

Merchants Will Meet Friday

Randall Peterson has announced that the Heppner-Morrow County Merchants committee will hold a meeting for lunch Friday noon at the Wagon Wheel.

Appy C Chosen Champ

Jim Farley's gelding, Appy C, was recently named "Champion Performance Horse" of the Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club for 1972 at a Pendleton meeting. Trainer was Royce Fullerton and Cliff Adair was the rider.

Appy C is a great grandson of the famous Man o' War.

Morrow Gets \$9500

The Oregon State Highway Commission today announced distribution of \$6,315,415.47 in highway-user tax funds to the 36 counties of the state.

The allocation is based on the statutory 20 per cent for the period October 1 to December 31, 1972. The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees, gasolene tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes where complaints are made by the Highway Division weigh masters.

The allocation to each county is based on the number of vehicles registered in it. Morrow has 4422 vehicles and received \$9565.86.

Columbia Basin To Buy N-Power

The Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Electric approved execution of long term agreements on the W.P.P.S.S. No. 1 and No. 3 Nuclear Projects at a Board Meeting held January 10th.

The R.E.C. agreed to purchase power for a period of 35 years from the two projects. The local utility will also be required to participate in each of Washington Public Power Supply System projects to pay toward operating costs even after the end of the 35 year term.

The Columbia Basin Board has also agreed to participate in the Boardman Project.

Alvin Wagenblast Has Heart Attack

Alvin Wagenblast suffered a heart attack Saturday. He was first taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Pendleton Community. He is in a serious condition. Mrs. Wagenblast is staying in Pendleton with him.

Jim Schaffitz

Jim Schaffitz writes home that he has received the last of his Christmas packages. He is stationed at Schwienfurt, Germany. He is taking short jaunts around Germany. He visited the site of the last summer Olympics and went sledding on the Olympics course. He also ate at the top of the needle, similar to the one in Seattle.

He has just completed a psychology course and has taken quite a number of them since he has been in the Army. These are taken through the University of Maryland. He has received A's and B's.

Roy Partlow

USS ENTERPRISE-Navy Seaman Roy J. Partlow Jr., son of Mrs. Edith Partlow of Boardman, Ore., is in the Western Pacific aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Juvenile Director to Full Time

Carolyn Davis, Morrow County Youth Director was informed the first of the month that her position had been made full time by the County Commissioners.

She returned last week from a two-day Juvenile Council at Otter Crest. Meeting were Juvenile directors and Juvenile Judges. They reviewed the proposed Juvenile Code.

GOOD FOOD COMING!
Ione PTA Traveling Food Sale will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10. Members please bring food at 1:30 to school cafeteria.

89th Year

15 cents

First Annual Morrow SWCD Meet Set

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, consolidated from former Heppner and Boardman SWCD's will hold its 1st Annual meeting at the Boardman Greenfield Grange, Tuesday evening on Feb. 6.

Dr. Jim Vomcil, Extension Soil Science Specialist for OSU, will highlight the evening with a talk about Wind Erosion Management, and Morrow County's resource challenge and opportunity.

Dr. Vomcil received his degree at the University of California at Davis and then held a Soils Specialist position there for several years. He came to OSU in 1967.

A potluck dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. will precede the program. The public is welcome and an invitation is extended by Ken Turner, District chairman. Plan now to attend.

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Elmer Ladds Expand Holdings

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ladd have added considerably to their original purchase near Ione. They first bought the Louis Halvorsen place, then added land purchased from John Mollahan, and have more recently bought the Herbert Ekstrom, Sr. ranch, including the Ekstrom herd of 130 head of registered Polled Herefords and the herd sires. This recent

purchase brings the Ladd's acreage to 3500.

Mrs. Ladd says they are calving 98 cows this year, but expect to double that number by this time next year.

Both couples will make their homes in Ione, where the Ladds are installed in the historic Woolery house, and the Ekstroms will soon occupy the Ray Heimburger home.

Bob Rietmann to Chairman Budget Meetings

Bob Rietmann was elected chairman of the budget committee at the first Budget committee meeting for Morrow County School District R-1 last Tuesday at the District office in Lexington. Pauline Winter was elected secretary.

Mr. Daniels, budget officer, presented the budget message which is printed in its entirety in another part of this weeks Gazette-Times. Noteworthy passages have been set in bold face type. Mr. Daniels also discussed the Governor's proposed school finance program that is before the legislature now. In discussing the program, he reviewed distribution and source of revenue formulas and discussed the districts formula for obtaining per student operating cost figures for next year.

He noted later that the program is not stabilized and may be changed by the legislature. After it is finalized, he will be glad to speak before various groups.

Mr. Daniels reviewed the resources section of the budget. Total budget resources were \$1,673,610.

The Bond Debt fund in the amount of \$58,740, was approved. Also approved were the Capital Projects fund in the amount of \$2,000, the Housing Fund \$8800, the School Lunch fund \$63,000 and Public Law 89-10 of \$21,000.

Reap Halt Hurts Morrow County

Dave McLeod spoke to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday on "The effect agricultural decisions made in Washington have on us here."

