

Weekly Crop Report

1. Short
2. Fall seeding underway — Most areas need rain for adequate moisture. Weeding in summer fallow general throughout county.
3. Fall potato harvest progressing.

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WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	72	45	—
Thursday	74	50	—
Friday	69	40	—
Saturday	76	44	—
Sunday	77	49	—
Monday	76	51	.05
Tuesday	70	51	—

Total prec. for Sept. was .88; normal .76.

A Valuable Addition . . .



ONLY A SMALL PORTION of the big collection of mounted Oregon Wildlife can be seen through the eyes of a camera. But these are representative of the 75 life-size mounts recently placed in the new addition of the Morrow County Museum by Mrs. Amanda Duvall. High on a perch may be seen a radiantly plumed peacock, boasting a 9 ft. 6 in. spread, surrounded by life-like mounted trophies of cougar, bear, coyote, fox, badger, Bay and Canadian lynx, raccoons, bobcat and kittens, mink, beaver, eagles, owls, and yes, even the prickly porcupine. The museum is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. (G-T Photo.)

Kelly Prairie Lake Gets Big Setback

The outlook for construction for Kelly Prairie Impoundment, a proposed 500-acre lake, located in the Heppner District of Eastern Oregon, took a doubtful turn this week following completion of the first phase of core drilling at the proposed

dam site, according to announcement Tuesday. George Kernan, chief engineer for the Game Commission, and Stan Thorn, U. S. Forest Service engineer, disclosed in a progress report that core drilling at the dam site showed a deep layer of rubble and other porous materials to depths of more than 70 feet below the ground surface.

Kernan said that of three test holes sunk, one continued through rubble at 70 feet, one hit a layer of clay at 33 feet, and the third hit ledge of sandstone at 18 feet.

The entire dam site location showed extremely unstable and porous material on which to construct an impoundment.

Northwest Testing Company, contractor, has now moved its equipment to alternate dam sites upstream from the original location, according to Kernan.

Core drilling will continue at these sites, with the results expected in about two weeks.

Federal Cutback Hurts Reservoir Recreation Plans

Plans for additional developments at recreational areas along the John Day Reservoir, from John Day to McNary Dams, are "on the boards", but is not known when they can be completed, speakers told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

Speaking for the U. S. Corps of Engineers were heads of the reservoir planning section, B. C. Christensen of Walla Walla, Bud Ossey of Portland and Dave Larson, project engineer of The Dalles.

"The main problem which confronts moving ahead with further plans is the lack of funds," Christensen pointed out.

A cutback of 75% of Federally funded construction work is causing delays and postponement, he said. Very rigid criteria have been set to qualify for needed funds, and recreation is not included as one of them.

Much has been started in developing parks along the Oregon side of the Columbia along Lake Umatilla, and on the John Day River "arm". Christensen pointed out on maps several park areas which now supply good recreation, and will be further developed.

Ossey showed colored slides of facilities at Sight "A" at the mouth of the John Day River and all that is offered there in boat landing docks, park facilities, developed beaches, skiing and swimming.

Four miles inland on the "arm" is Sight "C", an excellent camping and recreation area, which is reached only by boat. This can now accommodate 30 to 40 units of "tent" campers with excellent swimming and beach use. No open fires are allowed, and adequate garbage facilities create a problem. More moorage space, as well as road facilities are in the planning stage.

Additional units are planned for Willow Park on Willow Creek, up 3-mile Canyon, but heavy silt fill-in and limited clearance under bridges are the current problems.

Ossey touched briefly on Boardman, where wave action is undermining ramps and there is stronger need for breakwater. Well developed marinas at Umatilla below McNary have made it one of the best used areas. Plans are ahead for enlarging Hat Rock marina, now under private operation. The park at Irrigon is awaiting further development.

Very little in added facilities will be available in these recreation areas until more money is available, the Corps men have found.

"Recreation is the 3rd highest major industry in Oregon, and by 2000 it will be number 1," Ossey pointed out. With the shortage of law enforcement officers, they find patrolling and vandalism are major problems. They hope to encourage better control, and improve shallow ground areas for safety.

