

Capricious Storm Brings April Snow

A capricious spring storm brought winter back to Morrow county this week with snow falling Monday night, Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation of 1.80 inches was reported by Leonard Gilliam, weather observer, bringing the total for April to date to 2.30 inches as compared with the average for the total month of April of 1.31 inches.

Record moisture for April here was in 1920 when 3.08 inches were recorded, Gilliam said. This month still has a chance to reach that figure.

Mrs. Lora Moyer of Blackhorse called Thursday morning to report that she was looking out of her house upon eight inches of snow covering the landscape and said that it is the most snow in April that she can recall in her many years here, although she does remember 12 inches in March in 1906. Shrubbery and bushes are weighted to the ground, she said.

Mrs. Moyer's home is located where the elevation is about 2600 feet. The snow is quite a change for her after her recent visit in Arizona where temperatures ranged from 70 to 86.

Report from the U. S. Forest Service Thursday morning was that there is now 14 inches of snow at Bull Prairie. This will discourage those who expected to go to that area for opening day's fishing Saturday.

Hills surrounding Heppner had white coverings of snow Wednesday, as flakes, heavy with moisture, fell much of the time early this week. However the white was gone by Thursday and the sun was shining brightly. At one time, the conflict between reluctant winter and insistent spring was apparent with the sun shining while the flakes were falling.

The moisture will be greeted by farmers, and the snow will not hurt anything, although the consensus is that what is needed now is some good warm weather.

"We have had plenty of moisture," said Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers. "We should save some of the rain for about a month later."

He said, however, that the current precipitation will be beneficial and crop prospects continue to look the best they have ever been at this point.

"Very few are complaining," he said.

The Forest Service had been preparing to plant pine seedlings in a reproduction project, but the snow in the mountains has put a temporary halt to the plan.

The snow was accompanied with some chilly temperatures, hovering around the freezing point at night, but Gilliam's records show only one night actually dropping below freezing, that to 28 degrees.

The storm followed some gusty winds Sunday that turned out to be a "twister" in parts of Heppner. A chimney was knocked off the west side of the Paul Breeding home and dropped bricks on the family's new car.

Dyess to Explain Wheat Program

Jim Dyess, regional director of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and former executive vice president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, will come to Heppner Monday night, April 22, to explain the 1964 wheat program at a meeting at the fair pavilion, starting at 8 p.m.

The speaker helped draft the legislation and is thoroughly versed on it. Those who know him state that he is fully capable of presenting the information on the program as anyone in the United States.

All persons interested are invited to the meeting. This will give opportunity to get answers to questions that may be on the minds of wheat farmers who will vote on the referendum May 21. A special invitation is extended to business people because they are affected indirectly by the referendum vote.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the county wheat growers association, by the county ASCS office and the County Agent's office.

It also blew over 100 feet of woven redwood fence at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and broke off posts.

Complete weather report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	42	—
Friday	68	38	—
Saturday	68	43	—
Sunday	69	33	.26
Monday	48	28	.02
Tuesday	49	32	.47
Wednesday	42	32	1.05

Snow, with heavy moisture content, fell on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fishing Season Opens Saturday; Weather Dubious

Chilly and snowy weather of the week casts something of a pall over the opening of trout season on Saturday, but it may be assured that ardent anglers will be out in force despite the cold.

Youngsters, competing in the contest sponsored by the rejuvenated Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club, will find Willow Creek a popular haunt in their quest for the big ones. The creek has been planted for the opening, and the area of the

Prizes Offered Kids For Largest Fish

All youngsters up to the age of 15 years inclusive are invited to enter the "big fish" contest on the opening day of trout season. The kids must be residents of Morrow county and must catch the fish in Morrow county.

The entrants are to take the fish to the Western Auto store by 6:00 p.m., April 20 for measurement and official entry in the contest.

The boy and girl who have the largest trout will be awarded \$5 each.

creek near Heppner is reserved for the youngsters.

Those who had planned opening day outings in higher streams may encounter some rather deep snow.

Ray Williamson, acting ranger at the Heppner Ranger headquarters for the U. S. Forest Service, said that the Bull Prairie road is "going to pieces" and extreme care will be needed by anyone trying to enter there. A report of 14 inches of snow came from there as of Thursday morning.

He urged anyone seeking to reach Bull Prairie to put chains on his car or vehicle.

Other forest roads are also very soft and many are almost impassable, he said.

Except for the snow, however, prospects for the opening day would seem to be fair.

For the opening, all the waters of the state are included except the high lakes within national forest boundaries of the Cascades and the coastal streams in zone 1.

