

County unemployment rate down

Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October showed a decline to 4.1 per cent, down from 6.0 per cent in September and down from 5.4 per cent in October of 1975.

Decreasing employment in the county without a proportionate and corresponding

increase in unemployment (the result of people leaving the labor force) stems from the opening of school, season cutbacks in agriculture, and layoffs in the wholesale potato packing sheds due to a poor market.

There was a gain in the county for food processing and

in government, due to educational gains.

The seed corn and potato harvest in addition to fall seeding dominate the agricultural scene in the Boardman area. Lumber and wood employment gained in the county.

A modest increase in the

work force at the Portland General Electric coal-fired construction site in Morrow County represented the only change in contract construction. The non-manufacturing losses were associated with severe cutbacks in the fresh pack potato industry, because of the depressed market conditions.

Obituaries

Edgar Bennett

Edgar Allen Bennett, 85, died in Heppner Tuesday, Nov. 23.

He was born Feb. 27, 1891, at Lonerock, the son of E.J. and Ellen Brown Bennett.

Mr. Bennett was a lifetime resident of the area and a 57 year member of B.B.P.O.E. No. 358. He worked for many

years in a local hardware store and later owned and operated Central Market, in partnership with Mrs. C.W. McNamer. He was an ardent sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lola Matteson Bennett, in 1961.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, Nov. 24, at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with ritualistic services by the B.P.O.E. No. 358. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Bennett, Portland; Donald Bennett, Pensacola, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Jerry Castle

Jerry Douglas Castle, 36, died Nov. 28 in Marysville, Cal., after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 3, 1940, in Heppner, the son of James and

Edith Tucker Castle. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 3:30 p.m., at Ullery Chapel, Yuba City, Cal.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m., at Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with the Rev. Steve Tollefson of the United Methodist Church officiating. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Castle is survived by his mother, Edith Castle, Marysville, Cal.; his father, James Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.; and a brother, James, Jr., La Mesa, Cal.

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Total \$160⁰⁰		
Dec. 18		
1-\$50 ⁰⁰	2-\$25 ⁰⁰	6-\$10 ⁰⁰
Total \$160⁰⁰		
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Total \$180⁰⁰		



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