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"HE WON'T HURT YOU," says Kyle Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, as he rides a purebred bull at the Kirk and Robinson ranch to prove his point to visiting Portland eighth graders. Besides the students, among those watching are Tad Miller (third from left), tour committee chairman; Gail McCarty, county extension agent; and Gray Thompson, urban extension agent of Portland. (Harold Kerr Photo).



"BUSHED"—at least for the moment—may have been the word for these eighth graders Saturday on the sixth annual Portland Eighth Grade Tour. They had already had a busy and active 1 1/2 days on the tour when they stopped at the Ken Turner place for lunch, and the relaxing felt good! Mr. and Mrs. Turner stand in the background. (Photo by Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent).

Attentive Portland Eighth Graders Prove Good Guests on Tour Here

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Thirty-one Portland eighth grade students are back at their school desks in the big city this week, but they have memories of a great week-end in rural Eastern Oregon.

These are the youngsters who came for the 6th annual Portland Eighth Grade Tour from Friday until Sunday, under the sponsorship of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Extension Service, the county schools, and the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association.

The time here was busy and active, and the weather cooperated with bright sunshine.

"This group seemed much more attentive and really the most interested of any group so far," said Gail McCarty, county extension agent who had much to do with arranging and conducting the tour.

"Apparently the teachers had given them a better background on the county," he added.

Hay Ranch First Stop

After Leonard Munkers brought the youngsters here from Couch School, Portland, Friday morning, they first embarked at the Walt Wigglesworth Hay Ranch where they were shown hay operations.

They continued to the Glenn Campbell ranch where McCarty extended a welcome and gave orientation information. Chaperones accompanying the youngsters were Miss Margaret Aquino of Kellogg School and Donald Eyer of Multnomah school. Gray Thompson, urban extension agent of Portland, also made the tour.

A feature of the stop at the Campbell ranch was a water featuring demonstration, which made some "believers" out of "non-believers."

C & B Livestock Co. and Pine City Extension Unit were hosts for the lunch at noon with Charley Daly acting as chef in barbecuing the hamburgers, the meat being furnished by C & B. Mrs. Barbara Witherrite was hostess on behalf of the Pine City Extension Unit of which she is president. The unit furnished food for the meal other than the meat. The report is that 98 persons on the tour consumed 191 hamburgers at this lunch stop. It was a long time from the 7 a.m. departure from the big city!

At the George Currin and Sons

ranch, Tom and Ron Currin gave branding demonstrations and Hack Bloom showed how to shoe horses. Mrs. Bill Healy gave a demonstration on horsemanship, assisted by Patti Healy and Patty Daly who rode horses for this part of the presentation.

At about 4 p.m. the visiting youngsters, accompanied by their new young friends of comparable age here, went to the homes of their host families.

At 9 a.m. Saturday they were out and at it again, boarding buses for the North Lexington Elevator of Morrow County Grain Growers. Riley Munkers showed how wheat was dumped and loaded out.

At the elevator, the tradition of guessing the combined weight of the group was continued. Robin Adair of Whitman school and Duane Christensen of Whitaker school, both of Portland, came the closest to the correct total which was determined by the elevator scales. Average weight of the youngsters was 132 lb.

No accidents nor illnesses marred the tour, keeping the six year record intact, but one Portland girl's foot slipped through grating at the warehouse and caught. She sustained only a sore ankle and was not injured. This, however, was

Conservation Man Nominees Sought

The Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year for 1969 will be selected and announced at the annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Assn., Harold Kerr, county extension agent, announces.

The meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, at the Lexington Grange Hall. Ted Sidor, community development specialist, will present a slide show on land use planning and community development.

Nominations for the Conservation Man of the Year may be made by individuals, neighbors or organizations, and sent to the Extension Office or to Jack Sumner, selection chairman. Nominations should be made by Monday, May 5.

The annual contest is sponsored by the Oregon Wheat League and the John Deere Company, Portland. Last year's winner was Peterson Brothers Ranch, Ione.

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Equipment Shown

At the Stan Kemp wheat ranch, the tourists learned about wheat ranching and equipment. Tad Miller, tour committee chairman, explained the use of discs, plows, combines, rod weeders and other machinery. A rod weeder demonstration provided a good cloud of dust to cover all the tourists.

Mel Boyer of Lexington Airport gave an airplane spraying demonstration at a field between Miller's ranch and the Ken Turner ranch. He provided two airplanes for a joint spraying of one field, and then the youngsters an opportunity to inspect them and ask questions.

