

Field Fire Takes Wheat At Fred Martin Ranch

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IONE — About 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Fred Martin and crew were driving back to his wheat field, after having lunch, stubble collected under the pickup and started a fire in the field. Other farmers in the lone vicinity seeing the smoke, stopped their harvest and came to help with equipment they had readily available. The fire was put out about 3:30, after having burned 60 acres of wheat belonging to Mr. Martin, and 70 acres of stubble field belonging to Dave Rietmann, and Mr. Martin, and numerous acres of grassland belonging to Delbert Emert. Several times they thought they had the fire out, but due to the strong east wind, it would flare up again in spots. Some remarks heard at the scene were "It's a wonder there hasn't been more fires with this long hot spell and extreme dry conditions." "Hope we get through harvest before any more happens."

Some of the farmers will finish this week, but quite a number still have 2 or 3 weeks more, as harvest was late in starting.

At Swansons

Mr. and Mrs. Al Laue, and Mrs. Wanda Chappelle of Salem were recent visitors at the Garland Swanson home. They had been on a trip and stopped by on their way home as they wanted to see some harvesting and especially the new reel that Mr. Swanson had built.

At Emerts

Mrs. Mary Hammond and children spent the weekend of July 24 at the home of her father, Delbert Emert. Earl Hammond remained to visit his grandfather for several weeks, while his sister Kelly, went on to Mt. Vernon to stay with their other grandparents.

Mrs. Delores Turner and son Monty from Eugene spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Gladys Drake.

Misses Sharlene Hamlett and Marsha Ball drove to Portland Wednesday and returned home on Monday.

Cooler at Church

The St. William's Catholic Church has installed an air conditioner which has been enjoyed by the members on these warm Sunday mornings.

Mrs. Maravene White of Portland spent Friday evening visiting her husband Gordon and Tom White and family. She brought Leah White home after staying in Portland for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ekstrom and family of Seattle were recent visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Sr., and her mother, Mrs. Ida Coleman.

Mrs. Adon Hamlett and Mrs. Garland Swanson drove to Pasco, Wn., last Friday to meet Mike and Toni Swanson from Seattle, Wn. They are spending their vacation with their grandparents while Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swanson and Kelly are on a trip to Texas and Arizona visiting friends and relatives.

To Hospital

Mrs. Mabel Cotter was taken by ambulance to the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston Friday evening.

Bill Ashurst, son Paul and Richard Hamlett drove to Portland Sunday for the day.

At Picnic

Roy Lindstrom, and daughter Christina, Carl Troedson, Mrs. Linea Nottage and Mrs. Hildegarde Benson attended the Morrow County Picnic held in Lauerhurst Park in Portland Sunday. Others attending from Ione

Food Stamp Program Set

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Morrow County Welfare Department are moving toward the scheduled Aug. 12 opening of the county's Food Stamp Program.

USDA designated Morrow County for the program following a request from the County Court: Judge Paul W. Jones and Commissioners Walter Hayes and Homer W. Hughes.

The new office here is located at 178 West Willow St., just east of City Hall.

The food stamps will be dispensed twice each month. Office will open Aug. 12 and 26, both days being Thursdays. Starting in September, the office will be open Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Open days will be Sept. 3 & 17; Oct. 8 & 22; Nov. 5 & 19. Other open times will be posted on the door of the office.

USDA has authorized grocers—who will accept food coupons much as they do cash, except for back bills—and the Welfare Department is certifying participants—who will purchase food stamps with the money they normally would be expected to use for food and receive a "bonus" of extra coupons added by USDA.

Ken Lydrickson, USDA officer-in-charge for the Morrow County program, has invited all known grocers in the county to participate. He cautioned retailers not to accept food coupons unless authorized to do so by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. He suggested interested grocers who wish more information should contact: Room 403, Customs House Building, 220 N. W. Eighth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97209, telephone (503) 226-3361, ext. 1830.

Lowell Chally, administrator of the County Public Welfare Department, said most families and individuals receiving some form of public assistance automatically are eligible to use food stamps. He added other low income households may be eligible, depending on income and resources.

As examples, Chally said, a family of four with a monthly net income of \$297 or less and liquid resources of \$1500 or less would be eligible—or a family of six with \$375 or less in monthly net income and liquid resources of \$1500 or less.

Chally suggested all low-income people who think they may qualify for the program call or write the Welfare Department, Heppner, Oregon 97836, phone (503) 676-9211.

