

Warm weather grain inspections important

Rapid insect development usually occurs during the spring, summer and early fall. Judy Buschke, county executive director for the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, said grain inspections are particularly important during these months. "When grain is stored and left undisturbed in the same location for several months, the probability of insect infestations, moisture damage and mold growth increases," Mrs. Buschke said. Infestations generally begin during warm weather near the grain surface, specifically in areas where foreign material has built up during unloading. "We encourage farmers to check the condition of their farm-stored grain, whether it is under loan or in the grain reserve program," she said.

When a grain loan is approved, the farmer is responsible for any loss in quality or quantity of the crop caused by insect infestation or rodent damage.

Because of temperature differences that develop within the structure when surface and perimeter areas of the grain cool, stored grain collects moisture that may shift from one location to another. Moisture from warm grain shifts to cooler parts of the structure, causing damp areas within the grain that favor insect activity and mold development. These, in turn, cause rapid deterioration and heating of the grain.

"Anytime farmers are in doubt as to the condition of their stored grain, they should notify our office as soon as possible," the ASCS official said.



Heppner's weather has mostly been helpful to me during this very busy month. Although I'm often a few days later than I like in mowing my lawn, I have not needed to be out sprinkling the grass or watering the garden.

Last Saturday a really great weather surprise delighted the Weatherfords who had arranged the centennial reunion near Arlington. That area can be mighty cold now and then and at this time of the year very windy and dusty. May 23 was one of the nicest days ever there—pleasantly warm, no wind or dust and good visibility. Guess the right committee managed the weather for the occasion.

Sunday the Morrow County Fairground's parking areas were full of good-sized puddles, but that did not discourage the good crowd which came to the 28th annual Pioneer Picnic. The darkest cloud of the weekend was caused by the sudden death of Elaine Sigbee George who was a picnic fixture as chief of the Soroptimist registration crew. Elaine was always a "doer." She long managed the Star Theater created by her photographer father, Bert Sigbee. She was the manager of the Heppner City Office and Water Department when I first met her—was always so pleasant and efficient.

Elaine was an outstanding Soroptimist, was secretary of the cemetery board, was a great supporter of the County Museum and of the historical society. Just last week we talked together about some old films of Heppner happenings that she had owned and which my husband had the Oregon State Historical Society remake and preserve. I will see that these reels soon are lodged at the Morrow County Museum.

Memorial weekend always sees more adults than usual going through the museum here, and the month of May brings many children to view its exhibits. I understand that this month 90 students, accompanied by six adults, came from Hermiston; 58 students and 6 adults came from Boardman; 45 students and 5 adults came from Irrigon and there was a group of 30 from Heppner Elementary School enjoying visiting there.

One family group that makes an annual Memorial Day pilgrimage to Heppner comes to decorate the grave of Heppner's Chinese restaurant owner Eddie Chinn whose Elkhorn Cafe will be long remembered. Eddie's son Danny and his wife Lily and their son Billy always drive over from Hermiston and visit the graves of Eddie and his wife Esther and then visit with Hazel and C.J.D. Bauman at their home and also with Rachel Harnett at the museum; they sometimes visit Elsie Fox at Lexington, too. Hazel, as teen-age Hazel Cantwell, knew Eddie and Esther from their arrival in Heppner and worked for the Elkhorn for many years. Elsie Allyn, then as Elsie Cowins, worked there as did several others still Heppner residents. They will help me get together a story on the Chinn family later.

The tour around Shutter Flat, Rock Creek, Olex and along the Bunker Hill Road last Saturday pleased me especially because everyone learned a little about several landmarks somewhat related but not primarily connected to the Weatherford family. These were the old Crum family grist mill along Rock Creek west of Olex, the townsite of Olex itself which was once an important stop between the Dalles and points east and where the old town school is still used just north of where the pioneer community was centered and the Earl Snell roadside marker mounted on a huge boulder along the Bunker Hill Road. This marker tells that Earl Snell, Oregon's first east-of-the-Cascades born governor was born there. All of his school years were spent in Arlington. His aunt, Minnie Clara Snell, married M. Earl Weatherford and thus became the mother of some of the third generation of W.W. Weatherford offspring including my husband and his three older brothers and two sisters.

A very sad Shutter Flat story, I heard for the first time on this tour, was the account of the snow corral which 100 or so horses stamped out during an historical, double winter. The country was then unfenced and the horses from a large area clustered together as the snow piled high. They stamped out a low spot, a real snow-fenced corral from which they could not escape and into which no hard-pressed humans could manage to enter. After the deep snow melted some and as the weather moderated and neighboring ranchers could get out and about again they found all of their horses together there and starved to death.