Mustangs to Meet Rockets on Friday

By PAT KILKENNY

Greater Oregon Conference league play will open for the Heppner Mustangs when they meet the Pilot Rock Rockets Friday night, on the Heppner turf. The Mustangs are 2-1 for the season, they defeated Elgin and Condon, then a loss to the Enterprise Savages.

Coach Hjemstra has made little comment about the upcoming clash with the Rockets, but he is optimistic about procuring a victory.

Pilot Rock has dropped two preseason games, one to Grant Union by a nominal margin and one to Joseph in a tight game. Although the Rockets lost to Grant Union, they aren't alone. Last week-end Grant Union walloped Enterprise 56-6.

The Rockets will probably be led by junior quarterback Bill Quaepts. One thing for sure is that it will be a good ball game, as it is the first league game for both squads.

Oregon Hunters Set For Season Opening

Oregon big game hunters will be heading for all parts of the state to take part in the general buck deer season set to open Saturday, October 4. The mass invasion will probably see the bulk of the state's 300,000 deer hunters taking to the forests and rangelands at dawn on that day.

The outlook looks good in the higher areas here, according to Glen Ward, district game agent, and fire dangers have been lessened with recent rains.

The buck season will extend through October 22 in eastern Oregon and through October 26 in western Oregon. Nimrods with unit permits will be eligible to hunt deer of either sex within the unit for which the permits are issued from October 18 through the remainder of the season.

And how does the season shape up? Good, says the Game Commission. Deer are available in good numbers with populations up in some areas, on a par in others, and down in still others.

In the north Coast Range buck hunters will find the going a bit tougher than past years, the result of higher than normal winter mortality. Buck hunting will also be difficult on the west slopes of the Cascades south through the McKenzie country. Best buck hunting in the northwest will undoubtedly be in the southern portions from the Polk unit south through the Siuslaw and Smith River drainages.

Hunters will do well to look over the many spur ridges extending out into agricultural lands, as well as the brushy foothill country. Blacktails like to live around these brushy ridges where they have ready access to fields and meadows below.

Good populations of black-tails are reported all through southwestern Oregon. In most areas populations show an upswing except portions of the Cascade slopes. Some top buck hunting is expected in the Sixes, Rogue, Evans Creek, Chetco, and Applegate units. Blacktails are down in the Keno country, but populations are on a par in most other units of the area.

In the southwest region hunters will do well to check out the brushy bottom lands and spur ridges. Some cagey old bucks will be found in the dense brush patches adjacent to agricultural lands.

The Klamath country of central Oregon is expected only fair as the hard winter cut into mule deer herds quite severely. The interstate herds were also hit by the hard winter. Farther north, buck hunters are expected to find good hunting through the Grizzly, Maury, and Ochoco areas. The Deschutes and Paulina units will be fair to good and the Metolius only fair. Blacktail herds on the north and east slopes of Mt. Hood were hard hit by the winter, but mule deer herds in Wasco and Sherman units came through in fine shape.

Buck hunters all through northeastern Oregon are expected to enjoy excellent success. Mule deer herds in this country are in excellent shape and in some areas show increases.

The Sled Springs, Chesnimus, Innaha, and Snake River units should all be good. Heating, Baker, and Catherine Creek units should also produce high yields of deer.

Hunters will find excellent populations of mules in the Ukiah, Heppner, Wheeler, Northside, Murderers Creek, and Look-out Mountain areas. The Min-

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PP&K to Draw Boys Age 8-13 Here Next Week

Clinics, usually held the week preceding Punt, Pass and Kick competition for boys 8 through 13, have been cancelled, due to conflicts with the opening of hunting season Saturday. It is announced by Everett Keithley, chairman.

Regular date of the PP&K contest will remain on Saturday, October 11. Boys of the Lone, Heppner and nearby areas are invited to meet at the Heppner rodeo grounds at 10:00 a.m. to compete. Competes will try to work during the coming week with boys who are interested.

Co-sponsoring the contest again this year will be the Lone Lions club, under the chairmanship of Gene Rietmann.

