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## Farley sells last Ford

Jim Farley of Farley Motor Co. (right) sells his last pickup, a Ford 1990 Supercab, to Morrow County Grain Growers, represented here by Larry Mills. Farley is retiring this year after 41 years in the automobile business. Farley sold his first

car, a Pontiac, in March of 1948 to Frank Anderson of Heppner for \$2,800. Farley began business in Heppner with a Shell dealership January 1946. In 1948 he began selling Pontiacs, in 1949 Willys Jeeps, in 1951 Buicks and GMs and Oct. 1, 1971, Fords.

## Morrow Co. United Way begins 89-90 drive

United Way of Morrow County has announced their 1989-90 fund drive which began September 11 and continues through November 17. Last year over \$15,000 was collected and distributed to agencies throughout the county. Campaign chairperson Judy Eckman states, "This year's goal is \$18,000. We are hoping to make our goal by contacting companies who haven't been approached in the past.

Last year, requests for financial aid totalled \$29,000," says Judy. "The need is definitely there." Judy and the other volunteer board members say they hope everyone will pick up a brochure and consider making a donation to help the following agencies: Heppner Senior Citizens, Inc.; Boardman Child Development Center; Christmas Basket Program in Lone, Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman; Columbia River EMT Assoc.; EMT Morrow

County Ambulance; Heppner Day Care Inc.; Lone Volunteer Fire Dept.; Irrigon Early Learning Center; Domestic Violence Services; Morrow County Neighborhood Council; Stokes Landing Senior Center; Oregon Trail Campfire; Blue Mountain Council Boy Scouts; Tri-County Home Health; and Morrow County Disaster Relief Fund. For more information call Judy Eckman at 989-8221.

## First community picnic has low attendance



A community picnic to show off Morrow County organizations, drew low attendance Sunday but organizers said they were still pleased with the first year event. Above is (L-R) Claudia Hughes, LoRayne Bowman and Pauline Winter enjoying potluck at the

Chamber of Commerce table. The picnic was organized by Heppner Economic Development Corp in an effort to better acquaint people with government and other organizations in the county. Local groups set up tables, handing out literature and answering questions.

## Local Irish eyes smile at trip to ancestors land

By Merlyn Robinson

The Irish eyes of Heppner's Jim Farley are smiling when he talks about his recent visit to the country where his parents were born.

And while he and his traveling companion, Willie Mitchell, San Francisco, didn't fall under a leprechaun's spell, they came home enchanted with this seductive Emerald Isle, Farley said.

"I met cousins I didn't even know I had," Farley said. They were also given a hearty "top of the morning" by Mitchell's cousins who are related to Morrow County's O'Brien clan. Others they met who live in the counties of Langford and Leitrim include relatives of eastern Oregon's Campbell, Healy and Kilkenny families.

Landing at the Shannon airport, their plane then continued to Dublin, giving these first-time visitors a good look at the neat and green countryside with fields divided by hedgerows, Farley said.

But that plane trip didn't seem as exciting as the six-mile ride on a double-decker bus from the airport into the city.

"Even John Wayne would have bailed out. They drive like wild Indians over there," Farley said, explaining that driving on the left side of the road wasn't a problem. "But they need the luck of the Irish when they drive those small cars at such high rates of speed. There were also a lot of Volvo trucks and trailers on the roads, but I never saw a pickup. And I hardly ever saw a policeman."

Roadway signs in Ireland are written in both English and Gaelic. And familiar names of famous Irish ballads appear before your eyes such as Galway, Killarney, Tipperary and of course, "Dublin's fair city" where the girls really are pretty, Farley quipped.

Taking a postman's holiday, Farley visited a Ford agency, comparing it to his own automobile business that he has operated in Heppner for over 40 years. Most of the cars sold there are made in Europe. The Irish dealers were concerned about Japanese cars dominating the market, he said.

## OSP ask for info on killed beef

The Oregon State Police are asking information concerning a beef that was killed and partially butchered in the Penland Lake area. The beef was owned by a local rancher.

According to Oregon State Police Norm Zeller, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association offers up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing or killing cattle illegally.

Anyone with information may contact Norm Zeller at 1 (800) 452-8150 or 676-5206. According to Zeller, those wishing to remain anonymous may do so.

## Schools meet state standards

The Morrow County School District has met the Oregon State Board of Education standards for public schools announced state school superintendent Verne A. Duncan.

