

# Congressmen urge beetle surveyers

The forest service was urged last week to expediate completion of a survey of the effect and scope of the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic in Eastern Oregon. Sen. Mark Hatfield and Congressman W. Ullman said the epidemic is spreading

from Lodgepole Pine to the more valuable Ponderosa Pine, and severe economic consequences are feared if corrective steps are not taken. "Preliminary information indicated approximately 300 million board feet of Ponderosa Pine are infected in

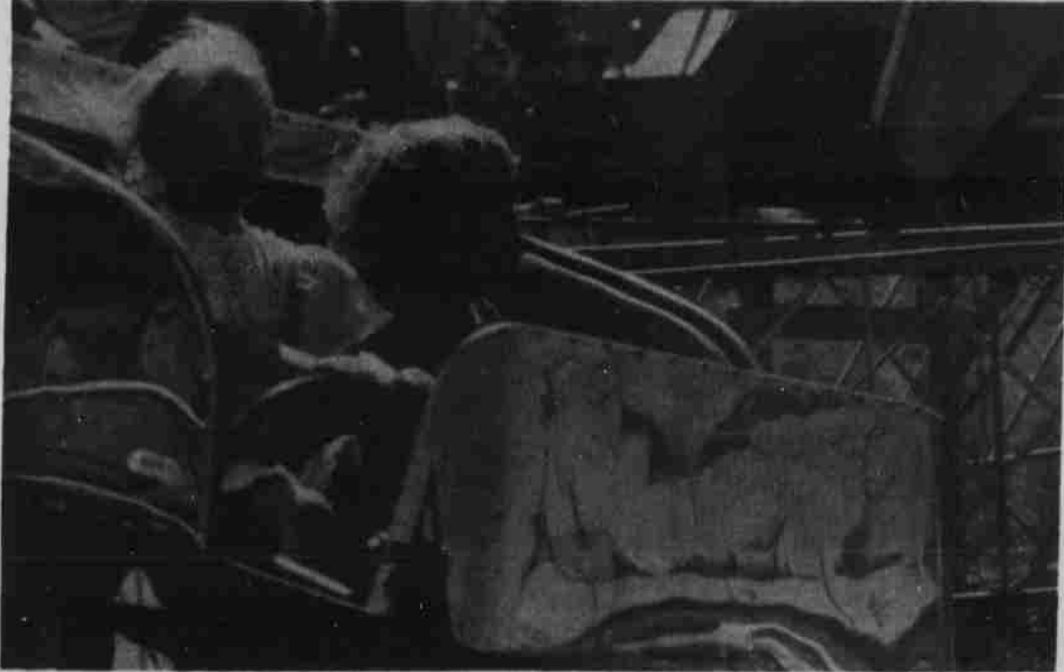
Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman and Malheur National Forests," Ullman and Hatfield said in a letter to forest service chief John McGuire. "This total is roughly equivalent to two year's allowable cut in any one of these forests; its loss clearly would cause

economic hardships throughout the region." The forest service already is working on a comprehensive western states insect issues study, part of which focuses on the Mountain Pine Beetle. In addition to a survey of the extend of existing damage and

its potential if not checked, the lawmakers are seeking development of alternative salvage proposals for Ponderosa Pine removal. "Time is of the essence since long delays prior to launching any necessary salvage operations could severe-

ly diminish the value of the timber involved and result in loss of revenue to the federal treasury and local governments," Hatfield and Ullman said in their letter. Data from the survey will assist the Oregon lawmakers in securing added funds to

combat the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. While damage to Lodgepole Pine stands already has been a concern to Oregon members of congress, potential damage to Ponderosa Pine would cause much greater economic damage because of its greater use and



Rides galore will meet fair visitors.

## Umatilla fair starts with Tuesday show

A great show is in store for local residents when Sue Thompson and Buddy Alan appear in Hermiston to kick off the Umatilla County Fair on August 3.

Buddy, who is the son of country great Buck Owens and Ms. Thompson, who is best remembered for her million seller "Paper Tiger" will head the show.

Backing up this duo will be a 7-piece Las Vegas Show group Harold Gay and the Kimberlys. The Kimberlys feature Walt Rodgers and his fantastic fiddle playing.

According to one local resident who has seen Walt Rodgers perform before, "He's a showman." He'll play the fiddle behind his back, over his head and between his knees. He's a real crowd pleaser.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and can now be purchased at the following locations: Moore and Ripley Drug, Hermiston; Pendleton Music House, Pendleton and The Valley Herald Office, Milton Freewater.

Other added attractions include:

Bingo will be one of the newest attractions at this year's Umatilla County Fair. The local Kiwanis club will be operating the game.

Winners will be able to choose from a variety of prizes. The Bingo cards will sell for 25 cents each.

The game will be outdoors in a shaded area running from 4 p.m. til closing, Wednesday through Friday and all day Saturday, and will make use of the old Lions concession booth which was donated to the fair.

Pete Slocum, Kiwanis member, said that all proceeds from the Bingo games

### Strike halts oiling

Oiling of roads in Morrow County is at a standstill as truckers strike in Oregon and Washington, according to Judge Paul Jones.

The strike is effecting the petroleum drivers. And, the county can't get any asphalt. Arrow Transfer from Portland is the county's trucking service.

Patching crews are busy during the strike but the hot weather, Jones said, is the best time for asphalt work. Jones said the hot sun was being wasted.

## Mathews named school board chairman

John Mathews, Irrigon, was elected Chairman of the Morrow County School Board and Pauline Winter, Heppner, was chosen vice-chairman at the regular meeting in Ione on July 19.

In other business, the Board approved a plan to consider modifications of its teacher policy handbook over a period of three meetings.

The board voted to accept a recommendation from its budget committee to adopt a supplemental budget in the amount of \$168,680 for the purpose of completing essential projects related to the building program and to purchase school sites in North Morrow County.

Money for the budget will come from unexpected receipts from state basic school support in the amount of \$109,105. Receipts from miscellaneous sources as interest earnings, federal funds, sale of property, etc. will contribute \$30,900. The remainder will come from savings resulting from under expending the 1975-76 budget appropriation.

The board set Aug. 16, 8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School as the date for the budget hearing.

In action on bids, the board accepted a bid for \$32,700 for

labor and material to replace windows at Heppner Jr. High. Standard Oil Co. was awarded the bid on bulk gasoline, McCall Petroleum Co. of Pasco was awarded the bid for heating oil, Morrow County Grain Growers was awarded the bid for anti-freeze and diesel oil; Lexington Chevron was awarded the bid for servicing buses at Ione and Dar-

lene Klinger was awarded the bid for the Clark's Canyon contract bus run.

The Board accepted resignations from Deanna Brickman, English teacher at Ione; and Dean Naffziger, PE, health and cooperative work experience instructor at Heppner High School.

The Board approved contracts for Jeri Snow McElli-

gott to teach 5th grade at Ione, Charles Bernard to teach social studies at Riverside, Richard Bateman for music at Riverside and A.C. Houghton and Sharon Barrick to teach language arts at Riverside.

George Hansen, Portland attorney, was granted a temporary easement to pile dirt on school property while a sewer ditch is being dug to his

new development in Boardman.

The board appointed Bob Abrams as school attorney and the firm of Witherell, Witherell, Morrison and Fife as district auditors.

The First National Bank of Heppner and the Bank of Eastern Oregon were designated as official depositories of district funds.

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