

Spring Festival Promises Fun Here Saturday

80th Year

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Parade, Contests, Free Ice Cream, Breakfast, Carnival Offered Public

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Economic Study Completed For Mid-Columbia Area

Agriculture and its allied processing industries can be expected to remain the major economic force over the next 20 to 50 years in the Mid-Columbia area embracing six counties, including Morrow, an 186-page regional development program just completed by Ebasco Services, Inc., for the Mid-Columbia Planning Council states.

Increases in the amount of acreage under irrigation resulting from projects currently under consideration, and new irrigation projects to be developed over the next two to five decades, will increase agricultural diversification.

Organizations Asked To Attend Meeting

Heads of organization in Morrow county, including municipalities, industries, farm groups, service organizations and others are urged by Judge Peterson to be at a meeting in the county courthouse, Pendleton, Monday at 1 p.m. for the purpose of setting up an advisory committee for the area to start procedures for followup on the Mid-Columbia Planning Council's study of the area.

He stated that he has contacted some of the organizations but cannot reach them all and urges good participation at the meeting.

Prospects for immediate growth of new manufacturing industries are limited. Near-term manufacturing prospects appear most favorable for industries allied to agriculture, such as feed and seed processing and food packing, canning and

freezing operations, and space-age developments.

Based on present information, the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park and other known industrial development plans will not, by themselves, provide sufficient momentum to achieve sustained regional growth during the 1960's and 1970's.

Regional recreational resources offer unique opportunities for early development to broaden the economy and provide new employment.

Approximately 10,000 new jobs would be required to provide employment for young people who will join the Mid-Columbia labor force between 1960 and 1980.

The target projection of a population of about 125,000 by 1980 will require the net addition of about 8,000 jobs. Anticipated reductions in agricultural and construction employment will place the burden of providing new employment opportunities on manufacturing and service industries.

Creation of a sufficient number of new jobs to meet the 1980 employment target will require a vigorous and sustained regional development effort.

Action plans for economic development aimed at achieving these population and employment targets will require coordinated effort on a regional basis, rather than purely local efforts, by separate county and port district agencies.

Fast Time Slated To Start on Sunday

Like it or not, daylight saving time, passed throughout the state at the last general election, will start Sunday morning in Morrow county as throughout the rest of Oregon.

At that time, clocks will be set ahead an hour, and this will continue until late October, provided the state follows the proposal in the legislature to add another month to the fast time to conform to California. Originally, daylight time was scheduled to conclude in September.

Postmaster Jim Driscoll of the Heppner post office states that the post office will conform to daylight time, and Supt. Robert Van Houte said that schools will also go on the fast time schedule, beginning Monday.

New Bridges Due To Be Installed; Improvements Set

Indications are that Heppner will have three new or remodeled highway bridges soon. Larry Smitton, Pendleton, maintenance superintendent of this district for the State Highway Department, told members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

He said that he has been asked to obtain descriptions of lots adjacent to the two Willow Creek bridges (one near the courthouse and one on Main street between Quaid and Church) and the one over Hinton Creek on the north side of town.

Smitton said that indications are that contracts will be let by the Highway Commission soon on the bridge work. The Willow Creek bridge on Main street particularly, has been pointed out as a hazardous spot and has been pinpointed for widening for years. Delay has been blamed on the possibility of the Willow Creek dam project which reportedly may change the channel. However, U. S. Army Engineers recently stated that if the dam is built, the channel will not be changed enough to alter any bridge construction that might be done.

Narrowness of the bridge, together with the sharp angle of the highway on the north side, creates the hazard.

At the same time, Smitton told of work being done on the Willow Creek highway to the north. A paving plant will be brought in to do considerable resurfacing on the highway between Heppner and Lexington, a project that will take about 10 days.

The corner near the Halvorsen place, about two miles north of lone, scene of a number of fatal accidents, one of which claimed four lives early this year, will be widened and improved, Smitton said. Because of the fact that a telephone line runs at the top of the bluff above and the railroad track is near the other side, the project will pose considerable problem, the superintendent said. However, the rocky cliff will be cut down to widen the curve.

