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(Week of July 22 through 29)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	95	58	—
Thursday	93	63	—
Friday	82	56	—
Saturday	87	45	—
Sunday	91	54	—
Monday	88	52	—
Tuesday	85	48	—

South End of county well along in wheat harvest, and quality looks good. See farm news, page 6.

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## North End Gets Insect Control For Sleeping Sickness Outbreak

Measures to control mosquitoes in north Morrow county and western Umatilla county were underway this week in an effort to stop an outbreak of encephalitis among horses in the area.

The disease, commonly known as sleeping sickness, has reached major proportions with three horses dead and at least 20 other known cases of the disease reported since the end of June.

Morrow County Judge Paul Jones last Thursday gave Jack Wright, State Board of Health employee in Pendleton, permission to use county funds to buy a pesticide used in the control.

County funds were necessary because the state has no emergency funds for such a problem.

Wright told the judge the problem was very critical.

"If it isn't stopped now and is allowed to get into human population, then we've had it," Wright said.

The disease is carried by the mosquitoes, and melting of snow packs and spring rains made excellent breeding grounds for the insects.

The State Department of Agriculture this spring, noting the

conditions, urged horse owners to vaccinate for the disease.

The department estimated 700 of the 900 horses in the area had already been vaccinated for the disease when the outbreak occurred, but that it was possible not enough time had elapsed for an effective titer to prevent the disease.

Morrow county extension agent Harold Kerr Tuesday urged all horse owners in the county to vaccinate their animals if they have not done so.

"The 4-H Horse Show in Heppner at the fairgrounds on August 10 and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo on August 19-24 will bring together a large number of horses and can spread the disease if no preventative measures are taken," Kerr said.

"Horse owners should consider vaccinating their horses this week so that an immunity can be built up by show time," he said.

Two injections are advised, a week apart, Kerr noted.

The disease is transmitted to humans in the same manner it is given to animals — through mosquitoes, according to officials.

There is no vaccination for humans.

There are two types of the disease, that which horses and humans get, and that which humans alone get.

The latter kind is known as St. Louis equine encephalitis and is a more serious disease. It is not evident until it is contracted by a human.

The disease affects the nervous system and eventually causes brain damage.

While the measures to be taken

ken this week were not expected to be permanent, it was hoped they would reduce the mosquito population enough to lessen the chance humans would be attacked.

The pesticide used is a granular one, Judge Jones said. It is applied by a whirlwind backpack seeder to stagnant water areas, and dissolves in the water.

Persons are urged to use repellents in the early evening to combat the insects.



THEY START YOUNG in teaching youngsters mouth-to-mouth resuscitation at the Heppner swimming pool. Jackie Gentry, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry, Heppner, breathes into Resuscianne, a life-like model used to instruct swimming classes at the pool. The model, originated in Norway, was a gift of the local American Red Cross chapter and is used in most classes. (G-T Photo).

## Planning Studies Approved for Rock Creek Watershed Project

Detailed studies of the Rock Creek small watershed project in Morrow and Gilliam counties have been given the go-ahead

by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield said this week.

The multi-purpose project is sponsored by the Heppner and Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Rock Creek Water Control District.

Preliminary reports of the project were completed by the State Engineer in August of 1968. The State Engineer and the Federal Soil Conservation Service will develop the planning, which will begin immediately.

The watershed project, centered mostly in Gilliam county, would cover 237,190 acres, according to preliminary reports. Included is a reservoir of 15,000 acres.

An estimated 1,620 new acres would be opened to irrigation, while some 1,228 acres will get supplemental irrigation.

The headwaters of the creek extend into Morrow county past Hardman, near Board creek.

Preliminary studies were requested of the state engineer by

the Gilliam County Soil and Water Conservation District, through an application for federal funds of Public Law 566, the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

In the plan, two dam sites were found feasible for the watershed.

The major site, known as the Ghost Camp site, is located just inside Gilliam county three miles downstream from where Highway 206 crosses Rock creek. The pool of the dam would require the highway to be raised if it were built.

The second dam site is near Lonerock, at the mouth of the Buckhorn canyon.

Both dam sites were considered for flood control as well as irrigation, according to the preliminary report.