Grain Fire Saturday

There was a grain fire Saturday afternoon at about 2:00 involving several persons' land. A pickup was being driven through a heavy stubble field (2 summer stubble that got 40 bu. per acre) looking for a low place to park the pickup when suddenly they smelled something burning under the pickup. This started on Carl Troedson's land, and because of the wind that day spread rapidly to David Rietmann's stubble field and Ralph Crum and Slim Emert's range land.

At the first sign of fire, neighbors were instantly at the scene with equipment needed to stop the fire. All of the people involved in the fire are very grateful for the quick response of the people who helped fight it.

Spectators were numerous, and often times they can be as hazardous as the fire. Many people come out to a fire with the intention of helping out if they could but sometimes become a nuisance.

It was estimated that 50 to 60 acres of wheat and 75 acres of stubble was lost.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rudy Mensch have returned from a week's vacation trip. They went over to Port Orford to see friends, went down the Coast to California. They visited relatives in Eureka and in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner left today to attend Western Market at Sacramento. They will be joined there by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner II, stationed at San Diego.

Summer Youth Employment

Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service is providing summer jobs for over 1,000 young people in 22 Oregon counties through the Neighborhood Youth Corp (NYC) program. This is a 25 per cent increase over last year.

The young men and women are performing a wide variety of jobs for local, state and federal agencies throughout the state. Every effort is made to place the young person in a job related to his career interests.

Grants totaling nearly \$475,000 are financing the summer work program. During the summer each NYC enrollee may work up to 40 hours a week at \$1.60 an hour, up to a limit of 234 hours.

Don Stangel, Morrow County Extension Agent reports that at present there are eight Morrow County teenagers involved in the program. It has been noted that many more agencies are requesting NYC enrollees and it is hoped that this program will

grow in our county. Many of our young people need jobs and this type of program gives them valuable experience in a field which some day may offer them a career.

Elks List July Game Winners

Elk members and out of town friends can enjoy a variety of games at the Elks Club. Jack Loyd was the Grand Champion for July at Que Stick with six consecutive balls to win a Crab Feed ticket. Nona Sowell was ladies champion to win a Crab Feed ticket. Marget Dubuque was most improved pool player of the month.

At the Bowling game, the Toots Dubuque and Alvina Padberg team won a free Crab Feed ticket each with a team high score of 446. Darrel Padberg won a free Crab Feed ticket with his single high score of 234.

Anyone bowling a 300 score will receive a free pass to the Elks Annual.

Friday night is fun night, Happy Hour, Elkdo, games, prizes. Saturday night dance to the juke box.

LONEROCK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Pickering from California were calling on old friends at Lonerock this week. Ross attended grade school here while Lovina S. Palmer was teaching.

Darrell Coppocks two sisters from Ione have spent several weeks at his ranch here, and were later joined by his brother-in-law, who is helping with the hay crop. Allan Coppock, who is caretaker of the Coppock's cattle ranch at Lexington run out of water at that place and trucked the cattle to their summer range on Brown Creek.

KINZUA NEWS

KINZUA—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorengel and family went to Dunsmuir, Calif., Saturday where they met Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Benson, Jr., and family of Stockton, Calif. Danny and Donny Benson returned to Kinzua for a visit with their grandparents.

Mrs. Melvin Schluckebier returned home Saturday from a stay in The Dalles General Hospital where she had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Portner went to Hood River Friday evening to take home Tammie and Karen Elmer who had been visiting here the past week.

The Good Neighbors Club had their monthly meeting as a picnic at Shelton Park Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent visiting with the children playing games. As of now, it is planned that the meeting for August will be another picnic.

Visiting the first part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woods was their daughter, Mrs. Bob Sherrod and daughter Jerri Lynn of Albany. When they went home they took Vicky and Terry Logan back to their home in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Borings went to Portland Friday morning where they left Saturday morning to fly to San Francisco for the weekend to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johansen and son.

Deadline For Cattle Brands On Place Mats

This weekend is the deadline for getting in names and cattle brands to be put on the new placemats being printed by the Morrow County CowBelles. Cost is \$2 each. Both the name and the brand will appear on the new placemats. Please send in to Mrs. Bob Mahoney, Heppner.

Sells Tavern

Mr. and Mrs. Larry MacPherson, Michael and Angela plan to move to Glenn Falls, N. Y., after the details of selling their tavern have been completed. This is close to Larry's home town. He expects to go back to school in Industrial Accounting.

He went back to BMCC this spring on an experimental basis to see if he could still study. He made the honor roll and liked it so much that he decided to go back to school.

The MacPhersons have lived in Heppner a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards are moving to Pendleton to make their home. They have lived in Heppner for 12 years. They have two sons living in Pendleton.

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