Delegations from the county, led by Judge Oscar Peterson, have appeared at meetings of the highway commission to urge improvement of the highway.



REFLECTING the spring season are these Heppner High school students, all seniors, who comprise Spring Festival court for the big event this week-end. Queen (seated) is Laura Lee Sumner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sumner; and princesses are Carol Tholberg (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tholberg, and Shirley Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartle.

- Dressup parade.
- Frog jumping contest.
- Mayors' straw hat toss.
- Citywide bargains.
- Free parking.
- Free breakfast.
- Free ice cream.
- Band carnival.

These are just a few of the attractions listed for Heppner's Spring Festival which looms as a gala event for the area this week-end. Queen Laura Lee Sumner and her court, Princesses Carol Tholberg and Shirley Carlson, will rule over the festive events, most of which will occur Saturday.

Randall Peterson, chairman, states that the parade is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. with assembling point at Turn-A-Lum Lumber Company. Kids of the area are invited to dress in comical costumes, and the one judged funniest will receive a \$5 prize. Second will get \$3 and third, \$2.

Morrow County's fair and rodeo Queen, Sandra Eubanks, and her court are scheduled to make their first official appearance of the year in the parade and will share limelight with the Festival court.

Cleaning Up? You May Win \$10 Prize

If you are among the those who have been doing or are planning to do considerable work in your yard and garden this week, you might as well register with the possibility of winning a \$10 prize.

This amount is offered by the Chamber of Commerce to the one showing the best job of improving on his place during this Cleanup Week, which has been proclaimed as such by Mayor Al Lamb.

Participants must register with Randall Peterson at Peterson's Jewelers by tomorrow (Friday) to be eligible for judging.

Miss Spring and her princesses will ride in a convertible, and new cars will be a part of the parade lineup. Heppner High's drill team will take part. Others who wish to enter boats, trucks or anything that contributes to the spring theme are invited to do so. A city fire truck will also be in the parade. Boy Scouts will act as flag bearers at the head of the parade.

Following the parade, will come the competition between Mayors Mervin (Red) Leonard of Lexington, Charles O'Connor of Lone and Al Lamb of Heppner. The three will engage in a straw hat tossing contest to see who can come closest to a bullseye in the center of a circle. Each will get two practice tosses, and the third throw will be the counting pitch. Winner will receive a new hat to start the Straw Hat Season.

It is understood that several in the younger generation have been working with frogs for the past few days to take part in the frog jumping contest that will come immediately after the straw hat contest. Winner will be the owner of the frog who goes the longest distance in three jumps, and cash prizes are offered.

Free ice cream will be given to all kids dressed up for the parade, courtesy of Hager's Dairy and Morrow County Creamery, Peterson said.

There will be free parking throughout the day Saturday, and free breakfast Saturday is offered at Central Market in a promotion by the store there. Other stores have sales starting, and still others have special bargain buys for the week-end.

Completing the busy day of fun will be the band carnival at the fair pavilion which starts with supper at 5:30. Gaway opens at 6:30.

April Sets Mark In Moisture Here

With six days yet to go in the month, a record amount of moisture already has been measured for April, according to Leonard Gilliam, weather observer. Through Wednesday, April 24, the total stood at 3.29 inches, topping the former record of 3.08 inches set in 1920.

Heavy wet snow and consistent rainfall during the week of April 13 to 20 accounted for most of the month's total. Temperatures and precipitation during the past week were:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	52	37	.06
Friday	49	32	.24
Saturday	46	32	.69
Sunday	49	36	—
Monday	58	34	—
Tuesday	59	32	—
Wednesday	59	37	—

Hounds Abandon Ship as Hunter Takes Unscheduled Wild Ride

Carl McDaniel, government hunter, had an unexpected wild ride down a hillside over rough terrain in his Jeep Wednesday after a bar that holds the clutch and brakes broke.

