

Flood! Run for the hills!

By MARY ANN CERULLO

They began in force with the "Great one" of 1903. "Run for the hills! Run for the hills!" became a familiar cry.

Flood watches were set up, followed by an installation of a flash flood warning system in Shoebie Canyon and Hinton Creek.

Five days before the 66th anniversary of the Great Flood of 1903 another deluge hit at 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, 1969.

1961, and 1965.

Damage was mostly caused by the mud and debris as it swept through Heppner two feet deep. Muck filled basements and damaged yards. Road damage along Willow Creek was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

Area ranchers reported losing trucks and equipment, much freshly cut hay was lost, and pastures were ripped by the cutting force of the water.

Miraculously no one was hurt.

The Chase Street Bridge and the Upper Main Street Bridge in Heppner were both totally destroyed. No injuries were reported then either.

By observing storms of 1937, 1961, 1965, 1969, and 1971 a familiar pattern was developed: In the past, Shoebie Creek has drained a considerable area of wheat land, funneled into adjoining canyons down into the main creek channel.

From there it has picked up lots of mud and debris, fences, outbuildings, and other things

neighbors during flood season.

The flood warning system currently in use is soon to be replaced. The new mechanism is made up of a small bucket gauge at the top of a ten-foot-high pipe. The buckets tip over when full.

This information is transmitted to a computer in the Sheriff's office in the courthouse.

According to Burkenbine, the new system, which is planned for 1982, will give a broader area more time to evacuate.

USDA booklet available

USDA's Soil Conservation Service has issued a booklet describing the current state of the nation's non-federal lands and problems of erosion, loss of prime farmlands and wetlands and the expansion of irrigation even as many water tables are falling.

The booklet is titled, "America's Soil and Water: Condition and Trends" and is available from county offices of the Soil Conservation Service and from the SCS Information Division, room 0654-S, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Phone requests: (202) 447-5063.



Leslie Matlock's boyhood home, Heppner, is shown amid damage caused by the "Great Flood" of 1903.

The city's flood siren was sounded from warnings that emanated from Shoebie Canyon (along the Condon-Heppner highway).

The waters swept down the canyon following the creek's channel and veered toward Chase Street, a familiar pattern in similar storms of 1937.

The Heppner siren blew again as a wall of water and debris 10 feet high flooded Shoebie Creek the afternoon of May 27, 1971.

The torrent damaged the swimming pool building and 24 nearby homes. Horses, cows, and pigs were swept as far as Lexington.

in its path, becoming a huge and powerful rushing wall.

The present Flash Flood Warning System on Shoebie Creek is comprised of a float which is designed to trip a lever when the water rises to a certain level.

According to Forrest Burkenbine, Heppner's Fire Chief, the lever sets off warning sirens which are placed in three locations in Heppner. The lever gives a 15 minute warning time for evacuation.

The float operates on its own electrical system in case of power outage, but the sirens do not. The sirens presently in use are located near the public pool, on top of Murray's Rexall, and Paulus Welding. Burkenbine says that a continuous wail of the sirens means citizens to evacuate.

As a back up procedure, the National Weather Service at Renton, Washington has a radar scanner set up which picks up storms that may threaten the area.

A message is quickly relayed to city officials and both the County and Heppner Police along with the Fire Department are dispatched to McDonald and Shoebie Canyons. There they set up a watch for high water. Bill Collins, former mayor of Heppner, feels that the police and fire dept. lookout were most instrumental in warning Heppner citizens during the flood of 1971.

Presently no fool proof method has been devised to assist the elderly during a flood. Forrest Burkenbine recommends that senior citizens keep in close contact with family, friends, and

Rally planned for Assembly of God churches

The Rev. R.E. Book of Salem, who is Oregon District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, will be at the Irrigon Assembly of God Church to minister on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

This will start a round-robin missionary rally with the

churches of Umatilla, Hermiston and Stanfield participating. Three missionaries will each speak to different churches of the area in services on Friday, Saturday and in two services on Sunday. The missionaries are the Reverends James McCaulley, Morris and Kessler.

Tax funds distributed

During the period July 1 through December 31, 1980, the State Highway Division has distributed \$10,849,123.07 in highway user tax funds to the incorporated cities of Oregon for use in local road and street programs, it was announced recently by H. Scott Coulter, state highway engineer.

The allocation is based on the statutory 12.17 percent, and has already been distributed on a monthly basis. It went to 241 incorporated cities in the state whose combined population now totals 1,479,528.

The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operator's license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and

penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes from citations issued by the Highway Division weighmasters.

The apportionment is based on the population of each city as determined by the Center for Population Research and Census, Portland State University. The population figures are as of December 30, 1980.

For the same period in 1979, the apportionment was \$10,100,971.54.

Heppner received \$12,882.04 of those monies, based on a population figure of 1,500; and Boardman received \$10,401.89, based on a population figure of 1,405.

During the same period \$18,097,834.81 was distributed to 36 counties of the state.

The allocation is based on the statutory 20.07 percent, with the appropriation already having been made to the counties on a monthly basis.

