

GRAIN PRICES

(Courtesy of Morrow County
Grain Growers)

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not in-
clude warehouse chgs.)

Soft white wheat 1.42

Barley 39.00

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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	Hi	Low	Prec.
Week of Jan. 28-Feb. 3			
Wednesday	42	31	—
Thursday	42	27	—
Friday	39	27	—
Saturday	51	28	.01
Sunday	47	34	—
Monday	51	31	—
Tuesday	52	32	—
Prec. for January	—	4.04	
Normal 1.29. Breaks record of 3.56 set in 1892.			

Irrigators Meet; Talk Project Cost

A meeting was held at the Morrow County Courthouse Monday night regarding findings of the Bureau of Reclamation about the land classification studies in Willow Creek.

Herb Hynd of Cecil, president of the Willow Creek Improvement Assn., was chairman for the meeting with Herman Winter as secretary.

Rupert Spearman and Mr. Draper, Bureau of Reclamation officials, were present to talk to the group. They displayed the Willow Creek land classification map. This showed the stream from the damsite at Heppner downstream to the John Day pool in Gilliam County.

The proposed Willow Creek project is expected to cost about seven million. Slides were projected to show the irrigation function of the project. The Corps of Engineers has a plan for a reservoir capacity of 8300 acre feet with 7900 acre feet for irrigation storage.

Mr. Draper told of the soils classification studies along Willow Creek. There are 2000 acres that could be irrigated that are class 1 soils. This includes 165 acres of dry farm land. In class 2 are 715 acres and in class 3 some 520 acres. Standards show class 1 soils have no impairments for a full crop program suitable to this area, a sandy loam a little heavier than a clay loam.

Land classed as arable must be 8 feet deep. They found soils here from 9 to 180 feet deep before striking a barrier, usually Columbia River basalt.

Some tracts along the creek would be very expensive to irrigate because they are isolated by roads, railroads and the creek. Some 5,000 acres could be irrigated. The Bureau has tied the water supply program to the water right lands and identified 3000 acres of irrigable lands tied to water rights.

He said 3.9 acre feet of water per acre of land is needed for an adequate supply, on the average. There is some variance in needs because of the difference in climate along the 45 miles of the creek. Rainfall at Arlington is about 9 inches annually. At Heppner it is 13 inches.

Return flows run from nine tenths acres to 1.2 ft. per acre. Slides showed charts depicting average runoff of Willow Creek monthly with the peak in April.

The Bureau has formulas to determine cost of the water charge. Water would be sold to the Association which would then collect from the land owners, based on ability to pay. With the irrigation they figure average alfalfa yield would increase 40% with barley, wheat and pasture increasing, too.

Estimated charges are \$3.30 per acre approximately.

Meetings will be held with the farmers to determine the amount of water needed and to sign up for the commitment. The company could have a 50-year repayment contract for the project. Agreements must be made prior to construction of the project. Mr. Spearman suggested they must forego winter irrigation in order to have summer irrigation. He said there was very little carryover water possible at the dam.

The Bureau has provided for a variable repayment plan tied to drought, depressions, etc.

He said if the farmers did not sign up, project might not be built or else it would be a smaller dam. Plans now are based on unanimous participation.

Dick Wilkinson, Kenneth Cutsforth and Cecil Jones were elected members of the board of directors.

Marsha Sowell On Dean's List

Pacific University—The University has reported their fall semester Dean's List. Students with a 3.25 grade point average or higher are recognized on the Dean's list.

Earning this honor from Heppner is Marsha Sowell.



50-YEAR VETERAN members of the Elks Lodge are these lucky 13 gentlemen. Standing, from left are Bill Bergstrom, Frank Turner, Walter Hayes, Alva Jones, Emil Groshens, Carl Bergs-

trom and Ed Bennett. Front row, from left, Earl Gilliam, Ralph Jackson, La Verne Van Marter, Jim Cowins, Claude Cox and Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

County - City Council Have Organizational Meet

Morrow County was host Friday and the courthouse was the scene of an organizational meeting to establish District 12, Council of Governments. This new organization embraces Morrow County plus Wheeler, Grant, Gilliam and Umatilla Counties and all the towns in these counties.