Mistaken Identity Brings Concern Here

When someone in Heppner heard the name "Milton Morgan" in connection with a fatal auto accident at Hood River Wednesday, the rumor spread that tragedy had befallen Milton Morgan of Ione, state vice-president of the Oregon Wheat League.

Mayor Charles O'Connor of Ione hurriedly checked on the matter, lending credence to the story was the report that the Morgans had gone to The Dalles from Ione that day.

Finally reaching the sheriff at Hood River, O'Connor was advised that the "Milton Morgan" of the report was not the Ione man but another person from California, thus bringing relief to the many friends of the Wheat League vice president.

The Oregonian reported Thursday morning that the victim was Milton Morgan Heffington and listed his address as Hood River.

Urban Property Reappraisal Finished

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10 Cents

New Values Go on Rolls As of July 1

Work of reappraising urban property in Morrow county has been completed, including residential, commercial and industrial classes, County Assessor Rod Thomson announces. Property in Heppner was the last to be revalued.

All of the reappraised values for urban property in the county will be on the tax rolls for the fiscal year 1963-64, although some communities other than Heppner was placed on the 1962-63 roll.

Notices of increase in assessed valuation, in cases where the property has increased \$100 or more in the reappraisal, will be sent out by the assessor's office, probably by May 1.

Bill Johnson, appraiser, said, "What the taxpayer should be concerned about is whether the assessed value is in line with today's market."

Since the assessment ratio is 25 percent, the market value should equal the assessed value when the latter is multiplied by four.

Any property owners who are not satisfied with the valuations placed on their property are invited to come to the assessor's office for an explanation.

If the owner continues to be dissatisfied, he may file and appeal to the board of equalization, which will meet on next Monday, May 13. On this board are County Judge Oscar Peterson, Henry Baker and Raymond French.

If the property owner feels, after appearing before the equalization board that his property value is still too high, he may file with the new small claims division of the Oregon Tax court which will consider the case. This is a new procedure. However, this is his last resort for the taxpayer in getting the correction he seeks.

State law requires that all real property be revalued every six years. The job of reappraising the urban property in Morrow county has taken about two years.

Next to be undertaken will be the reappraisal of farm property which will require from 1 1/2 to two years to complete, Johnson said.

Purpose of the reappraisal is not designed to raise anyone's taxes but rather to equalize valuations and correct inequities. Thus, while taxes of some property owners may go up, those of others may come down. Assessor Thomson and Johnson explained.

Officers Named At PTA Meeting

Election of officers for Heppner PTA for the coming year was the main order of business at the meeting last Wednesday evening.

Re-elected to the office of president for another year was Mrs. Ed Dick, with Mrs. Bob Abrams, vice-president; Mrs. Douglas Drake, secretary, and Mrs. James Phegley, treasurer.

In order that local delegates may be better informed when they attend the state convention in Eugene April 29-May 2, it was decided to circulate local opinion polls on issues of taxes which are to be presented before the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Two outstanding Science Fair projects were displayed. Karen French, freshman, explained her project on research on bacteria, and Linda Clark, 8th grader, displayed her gold medal collection of rocks and minerals. A new sound and color film on "Hunter Safety" was shown by Glen Ward.

Attendance prize was won by Mrs. Ray Smith, and was given tickets to the coming one act plays on May 3.

Second grade room mothers were in charge of the refreshments.

Touring Band Enjoys Family Hospitality

Nasty weather on their trip to Fossil and Kinzua Wednesday didn't make the Heppner High's band's plans for a sack lunch picnic along the way as agreeable as anticipated. However, the impromptu hospitality of a generous family more than made up for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wehrli, who live near Fossil, invited the whole gang, some 50 in all, into their home to eat lunch. Not only that, but they provided banana splits and hot chocolate all around!

The Wehrlis are friends of Director Arnold Melby and also of Sheridan Wyman, one of the students in the band.

The band continued on to Kinzua to play in the concert and had a real good trip. They will remember the Wehrlis' generosity for a long time as one of the highlights of the trip.

Laura Lee Sumner Is 'Miss Spring' For Heppner Fete

Laura Lee Sumner, red-haired Heppner High school senior, has been chosen "Miss Spring" to reign over the Heppner merchants' second annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 27, Randall Peterson, chairman, announces. Princesses in her court will be Carol Tholberg and Shirley Carlson, also seniors at the school. Selection was made by the faculty.

One of the features of the Festival will be a Kids' Parade set to start at 2 p.m. on April 27, youngster with the funniest or most unusual costume will receive a \$5 prize, and second and third will get \$3 and \$2 prizes respectively.

