

Businessmen Hit; Don't Need Loans

A representative of the Small Business Administration visited Heppner Tuesday, but apparently had no takers on his offer of applications for low-cost loans.

The loans would have been for businesses hit by flood waters last week. Although there were no applicants, some businesses in the city have been faced with massive cleanup jobs.

Earl Ayres, owner of Heppner Auto Sales, noted Tuesday the company was "just starting to clean up."

The car firm, hard hit by water and mud, had about 65 cars on the sales lot when the flood came. Ayres said all the cars were pulled by wrecker off the lot, and then the area was cleared of mud.

The owner said he estimated the cost of removing the mud at \$1,000, and the shop was closed during the full day required.

Now, the cars are being checked very thoroughly individually, to clean all parts damaged.

He estimated the cost per car to be about \$25. The work is covered by insurance, he noted, but the clearing of the lot was not.

One small foreign car was swept across the lot, damaging the front end when it hit a truck.

Chamber Will Hear Speaker From Norway

Guest speaker at Chamber of Commerce on Monday, June 23, will be Juroff Kvam, IFYE from Norway, who is to arrive June 21 for a stay of approximately one month. The Norman Nelson family will be his host.

IFYE Exchanges live and work as the host family does, and become very much a part of the family. During the time they are in an area they tell interested groups and organizations about their country. When they return home, they then describe the country and way of life that they experienced while abroad.

By living with a host family for several weeks, IFYE Exchanges are better able to understand the American way of life so they can take home information about the United States. The Nelson family is among the first families in Morrow county to welcome an IFYE from Norway into their lives. The Nelsons would be interested in knowing if 4-H clubs, other groups or organizations would like to have the opportunity to visit with Juroff while he is living in their home. The Nelson phone is 989-8168, or the County Extension office can be called by those wishing to make arrangements for his time.

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June '88 Cyclone Hit Lexington, Butter Creek

Floods are not the only natural catastrophe to wreak their damage on the Willow Creek area, for in 1888 a cyclone struck Lexington—on June 14, exactly 15 years to the day before the major Heppner flash flood and 81 years ago last Saturday.

Mrs. Myra Peck of Lexington wrote the Gazette-Times after last week's flood, saying "I am sending this clipping to you thinking it might be of interest to some of the older ones of Lexington and Heppner." The clipping appeared in The Oregonian in 1955 and was written by Lancaster Pollard, Oregon historian, who gave credit to O. M. Yeager for the information.

Yeager, formerly of Heppner and now of Castle Rock, Wn., amassed considerable eastern Oregon history in preparation of a book he has been writing.

According to Pollard, who delved into the Heppner Gazette for information, the cyclone originated in Willow Creek. It struck first the Lexington grove, "stripping off the trees with an awyness that was remarkable." From Lexington it traveled some 20 miles north-east to Butter Creek, where it demolished a school house as its final destructive blow. In that then thinly settled area at least 30 buildings, including barns and school houses, were demolished or damaged, 20 or more persons injured, and five or six killed.

A Mr. G. W. Brock was killed when half a sailing roof fell upon her, but her six-month-old baby was uninjured, though in her arms. Six children were badly hurt, one was killed, and another was "not likely to live." They were in one of two schoolhouses which were completely demolished. But the buildings of a Mr. Bohrer, just across the road from the schoolhouse, were not touched.

At the Henry Parkins' place Mr. Parkins was in bed with the mumps when the cyclone hit. He was found 100 feet from the house. The baby was picked up 56 feet further and died shortly. His wife and two other children were not hurt but Mrs. Harvey Parkins, who was visiting there, had her shoulder dislocated.

Survivors of McDevitt include his wife, Catherine; one son and four daughters, all of whom are graduate nurses in Seattle; four sisters, Dr. Margaret McDevitt, art instructor at Pendleton's Blue Mountain Community college; Mrs. Mike Fritzpatrick of Pendleton; Mrs. Millie Smith of Pilot Rock and Mrs. Johnston of Heppner; and one brother, Dan McDevitt of Pendleton.