Judge Paul Jones was elected chairman. Judge Sam Cook of Pendleton was elected vice chairman. Ken Sweeney of Pendleton was elected secretary and will act as treasurer for the time being. Formation was under the district planning program of the Governor's office. Judge Jones has felt such an organization was a necessity as the cooperative group should be most effective in dealing with state and federal bodies relative to various funding programs.

When it became known that the Council might have a budget, considerable discussion followed from visitors from Fossil, Condon and Arlington. They wanted to know how much the budget would require. Tom Hawkins, state planner, explained that State of Oregon money is available to help the Council budget, if necessary. This is on a share and share basis. The amount then would be doubled by addition of federal government funds. Mr. Hawkins also explained that the Council would act as a clearing house for applications by the counties and cities for federal funds.

City Manager Tom Harper of Hermiston told of a project

needing federal money for his city and that he felt the Council was the best help his town could get. Supporting the Council, also, were Sheriff Mollahan who explained benefits obtained by a group of counties cooperating in law enforcement; Mayor Dewey West, who is Port of Morrow president and a director of the League of Oregon Cities, spoke warmly of the need for the organization. Ray Rees of Helix, a Umatilla County commissioner, said this was the time to organize and that budgets, if needed, could be worked out later. Pendleton's city manager, Rudy Enbysk supported the plan.

March 27 will be the next meeting of District 12 Council of Governments.

FFA, FHA Sponsor Sweetheart's Ball

Annual Sweetheart's Ball, sponsored jointly by the Future Homemakers of America and the Future Farmers of America, is to be held Saturday, Feb. 7.

The traditional ball will start at 9:30 and end at 1:00 with the Electric Link playing. Decorations are to carry out the theme of Valentine's Day with FFA and FHA members providing the manpower.

The whole student body is invited to the semi-formal ball. This is the contribution of the FFA and FHA to the student body for the year and there is no charge. All schools in Morrow County are invited.

Hollomon-Gardner Named to Council

Jerry Hollomon and Leroy Gardner were sworn in as members of the Heppner City Council by Bob Abrams, city attorney at the council meeting Monday evening. They will fill the vacancies of Dick Robison and Joe Baile, resigned, until replacements are elected at the general election who will fill the unexpired terms. The terms of Clyde Allstott and Carl Spaulding and Mayor run out this year. Councilmen are elected for a 4-year term and that of mayor for 2 years.

Ron Daniels, supt. of Morrow County Schools and Irvin Rauch, board members, told of district plans to purchase materials for the erection of guard rails on the access and egress of the Heppner High School. These will be double boards 2" x 8" 16 foot lengths overlapping on posts 8 feet apart.

The City crews will install the guard rails as soon as possible on Morgan St.

Mr. Daniels indicated the school board would investigate further to find someone to construct the guard rails on the La Trice property easement.

Building application was approved to Jack McTimpeny at 385 Gilmore for alterations, repairs and to enlarge a bedroom at a cost of \$500. A variance application for Richard Smith was held up for further investigation.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Mayor and Recorder to sign Satisfaction of Mortgage for David Bauer and Garnett Barratt whose sewer assessments have been paid.

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Annual Soil and Water Meeting Held Tuesday At Lexington Grange

The 26th annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District was held Tuesday evening at Lexington Grange Hall. Harold Kerr showed movies on soil fertility, various mechanized crop fields and methods of tillage.

Secretary Dick McElligott read the 1969 minutes and Ed Gonty, treasurer, gave his annual report.

Ken Turner, a supervisor, made the annual progress report outlining several achievements of the District. These included the Rock Creek watershed project which is authorized. The Lake Penland project is ready for construction. Substantial soil surveys have been made and he told of the growth of conservation practices, trends and he said highlights for the coming year would include seeding grass in marginal dry lands. The Columbia - Blue Mountain RC & D had been authorized and he feels it will accelerate considerable resources in this area. Irrigation developments, he said, are in a position to gather some momentum.

