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LIGHTNING FIRE HITS ON GROSHENS FARM

House and Outbuildings On Rhea Creek Are Complete Loss.

FEW THINGS SAVED

Occupants Stunned by Bolt that
Cleaves House and Starts Blaze;
Conflagration is Rapid.

Struck by a bolt of lightning as an electrical storm passed over the Rhea creek section about 10 o'clock last night, the Emil Groshens home and four other buildings including the garage, woodshed, blacksmith shop and cellar, were destroyed by fire.

At home at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Groshens and Dick Vinton, nephew of Mr. Groshens. There had been a heavy rain of perhaps five minutes duration and while accompanied by lightning and thunder there was little to indicate that danger lurked in the storm. It was after the rain ceased that the bolt struck.

Mr. Groshens was ready for bed and was lying on the bed reading. Dick Vinton had gone to bed on the sleeping porch when the rain started and as it was blowing in on him his uncle suggested that he go upstairs to sleep. This the boy did not do and perhaps accounts for his being alive today.

Mr. Groshens gave an account of the fire to a Gazette Times representative this morning. It is a story of bad luck on one side and good luck on the other.

"I was ready for bed and was reading, Bernice (Mrs. Groshens), was working in the kitchen. Suddenly there was an explosion and the house rocked. My first impression was that we were experiencing another earthquake. I got to my feet and went to the kitchen and found Bernice in a dazed condition. Going to the sleeping porch, I found Dick kind of dazed and he complained of something having struck him, an object of some kind. Then the boy looked out and observed that it was getting light outside. I ran out and discovered that the house was on fire.

"What I saw outside gave the appearance of the house being split in two. It was burning on both sides and the whole upper story was ablaze. From the way the blaze was spreading I knew it would be futile to try to use the water system and we turned our attention to saving what we could. When we had worked a few minutes, our neighbors, the John Glaveys, living about a quarter of a mile above us, came to offer assistance. With their aid we managed to save the piano, radio and washing machine. Within fifteen minutes after the neighbors arrived the house had collapsed and was virtually consumed by the flames."

When the bolt struck the Groshens house the shock rocked the Glavey house where the occupants thought an earthquake had hit again. Mrs. Glavey saw the fire at the Groshens house and spread the alarm through her household. The family and hay crew rushed assistance.

Efforts were made to prevent spread of the fire but it soon reached the outbuildings nearby and reduced them to ashes. Groshens thought of the family car before it was to late and this saved it.

"I am sure the bolt was attracted by the radio wire. The fire started along the course of the wire from its entrance to the house to the point where the radio stood. The impact rocked the whole house and sounded very much like someone had set off a heavy blast close by. I guess we were just lucky that no one was badly injured or killed. Had the boy gone upstairs as I suggested it is doubtful if he would have gotten out," concluded Mr. Groshens.

Aside from the three articles mentioned, a few personal effects were saved, mainly clothing. Mrs. Groshens lost her jewel box, and there were many articles, heirlooms, handed down from Mr. Groshens' parents, that can never be replaced and this loss is felt keenly.

The house destroyed by the fire was built about 1915 by the late Louis Groshens. During the last year it had been repainted and renovated. There was an insurance policy covering about 50 percent of the valuation, and as soon as an adjustment is made, Mr. Groshens plans the construction of a new residence.

YOUNG MAN SENTENCED

Robert M. Gibson, 20, who gave his home as Bidlem, Mo., was sentenced to not more than a year in the penitentiary by Judge C. L. Sweek in circuit court Monday. Gibson, brought to the city by F. A. McMahon, state policeman, and charged with larceny of a dwelling at Boardman, waived grand jury investigation and plead guilty to the charge. He was taken to Salem Monday by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and Fred Lucas.

Work on the new filling station being erected by Glenn Hayes is progressing nicely. Shelley Baldwin is assisting with the carpenter work and the structure will soon be enclosed.

