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Donald F. Gilliam, official weather observer for Heppner, reports the following high and low temperatures and measured rainfall for the past week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 28.

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Tues., Aug. 28	76	51	
Wed., Aug. 29	84	55	
Thurs., Aug. 30	79	59	.19
Fri., Aug. 31	82	54	.03
Sat., Sept. 1	84	53	.12
Sun., Sept. 2	82	54	.06
Mon., Sept. 3	72	51	.17



School Daze

First graders listened attentively as Mrs. Judy Maas read passages from a book entitled "I Don't Want to Go to School" Tuesday on the first day of school for Heppner Elementary students. Secondary and elementary students had to go to school for only half a day Tuesday to enable educators to plan better arrangements for the remainder of the first week of nine months of school.

Morrow students back in classes

County schools opened without a hitch Tuesday and elementary and high school students received a shortened school day to allow educators to shift desks around.

Students were dismissed at 1:30 p.m. at Ione and Heppner Elementary, Jr. High and High Schools.

Heppner High School Principal Jim Bier said the opening

day at the school began with an assembly arranged by student body leaders. Student Body President Ron Young urged the students to become involved academically as well as in the extracurricular activities while Principal Bier explained procedural matters.

The new student body leaders are Ron Young, Joe Mollahan, Jo Lynn Daly, Jackie Gentry and Nancy

Miller.

The school will be holding its first pep assembly Friday before the Heppner-Stanfield game at home and a mixer dance is planned after the dance.

Students attending Tuesday attended 7 periods in an abbreviated schedule and were dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

The first day of school was reported to be running smooth at Heppner Elementary School. One of the largest jobs of the teachers and

administration was directing the youngsters to their classrooms and getting acquainted with their new instructors. Principal Don Cole said the school was down slightly in enrollment and few new students enrolled on the opening day.

During recess, a group of boys was playing football—and lists were posted on the window for youngsters to find their classroom.

Classes were also reported running smooth at Ione schools.

Harvest fun this week At Boardman

The Boardman Harvest Festival is slated this Friday, Saturday and Sunday and promises to be an event for the entire family.

Kicking off the festivities Friday night at 6 p.m. is the annual Barbecue dinner followed at 8 p.m. with the football game between Riverside and Union.

On Saturday, the Cowboy breakfast is set for 7 a.m. at the Marina area and at 11 a.m. will be the Harvest Parade featuring over 70 entries and the festival Princesses, Heidi Conboy, Lisa Mettelsdorf, Kathy Petteys and Lorie Russell, all juniors at Riverside High School. The parade is expected to draw some groups scheduled to appear in the early evening hours at Pendleton's Dress-up Parade in anticipation of next weekend's Pendleton Roundup.

At 12:30 p.m. is the court's luncheon. Chaperones this year are Karyn Peck, Marie Diggins, Dale Reed and Betty Slocumb. The court's colors are navy and light blue. The event will be held at Riverside High School.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. is the annual produce auction where area farmers will sell some of their crops and produce to local buyers.

At 3 p.m. are kids' games at the Boardman city park, at 4 p.m. is the pet show and 8

snow is a new event this year and will be held with the other events at the city park.

The action begins again at 7 a.m. Sunday with a Cowboy Breakfast. At 10 a.m., there are hydroplane time trials and at 1 p.m. the boat races begin on the Columbia.

Hospital workers near settlement

Non-licensed employees and the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board negotiating team have reached tentative agreement on a new contract, Hospital Board Chairman Fred Martin reported Friday.

The next step to conclude negotiations will be approval by the non-licensed employees and further approval by the Hospital Board and Morrow County Court.

Martin was not certain when final ratification of the contract would be made because the negotiator, Don Scott, left on vacation following the settlement.

The Hospital Board planned to meet in executive session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 in Boardman to consider labor problems and employing a new administrator.

Court to consider special street action

The Morrow County Court will convene this week as a special contract review board to consider immediate action on awarding a construction contract for First Street in Irrigon.

The street needs construction work because of the new Columbia Jr. High School. As explained by county officials, the court must meet as a contract review board when it decides not to advertise for bids for work based on weather, timing or cost. A week's notice of the decision must be made.

In other business, Bob Van Schoiak's petition to vacate the Martin Prairie Road was accepted and awaits future approval and a hearing set October 10 on a petition to consider vacating the Tollrock Road. Property-owners requested the vacation about a month ago. Vacation of Canyon Road will not be considered.

The Court was also scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. with the Road Committee to determine road maintenance prior-

ities and whether to ask for a serial road levy for future repairs.