Not since Christmas has my home been as lively as it was from last Friday evening until Monday forenoon. Almost five-year-old Billy Eugene and his sister Bonnie Anne, ten months, and their cousin Abiah Lucile Weaver, eight months, and four youthful Weatherford and Weaver parents really brightened things up. How very quiet everything seemed by Monday afternoon. These two families traveled many long hours to get to Heppner from Imperial Beach, California, so close to the Mexican border, and from distant Port Orchard, Washington. How I prayed that all seven of them would return safely over the miles to their own homes.

Make vacation a learning experience

By BIRDINE TULLIS, MORROW EXTENSION SERVICE

Two Morrow County women are looking forward to a "learning vacation" on campus of Oregon State University this year, as they attend the annual OSU Extension Mini-College. Juanita Ryan and Mayko Buchanan of Irrigon are hoping they will see more women from this county there for the June 22-26 event. There is still time to enroll for the special event, and choose from over 40 classes of interest. Final registration deadline is June 8.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the mini-college, and more men are attending each year, along with their wives or as singles. Those attending live in college dorms, with meals served at a nearby hall. Each chooses classes to fit his interests, ranging from academic to leisure-time activities. Cost for full time attendance and participation is \$90 per person. For those who may only attend one day, a special session is planned for Thursday, June 25.

While at Mini-College, Ms. Ryan will attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Extension Homemakers Council on Wednesday evening as the voting delegate from Morrow County. Anyone may attend the council meeting, where election of officers, and other items of business or interest to those involved in Extension Homemaker activities are carried out.

Registration forms, with complete listing of available classes and other pertinent information are available at all extension offices. To receive a copy, call 676-9642. Do you have time for a learning vacation? Think about it, and join Ms. Ryan and Ms. Buchanan at the OSU Mini-College June 22-26.

4-H SUMMER CAMP
With school's ending in sight, all 4-H members in 4th through 7th grades might consider attending the annual 4-H camp at Cutsforth Park. Dates for the camp this year are June 25 through 28. All members in the listed grade levels will soon receive a camp application form which should be returned as soon as possible. Applications are taken on a first come basis, so early return insures the interested camper a spot at camp.

THE SEASON TO GARDEN
Whether you are an experienced gardener, or planning the home garden for the first time, Extension has many bulletins and information to help you have a successful and enjoyable growing experience. Whether your gardening interests are vegetable or flower, there are helps here for you—spraying, selection of varieties suitable to the climate, bug problems, soils and fertilizing, and even a county agent to answer your specific questions. Come by and look over the racks of information available, or call with your special request for information. You are sure to find help at an Extension office.

MONEY SAVING HELPS FROM A SPECIALIST
Velma Seat, Extension food marketing specialist, likes to help consumers make their food dollars go just as far as possible. She provides a week-

ly outlook, pointing toward the products that are in good supply, and where the watchful consumer may save money.

This week she tells us that although beef prices are trending up a little, there are still excellent values in beef. Pork prices, too, are beginning to show a little seasonal increase. Her helpful hint is "thrifty shoppers follow the ads and buy extra cuts to freeze for next summer's eating."

Poultry is still an economical meat. Money saving idea... "buying the whole chicken and doing your own cutting will usually save up to 10 cents a pound." Turkey also

offers good values. She suggests ground turkey is available many places at reasonable prices, and that it can be used in many of the same ways as hamburger. Ms. Seat also notes that egg prices are down a bit, and that eggs are an excellent source of protein; great in a variety of main dishes.

If you are an avocado lover, she says this is the year of the avocado. Prices are low and there's an abundance of quality fruit. Plenty of apples are coming from controlled atmosphere storage. Helpful hint... "It's best to buy California apples in small amounts and keep them refrigerated to maintain quality."

Social Security rep. to visit

The Social Security representative will be at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, 178 Willow on Friday, June 12, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare problems may be brought to the Social Security representative the second Friday of each month, between 10

a.m. and 12 noon, to the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Most business can be handled from your home by telephone. For Social Security and Supplemental Security Income business dial direct 1-800-452-1654. For Medicare Part A call collect 0-225-5303 and for Medicare Part B dial direct 1-800-452-0125.

Medical Meanderings Tick season again

By Glenn W. Morgan, M.D., Philomath Family Medicine, P.C.