Cut off as of the last of December were the Water Bank and the REAP program. The water Bank didn't affect us as it was on a trial basis in a limited number of states.

REAP was the 2nd name for a conservation program and stands for Rural Environmental Assistance Program. Intended at first for land owners to apply conservation programs to prevent water erosion and wind erosion. This was done on a 50-50 basis.

When it was renamed, the program sought to involve non-farm people. Ecology entered the picture and animal wastes were one of the primary concerns along with sodded water ways, weed control, diversion ditches, sediment retention dams (to keep sediment from entering streams) and legume planting for soil conservation. In 1973 Congress allowed 225 million to this program and the president 140 million.

In 1970, 85 farmers in Morrow County participated in the program with \$35,000 paid out by the government.

In 1971, 58 farmers participated in the program and \$52,000 was paid out. This is the year the Shobe Canyon was improved at a cost of \$27,000 and cost shared by the people with \$5,000.

The 1972 year is not completed. Dave McLeod explained that if the farmers were

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play in the series. The fights between the officer, (John Rawlins,) and the grieving widow, (Mary Abrams,) should really set the audience laughing in this classical comedy set in 19th Century Russia. Bob Jespersion is also in this cast. The play is being directed by Mrs. Jane Rawlins.

The hypocritical side of people is examined in "Overtones," the other serious play in the set. The story is the conflict between what two women say and what they are actually thinking. The cast consists of Mary Abrams, Lynda Slusher, Patricia Hughes and Lynda Baker.

The HHS sophomore class will be selling pie and coffee during intermission in the Home Ec. room. Curtain time will be 8:00 p.m.

Mike Bengie is Alive



Mike Bengie and his dog and a Vietnamese friend, Mrs. Bengie is positive that Mike's dog had to be killed before Mike could have been captured.

The good news that Mike Bengie was alive came over the telephone to his sister, Joan Hughes last Saturday morning about 11:30 o'clock. She immediately drove up to her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengie to tell them the good news. They have no idea when or where they will first get to meet with him.

Mike, 37, is a civilian captive. He was captured five years ago this Friday while serving as a USAID assistant province representative in Tuyen Doc Province.

The happy trio immediately called relatives and friends. Joan called her son, Terry, a student at Oregon State. While he was attending the Oregon State-Oregon basketball game,

he was paged and asked to call home immediately at which time he learned the good news.

Mike was acquainted in the Montagnard area of Vietnam. He had spent six years there helping them improve their lot. He was very fluent in their language. He was captured by the Viet Cong during the Tet offensive near Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low
Wed.	53	38 .03
Thurs.	39	32
Fri.	35	18 tr. snow
Sat.	36	20
Sun.	33	20
Mon.	35	22
Tuesday	47	26

Accident Takes Tom Flanagan

Residents living in north part of Heppner were awakened early Saturday morning by a loud crash of cars. Tom Flanagan enroute to Pendleton apparently lost control of his late model pickup near Morrow County Grain Growers' elevator. The pickup skidded into a car owned by Robert Shuman Jr. The impact sheared off the cab. Flanagan's body remained in the badly smashed cab. The struck car was forced into a telephone pole which was splintered. The car was severely damaged.

Sheriff John Mollahan who was called to the scene about 4 a.m. said "he was killed instantly." The fire truck was called to hose off the area which was covered with gasoline.

Thomas Anthony Flanagan was born Feb. 25, 1951 at Walla Walla, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flanagan. He graduated from Echo High School and attended BMCC for two years studying Police Science.



SPLINTERED TELEPHONE POLE

Two bankers and a Soroptimist! Soroptimist Evelyn Sweek demonstrates the mobile lounge chair that will allow patients to sit and write or read or just sit in greater comfort. The tray table acts as support to keep "patients from slipping down in his chair."

The Soroptimists and First National Bank have each bought one of the chairs and Bank of Eastern Oregon has bought two of them. They cost \$120.

Harley Sager of First National is on the left and Gene Pierce of the Bank of Eastern Oregon on the right.

STOLEN Hospital

Sheriff Mollahan reported Tuesday that the first theft of calves had been reported. Two baby calves have been reported stolen from two separated areas. Ralph Beamer reported theft of a baby calf from Balm Fork and another calf was reported missing from High Meadow Ranch at Cecil.

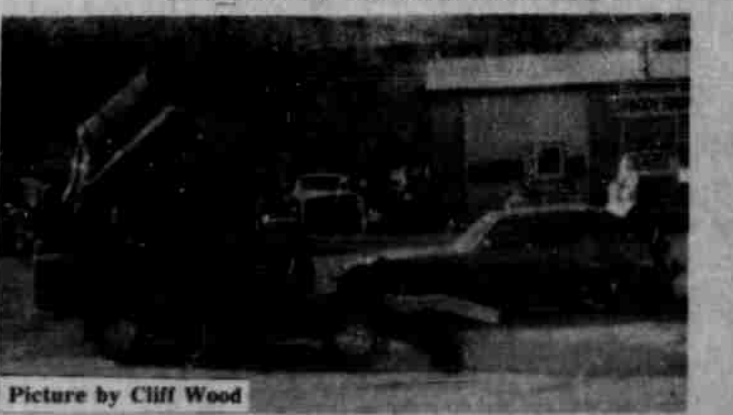
Royce Fullerton reports loss of two quarter horse mares from Shobe Canyon, one a yearling and the other one a two year old.

