

GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)  
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat	1.65 1/2
Red wheat	1.62 1/2
Barley	50.50

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WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	67	37	—
Thursday	53	39	—
Friday	52	31	.07
Saturday	50	35	.06
Sunday	55	36	—
Monday	60	27	—
Tuesday	51	37	.09



RONALD L. BRYANT

## Jaycees Install Here Saturday

President Jack Melland of the Morrow County Jaycees has announced that the installation banquet would be an event here Saturday night, April 24. Tom Beam is banquet chairman.

Gordon Byrnes, state vice president, will make awards for outstanding services.

Ronald L. Bryant, president of the Oregon State Jaycees, from Redmond, is to be guest speaker for the event. Mr. Bryant was named one of the outstanding young men of Oregon for 1970.

Officers to be installed for Morrow County are: Pat Wanser, president; Ed Struthers, first vice president; Jerry Hollomon, second vice president; Tom Beam, secretary; Forrest Burkenbine, treasurer; Tom Wilson, State Director; Ken Evans, External Director; Clifford Wood, Internal Director and Lyle Jensen, chaplain.

The Outstanding Jaycee of the Year will be announced. This is a suspenseful part of the evening as the selection of the Outstanding Jaycee is by secret vote of the members, for the member who they feel has done the most for the club throughout the year.

The new officers for the Jaycee Wives will also be installed. They are Judy Osmin, president; Jan Evans, vice-president; Carol Beam, secretary-treasurer and Sharon Brace, director.

## More History Sponsors In

The new history of Morrow County which is having type set in Portland is receiving a good response in book sales and in more sponsorships. It costs \$25 to be a sponsor which means having your name imprinted in the history book. Deadline to be a sponsor is very soon — May 3. If you would like to do this, please contact Gene Pierce at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Book purchase is \$10 each.

Sponsors of the book who helped materially were Judge and Mrs. Paul Jones. Sponsors and book buyers and contributors include, so far, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lott, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Norene, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz, Heppner Lumber Co., Mrs. Frank Parker, Mrs. Etta Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mrs. Ray Drake, Josephine Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNary, Doris Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Cornett Green.

Please order books as soon as possible. There will probably be only one printing of 4,000 books. While this might seem a lot, when the printing is sold out, that's it.

## Fishing Contest Here Saturday

Dick and Lynne Sargent of Coast-to-Coast Stores here have announced that prizes will be given for their big fishing contest Saturday.

This contest is for one day only Saturday, April 24. Age 14 and under, a combination rod and reel will be given for the longest trout. And for the first trout brought in, a prize of a Zebco reel will be given.

Age 14 and over, the prize for the longest trout is a combination rod and reel. And for the first trout brought in prize is a Zebco reel.

## RC&D to Receive Accelerated Help

A call from the office of Senator Bob Packwood last week notified us that the Columbia-Blue Mountain Resource, Conservation and Development project is now eligible for accelerated assistance.

The Soil Conservation office and the Extension office are awaiting word for which particular project may have received the favorable nod.

## Great Depth, A Top Team

Great depth and outstanding team effort gave the Mustang trackmen a 3 1/2 point victory at the Scottie Sprints in Athena. Heppner, Pilot Rock, Umatilla, McEwen, Helix, Echo and Stanfield attended the meet and placed respectively.

Although Kevin Dick brought home the only first place ribbon with a 10:45.7 in the two mile, the Heppner Cindermen copped enough second through sixth place points to total 108 and take the meet.

Five HHS Cindermen earned second place points with Bruce Marquardt claiming reds in both the broad jump and the 180 low hurdles. Other second place scorers were Craig Munkers in the 120 high hurdles, Ken Baker in the pole vault, Rory Stillman in the 220 yd. dash, and Kevin Dick in the mile run.

Third place points went to Luke Padberg in the two mile, Tom Cutsforth with the discus, and Kevin Dick in the high jump. Heppner also received points for a third in the 440 relay.

Ken Baker in the discus and John Sumner in the 880 got a fourth, and fifth was Craig Munkers with a tie in the 180 low hurdles, Mike Bergstrom in the 120 high hurdles, and Jim McLaughlin in the shot put. Tying were Barry Munkers in the pole vault and Mike Bergstrom in the high jump.

Bruce Marquardt placed sixth in the 100 yd. dash, and the HHS mile relay also earned sixth place points.



BEWITCHED by Agatha, Flip Cannon, the newspaper reporter, (Jim Schaffitz), proposes marriage to Ethel, the maid (Becky Doherty), in "All Because of Agatha", to be shown here Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. at Heppner High School cafeteria.

## Three Resign . . . Seven Vacancies Now In Morrow County Schools

Resignations from Suzanne Dagley, Judy Gochbauer and Frieda Slocum were accepted by the Morrow County Board of Education Monday evening. All three have been teaching at Heppner Elementary, Mrs. Dagley vocal music, Mrs. Gochbauer Junior High Language Arts and Mrs. Slocum Library.