Mrs. Turner Tells Visit To State I. O. F. Home

While staying in Portland recently, Mrs. F. W. Turner spent a day at the I. O. F. home as a guest of the superintendent, Mrs. Etta Littell, who will be remembered by Heppner friends as Miss Morrison. At present there are 70 old people and 21 children in the home, consisting of one large, happy family.

Since Mrs. Littell has taken over the management, the general arrangement has changed toward a decided improvement. The buildings have been completely renovated and remodeled. The brothers do their own gardening, landscaping, carpentering, interior decorating, etc. The sisters keep up the mending and darning and the children each have certain domestic tasks to perform daily.

The children with Mrs. Littell and her assistant matron have one dining room while the older folk have another to themselves, each room being brightened up a colorful, cheery decorations. They have their musician who plays for their social meetings in the parlor. Outside lodges often drop in on Sunday afternoons and put on a program for the brothers and sisters. Last Sunday about 50 members from St. Helena entertained with a very interesting program.

W. O. Hill is Mrs. Littell's assistant, doing not only the clerical work but many necessary tasks to keep things running smoothly.

As the children graduate from grade school they are sent to Franklin high school, thence to college or to learn a trade or profession within their means. Mrs. Littell's own son completed high school this year as president of the student body and plans on entering University of Oregon in September where he will study law.

The Heppner lodge furnished a room at the home which is now occupied by Sherman Shaw, Morrow county's only representative.

Important Meeting Called for Tuesday, August 11

Sheepmen of Morrow county will be interested in attending a meeting of the Morrow County Lamb and Woolgrowers association at the Elks club at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, August 11.

This will be one of a series of seven meetings to be held in eastern Oregon under the auspices of Oregon Woolgrowers association. Officers of the association will have charge of the program. Other speakers have been invited to attend. E. L. Potter, Corvallis, is expected to be present to discuss in some detail the proposed range program of the AAA. Other subjects which will come in for discussion are the threatened reduction in grazing permits, and the efforts being made in certain quarters to increase transportation costs and to remove transit billing privileges.

The officers of the Oregon Woolgrowers association are hoping that this meeting will furnish a basis for getting the sentiment of the local woolgrowers in regard to a suggested AAA range program. A meeting is being held at Pendleton Thursday, August 13, with AAA officials to go into the proposed range set-up. This Heppner meeting on Tuesday should give the state officers an idea of the Morrow county attitude toward the new program.

Lena Candidate Holds Lead in Queen's Race

Genevieve Hanna, Lena's candidate for queen honors at the 1936 Heppner Rodeo, continues to hold a lead established several weeks ago and if past performance is a criterion she will be well out in the lead after this week's dance, which will be held in Heppner Saturday night.

Miss Hanna is now 4,700 votes ahead of Miss Frances Rugg, Rhea Creek grange's entry, although Miss Rugg garnered 3500 votes against Miss Hanna's 1900. But Miss Rugg was at the bottom of the heap last week and her gain this week is outstanding. Miss Harriet Helker, Willows, and Betty Doherty, Lexington each strengthened their count and it is still anybody's race.

SHOWBOAT COMING

The Soil Conservation service has obtained the use of the Montana Forestry Showboat and it will visit Heppner Wednesday, August 12. This traveling exhibit has proved to be of keen interest wherever shown. There are only six places in Oregon at which this exhibit will be shown. The location of Showboat will be the Rodeo field.

HAMILTON DAY SET

Morrow county republicans can make it convenient to be in Portland, August 11, are invited to attend the Hamilton meeting at the civic auditorium at 7:30 p. m. John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the republican national committee, is expected to launch the Landon and Knox campaign in Oregon at this time.

SWALLOWED FOXTAIL

Marion Green, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Green, swallowed a foxtail just before noon yesterday. The little fellow suffered considerable pain for a time, but the offending morsel had gone the way of all food by the time the doctor arrived, and he believed it would not give further trouble.

