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Official weather report for the week of October 22-28 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	71	46	—
Thursday	59	42	.05
Friday	56	38	.04
Saturday	55	29	—
Sunday	50	30	—
Monday	53	40	.08
Tuesday	51	41	.25

CROP-WEATHER
SUMMARY

Fall seeding nearly completed.
Most calves sold and delivered. Fall pastures greening up. Hay supplies adequate.

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Kinzua Announces Plans Shirley Rugg Named County Livestock Grower To Erect Veneer Plant

A new green veneer plywood plant will soon be added to present facilities of the Heppner mill of Kinzua Corporation, it was announced by Allen Nistad, general manager, at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday noon.

Land clearing and construction of the large building will commence as soon as the necessary soil tests have been completed, Nistad stated.

Over one-half million dollars in plywood machinery are now on order for the plant, to make it one of the most automated and up-to-date plants in Oregon.

The new building, expected to be 190,000 square feet, will be erected at the vacant clearing along the highway north of town at the present mill site, complete with its own rail and loading facilities. It will also accommodate a good amount of lumber storage, it is planned.

The total number of employees has not been determined, but Nistad expects it to exceed 30 people at the beginning, with provisions included for a larger operation. Local residents will be given first consideration for employment, Nistad promised.

Officials estimate that the plant will be in operation by summer of 1970, although no definite start-up time has been scheduled.

Purpose for the added facility is to better utilize the second growth timber that occurs on the company's own 230,000 acre tree farm.

"We are entering a new exciting era in Eastern Oregon re-

forestation," the manager informed his listeners, "and we want to put into practice many of the new methods of spacing and reseedling."

For the present time, work of the regular plant will not be affected by construction or use of the new facility. The present mill has returned to full time production and the lumber market is moving again.

Nistad expressed appreciation for the interest and cooperation of Heppner people in the expansion, especially the local planning commission and personnel of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative for providing needed services.

"We couldn't find a finer place in Eastern Oregon to set up shop," he concluded.

Accompanying him to the meeting were three employees of Kinzua Corporation, Mike Oreskovic, Clarence Greenup and Dick Graham.

Representing the "witch not" club, Mayor Bill Collins presented a special award to Dr. Wallace Wolff for his success in "witching" his own well at their home. His own "scientific device" proved successful in producing a 6500 gallon a minute flow.

Concluding the program was some home movies of 20 years ago, made by Bill Collins, of the big grain elevator fire here, and of antiquated logging operations about 33 years ago in the Saginaw timber near Cottage Grove.

Speech Contest Won By Lone Senior Girl

Joy Beggs, lone high school senior, was first place winner of the 1969 Speech Contest, sponsored by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District. Students competed at Heppner High school last Wednesday afternoon.

In close competition, Karla Weatherford, Heppner High junior, was second; Sandi Carlson, lone high senior, third, and Jeannie Daly, Heppner High sophomore, fourth. Trophies were presented to the first three place winners, provided by Morrow County Grain Growers.

A large number of students made up the audience, including those in speech classes from Ione and Heppner. Judges were Mrs. Verner Troedson, Rev. Mike Luedde, both of Ione, and Larry Mills, Heppner.

Kenneth Turner served as master of ceremonies, and Albert Wright was contest chairman. The girls spoke on the topic, "Range and Pasture Management in an Oregon Conservation District."

Miss Beggs will present her first place speech on the program of the Morrow County Grain Grower's annual meeting Monday night at the fair pavilion, and will enter the area contest in Hermiston.



DEVOTED TO HER PROFESSION of raising sheep, cattle and horses is Mrs. Shirley Rugg, this year's Morrow County Livestock Grower of the Year. Best known for her large sheep operation, her lamb and wool production have become recognized as one of the largest in the state. Faithful companions are her Australian Dingo ranch dogs, Babo or Bell. (McCarty photo).



Stockmen Break Tradition; Name Woman for Honors

"She can hardly be called 'Cattleman of the Year', so this year's honors will go to one who we will call 'Livestock Grower of the Year.'" This was the introduction given to the cattlemen's choice for 1969 — Mrs. Shirley Rugg.

Yes, Morrow county women should be especially proud of this year's selection, proving that, after all, women are not necessarily the weaker sex. And the honored one is not primarily known for her cattle but for an over-all interest in livestock.

Mrs. Rugg, has become one of the state's most widely known sheep producers and operators.

She was presented an award for this accomplishment Wednesday evening at the annual Farm-City banquet, sponsored jointly by the Morrow County Livestock Growers association, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, in the multipurpose room of Heppner High school.

As a descendant of the Frank Wilkinson family, she is proud of her heritage and the opportunity to carry on in family tradition.

