

WEATHER

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	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	48	31	.07
Thursday	45	26	.06*
Friday	42	24	—
Saturday	43	22	.07
Sunday	53	36	—
Monday	45	24	—
Tuesday	45	29	.02

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GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)

(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat	1.66½
Red wheat	1.65½
Barley	49.50

## Mrs. Gunderson Resigns From School Board; Replacement Sought

### NFO Tells of Community Life Saver

Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Wagon Wheel had a farm-flavored program. Present for the occasion was Pat Cutsforth, Jack Sumner and Don Peterson of the Morrow County National Farmers Organization.

An illustrated program was presented by Mr. Sumner who said that if local businessmen are not interested in farm problems they would be put out of business. This would happen, he explained, because their customers—the farmers—would be put out of business.

The '70 grain crop of some 3,460,000 bushels of wheat brought in \$6 million dollars. Full parity, Mr. Sumner said, would have meant 12 million dollars instead.

A healthy agriculture would mean a \$10 million industry for this county. And this would be without additional taxes nor added investments.

He said it meant a guarantee for a healthy local business climate. This would cost only a little time and moral support. But it would require cooperation.

He pointed out that this \$10 million would double the income for everyone in the county.

It was described as a "Sleeping Giant—Agriculture". But agriculture has had no pay raise in the last 15 years.

Yet civic leaders and many others have failed to recognize what has been happening.

Agriculture is America's largest industry, he reminded his listeners. The effect is profound on rural towns and communities.

His graphic slides showed that the farm dollar generates \$7 for each farm dollar spent. It showed the huge need for better prices for farm commodities.

Number of farms is fast being reduced. Ten farm families support one rural business. As the farm families have moved away, businesses have disappeared in proportion in rural towns.

He told of long range plans for national farm shopping centers covering some 40 acres each and costing \$3,000,000 each. They would provide everything needed by farmers and would replace many rural towns over wide areas of the country.

He said the entire community suffers when the farmers suffer financially. The farmers and ranchers create brand new wealth whereas merely manufacture a profit.

Farm parity percentage which had been at 100 in 1952 had dropped to a low 74 in 1968.

He had a very graphic explanation of the fact that there are actually no true surpluses as such, merely abnormal interpretations of "inventory". Some totals sound huge but as in the milk supply, there may be millions of pounds but it is still only a two day supply.

Normal grain use was shown to be actually only a 4½ month supply.

He pointed out that we have been a meat deficient country, importing 1.5 billion pounds last year, up 13%. Cattle imports were a million head in 1968 from Canada and Mexico.

Had the cattle been raised here in the USA, they would have consumed the grain surplus.

Trouble is in the marketing methods, according to Mr. Sumner. Manufacturers set their prices above costs, plus markups for all others, allowing for profit.

Chain stores, it was shown, are a major economic force and actually set artificial prices.

There is a need to counteract these forces and farmers need to bargain together to price their production like other businesses.

This is the nationwide goal of the NFO. They treat surpluses as a normal inventory.

Farmers need to market where there is demand. Actually, only a small percentage of the production has set the market price.

Prime objective of the NFO is to develop an economic power in a business-like way.

NFO has borne out this need to bargain for commodity prices before the crops leave the farm.

Citrus growers have done this under the Capper-Volstead Act and, he added, it works.

To be an economic power, it was pointed out, the farmers need to organize.

They need to be nationwide and include all commodities.

The organized strength must find expression.

Protection comes through contracts.

They need to bargain together and sell together.

Mr. Sumner said the NFO is not against farm organizations as they are a valuable tool in farm politics.

In conclusion he told of the 40 marketing areas, the various levels and zones, sections and supervising methods to establish bargaining coordination.

The NFO structure is now formed in 48 states, and he said, the Swing is to Contracts.



BONNIE CULP was one of the first to buy a B.A.C. ("buck a cup") button from Mrs. Art Lindstrom, chairman of the annual Easter Seal drive. The buttons cost one dollar from participating restaurants in the area and is good for free coffee all day March 19. The money will go to the local Easter Seal Society to help crippled Oregon children and adults. The restaurants are The Wagon Wheel in Heppner and The's in Ione.

### Jack Van Winkle Plans New Store

Jack Van Winkle has rented the former Van Variety building on Main Street here next door to the Heppner Elks Temple. He has been doing considerable remodeling on the building.

Mr. Van Winkle with his wife operates Van Winkle's Motel in Heppner. He operated the Chevron station here for 20 years before selling it to John Privett.

He plans to establish an independent, home-owned junior department store. Lines handled will be dry goods, children's clothing and men's work clothing. No date has been set yet for the opening as much work has to be done to get the building ready.

### Reward Money Divided 3-way

Mike Gray and Kit George were hunting together when they found Dr. McMurdo last fall. They shared the \$2000 reward money. They gave \$1200 to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, \$500 to All Saints' Episcopal Church and \$300 to the group of Search and Rescue boys who came up from the Portland area.

### Local LDS Church Group Build Meeting House

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Heppner area are building a new meeting house. They have been holding their church services for several years here at the American Legion hall on Chase Street.

