

EARLY MORNING FIRE CAUSES \$35,000 LOSS

Number Put Out of Business By Yesterday's Blaze.

SOME ARE INSURED

Hard Work on Part of Fire Fighters Saves Entire Block From Burning; Shift in Wind Helps Firemen.

Fire broke out in the meat shop of Henry Schwarz on the east side of Main street at about 4:45 a. m. Wednesday and before the city could be aroused by the alarm, that building was a mass of flames, and the fire rapidly spread to the buildings adjoining.

By the time the fire fighting apparatus was on the ground and sufficient number of people had gathered to handle it, there was no possible chance of stopping the flames. The Ashbaugh building, a three-story wooden frame structure on the corner of Main street and the street, was rapidly being swallowed up. Favorable conditions as to the wind prevailed.

There was not much wind, and by the time the lodging house of Dennis McNamee was reached, there was a shift of the wind from the south, giving the flames a new direction.

The total damage of the fire is conservatively estimated at \$35,000, with comparatively small amount of insurance. Some of the best buildings had no insurance whatever, and their owners have suffered an entire loss.

By the hardest kind of work the flames were kept from spreading to the wooden buildings in the block opposite on the west side of the street, and some of these smoked up pretty lively for a time or two.

There was no end to the water supply, and while every foot of hose was brought into play, there was no lack of pressure and as soon as the fire fighters could get in close enough to ply the water successfully, there was a prompt slacking up of the fire.

The fire started in the roof at the rear of the meat market, where, about 4:30, Mr. Schwarz had placed a fire under the roasting kils, to heat his some fat, and was evidently

Heppner Students at University Are Pledged

Among the seventeen University of Oregon students in recently elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, is Roland Humphreys of Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Humphreys.

Miss Evelyn Humphreys was pledged to the women's national honorary commerce society, Phi Chi Theta, and was also elected vice-president of the girls' Oregon Club for 1925.

Dr. Johnston reports the following recent arrivals: A 9-1/2 daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Broshaus of Lexington on May 21st; a 9-1/2 girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms of near Echo, on May 4th.

Leonard Carlson of Eight Mile was in the city Tuesday. Train out early is coming along the best ever since the big rains.

As a result of a defective flue. He was busy for a short time in the front of the shop and returning found the rear all in flames, and hastened to give the alarm.

There is no doubt but had the fire not been stopped where it was, the entire block would have been burned. It might have been stopped at the concrete building of the Heppner Garage, but the firing of the tall building on the north would have spread the flames to the Peoples Hardware on the south side of the block, and from that to the new hotel building across the street, which is not simply protected by fire shutters.

While a nest of wooden buildings that have long been a fire menace is now out of the way, the people owning the structures have been hard hit, and many of them are not in a position to rebuild at the present.

Some six or seven business structures are gone and as many people put out of business, which comes as a hard blow to the city under prevailing conditions. Those who are affected by the fire directly by the destruction of buildings, equipment and stock are:

John B. Calmus, building, \$5500 and no insurance; C. V. Hopper, occupying front of Calmus building with fire and battery shop, \$4000, with \$2000 insurance; Mrs. Ethel Ashbaugh, two small buildings, \$2000, no insurance; Henry Schwarz, butcher shop fixtures, stock and equipment, \$6000, insurance \$2500; Mrs. Herren, millinery stock and household goods, \$2500, insurance \$1900; Mrs. Devine, \$1000; Dennis McNamee, \$4500, insurance \$2000; Heppner Farmers Elevator Co., \$2000, insurance \$2000; John Skuzski, tailor shop equipment and household goods, \$1500, insurance \$600; Garrigues Estate, small building, \$1000; Mr. Franzosen, shoe shop building, \$1000, possibly insured.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES WILL BE HELD HERE

Local Post of American Legion Will Have Charge of Program Next Saturday Morning.

Memorial Day will be appropriately observed at Heppner next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be held at Elks Temple and will be in charge of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion. The program as arranged is printed in the column above. Following the exercises at the hall, services will be held at the cemetery, Rawlins Post, Womens Relief Corps, being in charge.

Heppner is fortunate in that there are no deceased veterans of the World War resting in the local cemetery. However, there are several graves of veterans of the Civil war, and over these appropriate honors will be shown.

