

Harvest Nearing Full Tilt

With warmer and brighter weather coming this week and with only .01 inch of moisture recorded in Heppner during that period, grain harvest was getting into full stride around the county by Thursday.

Report from the Morrow County Grain Growers Thursday was that "all stations are operating." North Lexington elevator took in about 25,000 bushels of wheat and 15,000 bushels of barley Tuesday, Al Lamb, manager, said. On Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. trucks were lined up at the elevator awaiting their turns to dump loads, and as many as 15 were there at one time.

The Lexington elevator is also in full swing, and at Heppner and Ruggs the harvest is getting started with mostly barley coming in at the present time.

Yields seem to be good although, as usual, they vary in different parts of the county.

At the start of the week, ranchers were unable to start harvest daily until about 8:30 or 9 a.m. because of the moisture, but with the warmer weather some have been going at it earlier. They keep in the fields until dark, however.

Rust hasn't shown up as any serious problem so far, Lamb said, and at this time prospects are for a very good harvest season. Quality seems to be good, he said.

The Grain Growers are moving out much of the new crop as quickly as possible with the threat of a rail strike impending.

New Pastor Here To Serve Church

Making his first appearance in the pulpit of the Nazarene church here Sunday was the Rev. J. G. Weller, new pastor, who arrived in Heppner from Bethany, Okla., last Thursday evening. The Nazarene church meets in the Seventh-day Adventist church building.

The Rev. Weller served the Crescent, Okla., church as supply pastor before coming here. He is a graduate of the Bethany Nazarene college in 1962 and originally came from New York state, living at Jamestown, a city of about 45,000 persons.

This is the family's first trip to the west, and they are enjoying it very much, the Rev. Weller said. Children are two daughters, Judith, 9; and Susan, 8.

The new pastor replaces the Rev. M. Carleton Sober who recently resigned to accept a new charge.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM		
	Hi	Low
Thursday	77	44
Friday	80	50
Saturday	89	52
Sunday	80	51
Monday	75	42
Tuesday	79	56
Wednesday	80	48

Carnival, Added Prizes Due at 1963 Rodeo

More local prizes, a carnival with more rides than last year, and added features are scheduled for the 1963 Morrow County Rodeo on August 31 and September 1, it was revealed at a meeting of the rodeo board Tuesday night.

The carnival will be the same one that came on a "last-minute" call last year when the contracted carnival failed to appear. Al Fetsch said, but it will probably have two more rides this year to appeal to older children and youths.

Several new prizes for Morrow county events in the rodeo will be offered and complete announcements will be made as soon as they are placed with the events for which they will be awarded. Most recent to be offered is a prize of some \$40 value to be given by Barney Malcom of Heppner Lumber Company.

Hamley & Co. again will give a fine saddle for the Northwest saddle bronc championship and Kinza Corporation again will give another valued saddle for the Morrow County calf roping. Herman Green has offered a belt buckle for the Wrangler cow riding, and Farley Motor Company will give a trophy, probably for the flag race. Severe Bros. Saddlery has offered a pair of chaps which is tentatively scheduled for second in the Northwest saddle bronc, and Del Brown has offered a pair of boots which may go to second place in the calf roping.

Queen's coronation ceremony has been scheduled on the same night as the Queen's dance on August 17, and Fred Gimbel is handling arrangements for the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring this event.

Concessions at the 4-H Snack Shack and in the stands will be handled again this year by

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Extension Budget Status Still in Doubt