The new building now being built is across the road from the Willow Creek Country Club, is of building block and frame construction. It will have two stories and will be used for church facilities until a new church edifice will be built here in the future. It is being built through cooperation of the church members who are providing labor for the project.

### Bob Pierce Unchanged

The condition of Bob Pierce who was injured in a truck accident several weeks ago is still unchanged. He is in very serious condition at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston, according to word from the hospital yesterday morning.

### Notice of Pending Power Shortage

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc. would like to notify its customers in the areas listed below that there will be a power outage Sunday morning, March 14 from 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Rhea Creek and Hardman areas. Eight Mile Creek area; Eight Mile Canyon area; Cecil and down Willow Creek area; Ione area; Lexington area; Ridge area along Baseline Road.

During the outage, Bonicville Power Administration crews will install a transformer of a greater capacity at the Ione Substation.

This outage is necessary so that improvements can be completed that are designed to better serve Columbia Basin's customers.

### 'Typically Western' Fair-Rodeo Theme

Theme for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade for 1971 is to be "Typically Western".

The theme name was submitted by Bonnie Buschke. She has won two tickets daily for both days of the rodeo to be held here in August.

This is an annual contest to select a theme for the Fair and Rodeo Parade. Selection of best theme is made by the Soroptimist Club here.

### History of Morrow To Be Printed

At Monday's Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon a decision is expected to be reached on financing the publication of the History of Morrow County. The manuscript has been compiled over several years by writer and editor Giles French of Moro. He has had valuable assistance from Oscar Peterson, Herman Winter, Gene Pierce and a host of folks through the county.

Binsfords & Mort, well-known Portland book publishers, will probably do the printing of this valuable book. Many folks have already subscribed to back the book which is rich in pioneer lore and pictures of Oregon's finest county.

### Bob DeSpain Up Again

Bob DeSpain became ill Friday with chest pains and spent a few days at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for tests and treatment. Tests didn't show signs of trouble apparently and he came home Tuesday, expected to return to work yesterday.

### Jack Hynd, Jr. Honored



SHOWN HERE are (from left), Board President Walter Jøger, Jack Hynd, Jr., and Director Kenneth Smouse. (Photo and story from Ruralite).

On Jan. 21, a plaque was presented Jack Hynd, Jr. by Director Kenneth Smouse, for the many years Jack has served on the board of directors of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Hynd was elected to the board in 1950 and was appointed secretary of the board in 1954 after having spent some months as acting secretary.

Fellow board members in discussing Jack were quick to state that he had the very unique ability to participate as a board member in any business at hand and at the same time get all the pertinent information down in the minutes without having to delay the meeting or have the board go back over the discussion for him.

In all cases he was a very steady thinker who did not rush into anything, but would give a matter a lot of deep thought and then help to come up with a decision. Jack definitely was not a man who would agree just for the sake of agreement. He would often participate in very heated discussions over a particular matter, but as soon as a majority decision was arrived at he would go along with it. Although for many years there was no reimbursement or compensation of any kind, Jack rarely missed a regular board meeting or any special meeting, even though it often required driving to Portland or other neighboring cities at his own expense.

A bit of quick figuring indicates that Jack drove over 20,000 miles and spent over 1,500 hours away from his family and work for the good of the cooperative, plus the unaccountable hours he spent trying to decide the proper course of action of a particular problem.

Jack served on many committees during the past twenty years such as the one that zoned the co-op area for the election of directors and also on the building committee that we should thank for our new quarters in Heppner.

The co-op is going to miss Jack at any further gatherings but will be reminded of him continually, as his signature will appear so many times on papers he has signed for the co-op over the many years he has served as its secretary.

The plaque that was presented to Jack on the twenty-first of January is a symbol showing appreciation and the means of the people of a three county area saying—"Thanks, Jack for a good job, well done."

### District R-1 Board Meets

Beverly Gunderson submitted her resignation from the Morrow County Board of Education at their meeting Tuesday night. The board regrettably accepted the resignation. Mrs. Gunderson said later she was glad to hear two of the board members say "We should try to get another woman to fill this vacancy". The vacancy will be filled at the May election for board members and is for a year to fill out Mrs. Gunderson's unexpired term. Anyone interested in serving this year is asked to get a petition from Principal Jim Bler at Heppner High School.

The other vacancy on the board is the position now held by Max Jones, Zone II, Irrigon.

Teachers Shuffled Rachel Dick who has yet another year on her three-year contract has elected to teach First Grade next year as long as there is no vacancy in the Journalism Department. She is enthusiastically finishing out this year in the First Grade.

Velva Bechtolt who has been teaching 3rd grade is retiring. Lucille Peck who has been teaching 2nd has requested a transfer to the 3rd grade. Mrs. Karen Dubuque who is reluctant to drive from Heppner to Ione has requested a transfer to Heppner. She will teach 2nd grade at Heppner Elementary.

Celia Mitchell who has been teaching Art, English and Girls' P.E. at Riverside has resigned. The board gave a contract to Catherine Jude to finish out her school year at a salary of \$2,208.81.

