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Weather By City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., Jan. 19	41	28	
Wed., Jan. 20	35	26	trace snow
Thurs., Jan. 21	35	26	
Fri., Jan. 22	59	32	.02
Sat., Jan. 23	58	37	.08
Sun., Jan. 24	50	35	.01
Mon., Jan. 25	37	37	trace rain

Ione woman celebrates 100th birthday Thursday



Ida Grabill holds birthday card she received from President and Mrs. Reagan.

Very few people live out an entire century and have witnessed the progress and changes that one Ione woman has.

Thursday, January 28 marks Ida Grabill's 100th birthday. Living to be 100 is extraordinary in itself, but to reach that age and remain as alert and independent as she is, is truly incredible.

Born and raised in Ione, Mrs. Grabill has lived in the same two story house on Ione's Third Street for nearly 64 years. Her parents, Milton and Mary Ellen Hale crossed the plains from Iowa in 1852 and settled in Ione. One of 12 children, (the only one still living) she attended Ione schools and later married Thomas Grabill, also of Ione. The couple were married on Christmas Day 1902 in Oregon City.

The Grabills worked on ranches in the Ione area and had five children: Anna Wright of Baker; Gene Grabill of Sumpter, but who is spending the winter in Ione; Helen Keithley of Heppner and Mary Bristow and Hazel Ellis, both of Ione. Mrs. Ellis lives next door to her mother. Besides five children, her family includes 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

After her husband's death in 1938, Mrs. Grabill worked for Roy and Betty Lieuallen, who then owned a restaurant in Ione. She also babysat many children throughout the years and worked crossword puzzles and made aprons as her hobbies.

At present, she enjoys visits with her family and listening to her television. During the summer months, she spends time sitting on her front porch watching and visiting with children and those who pass by. She also belongs to the Ione United Church of Christ.

When asked what she thought was most significant in technology progress, she replied "electricity and water." "We had water in the house, but not hot water."

With a twinkle in her eye, she said she really didn't have any advice for people who want to live long lives. She seemed surprised to be asked, as if she had never really given it much thought. Her daughter Helen said she thought her mother had lived so long because of her good outlook on life and her good sense of humor. "She doesn't smoke, drink or chew," she added.

On her 90th birthday, Mrs. Grabill received 90 silver dollars from members of her family. Last September she was honored on Grandparents Day as the oldest grandparent in Morrow County to be entered in a contest at Cole's House of Fashion and Posey Patch.

She has recently received many birthday cards from relatives, as well as one from President and Mrs. Reagan. Her birthday was to be announced Thursday on ABC's "Good Morning America," the NBC-TV "Today" show and KATU Television's "Faces and Places."

Mrs. Grabill will be honored by family and friends at a birthday party on Sunday, January 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ione Grange Hall.

Happy birthday Ida Grabill, some people just know how to live right.

65 show for co-op meeting

About 65 people were present at a Columbia Basin Electric Co-op rate study meeting Tuesday night in Heppner.

Fred Toombs, manager of the co-op was heard from, as well as members of the board and an advisory committee.

Toombs outlined co-op costs and illustrated how increases in wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration and the co-op's 00391 percent share in the Washington Public Power Supply System's unfinished nuclear plants, 4 and 5 will effect consumers.

Toombs said the co-op had just been notified by BPA that wholesale power costs would increase by 80 percent in October 1982. Toombs said that of the 80 percent, 75 percent is associated with costs of WPPSS plants 1, 2 and 3.

By March 1983, and for the next 26 years, Columbia Basin Electric is to pay its share. Toombs told the group. He also said that the co-op's current revenue is \$2,755,436 and \$4,613,401 is needed to cover the co-op's share in the two unfinished plants. Rates are to increase by 100 percent by January 1983, he stated.

One consumer asked Toombs if a bid on the plants from Japan were excepted, what effect it would have on rates.

Toombs said the bid would be worth about 10 cents on the dollar and the 88 interest holding utilities would be

Wheat seminar coming Feb. 4

By BOB COSTA
Morrow County
Extension Agent

The popular Eastern Oregon Wheat Seminar, also known as the Dog and Pony Show and Goetze's Travelling Circus, is coming to Morrow County on Thursday, February 4. The program will be held at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione beginning at 10 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League at 9:30 a.m.

The wheat seminar, presented by the Oregon State University Extension Service, will cover many timely and informative topics. Representing OSU, Jim Cornelius will share the results of his study on the risks and returns of different wheat marketing strategies. Terry Townsend will report on the historical interpretation of price fluctuations of the soft white wheat

Walla Walla inmate in custody of M.C. Sheriff

Earl Alexander Barton, 32, an inmate of Walla Walla State Penitentiary was arrested by Oregon State Police troopers on January 15. He was charged with alleged unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reports Morrow County Deputy District Attorney Harold McLean.

Following his arrest, Washington state issued a warrant

responsible for the remaining costs.

Board member Herb Wright said he was a member of the board in 1976 when the co-op decided to go ahead with WPPSS. He said at that time, BPA said they would not be able to meet all of the co-op's future power needs. Wright stated that the board's responsibility was to make sure that consumers would have power.

Toombs stated, "I was not here in 1976. Had I been here in 1976 I probably would have recommended they do just what they did."

Another consumer asked, "What if all the companies refuse to pay?"

"We're considering that," said Toombs. But the courts would probably claim the co-op had defaulted on the contract, and then more problems would arise, he continued.

Concern was voiced by a consumer about the cost of another rate study, and if the rate study would be used, since one performed in 1981 "went down the drain."

