes and farms on the project site.

The committee was not formally organized at the meeting, but the group will be called again when more information is available concerning a public hearing to be scheduled, probably in November, by the Corps.

Representatives of the organizations were asked to act as "goodwill ambassadors" for the project and prior to the hearing will be asked to present a resolution that may be offered at the hearing.

In all, some 40 persons were present at the meeting, and a number of questions were asked. Although no vote or action was taken, sentiment seemed to be favorable towards the project.

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PTA Meet Discusses Recreation Needs



THIS PERKY sorrel colt will have a new home after Saturday night when a fortunate member of the Wranglers club wins him at the club's annual Buckburger feed. Chances have been given to members during the year on the basis of attendance, and drawing will be at the Saturday night event.

Colt to be Given Away At Buckburger Feed

A registered quarterhorse colt will be given away to a fortunate member of the Wranglers club at their annual Buckburger Feed at the county fair pavilion Saturday night.

The event, which is expected to attract a crowd of 150 persons, will start at 6:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Al Fetsch, secretary.

Culminating the year's activities, the affair will also see the awarding of trophies that have been won by members in riding through the point system during the season.

Also to be presented are awards and certificates earned at the Wranglers Horse Show, held in conjunction with the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Max Barclay is chairman of the point system and Fred Mankin is superintendent of the horse show.

The colt, a sorrel with blaze face, was born on Easter Sunday and is donated as a prize by owner Rod Murray, president of the Wranglers. Basis for the award is attendance at meetings. Each time a member attended a meeting, he dropped a slip of paper bearing his name into a box. At the Buckburger Feed a name will be drawn as the winner.

Contest Nets \$156

A total of 307 Little Big-Horn tickets were sold, netting the Lexington PTA \$39.25, and the Heppner PTA \$117.75, announced chairman Gene Orwick. He recommended that the contest be held annually.

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Athletic Director Bob Cantonwine has scouted Pilot Rock twice, and he says that they are a tough defensive ball club. He predicted that Heppner would have to score at least 14 points to beat them.

Fall Bargain Fete Here This Week

Exceptional bargains in most Heppner stores will be found this week-end for the city's Fall Festival of Bargains sponsored by the merchants' committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

There will be free parking for all who come to town Saturday as parking meters will be hooded for the day, according to Mrs. Elma Harshman, merchants' chairman.

Although the committee has planned no special entertainment feature for this event, concentrating rather on bargains, there will be the Pilot Rock-Heppner football game on the rodeo grounds Friday night for those who care to stay and see the action.

Central Market, presenting its fall Standby sale at the same time as the Fall Festival of Bargains, will have a free pancake supper Friday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and offers a free pancake breakfast Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

Speech Contest Dated for Tuesday

Annual Conservation speech contest will be held in the Heppner grade school multipurpose room Tuesday night at 8 p.m. with five local entrants competing. Bob Jensen announces.

All those participating this year are from the Heppner High school speech class and vocational agriculture department. First place winner of the contest will participate in the area contest with other winners of district contests.

After the semi-finals, the winner will go to the state finals as a part of the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation districts annual meeting in Eugene November 8.

General subject this year is "Water Conservation in an Oregon Soil Conservation District." The public is invited to attend the contest here Tuesday night.

Mustangs Seek Fifth Win Here Friday

When Heppner High's football team, back at home after three wins on the road, takes the field at the rodeo grounds against Pilot Rock here Friday night, it will be gunning for its fifth straight victory.

When the squad whacked Grant Union there Friday night, 13-7, it posted its fourth straight having taken Condon, Umatilla, Stanfield and the John Day elevens in that order. Only loss of the year was the opener here September 14 against Enterprise.

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Whitesmith to Head Christmas Opening

Mike Whitesmith has been appointed by Mrs. Elma Harshman, merchants' committee chairman, as chairman of the Christmas Opening promotion in Heppner.

Date of November 24, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, was set for the event. It was held on the same Saturday last year. Whitesmith is now working out plans for the opening and is contacting chairmen for sub-committees. More details will be announced later.

There will also be free cotton candy for the kids, Clint McQuarrie, owner, announces.

Many of the bargains offered on all types of merchandise are listed in advertisements in this paper. All readers are advised to scan them closely. Most low prices are in effect Friday and Saturday only.