### Advisory Committees

Kenneth Broadbent was appointed as a replacement to finish out this year on the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee for Robert Sicaud. Those whose 3-year terms are expiring on the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee are Jerry Sweeney, Harley Sager and Mary Ann Barclay.

Terms expiring on the Ione Advisory Committee are those of Dorothy Krebs and Gene Rietmann, both for three year terms.

Bob Sicaud whose term is being filled for the rest of this year by Kenneth Broadbent will need a replacement elected for one year to the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory committee. Three year terms expiring are those of Shirley Zielski and Wanda Witherspoon.

### Budget Approved

The Morrow County Board of Education approved a budget figure of \$1,520,472 for the 1971-72 budget at their meeting. This is \$902,315 over the 6 percent limitation. The total increase in this year's budget over the previous years budget is \$59,698. This is only an increase of 4.08 per cent.

The Budget Election will be held April 5 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Budget election boards named by the board for the budget election April 5 and board members election on May 3 were: Heppner: Kay Robinson, chairman, Margaret Slewert, Albert Munkers with alternates, Mary Ann Peck, Anna Mae Steagall and Laurel Van Marter. Ruggs: Harriet Hall, chairman, Mildred Wright, Mary Wright with alternates Beverly Wright and Muriel Palmer. Lexington: Delpha Jones, chairman, Hilda Yocom, Marie Steagall with Phyllis Piper, alternate.

Ione: Donna Bergstrom, chairman, Katherine Lindstrom, Margaret Akers with Nancy Ekstrom alternate.

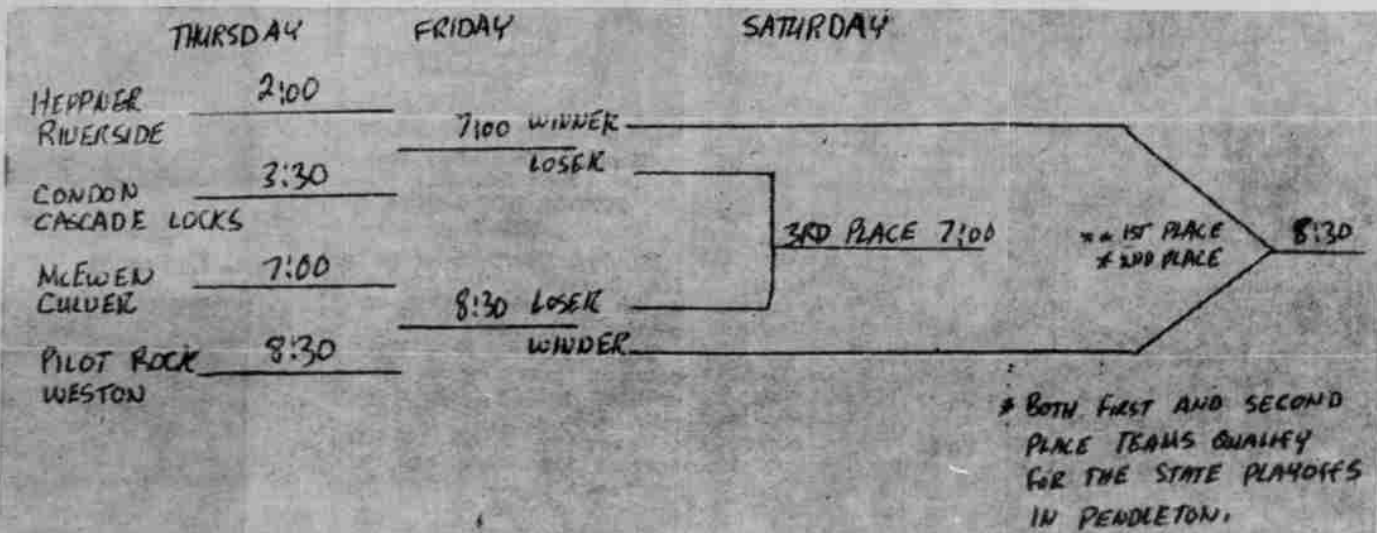
Irrigon: Mary E. Anderson, chairman, Hazel McRae, Karen Cooley with Frances McCoy, alternate.

Boardman: Elvira Harwood, chairman, Evelyn Black, Mary Marlow, with Shirley Zielski, alternate.

### Old Business

The report of the meeting of the Ione Furnace committee indicated they would recommend that the district continue to repair the old furnace until school is out. This would allow time

### Regional Basketball Tournament — The Dalles — March 11-12-13



By HANK DICK Thursday at 2:00 p.m. the Broncos will face the Pirates of Riverside at The Dalles Tournament. If the Horsemen win this

game and the next one with Condon and Cascade Locks, Heppner will go to State. The final game is just for placement in first or second.

Riverside beat Heppner on the last meeting—so it should be a pretty good game. Cascade Locks is favored in the

second Thursday game. McEwen is favored over Culver while Pilot Rock and Weston should be close either way.

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