Commander P. M. Gemmell of Heppner Post makes the request that business houses and residences display flags Saturday. Business houses will remain closed until noon in order that all may participate in the exercises. It is requested that as many cars as possible be on hand at the hall so that everyone may be able to ride to the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson and son Keith and Mrs. O. G. Crawford and daughter Jean of Joseph were visitors here over the week end at the homes of Vawter Crawford and F. S. Parker. They were accompanied to Heppner by Miss Frances Parker who was returning home from Joseph where she has been teaching in country school during the winter. These people arrived here on Thursday and returned home Tuesday. Mr. Wilson is district attorney of Wallawa county and while he has been a resident of that section of the state for years and years, this is his first visit to Heppner. He was well pleased with the town and our surroundings. Mr. Crawford guides the destinies of the Joseph Herald and boosts for the Wallawa Wonderland and the many other natural resources and advantages of that section, besides having the distinction of being a brother to the editor of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson departed on Wednesday morning for Portland, where they will join the Al-Kader train for Los Angeles. Mr. Patterson goes to attend the Shrine convention in that city and Mrs. Patterson will enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Patterson at South Passadena.

Peter Herman, who has been the efficient bookkeeper at the office of the Standard Oil company here for the past two years, has been transferred to Ontario, leaving for that city yesterday morning. His place here will be taken by Ray Shurtz, who has been a deputy in the local post-office for the past several months.

Chas. Vaughn spent the week-end with his wife and daughter in Portland. He returned home on Tuesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Akers drove up from Portland on Sunday, spending a couple of days here. They returned to the city yesterday, being accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Barlow and the children, who will remain in Portland until after the Rose Show.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Finch, grade teachers in the Heppner schools, departed for Prineville on Sunday. They were accompanied by Leonard Schwarz, who, with Mr. Finch, will put on their traveling exhibits at a number of towns from Prineville to Lakeview, spending a portion of the summer vacation in this amusement work.

Graduates of Heppner High Receive Diplomas

Fifteen students of Heppner high school graduated as the class of 1925 and on Friday evening at the commencement exercises held in the auditorium at the high school building they received their diplomas.

The address to the students was delivered by Prof. Roy R. Hewitt of O. A. C., who is a polished speaker and pleased both students and audience by his oratory. While the address was short, it was pointed and full of good things and won hearty applause.

The diplomas were presented by Mrs. E. R. Huston, chairman of the school board, to the following class members: Harold Becket, Luola Bengt, Myrtle Cradick, Mary Louise Crawford, Helen Virginia Hill, Byron Johnson, Mary Cecelia Kenny, Erma Lovgren, Kathleen McDaniel, William Vawter Parker, Mary Elizabeth Patterson, Lena Redding, Austin I. Smith, Durward R. Tash, Edmund J. Hirt. The program in detail was as follows:

Processional..... Mixed Glee Clubs Invocation..... Rev. E. C. Alford "By the Waters of Minnetonka" Girls' Glee Club Commencement Address..... Prof. Roy R. Hewitt "Home Town"..... High School Chorus Presentation of Diplomas..... Mrs. E. R. Huston "Japanese Sunset" and "Patriotic March"..... High School Orchestra Benediction..... Rev. E. C. Alford

OPPOSES BOND ISSUE. Editor of Heppner Gazette-Times:— In response to your request to the taxpayers of Morrow county to express their views as to the proposed bond issue of \$50,000, I assert that as the taxpayers are already over-burdened with unjust and excessive taxation, and the issuance of more bonds would be the coup de grace—death blow—to the farming interests of Morrow County, because they have all that they can possibly bear at the present time.

The boosters, town-parasites and non-taxpayers are, of course, stified with selfishness and care nothing for the welfare of the commonwealth. More bonds is synonymous with more debt, more foreclosed mortgages and hard times, and, in the last analysis, the utter ruin of the farming industry of the county.

I having lived in Morrow county 64 years, I formerly enjoyed a comfortable living, but now, through unjust federal and state legislatures and predatory wealth, little or no profit is made on farm products, and consequently, I have barely eked out a mere existence during the last six years.

One bond issue would be followed by another and increase the taxation to the extent that the farmers and stockgrowers could not possibly meet the unjust and extortionate demands. Non-taxpayers should not be allowed to vote in regard to bond issue, or any other measure that involves a state or county appropriation.

Predatory wealth, the invisible government behind the autocratic throne, is at the helm of our ship of state, and is endeavoring to transform our democracy into an oligarchy and autocracy and make the farmers and stockgrowers their sinister slaves. Therefore, let common sense, an almost obsolete quality at present times, justice and unselfishness prevail and strive to make our present road facilities serve our needs.

Legion Swimming Pool Now Open For Season

The Heppner American Legion swimming pool has been open for the past week and Chas. Ayers, in charge, reports good patronage. Many improvements in the pool and bath houses have been made and others are contemplated. There are no season tickets this year, but 20- and 25-swim tickets are being sold. The 20-swim tickets are for adults and sell for \$4.00; the 25-swim tickets for children and sell for \$2.00. Single swims are the same as last year, 25c and 10c.