Tick bites occur most often during spring and early summer. Most bites are harmless and just a nuisance, but occasionally a serious and even life-threatening illness occurs. This article discusses what to do in case of a tick bite and presents three tick-caused illnesses, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Colorado Tick Fever and tick paralysis.

If you notice a tick stuck to your body, don't squeeze it or roughly pull it off. This is likely to leave the head deeply embedded in the skin. Instead gently pull the head and mouth parts out with tweezers. It often helps to apply gasoline, alcohol, cooking oil, or nail polish first to loosen the critter. Applying a match or lighted cigarette to the end of the tick may also encourage it to back out, though this is best tried before applying gasoline. If the body breaks off, the head should still be removed, as it may cause infection or a large inflamed lump to form. This can sometimes be confused with cancer when examined under the microscope, unless the information of tick bite is given.

The most feared disease caused by tick bite is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF). This disease is found all over the United States and Canada. In fact, it is most common in the South and not the Rocky Mountain states as its name implies. It is fatal in 7 percent of cases, though it was three times as high before antibiotics were available.

It is usually passed to man by the wood tick in the West and the dog tick in the East. Ticks can live up to several years on the same animal, and many wild animals are infested with them. As a boy growing up in Wisconsin, I thought that ticks dropped out of trees, dive-bomber style, to land on people as they walked by. Actually, they crawl in grasses and latch onto clothing and legs. Then they climb up the body until they find a suitable place to bite.

RMSF occurs about a week after tick bite. As its name implies, it causes fever and spots. The fever is usually high, up to 104 on the first day or two. Severe headache, muscle soreness in the back and legs, pain in the abdomen and shaking chills usually occur. The spots are seen on about the fourth day of the fever. They first occur on the wrists, ankles, palms and soles. After six to 12 hours, the rash spreads to the trunk and face. Over the next few days the rash deepens, causing bleeding beneath the skin.

In severe cases, RMSF leads to death by heart failure and shock, causing delirium, gangrene and kidney failure. Mortality is higher in older people. Most cases do slowly get better after a few weeks, especially if treatment with antibiotics is started early. People who live in areas with high rates of RMSF should be vaccinated against it, though this is probably not necessary in Oregon.

Another illness caused by tick bite is Colorado Tick Fever. This occurs in the Rocky Mountain area, including Eastern Oregon. It is seen from late March through September, especially in May and June. It has many of the same symptoms as RMSF, though usually milder, and is twenty times more common. Because it is caused by a virus passed from the tick bite, there is no treatment for it.

In Colorado Tick Fever, symptoms of fever and muscle aching in the back and legs start within ten days of a tick bite. There is headache, pain on moving the eyes, and soreness when looking at bright lights. Rash is found only rarely. The fever lasts two days, then suddenly drops to normal, leaving the patient very weak for two days. In half of the patients, the fever comes back for up to three more days, sometimes higher than at first.

This illness gradually gets better, though it lasts longer in people over thirty. Diagnosis can be made through a blood test.

A third tick-caused illness is tick paralysis, a rare and fascinating disease. Symptoms start at least several days after the tick attaches itself to the skin. As it feeds and gets larger, it produces a chemical which gets into the bloodstream and slowly causes the unlucky victim to become paralyzed. It most commonly occurs in children, especially girls with long hair where the tick attaches to the scalp.

Tick paralysis starts in the legs, spreading fairly rapidly up the body. If allowed to continue, it can eventually paralyze the breathing muscles and cause death. Treatment is simple. When the tick, including all the mouthparts, has been removed, rapid improvement occurs within hours and the person is completely well in a few days. This disease can also occur in animals. It is most common in northwestern United States and Canada.

One last note about tick bites. Although these and other serious diseases can occur following a bite, most people don't get sick at all. If you have any questions, you should contact your family doctor.

VICA members head for Atlanta

(Editor's note: Scott Sherer, 20, the son of Richard and Margo Sherer, Ione, is a 1979 graduate of Heppner High School. He is currently a student at Mt. Hood Community College majoring in auto parts sales. The following story appeared in the Mt. Hood Community College newspaper.)

By DEBBIE PINKSTON

Three Mt. Hood Community College students will be traveling across the United States to compete in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America's national competition in Atlanta, Ga.

On the weekend of April 10-11, six VICA club members competed in the state skill and leadership events at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, taking first and second places. There were approximately 36 different occupational and leadership skill groups of competition ranging from maintenance for machinery and graphic arts to health, food services and welding.