Radio Theft Reported

The Boeing Corporation has reported the theft of radio equipment from a leased building from PGE to the Morrow County Sheriff's Department.

The theft, which was believed to have occurred between August 24-27 involved three mobile radios valued at \$360 each, a transceiver worth \$1,153, a \$50 control box and a typewriter valued at \$100.

Entry was made through a front door of the building.

There was also a report of a butchered calf. Vic Groshens of the Oregon State Police investigated the incident.

Up at dawn in typical wheat harvest, home at dark

By Birdine Tullis
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Some things don't change all that much. Take wheat harvest on a family farm in eastern Oregon, for instance. It's still up at dawn...work till dark. Still the sense of urgency to get the crop in as soon as possible. Everyone in the family is still involved...and everything else stops for harvest.

Some things do change. Equipment, gas diesel, and machinery parts become more costly. Costs for labor increase. Machinery is efficient, and more comfortable for the operator. The cost of producing a bushel of wheat

and the price received varies. The wheat market goes up...and down.

To those who live on the land, or grew up on farms, the sight of the combines moving into the field are welcome sights. A symbol of the harvest...the culmination of a year, or really two year's work, in our summer fallow country. The combines are rolling in our county now. They may look like large clumsy machines, gobbling up the grain to a city dweller, but to the farm family they are a thing of beauty, taking in the precious heads of wheat, efficiently cleaning the kernels from the straw, and pouring out a golden stream

into the truck which takes the wheat to storage.

Equally important is the truck, and the driver. That driver may be the farmer's wife, or daughter, or young son...but whoever it is, they are a part of the team. The driver must keep attention on the combine and be ready to move up along side quickly and "take it on the go" to eliminate slow down and loss of time.

The truck is filled and off to the elevator or storage bin. Quick! Unload and get back, ready for another load! Keep everything moving...get the crop in!

Don't overlook the importance of the gal in the kitchen

to this operation! Lots of good food and snacks are traditional to the harvest. Someone back at the ranch is turning out loads of food. While the big harvest noon meal may have given way to the lunch packed to the field, crews still look forward to good eating...and lots of it! Gallons of lemonade, ice tea, or other drinks disappear quickly, for it is hot, dry work in the harvest fields.

Some things don't change. In spite of modern improvements in machines, the dust, dirt, chaff, heat, bugs and

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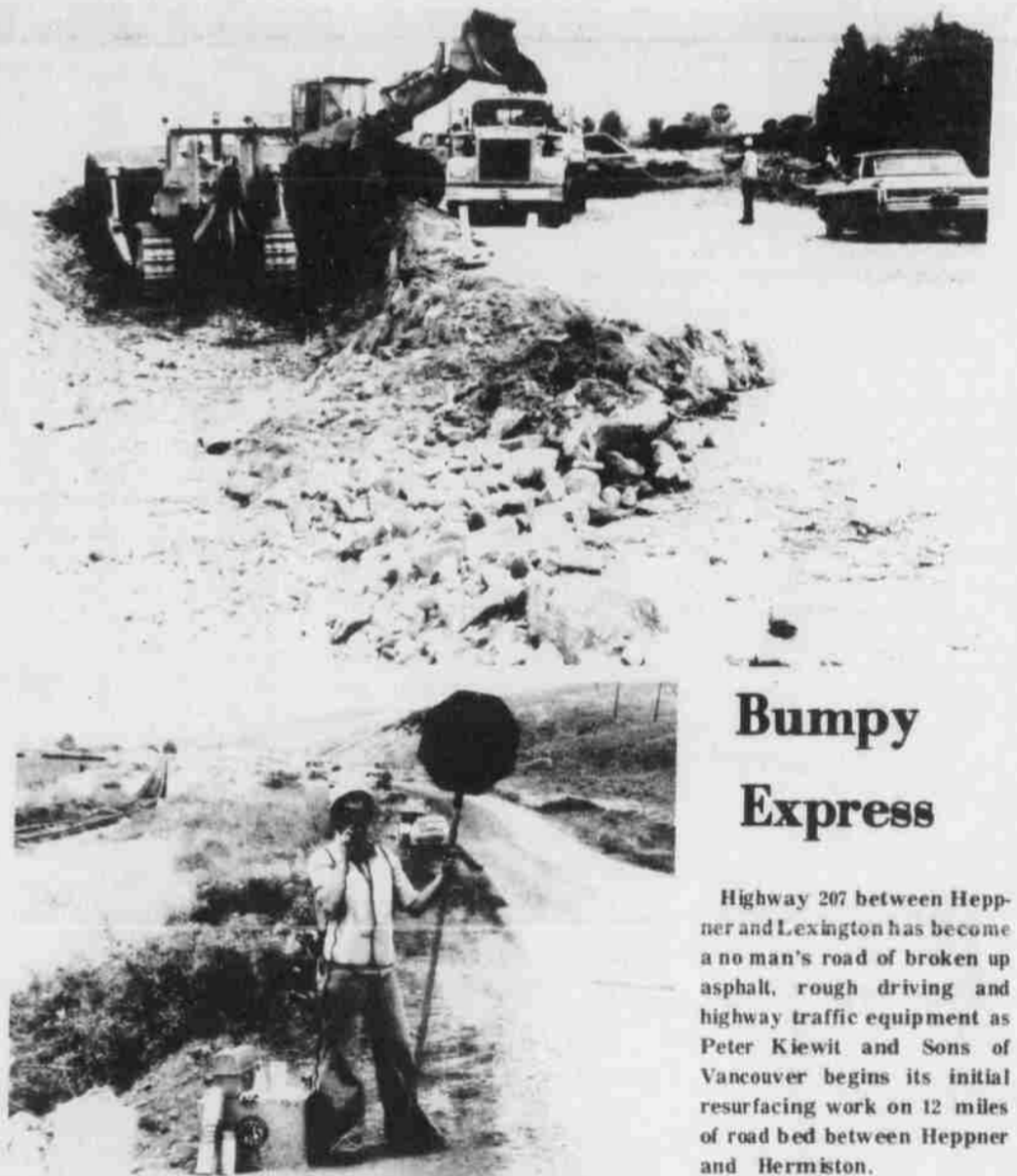
It's A No Man's Land on Highway 207

