

GRAIN PRICES

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Wheat 1.48
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WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
For week of June 17-23			
Wednesday	81	52	—
Thursday	90	52	—
Friday	93	58	—
Saturday	98	56	—
Sunday	96	67	—
Monday	96	63	—
Tuesday	98	58	—

Everyone Invited—

Morrow Produce Company Plans Grand Opening

Charming Court Visits Chamber

Program on Monday for the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon was a visit from the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Royal Court. Vice President Gene Pierce introduced Dimple Munkers who is chaperone for the busy Court. Mrs. Munkers presented Queen Sherri O'Brien to the Chamber. Queen Sherri introduced her Princesses, Vivian Phillips, Michelle Miller, Jeri Krebs and Susie French. In her turn each Princess told of a visit the Court had made to a celebration or parade. They have appeared at the Rose Festival parade, at the Spray rodeo and Arlington rodeo, at the Milton-Freewater Pea Festival. On Saturday and Sunday the Court were guests of the Morrow County Wranglers on a trail ride in the mountains. The girls are handsomely garbed. And folks can see for themselves when they attend the big

Kick-off Dance for the Royal Court to be held Saturday night at the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Music will be by the Western Gentlemen.

Vice President Pierce announced that next week's program would feature a Japanese girl exchange student who is staying with the McElligott's.

On July 13 a Portlander will come to promote a new organization, "Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism" and a number of county groups will be represented to try and organize here.

\$250.00 Reward

A \$250.00 reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the theft of approximately 1500 pounds of copper wire. The wire was recently stolen from the power lines in the area between Marion Palmer's and the Clell Rea ranch. The offer was made by the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Marquardt Girls Doing Fine

Penny and Billie June Marquardt, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt, of Lexington, are considered to be doing well. Therapy Center of Good Samaritan Hospital, while Billie June is staying at her uncles in Portland, where she is able to have therapy. Mrs. Marquardt, Norita, and Charmin are staying in Portland to see the girls.

HOSPITAL NEWS

June 17 thru June 24
Patients still receiving medical care include: Dean Guyton, Fossil; Raymond, Windslow, Heppner; Judy Hampton, Kin; Alice Luttrell, Heppner, and Harold Curtiss, Condon. Those dismissed include Bertha Peterson, Heppner.

Copper Thieves Come to County

Copper thieves who knew what they were doing took 1200 feet of copper wire the night of June 17 from a feeder line to an irrigation pump between the Clell Rea and Marion Palmer places. The theft took place close to the highway. Anyone driving the highway that night and can recall any activity they may have seen along there are asked to call the State Police or Columbia Basin.

Mrs. Rea noticed two cars down the road when she went out to turn on the water in her yard about 10 p.m. and they were still there at 10:30 when she went to turn it off. She thought it was just teenagers visiting.

The wire was hot. It carried 12,000 volts. It is estimated that an experienced crew working under ideal conditions would require 3 hours to do the same job. The 1200 feet of copper wire would weigh about 1500 pounds with a scrap market of \$750. The theft was discovered

by Jim Prock the next morning. Replacement of the same installation would run 2 or 3 thousand dollars. According to Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, plans are to rebuild the line with aluminum wire at a different location.

There is a reward of \$250 for anyone supplying information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the thieves. The same type of operation occurred two nights later in the vicinity of Hermiston. It is believed that this could have been done by the same thieves.

Lindy on TV

A former Heppner girl will appear on TV Saturday night and can be viewed from Hermiston or Pendleton.

Melinda Ann (Lindy) Leonnig will be on the Idahoedown Show which runs from 9:30 to 10. She will sing and accompany herself on the guitar in country western style. The show will be in color. Though it cannot be seen locally it will originate in Boise at KTVB 13 and can be tuned in on channel 3 in Pendleton and channel 6 in Hermiston.

Lindy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Leonnig, is well remembered here for her singing and as an organist. She played for dances at the Wagon Wheel Lounge regularly for a number of years before her parents sold that business 18 months ago. Now 16, and ending her junior year at McMinnville High school, she is spending the summer on tour with her manager. She has two records which are available locally and has recorded another which will be released soon.

When phoning in the story Tuesday night Mrs. Leonnig said she and her husband would go to Hermiston to see the show. They may spend Saturday night here.

Son Roger, who was seriously wounded in Vietnam, is now back at work barbering in Portland; Leonnig is also employed as a barber.

County Court Business on Land and Water

At this month's regular meeting of the Morrow County Court, they approved this year's budget following a time designated as the hearing which no one else attended. Total figure to be raised by taxes is up from last year by only \$1,437. In 1969 total amount to be raised by taxes was \$341,083. In 1970, \$342,520.

The county will use Morrow County's share of State Marine money amounting to \$1216 on the Irrigation Park District project on the Columbia. This will go towards the docking facilities of all steel construction, 3x12 cedar bumper plate and rubber bumper bar. Floatation by styrofoam filled tanks. Installation will be done by donated labor.