SETTLEMENT PLAN HAS LIONS' ACTION

Proposal of Jared Aiken, Los Angeles, Told; Club Feels Heat and
Transacts Little Business.

It might have been the weather, or it might have been the lack of projects, but whatever the cause, Heppner Lions had little appetite for business at the weekly luncheon, Tuesday. And while slowing down on business, the civic minded brethren caught up on their singing, which had been neglected in recent weeks.

Miss Jeannette Turner presided at the piano and Lion Charles Barlow led the singing which was interspersed throughout the meeting.

The day was warm and the human exponents of the king of the jungle were little disposed to raise more perspiration than that provoked by the temperature. Such business matters as were presented were done so sans conversation and whenever the party grew a little dull, President Kinne called for a song.

A report was asked from the swimming tank committee only to learn that the council had been unable to function Monday evening and the proposal would be submitted Tuesday evening. Other matters met a like response and seeking to give the assemblage their money's worth, the chairman called on Jasper Crawford to recount some of the highlights of the recent Elks convention in Los Angeles.

Having written to some length about his trip, Crawford touched on one point that he did not mention in his article and which aroused considerable interest. While discussing the old home town with Jared Aiken, the latter brought up the subject of land settlement and expressed the belief that Morrow county should benefit to some extent through the sale of land to home seekers coming from the drought areas of the middle west.

While it is known that a majority of the people coming from those areas prefer irrigated land, having suffered enough from lack of moisture, it is felt by observers that the price of farm lands in this and similarly located counties will appeal to some of the prospective investors, particularly those of modest means who are seeking to rehabilitate their fortunes. Also, there is the very large tenant class in Iowa and other states of the corn belt to whom the prospect of land ownership should have a strong appeal. Aiken suggested that the Lions or other interested organizations take the initiative by placing some advertising in the larger publications of the middle west, such as Capper's Weekly, outlining briefly the advantages in this region and inviting inquiry.

The speaker closed his remarks with some statistics on the Elks lodge and the immensity of the convention hall, which is located in the Los Angeles Biltmore hotel and has a seating capacity of 5000.

Acting upon the suggestion offered by Lion Crawford, the chairman entertained a motion for a committee and appointed S. E. Notson chairman, to be assisted by Lions Crawford and F. W. Turner.

Lion Rice heads the committee to prepare the Lions parade for the Heppner Rodeo parade. F. W. Turner and Gus Nikander form the rest of the committee.

Harry Dinges Throws Chapeau in Contest

After deliberating over the matter several weeks, Harry Dinges, Lexington business man, has finally concluded to enter the race for sheriff. Dinges was in Heppner the first of the week and took out petitions to have signed and will file as an independent.

Dinges is the second candidate for county office to come out in the last week, being preceded by G. A. Blockman, who came out as a write-in candidate for county judge. These two filings are about the only thing to remind the electorate of the impending election, although factors bearing on the national election appear from time to time.

PREMATURE CHILD DIES

Fay Ada Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Fleming of Hardman, died in premature birth in this city Saturday morning. Burial was in Heppner Masonic cemetery Saturday afternoon with Phelps Funeral home in charge.

MEETING ANNOUNCED

There will be a meeting of precinct committeemen of the republican party for Morrow county at the courthouse, August 14, at 10 a. m. A representative will be present from state headquarters.

AUGUST SALE

Summer Coats, Suits, Hats and Dresses. Prices greatly reduced. Come early and get your choice. Curran's Ready-to-Wear. 22-23.

Earl "Bart" Bartlett of The Dalles, typewriter mender extraordinary, spent several days in Heppner this week and while here put many of the typewriters of the community in good condition. Bart left for home yesterday, expecting to be back about the middle of September.

For Sale—1930 model Reo Sedan. In excellent shape throats; paint in good shape. Illness causes sale. Inquire Robt. A. Jones, city. 22-23p.