At the next stop, Bud Batty provided a demonstration of the remarkable new pivot sprinkler system, which works automatically in covering a large plot of ground, and Jay Scott of Far-

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Red Cross Fund Campaign Lagging

Response to the mailed solicitations for donations to the fund campaign of the Morrow county chapter, Red Cross, has been disappointing, Norman Supple, campaign chairman, said Monday.

He reported as of that time only about \$300 had been received towards the needed goal of \$1950.

The campaign by mail was used this year in order to save many people in the county the necessity of taking the time and trouble for personal contacts. However, the response has been far below expectations, Supple said.

He urges all those who received the mailers to respond with a contribution. Those who may have lost the return envelopes can send their donations to American Red Cross, Morrow County Chapter, P. O. Box 727, Heppner.

"Your donation is important in support of our boys in Vietnam, our local swimming and lifesaving programs, our first aid program, our blood bank program, and the national disaster program," Supple said. The donations are tax deductible.

Knox's Variety Starts Grand Opening Today

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Knox's Variety store, which has been in preparation stages since the first of the year, will greet the public at its grand opening starting today (Thursday) and continuing through Saturday, Henry Gohring, one of the owners, announces.

There will be free popcorn, free balloons for children and door prizes will be given at the conclusion of the event Saturday.

Many fine specials are included in the firm's grand opening advertisement on page five of

this paper, including "all the spring clothespins that a person can hold in one hand for 5c."

The store has been doing business for well over a week, but merchandise stocks were not complete and all preparations had not been finished.

Judee Watkins, store manager, says that Knox's Variety has received a royal reception from the public to date, and she was particularly pleased with the response shown at the Moonlight Sale Friday evening.

The store is located on Main street in the former location of Case Furniture Co. The building was purchased from Mrs. Gene Case by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and remodeled for the variety store.

Knox's is a name very familiar throughout eastern Oregon, and is owned by Gohring and E. T. Knox. The family operated a department store in John Day from about 1900 until this year, but closed it to open the variety store here.

Knox's variety stores are also located in Hermiston and Burns. Those who have shopped in the store to date have been impressed with the large stock carried in all lines of variety goods.

Columbia Basin Schedules Move To New Building

This week-end is moving time for Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

Move of the offices from the present quarters on Main street will be made to the new concrete block building just off the north end of Main street near the utility's substation.

Harley Young, manager, said that offices in the new building will be open for business as of 8 a.m. Monday, May 5, and all persons having business to conduct will find the staff there.

The large \$212,000 structure is virtually completed, but finishing touches must be made before the building is ready for open house. This event is planned for early June, Young said.

Eastern Oregon Construction Co. was principal contractor on the project, which was started last fall. It was planned to be in the building by March, but severe winter weather delayed construction.

The new building will be headquarters for all operations of the cooperative which serve Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties. The old headquarters became overcrowded after the cooperative expanded several years ago when it acquired the operations of Pacific Power and Light Company in this area.

Provision is made in the new quarters to house trucks and heavy equipment in the large garage and service area. Also included are crew quarters, motor testing room, offices, vault, and a conference room.

Young said that the move will take the headquarters from a congested and crowded situation on Main street, which is aggravated by the coming and going of the cooperatives trucks, to an area that will be free from congestion.

Telephone number will remain the same, 676-9146.

Don McKinnis Due For Chamber Talk

Don McKinnis, development specialist for the State Department of Agriculture, will be the speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday at noon in the Wagon Wheel Cafe banquet room.

'Where is Shutler Flat?' Carson Asks on National TV

Morrow and Gilliam county community names which seldom are heard on television programs received some national publicity Monday night on the "Tonight" show, emanating from New York City.

Johnny Carson, who has bantered from time to time with Doc Severinsen, leader of the NBC orchestra, about Doc's being born at Shutler Flat, produced a map at the start of his Monday night program.

He pointed to the map of Oregon and asked Doc to point out Shutler Flat. Doc couldn't find it.

"See, there is no Shutler Flat," Carson declared.

Johnny found Arlington, Olex, Ione, Mikkaloo and other towns, but no Shutler Flat. Carson said that now he will probably receive letters from all the folks at Shutler Flat. Whether he does or not, The



HARLAN MCCURDY, JR.

Harlan McCurdy Resigns Position As MCGG Manager

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., since April, 1966, tendered his resignation to the directors of the organization Monday. It was accepted by the directors, and they named Riley Munkers as acting manager of the cooperative.

McCurdy terminated his connection with MCGG immediately after the resignation, but the resignation as approved by the directors becomes effective May 31.

Differences in operational policies between the manager and directors were responsible for the resignation, Barton Clark, president of Morrow County Grain Growers, said.