## Attack Claims Orian Wright, 73, Lifetime Resident

One of Morrow county's lifetime residents, Orian Elmer Wright, died suddenly of a heart attack on the family ranch on Rhea Creek on Friday, July 25, at age 73. He suffered the fatal attack while irrigating at the ranch and was found by a grandson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist church, with Rev. Edwin Cutting conducting the services. Sacred selections were by John Maatta, with Susan Drake as organist.

Concluding services were at Heppner Masonic cemetery, with ritualistic services by Willows Lodge No. 66, IOOF, Heppner. Arrangements were under the direction of Sweeney Mortuary. Contributions may be made to the Oregon Heart Fund in his memory.

Orian Elmer Wright was born November 11, 1895, on the same ranch on Rhea Creek which was homesteaded by his grandfather, Albert Wright, one of Morrow county's pioneer settlers. His father was Silas A. Wright and his mother was Martha Cantwell Wright, daughter of other early pioneers.

He was united in marriage to Willa Pearl LeTrace, also of pioneer heritage, in the Heppner Methodist church on December 24, 1917. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary at a family reception December 17, 1967. They made their first home on the family homestead, and with his brother, Delbert, operated the farm until his retirement in 1959 when they moved into Heppner. Their youngest son, Albert, is currently the fourth generation to operate the ranch.

Mr. Wright was a member of the United Methodist church, Rhea Creek Grange, Willows Lodge No. 66, IOOF, and the Heppner Golden Age club. He loved the out-of-doors and was active in fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his widow, Pearl; three sons, Clayton of Hermiston, Robert of Umatilla, and Albert of Heppner; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. Richard (Joan) Zimmerman, preceded him in death.

## Turner Is Appointed To U of Oregon Post

Donald E. Turner, Lexington cattle and wheat rancher and former Portland businessman, has been named Director of Special Gifts for the University of Oregon Development Fund, the non-profit corporation which receives, administers, and manages gifts to the University.

Turner, who will move to Eugene in early August, will begin his duties at the University September 1.

He began operating the family wheat and cattle ranch at Lexington in 1928. He had been associated with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wis., since 1953 and was public relations officer for the First National Bank of Portland from 1949 to 1952.

Turner was Morrow county chairman of the Republican Central Committee from 1963 to 1965 and served as treasurer of the Republican Party in Oregon during 1966.

A 1942 graduate of the University of Oregon, from which he received a bachelor of science degree, Turner also holds a bachelor of laws degree from Northwestern College of Law in Portland.

His wife, Janet, is a 1946 Oregon graduate. The Turners are the parents of Mrs. Douglas (Virginia) Burpee, class of 1967 of the University of Oregon; Jeffrey Turner, a junior at Oregon; and an eight-year-old son, Thomas.

## Offset Printing Told to Chamber

The process of offset printing, and how news gets into print, was discussed Monday by Jim Eardley, managing editor of the East Oregonian in Pendleton.

Eardley was the guest of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at its regular luncheon meeting.

"My idea of news and your idea of news may be two different things," Eardley told the members.

He noted immediacy is not as important now as it was five years ago.

Most of today's news emanates from public agencies, the newspaperman said, and most of the news is of disasters.

Speaking of offset printing, to which the Pendleton paper converted several years ago, Eardley said it "is a photographic process."

In the method, type is set by machines resembling typewriters rather than by linotype machines with lead type, as is done in conventional methods.

The type is pasted on page-size sheets, then is photographed. The negative of the photograph is then burned into a thin metal plate, Eardley said. It is this metal plate, by transferring an image to a rubber roller, which prints on paper.

Along with Eardley was Stan Thompson, an E-O employee who works both in news and in the mechanical department of the newspaper.

Thompson will write A-2 and B league sports for the paper this coming school year, Eardley said.

## No Flood Relief Due for Taxpayers

Morrow county taxpayers whose property was hit by floods in early June will not get any relief in taxes even if damage changed the market value of the property, it was learned Monday.

In a letter to Mrs. Joyce Ritch, special assessor for the county, C. H. Mack, director of the Oregon State Department of Revenue, said the assessment date was previous to the flood, so no changes in the tax roll could be made.

Assessment date was January 1, 1969, the director explained. Taxpayers will not receive their statements until some time in September or October, Mrs. Kitch said.

The letter did leave open the possibility that damage could be figured in next year's assessment, however.

"The area flooded should be checked for the 1970 assessment roll to see if damage caused by the flood has gone unrepaired and as a result has affected the market value of the property," Mack noted. "Also, a check should be made of sales occurring in the area since the flood to see if the market recognizes past flooding and possibility of future floods."