New contracts were recommended to the board for approval. One was for Dan Thompson to finish out the school year in the 6th grade at Ione for Jack Loyd who is on sick leave. Contracts for 1971-72 were approved for Diane Kincaid to teach 2nd grade at Ione, Dorcas Stewart, a 1971 graduate from EOC, at Heppner Elementary Library and David Conn, Spanish/Social Studies at Heppner High.

Remaining vacancies are: 1st grade at A. C. Houghton School at Irrigon, Vocal Music at Heppner Elementary, Special Education at Heppner Elementary, sixth grade at Ione, Junior High Language Arts at Riverside and

Heppner Elementary and Language Arts & Home Economics at Ione High School.

The board approved salary on the coaching salary schedule for Dennis McKay, golf coach. The board wanted it understood that girls are also eligible to go out for golf.

The board also accepted the resignation of DuAnn McCarty as district clerk. She will remain on the job until the books are ready for audit.

Looking to next year the board voted to include in the 1971-72 budget document, the need for a curriculum director for the district. While someone filling this position, would take some of the load from Supt. Ron Daniels, Mr. Daniels made it clear that the primary consideration was that "we would get something done that isn't now being done." He noted several areas that he felt were important. These included a follow-up study on the high school graduates, if they succeeded or not in college, trade school or after high school endeavors. He stressed the need of emphasis on reading programs and vocational education.

When asked what kind of a person we were looking for, Mr. Daniels said "probably someone in his 6th year in college, working towards a doctorate degree in curriculum and not in administration". He said he felt teaching experience would be very necessary. Salary could probably run about \$13,000-\$14,000.

### Superintendent's Report

In the superintendent's report, Mr. Daniels urged board members to go on the OSSC visitation to Hood River on May 5. This tour will show some ideas of improvements they have made to old school buildings.

Oregon Board of Education was in the district for three days last week. They evaluated each building. The detailed report has not yet been received. They said in their preliminary report there would be some areas needing improvement but that the district could expect a standard rating. Three years ago the district was rated sub-standard due to building deficiencies at Heppner Elementary and Ione Elementary.

Gilliam-Umatilla IED's In comparing the facilities the Gilliam and Umatilla county IED's had to offer the Morrow County school district, Mr. Daniels said instructional media facilities, printing and 16MM film were comparable and suggested an experimental use of some services on an "as used basis". Gilliam County could provide printing at a discount.

Umatilla County IED provides a twice a week courier service, repair service for audio-visual aids equipment, cooperative purchasing, services of a visual consultant, instructional TV and on a contract basis, Speech Therapy. If the school district

provides the paper some printing is done without charge.

Mr. Daniels said the Jaycees had indicated an interest in having the Kindergarten program within the school district. Their spokesman was not able to attend the meeting and the group apparently will wait to see what the Legislature is going to do.

Mr. Daniels said in the event the district decided to act, the board would have to decide between now and budget time next year to set an election to call for a vote to operate a kindergarten the 1972-73 year.

The Long Range committee will meet May 12. A schedule of priorities of improvements will be set up. All board members are urged to attend.

The transportation committee will meet to review specifications for 30 and 66-passenger buses and a superintendent's car. The call for bids will be printed in the April 29 and May 6 issue of the Gazette-Times. The bids will be opened on May 17, the regular meeting of the school board.

The budget election results were accepted: 323 yes, 145 no, for a total of 468 ballots cast.

Maureen McElligott was hired as the pool manager for the Ione pool for three months at a salary of \$1200, the same as last year.

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## Girl Tracksters Score 30 Points Against Big Teams

Heppner High School's trackwomen took sixth place in a 12-school track meet Saturday, April 10, at McLaughlin High School in Milton-Freewater. The 11 other schools which participated were Echo, Elgin, Helix, Hermiston Sr., Joseph, LaGrande Jr., LaGrande Sr., McLaughlin, McEwen, Pendleton and Weston.

McLaughlin's 107 was high score followed by Hermiston's 75, Helix with 47 1/2, Elgin's 38, LaGrande Seniors' 32, then Heppner's 30. Dorothy Agee is girls' track coach.

Girls who placed in the meet included: Barbara McCarl, 60 yard hurdles, Christy Bradley, Kathleen Bartlett, Brenda Kerns, Susan Sealy, 440 yard relay, Diana Raymond and Diane McLaughlin, 880 yard run.

Kathleen Bartlett and Susan Healy shone in the 100-yard dash, and tied for third place in the 220. Diana Raymond placed third in the mile run. Brenda Kerns and Peggy Taylor tossed javelins. Brenda threw the discus, and Terry Pettyjohn and Sheryee Massey put the shot. Terry also made a long jump, and Susan Healy tied for first place in the high jump at 4'3".

## Boardman to Host Track Session

Some of the best track talent in Oregon will be seen this Saturday at the 3rd Annual Morrow County Invitational at Boardman, according to Dean Naffziger, Heppner High School coach. Track and Field teams all over Eastern Oregon are eagerly hoping for warm weather on that April 24. Twenty-one teams have answered the call to the meet according to Coach Naffziger who co-chairs the meet with Bob Byrd, Riverside High School coach.

