

State road crew were working at 11:30 p.m. last week on Court Street repairs. (G-T Photo)

## Free meals, milk policy announced by school district

Morrow County School District announced last week, its policy for free meals and free milk and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch and Special Milk Programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	Free Meals & Free Milk	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$3,680	\$5,730
2	4,830	7,530
3	4,980	9,330
4	7,130	11,110
5	8,190	12,770
6	9,240	14,410
7	10,200	15,910
8	11,150	17,390
9	12,010	18,740
10	12,870	20,090
11	13,730	21,430
12	14,590	22,770
each additional family member:	860	1,340

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free meals and free milk and reduced-price meals. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses, due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses, are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for those benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, principals of schools will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to the hearing official, Matthew P. Doherty, District Superintendent, Box 368, Lexington, Oregon 97839, Phone 988-8123, for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for additional benefits.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color or national origin.

Each school and the office of the superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

## Editorial & Viewpoint

"Oregonians don't tan, they rust."

Eastern Oregon dry landers used to scoff at that Willamette Valley saying. Sorry, but we can scoff no more. I found a small patch of rust across the bridge of my nose this morning.

If there was a light side to our rain soaked August, maybe it would be that we're setting some kind of wet record. Or maybe it's that everything is so pretty and green.

Farmers say Bull. They want yellow, not green.

"Hey, Joe, look how pretty and green it is over here in Eastern Oregon," Melba might say to her husband as they travel through the Heppner area.

"Yea," Joe would say back, "I guess that's why people like it over here."

"But look," Melba yells, "at that man in that field."

A few hundred yards away, a farmer dressed in rubber boots and mud, crouches on his knees and looks up to the skies with a look of pure distress across his face.

The car stops and Melba and Joe listen hard.

"He's singing," they exclaim. They listen closer and hear a little jingle. It's a happy sounding little tune but the man is crying.

"Rain, rain, go away . . . come back again in spring." That's all the farmer says, over and over.

"I hate to hear a grown man cry," Melba says.

The car rolls on down the highway and the farmer keeps singing, kicking the mud off his boots and he walks through a three foot high stand of yellow soaked wheat.

## Briefs

### Time change

The Cowboy Breakfast is slated for Sunday from 7-11 a.m., not on Saturday as it was advertised in the Gazette-Times and the Morrow County Fair Premium Book.

Also, the parade is set to begin at 10 a.m. rather than 9 a.m. as it was previously noted.

### Meeting

#### slated

The next scheduled Agency on Aging Advisory meeting was for Aug. 24. Due to Eastern Oregon AAA meetings, Aug. 23-26 at Lake Creek, in which all advisory chairpersons have been invited, the AAA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 31 in Heppner.

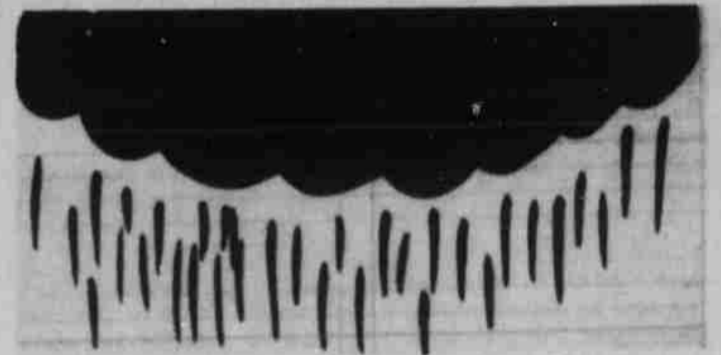
### Milky error

The Gazette-Times goofed last week. Under a picture, a painting by Tom Simonson, Pendleton, the G-T inadvertently said the picture was of LaVerne Van Marter roping a steer. After closer inspection, we found that the steer was actually a cow and LV must have been doing some wild cow milking, not steer roping.

### Annuals

#### arrive

The lone annuals for 1975-76 have arrived and will be distributed at an annual signing party in the cafeteria on Tuesday, August 31 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Those attending should bring their own pop. Those unable to attend may pick up their annuals at the school office after August 31.



## Wheat growers -- 'don't panic'

The prolonged rain from August 13-17 may have damaged Oregon's cereal crops, especially wheat, oats, and barley, according to Norman Goetze, Oregon State University Extension agronomist.

"But growers shouldn't panic and sell this grain at drastically lower prices," Goetze advised.

Although the extent of damage to Oregon's cereal crops is not known, less than 50 per cent of the state's grain was harvested before the recent rains set in. "All the grain harvested from now on may be subject to damage." Rain damage to cereal grains occurs in stages.

First, water absorption causes staining of the grain kernel. Staining is especially bad in barley because it creates off-flavors and off-color in beer.

Then the kernel starts to swell. Later, after it dries, the kernel does not shrink and thus has a bigger volume. This causes the test weight—a measure of density—to decrease, which may cause market discounts of two or three cents off the bushel price.

Next, enzymes in the grain are activated and starch is converted to sugar. The grain has a definite sweet taste, which is how this condition is identified. The malting quality of barley and the milling quality of wheat are adversely

affected by this starch conversion.

Finally, germination occurs and sprouts emerge from the kernels. Sprouted grain is damaged grain. This is bad news for the farmer since federal grading standards allow no more than 2 per cent damaged grain in No. 1.

Farmers should take special precautions with the grain yet to be harvested.

