

Lack of Rain Results in Postponing Of State General Hunting Season

By action of the State Game Commission at a meeting Wednesday morning general hunting in the state, scheduled to open Saturday, was closed until Saturday, October 7. The week's delay will stand even if rain comes later this week, according to the decision. If rain doesn't come before October 7, the delay may be extended.

Rumors were rife late Tuesday that general hunting season, scheduled to be opening Saturday, would be postponed by the

State Game Commission. It was reported that decision would be made by the commission at a meeting scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Indications were that the season would be postponed unless rain came by Wednesday, and there was no sign of precipitation, nor any expected—by late Tuesday.

W. S. (Sam) Miller, ranger in charge of the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest, said Tuesday afternoon that men of his district were proceeding on the basis that the season would be open.

He said, however, that conditions in the National Forest are very dry, being little better than they have throughout most of the hazardous summer.

The shorter days have some beneficial effect in that the burning index doesn't go up quite as much. However, the rain of two weeks ago has long since disappeared.

If the season is opened, men of the Forest Service will patrol the district watching for fire, and air patrols might also be brought in to keep a vigilant eye on the forests, if they are believed to be needed.

Council Awards Pool Contract

Contract for the reconstruction of the Heppner municipal swimming pool and construction of a new bath house was awarded to McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton at a special meeting of the city council last Thursday afternoon.

The contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds that are being offered by the city. Bids on the bonds, totalling \$110,000, are to be received by the city until their opening on Monday, October 9.

Total amount of the contract with the Pendleton firm is \$95,672. This includes all alterations that were listed separately in the call for bids in case the figure subject on the general contract was so high that the other items could not be included in funds that are to be available.

However, the McCormack bid was considered very favorable and well in keeping with the estimates of Clark and Groff, engineers, of Salem who conducted a cost study on the project.

Underwater lights will be in-

cluded in the pool and bleacher seats will be provided. These were among the alternates listed.

Items specifically designated by the State Board of Health as being required to meet state health standards will be provided for under the contract. The city had withheld awarding the contract at its last regular meeting in order to check with the engineers to be sure that these items were to be included in the contract. This assurance has now been received, and consequently the resolution awarding the contract was passed at the special meeting.

It is expected that work will proceed soon after the bond sale is completed in early October. A number of financial institutions have shown interest in purchasing the bonds. They are to be repaid by the city, through taxes, over a 15-year period.

Authorization for sale of the bonds came at a special city election earlier this year when voters approved the issue by a large margin.

Rainfall Falters; Project Abandoned On Cloud Seeding

Failure of rainfall to penetrate the project area of the Morrow County Weather Research association has resulted in discontinuance of the project in this area, Harry Proudfoot, chairman of the association, announces.

Annual meeting of the association was held in the offices of the Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington on Monday night, September 18. The association sought to increase precipitation by artificial means, generally referred to as "cloud seeding."

Paul J. Caubin, vice president of the Water Resources Development Corporation of Palm Springs, Calif., was present, as well as three directors and two members of the local venture, known as the "O-6 Project."

Caubin answered questions and then explained why it was that rain was unable to penetrate the O-6 Project area during the year. It was then decided by those present to discontinue the project until such time as more interest and enthusiasm was evidenced by the farmers in the project area.

Glenn Campbell and John Madison volunteered to be chairman and secretary-treasurer for the group in the interim.

Like other areas east of the Cascades, there has been no moisture in the project area through the summer except for about 25 inch about two weeks ago. Last moisture prior to that time was June 22. However, conditions have been unfavorable through the summer for cloud seeding since there have been very few clouds to "seed."

There has been considerable interest in the cloud seeding venture here but some ranchers in the north end of the county said that much of the financial support has come from a few, and more support is necessary to continue the project.

County Schedules Hearing Tests

Audiometric testing in Morrow county schools is scheduled for October 3 and 4, according to an announcement received by Mrs. Lowell Chaffey, Morrow county health nurse.

As part of the Hearing Conservation Program, Maternal and Child Health Section, Oregon State Board of Health, a qualified audiometrist will test the hearing acuity of kindergarten, first, third, fifth, and seventh grades, as well as referrals from any other grades made by teacher or the nurse. Hearing testing will be done in Heppner schools on Tuesday, October 3, and in Lone, Boardman, and Irigoien schools on Wednesday, October 4.

Wood Gets Academic Honors at Whitman

James Walter Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of Heppner, was one of 240 Whitman college students who were given special recognition for academic achievement in the 1967 spring semester at the annual Fall Convocation. Wood, a junior at the college, had to achieve a grade point average of 3.65 or higher in not fewer than 30 hours of study during the year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.3 to qualify for the dean's list.

