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Weather

by the City of Heppner.

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Feb. 22	63	54	.02
Wed., Feb. 23	61	38	Trace
Thurs., Feb. 24	50	33	.01
Fri., Feb. 25	57	35	.05
Sat., Feb. 26	52	33	.02
Sun., Feb. 27	46	36	.33
Mon., Feb. 28	56	40	.01

Total precip. for Feb. was 1.97; normal is 1.12.

Bank of Eastern Oregon purchases computer system



Pam Mabe posts checks on bank's new computer.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has entered the computer age with the recent purchase of a NCR computer with a Banker 80 software system. The system is presently being installed and it is expected to be fully on line and operable by the first of May. Lonny Watne, Pam Mabe and Barb Watkins of the bank staff are the persons responsible for the setting up and the operation of the computer.

The Arlington and Ione branches will be directly connected to the computer which

will allow each of the branches to get information for their customers almost instantly.

The computer will contain information on all customers of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and all aspects of each customer's banking relationship will be kept on computer records. In addition there will be many reports available to assist management in the operation of the bank.

G.H. Pierson, executive vice-president, stated that in addition to the improvements to the service for customers

that the computer will render, it will also be a great help with the evergrowing number of burdensome reports that must be made available to regulating agencies.

Lonny Watne, conversion co-ordinator for the installation, stated that this system will enable the bank to assist customers with up-to-date information which they were previously unable to do. Watne said the new computer will also enable the bank to be more cost effective.

Sign up period for P.I.K. program ends Mar. 11

Farmers have only a few weeks left to sign up for the Payment in Kind (P.I.K.) program. The sign up period ends March 11 and will not be extended, according to Judy Buschke, county executive director for the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"Farmers will not have the opportunity to change their minds and sign up after this deadline. However, those who have already enrolled and those who enroll before March 11 will have the option of withdrawing or changing their enrollment without penalty provided it is done before enrollment ends," Buschke said.

Severe weather conditions may have caused some problems for farmers around the country. However, recurring storms or any other problems will not change the sign up deadline, she explained.

The P.I.K. program is designed to bring supplies more in line with demand to improve the farm economy. It

encourages farmers to further reduce 1983 crops of wheat, corn, sorghum, upland cotton and rice from the previously announced acreage reduction and land diversion programs. In return for participating, farmers will receive an amount of the commodity as payment for reducing planted acreage.

All farmers for which a 1983 acreage base and yield has been established for wheat, feed grain upland cotton and rice under the previously announced farm programs are eligible to participate in P.I.K. The A.S.C.S. official said farmers who would like to see an improvement in the market situation should seriously consider the program and do their part toward reducing the surplus that is hurting the economy.

"We urge farmers to sign up now and not miss the opportunity by waiting or expecting the deadline to be extended. The sign up period will end at the close of business on March 11.

C.B.E.C. to provide permanent service at Willow Creek Dam

The Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Board of Directors accepted an agreement with the Corps of Engineers for permanent service at the Willow Creek Dam site at a board meeting last Thursday, announced Fred Toombs, co-op manager.

In other business, the board:

- held discussion on a new rate structure for irrigators. Toombs said rates were developed for horsepower charges, demand charges and energy charges. He stressed that the rates were only revised and will not reduce revenue.

- reviewed a cash flow statement that showed the revised rates for consumers after the 1.1 cent per kilowatt hour increase was dropped. The increase was levied to cover the co-op's involvement in two terminated Washington Public Power Supply nuclear plants. The co-op is involved in

a law suit claiming they are not responsible for the debt and agreed recently to drop the increase since the board is

optimistic about the suit, and directors believed that consumers could no longer afford to pay the increased rates.

Local Search & Rescue Posse hosts meeting

The Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse hosted the winter meeting of the Eastern Oregon Posse Association at the Heppner Elks Lodge, Saturday, Feb. 26. It was well attended by members from seven Eastern Oregon counties, reported President Bill Nichols, Lexington.

The meeting was presided over by President Nichols.

