

GRAIN PRICES

F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
Soft white wheat 1.44 bu.
Red wheat 1.47 bu.
Barley 39.00 ton

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New Property Tax Relief Farce in Morrow County

County Assessor Joyce Bergstrom reviewed the wide spectrum of Morrow County's taxes at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The county is area color coded for reappraisal. With the 1972 reappraisal of the Hardman area, the county will have been completely reappraised for the second time. In addition to the reappraisal area, new construction, new irrigation and mobile homes of the other areas are added to their appraisals each year.

There are 8 land classes with plus and minus factors. The physical inspection notes the measurements, types of roofing, heating, fireplace, and many other variables.

Farm Deferrals
Farm deferrals call for a shift in taxes. It shifts the amount to be collected to the farmer's home and Public Utilities and

Chamber Urged to Take Nuclear Siting Tour

Rupe Kennedy urged members of the Morrow County Heppner Chamber of Commerce to attend the Oregon Nuclear and Thermal Energy Council tour on Oct. 11. Two buses will leave Dodge City at 9 a.m. to visit 5 possible nuclear sites at Eightmile, Sixmile, Sand Hollow, Cold Spring, and Port of Morrow as well as the Organic Waste Test site on the Boeing lands, Hansell's Permanent pasture and the Desert Magic Irrigation.

Banquet Reservations
Members are urged to take their wives with them. The banquet will be no-host at 6:30 at Riverside High School. Reservations for the banquet must be made by FRIDAY with Gene Pierce or Pat Wanser. Speaker is Wyatt M. Rogers, Jr., Western Interstate Nuclear Board, Lakewood, Colo. who has had much experience with agricultural industrial duplexes and should be very informative.

Community Teachers Reception
The Chamber will cooperate in a Community sponsored Welcome to the teachers and newcomers.

Fall Promotion
Merchant Committee chairman Sharon Gorman announced the fall promotion would be "Harvest Days" on Oct. 22 and 23, with all merchants participating. There will be free parking both days. Any clubs wanting to participate is asked to contact the individual stores for either space inside the stores or on the sidewalk in front of the store.

Score Board
The cost of the new scoreboard is \$1500. A check for \$50 has been received from the IOOF. A total of \$795 is in the bank. Dale Slusher with Pacific Northwest Bell introduced his boss Dale Anderson.

Council Mulls Many Things

At Monday's City Council meeting, a Heppner High School class was present.

First thing, Larry Mills and Dale Boner were present on behalf of an alley closure. The committee recommended the unnamed alley be vacated. It has been weed grown and a fire

hazard and eye sore. Rose Marie Buschke also has property adjacent. The council voted to vacate the alley between Blocks 3 and 7 in Heppner Heights Addition.

Two building permits were issued. Mrs. John Key, 440 S. Main, will build a \$500 6 x 12

utility building to a mobile home.

Claude Buschke will add a \$500 carport at 315 W. Union Ave.

Lou Baxter of the Farmers Home Administration delivered a check for \$7500 which was to be deposited in a special bank account. All sewer and water pipe and labor and the other Shobe Creek projects related to utility moving will be paid from the account.

Jerry Sweeney of the personnel committee recommended time and a half be paid city employees instead of compensatory time off. Suggested consideration of putting on extra help, especially during the busy summer. Suggested consideration of funds in next budget to take care of emergencies, vacations and summer help.

The U. S. Corps of Engineers expects to complete their work in Shobe Creek here Friday. Mayor Collins suggested getting right on the new bridges. Mr. Clark of the engineering firm will get out the specifications for the three bridges and the foot bridge and ads will be run asking for bids on the jobs.

Council voted to advertise for bids on swimming pool repairs.

Chief of Police Kolkhorst reported 5 tickets for improper parking, 1 disorderly conduct (a fight) was stopped. No drunk arrest and no felonies here. 2 moving violations, 12 verbal warnings, \$221.07 was taken in fines and meters in September.