Married 50 Years



HEPPNER, July 27 (Special)—Judge and Mrs. William T. Campbell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently at their home here. A dinner was served for members of the family and close friends. Two large tables were spread. In the center of one was a wedding cake made by a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Keene, and decorated by Mrs. Arthur W. Campbell of Terre Haute, Ind.

—Courtesy Portland Oregonian.

Mrs. Brown Reports on Townsend Convention

Mrs. Alta Brown, Morrow county's delegate to the Townsend convention at Cleveland, returned home recently and is enthusiastic over results of the big convale.

"We had a special train out from Portland," Mrs. Brown states. "I took the train at Pendleton. By the time we reached Omaha we had about 300 Townsend delegates. We were told in Omaha that we Oregonians were a good omen for Nebraska, for as we got off the train there was heavy thunder and big drops of rain fell.

"We were met at the station in Cleveland by the mayor and other city officials. Two or three thousand people gathered in the station to greet us and gave us a great welcome to their city. There were about 15,000 registered delegates at this convention. There was no third party endorsement, and I believe this convention was a great success."

"I enjoyed very much the Great Lakes exposition, especially the great pageant produced by Edgar Hungerford. There were more than 200 actors in this pageant. It was played in an open air amphitheater seating 4000 people. It was a living, moving drama tracing American transportation development during the brief span of 300 years. Among other important attractions were the Automobile building, the Hall of Progress, Firestone exhibit and Streets of the World."

Oregon Range Stockmen Called to AAA Parley

Range livestock men of Oregon will have an opportunity August 13 at Pendleton to consider proposals and present their own ideas regarding a suitable plan by which they can cooperate in the agricultural conservation plan was formulated date federal officials from the AAA will be in Pendleton to discuss with Oregon range operators and state college officials tentative provisions for such a program.

The meeting will be held in the courthouse starting at 10 o'clock and a general invitation has been issued for all interested to attend. The purpose of the meeting will not be to announce a definite range program, explains F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension at Oregon State college, in calling the meeting, but will be to discuss with stockmen practices which might be applicable yet this year or in connection with a program in 1937.

When the present agricultural conservation plan was formulated last winter, Oregon range men joined with others in the west in urging that some program be devised which would include encouragement to conservation of the privately owned range in order both to include the soil conservation plan and to balance what it was feared would be an undue expansion of the livestock industry. While AAA officials said it was impossible to include these features at the start, they have since been studying the possibilities and are now ready to consider definite detailed methods.

A few of the featured performers are as follows: The Flying Henries, the Aerial Delmars, the famous Matsumoto Family of Japanese acrobats, the first time in America, Miss Peggy Webb who is Queen of the Air and is the original Girl on the Flying Trapeze, The Corriell Family of acrobats and tumblers, the Driesbeck Sisters, Germany's greatest lady riders and equestriennes.

Reports on Old-Time Friends

Mrs. F. W. Turner returned home from Portland last week. She attended U. of O. summer school in the city and completed nine credit hours work. She reports that the Howard James family has a grocery store on the east side, and Lois will teach in Pilot Rock high school this year. The Reids and Brooks (formerly with the local school system) are still in Portland where Lena teaches in the Laurelhurst school and Ethel operates a beauty parlor. The W. O. Livingstones, other former Heppnerites seen, seem to be happily located at Vernonia, where the largest electric lumber mill in the United States has just recently opened after being closed for five years. Mrs. Livingstone has had a very serious illness recently.

CUPID COMES TO LIFE

Just when it was thought that Dan Cupid had gone into seclusion for good, the little old dart thrower bobbed up at the courthouse yesterday and demanded a "hitching" license for Glenn E. Griffith and Valda E. Davenport, both of Spray. The couple left immediately for Redmond where they planned to have the official knot tied and in order to expedite their matrimonial progress, Judge Campbell waived three-day requirement.

Miss Katherine Parker is spending a couple of weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dorris Mitchell, near Joseph.

