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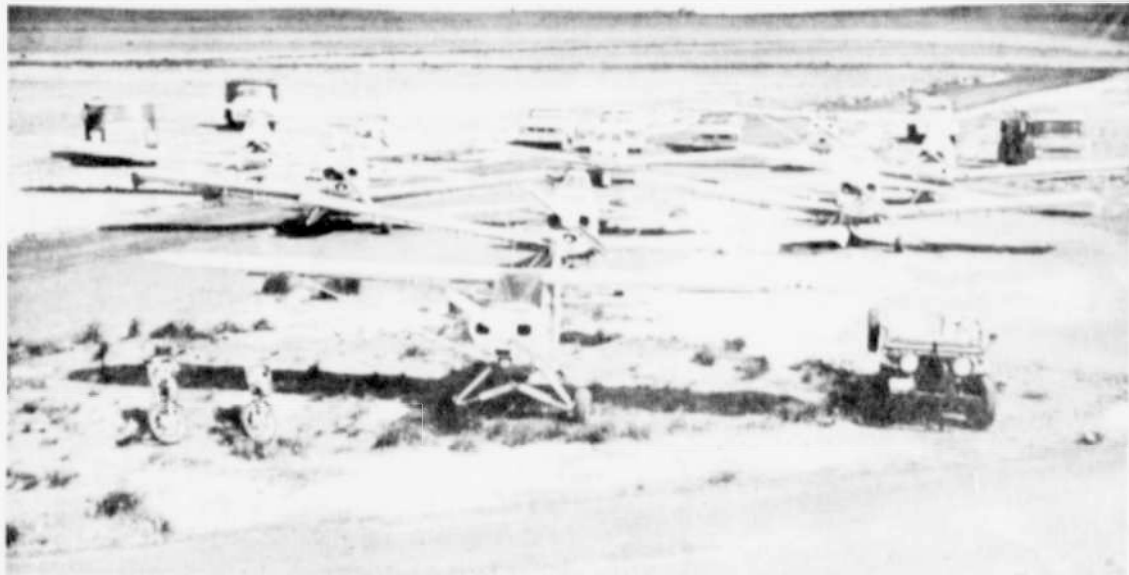


Weather

by the City of Heppner

	High	Low	Precip
Tues., July 17	98	57	
Wed., July 18	93	51	
Thurs., July 19	88	47	
Fri., July 20	83	42	
Sat., July 21	78	46	
Sun., July 22	83	57	Trace
Mon., July 23	92	63	Trace

\$500,000 awarded for Lexington Airport



Planes at the tiedown area of the Lexington Airport

The Lexington Airport is scheduled to receive a \$500,000 grant for basic airport improvement, staff member Craig Higgins of Oregon

Senator Mark Hatfield's Washington office announced Monday, July 23.

Lexington to celebrate County Centennial Sat.



Larry Mills, manager, shows lawnmower donated by Morrow County Grain Growers.

The grant is provided by aviation fuel taxes which are then allotted back to airports which show the need and qualifications. Depending on the volume and the type of aircraft which an airport reports, they receive money for improvements which are 90 percent federally financed.

Marine Board delays ruling

The Oregon State Marine Board agreed at a meeting Tuesday, July 17 that it was premature to proceed with the proposed rule change which would prohibit motorboats on Willow Creek Lake and restrict the lake's use to electric motors said Director Paul Donheffner. The board decided to take no action at this time.

The Marine Board will be in Heppner sometime during late August or September to inspect the lake and observe the types of use which it

receives. Because of the lake's size and location, the board agreed with suggestions by some local residents that the lake will probably not receive much use from out-of-towners.

The Board also acknowledged a wide range of legitimate concerns from local citizens concerning the lake and want to allow an additional opportunity for citizens to have some input before the ruling is made.

The proposed use for the money is to build a 4,200' runway, refurbish the taxiways, install a glide angle approach lighting system, and pave the tie down area.

When the project is completed, the airport will be able to accommodate utility class airplanes of the prop jet type said Judge McElligott.

The county has already bought most of the property needed for the project with funds allotted by the 1983 fiscal year budget revenue sharing funds. A fly-over easement has been obtained from Bill Nichols which means that he agrees not to build anything over 200 ft. high at the end of his property which would extend into the air space. Pat Cutsforth donated 15.76 acres to the airport and an additional 9.5 acres of rangeland at the west end of the runway and 3.95 acres of wheatland is in the process of being acquired by condemnation concluded the judge.

East Heppner experienced power outage Mon.

A power outage Monday, July 23 left most of the east part of Heppner without electricity for about an hour until a temporary hookup could be made onto a circuit which supplies power to the west part of town, said Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Manager Fred Toombs.

The outage began about 3 p.m. when city-county crews working on

the sewer hookup to the Morrow County Fairgrounds dug up the main underground line from the Heppner substation which supplies the section of Heppner east of Main street.

After power was restored, Columbia Basin crews continued to work until 8 p.m. repairing the underground cable which had been disturbed, concluded Toombs.

\$12 million land sale recorded in N. Morrow

SK Farms, the big South Korean Corn producer located near Boardman has sold its farmland to an Arab for a reported \$12 million. According to county records the land was sold July 13 to Abdulla Taha Bakhsh, of Juddah, Saudi Arabia.

Although the 8,000 acre farm was sold, SK will continue to raise crops

there under a long-term lease agreement with the new owners, Farm manager Joon Han Choi said Tuesday.

SK raises feed corn which is shipped to South Korea via a loading terminal on the Columbia River, at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

Top of Willow Dam sealed

Last Thursday, July 19, Dave Mowat construction from Bellevue, Washington, brought a large crane to Heppner to help in placing the concrete seal on the top of Willow Creek Dam.

