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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Dec. 2	61	36	.31
Wed., Dec. 3	62	42	...
Thur., Dec. 4	58	27	.38
Fri., Dec. 5	38	30	.08
Sat., Dec. 6	32	22	.06
Sun., Dec. 7	25	15	...
Mon., Dec. 8	26	9	...
Thursday, Dec. 4 - trace of snow.			
Friday, Dec. 5 - trace of snow.			
Saturday, Dec. 6 - one inch of snow.			

O'Briens chosen Morrow County Livestock Growers of the Year



Gordon and Helen O'Brien

Sludge dumping conditions layed down

Conditions governing the proposed dumping of sewage sludge in northern Morrow County by the city of Portland were laid down by the Morrow County Court at its meeting last Wednesday.

According to County Judge Don McElligott, a letter spelling out these conditions has been sent to Portland city officials.

Discussions on the proposed dumping, which would see 80,000 gallons of sewage sludge barged up the Columbia River and dumped near Boardman in northern Morrow County every year, have been going on for some time.

County officials have been concerned that the sludge, which eventually would be applied to crop land as a

fertilizer, might contain heavy metals injurious to human health.

Under the conditions laid down by the county last Wednesday the sludge treatment and application plan would have to be approved by three separate agencies: the Department of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the

Food and Drug Administration, before dumping could begin.

"This (the letter of conditions) is by no means an agreement," emphasized McElligott recently. "They (the city of Portland) would still have to come back and work out the nuts and bolts and negotiate further with us to go ahead with this."

The county also laid out two other conditions in the letter. The county would have the ultimate responsibility for monitoring the sludge for

Gordon and Helen O'Brien, Butter Creek, have been chosen as the Morrow County Livestock Growers of the Year for 1980, and will be honored at the annual Farm City Banquet this Friday, Dec. 12, in Heppner.

The O'Briens run about 300 head of Angus, Hereford, shorthorn mixed cattle out of the O'Brien ranch on Little Butter Creek, where Gordon has lived all his life.

The two were chosen for the award because of their work in maintaining a high weight average and good quality amongst their stock.

"We averaged 544 pounds on our overall steer weight," said Helen O'Brien on discussing the herd.

The O'Briens also calve all but the heifers out on the range, to lessen the chance of disease among the cattle, and don't calve until Feb. 1 of each year to avoid cold weather that may damage the calves, says Helen.

Gordon and Helen live on the ranch which was Gordon's father's. He started raising cattle around 1950. The O'Briens have a daughter, Ronnie Belma, of Lake Oswego.

Friday will see a day of activities marking the annual Livestock Growers meeting.

Starting at 1 p.m. speakers and reports are scheduled for most of the afternoon at the Catholic parish hall in Heppner.

At 7 p.m. in the Fair Pavilion on the Morrow County Fair Grounds, the Farm City Banquet will begin. The O'Briens will be honored with the Livestock Growers of the Year award at this time.

Wes Kvarsten of the Land Conservation and Development Commission will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Also on tap Friday is a no-host luncheon at 12 noon at the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner by the Morrow County CowBelles. The CowBelles will hold their annual meeting at 12:30 following the luncheon.

The annual meeting of the Livestock Growers will be held at 4 p.m. in the Catholic parish hall, followed by an "attitude adjustment hour" beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fair Pavilion.

Kerr accepts Extension position in Wasco Co.



Harold Kerr

Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension agent for the past 12 years, has accepted a position as Extension agent in Wasco County. He will be leaving to take over the new post around Feb. 1, subject to final approval from Oregon State University.

"It's a promotion for me. It's an opportunity for advancement in my professional career," said Kerr.

Prior to his 12 years in Morrow County, Kerr was 4-H Extension agent in Crook County.

"I've really enjoyed my 12 years here," said Kerr. "I've had a lot of cooperation and will miss our many friends."

Citing accomplishments

since arriving here, Kerr noted that he is "Pleased with acceptance of the minimum tillage and chemical fallow concept of dry land wheat production." And that he is satisfied with the role he has played in the coordination of growth in the north end of the county with other areas, "tying the areas together as a whole."

Kerr and his wife Carol have two children, Cindy lives in Heppner at the time, and Bryan is a freshman at Lane Community College.

Kerr said that it will be a minimum of 60 days before a replacement for Morrow County will be named.

Correction

A subhead, "\$96,000 to be funded by city," over last week's story explaining the Town of Lexington's grant for construction of a bridge was incorrect.

Lexington will pay no money for construction of the bridge, which is to be built over Blackhorse Creek. The entire project will be funded by two state grants of \$120,000.

The text of the new story was correct.

Benefit aids victims of house fire

Benefit entertainment by a local band, Dwayne and The Plainsmen, raised \$200 for a Butter Creek family burned out of their home in a fire last Tuesday night.

The family of Dan and Mary Coffman and their four children lost the two story frame

house they were living in on the Hughes ranch, to a fire that started around 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The cause of the fire was unknown, but it did start in a wall between the bathroom and kitchen near the flue. The Coffmans were at home at the

time, but only managed to escape with clothing and some bedding. No one was injured. Dwayne and The Plainsmen toured the Wagon Wheel, Bucknubs and Cals in Heppner, taking donations to raise money for the family.

Area Lighting contest date Dec. 21

If you plan on entering the Heppner Christmas decorating contest this year, be sure to have your home, church or business finished by Sunday, Dec. 21.

That is the day the Chamber of Commerce judging team will be out to look at decorations and make its decision.

A new category will be added this year to the competition. In addition to the lighted homes, churches and

business categories, an unlighted display category has been added for homes not using electric lighting in their displays.

There will be no applications to enter the contest this year, just have your home ready by Dec. 21. You could win a cash prize if your home is judged the best.

There will be three categories with prizes of \$30, \$20 and \$10 for first, second and third places, respectively.

Bailey; chamber representative - Jim Hayes; court - Fay Seitz; dances - Tom Wilson; races - Max Heilberg.

It was also announced that the Rodeo Board will not meet in January.

Local girl chosen national magazine correspondent



Dana Reid

Dana Reid, seventh-grade student at Heppner Junior High, has been named "CO-ED" correspondent for the 1980-81 school year, according to an announcement by Kathy Gogick, editor of "CO-ED Magazine."

"CO-ED," published nationally by "Scholastic Magazines, Inc.," for home economics students, contains features on personal development, careers and consumer awareness as well as the latest trends in fashion, food, beauty, and home furnishings.

Miss Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reid, was elected correspondent by her fellow seventh-grade students.

Elected for the qualities of

leadership and enthusiasm for home economics, Miss Reid will serve as junior advisor to "CO-ED" editors. Like the other "CO-ED" correspondents throughout the United States and Canada, she will keep the editors informed of activities at her school.

Dana participates in the Occupational Versatilities Homemaking program for seventh grade students at Heppner Jr. High. Her homemaking teacher is Liz Curtis.

Mrs. Curtis reports that she feels it an honor to have a small school such as Heppner Jr. High selected to participate in the "CO-ED program."

Bob Montgomery chosen chairman of Rodeo Board

The 1981 Rodeo Board Chairman will be Bob Montgomery, the Rodeo Board voted at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Montgomery will replace Rocky Proctor, the outgoing

1980 chairman.

Other appointments made by the Rodeo Board were: vice chairman - Don Strober; secretary - Judy Currin; publicity and awards - Donna Fetsch; barns - Bob Kindsfather; livestock - Dwight