There are two divisions of competition. Those coming for A competition are: Heppner, Riverside, Ione, Umatilla, Weston, Echo, Arlington, Weston, McEwen, Enterprise, Sherman County, Pilot Rock, Wasco County, John F. Kennedy at Mt. Angell, Helix, Stanfield and Condon.

Coming for Double A competition are: Grant Union, Wah-tonka, Prineville, Mac HI and Stephenson, Wn. Trophies will be presented to the top teams in both divisions. The cup for the A division winner is being presented by the Heppner Gazette-Times and the Double A division by the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The 1971 A division winner was McEwen and the Double A division by Madras.

Coaches, school personnel and fathers will be serving as timers and judges. Ribbons will be given in the first six places in each event.

## New Sears Store Opens

Jack and Ruth Van Winkle will have a grand opening for their new Sears authorized catalog sales merchant store here in Heppner. It is located on Main Street in the former Van's Variety building.

Grand Opening will be Friday and Saturday this week, hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Everyone's invited and there will be coffee and cookies to enjoy.

FREE PRIZES to be given away are a new television set and a mixer. No obligation, no one need be present to win.

## Gail McCarty To Go Ranching

Gail McCarty, county extension agent here since 1965 working in 4-H and the livestock program, plans to leave the Extension Service June 1. Mr. McCarty is going to work on an irrigation project for the Quarter Circle V Ranch owned by Shirley Rugg and family.

The McCartys plan to live on the ranch at 6 Mile near Boardman.

## Pee Wee Rodeo

A Pee Wee rodeo is scheduled for May 22, at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds, when youngsters from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are eligible to compete.

The Northwest Pee Wee Rodeo Organization will meet at the Lion's Club building, Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested may attend.

## Predator Loss To Be Reported

The National Sheep Producer's Council is conducting a carefully detailed study on predator losses in the sheep industry. Anyone who suffers a loss is asked to report it with details and pictures to Henry Krebs at Ione.

People all through Eastern Oregon are concerned about Harold Erwin's recent hospitalization. Harold was admitted to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Friday, April 16 and is still a patient. He has a heart condition.

# Allen Tom Tells of Chicken Venture

Allen Tom, well known Eastern Oregon rancher who until recently has been known as a wheat raiser, talked Monday at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber luncheon at the Waggon Wheel.

His huge new chicken raising venture proves him not "chicken". After the meeting, members in discussing the talk, kept saying "what courage".

Mr. Tom was once president of the National Association of Wheat Growers. The Dalles rancher, who has grain holdings in Morrow County along with Sherman and Gilliam, said he is still a wheat farmer, not a poultryman. He says he's going off on tangents after realizing that we cannot forever rely on a public law to help get rid of our grain surplus.

So — he's diversifying. First he got into cattle. Then he was about to step into hog raising, too, when he was sidetracked — into the chicken business.

He believes there are also opportunities in the sheep business.

In the current venture, plans started with an 80,000 bird flock, then went to 100,000. In California he examined plants with 120,000 layers.

Now, Mr. Tom plans on 320,000 layers producing thousands of dozens of cheap fresh eggs every day.

He markets his output through the Carnation Company who provide the eggs for a great many supermarkets in the Northwest.

Big Change in Sherman

Mr. Tom said that on Jan. 1, 1970, Sherman County had the

fewest chickens in Oregon. Now the county is Number 8, by October they will be Number 3 and perhaps within five years will be No. 1. Because of environmental problems and pollution, Western Oregon may in a few years be out of the chicken business.

Mr. Tom's ranches near Ru-

fus are producing uniform, fresh extra large eggs. He has an automated operation using many belts. There are four chickens in each little wire pen with a wire floor. Droppings are not picked up but may be left for several years.

By using the latest kind of candling machine, expert help

and production line methods, they have their eggs to market 24 hours ahead of other producers.

### Big Business

The new plant of three big buildings to house the chickens has a processing plant, too. They obtained three good wells. Plant, he says, is in a good spot for transportation, right on the Columbia River with an excellent climate for his purpose.

His 320,000 layers will require grain from 8,000 acres besides his own acreage. The feed bill will amount to \$1,500,000 annually. If the wheat price goes up, he will sell his grain. If it drops, he'll market the grain through his chickens. He says it's easy to get substitute feeds for the hens. Feed ration will be 50 to 60 percent whole wheat. It will amount to 35 tons daily and using his methods there will be a daily feed savings of \$165.

### Environment important

He says this business requires a good environment away from population centers. The 320,000 birds will have manure equal to sewage of a city of 32,000.

In his program there is no litter. The chicken houses are environmentally controlled with ventilation from under the eaves. The ammonia level is below the birds which are caged at 7 feet. There are 40,000 birds per house, each house being the equal of one and a half football fields.

Manure will stay in two or

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ALLEN TOM is shown with one of the many belts delivering eggs from the laying houses to the processing plant.