He suffered bruises and skinned hands in the process but after treatment by a doctor, came back to spend the rest of the day looking for his two hounds who "abandoned ship" during the rough going.

McDaniel was hunting coyotes in the area of McElligott's place and was in the process of turning the Jeep around at the top of the steep hillside when the failure came.

Figuring that he was going too fast to turn, he headed straight down the hill, bouncing and jouncing at a high rate of speed and out of control except for steering. He rode 'er out across two creek banks but one of the hounds in the pickup bed of the rig

came hurtling through the back window, and bounded on top of McDaniel before crashing into the windshield then he hid himself out the door and across country on foot. The other followed.

McDaniel's rig crashed into a hillside on the other side, and for a few minutes he nursed his injuries, which consisted of a bruised head, bruises on both legs and skinned hands. He was treated by a doctor but refused to go to the hospital and was back afield Thursday.

One of the fugitive hounds appeared at the Don McElligott place and the other one was recovered at the Hershall Townsends.

The coyotes, at last report, were still living happily—but perhaps not ever after. "The reason that I didn't get hurt worse," said Carl, "was because the main bump was on my hard head."

Band Carnival Set For Saturday Night

Committees are working in high gear to put the finishing touches on details of the Band Carnival to be Saturday night at the fair pavilion. The evening will lead off with supper served at 5:30 with band music during the dinner hour to be furnished by the Honor Band.

The "Gay-Way" will open at 6:30 with fish ponds, guessing games, fish bowl game, Country Store, Dunk-Tank, bingo, dart throw, cork guns and others designed to please all ages.

Drawings for the door prizes will be made throughout the evening and winners must be present to win. Drawings for the Marlin Lever-Matic 22 rifle and chaise longue will be made late in the evening and the winners need not be present to win.

Menu for the supper is chicken and noodles, chili, salad, sandwiches, pie or cake and coffee. The meal will be served cafeteria style.

All proceeds from the carnival are used to purchase band uniforms and to send deserving band students to a 4-weeks summer school at WSU.

'No' Vote Swamps Budget

Morrow County School district R-1's 1963-64 budget, calling for more than \$1 million in general fund expenditures, bowed to decisive defeat in the countywide election Monday, 274 yes to 697 no.

The affirmative vote was only 11 less than the successful 282 of last year when the budget was approved on the first try by a slim margin, but the negative vote was nearly three times as great as the 263 voting no last year. Thus, some 400 more voted this year than at the election last year.

Only one area—Boardman—voted in favor of the budget. It lost by a whisker in Heppner, 145 to 148. Lone showed it under 30 to 191, as did Irrigon, 20 to 179.

In Lexington the count was 14 yes, 78 no; Hardman-Ruggs, 11 yes, 49 no; and Pine City, 7 yes, 12 no.

The budget election was the matter of approving the \$554,410 over the 6 percent limitation.

At the meeting Monday night, the board also voted to authorize a contract with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Riverside High school relocation, provided certain amendments were made in the contract document. The board asked to eliminate two exhibits in the contract, one of which locates the school in the townsite of Boardman and the other which shows a general floor plan of the building.

The board also authorized purchase of 31 acres of land from the Northern Pacific Railroad for a school site in the Boardman townsite at \$100 per acre, although residents of Irrigon had appeared to request that the board not take any action until after July 1. The motion did not specify what the site would be used for—whether it would be for the Riverside High school or for an elementary school location.

Students, Friends Mourn Death of Mrs. Weatherford

After an illness of nearly two years, Mrs. W. W. (Lucile) Weatherford, 53, died in the University of Oregon Medical School hospital last Thursday.

Friends, relatives, students and former students filled the Arlington Methodist church to near capacity Monday afternoon for funeral services. Officiating were the Rev. Raymond Kratzer, district superintendent of the Nazarene church, Yakima, Wn., and the Rev. Bill Briggs, pastor of the Arlington Methodist church.

Interment was in the Weatherford family plot in the Arlington cemetery.