Rep. Irvin Mann, Jr., Stanfield, made the inquiry of Mack for Mrs. Ritch.

## Fair and Rodeo Princess Sherri O'Brien Next in Line for Saturday Dance Honors



PRINCESS SHERRI LYNN O'BRIEN

Last in this year's series of princess dances will honor Princess Sherri Lynn O'Brien, Saturday evening, August 2, at the county fair pavilion. The following Saturday is scheduled to be a coronation fun-evening and dance for Queen Sheila Luciani, completing the series which honors individuals of the royal court.

Music for this dance will be furnished by "The Misfortunes" of Dallesport, Wn., from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Princess Sherri, attractive brown-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, is representing the Heppner Wranglers Riding club, of which she has been a lifetime member.

Sherri developed a love for riding when a small girl, and even though her parents reside in town she rides some each day on her favorite 3-year-old registered gelding quarter horse, "Hired Monkey." She has competed in many of the Wrangler Play Day events, has helped friends in cattle drives, and participated in 4-H horse shows. She is an active member of the 4-H Empire Builders and assists with their projects.

For the past three years Sherri has appeared in parades with the fair and rodeo courts, accompanying them as one of the permanent pennant bearers. This year she is thrilled to ride as a member of "the royalty".

She has completed seven years in the 4-H horse club, has won ribbons in the county 4-H shows, and has been a two-year competitor in showmanship and horsemanship at the state fairs. She attended 4-H summer school for three years.

Princess Sherri was born in Walla Walla, Wn., September 26, 1951, and is the only child in the family. She came to Heppner with her parents when a small baby, and has grown to young womanhood here. She attended all of her years of grade and high school here, and has

been a popular student. Her charm and personality radiated with enthusiasm as she led her schoolmates as a varsity cheerleader her junior and senior years. She was a member of the pep club, Girls' League, Future Homemakers of America, Girls' Athletic Association, photography club, on the annual and Heilich staff, and served as secretary of her junior class.

She plans to enroll this fall in Blue Mountain Community College in a liberal arts course, and continue her interests in riding by joining the Colgate Rodeo Club.

Queen Sheila and her court and chaperone, Mrs. Dimple Munkers, traveled to Joseph last week-end with their horses to participate in Chief Joseph Days celebration on Saturday. They were one of several visiting courts who were entertained at a noon luncheon, and rode in the grand entry at the afternoon rodeo show before returning home for the dance of Princess Janet.

The O'Briens will entertain the court and their parents at a dinner at their home this Saturday evening prior to the dance.

## Rodeo Board Leaders On Chamber Program

Charley Daly, chairman of the Morrow county rodeo committee, and Tom Currin, director of publicity, will be guest speakers at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

The two will discuss plans which are developing for the annual rodeo on August 23 and 24, and the part chamber members will have in it, according to Mrs. Avon Melby, program chairman.

## Jaycees Announce Tug-of-War Bid

Morrow County's Jaycees, in search of the lost cup denoting the champions of the annual Queen's Coronation Tug-of-War, have once again issued a challenge to their elders, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Asking that he not be identified, a Jaycee member said the group is making the challenge through the Gazette-Times.

"Have you noticed any of the Chamber members with a wary and uneasy look about them lately?" the challenge reads, "glancing behind them as they plod the streets of Heppner?"

"They realize the Queen's Coronation is coming and that means the Tug-of-War again with the mighty Morrow County Jaycees," it goes on.

Admitting defeat last year, the younger members allow, "Although the 'Chamber' members defeated their younger foes last year, we (the Jaycees) are out for complete revenge and vow to show our superior strength and mastery over the oldies by regaining the coveted cup (which they better find)."

The cup has been lost through the Chamber's negligence, the Jaycee member told the Gazette-Times.

Meanwhile, there are rumblings among the Jaycees about the odds in last year's contest, which they feel were too great to overcome.

The Chamber won the event over the Jaycees.

Adding a final blast at the Chamber, the younger men conclude, "So Chamber members, you are hereby challenged to make a bowing with your tired bottoms pulling and your heels a-ploving."

The Jaycees sponsor the event, which fetes 1969 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Sheila Luciani and her court. It will be held Saturday, August 9 at the rodeo grounds.

More details on activities will be announced next week.