Monday afternoon, 1:30 to 3:30; Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9:30 to noon, have been designated as ladies hours. During these hours ladies and children under 8 years of age will have the use of the pool exclusively, and it is expected that a competent instructor will be secured who will teach novices the art of swimming.

The warmer water is proving attractive to a great many and it is expected a larger number of people will take advantage of the facilities offered this year than last.

HENRY BLACKMAN DIES. Word reached Heppner this forenoon that Henry Blackman died at San Francisco this morning. According to Phil Cohen, who came up from Portland yesterday, Mr. Blackman had been ill for some time, recently returning to Portland from Hot Lake where he had been taking treatment. His son Abe Blackman came up from San Francisco to take his father to a sanitarium there, and he died shortly after reaching that city.

PADBERG-ALLSTOTT. A real "home wedding" occasion was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allstott on Rhea creek on Sunday, May 17th. Their daughter Susan was married to Archie Padberg of the well known family of the same community. The entire families of both the bride and groom were present. The home, in its broad acres, trees and orchard remains one of an historic estate. The couple, surrounded by the large group of guests were joined in wedlock under the shelter of a mammoth snowball bush, and a shower of the ripened blossoms made unnecessary any rice for the occasion. Rev. E. C. Alford, pastor of the Methodist Community church, was the officiating minister. The wedded couple will for the present make their home with the parents of the groom.

CAKE CARNIVAL. Saturday evening, May 30, beginning at 6:30, on the M. E. church parsonage lawn. Cakes to be sold will be made by the Junior and Intermediate Epworth League girls, themselves, who will serve ice cream and cake, fruit punch and strawberries and other refreshments. The girls have offered the girls for the best cakes and they have planned a very pleasant evening. Come and help them and enjoy yourself.

NEW MEAT SHOP OPEN. The fire at Heppner on Wednesday morning hastened just a bit the opening of the new meat market by C. W. McNamee. He had expected, however to be ready by the first of June, and that was set for his opening day. He has given the place the old name of Central Market. The new place of business is in the Garrigues building and is a neat and well equipped market.

A nine-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shurtz at the Heppner Surgical hospital on Wednesday, May 27th. Mrs. Shurtz was formerly Miss Violet Merritt of this city.

LOCAL BOYS IN MILITARY SHOW AT CORVALLIS

Ray and Paul McDuffee, Heppner Dallas Ward and Clair Nolan, Lexington, Are Entrants.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 26.—Paul McDuffee, Ray McDuffee, Dallas C. Ward and Clair Nolan are entrants in the infantry exhibition drill contest which will be one of the 15 competitive features of the annual military tournament to be held here Decoration Day, May 30.

The military department of the college is sparing no effort to make this the largest and most interesting tournament ever held here, though previous ones have ranked as major events in the college year. This year a bottle feature has been displaced in favor of the more interesting program of spectacular contests and demonstrations in one of which the McDuffee boys, Mr. Ward and Mr. Nolan have entered.

Military training for the students closes for the year with the tournament hence this annual event takes on the nature of a celebration as well as a military exhibition. Mr. Ward has trained two years in the Infantry Company C unit gaining the rank of Corporal and squad leader of the second squad. Mr. Nolan has trained one year in Infantry Company C. Paul and Ray McDuffee have trained one year in the infantry unit.

The opening event of the tournament will be an air service demonstration of army planes under command of Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly, consisting of formation flying by nine planes, aerial acrobatics, dropping an aerial smoke screen, and a 3000-foot parachute jump.

Special memorial day exercises will follow in the college stadium after which the contests will be held. These include a mounted tug of war, skirmish race, girls' musical ride, artillery drill, cavalry drill, barrel fight, roman riding and jumping, infantry exhibition drill, jumping in pairs, machine gun race, polo pony stick bending contest, rifle squad relay, mounted musical chairs, and an engineer and tank exhibition.

Special rates are being offered on all railroads to Corvallis as crowds approaching these of football days are expected here.

Auxiliary and Legion to Have Joint Meeting. On next Monday evening the Auxiliary and Heppner Post of the American Legion will have a joint meeting at the headquarters of the Auxiliary at Bethel Chapel. The meeting has been sponsored by the ladies, and all legionnaires, whether members of Heppner Post or not, will be made welcome.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Arthur McAtee, Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. Andrew Olson, Miss Elizabeth Phelps, Mrs. A. M. Phelps and Mrs. Richard Wells.