Advance registration will not be required this year, Keithley stated, since registration forms have been late in reaching the sponsors. Boys may register up to and on the day of competition, he said.

Boys now seven years of age who will be eight before next January, are eligible. Those who will be 14 before January are not eligible, according to the rules.

Many local awards are offered to the winners, with advancement to regional and national contests, and the big prizes.

Paper to Emphasize National 4-H Week

Morrow county 4-H clubs will be recognized in next week's issue of the Gazette-Times, in observance of National 4-H Week, October 5-11.

Mrs. Birdine Tullis and Gail McCarty, extension directors of 4-H clubs, and the county 4-H council, are promoting annual recognition of the importance of 4-H education.

Special articles and advertisements will appear next week to give support and promote enthusiasm. All those in the county who wish to participate are asked to contact the county leaders, or the Gazette-Times office.

Date Corrected

Correct date of the first series card party of Holly Rebekah Lodge is Saturday, October 4, and not October 1, as appears in announcement on page 3 of this paper.

Game in Pilot Rock Flood One for Books -- Not Football

By PAT KILKENNY

A flash flood during a football game? This was the story Monday, September 29, at Pilot Rock.

Despite the excitement and interruption, the Rocket Jayvees were the victors by a score of 18-6 over the Baby Mustangs.

The game in fact, had many out-of-the-normal occurrences. The first and probably the most precarious was not only a hard down pour but water so abundant that it rose over the banks of the Birch Creek—water that a cow floated down, water that a group of Mustang gridders sat above on banks to watch it flow down. Water—with the lights at the football stadium blacked out.

As Jayvee Coach Dale Conklin put it, "It was the most miserable weather that I have ever experienced as a coach, it was just like walking out a door and having someone pour a

continuous stream of water on your head!"

The bad weather had a poor effect on the game, causing both squads to fumble and make other mistakes.

The Mustangs' only score came when defensive back Dallas Harsin recovered a fumbled ball and carried it in for a score. The PAT was converted on a pass from Allan McCabe to Dale Hedman.

This was the only time that the Mustangs were able to hit paydirt, but Coach Conklin commented that his team looked 100% better on offense than in their last ball game.

He had praise for Dallas Harsin who did a good job both ways, Beryl Stillman who did a commendable job running the ball, also for Dave Eckman for his offensive performance.

The Baby Mustangs' next gridiron contest will be with Condon at Condon, Monday, October 6, at 4 p.m.

It's an old iron handle, that's what it is. Anybody who ever heated up a flat-iron and used the handle to lift it would recognize it immediately.

But to most of today's youngsters, many of whom have only seen modern steam irons, it was unidentifiable.

Mrs. Inez Meador, seventh and eighth grade teacher at Heppner Elementary school, asked her students in the two classes to examine the object and guess about its use.

She got some good answers. "A car door handle," one student said.

"I think it is a nail puller," another surmised.

Some of the 31 students asked correctly identified it, but most had other ideas.

One not-so-young person, Heppner Elementary principal Al Martin, even took a guess at the use of the handle.

His answer: "A tool for the hand used to throw hay bales onto a wagon."

Herewith are some of the other responses:

"A door handle and latch."

"It is a handle that you lift something."

"It is a level. It is used for leveling wood or ivory."

"It looks like a handle to a shop or barn."

"It looks like a handle to a butter churn. Or it might be used

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for a handle to get up on a tractor. Or it might be a starter for something."

"It looks like a protractor that you measure things with or else a handle and you could clip something to it."

"It is iron and it can be used to open a door."

"It is a handle off a sander used to smooth wood."

"It is some kind of clamp which is used to hold a small chain together."

"A carpenter's tool."

"I think it's a door handle."

"It looks like a protractor because its shape is rounded."

"It looks like an old door handle."

"Maybe a handle to a barn door and the little knob is to unlock the door."

"I think it is a compass used on boats."

"An old leather punch."

"It is a protractor."

"I think it is a suitcase handle."

"I think it is an old-fashioned door handle."

"It is the top of an old iron."

"You could use it for a door handle."

At least one person was sure: "Iron handle off an iron used in the olden days."