"What in the World Are We Doing Here?" was the topic used by Dr. Kenyon A. Knopf, dean of the college, as the principal speaker at the Convocation, which was held Friday, September 22, in Walla Walla, and marked the beginning of Whitman's 109th year.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of September 20-27 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	88	54	—
Thursday	91	55	—
Friday	76	55	—
Saturday	77	41	—
Sunday	83	46	—
Monday	78	51	—
Tuesday	80	47	—

Green Tells How Library Goals Met on Low Budget

Heppner's library is entirely operated by donations and maintains itself on a surprisingly low budget, Marion Green, president of the trustees, told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Monday.

The library's annual budget is now \$2500.

"We're fortunate to be able to maintain the sort of library we have at that figure," he said. "There is no attempt to maintain a reference library here, and there is no attempt to duplicate materials available in the schools."

The library seeks first to provide juvenile reading, and the primary need otherwise is for

fictional reading for adults, he said.

At the present time the library has about 5800 books. Its annual circulation is approximately 7800. The library is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, from 2:30-5:00 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:00.

Green said that the local board has avoided coming under the jurisdiction of the State Library board and for that reason depends strictly on donations. The Heppner library is not a city library and is not a county library, although it receives a substantial donation annually from the city, and its companion museum in the same

building receives a similar donation from the county. The structure was donated by Mrs. Amanda Duvall in memory of her late husband and daughter.

If the library were under the State Library, Green said, it would cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 annually to operate. It would be necessary to hire a trained librarian, and certain statistical records would need to be kept.

"It is an adequate facility for the goals we have in mind," Green said.

No rent is paid, and heat, light and water are donated, as are some publications.

Plans are in the process to purchase a new book island at

a cost of \$350 and an adequate book drop is needed to help prevent losing books. However, it would cost \$1000 to provide an adequate drop, and this might require some structural changes in the building.

Green said that there is a surprising number of persons in the area who have "never set foot" in the library.

"We invite you to come down and look around," he said.

President Herman Winter of the Chamber announced that Ralph Richards of the Soil Conservation Service will show pictures of the floods in the county of December, 1964, and January, 1965, at the coming Monday meeting.

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Moonlight Sale Brings Big Crowds To Heppner Stores

Heppner's Main street and stores looked like the week before Christmas Friday night when an unexpectedly large crowd responded to shop at the first annual Moonlight Sale.

All participating stores reported a brisk business for the full three hours, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The turnout was far bigger than most stores had expected. "I wasn't really ready for it," said one. "I thought maybe a half dozen would come to my store, but at 7 o'clock the town exploded. You couldn't get around in here. It was just like Christmas."

Others had similar stories. One said that his business for the special merchandise in the three hours was triple that which he had done throughout the regular shopping day Friday.

A third said that he was unable to close until 11 p.m.—an hour after the scheduled Moonlight closing time—because of those waiting to be helped.

Bill Hust, merchants committee chairman, was delighted with the response and thanked everyone who made it such a great success. From this public reaction it is almost certain that it will be continued on the calendar of Heppner's promotional events, and plans will be made to improve it and offer greater bargains to the public next year.

Many of those who attended the teachers' reception at Heppner Elementary school shopped in the Moonlight Sale in the hour before the reception and some came after the reception was over.

Participating merchants all agreed on one thing: It surpassed all their expectations, and they were gratified at the support extended by the public.

Next event on the promotional calendar is Crazy Days, scheduled for October 27 and 28, and expects to be well preparing for that event.



DAVE HALL made two long runs for touchdowns against Burns there Friday night as the Heppner High football team tripped the Hilanders. Quarterback Hall ran all the way on a kickoff return and did the same thing on a punt return. The 150 lb. senior is now known as "Big" Hall because his "little" brother, John Hall, five pounds heavier at 165, is making a fine debut for the Mustangs on the varsity as a freshman. The two are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall. (G-T Photo).

KILTS CUT TO MINI-SKIRTS

Team Bumps Burns In League Opener

A small band of Heppner Mustangs clipped the kilts of the Burns Hilanders down to mini-skirts in the opening league game at Burns Friday night, winning 26-19. This was considered an upset by almost everyone except for the Mustangs and their coaching staff.

"They entered the game believing they could and should win and went out and did just that," said Coach Ed Hiemstra.