Of these skills, Mike Nellis received first place in machine shop with Larry Spurgeon taking second; in graphic arts, Steve Molatere nabbed first place and Steve Miller claimed second; Scott Sherer was first in job interviews and Rick Winn followed with a second place.

VICA is the nation's largest organization for trade, industrial, technical and health occupations students with about 280,000 members nationwide. The purpose of the club, which is active in both high school and college levels, is to emphasize respect for the dignity of work, high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety. The clubs offer leadership, citizenship and character development programs and activities to complement skill training. Programs help

students better prepare themselves for the labor market.

VICA conducts contests on the local, state and national levels, for students to demonstrate the occupational and leadership skills they are learning. The national-level competition, in which all first-place winners at state level will be competing, boasts several thousand student contestants from 12,500 local clubs in the nation, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"State level was tough, but they're competing with the best," said Tom Sumpter, auto parts technology instructor. He went on to say, however, "Our first year in national competition, I do remember a Mt. Hood student

taking first place in automotive mechanics."

Two of MHCC's state competitors had something to say about their experience with the contest in Salem. "There's a bit of a fun rivalry between Scott (Sherer) and I, so I definitely would've been happier with a first place," said Rick Winn, who took second in job interviews. "I am really happy for everybody that went and placed though, and I hope that we can send more teams next year."

Looking at Winn, Sherer said, "I wished there could have been more competition." Laughing, he quickly added, "I mean in the number of people, that is."

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the IONE-LEXINGTON CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (Governing Body) will be held on June 15, 1981 at 3 p.m. at Ione City Hall, Ione, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981, as approved by the Ione-Lexington Cemetery Maintenance District (Municipal Corporation).

Budget Committee: A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained free of charge at Winter & Sweeney, 471 N. Main Heppner, OR between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting constant not constant with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year. Major changes, if any, and their effect on the budget, are explained below.

	Adopted Budget This Year 80-81	Approved Budget Next Year 81-82
FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Personal Services (Includes all payroll costs)	9,300.00	9,050.00
Total Materials and Services	5,810.00	5,386.00
Total Capital Outlay	15,110.00	14,436.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	4,250.00	3,750.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	19,360.00	18,186.00
ANTICIPATED REVENUES		
Total Revenues Except Property Taxes	7,350.00	6,100.00
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	12,035.00	12,086.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	19,360.00	18,186.00
ANTICIPATED TAX LEVY		
Total Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget	12,035.00	12,086.00
Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received (Discounts Allowed and Taxes Not Paid)	1,615.91	1,208.00
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY	13,650.91	13,294.00
Levy Within Tax Base	13,650.91	13,294.00
One-Year Special Levy Outside Tax Base		
Serial Levies and Continuing Levies		
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt		

STATEMENT OF JURISDICTIONS

NONE AS SUMMARIZED BELOW NONE AS SUMMARIZED BELOW

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 79-80	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 80-81	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
PERPETUAL CARE FUND			
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)			
Total Materials and Services			
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements			
Total Expenditures and Requirements	16,151.22	14,913.79	16,476.20
Total Resources			
EQUIPMENT & CAP. IMPROVEMENT FUND			
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)			
Total Materials and Services			
Total Capital Outlay			
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements			
Total Expenditures and Requirements	9,971.16	10,653.80	13,153.80
Total Resources	9,971.16	10,653.80	13,153.80

FUNDS REQUIRING A PROPERTY TAX TO BE LEVIED

	ACTUAL DATA LAST YEAR 79-80	ADOPTED BUDGET THIS YEAR 80-81	APPROVED BUDGET NEXT YEAR 81-82
GENERAL FUND			
Total Personal Services (Includes all Payroll Costs)	8,606.52	9,300.00	9,050.00
Total Materials and Services	3,907.47	5,810.00	5,386.00
Total Capital Outlay	12,513.99	15,110.00	14,436.00
Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	3,750.00	4,250.00	3,750.00
Total Expenditures and Requirements	16,263.99	19,360.00	18,186.00
Total Resources Except Property Taxes	8,888.01	7,325.00	6,100.00
Property Taxes Received	10,136.48		
Property Taxes Required to Balance Budget		12,035.00	12,086.00
Estimated Property Taxes Not to be Received		1,615.91	1,208.00
Total Property Tax Levy		13,650.91	13,294.00
Levy Within Tax Base		13,650.91	13,294.00
One-Year Special Levies Outside Tax Base			
Serial and Continuing Levies (Operating)			
Serial Levies (Capital Construction)			
Levy for Payment of Bonded Debt			

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