One of the school bands will be in the parade, together with new cars, "Miss Spring" and her court, youth groups which will participate and other entries.

All children in the parade will receive free ice cream to be donated by Hager's Dairy and Morrow County Creamery.

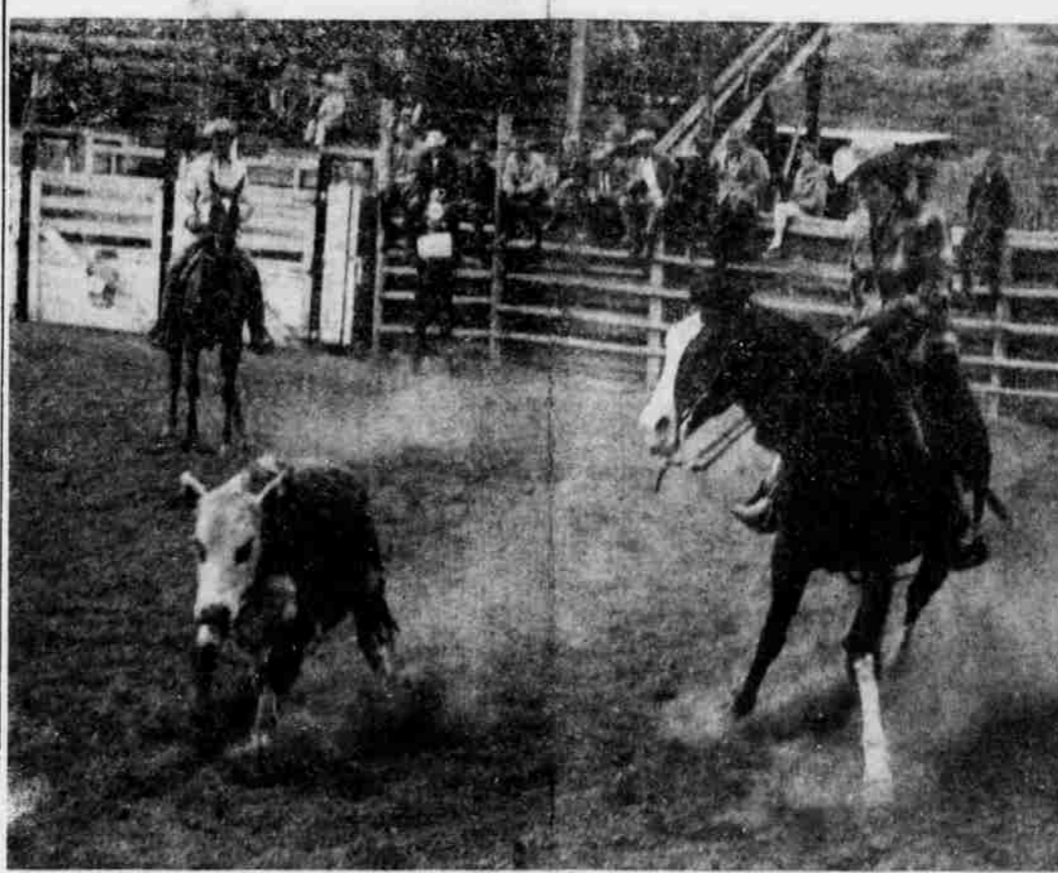
Another novel feature of the day will be the Mayors' straw hat throwing contest with mayors of Lexington, Ione and Heppner in the competition. Winner will receive a free hat, Peterson said.

Still another entertainment event will be a frog jumping contest, Peterson said that the winner will receive a \$3 prize and there will be a \$2 prize for second place. Youngsters or others who wish to enter are asked to contact the chairman at Peterson's Jewelers.

In connection with the Spring Festival will be a cleanup campaign to be proclaimed by Mayor Al Lamb. The Chamber of Commerce will offer a \$10 cash award to the resident who does the best job of general improvement to his yard and lots during the coming week—removing weeds, cutting tall grass, and general cleanup. Those wishing to enter this competition are asked to enter by telephoning Peterson at the jewelry store (676-9200) or coming in to the store to register.

The Spring Festival, held for the first time last year, proved to be an outstanding event, and if weather is favorable, it looms as even more entertaining this year. Merchants will have special bargains and offerings for the public to herald spring.

Further details will be included in next week's paper.



MRS. RON (JUDY) CURRIN shows the type of action that will hold sway at Wranglers' cow cutting contest at the rodeo grounds Saturday and Sunday. Picture was taken when she was in competition in the spring meet last year. Big turnout is expected at the event. (G-T Photo).

