



The first wheat brought to area elevators from Stan Kemp's N. Lexington fields. (G-T Photo)

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Editorial & Viewpoint

Harvest, harvest, harvest

Harvest. Harvest. Harvest. Those grueling hours, end upon end, of grain manufacture.

It becomes routine, day in and day out. In the morning, at midday, in the afternoon and evening. Sometimes even at night.

Labor, drudge, toil, struggle, work harder. Then dirt, filth, dust, clogged noses, pure hell under the sun. That produces torture, pain even torment.

Ah . . . that cool shower. It's wet, moist even tearful. The long, sun soaked sweat becomes part of you but the shower cleanses your sunburned arms. You feel drenched, dripping, saturated and great.

Sleep comes easy. Waking doesn't. No excitement, no arousal, no motivation. Is the sun already shining at 3:30 a.m.? It's already hot, you think to yourself.

Roll over. Crawl out of the sack. Slink back into the dirt, sweat stained clothes you wore

yesterday. Feed the dog. Drink a cup of hot, black coffee.

Climb back into the dusty pickup. The engine starts and the radio is still blaring. You flinch and turn it off as the truck and you, one body, head down the little road toward the combine.

A quick look over. It'll make it another day. Climb up that ladder that makes you so happy when you climb down. Turn it over.

Turn it over again. It starts . . . a lunge and you're off.

Another day, another dollar. It's true. That precious routine. It fills your plate and others' plates.

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W.C.P.

Communications & Comments

Fair budget explained

EDITOR:

The publication of the County Budget and recent publicity has lead some people to believe that the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is supported by taxpayer's dollars. At the request of the Fair Board, I am writing this letter to clear up the misconception and explain the funding of the Morrow County Fair.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo does not receive any tax money. It is however, included in the County Budget report because all monies received by the Fair must, by law, first be channeled through the County Treasurer.

The Fair receives its money from two sources. Approximately \$30,000 comes from the State Racing Commission and is earned from Parimutuel Horse and Dog races in the state. Another \$20,000 the Fair and Rodeo generates itself through gate charging to the shows and the fair itself, and various rents during the fair and various rents on off-season use. The additional \$20,000 is an amount that has been growing over the past years little by little and is placed in Time Certificates to draw interest. When the amount is large enough an additional facility can be built on the grounds. The new grandstands and the pavilion were funded with such monies.

While the \$30,000 racing fund money is a gift to each County Fair in Oregon there are strings attached. ORS 462.290 stipulates that the monies appropriated each county shall be limited to use by the beneficiaries designated therein to disseminate knowledge concerning and to encourage the growth and prosperity of all agriculture, stock-raising horticultural, mining, mechanical, artistic, and industrial pursuits. There shall be only one such show receiving such funds per county and is to be designated by the County Court with a governing board consisting of five taxpayers to be appointed by the County Court to manage the fair.

\$30,000 of the State Racing Funds are paid direct. The other approximate \$10,000 varies in amount depending on how high the Fair is rated by the evaluator when he reviews the books and visits the fair annually. A fair that earns more money for itself receives a high rating and receives more money. Fairs in Oregon are highly encouraged to earn money year round and have the facilities used year round.

There are legislators who would like to see Parimutuel

Funds go elsewhere. For this reason fairs now keep a record of the numbers and kinds of activities that go on the grounds throughout the year plus a record of the number of people in attendance at each of these events.

In summary the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo receives over 50 per cent of its funding from State Racing Funds. The remainder of the money needed to maintain the fair and grounds it must earn for itself without any tax monies. Because of the fine participation the Fair receives from the people of Morrow County, it does not have to go begging for tax dollars and it is the expressed wish of the Fair Board that this never has to happen.

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Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Board

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Legislature subversion?

Concern in some circles that Oregon's legislative process was headed for plebeian subversion has diminished and will completely disappear next week.

That concern involves what appears to be a proliferation of legislation by initiative petition in several states. And those concern believe duly elected lawmakers legislate more fairly than the people do by plebiscite.

The concern arose earlier this year when a total of 39 initiative petitions were filed with the Secretary of State, proposing a wide array of measures addressing an equally wide range of issues. Many, of course, appeared emotionally motivated, appeared to be the kinds of measures that would evoke equally emotional response from voters and—if placed on the ballot—stood a good chance of passage on that basis alone.

The reason the concern diminished is that only 21 of those 39 initiative petitions were circulated and only four succeeded in obtaining anywhere near the number of registered voter signatures required to get on the General Election ballot in November.

One, which would regulate nuclear power plant construction approval, received the required 46,235 valid signatures early and has been certified as Ballot Measure No. 9 in the November 2 election.

4H Labo exchange

Heppner girl readying for journey to Japan

Many people will never get the chance but 15-year-old Bobbie Devine will.

Miss Devine, a sophomore this year at Heppner High School, will leave Monday for Japan on a 4-H Labo exchange program.

While 18 4-H members and leaders from Oregon get ready to go to Japan, more than 100 Oregon families are making preparations to welcome Japanese teenagers and adults in their homes in this program.