The seal, according to Herb Bessey, Army Corps of Engineers Project Manager, is a special latex and concrete blend which was mixed at the toe of the dam and lifted by one-yard bucketfull to the top of the dam where it was smoothed out over the surface. The flat covering will make it possible for vehicles to have the access necessary to monitor the dam.

Because daytime temperatures were too warm for the concrete,

most of the work was done during Thursday and Friday night. Next week, work is expected to begin on the access road to the right side of the dam which will be used by dam personnel, Bessey concluded.

Filing deadline set for Aug. 30

August 30 is the filing deadline for nominating petitions to four Lexington city offices which will be voted on in the November general election.

Petitions may be filed with Lexington City Hall for a two-year mayor position, two four-year city council positions, and the four-year city recorder's spot.

Open House to be held Mon., July 30 at Gazette-Times

G-T joins 100 yr club



David and April Sykes hold the 100-year commemorative plaque awarded at last Friday's ONPA convention.

The Heppner Gazette-Times became a member of the Oregonian 100 Year Club Friday, when publisher David Sykes was presented with a plaque by Donald J. Sterling Jr., assistant to the publisher of The Oregonian.

The award is given to Oregon businesses reaching the 100 year mark, and the Gazette became the 66th member of the club.

Sterling read a brief history of the paper during the presentation, which was made during a luncheon at the annual Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association convention in Rippling River Resort near Welches Oregon.

The Gazette-Times was founded in March of 1883 and has passed through many owners before David and April Sykes bought it in June of 1980.

Prizes awarded at Open House

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be celebrating its first 100 years next Monday, July 30. Publishers David and April Sykes encourage everyone to come by, have some refreshments, and sign up for the free drawing.

Anyone who comes into our office Monday may sign up for \$100 worth of free printing or one of two free

lifetime subscriptions to the Gazette-Times.

Books with photos of the Heppner Fire of 1983 will be on sale for 50 cents, a reduction from the regular price of \$1.25.

Coffee, cake, and punch will be served from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The drawing will be at 5 p.m.

G-T has many owners during its 100 years

Morrow County's official newspaper has had many owners over the past 100 years, and although the county has had several newspapers besides the Heppner Gazette-Times over the years, the Gazette remains number one as far as newspapers are concerned in this county.

The first issue of the "Heppner Gazette" was published March 30, 1883, by J.H. Stine. After several months in Heppner, Stine moved away and John W. Redington took over operation of the paper as editor and manager for the next five years.

By February of 1884, another newspaper, the "Times," was in operation with Homer Hallock as editor and the fight between the Gazette and the Times was on.

Historic accounts state that Redington accused Hallock and Augustus Mallory, both notaries public, with charging homesteaders too much to locate land (the Gazette offered to locate settlers for no charge). Redington also inferred that Mallory had stolen a hog. From this, Redington derived the slogan, "Heppner Gazette Hell on Hog Thieves and Hypocrites." To escape libel suits, the account noted, Redington put out a small sheet entitled "The Heppner Gizzard, Jr.," which was "ground out whenever the mule press feels like it."

The Times lasted only a few weeks.

In 1887, Redington sold to the Rev. Henry Rasmus. The stepping out of Redington was noted in "The New York World" as he had become well-known by large papers for his outspoken editorials.

Before the year was over, Rasmus sold out to the Patterson Publishing

Company and for many years the paper was published by brothers Otis and Alva Patterson. In 1898, Patterson moved to The Dalles and left the Gazette in charge of Corleis Merritt until February 1900 when Redington bought it back. Redington kept the paper about 18 months and then sold out to Fred Warnock and Ed Mitchell. Two years later, Warnock purchased Mitchell's interest and ran the business until 1910.

Meanwhile, the second "The Heppner Times" had been established in November 1897 by E.M. Shutt. Shutt was elected county sheriff in 1902 and sold the Times to A.J. Hicks, who kept up competition with the Gazette. Hicks ran the paper for 10 years, and then Shutt took over again.

During the time that Redington was owner of the Gazette and Shutt had the Times, the two men once battled out their differences on Main St. (See related story).

In December 1910, Vawter Crawford, formerly of the Morrow County Record, purchased the Gazette from Warnock. On February 16, 1912, Crawford eliminated competition between the two Heppner papers by purchasing the Times from Shutt and consolidated the papers into the Heppner Gazette-Times. However, in April 1914, the Heppner Herald was started by L.K. Harlan, formerly of Condon and Ione, and the G-T was in competition once again.

After several Herald owners, S.A. Pattison took over until 1924, when a fire sapped his resources and he

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Schedule of Events

1 p.m. - Balloons

Ten balloons donated by the county will be released. Each balloon will contain a note promoting the Morrow County Centennial with instructions that the note be returned to the Morrow County Historical Society. The person returning the balloon from farthest away will receive a prize.

1 - 5 p.m. - Bingo at the I.O.O.F. Hall - Concessions at Del's Market

Pop, popcorn and cotton candy will be for sale on the sidewalk in front of Del's Market.

- Flea Market - Dart Throwing at the Chevron Station

2 p.m. - Kids Games

Games will include a balloon relay, a three legged race, a frog jumping contest (Bring your own frog), a peanut race, and a coin hunt.

2 - 6:30 p.m. - Chicken Dinner served at the I.O.O.F. Hall

4 p.m. - Friendship Park Dedication

5 p.m. - Lawnmower Drawing donated by Morrow County Grain Growers

9 p.m. - Street Dance

Two local bands will alternate providing music for dancers from an old wagon.