Items of business on the agenda included different ways to make Search and Rescue teams more efficient when working in conjunction with other posses of the association. There were several

methods adapted and they will be put into practice during the ensuing year, Nichols said.

Also, some bylaw changes were made at this time.

The following new officers were elected for this year: President - Bob Lemke of Grant County; Vice President - Jim Warren of Malheur County and Secretary - Bob Hunt of Baker County.

Dinner was served in the evening and drawings for door prizes were held.

At the conclusion of the meeting slides were shown of the Mt. St. Helens eruption and were enjoyed by all.

Pendleton woman wins logo contest



Cathy Christensen of Pendleton was the lucky winner in a St. Patrick's Day logo contest sponsored by local Heppner merchants. Her logo, shown above, earned her the \$100 first place prize. The Heppner Merchant's Assoc., the Heppner Gazette-Times, Hutch's Printing and the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce donated the award.

Second place winner was Judy Laughlin of Heppner. She received a \$50 award from Kinzua Corp. Tom Simonton of Pendleton won a \$25 third place prize, also sponsored by Kinzua Corp.

Christensen has also won several other logo contests, including the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo logo.

Time is running out

By DELPHA JONES

Time is running short to submit stories and send in money for the Morrow County History book.

Without sufficient stories and book orders the Morrow County Historical Society will not be able to get the book printed.

Many people have great

stories and it is hoped that they will take the time to get them to the committee. There is much work to be done yet to present the book for printing and everyone's cooperation is needed so that the deadline can be met.

Farley Motor Company to celebrate 35th anniversary



Original home of Farley Motor Co. was in service station next to present location.

James Farley, owner of Farley Motor Co. in Heppner, will be celebrating his 35th anniversary in the automobile business this March 17. He plans to hold an open house and everyone is invited.

Jim started out in the car business back in 1948 when he was awarded the Pontiac franchise for this area. He set

up his dealership in a service station which was next to his present location.

Called the Lundell station, Jim purchased it in 1946 just after being discharged from the army following four years of service. He was appointed Shell distributor for the area at that time.

After adding on a show-

room, parts department and service area to the station, Jim began selling Pontiacs.

"The first new car I sold was a deluxe four-door sedan, automatic transmission, straight eight, with radio and directional signals, a top of the line auto for \$2,800," says Jim in comparing prices now, and

back then.

In 1949 Jim also took on the Jeep franchise. "They were selling for about \$1,700," he recalls.

Jim dropped Jeep and took on the Ford franchise in 1971, and also added General Motors and Buick in 1951.

Finding the service station building too small for his

needs, Jim built his new building where he is now, in May of 1955.

The open house will be held in the showroom of his dealership on Thursday, Mar. 17. Cake and refreshments will be served from 2 to 5 p.m., and champagne punch from 4 to 5 p.m.

Also, the 1982 Conservation

Lake to rise 15 feet

The Walla Walla, Wash. Corps of Engineers office has announced that the pool level at the Willow Creek Dam will be raised 15 feet over the next

two weeks. The closing outlet gates were to be closed slightly, Monday, allowing the water level to raise about one foot per day.

Willow Creek Dam to be featured on TV Sunday

Area residents may want to tune in to "Northwest Illustrated" on KOIN-TV channel 6 Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

A cameraman and crew were in Heppner two weeks ago gathering information

about the Willow Creek Dam, and asking local residents how they feel about the dam. They also covered the closing of the dam's diversion pipe on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Co. Wheat Growers Assoc. to hold annual spring meeting

The annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association will be held Monday, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Heppner.

Local bankers and a Hermiton brokerage firm will discuss short term investments, possibly discuss long

term investments, budgeting and long range financial planning, said Mark Miller, association president. Judy Buschke of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Heppner will be on hand to answer any questions.

Also, the 1982 Conservation

Man of the Year will be announced.

Door prizes will be awarded to lucky winners.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association and the Oregon State University Extension Service, Morrow County.



Jim Farley at grand opening of present dealership building in 1955.