It was reported by Mrs. George that the experience rating for State Industrial Accident has increased from 126 to 144 and as much as 50% in cost in some categories, meaning increased expenses for the City.

Council discussed the small bridge on the highway the other side of Cal Sherman's. Mr. Tate of the Corps of Engineers suggested the City request the State Highway lower a stretch of the road for about 150 or 200 feet so that freshets can get across the road without diking and resulting damage.

A brief discussion was held on placing the sirens. It was brought out that in cases of emergencies such as floods, Judge Jones is in charge and placing of sirens should be in his hands for consideration.

Group discussed proposed 8-unit apartment location up on the hill.

Mayor appointed the librarian and library board of directors. Blanche Brown is the librarian. Directors are Lucy Peterson, Fay Ferguson, Randall Peterson, Pauline Winter and Bill Siewert. Terms of 1 to 3 years will be determined. Letters of appreciation will be written to Alice Vance and Jean Starks who served so faithfully.

Gene Pierce and Norm Rickert were appointed to the Heppner City Planning Commission.



A BIRTHDAY SPRUCE is planted at Morrow County's Fairground, Oct. 3, by Lenna Smith and Justin Weatherford is patted into place by Betty Pfeiffer as a token of the Soroptimist Federation's 50th birthday.

Soroptimist is 50, Tree Commemorates

The Soroptimist Federation of America had its beginning on Oct. 3, 1921, in California. Sunday, Oct. 3, in Heppner, this golden anniversary was commemorated by members of the Heppner Soroptimist Club with the planting of a spruce tree at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The little tree was brought back from a district convention at Cottage Grove's Village Green the last weekend in September. The local club has made the beautification of the Fairgrounds one of its service projects.

Four members who acted on the club's behalf in planting the spruce were: Lenna Smith, immediate past-president; Justine Weatherford, president; Betty Pfeiffer, a past president, now historian, and Dorothy Heard, secretary and program chairman. Dorothy brought a "golden" shovel tied with a blue bow to glorify the occasion.

FFA Boys to Kansas City

Carl King and Ted Bellamy are leaving Oct. 11 for Kansas City to attend the National FFA meeting. This year, with the discontinuance of the passenger trains, the boys are flying. They will leave from Portland. They will meet the Hermiston boys and go down with them. The chapter finances the trip. Ted is president of the Heppner FFA chapter and Carl is reporter.

Heppner Stores Plan Harvest Days In October

Heppner stores of course have frozen prices along with the national requirements. Soon they will have a big promotion for "Harvest Days" Oct. 22 and 23 and will knock prices down even lower.

Any clubs or organization wanting to raise some money during the Harvest Days by selling things should immediately get in touch with the store owner whose sidewalk they wish to use. It is believed that this will be a fine promotion and should prove enjoyable for all.

Day of Bread Noted This Week

The American Harvest Festival is noted Oct. 3 to 9 this year and part of it is "the day of Bread". The latter national day is noted annually Oct. 5.

Bob Jepsen, lone rancher, is national chairman for this national and world wide promotion.

To recognize the wonderful values of bread, signifying the harvest of all crops, the day of Bread was noted by Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. About 20 years ago this Day of Bread was revived in Germany to epitomize the spirit of the harvest season. The observance has spread to other countries in Europe, to the Americas and the Far East.

It is hoped that all will pause briefly this week in a salute to the farmers of the world—and to Bread itself—the hunger fighter for 6,000 years.

Hunters Safety Course Completed

Warren Plocharsky and Jack Melland have been teaching 12 young hunters a course in Oregon Hunter Safety. They report that all the young people were interested and excellent students and that all passed the required test with high scores.

The "graduates" are: Bruce Young, Nola Steers, Curtis Papineau, Jerry Cutsforth, Mark Sargent, Sally Matheny, Cynthia McConnell, Mark Schlichting, David Allstott, Rhonda Sargent, Kathy Marshall, and Oma Roark. Congratulations to teachers and students of this timely and important course.

Post Office Closes Columbus Day

By Congressional action all government offices will observe one additional holiday this year—Columbus Day.