Gemmell Family Enjoy Big Reunion Sunday

The members of the family of J. H. Gemmell gathered at Heppner on Sunday and enjoyed a reunion. The big dinner was spread on the grounds in the court house park and a genuinely good time was had, every member of the family being present. They were also joined by the family of C. N. Jones, making a party of about twenty-four.

The following children and grand children of Mr. and Mrs. Gemmell were present: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. and children, Florence, Floyd, Edna, Eldon, Helen and Arthur Don, of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Chester and children, Ronald, Lorea, Lovell, Gordon and Wallace of Helix; Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Walter, Jr., of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. and children James Sheldon and Jean Allison of Heppner. The members of the family from out of town departed for their respective homes Sunday evening, Mother Gemmell going with the family of Chester to Helix, where she will visit for a short time.

Memorial Services Well Attended Last Sunday. The annual memorial services were held at the Methodist Community church at 11:00 a. m. last Sunday and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Alford, who delivered the sermon. The attendance was good, three members of Rawlins Post, G. A. R., the W. R. C. and Girl Reserves representing the patriotic orders.

A choir furnished appropriate music and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford of Joseph sang a duet. Mr. Alford delivered a splendid address in which our country was highly complimented for never having entered into a war of conquest, but from the higher ground of helping humanity; that while we should be against war as a matter of general principle, yet good had grown out of war, humanity had been lifted to higher planes and he would not go on record as standing against war when the welfare of the country demanded that we fight. The address was well received.

ENJOY BIG TIME SUNDAY. Members of the Crawford clan and friends to the number of 43 enjoyed a sort of family reunion and general good time on Sunday at the residence of V. Crawford in this city. Children of Mrs. E. N. Crawford and of Vawter Crawford were present, with great grandchildren and grandchildren, and the families were quite well represented. A dinner was spread in the dining room at the Christian church where the entire company of little folks ate a well-earned and the grown-ups at another. The afternoon was spent in the enjoyment of music, both instrumental and vocal, and a few hours of good social time.

The families represented were Mrs. E. N. Crawford, Vawter Crawford, O. G. Crawford, F. S. Parker, J. O. Turner, Le Roy Jones, Raymond Ferguson, Frank Turner, Max Wilson, Gay W. Anderson, and the Misses Luola Bengt and Mary Patterson. There were a number of other guests who were scattered abroad and had not all been present the company would have been about doubled. Group pictures were taken, also a picture representing four generations, consisting of Mother Crawford, her son Vawter, his son Spencer and his son Calvin, one of the latest additions to the family.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS. Tilman Hogue, Gooseberry resident, was doing business here Tuesday. Woman wants housework in town or cooking on ranch. If answer before Sunday, call Willow Creek Saw Mill.

A chance to buy a prize cake for your Sunday dinner. Help the Junior girls with their cake carnival. Miss Lucy Butler was a guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamee in this city. She returned to her home at Stevenson, Wash., where she is telephone operator.

The social club of Bethel Chapter No. 22, O. E. S., met at Masonic hall on Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. Paul Gemmell and Mrs. Earl Gordon as hostesses. Twenty-five ladies were present and were entertained at bridge. First prize was awarded to Mrs. J. H. Cochran and second to Mrs. A. D. McMurdy, following which elegant refreshments were served. Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Farrar, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Bert P. Stone and Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnston entertained about 65 guests at the Dr. Johnstone home on Monday evening. Sixteen tables were necessary to accommodate the players at bridge and delicious refreshments closed an evening of delightful pleasure.

GRATEFUL FOR HELP GIVEN IN CLEAN-UP

Lexington People Appreciate Work of Local Business Men.

Some fifty men went to Lexington on Saturday from Heppner and assisted with the work of removing mud and debris from the buildings and streets, the result of the cloudburst of last Wednesday evening. While all the dirt is not yet out of the way, and the buildings placed in proper position again, there has been much progress made, and it will not be long until all the effects of the high water will have been removed. For the assistance rendered the little city by Heppner and the people of the community, the officials and business men of Lexington are very grateful, and the following from W. F. Barnett & Co., who were the heaviest losers on account of the damage done to their store building and stock expresses the thankfulness and appreciation of the entire community:

"We take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to each and every one for the wonderful assistance rendered in moving goods and shoveling mud from our store building and helping in restoring order out of the wreck caused by the flood on the 20th inst. To Judge Bengt, Mayor Noble, and the business men of Heppner we are greatly indebted. Men who are not accustomed to work of this kind went to work with shovel and wheelbarrow, waded into the mud and soon had the debris removed. We do not know you all by name, but we do appreciate your spirit of helpfulness. We extend thanks to all the ladies who had part in preparing the dinner for those who were working. To all at Lexington and Heppner we are truly grateful for every act of kindness, and we thank you.

