

Volcanic ash causes machinery problems ; locally it's being sold for \$1

by Steven A. Powell
When the initial shock of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens begins to subside, people begin to realize the many problems the ash will cause and the many opportunities for commercialism.

Morrow County received a small amount of volcanic ash, even though the county is about 200 miles away from the mountain while other areas just as far away (like Spokane) received much more. The county can thank the wind direction for that.

But commercialism about the volcano is already rampant as shirts are being sold that say "Mt. St. Helens

OBITUARY Kathryn S. VanSchoiack

Funeral services were held for Kathryn S. Van Schoiack on Saturday, May 31, at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Heppner.

The recitation of the Rosary was Friday, May 30.

Mrs. Van Schoiack died in Heppner May 29. She had been born May 24, 1931, to Patrick and Kathryn Campbell of Lone Rock, Ore. She attended Lone Rock Grade School and St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles for two years. She was graduated from Heppner High School and Maryhurst College in Portland.

She was married to Robert Van Schoiack on Sept. 25, 1955, in Heppner where she made her home.

She had taught at West Park Grade School in Hermiston for a year before her marriage. She was substitute teacher in the Heppner schools.

She was leader in the Gooseberry 4-H Livestock Club, and a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; sons, William, Daniel and Michael; daughters, Patricia, Kathleen, Marie and Anne; sisters, Patricia Campbell of Lone Rock, brothers, John of Condon, James and Peter of Lone Rock, Thomas of Kimberly, Ore., and Malachi of Hermiston. She was preceded in death by a sister, Martha Bailey.

Casket bearers were Tom Huddleston, Bernard Marshall, James Farley, Wilbur Warden, Larry Lindsay and Jack Healy. Rikka Tews was the organist.

The Rev. John O'Brien officiated. Concluding services and interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Lexington budget discussed

City of Lexington had a budget committee hearing May 27 at the city hall, according to Lois M. Allyn, budget officer.

Voters within the city do not have to vote on the budget because it is within the six percent increased limitation allowed by law, said Mayor Lee Padberg. The budget is for the 1980-81 budget year.

The total budget is for \$114,005, up from \$107,267 last year. With an increase in revenues from 107,267 to 114,005, the total property tax to be totally funded by local taxpayers will be exactly the same as last year, \$7,400. The State of Oregon will help with \$1,936 of the budget.

Lexington city funds not requiring a property tax because they are self supporting include the TV Cable Service Fund for \$8,604, the Road Fund for \$43,422, the State Revenue Sharing Fund for \$2,560, the Water Fund for \$29,389, the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for \$750 and the Water Bond Principal and Interest Payment of \$8,522.

Survivor" and some people have collected the ash particles and are selling them.

In Heppner, Dale Holland is selling ash for \$1 for a small bag and Central Market is also selling Holland's ash for the same price.

But there is a more serious side to the ash problem.

An Oregon Wheat League spokesman, Ivan Packwood, said the closure of the Columbia River could bring

about problems for all of Eastern Oregon.

"We have a tender wheat issue," he said. "Some countries that are our customers for wheat cannot wait and may have to start buying from other countries."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun a dredging program to clear areas of the Columbia River. When the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers flooded May 18, huge quantities of ash and wood debris

were washed into the Columbia. The river is usually 600 feet wide and 40 feet deep but in some areas, the debris mass made the river only 14 feet deep.

The Corps dredging has cleared the channel to 200 feet wide and 25 feet deep. By June 30, the Corps hopes to have it 300 feet wide and 35 feet deep and it hopes to have it to its original specifications by

Sept. 30.

Another phase of the dredging is to clear out five miles up stream of the Cowlitz River to decrease chances of flooding in that area.

An Army Corps news release states that costs for the clearing of the Columbia and other flood control measures could cost as much as \$219 million.

Packwood said the dredging of the Columbia should relieve

some of the pressure on Eastern Oregon farmers.

He said when the new crop is harvested, the old crop should be disposed of. If it cannot be sold because the river is closed, some of the new crop will have to be dumped on the ground.

Packwood said there has not been a problem in Eastern Oregon with the weight of the ash smothering crops.

Packwood said he does not

know how much wheat is in storage but if it is above normal "We could have a serious problem."

An Oregon Wheat League release says the damage done to agricultural production is "enormous." It states that the first priority should be to open up the Columbia River to shipping because the river closure could be "disasterous to all segments of our economy."

Packwood said Eastern Oregon may have a problem during harvest season even if just small particles of ash are still on the wheat. He said farmers will probably experience problems with their harvesting equipment with oil filters and bearings because the ash dust is abrasive.

"We are fortunate in Eastern Oregon at the present because we don't have too much ash," Packwood said.

5th Anniversary

Prices Effective June 5-6-7

USDA Choice
Boneless Rib Steak
3⁴⁹ lb.

Oregon Chief
Slab Bacon
1⁰⁹ lb.

WESTERN FAMILY
Cut Green Beans 16 oz.
Sliced Green Beans 16 oz.
Cream Style Corn 16 oz.
Whole Kernel Corn 16 oz.
Peas 17 oz.
3 For 1⁰⁰

Central Market
Grocery—676-9614 Meat—676-9288

Dream Whip
1²⁹ 6 oz.

MJB
Instant Rice
28 oz.
1⁵⁹

PLAY IT COOL WITH THESE PRODUCE SPECIALS
Sunkist Oranges 4 lbs. 1⁰⁰
Celery 3 Bunches 1⁰⁰
Peaches 65^c lb.

Kraft **Salad Dressing**
1¹⁹
Catalina French 1000 Island
Cucumber French
Lo-Cal 1000 Island
16 oz.

Pillsbury **Cake Mixes**
Lemon Devil's Food
German Chocolate
White Yellow
79^c
18.5 oz.

Pillsbury **Ready to Spread Frosting Mixes**
Vanilla Milk Chocolate
Chocolate Fudge
1⁰⁹
16.5 oz.

Kraft **Mayonnaise**
32 oz.
1³⁹

Lipton **Tea Bags**
100 ct. box
2⁵⁹

Delta **Paper Towels**
85 sq. ft. 49^c

June is DAIRY month!
Darigold Assorted Flavors
Ice Cream 1⁴⁹ 1/2 gal
Darigold **Cottage Cheese** 69^c Small or Large Curd

IMO **Sour Dressing** 57^c Pt.
Individual Wrap **American Cheese** 12 oz. 1³⁹