STATISTICS			
	Heppner	Burns	
First downs	14	10	
Rushing yard.	188	96	
Passing yard.	28	19	
Runback yard.	184	89	
Passes	5-10-1	5-14-2	
Punts	6-40	3-33	
Fumbles lost	0	1	
Yards penalized	50	50	

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Wahtonka There Next for Heppner; Injuries Hit Team

By BOB DOBBS
Heppner High's football team will travel to Wahtonka to meet the Eagles Friday night at 8 o'clock in The Dalles.

The Mustangs pulled an upset on one of the preseason favorites by dumping Burns there Friday, 26-19. They looked strong throughout the first half, but the second half began to take its toll.

Three starters were lost before the game ended. Dave Hall, senior quarterback, sustained a severe knee injury on one play while Randy Stillman, another senior, received a jammed left thumb which required a trip to the hospital. Dean Kindel, HHS speedster, reinjured his left thigh which he hurt during the season opener.

Randy Stillman will be ready for action Friday night when Heppner meets the Eagles.

Mustang Coach Ed Hiemstra has prescribed no contact practices for senior star Dave Hall. He has also decided on light workouts for senior tackle Terry Corbin. Terry is strengthening his knee after last Friday's "hard one" in preparation for this Friday's "hard one."

It is a matter of time before junior Dean Kindel sees action with his lame leg, probably not for two weeks.

The loss of Kindel, an offensive and defensive star, will be felt. On offense three capable understudies, Rich Witherite, Bruce Marquardt, and John McCabe, will fill the spot most admirably. Defense could be another story and may take some work to find the right fill-in.

The rest of the Mustangs will be in good shape, both physically and mentally.

The Horsemen have beaten the Wahtonka Eagles twice in the last three meetings and plan to make this number three.

O'Gara Says Poverty Here May be 18%

Some 18 or 19 percent of Morrow county's population may fall below the federal guidelines of poverty, Lorin O'Gara, director of the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, told members of the Lone Lions club at their meeting held Monday night in the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner.

The speaker, who provided the program for the meeting, told of a planning committee report, compiled in 1965, which said that 17% of those in the county made less than \$3000 per year, while 16% made more than \$10,000 per year.

The federal guideline sets a figure of \$3200 income per year for a family of four as a minimum. A family with less is in the poverty class.

O'Gara told of the plan of establishing neighborhood centers, which are designed to meet the needs of all ages.

"They are for people to help people, and for helping people to help themselves," he said.

No Direct Financial Aid

No financial assistance is given directly through the neighborhood centers, but their purpose is to help by correlating with other agencies and to provide service when people seem to have no other place to turn.

The director cited the example of an elderly couple who failed to get their social security check one month. Through the center's help, they had the check in two days.

O'Gara described the work experience program, which is handled through the Department of Labor. It is designed for the under-employed and the unemployed. In this area there are 45 "slots" open, and 42 of them are now filled. A work experience program has been conducted through the hospital here.

The speaker said that 16 of the 42 were taken off welfare rolls as a result of the work experience program. Thirteen of those in the program are more than 45 years of age.

"I'm often asked the question, 'Does poverty really exist here?'" O'Gara said. "I'd like to say, 'No.' But statistics tell us otherwise."

Center Being Prepared

As of September 1, the council has had one staff person in Heppner, Mrs. Eloise Smith. A neighborhood center is now in the process of being prepared to serve the public in the rear of the Gilliam and Bisbee building.

The director said that a survey of the elderly would be undertaken here to determine those who need assistance that the center or council may be able to give.

President Dave Baker was in charge of the meeting. He announced that October is membership month in the club. Plans were also started for the annual Lions broom sale next month and Charles O'Connor was named to form two teams which will compete on sales.

Lindsay Kincaid reported on the Punt, Pass and Kick contest, which the Lions are co-sponsoring. Some 18 boys turned out for a clinic Saturday in Heppner and about 12 in Lone. The local PPK competition will be held on Saturday, October 7.

Marion Green and Joe Balfe were named as entertainment chairmen for October and Oscar Peterson and John Jepsen as chairmen for November.

Fulletons Sweep Pendleton Show

Rubianne Fulleton and her father, Roice Fulleton, of Heppner came home from Pendleton Sunday heavily laden with ribbons that they and their horses won in the Columbia Basin Quarter Horse association tune-up show.

Competing in a field that included 60 or 70 entrants, Rubianne took first in reining, first in pole bending, first in barrel racing, and first in the trail class, riding Hollihan.

Her father was right behind her in reining, coming in second. He was third in barrel racing. Fulleton's horse, "Dust Off," was second in aged geldings in the halter class, and he won third in western pleasure with the same horse.

The tune-up was in preparation for the association's show which will be in Hermiston on October 7.