He stated there would be a meeting Feb. 25 at Lexington Grange on irrigation with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Supervisors nominated by chairman Bryce Keene, and elected were Ken Turner and Ed Gonty.

Dale Boner of the Soil Conservation Service told of the soil survey with 60,000 acres completed last year. He said perhaps another 100,000 acres would be completed in 1970.

Dick McElligott suggested that folks write their Congressmen as the Soil Conservation Service has been getting about the same amount of funds but an increasing number of jobs to perform. He feels there will be many more jobs added, especially with the new emphasis on "environment".

Earl Jones introduced Amos "Swede" Oleson of the Soil Conservation Service reviewed the original objectives of the SCS of Morrow County to encourage all landowners to become practicing conservationists.

He said annual SCS work plans had shown the district had the most strip cropping and diversion ditches in the state and that the district was thus a leader.

The district has worked with youth and with schools and have worked for more recreation

Bureau Official Speaks At Chamber Meet

Rupert Spearman of Spokane, Bureau of Reclamation official, told a packed house of Chamber of Commerce members Monday about classifying lands in Morrow County for possible irrigation from Willow Creek dam, a proposed multi-purpose project at Heppner.

He said there were 5580 acres classified and 3000 have a water right. Present requirement for irrigation is 12,400 acre feet. The proposed project would yield some 7,000 acre feet for the lands with the water right, based on their participation. Cost of delivering water is based on the ability of owners to pay for the water.

He believes the potential irrigation from waste water from a nuclear power plant is much more complicated than newspaper publicity would tell. He said the nuclear plant would require 1600 cubic feet a second for cooling, a good size stream of water.

Mr. Spearman doesn't think the area has sufficient storage for the water to be used for irrigation. He said the nuclear plant would run about ten months a year. He said perhaps

the storage could be developed. From his remarks it seemed that he probably had not heard the proposal of developing seven lakes to store irrigation water in north central Morrow County. Overflow would be cooled water that would go back into the Columbia.

He touched briefly on the 160 acre Bureau irrigating limitation. This was tied to the home-stand, family size farms.

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Monday, an Oregon girl who had been a 4-H student in Ireland will provide the program.

Robinson, Ekstrom Take Cattle to Sale

Donald Robinson and Kyle left Sunday to take a load of purebred polled Hereford cattle to the Show and Sale Feb. 6-7 at Walla Walla.

Herb Ekstrom, Sr. took over a bull for the show and sale.

Arrangements are changed this year. Breeding stock show will be held on Friday. Range bulls will show on Saturday morning. The sale will be held Saturday afternoon.

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A number of the objectives have been accomplished.

He said changes in environment are coming.

First, there is a rapid population growth. Second, there is technological growth and third, a rapid urbanization over the nation. These cause more pressures on our natural resources and more demands on goods and service. He stated that demands are "unlimited but resources are limited".

We consume everything in fabulous amounts. Society misuses land and pollutes the environment. He says changes in the world will not completely pass us by. The U. S. has about 200 million people and will probably have 330 million by the year 2000. The State Water Resources Board long range prediction shows that the towns of Heppner, Lexington and Ione will not quite double by year 2000 but Boardman will increase some 9 or 10 times. Oregon's Columbia Basin area would have a 60 percent increase.

Mr. Oleson said irrigated cropland will be a big development in the county. Soil surveys show 655,000 acres irrigable and that all land will be irrigated in 100 years. By the year 2020 there will be 105,000 acres irrigated in Morrow County. There will be manufacturing and processing plants, new housing and more schools. There will be much demand for recreation. He showed transparencies depicting some of the things the SCS is doing and engineering interpretations and showed slides of problems man is making for himself in housing developments built in flood areas and places where use should be different.

Earl Jones commented on the RC & D and displayed a map showing RC & D approved projects of which the Columbia-Blue Mountain is one of 100 in the nation. These, he explained, are community, local self-help developments. Opportunities will appear, he said for a number of developments in the area.