SMITH-HUGHES MAN HERE

Randal Grimes, Smith-Hughes instructor elected to teach the new course in the Heppner school, arrived the first of the week from Corvallis to make arrangements for the installation of equipment and fitting up a room for his classes. He hopes to have everything in place by the time school opens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shipley accompanied the body of Elwyn Shipley from Bingen to Heppner where interment was made. Mr. Shipley, father of the deceased, was at one time superintendent of schools in Morrow county.

PLANS TAKE SHAPE FOR BIG 1936 SHOW

Rodeo Association Sets Meeting for
Friday Night to Further Plans;
Public Invited to Take Part.

Plans for the 1936 Heppner Rodeo are moving along nicely, according to Henry Aiken, president, and indications are that it will be one of the best performances sponsored by the association.

A sweepstakes prize has been posted by the county as a parade award. It is expected that the city will follow suit with a similar prize. Interest in the parade is more emphatic this year and it is the hope of the association that this year's parade will eclipse all previous efforts.

A meeting has been called for tomorrow night at which time prizes and other features of the parade will be discussed. This meeting is open to the public and it is hoped a good number will be in attendance.

Space was reserved this week for seven head of race horses, the stock of Virgil Piquet of Long Creek, racing features will be shown in the Rodeo arena and this part of the Rodeo gives promise of affording much entertainment. The buckers will be brought in next week, a fact that brings the realization that the date of the big show is not far off.

The Rodeo association has booked the Oregon Loggers, a novelty orchestra, for a dance on August 12. Queen votes will not be given at this dance as the association is merely getting a share of the proceeds on a percentage basis.

THE RED WAGONS COMING AUG. 14TH

The blare of bands and the tooting of the callopie bring back memories when we were kids. So let all the kids again and look back several years to the real thrill of our lives when we were made happy by announcement of the arrival of the circus.

Seal Bros. Big Three Ring Wild Animal Circus will exhibit at the Cummings Nursery grounds, Gale and Riverside, in Heppner, August 14, and will give two grand performances at 2 and 8 p. m. Doors will open one hour earlier in order that everyone may have ample time to inspect the mammoth free menagerie, where you will see almost every kind of animal from the animal kingdom. There are lions, leopards, tigers, pumas, hyenas, camels, bears, ocelots, yaks, zebras, wild buffalo, giraffes, birds of paradise from the tropics, elephants and America's most beautiful horses.

The animal zoo is worth traveling miles to see and in fact is nothing less than a traveling university of natural history.

As a prelude to the circus proper a beautiful spectacular pageant is presented whereby every member of the circus takes part in a gorgeous professional fiesta of Old Spain which is entitled Sunny Madrid. This is headed by its beautiful prima donna, a Senorita Dolores Gomez, Mexico's most celebrated dancer, who is assisted by twenty dancing girls and boys from the country of music and flowers.

The wild animal displays are presented by Capt. Ben Bowman, Floyd Hunter and Fred Anderson. The Horse Fair of Kentucky bred, gaited High school and Dancing Horses are presented by Miss Laura Seal and a dozen lady riders. There are twenty-five clowns to furnish the fun and drive away the blues.

News of the advent of the child came by letter from Geo. S. Bennett, amateur radio operator of Walnut Creek, California, who picked up the radiogram broadcast from Peiping and forwarded the news to the grandparents in this city.

The message reads: "Son, eight pounds twelve ounces, born July twenty-seventh, Charles."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson, missionaries, are at present located at Peiping following the uprising on the Tibetan border in 1935 which forced missionaries of the area to seek refuge in civilized districts.

MRS. EDWARDS PASSES.

Word was received today of the death of Mrs. Ora Belle Edwards at her home in Forest Grove. Death occurred Wednesday evening and she will be buried at Forest Grove, funeral services to be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow. Mrs. Edwards was well known in Morrow county where she made her home for many years in the Sand Hollow district. She was the widow of the late John Edwards, many years a prominent stockman and rancher here. She is survived by a son and two daughters, Ernest Edwards, and Mrs. Richard Thompson and Mrs. W. E. Davison.