Patients receiving medical care at Pioneer Memorial Hospital are Oren Brace, Heppner; Merlin Cantin, Heppner; Charlie Becket, Heppner; Emma Clapper, Heppner and Lewis Ball, Heppner.

Dismissed were Thomas McNeill, Fossil; Judith Howell, Ione; Fred Harnden, Heppner; Larry Angell, Heppner; and Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington was transferred to Pendleton.



SHUMAN CAR SEVERELY DAMAGED



Picture by Cliff Wood

CAB SHEARED OFF

Morrow Junior Rodeo June 9&10

The Morrow County Jr. Rodeo Assn. recently dated their annual rodeo here June 9 & 10.

Officers elected: Bob Van Schoiack, president; Don Robinson, vice president; Bernice Struckmeier, secretary. Directors: Bill Gentry, Everett Struckmeier and

Darrell Dooney. Also helping with the rodeo plans are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jepsen.

Next meeting of the group is Feb. 21 at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op building. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

MCGG Contracting for '73 Wheat

Morrow County Grain Growers are contracting new crop wheat for July-August delivery. Prices vary from day to day but have been \$2.50 to \$2.51 a bushel, according to announcement this week by manager Larry Mills.

Old crop wheat has been quiet due to congestion in port areas. MCGG has grain en route to Russia and Japan. There is a demand for wheat and it is in short supply. There has been no export subsidy on wheat since last August.

Dale Boner to RC & D Position

Dale Boner has been promoted to the position of Project Coordinator for Columbia Blue Mountain Resource, Conservation and Development project, commonly known as RC & D. This area covers the five counties of Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Grant.

He will work with project sponsors (county courts, port commissions, conservation districts) in carrying out a program of land conservation, development and utilization. Like the Soil and Water Conservation service the RC & D is also under the Department of Agriculture.

The Boners moved here in July 1969 from Maupin. Dale has been the recipient of several honors given in his chosen field. He is quiet and very knowledgeable. It was largely through his efforts that conservation efforts on Shobe became a reality.

He starts on his new job March 5th.

He graduated from Joseph High School and Oregon State. He is married to the former Corliss Winters. They have two children, Brian a freshman and Traci a 6th grader.

They are both golf enthusiasts and have aided the golf program in Heppner. Dale is vice president of the Willow Creek Golf Club. They both like to bowl.

Chamber to See Film

Harold Kerr will show the film "It Takes Hands to Harvest" at the Feb. 5 meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Sgt. Wallace in Nicaragua

BALBOA, C.Z.-U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant John F. Wallace, son of Mrs. Iva C. Padberg of Lexington, Ore., helped airlift critically needed supplies into Nicaragua after the capital city of Managua was devastated by an earthquake just before Christmas.

Sergeant Wallace was flight engineer on a C-130 Hercules transport used to fly emergency supplies and equipment from Howard AFB, C.Z., to the stricken city.

The sergeant is serving on temporary duty at Howard with a detachment of the Tactical Air Command's 317th Tactical Airlift Wing from Pope AFB, N.C.

Sergeant Wallace, a 1961 graduate of Heppner, (Ore.) High School, has served 26 months in Vietnam.

His father, Herman F. Wallace, resides in Pomeroy, Wash.

Wheat Production Mkt. Seminar

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS ONE!! says Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent. The latest information on weed control, new varieties, wheat marketing outlook, seed treatment and new farm legislation will be discussed by a blue ribbon panel of Extension specialists from Oregon State University. The seminar will be held at the Willows Grange in Ione, Feb. 9, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Program chairman is Dr. Norm Goetze, Extension Agronomist. Norm will also discuss soil moisture conservation techniques and management decision for 1973.

Other speakers include Ronald Burr, Weed Specialist; Ernest Kirsch, County Agent; Paul Koepsell, Plant Pathologist; Steve Marks, Ag Economist; Gene Nelson, Farm Management Specialist; and Don Rydrich, Weed Researcher from Pendleton Experiment Station.

A delicious lunch will be served by the Grange ladies for \$1.75. The program will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Plan to attend!

Great entertainment is in store for all those who attend the Heppner Community Drama Club's "Evening of One-Act Plays," Feb. 1 and 3 on the Heppner High stage.

A roaring comedy and two dramas will fill the evening with entertainment that all should enjoy.

"Balcony Scene," one of the more serious plays, is set in the back of a church. The small cast represents the funeral attendees, all hypocritical in nature. The funeral is for Robert Templin, (Jim Cutsforth,) who has returned for his own funeral, along with his friend, (Greg Davidson.) The ending of the play should cause all those in the audience to think about their own values. Others in the cast are Luanne Kelly, Randy Morris, Shannon Kelly, Jeff Marshall, Lynda Baker and Cheryl Turner. The play is being directed by Mrs. Lynda Slusher.

"The Boor" is the comical