Visiting with the Clyde Allstott family over the past Saturday and Sunday were her parents from Lewiston, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmidt. Coming from Hermiston to join them to a visit on Sunday was another daughter and family of the Schmidts, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allstott.

Farm Employed Youths May Need Work Permits

All youths under 18 and over 13 years of age who operate power-driven agricultural machinery must have special work permits, reminds Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner.

Farmers and ranchers employing young people may refer them to Bureau of Labor offices in Portland and Pendleton.

In order to secure a permit, the applying minor must have suitable proof of age such as a birth certificate. Like special canneries permits, special agricultural machinery permits are issued directly to the young person as he or she may have several employers during growing and harvest season. Permits for all other types of employment are issued directly to employers.

Only under certain conditions can persons 14 or 15 years of age receive permits to operate agricultural machinery. They must take either two 10-hour

courses given by a 4-H organization or a course of instruction offered at a school in conjunction with the Future Farmers of America. Those who are successful in either learning process receive certificates of completion which will be honored by the Bureau of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

Exempt from the necessity of course instruction are youths who work for their parents or very close relatives or for persons who act in the place of natural parents. However, a copy of an agreement between natural parents and persons who act in their place must be placed on file with the Bureau of Labor.

Persons under 16 are prohibited by state and federal regulations from chemical application, blasting, truck driving, work on a ladder or scaffold more than 20 feet high, work inside a bin, silo or enclosure while a top-loading device is operating, and work in a pen with a dairy bull, boar, or stud horse. Only exemption is on the farm or ranch of parents.

No work permits are required for minors engaged in agricultural work other than operating power-driven machinery nor is there an age limit under state statutes.

There are no state laws establishing minimum wages and hours for persons employed in agriculture. However, the federal statutes provide for a minimum wage payment of \$1.30 an hour by farmers whose employees worked 500 man-days in any one quarter of the previous year. There is no provision in the law for overtime.

Ditch Creek Roads Under Construction

According to the Heppner Forest Service office, two roads in the Umatilla National Forest construction. For the information of travelers they report that the Western Route road between Two Springs and Ditch Creek is under reconstruction and impassable most of the time.

Surface rock is being placed on the Ritter Road between the top of Coal Mine and Thompson Corralis. This road is passable but drivers should watch for heavy equipment.

Orwick Buys Freight Line From Otto Nooy

On Monday, June 16, Gene Orwick took over the Pendleton Heppner Freight Line from Otto Nooy, who has operated it for many years. Nooy sold the business with plans to go into some other line of work. He expects to take it easy for awhile this summer, however.

Orwick, who formerly operated the Chevron station in Lexington, has driven for Flatt's Truck Service in this area for several years. He has also worked part-time for L. E. Dick, Standard Oil distributor in Heppner. The Orwicks will continue to make their home in Lexington. Their daughter, Linda, was a member of the Heppner High school graduating class last month and plans to attend Eastern Oregon College next fall. Their son Mike attends Heppner Grade school.

Lifetime Resident Recalls 1903 Flood

The damaging flood of last week served to bring back many memories to a few long time residents of the community who recalled the disastrous flood of June 14, 1903.

Among those who recall the tragic event is Opal Briggs, who was a child playing with a friend at the home of Marcus Gunn, which was then located near the Methodist church on Church street. She recalled running from the rushing waters to the Gilliam home about a block and a half from where she was playing, and remembers the crowds of volunteers who came to help with cleaning up after the terrible destruction. Mrs. Briggs lost her sister, an aunt and a cousin in the flood waters. Her uncle was Douglas Gurdane, city marshal of Heppner, at the time of the flood.

Gardeners to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Garden group will be next Monday night at 7:30 at the Neighborhood Center. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

A STRIPED SMOKESTACK? No. Kinzua Corporation hasn't added a new pastel smokestack for the summer, it's the Heppner plant's tall and not-so-tall stacks up against each other to give a striped look. (G-T Photo).