"Gee Charlie, they've turned the road into a cow path. Watch out for that dozer, you're sure we should have gone this way to Heppner?"

Those might have been some of the reactions of Labor Day visitors to Heppner last weekend as they negotiated the road construction area linking Heppner to Lexington via State Highway 207, 12 miles of which is being resurfaced east of Lexington to the Boardman junction on the Lexington-Hermiston Highway by the contractor, Peter Kiewit Sons' Co. of Vancouver.

By Wednesday of last week, construction had reached a point where a pilot car with the instructions "follow me" clearly labeled on a sign above the vehicle was directing one lane of traffic about a mile east of Lexington. The Gazette-Times drove through the area several times and noticed in one drive through that when the pilot car pulled off to a side road, a woman driver attempted to follow him. And that incident wasn't limited to women—a male driver of a pickup truck made the same mistake.

In some places where the road is being widened, local drivers used to finding smooth highway found rough driving with heaps of asphalt lying on the shoulders and yellow helmeted men and women holding their stop and slow signs plus hand held mikes. Most of the traffic seemed to



Bumpy Express

Highway 207 between Heppner and Lexington has become a no man's land of broken up asphalt, rough driving and highway traffic equipment as Peter Kiewit and Sons of Vancouver begins its initial resurfacing work on 12 miles of road bed between Heppner and Hermiston.

be running through the area with little difficulty as they followed the pilot car. One of the drivers noted that in two hours, he had put 25 miles on

the speedometer leading motorists through the area.

Coupled with the sight of bulldozers, graders and machines which tear up the

asphalt, was the ongoing construction of an asphalt plant to resurface the new road bed at the side of the road.

Lexington Grange to Celebrate 50 Years With potluck birthday Sunday, September 16

The Lexington Grange will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Sunday, Sept. 16 with a potluck dinner, speeches and a get together of long-time members.

Steele Grange Chaplain Allen Wheeler will be featured speaker at the 2 p.m. program and the Sweet Adelines from Umatilla will perform. A potluck dinner is slated at

noon. The Lexington Grange was first organized May 27, 1929 at the Lexington Schoolhouse and in September 29, 1929, moved to Leach Hall. The Grange met there until 1935 when the present hall was completed largely from donated materials and the land for the hall given by Elsie Beech, a member of the pioneer

Beech family.

Originally, the Grange started with 35 members. Charter members still living are Orville Cutsforth and Florence McMillan. Fifty year members include Norman and Fred Nelson, Hortense Marin, Orville Cutsforth and Florence McMillan.

There are currently about 60 Grange members and face-

lifting of the Grange Hall is going on. Members are painting the walls and adding new card tables.

An anniversary cake is being readied for the special event. Barbara Cutsforth is Grange president and Delpha Jones, lecturer.