The allocation to each county is based on the number of vehicles registered in it. For the same period in 1979, the allocation was \$16,892,385.99.

Morrow County received \$71,139.17, based on 9,691 registered vehicles.

Wheat Hearts visit Heppner Elementary

On Feb. 10, 11, and 12 Janet Tucker and Jean Brazell of Wheat Hearts visited Heppner Elementary School. With them came a pasta maker and plenty of dough made from wheat. The series of demonstrations were funded by the Wheat Commission.

Janet and Jean visited each class where children from kindergarten through 4th grade helped them roll out the dough and then work it through the heavy Pasta Maker. The children made a variety of different noodles.

Afterwards, the children sampled their noodles in chicken soup served with crackers.

During the snack, discussions were held on how to include wheat in a good nutritious diet. Also discussed were what could be served with foods made from wheat.

Mrs. Pat Edmundson, 1st grade teacher, reported that, thanks to the Wheat Hearts, the children enjoyed themselves and learned a lot that day.

Soroptimists host featured speakers



Alan Kolibaba

1980 International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) student to West Germany, Alan Kolibaba, presented a slide show and commentary on his experiences abroad to members of the Heppner Soroptimists at their noon meeting last Thursday.

The previous week, the Soroptimists had as their guest John Edmundson and Carolyn Holt, who spoke on the Morrow County Juvenile Services Commission.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 368
LEXINGTON, OREGON 97839

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Morrow County School District Office, P. O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839, for furnishing and delivering the following:

2 - 54 passenger school buses. Delivery date not later than August 15, 1981.

1 - 66 passenger school bus. Delivery date not later than August 15, 1981.

Bids for individual body and chassis will be accepted.

Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Monday March 16, 1981 at the District Office in Lexington. Final acceptance of bids is dependent upon passage of the 1981-82 school budget.

Only bids forms furnished by the school district will be used. Bids must be received in sealed envelopes and clearly marked "BUS BID".

Signed: Kenneth Broadbent,
Chairman

Matthew P. Doherty,
District Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW
NO. 6492

STATE OF OREGON, Acting by and through the Director of Veteran's Affairs,
Plaintiff,

DAVID E. GILLIAM and ANNA L. GILLIAM, husband and wife, WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT; BERRY KIRKPATRICK and LISA KIRKPATRICK,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an Execution issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause to me directed and dated the 6th day of February, 1981, based upon a Judgement rendered and entered in said Court on the 21st day of January, 1981, in favor of the State of Oregon, Acting by and through the Director of Veteran's Affairs, commanding me to make sale of the following described real and personal property, to-wit:

All of Lot 12 and the West 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 1, Osterkamp's Addition to the City of Irrigon, Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 26, E. W. M., Morrow County, Oregon

together with the following described mobile home which is firmly affixed to the property:

1979 BELMONT, 24 x 48, Serial No. 8096.

to satisfy a judgement against defendants, David E. Gilliam and Anna L. Gilliam, for the sum of \$31,727.56, together with interest on \$31,727.56 at 9.0 percent per annum from date of judgement until paid, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred here-in in the amount of \$77.50.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of said Execution and Judgement and in compliance with the command of said Writ, I will on the 26th day of March, 1981, at 11:00 A.M. at the front door of the Court-house, Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction and subject to redemption to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the right, title and interest which the above named defendants had on the 21st day of January, 1981, the date of the Judgement, and thereafter had in and to the above described real and personal property or any part or portion thereof, to satisfy said Execution and Judgement and interest, costs and accruing costs.

DATED at Heppner, Oregon, this 6th day of February, 1981.

LARRY D. FETSCH, Sheriff

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following precincts will be consolidated for the March 31, 1981, election: No. 2, Hardman, No. 6 NE Heppner, No. 7 NW Heppner, No. 8 SE Heppner, No. 9 S.W. Heppner.

Barbara Bloodworth
Morrow County Clerk

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of March, 1981, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front door of the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon, I shall sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, lien, estate and interest of Edward V. Strahm in the following-described real property:

Lot 6, Block 5, in Heppner Heights Addition to the City of Heppner, also known as 160 North Gilmore Street.

Said sale is made pursuant to a writ of execution in foreclosure issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow on the 5th day of February, 1981, in the case of First National Bank of Oregon v. Edward V. Strahm, et al, Morrow County Circuit Court No. 6490, wherein First National Bank of Oregon, a national banking association, is plaintiff and Edward V. Strahm, Barbara L. Strahm, now known as Barbara L. Howard, Raymond P. Thorne, Administrator of the Employment Division of the State of Oregon, and Robert B. Abrams and William J. Kuhn, doing business as Abrams & Kuhn, are defendants.

DATED this 6th day of February, 1981.

SHERIFF L. D. Fetsch
Morrow County, Oregon

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PUBLIC MEETING

Presentation of the School Budget and Road Levy that is coming up for vote.

Tuesday, March 3 8:00 P.M.

Morrow County Courthouse in the Court Room

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Question & Answer Period for both the School Budget & Road Levy

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