Munkers will act as manager until a successor to McCurdy is chosen, the co-op president said. At the present time a committee of directors is seeking a qualified man and will interview candidates for the position.

Other possible changes may be made in the organization later on, Clark said. He pointed out that the Grain Growers directors, members and patrons have felt the increasing need to reduce expenses because of problems that have come about in the past few years—the loss of Commodity Credit Corporation storage wheat, reduction in acreage allotments, and recent poor crop years.

The cooperative has undergone considerable change and adjustment in the past two years after merging with the former Lexington Oil Cooperative and acquiring the Lexington Implement Company.

McCurdy has been associated with MCGG since 1946, except for a 1 1/2 year period in other endeavors. He has been with the organization continuously since 1950, and he became assistant manager while the late Al Lamb was manager. Following Lamb's death on March 21, 1966, the directors named McCurdy manager, and he has served in that capacity since.

He said Tuesday that he has no definite plans for the immediate future, but will seek another position.

McCurdy's verbal resignation was given Friday when it became apparent that differences between the manager and the board could not be resolved. The eleven directors and five associate directors held a special meeting Sunday accepting the resignation, and the written resignation was presented Monday.

A twelfth directorship on the board is vacant at the present time. Lewis Halvorsen resigned his position last year after serving on the board for years.

Moonlight Sale Shines Friday Eve

Friday night's Moonlight Sale was a bright success in Heppner.

All parking was taken on downtown streets during the 3-hour sale and stores were well filled with shoppers. Sidewalk traffic was similar to that in the days just before Christmas.

All merchants report fine responses from the public, the adjectives ranging from "better than we expected" to "fabulous."

Jerry Adamson, merchants chairman, said that indications are that this sale brought more people and a better response than ever before. He thanked the public for the response and the stores for their participation.

Many Expected For Event Here May 30-June 1

About 100 contestants from 15 colleges will be in Heppner May 30 through June 1 for the regional intercollegiate rodeo that will be staged at the Morrow county rodeo grounds. Riley Freeman, rodeo club advisor at Blue Mountain Community College, told members at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The event is sponsored by Blue Mountain College, which has both boys' and girls' rodeo teams in the thick of contention for regional honors and the right to enter national finals.

Freeman said that the sponsors will be "greatly disappointed" if the event doesn't bring at least 500 persons to Heppner. "We want to fill Heppner with a lot of outside people—and we will," he said.

Freeman was accompanied by three outstanding performers on the BMCC boys' rodeo team, Mark Rosenberg of Pendleton, John Rhoden of Prineville, and Bill McCoon of Redmond.

Rosenberg, a bull rider and steer wrestler, said that men will compete in six events here—calf roping, bulldogging, saddle bronc, bull riding, bareback, and ribbon tying. Girls take part in barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping. There are six men and three women on each of the college teams.

At Lewiston, Idaho, in the first college rodeo of the year, BMCC surprised the field by taking first and won a trophy "four feet high," Rosenberg said. The BMCC girls were second.

At the next rodeo at Missoula, Mont., the boys came in fifth, and the girls were third.

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School Election To Fill Positions

Annual school election for Morrow county schools will be Monday, May 5, with voting open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at six polling places, Supt. Ron Daniels announces.

Only one director for the district board is to be elected, as well as several committee members of advisory committees. Jerry Peck of Boardman is the only candidate for director, representing Zone 1. He was appointed to the board to fill a vacancy and now is running for election uncontested.

Candidates for the several advisory positions around the county are also without opposition.

Election of directors for two positions on the Blue Mountain Community College board will be held concurrently with the same polling places and during the same hours. Bob Abrams and Ralph McEwen are candidates, each being the only nominee for their respective positions.

BMCC Directors Up for Election

Two members of the Blue Mountain Community College board of directors will seek reelection during the May 5 annual school elections in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Robert Abrams, Heppner, currently serving as chairman of the board, and Ralph McEwen, Pendleton, are the only candidates for the two positions. Both have served on the board since its inception. Term of office is four years.

Polling places have been established at the same locations where regular school elections are being held.

Sunshine and Rain

More sunshine and more rain—a little of each for the week ended. Maximum temperatures dipped to as low as 49 on Tuesday, according to the report of Don Gilliam, official weather observer. Monday's rain brought another .41 inch after .08 inch earlier in the week. Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	63	43	.07
Thursday	55	40	.01
Friday	53	32	—
Saturday	62	29	—
Sunday	69	35	—
Monday	63	43	.41
Tuesday	49	35	—