Most Offenders Pay, Few Reach Court Under New System

Most of those who have received tickets for overtime parking since the new envelope system was started more than a week ago have paid the 25c asked for on the envelope and very few cases have reached municipal court, Chief of Police Dean Gilman said Monday.

He said that the police force tickets from last Monday issued 90 overtime parking through Friday. In the same period \$20 in quarters was collected, meaning 80 had elected to place a quarter in the envelope provided and deposit it in one of the boxes attached to a parking meter post.

Under the system, an offender, upon receiving a ticket, may mangle up the quarter in lieu of making an appearance in court, thus running the risk of a higher fine.

Some of the parking meters do not operate properly, causing some grievances, but the city expects to have 100 new ones by May 1, which should eliminate this trouble.

The envelope system was proposed by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce after study by the merchants' committee, headed by Randall Peterson.

Wranglers to Host Cow Cutter Meet

Riders from across the Northwest will join local Wranglers this week-end at the Morrow county rodeo grounds for the fourth annual Cow Cutting spring meet sponsored by the Heppner Wranglers club.

Events will start Saturday afternoon at 1:30 and will be resumed on Sunday at 10 a.m. with finals following after 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Gene Pierce, secretary, announces.

Entries already have been received from points in Washington, Idaho and other towns in Oregon, but the exact number will not be known until almost starting time because of the late entry deadline, Pierce said.

First on the program Saturday afternoon will be the junior novice division, to be followed in order by registered cutting, barrel racing, novice, open and team roping.

Sunday morning's program will include second go-rounds for novice and registered cutting, and the afternoon will start with junior novice to be followed in order by barrel racing, women's cow cutting, open class and team roping.

Top horses in the Northwest will be seen at the Wranglers' cow cutting, and there is no admission charge this year, Pierce said. The event is approved by quarterhorse associations of the Northwest, Pacific Coast, Oregon and National.

A trophy is offered for first place in barrel racing. In the team roping, Wranglers only may participate.

Rocky Goodhue of Emmett, Idaho will judge the meet. Concessions will be on sale at the grounds, including candy, pop, coffee and hot dogs.

Hardman Plans Dance For Lovgren Benefit

The community of Hardman will be host Saturday night, April 20, to a benefit dance for Dean Lovgren, high school youth who has been hospitalized in Portland the past three months from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Proceeds will be used in helping take care of Dean's medical expenses.

Music will be provided by Roy Quackenbush and his band, and lunch will be served by ladies of the community. The public is invited to participate in the good time and at the same time help in a worthy cause.

Seat Belt Sale Very Successful

Sale of seat belts, sponsored by the Ione Lions club, proved highly successful Saturday, Jim Barnett, club president, said. A total of 66 sets of belts was installed. An additional 15 sets were installed later, he reported.

A crew of about 10 members of the club and helpers worked on the project throughout the day, under leadership of Ray Boyce, committee chairman. The club will consider at its meeting Monday night whether to stage a similar sale in Heppner.

School Budget Election Slated Monday, April 22

Election on the 1963-64 Morrow county school budget will be Monday, April 22, from 2 until 8 p.m. at polling places throughout the county.

The polling places are Heppner High school cafeteria, Lexington school cafeteria, A. C. Houghton cafeteria at Irrigon, Riverside high school at Boardman, Pine City school, Ione High school and the Rhea Creek Grange hall.

At the election, voters will cast ballots on the question of exceeding the 6% limitation by \$554,410. The budget was published in recent issues of the Gazette-Times and public hearing was on April 1 with a good-sized crowd attending.

A special meeting of the high school board will be held at 8 p.m. Monday following the closing of polls to consider matters in connection with the Riverside High school location. At the same time results of the budget election will be certified.

All registered voters of the district are eligible to vote on the school budget.

Boardman Gets Townsite 'Go-Ahead'

BOARDMAN—This city joyfully received the long-awaited "go-ahead" for a new townsite Tuesday.

It came at a meeting between the City of Boardman and the Northern Pacific Railway at which the company agreed to transfer to the City of Boardman the lands that will be needed for the initial development of the relocated town.

As a result of the meeting a definite timetable was set up for the various steps needed in the move from the old townsite.

George Durkin, Seattle, administrative assistant of timber and western lands, Northern Pacific, and J. M. Starkovich, assistant land superintendent of the railway company, were invited by Mayor Dewey West to meet with the various public agencies involved to resolve the acquisition of lands needed for development of the new site.