W. F. BARNETT & CO. The ladies of the Morrow County Chapter of the Red Cross furnished dinner to the workers and much was accomplished Saturday in getting the mud and debris cleared away. Much rock and mud was washed down Blackhawk canyon as a result of the heavy downpour of water and buildings along the business street were filled with mud, basements and cellars with mud and water, and the process of pumping out is still going on in some instances. The several buildings moved off foundations and into the street will soon be in place and the little city restored to its former order.

Business firms at Lexington suffering loss from the flood are W. F. Barnett & Co., Beld Lumber Yard, Ed Keller blacksmith shop, Venturi garage, which from its location and character of construction saved the lower part of town from more serious damage, as it divided the force of the flood waters, Lexington Service Station, Lexington Garage, Lexington State Bank, Telephone company, Karl L. Beach, Leach Bros, Frank Burgoyne, Howard Lane butcher shop and grocery, Jones' barber shop, besides a number of other residences.

The people of the little city are not complaining very much, however, as they appreciate the great good done the crops about the country tributary and their spirit of optimism will cause them to go right along as heretofore when the damage caused by the flood has been overcome.

BERRIES FOR SALE. Gooseberries now ready, \$1.35; Clark strawberries, \$2.25; logans, \$1.50; dewberries, \$2.00 per crate. If by mail add 25c postage. See and make a nurse at residences. Heights Berry Farm, Estacada, Ore.

Miss Hazel Martin departed for her home at Boise, Idaho, on Saturday. She was joined here by her mother and they returned to Boise by automobile when the Martin taught domestic science and art in the high school the past year.

Fountain opens June 1st. Patterson & Son. NOTICE OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS. Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Morrow County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at the Court House, Heppner, as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 10, 1925, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 13, 1925, at 4:00 o'clock p. m. Wednesday Forenoon U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing. Wednesday Afternoon Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Biology, Course in Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic. Thursday Forenoon Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art. Thursday Afternoon Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate. Friday Forenoon Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry. Friday Afternoon School Law, Geography, Algebra, Civil Government. Saturday Forenoon Geometry, Botany. Saturday Afternoon General History, Bookkeeping. Eighth Grade examinations will be held June 11th and 12th. HELEN M. WALKER, County School Superintendent.

Baseball Ione Field Saturday, May 30 2:30 P. M. STANFIELD vs. HEPPNER Each team will have strong batteries and a close snappy game is anticipated. ADMISSION 50 Cents. In the evening a Dance at Legion Hall under auspices of Ione Post.

PROGRAM Memorial Day Services Heppner, Oregon Elks Temple, Saturday May 30, 1925 America..... Audience Invocation..... Rev. E. C. Alford Pledge to the Flag..... Audience I pledge allegiance to the United States Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. Gen. Logan's Memorial Day Orders..... Roger W. Morse Vocal Solo..... Harvey Miller Lincoln's Gettysburg Address..... Clarence Bauman In Flanders' Fields..... Mrs. Paul Gemmell Whistling Solo..... Elizabeth Phelps Vocal Duet..... Marjorie Clark, Edna Vaughn Address..... Samuel E. Notson Star Spangled Banner..... Audience

CORN - CORN - CORN Whole, Cracked and Ground. "OK COW FEED" \$2.50 Per 100 Lbs. Ask for Princess Flour. You will like it. Brown Warehouse Co. WE DELIVER WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

MOTHER OF MRS. MCNAMER DIES. It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of Mrs. John Rogers, mother of Mrs. C. W. McNamee of this city, which occurred at Prescott, W. O., Thursday, May 22, after a long illness. Mrs. Rogers spent the most of the winter here with her daughter and made many friends. Her husband passed on just a short time ago. She is survived by six sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. McNamee attended the funeral which was held at Prescott on Sunday last.

STOCKMEN ATTENTION. I have purchased a big lot of stock salt at bankrupt sale. Can sell same for \$24 per ton. Sample of salt at the First National Bank, Heppner, Oregon. This price is at Granite, Oregon. J. J. O'DAIR. SPECIAL NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any bills or accounts hereafter contracted by any person except myself. Dated this 21st day of May, 1925. JOE HOWELL. NOTICE TO K. K. K. There will be a special meeting of Morrow County Klan No. 33 at Lexington on Monday evening, June 1st. Meeting is called for the annual election of officers, and a full attendance of members is desired. Miss Gertrude Davies, who has been a teacher in the grades of the Heppner school for the past two years departed on Wednesday for Mt. Vernon, Oregon, where she will visit for a short time with her sister residing there, before going on to her home at Baker.