

# County Fair, Aug. 20-24; Rodeo, Aug. 25-26

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13 cents



Team work. Rich Schmidt stands on the shoulder of Mike Latt as the two youths try to reach the top of the greased pole for a \$5 reward. They split the money.



Sarah Adkins enjoys a cup of coffee and piece of home made pie at the Heppner Hotel. The Elk's sponsored the pie sale.



Steve Messick admires some of the merchandise during Heppner's Sidewalk Sale Days.

### Sidewalk Sales results good

Heppner merchants reported this week that the 10th annual Sidewalk Bazaar held last weekend was a good one, with sales as good or better than last year. The cooked food attractions was popular with shoppers. Heppner High School cheerleaders probably became the envy of some businessmen. Five girls set up shop on the sidewalk and sold more than

60 high school booster jackets and at least \$50 worth of snow cones.

The girls, Marjie Roberts, Toni Toll, Mary and Judy Healy and Donna Bellamy, were raising money to help pay their way to cheerleading school in Seattle, July 15-19. Randall Peterson is chairman of the Heppner Merchants Committee, who sponsor the annual event.

### Price freeze doesn't affect WC insurance

Workmen's Compensation insurance rates are covered by the current price freeze, but assessments are not.

This has resulted in considerable confusion among Oregon employers, according to Charles B. Gill, Jr., general manager, State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF).

The 1973 Oregon Legislature authorized the Workmen's Compensation Board to assess employers three-cents-a-day for each worker employed. In addition, it increased the employee's daily assessment from two to five cents. Both changes took effect July 1.

Gill said these assessments are to be collected quarterly by the insurance carriers, and forwarded to the board. However, since the legislation establishing an assessment against employers was not passed until the closing days of the session, many firms are not yet aware of it. Others, he said, falsely believe the assessment does not take effect until the price freeze is lifted.

"SAIF is now contacting its 40,000 policyholders," he said, "to make sure they are aware of the new five-cent-a-day employee's contribution,

and are adequately reserving for their own assessment of three-cents-a-day for each employee."

Out of the total eight-cent-a-day assessment, the Workmen's Compensation Board will use six cents to bring benefits paid to previously injured workers closer to current levels. One cent will go to the Second Injury Fund to promote the hiring of handicapped workers, and one cent will be used to help establish the board's new rehabilitation facility at Wilsonville.

### Century-old farms honored

The Oregon Historical Society and the State Department of Agriculture have opened registration for Century Farms in 1973.

The original idea was to honor century farms every five years but, due to 1973 being the 100th anniversary of the Oregon Historical Society, plans were changed to honor 100 year old farms this year, reports Harold E. Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent.

### Columbia Basin lets engineering contract

A committee of the Columbia Basin Board of Directors approved an engineering proposal on July 13 for the lone-Olex 69KV line.

Some preliminary engineering has been completed two years ago by Co-op personnel on selection of the route of 20.3 miles.

Dick Krebs, Randall Peterson, Dick Wilkinson, David Harrison, and Bill Gentry heard proposals from three firms. Proposals received were \$6,140 from Hittle and Brown; \$14,788 from Robert Welty; and \$16,438 from Kemal Satir. The work covers restaking centerline, elevation work, pole staking, easement mapping, substation design and line design. The firm of Hittle and Brown was selected for the project.

Easement work is the first phase of activity to require attention. On the recent Ruggs 69 KV line, the project was completed at \$16,000 under the

budget estimate.

The primary purpose of the new lone-Olex 69 KV of 20.3 miles was to serve projected irrigation load in the Shuttler Flat area and as a result of the future Rock Creek project. In addition, much old former P.P. & L. Co. 22 KV transmission line will be replaced—it is 47 years old. Better service to existing members in that area is also a desirable part of the project. The Olex substation and 69 KV line is budgeted at \$400,607.

Manager Dave Harrison reported that he had worked with the REA field engineer to fully explore the various future possible methods of serving that area as well as talks with B.P.A. No workable alternatives were apparently possible.

The lone-Olex 69 KV has been proposed for some time, and was the major item in the last REA loan application.

### Deposits, loans up at First National Bank

First National Bank of Oregon reported sharp increases in deposits, loans and earnings for the first half of 1973 compared with 1972's first six months.

The Heppner Branch reported deposits of \$8,568,896 and loans of \$8,040,190 as of June 30.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$6,945,897 in deposits and \$6,625,297 in loans.

Statewide deposits increased 11 percent to \$2,106,061,575 on June 30, compared with \$1,891,354,822 recorded at the end of the first half of 1972. Loans at First National's 134 statewide offices rose to

\$1,381,556,538, up 14 percent from the \$1,216,840,538 reported for the first six months of 1972. Resources were \$2,456,339,855, up from \$2,245,072,205 last year.

Income before securities transactions for the first six months amounted to \$8,403,051, or \$1.58 per share, up 25 percent from \$6,732,211 or \$1.27 per share, compared with 1972. Net income was \$8,403,030, or \$1.58 per share.

First National Chairman Ralph J. Voss attributed part of the strong increase in earnings to the present heavy loan volume—up over \$150,000,000 since last June 30.

### Instant market reports on new toll-free line

Farmers and ranchers producing beef, sheep and wool, hay, eggs and other commodities are using specialized market reports tailored especially for them to keep up on current prices, according to agricultural economist Stephen C. Marks, Oregon State University Extension Service.

"The producers are keeping track of current markets simply by calling pre-recorded market reports on the telephone," Marks said. "Frequently, a few minutes of

time on the telephone has meant the difference between making or losing hundreds of dollars on a sale."

Oregon livestock producers get instant current price information by dialing 1-289-7220. A two-minute recording summarizes local, regional and national livestock market trends and prices. At the close of the report, the caller has 45 seconds to make comment or ask a question relating to the market report, Marks noted.