Raymond French, chairman, has served the district for 16 years. Dick McElligott paid him a salute for his fine efforts and presented him with a gift, a new sombrero, in appreciation.

T, V & B Move Next Door

Turner, Van Marter and Bryant moved into their new offices last weekend. The move was due north, right next door into a building recently remodeled and redecorated. Walls of the offices are paneled in pecan and there is fine new lighting.

Frank Turner bought out C. A. Minor Insurance on Aug. 1, 1927. At that time he had his office in the lobby of the Heppner Hotel. Later he moved across the street near the Post Office. In 1942 the present buildings were constructed. The new office of the insurance and real estate firm are roomier.

The move will enable remodeling to be done in their old building. This in the next several months will be incorporated into Peterson's Jewelers. An announcement concerning this building will be made late in the spring.

Grange Bulletin Features Barton

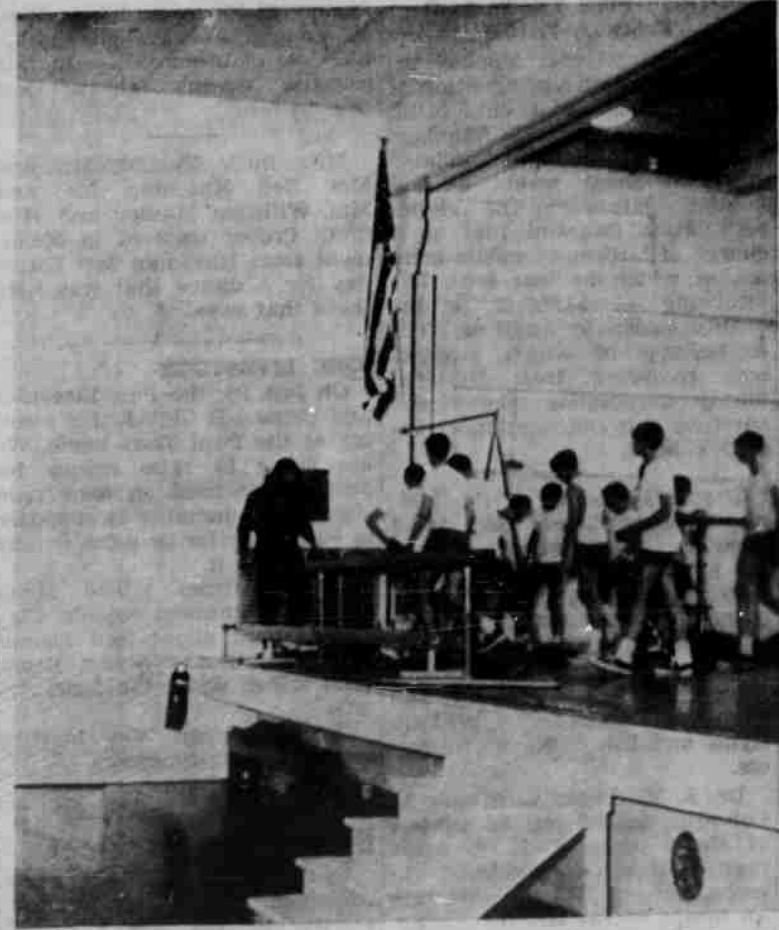
A front page story in the Feb. 2 issue of the Grange Bulletin features Barton Clark. It told that Barton Clark of Heppner has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Grange Insurance Association as its representative from Northern Oregon. He will fill the vacancy left by the sudden death of Rolfe Poppino of Estacada in August.

It added that Barton Clark is a prominent wheat and cattle rancher of Morrow County. He was Morrow County Cattleman of the Year in 1966 and is the president of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Yesterday! Today! Tomorrow??



THE "YESTERDAY" picture shows the gym when the plaster fell. The "today" picture as it is used today. This is where the action is: basketball games, basketball practice, gym classes and the big Christmas program.



YESTERDAY, TODAY and tomorrow in curriculum, methods and facilities will be explored with pictures and words at the Heppner Elementary PTA meeting Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.