Miss Devine has been boning up on her world culture, and is looking forward to the visit across the Pacific.

She will be staying in Iwata with the Kawasaki family, a rather familiar name in American motorcycles. Along with the stay there, she and many other 4H'ers will spend a week at the Olympic Village in Tokyo.

Much of her time will be spent at the Labo Camp, a place where Japanese kids go to get away from it all, Bobbie said.

The exchange is a learning venture for both groups. It is designed to help Japanese

ready for the big trip. While the weather is "really hot" in Japan now, she says she will take "light clothes."

Bobbie, who says she has never been out of the country before, is the daughter of Jim and Barbara Bloodsworth, Heppner.

This is the second year that Oregon 4-H members and leaders have got to Japan under the program. The Oregon group will leave July 19 and return Aug. 21.

Families in Morrow County will host part of the 96 teenagers and eight adults arriving from Japan, July 22. Morrow County families hosting Japanese exchanges are Harold Baker, Boardman; Vern Evans, Des Witt, Irri- gon; David Jones, Lexington; John Gochnauer, Roger Palmer, Leslie Paustian, Robert Abrams, Heppner; and Louis Carlson, Ione.

Chaperone for the group will visit the Don Bennett family in Heppner. Local coordinator for the program is Mrs. Roger Palmer.



Bobbie Devine

kids learn better English and all in all orient them and Americans with a new way of life.

Miss Devine called it a "learning experience in itself."

Right now, Bobbie is busy at home packing and getting

For fire protection

63 Forest Servicemen invade area forests

As the fire season approached, many seasonal workers were brought into the Heppner Ranger District. All are now busy aiding the established staff. This year there are 63 employed to protect and enhance the district's forests.

The Umatilla National Forest, headquartered in Pendleton, has published fact booklets about each of the six ranger districts under its supervision: Dale, Heppner, Pendleton, Pomeroy, Ukiah and Walla Walla.

Forest Supervisor H.B. Rudolph introduces these pamphlets by stating, "Management of your National Forests is guided by the policies of Multiple Use and Sustained Yield!"

Morrow County has 1,507,771 acres of Forest Service lands within its boundaries. Besides the timber yield, the recreational use and the grazing use are very important. W.S. "Sam" Miller heads the Heppner Ranger District.

Five permanent staff members assist the ranger: Bill Gast is timber management assistant; Charles Ernst, resource assistant; Roy Skelton, fire management assistant; Richard Curtis, engineering assistant and Bettie Doherty, business management assistant. Each of these supervises others—all of them have enlarged responsibilities during the summer.

Working with Bill Gast are nine persons: Bob Walsingham, Warren Plocharsky, Chuck Rouse, Mattlon Hicks, Don Kenison, Norman Clow, Jackson Graham, Thomas Jewell and student trainee, Sherry Wilson, Ione.

Resource Assistant Charles Ernst's chief helpers are Art Galbraith, range technician and Richard Hardy, forest technician. Ernst has the re-

sponsibility for the Tupper Youth Conservation Camp.

Roy Skelton has expanded fire management crews and is assisted by Dale Holland, layout inspector; Jim Lafferty, suppression crew foreman and head of the helicopter crew and John Breidenbach, fire management technician, who among other things supervises lookouts, several forestry technicians and forestry aids.

The pamphlet lists six persons under Engineering Assistant Rick Curtis: Ron Jones and Duane Van Cleave, civil engineering technicians; Dennis Skidgell, Chris Hood and Dale Conklin, forestry aids and Leonard Corwin, Y.O.C.

Bettie Doherty, business management assistant, is assisted by Lynda Dunlap, Mary

McDonald and Jeanne Mun- kers.

The lengthy listing of temporary employees includes a helitack crew of 25 with squad boss Thomas King and a helicopter inspector, Kathy Wolfe. Other fire crew workers are Karen Holland, clerk; Judy Bennett, Maureen Dishans, lookouts; Randall Eardley, Robert Hakenen and Chester Nelson, guards. Tom Jewell is listed for timber marking and Richard Hardy as recreation and wildlife technician.

Persons wishing to study a copy of the Heppner District "Forest Facts" booklet will find one available at the public library and other copies at the Heppner District Headquarters near the high school.

Farmers cautioned- don't destroy damage

Disaster program eligibility for wheat or feed grains is dependent on evidence of crop damage, David McLeod, executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office, said.

Producers who believe they may be eligible or may later become eligible for disaster payments for wheat, barley or corn crops should notify the local county ASCS office of intentions to destroy acreage before actual destruction of any crop acreage.

McLeod noted, "If a producer believes that the disaster has caused a substantial

loss to his program crops and he chooses not to carry a portion of these crops through harvest, he should notify the county office. He should not destroy the residue—nor graze, green-chop, cut for silage, nor hay the feed crops residue—until he has notified his local county office."

An ASCS farm visit will be made to determine crop loss.

The disaster program for wheat and feed grains is authorized by the Agricultural and Consumer Protection Act of 1973. Coverage under provisions of the Act extends only to planted acreage up to the historical allotment on each farm.

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