Eclipse Curtails Swim Pool Hours

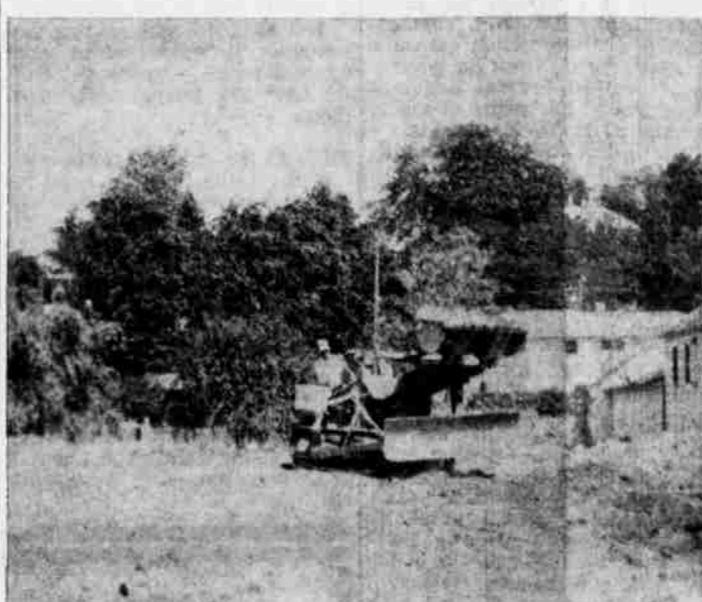
Opening of the Heppner municipal swimming pool will be delayed for 1 1/2 hours Saturday because of the eclipse of the sun.

The pool will open at 2:30 p.m. on that day instead of the usual 1 p.m., and the afternoon swimming period will be extended until 4:30 p.m.

This action was taken by the city upon advice of optometrists and authorities who declare that permanent eye damage can be done to those who look at the eclipse, even with the aid of sunglasses, smoked glass or photographic negatives.

Those in the pool normally would not be wearing glasses, and it would be difficult for them to keep from looking at the sun during the eclipse period. Since they would be in direct exposure without protection of any kind, it was deemed best to delay the pool opening.

The eclipse period is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and all are advised to avoid looking at the enticing natural phenomenon. Dr. E. K. Schafitz said that the eclipse will be a little more severe in the southern states but does pose possibility of serious eye damage here, too.



WITH OLD buildings gone and trees and stumps removed, site of the new bowling lanes presented this picture late last week as work started on excavation and foundation. Wallace Green of Hermiston, contractor, had footings poured early this week for the 50x140 ft. building that will house the eight lanes. (G-T Photo)

County Gets Classified 'Area of Unemployment'

Heppner and Morrow County have been classified by the Bureau of Employment Security, U. S. Department of Labor, as an area of "substantial unemployment." Nathan E. Swan, manager of the Pendleton office, State of Oregon Employment Service, announced at a meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

He read a telegram that he had received from the bureau in Washington, D. C., which said, "Heppner and Morrow County, Oregon, has substantial unemployment — now qualified PWAA."

Swan explained that the area, because of its classification, is eligible to apply for 50% matching funds for projects under the Public Works Acceleration Administration. Some examples of projects include those of municipal nature, such as sewage treatment, or some undertaking in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, he said.

The classification also makes it possible for those qualifying for loans under the Small Business Administration to receive them at a preferred interest rate of 4 1/2 percent.

A third benefit that the area may receive is that employers have a preference for bidding on government procurements. Swan said that the classification comes when an area exceeds 6% unemployment of the total labor force over a period of time. Statistics show, he said, that this area topped the 6% unemployment in the first five months of this year, hitting as high as 11.8% in January when 180 were unemployed and 1340 were listed as being employed.

Some of the members, in a question and answer period, discounted the figures and said that they had not seen substantial unemployment here. One member said that part of the unemployment figure comes from expected seasonal layoffs during the inclement winter weather.

Nels Anderson, county agent, said that his office had received several calls for farmers for harvest help that it could not supply, but Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, said that quite a number of men looking for harvest work had stopped at his office.

The group discussed the possibility of applying for aid to complete the road from the

Shaw Creek grade to the Umatilla county line and a motion made by Oliver Creswick, chairman of the development committee, proposed that the Chamber back up the findings of the Department of Labor and investigate monies that might be available for projects of benefit here.

Swan said that there is some possibility that PWAA assistance might be tied in with the Willow Creek dam project, although he could not say how long the area would remain classified as one of "substantial unemployment."

The manager was accompanied by Gordon Grady of Hermiston, assistant manager of the Pendleton office, who assisted with answering questions.