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Native Heppner Son Buried Here Today

Commitment services were held in the Masonic cemetery here today for Elwyn F. Shipley, who passed away in Hood River Sunday evening, August 2. Death was directly attributed to pneumonia although Mr. Shipley had been in poor health for a year or more.

Elwyn Shipley was born in Heppner October 31, 1896. He spent his early boyhood here and at about ten years of age went to Caldwell, Idaho, to make his home with his mother, Mrs. Guy Boyd. He attended school there, finishing Caldwell high school, and was a student in College of Idaho when America joined the allied forces in the great world conflict. Elwyn enlisted and served overseas. Returning to the states he settled for a time at Caldwell, later going to California and entering business in Covina, near Los Angeles, where he met Miss Avis Sutter, who became his wife in 1928.

Soon after his marriage, Elwyn sold the business in Covina and came to Bingen, Wash. There he purchased a mercantile establishment which he conducted with pronounced success for several years, selling out more than a year ago because of failing health. The past year was spent in California in an effort to recover his health, but failing in this he returned to Bingen.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Bingen under the auspices of the American Legion. The body was then brought to Heppner and rested in the Case mortuary from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., where sorrowing friends were given an opportunity to pay their respects.

Elwyn is survived by his father, J. W. Shipley, of Underwood, Wn., his mother, Mrs. Guy Boyd, of Caldwell, Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. D. L. Selby and Louise Boyd, and one brother, Phil Boyd. Two aunts survive him in Heppner, Mrs. Henry Scherzinger and Mrs. Lena White.

Auction Scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd

Tom Clark, Jr., and S. O. Sloan completed arrangements this week for a big community auction sale to be held in Heppner Saturday, Aug. 3. The two young men have spent several days signing up sale stock and have listed a wide variety including livestock, poultry, farm machinery of all descriptions, gasoline motors, household goods and many other items.

Sloan is a professional auctioneer, having taken training in school to fit him for the vocation. Clark has some experience in organizing sales and the two young men expect to stage a successful event here Saturday.

The city lot on Chase street at the rear of the Morrow County creamery has been secured for this opening sale, which is expected to be followed by several other sales this summer and early fall. Sales are also being organized at Hermiston and The Dalles.

Farmers and other having articles for sale are urged to bring in their stuff whether listed or not.

News of Birth Comes by Amateur Radiogram

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson received word this morning of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson at Peiping, China, July 27.

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COUNCIL SUPPORTS NATATORIUM PLAN

City Will Provide Ground For Recreation Center, Say City Dads.

RESOLUTION Tabled

Head Men Not Fully Satisfied With Section of New Pipe Line Recently Completed.

Heppner's city council waxed both cold and warm Tuesday evening in a holdover session—cold as far as the new pipe line is concerned and warm on the swimming tank proposal submitted by the Lions club.

A resolution of acceptance of the job just completed by the contracting firm of Pierce and Conner, who laid the new pipe line on the city's water system, was tabled awaiting some recommendation or action by the PWA. Councilmen present expressed dissatisfaction with part of the pipe laying job, and although the pipe is in place and covered, they feel that some of the work is not up to specifications and are inclined to hold back final acceptance until the PWA has been given an opportunity to offer an expression.

The water problem occupied a good share of the meeting and aside from the dissatisfaction apparent over the new pipe line the situation in the water service showed considerable improvement.

When Dr. L. D. Tibbles, chairman of the Lions swimming tank committee, presented the club's plan the attitude of the council changed perceptibly. Dr. Tibbles had a map of the block where it is proposed to build the tank and other recreation facilities, showing definitely the location of each unit. The city owns three lots and the county owns one. The committee had been given assurance that if the city will donate its lots the county will do the same, giving a deed to the city.

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