Roberta Hutton, standardization director, who led the Morrow County visit said, "despite being a countywide district, there is evidence of curriculum coordination and articulation in every subject. Morrow County provides one of the best examples of essential learning skills implementation throughout all grade levels we saw all year." She said the district operates outstanding programs in computer education and career education and maintains a strong program for at-risk youth.

## Court dazzles judges

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court is still dazzling the judges at their final appearances for the year.

Queen Nancy Bailey and Princesses Jodee Ashbeck and Amy Greenup won second place in the Southeastern Washington Fair and Rodeo Parade on September 2 in Walla Walla, Washington. "The East Oregonian gave credits to the Pendleton Round-Up Court,"



Willie Mitchell (L) and Heppner's Jim Farley during their recent trip to Ireland.

As the founder of Heppner's modern day St. Patrick's weekend celebration, Farley visited the pub called the Old Mill Wheel in the town of Arva. It is from this pub that live telephone conversations have been broadcast during the St. Patrick's KUMA Koffee Hour in the past.

"I found out I couldn't change them over there. I wanted to get going early in the morning to look over the countryside. But nobody gets in gear before 10 a.m. But they will visit with you all night long in their homes or in the pubs.

"When we visited various homes, they didn't invite you to stay for dinner. The first thing they offered you was a drink. Then the ladies of the house would disappear. And in about 15 minutes they returned with their best china and silver and a cold-plate lunch with lots of brown bread and real butter. After that they served dessert and tea.

"I never drank so much tea in all my life. But it was good tea, not like here where they give you a sack of tea and slop some water over it. We had to turn down these lunches at various times, having just eaten at the last stop. But everyone was very friendly and courteous, and they looked healthy and were well-dressed. They all seem to be doing

well, but like here, the farms are bigger than they used to be.

"Cattle prices are high there as is gasoline. But dairy farmers have a quota and sell milk at a subsidized price on the European common market. And though they normally keep cows inside during their six-month rainy season, Ireland has lately been experiencing a drought.

"Prices of consumer goods in their well-stocked stores are about the same as here. They have modern shops and we saw many beautiful homes in our three-hour tour of Dublin. The food was excellent. The bed and breakfast hotel where we stayed was neat, clean and modern. For \$25 per night a hearty breakfast featuring Canadian-style bacon and eggs was included.

"I don't think these modern-day Irishmen would adapt as well as people did in the old days when they emigrated here to sparsely-settled dry Eastern Oregon. Their wit and gaiety seems to thrive on their close togetherness," Farley added.

And though Farley didn't come home with a brogue describing everything as "lovely and grand," he is looking forward to another visit to "Bonnie Erin" where life is enhanced by wailing bagpipes, snappy jigs and the Irish style of zestful living.

## Flores-Rios convicted in attempted burglaries

A Texas man has been convicted in Morrow County Circuit Court in connection with two attempted burglaries in Heppner in 1986.

Jesus Flores-Rios, 30, was found guilty of two attempted second-degree burglary charges following a one-day judge trial in front of Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin on July 14. Judge Currin took the matter under advisement and announced his verdict on August 25, 1989.

Flores-Rios was convicted of attempting to burglarize the U.S. Post Office and the Turner-Van Marter and Bryant Insurance Office in downtown Heppner in July, 1986. He was arrested at the scene by the Heppner Police department. Following his release on bail in 1986, Flores-Rios failed to appear for further court proceedings in Morrow County. He was eventually convicted on burglary charges in Wasco County, and is presently serving a

term at Eastern Oregon Corrections Institute in Pendleton on those charges.

Judge Currin ordered the matter continued for sentencing pending completion of the pre-sentence investigation.

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Sept. 12	
Soft White	
Sept.	\$4.61
Oct.	\$4.61/\$4.62
Nov.	\$4.64/\$4.65
Dec.	\$4.66/\$4.67
Jan.	\$4.68
Barley	
Sept.	\$99 T
Oct.	\$100 T
Nov.	\$101 T
Dec./Jan.	\$102 T
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## Weather Report

by City of Heppner

Sept. 5 - 11			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	75	45	.0
Weds.	73	43	.0
Thurs.	77	46	.0
Fri.	78	41	.0
Sat.	70	43	.0
Sun.	75	40	.0
Mon.	73	41	.0

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