Picnic Postponed Due to Snake Bite

While cleaning up around her summer cabin in the Parkers Mill area, Mrs. Vida Heliker sustained what appeared to be a snake bite on her leg Monday and was treated at Pioneer Memorial hospital. A doctor gave her anti-venom serum, and she responded rapidly, leaving the hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Heliker said that she did not see a snake and she did not hear any rattles. However, she told her doctor that she believed that it must have been a snake bite, and he said that the marks on the leg were "consistent with those of a fang marks of a small snake."

Willows Grange Home ecnomics club picnic was scheduled at the Heliker cabin for Sunday, and she was preparing for it when the incident occurred. It has now been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Mrs. Heliker said that although rattlesnakes have often been observed at lower elevations in the Rock Creek area she had never seen one as high up as her cabin.

Dr. C. M. Wagner, who attended her, said that this is the second case of snake bite he has treated in 10 years. A man was bitten by a rattler near the rodeo grounds about 10 years ago he said.

70 Protest Cut at Meet With Court

Status of the 1963-64 budget of the Morrow County extension service remained in doubt today although 70 persons assembled in the courthouse Wednesday afternoon to voice protests on the county budget committee's action in cutting \$3400 from the budget.

Bob Jepsen presented petitions bearing 119 names asking for the sum to be restored in order that the county would not lose one of its three extension agents. A standing vote showed all the persons present, coming from most parts of the county, in favor of having the sum restored in some manner.

But District Attorney Herman Winter, who reviewed budget procedure, said that he doubted that it would be possible from a strictly legal standpoint to take the \$3400 from the county's emergency fund. He said that he could ask for an attorney-general's opinion and later said that he planned to do this. However, he felt that the official opinion would be that it is not an emergency because the cut was made in full knowledge of what the extension services were.

Mrs. E. Markham Baker of Ione presided at the meeting and, at the request of Judge Oscar Peterson, called for testimony on both sides of the matter. Many spoke in favor of the extension service and for the restoration of the budget as it had been accepted by the county budget committee in May, but none spoke in favor of the cut, although the chairman called for such comment several times.

Henry Baker, chairman of the county budget committee, said that the committee had yielded to the pressure of the five men appearing at the hearing on June 28 and said that perhaps it should not have done so. At that time no one was present to support the extension service.

"What could we do?" he asked. He said that he had taken a trip after the hearing but was startled upon his return to see the amount of mail that had accumulated and learned of the reaction from around the county.

Several in the audience Wednesday took the position that the cut did create an emergency. E. Markham Baker said, "I feel we have an emergency right now." He stressed the importance of weed control programs to the farmer at the present time, of the development of new varieties of wheat, and the economic bearing of the extension programs on the farmers' future.

In response to the budget committee chairman's reaction to the five appearing at the hearing, E. Markham Baker said, "If I bring two or three people up here to a hearing and say, 'We don't need a sheriff,' will he be cut?"

The resolutions presented by Jensen said that the budget committee action "does not represent the wishes of the majority of the people in the county." They, too, cited the "economic plight of the farmer" and the continuing need for research.

As was true at the citizens' meeting last week, a number from Boardman and Irrigon expressed strong feelings in support of the extension service, the home demonstration program, and the 4-H program. Andrew Skiles of Irrigon represented the Greenfield Grange and said he felt the public was "95 percent in favor of the extension service."

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PRINCESS NANCY CLEVELAND

Princess Nancy To Be Honored Saturday Night

Princess Nancy Cleveland, youngest member of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, will be honored at the first of the princesses' dances Saturday night in the fair pavilion. The dance will start at 10 p.m. and Leonnig's orchestra will play.

Not yet 16, Nancy will be a junior in high school in the coming school year. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Cleveland whose new home is on Hinton Creek near Dallas. Brothers are John, 18, a graduate

this year of Heppner High school, and Tommy, 10.

Riding comes naturally for this young lady, as it does with other princesses. She has enjoyed riding since she was three or four years of age and will appear through the rodeo season on "Sugar Joe," her 8-year-old gelding.

Princess Nancy has lived in Heppner nearly all of her life, although she was born in Pendleton.

After horseback riding, her interests are in swimming and cooking. She does her share of work on the Cleveland ranch.