New Oiling

About six miles of gravelled road will be oiled this summer. This includes 2 1/2 miles in the Sand Hollow area between Fritz Cutsforth and Bill Doherty, 3 miles Baker-Holtz Rd. in Ione area, possibly extend three miles from the well up Willow Creek and other scattered sections.

In order to determine the amount of use that is made of the two county parks: Cutsforth Park up Willow Creek and Anson Wright Park five miles out of Hardman, the court may install counters.

The county is doing considerable improvements at the Parks.

Improvements at Cutsforth Park include leveling the trailer pads, improving the parking areas and the entrances at the park.

If the dam goes in at Pendland Prairie the county will be required to relocate the road. The Forest Service has indicated they would grant an easement.

Kickoff Dance Saturday Night Will Honor Queen Sherri & Court

Quints Are Going Strong



ONE OF NATURE'S wonders of the world is the birth and survival of quintuplets. Shown here are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jim West—Clay and Wade—and their quintuplet sheep which were born in February. The Jim Wests have raised the rare animals with the help of their sons and their Basque herders at the place on Rhea Creek. The family noted that there were an unusual number of multiple births this year, mostly twins but with a few sets of triplets, too. The picture was taken by Matt Warren of the Gazette-Times staff.

Ranchers Battle Rhea Creek Blaze

While the Harold Wrights were at the Horse Sale Sunday and the Kenneth Wrights and Al Lovgren's were at the Elks picnic, a fire apparently flared up from a barn that was burned two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith drove out to Wright's Store and first saw the fire. When they spotted it the fire had reached an old chicken house and it was nearly burned down.

They called surrounding ranchers from the store and soon Bob Bergstrom, Albert Wright, Barton Clark and others were on the fire. It burned over considerable grass, fence posts and got into some hay in windrows of Wrights.

It burned up to within a half block of Lovgren's barn filled with machinery. The wind was blowing up the canyon and back over the burned area which helped the fire fighters.

A state patrolman drove up to the Elks picnic and told Al Lovgren about the fire. An old barn fell down last spring and early in May the Wrights set it on fire. It is believed that the straw and manure may have been smoldering all this time in spite of the more than 1" of rain that has fallen.

Riflemen to Hear Timber Sale Program

The regular meeting of Morrow County Rifle and Pistol Club, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. on July 1, at the Morrow County Courthouse, will hear a presentation on the timber sale program of the Heppner Ranger District. Representatives of the U. S. Forest Service will discuss timber sales to be sold within the next five years and the roads to be constructed in conjunction with these sales. Particular emphasis will be placed on the effect of this timber sale program on game animals. There will be a question period after the presentation. The Morrow County Rifle and Pistol Club and the Forest Service invite all interested people to attend this meeting.

The awards for the Predator Contest will also be presented.

Attention, Elks!

Remember the big Smorgasbord Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 27 for Elks and wives. Dancing afterwards to live music.

Goldendale's Home Federal Sets Opening

The official dedication of the new building housing the Goldendale branch of Home Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Yakima will be held Monday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. This will be open to the public according to announcement by Ken Swenson, manager.

Speakers for the event will be Mayor H. G. Rowley and president and founder of the firm, Jack Ames of Yakima. The invocation will be delivered by the Rev. Don E. McCauley and vocal music entertainment will be provided by Nancy Caudell of Yakima. George Klein will act as master of ceremonies.

The grand opening will continue through July 10. Five Goldendale girls will serve as hostesses during that time.

Morrow County will open a summer full of activities with the big Kickoff Dance Saturday night, June 27 here.

Event will be held at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion and the dance will run from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Queen Sherri O'Brien, her Court, Princesses Michelle Miller, Jeri Krebs, Vivian Phillips and Susie French will be honored by this event.

Music will be provided by the popular Western Gentlemen of Condon.

The busy Royal Court is chaperoned by Mrs. Dimples Munkers and the group has a busy summer ahead of visits to other rodeos and events. The next dance after the Kickoff dance will be at the Fairgrounds Pavilion on July 11.

Rodeo Has Two New Events

Morrow County's annual big rodeo—on August 29 & 30 this year—will have two exciting new events.

A wild horse scramble will be held at the Saturday afternoon and night shows. It will have a \$15 entry fee and a \$50 purse.

A new event is Morrow County team roping. Eligibility will be the same as for the Morrow County amateur calf roping. The new team roping event will have a \$20 entry fee per team and it will have a \$50 added purse. Two trophy buckles will be donated by Gardner's Men's Wear, according to Tom Currin, who is chairman of the public committee.

The rodeo show will be NRA approved. There will be \$175 in purses this year, plus trophies and entry fees.