The observance of several holidays has been transferred from the actual date to Monday of a designated week; therefore the local Post Office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Oct. 11, Monday next. There will be no receipt or dispatch of mail on this date and all windows will be closed.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	56	39	.40
Thursday	56	31	—
Friday	62	38	—
Saturday	68	36	—
Sunday	78	43	—
Monday	81	48	—
Tuesday	84	49	—

Total precipitation for September was 1.60; the normal September precipitation is .73; in 1970, September had only .55 inches of rainfall. The total so far (for nine months) this year is 9.13; a normal year is rated at 9.17; in 1970 the first nine months were a little wetter than normal with a 9.25 total.

Sirens Ready For Installation

Flood problems are being solved in several directions. The work on the diversion ditches at the head of Shobe Canyon will continue as soon as there is enough moisture. Enough has already been completed to provide a good share of protection.

The Shobe channel work is nearing completion. The notice calling for the sale of the bonds to build the bridges and repair the swimming pool are in this week's Gazette-Times. Bids will be opened Nov. 1.

Warning System
The women have consistently stayed with their first action and that for an adequate warning system.

Sheriff John Mollahan located two sirens at the Ordnance Depot. These were secured for \$25 and were paid for from the Morrow County Civil Defense fund. It is expected that sirens for other areas of the county will be secured later.

These two sirens have been returned to the county having been converted from a single phase to a three-phase.

At the time of the 1971 flood Mr. Scarborough sent \$500 from Portland which has not been used. The committee administering the Scarborough Fund is Bob Abrams, Bill Collins and Judge Paul Jones. They expect to pay the \$248 for the conversion of the sirens from this fund.

Judge Jones has made application for \$1000 federal funds that if granted would pay for the wiring and carpentry required for the installation of the two sirens and would repay the Scarborough Fund the \$248. Matching money may be required. Two sets of controls will be required for the sirens. In the event the federal fund is not approved the financing for the installation will have to come locally.

This installation will be a part of the all-over plan for updating the Civil Defense program.

FLASH!

Shirley Rugg recently received a copy of a bill from Rep. Ullman that was introduced into the U. S. House of Representatives by Mr. Ryan. It has been referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Title is the "Rodeo Stock Protection Act of 1971". It says: "To prohibit the use of certain devices and contests in rodeos and other public performances involving animals, and to prohibit the shipment or movement in interstate or foreign commerce of animals and devices therewith."

Wording of the bill is rather severe and is much more than just a "toe in the door" of wiping out rodeos, an important American sport. It very much appears that, with regulations like this, pretty soon it might very well be illegal to ride horseback.

If you feel this bill may be out of line, come on in to the G-T and read the bill for yourself. Letters to Congressmen can be a big help in letting them know how you feel and can result in a much better worded bill.

Lake Rites Postponed

Dedication ceremonies planned for this coming Sunday, Oct. 10 for the new Lake Penland dam and lake have been postponed.

It is anticipated that the dedication event will be held sometime next spring.

Heavy Equipment Carves Shobe Creek



UP OVER THE TOP comes this cat to pile the dirt for mass shoveling into the dump truck. The other cat waits a turn to push dirt from the other direction. In this fashion the bottom



of the creek bed is lowered to the specifications that will carry the flood waters the size of the 1969 flood.

Shobe Nears Specs For Finish

There's lots of hustle and bustle and beep-beep going on in the Shobe channel. The magnitude of the earth moving done by those mammoth machines is awe inspiring. There are bystanders almost any time of the day. Work begins early and goes until late for 10 hours a day for 7 days a week.

Workmen have built up dikes and dug out the channel to the bridges. The bridge areas were left to the last for the convenience of those having to use them. The road from Chase St. over the hill to South Main has been graded and gravelled to give them access to their homes.

Tom Tate, engineer on this project for the U. S. Corps of Engineers, has completed some 184 similar projects. Considerable diking has been done and there has been substantial rock rick-racking to prevent soil washing.