Social Security Office Asks Recipients To Report Changes

Residents of the Heppner area who are receiving monthly social security checks are reminded by Vernon A. Welo, social security manager, La Grande, to report directly to the La Grande office any change of address or other events affecting continued receipt of their checks. Reports may be made by mail (you may use the back of your check envelope for this), phone, or in person. Appropriate report forms are available at the La Grande office or from the social security representative at the Neighborhood Center, in Heppner on the second Thursday of the month.

Welo said this reporting method enables the district office to take advantage of the increased capacity of its high speed communications circuits to transmit information to record centers. Until recently, social security beneficiaries were encouraged to notify the Social Security Administration about the occurrence of these events by mailing pre-addressed postcard forms to a record center.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and still receiving medical care, are the following: Ethel Chambers and John Venard of Heppner.

Those dismissed, after receiving medical care, were Anthony D'Angeles, Antelope; Desmond Robinson, Spray; Earl Scott, Kennewick; Jack Howell, Spray; Eric Emmerson, Portland; Rosetta Swift, Ione; Dean Wright, Heppner, and Michelle Patrick, Condon.

Forest Usage By Travelers Now Restricted

Herbert B. Rudolph, Umatilla National Forest Supervisor, requests all forest travelers to be especially careful with fire this summer since the exceptionally heavy growth of grass and other vegetation makes fire potential greater than usual.

The proclamation covers forest land within the National Forest boundary but, since this is in cooperation with the Oregon State Board of Forestry, it should apply to any state lands in the area.

The state forester of Oregon has determined that forest land particularly exposed to fire danger will include all lands protected from fire by the Deschutes, Freeman, Malheur, Mt. Hood, Ochoco, Rogue River, Siskiyou, Siuslaw, Umatilla, Umpqua, Wallowa-Whitman, Willamette, and Winema National Forests.

Such land is restricted to use by entrants, who shall comply with the following requirements and restrictions:

Smoking is prohibited while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas except in vehicles on roads except that smoking is prohibited while working or traveling in an operation area. Have the following equipment for extinguishing fires, when using campfires or other open fires, except when traveling as a pedestrian or camping at improved, designated and posted campgrounds:

A. One axe not less than 26 inches in length overall, with head weighing 2 pounds or over.
B. One shovel not less than 36 inches in length overall, with blades not less than 8 inches wide.
C. One water container, capacity one gallon or more.

This proclamation became effective June 16 and will remain in full force and effect until terminated in similar order of the state forester.

Teacher at Ag Meet

Hal Whitaker, Ag instructor and work-study supervisor at Heppner High school, left Tuesday, June 17, for the convention for Vo-Ag advisors in Newport. He will be there until the end of the week. He attended the Small Schools 1969 Summer Institute in Salem last week.



LARRY MILLS
New MCGG Manager

New MCGG Manager Likes To Bowl, Fish

Assuming managership of the Morrow County Grain Growers on Monday, June 16, was Larry Mills. He follows Harlan McCurdy, Jr., who is now employed in Portland.

Mills and his family have purchased the home of Mrs. Rose Marie Stroeber and are getting settled in it. The family includes Mrs. Mills (Betty); Dianne, a sophomore in high school; Mike, a seventh grader; and their dog Rusty.

At Odessa, Wn., their former home, Mills was assistant manager of the Odessa Trading Company, an operation similar to the Grain Growers. He was born and raised at Rockford, Wn., and is acquainted with Ralph Richmond, formerly bookkeeper at the Grain Growers and now manager of an elevator concern, at Rockford.

Mills says he likes to fish a little, and both he and his wife particularly enjoy bowling so they hope that the alleys here will re-open. They enjoyed bowling in a mixed league at Odessa. They are also ardent basketball fans, so are looking forward to seeing the Heppner teams.

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