Among those asked to be represented at the meeting were schools, the city, highway officials, the Union Pacific Railway, the Northern Pacific Railway, and the Corps of Engineers. All groups but the Union Pacific had representation.

Present included Robert Van Houte, Morrow county school superintendent; Dick Wilkinson, school board chairman; Ivan Luman, State Department of Education, in charge of new school planning and construction; Max Tysor, chief of the real estate division, Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, Wn.; Doc Parsons, La Grande, division engineer, State Highway Department; M. D. Van Valkenburgh, of The Dalles, Boardman city attorney; and Holly Cornell, engineer, Seattle, Wn.

Site B, one-half mile southeast of the present townsite, was definitely selected and the agreement was signed. A total of 1000

acres can be developed at this place.

Van Houte said after the meeting that the Northern Pacific had offered to sell the school district land for the same price as it did to the city. He said the information will be conveyed to directors of the school district at a special meeting Monday night in the courthouse at 8 p.m.

"We will review this situation and discuss the proposed contract with the engineers," Van Houte said.

Cornell said at the meeting Tuesday that he was told in a survey that all 15 businesses in Boardman plan to relocate in the new townsite plus one or two other new businesses that want to come in.

In the time schedule now set up for Boardman are these steps: Design memo for the new town has to be completed and approved by the Corps of En-

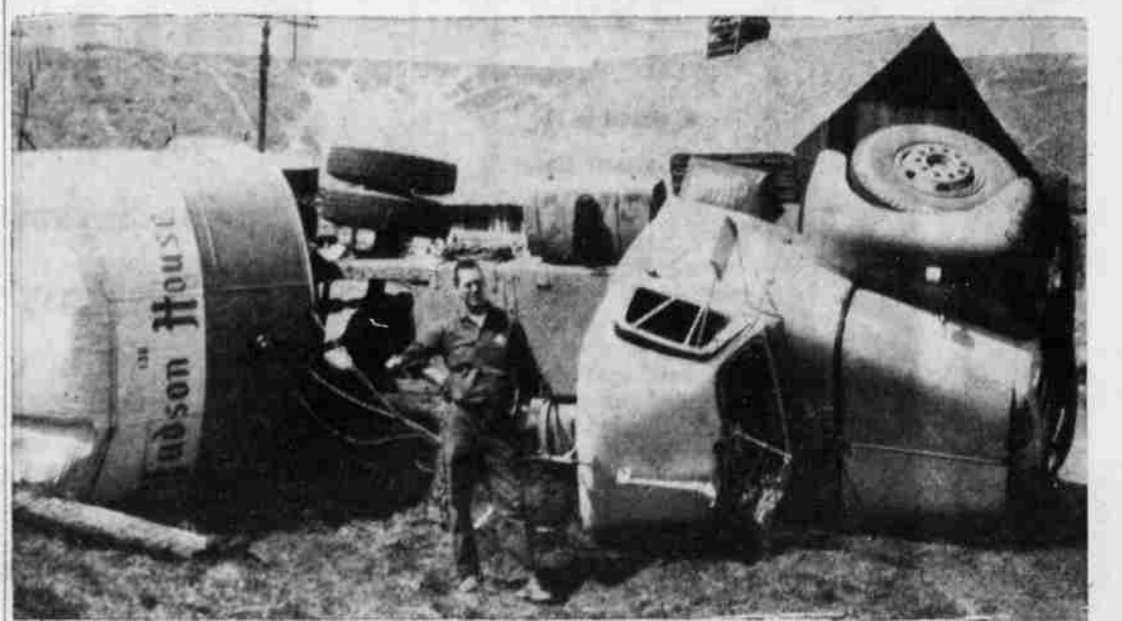
gineers by June 1 of this year. Contract between the city and the Corps must be let by July 1.

City utilities construction will start by September 1.

New highway relocation will get underway by November 1. Completion of city utilities, except for paving, will be by May, 1964.

Highway relocation will be completed by November, 1964. Completion of the move of the city to the new site will be by November, 1964.

Railroad relocation will be started in November, 1964. Completion of railroad grading in the Boardman area will be by October, 1965.



RICHARD (DUTCH) BRADFORD, driver of a big Hudson House truck, had mixed emotions when this photo was taken after the grocery-loaded rig overturned near Jordan last Wednesday morning. He felt lucky to get out unscathed but was somewhat provoked and disgusted by the accident which marred a driving record of 20 years. The trailer was flipped when a rear wheel slipped off the paving at a narrow spot on the highway where there is no shoulder. As it overturned, it also flipped the rest of the rig. (G-T Photo).