Questions will be answered by a return telephone call or by letter, provided the caller leaves his telephone number and mailing address.

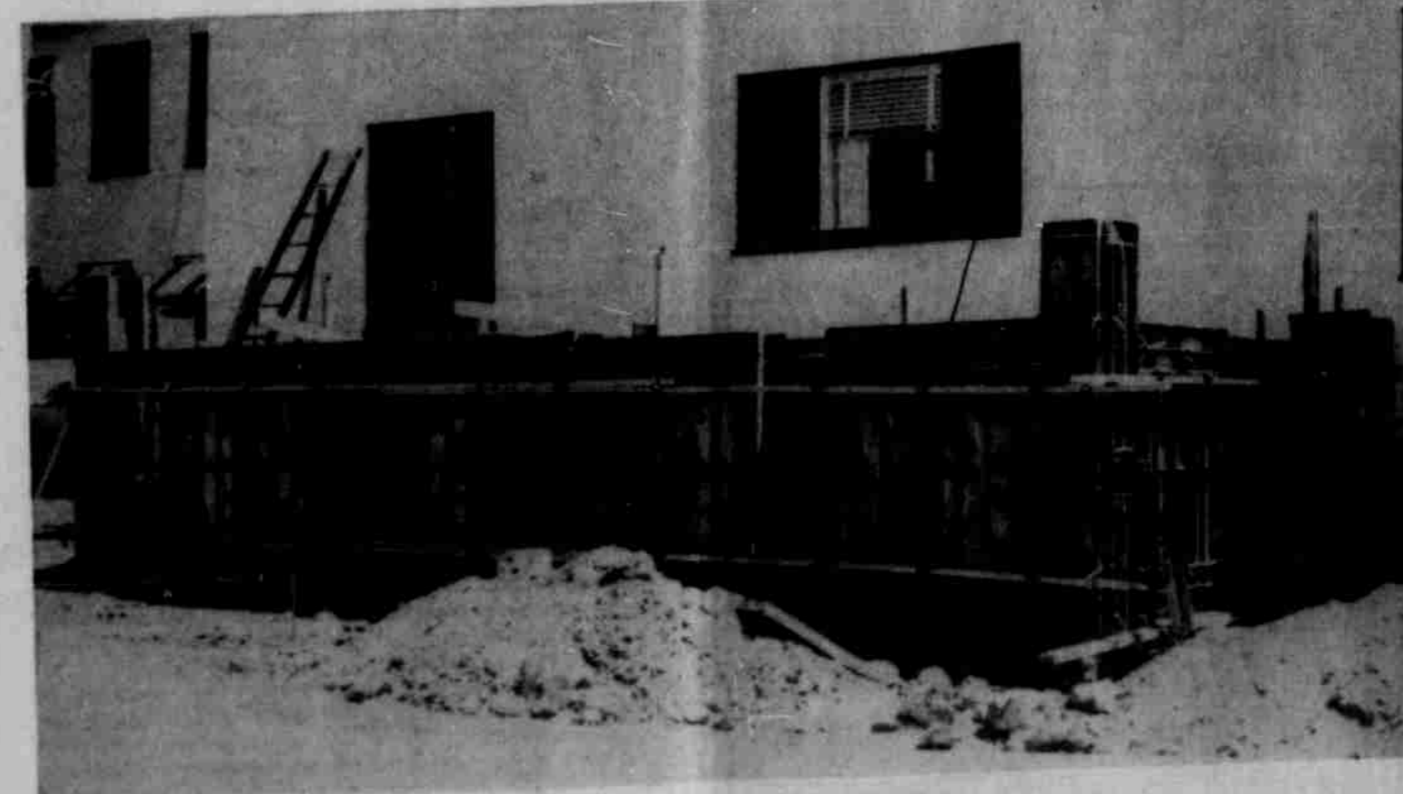
Sheep and wool producers get current market information on lamb and wool prices by dialing the toll-free number, 1-800-525-3566. This service, in Denver, Colo., is provided by the American Sheep Producers Council.

Oregon hay growers and users alike get information on hay market conditions and

prices by dialing 1-567-2583 in Hermiston. There is a toll for such calls.

In addition to telephone hay market reports, updated as significant changes occur, the association also publishes a weekly printed hay market.

A unique feature of these telephone market information services is that the numbers may be dialed day or night, seven days a week. Only the 800 number is toll free, Marks noted.



The forms are up and concrete is about to be poured for the foundation of the new solarium at Pioneer Hospital, Heppner. The contractor performing the work is McCormack Construction, Pendleton, Ore. When completed the new addition will allow elderly patients to sit in the glass enclosed area on the first floor, while the second floor will be reserved for regular hospital patients.



Rod Murray looks over the shoulder of Ed Gonty as Ed checks the price of some item.



Otilie Hunt shops for shoes during the two day sale in Heppner.

### Negotiating check charges against two

Kenneth Dale Cutsforth, 38, Heppner, was arrested July 14 for negotiating a bad check. Cutsforth posted \$500 bail and was released.

James Clarence Hedgecock, 45, 7720 S.W. Miner, Portland, was arrested in Portland for negotiating a bad check. Hedgecock was arrested on a Morrow County warrant. He went to trial before Justice of the Peace O'Connor July 17, was fined \$105, given a 30-day

suspended sentence with the stipulation that restitution be made. He was released Wednesday after posting \$505 bail.

Linda Orr Kay Shuman, 19, 280 South Gilmore, Heppner, was apprehended by the Heppner City Police for careless driving, July 17. She was scheduled to appear in Heppner Municipal Court, July 18, 10 a.m. Bail has been set at \$53.