The young lady, who represents the Lena Community on the court, is a 5-year member of the 4-H Saddlebites club and is a member of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls. In high school she is a member of the pep club and has a special interest in drama. Nancy has appeared in some of the school plays, although she has two years ahead of her yet to take part in more plays and other activities.

Princess Nancy is also a member of the Wranglers but does not often enter the competitive events.

The fact that she "just loves to ride" makes her participation on the royal court all the more thrilling to her.

The first dance, the Kickoff event Saturday night proved to be highly successful with a crowd of more than 400 on hand. The new hardwood floor in the pavilion contributed to the enjoyment of the affair.

Dances continue each Saturday night, except for August 24, until the final Rodeo dance on August 31.

'Songs' Chosen As Parade Theme

"Songs Old and New" has been chosen as the theme for the 1963 Morrow County Rodeo parade to be held August 31, a Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Fred Gimbel has announced.

The theme was submitted by Ada R. Rogers of Irrigon in a contest sponsored by the Chamber. A total of 10 suggestions was offered in the contest. It was announced in newspapers last week and closing time for entries was noon Wednesday.

Organizations had asked if there was to be a theme for the parade this year. Some plan to get started on their floats in the near future.

Those who expect to have entries in the parade are encouraged to develop them around the theme selected.

Queen and Court To Visit Chamber

Queen Sandra Eubanks of the 1963 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and her princesses will be guests of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday on the annual visit of the court to the luncheon.

Mrs. John Eubanks, chaperone for the court, will also be a guest. The luncheon will be in the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Work Underway On New Building For County Fair

There will be a marked improvement in facilities offered at the Morrow County fair this year.

This became even more apparent this week with the announcement by Al Fetsch, chairman of the fair board, that contract had been let for the construction of a \$12,000 arena building on the grounds. Howard Keithley received the contract and said that work will be underway on the building next week. It will be completed in time for the fair, he said.

The 120x60 ft. structure will be constructed of corrugated metal siding and roofing. There will be no posts to block view inside the building, and steel trusses will be used to support the roof.

Three rows of fluorescent lights will illuminate the interior.

The structure will be located north of fair pavilion next to Hinton creek. While it will have expanded use at later fairs, it is expected that this year it will be used for housing open class cattle.

Previously the board added hardwood flooring in the fair pavilion and put in new lighting. In addition, the grounds have been improved greatly by blacktopping in the area around the pavilion.

The fair is scheduled for August 19-23.

Sidewalk Riders Face Police Action

Children who have ignored recent warnings of the city police department to stop riding bicycles on Main street sidewalks will have bicycles impounded for violations of this kind in the future, Chief of Police Dean Gilman said Wednesday.

He said that he regrets taking this step but the city ordinance on the matter is so frequently disregarded that the youngsters endanger the safety of pedestrians. Serious injury could result if an elderly person were struck by one of the bicycles. First offenders will have bicycles impounded for 24 or 48 hours, he said. Additional violations will bring more serious penalties. Parents are asked to advise their children and counsel with them on the matter.

Lou Gilliam Hurt In Fall Sunday

Lou Gilliam of Condon suffered a serious injury Sunday when he fell while playing tennis in Condon. He was brought to the Pioneer Memorial hospital and remained in a semi-comatose condition Thursday from what his doctor diagnosed as a basal skull fracture.

His father, Leonard L. Gilliam of Heppner, said that the injured man seems to be showing improvement but still does not realize what happened or where he is. Gilliam was running backwards on the court when he tripped and fell, striking his head and causing the fracture. He is in charge of the Condon Soil Conservation office and is a brother of Don Gilliam, post office clerk here.



WILLOW CREEK All-Star Little League players slated to see action Friday, 8 p.m., when they meet The Dalles Westerns in The Dalles are (front row, from left), Mark Pointer, Terry Prock, Larry Bellenbrock, Bill Baker, Mark Lovgren, and Jon O'Donnell; (middle row), Kit Anderson, Kent Pratt, Kevin Pratt, John McCabe, and Larry Pettyjohn; (back row), Bill McLeod, Jim Swanson, Keith Nelson, Gary Kemp, and La Verne Van Marter.