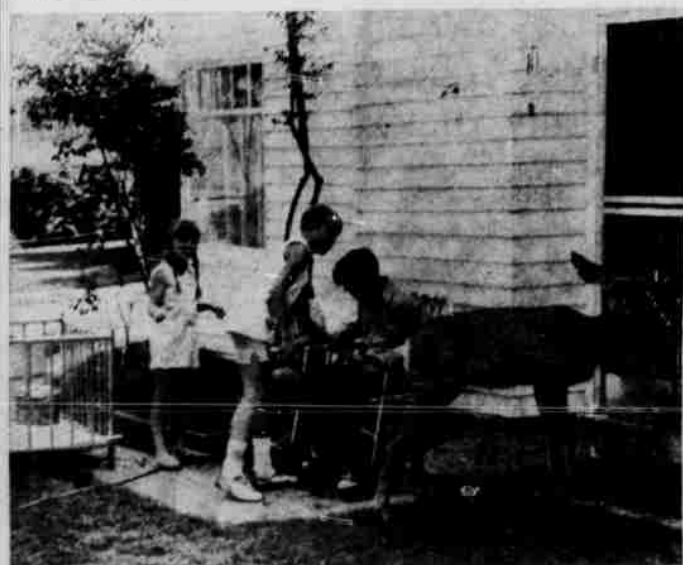
There will be \$10 entry fees in the Cowgirl and Cowboy races this year with a \$50 purse in each race.

Rose Mary Winter Falls from Hot Slide

Rose Mary Winter, 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winter fell from the new slide up at Cutsforth park Sunday and broke her left wrist.

She says the slide was hot and she was trying to keep her legs up off the metal so they wouldn't burn and she went over the side about 5 feet from the ground. She will have her arm in a cast for about 4 weeks.

Knock Knock . . . Who's There?



TOO EARLY for Christmas, so back to the mountains for this little doe who wandered into town this week. The roses at the Harold Cummins have been trimmed again, the petunia and snapdragon blossoms are gone. These tasty bits have high appeal for deer. The kids in the neighborhood thought it was great to have this little visitor. State police took it to the mountains where it is hoped it will learn to forage like a little deer should! In the picture are: Marti Floyhar, Raymond Cummins and Tracy Wilson.

A cordial invitation is extended by the Nelson-Tucker Ranches to their open house of the newly completed Morrow Produce Company potato plant at Boardman. Event is planned all day on Saturday, June 27.

The affair culminates months of planning for the new industry. It is a modern potato processing plant with a number of facilities aimed at the comforts of the workers.

At the grand opening there will be door prizes given away. Cold drinks will be given everyone as they tour the new plant. The new plant will add substantially to employment in Morrow County and adds the name of this county to famous potato growing regions.

Remember, folks, to come and look over the new plant this coming Saturday.

Bertha Dinges Services Held

Bertha Summer Gibson was born in Lexington Jan. 31, 1889, the daughter of Joseph L. and Minnie Summer Gibson. She attended school in Lexington and later taught for a short time at Blackhorse School.

She was married to Harry Dinges Oct. 5, 1913 in Heppner. To this union was born two children, Ruth and Dan.

She lived more than 60 years in Lexington where she belonged to the Christian Church, the Grange and the Rebekah Lodge. Later, while living in Heppner she belonged to the Bookworms Club.

She loved horses and rode horseback a good deal most of her life. She was a member of the Morrow County Wranglers Club for many years.

In 1961 she and her husband moved to Grants Pass where he died in Feb., 1962. She remained in Grants Pass until her death, June 15, 1970.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her son, Dan of Beaverton, her daughter, Ruth Acklen, Grants Pass; seven grandchildren: Ruthann Clark, Honolulu, Hawaii; Linda Chieffo, Huntington, N. Y.; Craig Acklen, Bethlehem; Dan Acklen, Grants Pass; John, Nancy and Andrew Dinges, Beaverton; four great grandchildren, Kandi and Kristi Clark, Honolulu; Josephine Anne and Dianne Chieffo, Huntington, N. Y.

Funeral services were held June 18 at the Church of Christ in Lexington with the Rev. David Williams officiating. Dan Acklen sang "Abide With Me", accompanied by Mrs. Carl Marquardt.

Bearers were Faye Prock, Roy Campbell, Randall Martin, Orris Padberg, W. E. Hughes and Dr. L. D. Tibbles.

Port of Morrow Sells Parcel of Land

The Port of Morrow Commission passed a resolution approving the sale of a parcel of land to the Morrow Produce Company at their meeting last week. The land is where the recently built potato plant is located. An agreement was also executed for the plant to discharge waste water.

Garland Swanson of Ione was appointed to the executive board of the Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The audit contract was accepted from Earl Glidewell of Hermiston.

The next meeting will be held July 6 at 4 p.m. at the Dodge City Restaurant immediately following a joint meeting with the Upper Columbia Ports Association, which will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Little League

JUNE 15
Giants 16 vs. Dodgers 7. Clayton Wilson was pitcher and Russell Roberts was catcher for the Giants. Pitchers for the Dodgers included Kerry Harsin and Kyle Buschke, with Jon Prock catching.

The final game is scheduled for June 25 at 6:00 p.m. with the Giants vs. the Dodgers.