Mrs. Weatherford, who had taught school both prior to and after her marriage, had continued active in her work as a Heppner High school teacher until late last fall, when it was necessary for her to be hospitalized. Continued checks failed to diagnose the exact nature of her malady. After initial hospitalization, she later resumed her teaching duties, but was forced to go back for treatment and was unable to return.

Mrs. Weatherford's teaching career started in Wisconsin after she had gone through high school and college there with honors. She completed a regular four-year course at Reedsburg High school in that state in three years, and also completed the normal 4-year course at Oshkosh Teachers College in three years. She had attained her masters degree in mathematics and was on the verge of getting her doctorate in education at the University of Wisconsin when she married Mr. Weatherford on December 26, 1939, at Reedsburg.

It was while she was studying for her doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin that she taught there, and she also taught at Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. Weatherford was born December 24, 1910, in Oshkosh, the daughter of Christian and Margaret Madsen.

Following their marriage in 1939, the Weatherfords came to his native Oregon to live, first going to Prineville where they lived for one year. For the next two years they were in Arlington where he worked on the Weatherford home ranch, and then they moved to Portland where he had been hired by the state to teach auto mechanics at Benson Polytechnic but instead started a vocational and welding school in Portland.

In 1946 they bought a ranch at Eightmile, remaining there for two years before buying their present ranch, the Instone place, on Butter Creek.

Mrs. Weatherford resumed teaching in 1953 at Lexington

High school and remained there until it was closed, after which she came to Heppner High school and had taught there four years.

Principal Gordon Pratt expressed the feelings of the faculty and students when he said, "She was a wonderful teacher. She was very proficient and was well liked. Her death is a great loss to the faculty."

Among students who had taken her instruction were several who ranked very high in national tests, and she had the reputation of being an outstanding mathematics teacher.

The high school was closed here Monday in her memory and many of the students attended the funeral.

Mrs. Weatherford was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and was a member of Phi Lambda Theta national honorary sorority, at the University of Wisconsin. She had served as president of the Morrow County Tuberculosis and Health association for several years, was a member of the Rhea Creek Grange and a member of the Presbyterian church in Reedsburg, Wisc. She had written several articles for national educational publications.

Survivors include the husband, Mr. Weatherford; son Billy, 16, student at Heppner High school; daughter, Karla Kristin, 10; and two cousins, Mrs. Walter (Kitty) Peavy, McMinnville; and Martin Nelson, Fond du Lac, Wisc.

Joan Healy Named Queen for Game

Joan Healy, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy of Butter Creek, has been selected by a Shrine committee as queen for the Shrine All-Star football game which will be in Pendleton August 24, according to Larry Cook of Heppner, rajah for the Wheeler-Gilliam county Shrine club.

Joan will be crowned as queen at ceremonies in the Masonic hall, Heppner, Saturday night, May 4, Cook said. Pictures and publicity will follow in the promotion of the annual big game.

Public is Invited To lone High Prom

The public is invited to the lone High school prom to be held in the old gymnasium at lone Saturday night, July 5, at 9 p.m., giving those wishing to attend the band carnival in Heppner a chance to do so.

Jim Dyess Backs Wheat Program; 168 Hear Talks

(Text of talk page 3, section 2) "Contrary to what some critics say, this 1964 wheat program can be one of the most flexible farm programs ever devised," Jim Dyess, northwest area director of the ASCS and former executive vice president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, told a large audience in an address at the fair pavilion Monday night.

Dyess and Nels Anderson, Morrow county agent, shared the speaker's platform in discussing the program. The former, who is said to be among the best informed in the United States on the wheat proposal, showed slides to illustrate the points of the proposed program as well as speaking to the audience.

Anderson took the case of a typical wheat ranch and followed, step by step, the effects on the owner's economy if the wheat program is approved at the May 21 referendum and if it is defeated.

The audience was composed of 168 listeners, the largest crowd Anderson said, that has gathered for a farm meeting during the time he has been in the county with the exception of one countywide planning conference a number of years ago.