Toombs stated, "We all learn from those rate studies - maybe not \$30,000 worth, but we all got an education."

Board member Dexter Miles said that because a lot of time and consideration went in to choosing a company to perform the study, "I for one will stand by this study." The company of Black and Veatch of Kansas City, Mo. was hired to perform the rate study and

market. Dave Holst will talk about micro-computers for farmers. Norm Goetze will summarize STEEP conservation research. The STEEP report focuses on tillage and crop management, erosion and run-off protection, pest management, and the social economic impacts of erosion in the wheat growing areas of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

John Oades of the Oregon Wheat Growers League will give an update on grain lien legislation.

Dale Wilkens from the Agricultural Research Station in Pendleton has some findings on grain drill design for improved seed and fertilizer placement.

Lunch will be provided by the ladies of the Willows Grange for \$3.50. Chuck Nelson, president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League, will be the luncheon speaker.

for his arrest on Escape I charges. Morrow County filed a fugitive warrant based on the Washington charges and dismissed the unauthorized use of motor vehicle charge, said McLean.

Barton pleaded guilty to driving while suspended and driving under the influence of intoxicants charges. He was remanded to the custody of Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetts pending extradition proceedings on the Washington charges, McLean stated.

work with board members and an advisory committee to determine how rate increases should be imposed.

One member of the board told the group that the board hopes to have the study completed and ready to present at an April meeting, notices sent out to consumers in May and a rate increase in effect by this June.

Before the meeting adjourned, board members gave their views on some of the problems facing the co-op. Bob Lankford urged consumers to notify congressmen of their views about the termination of the nuclear plants and the costs arising because of them. He stated, "We agreed to an end product and we're not getting it." Board member Eric Anderson said the co-op has to decide whether or not it wants to fight the WPPSS contract. Board members also asked consumers to let them, or members of the advisory committee know their views before the committee meets in February.

A rate study meeting was scheduled in Fossil for Wednesday night and another is to be held in Condon on Monday.

Kinzua shuts down sawmill operation 'indefinitely'

Kinzua Corp. of Heppner said Tuesday it has shut down its sawmill operation "indefinitely," because of a shortage of logs.

"The warm wet weather has been giving us problems in getting the logs out of the woods," said Kinzua spokesman LaVerne VanMarter.

The layoff will effect 70 men on the sawmill operation, VanMarter said, but added that 35 men on the planer will continue working.

Morrow Co. Court hears of Senior Companion Program

By MARYANN CERULLO

The question of whether Morrow County would like a Senior Companion Program was presented before Morrow County Court last Wednesday, Jan. 20, by the director of the program in Umatilla County, John Brenne.

The Senior Companion Program, funded through the federal agency ACTION, pays its workers a stipend and transportation for them to aid both senior citizens and handicapped with running errands, writing letters, or fixing meals.

"They (the volunteers) do not do any heavy lifting, dishwashing, or laundering,"

Brenne said.

The companions may just break up lonely hours with conversation and be a friend, regularly visiting the seniors, stated Brenne.

After some discussion the court requested that any decision be delayed for six months while county needs are identified.

In other business the court conducted the following:

— confirmed Eldon Padberg as a member of the budget committee, filling a vacancy left by Gary Grieb.

— moved that the county participate in the state forestry budworm spray program. The budworm has infested

approximately six acres at Cutsforth Park.

— granted a real estate option to the state for the purchase of 30 feet of county land for \$625 along Highway 207.

— heard a program proposal from City-County Insurance Services by sales representative, Charles DeGrief.

— heard the weekly road report from Don Briggs of the Public Works Dept.

— heard a deferred compensation program from Jerry Simmons, an independent insurance representative.

— approved salary changes in the County Planning Department.

Les Schwab - Cowbelles to begin 18th annual beef promo

Les Schwab Tire centers in cooperation with the Oregon Beef Council and Oregon CowBelles will begin their 18th annual Beef Promotion on February 1. The promotion will continue through February 28.

Morrow County CowBelles will be at the Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner Monday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with

free samples of beef fondue for the public.

The tire firm has ordered \$75,000.00 worth of certificates this year to be given away in Oregon. Each certificate will carry a \$7.50 value and will be given with the purchase of two or more new passenger or pickup tires or four Les Schwab passenger or pickup retreads. Two certificates (\$15.00) will be given for the

purchase of four or more new passenger or pickup tires. These certificates can be used towards the purchase of beef at any grocery store, restaurant or meat market, stated a news release from the Oregon Beef Council.

The stores will be working closely with the CowBelles to provide local promotions that will include cookoffs, demonstrations and distribution of

recipes using beef.

"The Beef Council and the Oregon Cow Belles are most pleased in working with Les Schwab Tire Centers in helping to publicize and promote Beef Certificates and beef products in general," the council stated.

The Les Schwab Tire Centers gave away \$116,572.50 worth of Beef Certificates throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho in 1981.

Early morning fire guts house, injures 3



An early morning fire at the Duane Grissom residence at 495 S. Green St. in Heppner caused a lot of damage and minor injuries to the occupants.

The fire was reported at about 2:45 a.m. last Friday, said a spokesman from the Heppner Fire Department. Duane Grissom and his son and daughter reportedly had

to jump out of an upstairs window as flames blocked the stairway. The fire "pretty well gutted the house," added the spokesman.

Firemen worked until about

6:15 a.m. to extinguish the blaze.

Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine reported that the fire originated in electrical wiring or from a burning cigarette.