Delay the harvest until the moisture content of the grain is down to 13 per cent. Farmers with drying equipment should dry the harvested grain down to 13 per cent moisture content.

Segregate the grain harvested after the rains from that harvested before.

Check the grain frequently when it is in storage for mold and insects. A rise in temperature indicates mold or insect activity. Also look for localized wet spots where mold can occur more rapidly.

If farmers have questions about the quality of their grain, Goetze recommends they contact a licensed grain inspector or their local grain elevator operator.

If the crop is damaged, farmers should watch feed grain prices. "Livestock feed value of rain-damaged grain is very close to that of non-damaged grain. Its value as livestock feed has not been severely reduced by any rain damage," Goetze emphasized.

## Integrity ?

EDITOR:

I can't believe my eyes. As of today, Aug. 23, 1976, we have a so-called Democrat acting as campaign chairman for a republican candidate for the state senate.

A short time back a group of Republicans slapped their own candidate in the face, figuratively speaking, with a letter urging Republicans to vote for a Democrat Paul Jones against Democrat me.

I wonder if the word integrity has been dropped from the language of these people or if they ever knew what it meant.

I couldn't be more surprised if I saw a Catholic altar boy serving communion in a Protestant church.

W.W. WEATHERFORD

## Horse show comments

EDITOR:

Some erroneous statements were printed in last week's paper that bear correction.

Concerning the potluck picnic, Saturday noon, Aug. 28 at the fairgrounds following the parade: the Two Trackers 4-H Horse club will host same. All 4-H horse club members and families have been invited to attend. The Blue Sage Tack Riders from Elgin will be guests. This group is performing during the Friday and Saturday night rodeos and are defraying their own expenses. All horse-oriented persons should plan to attend and meet these accomplished young people and their supervisors.

About the awards offered for 4-H this year, a great deal of effort has gone into providing special awards for the 4-H horse winners in all age groups. Recipients will be presented with engraved halter sets, belt buckles, trophies, cante plates, etc. The following people have generously sponsored same: the Bob Mahoneys, Bill Healy, Elmer Ladda, Central Market, Bill Barboletoses, Tad Millers, Jerry Doughertys, Floyd Jones, Two Trackers Club, Paulie Histers, Lee Palmers, Murrays Drug, First National Bank, Turner, Van Marter & Bryant, Maxine's Saddle Shop, Don Robinsons, Ione Trail Riders, and Bob Petersons.

Also, I would like to comment on the Morrow County Horse Show. This part of the fair is possible by the dedication of a group of hard-working Wrangler members, who plan and supervise this all-day event. Credit should be given to those who make this possible. The show this year has been revised and updated and two Class A judges will be present to expedite the judging of large halter and performance classes.

Morrow County has always presented many fine horses and riders, whose skills are a pleasure to watch. The Wranglers have obtained donors of prizes for winners of classes, thanks to our generous community. Highlighting the afternoon's competition will be the selection of the

All-Around Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Horse. Classes, which demonstrate the versatility of horses and riders, include Western Pleasure, Reining, Working Cow Horse and Cloverleaf barrels. Horse people in the community have been fortunate this past year to further add to horsemanship skills by having English riding lessons. The inclusion of two such English classes should present such accomplishments. This in no way can overshadow the many fine halter horses, as well as Western divisions. In regard to these two English classes, the working hunter hack, not work horse, is judged on the correct form of horse and rider, and presents the basic requirements of a working hunter or jumper. Hunt seat attire and tack will be used. The English equitation being offered is judged 50 per cent on the horse's performance and 50 per cent on the hands and seat of the rider. English attire for this class may be any modification of saddle seat or hunt seat, which presents two different styles of English riding.

See you at the fair and rodeo, which is sure to be better than ever.

MERLYN ROBINSON

## THE SILENT MAJORITY SPEAKS OUT . . . ON PANAMA

By Jack Lenhardt

Phillip Harman is a grandson-in-law of Jose Augustin Arango, known as "George Washington of Panama." Mr. Harman spent many years in business in Panama and is an acknowledged authority on the Panama situation. He spoke the following words to the Americanism Educational League of California.

"Today the American people are being subjected to a barrage of information, misinformation, claims, counter-claims, half truths, myths and plain hogwash on a seemingly complex and completely vital subject: Our Panama Canal Zone the "Republic" of Panama, and present relations between the two. Let's look at the clear-cut facts in this emotion-charged situation:

"In 1903, the United States purchased the Canal Zone territory and rights from the new Republic of Panama and bought from individual owners their land holdings within the 647 square mile zone. We built and have maintained the Canal at a cost of \$7 billion and have operated it since 1914 as a lifeline of trade benefitting the entire world.

"Panama receives an annuity, now \$2,328,000 each year, to compensate for loss of the annual franchise payment for the Panama Railroad when the Canal was built. This annuity is not a "lease" payment or rent . . . we own the zone! Total payments to Panama during 1974 in direct benefits from the Canal Zone came to \$234,584,000, a huge sum for 1.5 million people.

"The above background facts are basically not subject to reasonable challenge, no matter how the proponents of "surrendering the Canal" may rationalize or twist the truth. And it is a matter of history too that when the National Guard Military Junta seized control of the country, 11 articles of the Constitution were suspended, concerning such rights as freedom from arrest, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom to travel, inviolability of the domicile, the President, most of his cabinet and many legislators fled the country in terror.

The Panama Canal obviously belongs to the American people. Why do our leaders wish to give it away?

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