Unbeaten Cards Travel to Helix

Undeclared lone will travel to Helix Friday to resume 8-man football in the Umatilla-Morrow league after a week's rest.

Topping the circuit, together with Helix, with two wins against no losses, the Cardinals have played three games and have three to go. After Helix, they conclude their league year against Echo at lone at 2:30 on October 26. Final game will be against Wishram at lone on November 2, a non-league fray.

Should the Cardinals win over Helix and Echo they will start the state playoff trail, and this year they will be host to all playoff games. Last year, when they got to the finals, they had to travel to opponents' fields for every game.

The game with Helix will start at 2:30.

Panel Holds Leadership Is Lacking

Community-wide planning for more recreational facilities will require leadership if results are attained, declared Rev. Charles Knox during a stimulating panel discussion on the subject at the October meeting of the Heppner PTA.

Steve Peck and Martha Doherty, student speakers on the panel, commented that the big lack at present is for week-end activities suitable especially for teenagers. Their suggestions included having a committee of adults and teen-agers to select good movies to be shown regularly, preferably at the gymnasium where the seats are fastened down; activities such as dances where the young people invite adults to take part; and better coordination and use of church activities and facilities.

By asking for a show of hands to indicate participation in adult level organizations, moderator Knox illustrated his contention that Heppner is over-organized for adult activities, which leads to the difficulty in finding leadership for youth groups.

Participation by the audience of more than 50 adults was thoughtful. Many comments showed previous thinking on the subject or experience in other communities. Oliver Creswick spoke of the expense of building a bowling alley and suggested a recreation center financed through a bond issue, leased out to an operator. Another suggestion on a somewhat similar line was for financing such a center in the way in which the Chamber of Commerce lighted the rodeo grounds, with shares to be sold in small as well as larger denominations.

Harley Young mentioned that no leadership had been found to work out a way to keep the theater. Ed Dick pointed out that while assessing the community's lacks in recreation, that it's assets should not be forgotten, listing the swimming pool, golf course, ski club, Little League baseball, and Bull Prairie. He suggested improvement of the tennis courts and their use for skating and possibly outdoor dances.

Mrs. Elmer Schmidt reiterated a point made by the high school speakers, that youngsters who want somewhere to go for a week-end date now have nowhere locally to go.

Several speakers during the evening mentioned that too many of Heppner's youth activities have been used as baby-sitting by many of the parents. Cal Sherman, in describing the lack of interest encountered this year by adults trying to start the Cub Scout program, reminded parents that Cub Scouts are required to be accompanied by a parent at the monthly den meetings.

"The PTA will work with other civic groups interested in youth activities in trying to get a useful program started this year," stated Mrs. L. E. Dick, president, this week. "We will work with the leaders of the Cub Scouts and Blue Birds to find men and women to lead the groups. Parents and boys interested in Cub Scouts will meet Tuesday, October 30. A meeting of mothers interested in Blue Bird groups for their second and third grade daughters, will be held this month also."

In other action during the evening, the PTA voted to continue its efforts to organize an oral polio vaccine clinic by winter. Mrs. Gene Pierce stated that of 283 questionnaires returned by parents concerning polio vaccines, 222 families indicated that the children had received polio shots, 27 have had the complete oral vaccine series, 28 have had incomplete oral vaccine series, and 6 had no vaccine at all. In another poll of 47 pre-school youngsters, 5 had no polio vaccine, 42 had shots, and 6 had also had all three oral vaccines. Three had been given part of the oral vaccines. Comments were made by parents in both polls that they felt that the clinics should be held because the vaccines cost so much more in doctors' offices.

Beginning and advanced dancing lessons for grades 6 through 12 and for adults will start November 6; two adventure movies will be shown, and another talent show will be sponsored this spring, all as projects of the Heppner PTA.

Civic League Fall Rummage Sale Set

Civic League members are busily working every day gathering rummage and getting it ready for the fall sale November 2-3 in the old Central Market building on main street.

According to reports, the items are coming in each day and the members have started sorting. Some of the clothing will be cleaned through courtesy of the Heppner Cleaners. Mrs. Kenneth Cutsforth and Mrs. Elmer Berry, co-chairmen, say they have a good variety of clothing and miscellaneous items and several large things, such as chairs.