Family honors in livestock and agriculture date back to 1957. In June of that year her father, Frank Wilkinson, was selected Morrow County Grassman of the Year, but his death came prior to the presentation of this plaque at the Farm-City banquet that year in November. Her mother, Wavel Wilkinson, has been a mainstay in much of the operations since that time.

Also, in family tradition, her brother, Dick Wilkinson, continued and developed improved cattle operations. In 1965 he was recognized as that year's Cattleman of the Year, and shared by his wife, Virginia.

Very much involved and interested in the sheep, livestock and Appaloosa horses on the large Rugg ranch are Mrs. Rugg's teenage daughters, Jody, a senior at Heppner High school, and Jill, an active sophomore. Most of their spare time, away from a busy school schedule, is spent on horseback, or with their livestock projects, on sheep and cattle drives, or with the lambing duties.

A television documentary of the sheep operation was filmed by Oregon State University, covering a full year's cycle. It was shown for the first time in May, 1968, and repeated in May of this year in this area. It was a feature of the series "Oregon At Work," and is expected to be released by the college for educational showing throughout the state.

Operations are Extensive
Livestock on the Rugg operations include some 5,400 ewes, 300 cows, and 12 mares raising Appaloosa colts.

Eight Basque men from Spain handle the sheep and one full-time man and two part-time men handle the rest of the jobs. The Basque herders are employed under a three-year contract through the Western Range Association.

In 1962, the ranch started fencing all the sheep range with a 48-inch woven wire fence and went to a semiherdless system. This means that the ewes are herded while nursing lambs, and the first 21 days of the breeding season. The remainder of the time, they are turned loose in fenced pastures.

To date, the Rugg operation has constructed some 150 miles of fence and developed over 83 stock water ponds, mostly in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service.

A Year's Sheep Cycle
To follow a full year with the sheep, one might start with the breeding season. The ewes are gathered from summer ranges in September and are fed cubes the first 21 days of the breeding season. This helps to increase the number of twins born, giving the ranch their 140% lambing average.

Breeding dates are staggered with new bucks being added every 10 days so that the lambing facilities will not be overcrowded. After the 21-day breeding period, the sheep are turned loose again until the end of November when they are gathered and moved to the foothills around Rhea Creek.

They are gathered again about Christmas and trailed to the des-

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BOB JEPSEN
National Chairman

Jepsen Directs 'Day of Bread' Over the Nation

The International "Day of Bread" was marked for a first time in the United States, Tuesday, October 28, during Harvest Festival Week, by Presidential proclamation. The American observance follows a European tradition which has spread to South America and Asia, paying tribute to Man's dependence upon agriculture and the bounty of nature.

Bob Jepsen, lone wheat rancher and former Oregon Wheat Growers League president, has been the National Chairman for this event for the National Association of Wheat Growers. He presented leaves of bread to Governor McCall preceding his proclamation which was made in Salem.

Originating in West Germany in 1953, the Harvest Festival and "Day of Bread" have spread throughout the Continent. The "Day of Bread" formalizes the ritual of harvest celebrations in many countries.

The wheat crop is the world's largest. Forty-three countries with 35.6 per cent of the population—almost a billion people—use wheat as a staple food. Bread is even more important—economically, culturally and as nourishment for millions—when one considers those loaves made with proportions of cereals other than wheat.

"Bread gains greater meaning every day as governments concern themselves with the increasing problems of feeding the hungry and malnourished, both domestically and abroad."

Promoting the "Day of Bread" are all segments of the industry including producers, millers, bakers, State Dept. of Agriculture, retailers, Oregon Wheat Growers League and Oregon Wheat Commission.

Land Bank Men Called to Attend Spokane Meeting

Elmer Pahl, Pendleton; Milton Morgan, Ione; James Beamler, Weston; Verne Dale, Helix; Raymond Rugg, Pilot Rock; Harold G. Campbell, Echo, and Richard Wilkinson, Heppner, who are directors of the Pendleton Federal Land Bank Association, will attend a two-day Federal Land Bank Representative Conference in Spokane on November 6 and 7.

Theme of the conference will be "Seeking, Serving, Growing" and the topics covered during the two days will include a variety of financial problems as they affect farmers and ranchers in the northwest states. Forty-eight Federal Land Bank Associations of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be represented at the conference.

A special panel of four district Federal Land Bank presidents from Berkeley, Calif., Wichita, Kan., St. Paul, Minn., and Omaha, Neb. will discuss future long term credit needs of agriculture and related subject. One of the main features of the conference will be a tour of the new Farm Credit Banks building of Spokane. This \$1.8 million structure will house the three Farm Credit Banks including The Federal Land Bank, The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives.

Elk Season Opens; Area Restrictions Set

It's the big one coming up for Oregon hunters. November 1 marks the opening of the Rocky Mountain elk season in eastern Oregon which is scheduled to extend through November 19. West side hunters will have a later season for Roosevelt elk.

Students to Canvass For Children's Fund

Don't lock your doors tonight (Thursday). Trick or Treaters for UNICEF will be at your house, asking for donations.

Heppner High school students will be the masked bandits after your contributions for the United Nations Children's Fund.

Students will start ringing door bells around 8:00 p.m. tonight.

There will be no school held for grades 1 through 4 at Heppner Elementary school on Thursday, November 4. Alan Martin, principal announces. Teacher-parent conference will be held at this time. Grades 5 through 8 will continue to meet on this day.

with this season scheduled from November 15 through 23.

The Game Commission reminded hunters that they are restricted to hunting in one area or the other and must have the proper elk tag for that area. In other words, hunters after Rocky Mountain elk in eastern Oregon and the Mount Hood area must have the Rocky Mountain elk tag; those after Roosevelt elk in the Cascades and Coast ranges must have the Roosevelt elk tag.

Bag limit is one bull elk with antlers longer than the ears. Exception to this rule is in the Southeastern Elk Units where hunters may take either sex animals from November 1 through 14 and bull elk only for the remainder of the eastern Oregon season.

Regulations provide that hunters killing an animal must retain in their possession the antlers with scalp and eyes attached while the carcass is in the field or forests or in transit. Firearms regulations for elk hunting restrict the hunter to rifles of at least 25 inch caliber and developing 1220 foot pounds of energy at 100 yards. Rifles which do not meet both of these requirements are not legal for elk hunting.

Mustangs Meet Buffaloes Here For Homecoming

Western Division Standings Greater Oregon League

	Won	Loss
Sherman County	4	0
Heppner	2	1
Madras	2	1
Wahatnoka	0	3
Pilot Rock	0	3

* (Sub-district champion)

Finale to the 1969 HHS grid season will be the Homecoming game, a conference clash here between the Heppner Mustangs and the Madras High White Buffaloes. The game will be Friday, October 31, at 8 p.m. The teams are now tied for second, so the game determines the runner-up in the western division of the league.

Head Coach Ed Hiemstra says, "Madras gets tougher every game. The Buffaloes are doing well with their new offense."

Sherman will play Grant Union Friday night at John Day for the division title. Scheduled for a non-league clash at that time, the two would have played again November 7 for the championship, so it was decided to make Friday's game the counter.

Despite the 24-20 loss last week to the Sherman Huskies, the Mustangs are ready for the Madras Buffaloes and the 1969 Homecoming.

For nine of the boys, the game will close out high school football play. Seniors on the squad are David Wright, John McCabe, Bill Greenup, Rick Marquardt, Lee Huson, Matt Murray, Mike Hedman, Hal Bergstrom and Rob Abrams.



GRAIN GROWER PRESIDENT Barton Clark will preside over the important annual meeting of MCGG at the Fair Pavilion Monday evening.

Grain Growers' Annual Meeting Slated Monday

There is a full program planned for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., on Monday, November 3, at the Heppner Fair pavilion, and all members of the organization are urged to attend.

The dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. by members of the Willows Grange. As usual, champion 4-H beef will be featured as the main course of the menu. A number of door prizes will be drawn throughout the course of the evening, consisting mostly of champion beef.

Karl Bauer of Portland will be guest speaker. His talk is expected to present potentials and discuss some of the problems expected in developing a new irrigation area, such as is now being experienced in North Morrow county.

His wide background has included 15 years in experimental work while on the staff of Washington State University. He is currently an agronomic consultant for Pacific Supply Company, and director of research development, and has done an extensive amount of experimental research work in fertilizer and irrigation agriculture.

Joy Beggs of Ione will deliver her conservation speech, judged first place winner in the annual speech contest sponsored last week by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District.

Business session of the meeting will be conducted by President Barton Clark and Larry Mills, manager.

In addition to the election of four new directors and five associate directors, the reports from the officers, members will be asked to consider the adoption of Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended By-laws for the organization.

Advance letters have been mailed to all members giving information on the changes, and pointing out the need to conform with current codes.

1969 Heppner High Homecoming Court



HOMECOMING COURT for this year's celebration at Heppner High school was selected by the letterman's H-Club. One will be honored as queen at intermission of the Homecoming game Friday night. At top are two juniors, Julie Ayres and Susie French; below them are Molly Beckel, Debbie Warren and Jody Rugg, all seniors. Thursday activities include a float parade after school and bonfire at 7:00 p.m. All alumni and visiting Madras students are invited to the Homecoming dance Friday at the school at 10:30, with music by the Cobwebs and Strange, a Pilot Rock combo. (Jim Schaffitz photo).