Anyone still having things to be picked up is asked to call Mrs. Jim Prock or Mrs. Berry.

Meeting to Honor Dr. A. D. McMurdo

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Ballots Printed; Absentees Out

Morrow county's ballots for the general election on November 6 were printed by the Gazette-Times last week and were delivered to Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, Monday.

Little time was lost in getting ballots mailed to absentee voters who had requested them from distant points. Included were five or six to servicemen overseas, and others going to states across the country, as far as Maryland and Virginia in the east and Texas in the south.

Virtually all interest on the ballot in this election will be contained in the measures and in the state and national contests. There are no contested positions for local offices, although a number of candidates are running without opposition.

Some confusion was caused by the commercial fishing bill, which was ruled off the ballot by the Oregon State Supreme Court after the ballots were printed. The ruling had been pending because signatures on a part of the initiative petitions were gained after the ballot title was changed.

It will be necessary for the clerk's office to provide for ruling out the measure. Any votes cast on the proposal will not be counted.

The ballot shows no candidate for district attorney of Morrow county although one must be elected. Now conducting a write-in campaign is Herman Winter, recently appointed by Governor Hatfield as district attorney here. His appointment came too late for his name to be included on the ballot, and the resigned district attorney, Robert Abrams, would not consent to running for the position. Those who would favor Winter to remain in his position must write in the name and place an X before it at the time of the vote.

Nearest thing to a local contest is the race between Jack L. Smith of Condon, Democrat, and Gaylord M. Madison, Republican, for representative of the 28th district in the legislature, embracing Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties.

On the national level, Sig Under, Republican, is challenging veteran Democratic Senator Wayne Morse. For Congress in the state's second district Robert W. Chandler, Republican, of Bend is attempting to unseat Al Ullman, Democrat incumbent, Governor Mark Hatfield has

opposition from his Democratic opponent, Robert Y. Thornton, and Robert H. Wampler is running as an independent. For Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor, incumbent Norman Nilson, Democrat, is opposed by Alfred (Pat) Blair, Republican.

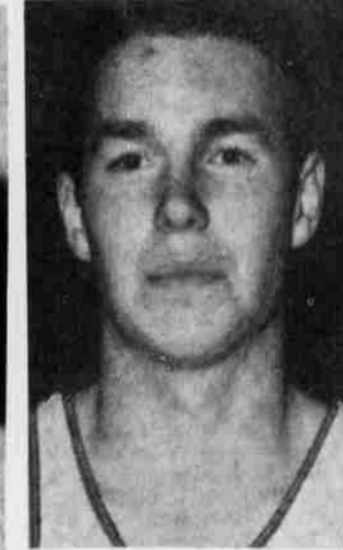
Attracting most interest among measures on the ballot are two proposed by initiative petition, the legislative apportionment constitutional amendment (No. 9), and the proposal to repeal the school district reorganization law (No. 10).

A referendum on daylight saving (No. 6) will also gain keen interest. Three referendum measures concern debt limit amendments on forest rehabilitation, roads, and power development.

Another would reorganize features of the state militia to bring it up to date. Measure No. 5 has to do with creation of state courts, and measure No. 7 would prevent loss of tax base by taxing bodies who do not levy taxes every year. This is a "sequel" to a measure that was on the ballot at the primary election. It is expected that details of these measures will be discussed in more detail in this paper in ensuing two editions prior to election.



DOUG DUBUQUE Injured end may see action again Friday night



LeROY GARDNER Mustang back to be ready to go against Pilot Rock

Coach Roger Moore has two sophomores, both fast, who fill out the backfield. They are Randy Metz, quarterback, and Jim Metz, halfback.

Pilot Rock has good weight in the line, including a pair of sophomore tackles who tip the scales at 210 and 180.

The visitors will have but one ambition on Friday—to beat Heppner—but the Mustangs are equally determined to keep their win streak going.

LeRoy Gardner, one of the home town's backfield aces, will be in harness again Friday. Doug Dubuque, out for some time with a knee injury, is still on the doubtful list but he has been out running to limber up this week and was expected to suit up for practice later in the week. Bill Cox was unable to turn out last week, but he is