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Ione Girl Fatally Wounded by Shot From Play Gun

Elsie Rosetta Ball, 6 Victim of .22 in Hands of Brother.

Little Elsie Ball, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball, was accidentally killed by a shot from a .22 rifle in the hands of her brother Don, 9, at the family home in Ione at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening.

The children, Elsie, Don and Betty, 7, were in the bathroom when Don picked up the rifle from its position in a corner and was playing with it when the fatal shot was fired. The bullet struck the child beside the right nostril and passed out the top of the skull. She died without regaining consciousness in a local physician's office to which she was rushed immediately. The mother and grandmother, Mrs. P. C. Peterson, who were at the barn when the accident happened, rushed to Elsie on being told by the other children that she had fallen in the bathroom and hurt her head. They brought the child to Heppner.

They did not know of the presence of the gun in the bathroom, and did not suspect the nature of the accident until after they returned home and officers had made an investigation.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, coroner; Frank C. Alfred, district attorney, and C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, made the investigation which definitely established the accidental nature of the fatal wound, as well as its cause.

The children's uncle had left the gun in the bathroom corner after using it to kill hogs. Little Don had played with it before, and realized no harm in repeating the performance. When first questioned, he said the gun wasn't loaded, but later said there was a shot. The empty shell in the gun, and the bullet found lodged in the ceiling were convincing evidence.

Mr. Ball was on his way to Portland with a loaded truck, and was notified at Hood River, returning immediately.

Funeral services are being held from the Christian church in Ione at 2:30 this afternoon, with Alvin Kleinfeldt officiating and arrangements in charge of Phelps Funeral home. Interment is being made in the Ione cemetery.

Elsie Rosetta Ball was born to Lewis and Anna (Peterson) Ball in Ione, December 25, 1930, being aged 6 years, 4 months and 2 days. Besides the parents she is survived by the brother Donald, sister Betty Jean, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Peterson, and many other relatives in this county.

NO JUICE DELAYS PAPER.

Heppner was without electrical service from 11 until shortly after 4 o'clock today, and as the mechanical department of this paper is helpless without "juice," there was no avoiding the delay in getting the paper into the hands of readers. A short circuit caused from the Blackhorse telephone line breaking loose and wrapping around the high power line caused the break in service here as well as discommodating the entire Sherman district as fuses were blown on the outside. The local force worked diligently in getting the service in repair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hallock have announced to Heppner friends the arrival of David Bradford, weight 8 pounds, 1 ounce, at their home in Redmond, April 26.

Mrs. W. C. Cox returned to her home this week from Heppner hospital where she was confined for some time by illness.

Mrs. Claude Graham and baby daughter, Jean Marie, returned home today from the Heppner hospital.

WORK IN FOREST WILL START MAY 1

Repairing and Opening of Telephone Lines, Roads and Trails Included in Spring Program.

In spite of unusual snow conditions in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest, spring work will start May first, F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger, announced this week. Work scheduled includes repairing and opening up of telephone lines, opening of roads and trails so far as possible, and repairing fences. The crew will consist of the forest guards, Bert Bleakman, Kenneth Bleakman, Marion Saling, Chas. Wilcox, Max Buschke and Prior Parrish.

On a snow survey made the end of the week there was found to be 3 feet of packed snow at Ditch Creek ranger station and 8 feet at Linger Longer. Mr. Wehmeyer stated the general average depth of snow in the timber on top to be four feet, indicating a large reserve supply of moisture for future use.

Other items of interest pertaining to the operation of the Heppner district as given by Mr. Wehmeyer were:

Henry Fries of La Grande has returned to assume his duties as administrative assistant. He will be stationed at Opal ranger station and expects to move his family from La Grande about the first of June.

Transferred from the Chelan forest to the Umatilla as assistant ranger, Harold Chriswell will be stationed at Heppner, expecting to have his family here June first.

Geo. Cashey will return from the University of Oregon June 15, to assume duties as protective assistant, and will have his office in Heppner.

Annual meetings of Cattle and Horse Raisers associations using the Heppner district are announced as follows: Five Mile association, today (Thursday) at Lena; Hardman association, Friday, April 30, Heppner, at the forest office; Tamarack-Monument association, Saturday, May 1, at Spray.

The Soil Erosion service in cooperation with the forest service is putting in a side camp at Ditch creek for the summer months. Work contemplated includes the installation of check dams in the creeks of the district with a view to raising the water table and restoring fishing in the streams if possible.

A recent check on reported heavy winter game losses made by Harold Chriswell revealed the loss to be normal or less than normal. He found deer in good condition, and in one four-mile stretch on the east side of Jerico creek he counted 147 deer.

F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger, attended a ranger meeting in Pendleton over the week end. All rangers of the Umatilla forest were present and various policies and problems of the forest were discussed.

Roy Mitchell, assistant supervisor of the Chelan forest, has been transferred to the Umatilla forest as assistant supervisor and will have charge of forest service cooperation with the AAA in this locality, with office in Pendleton. Under direction of Mr. Mitchell work of examining range and ranch lands to determine stock carrying capacity will start immediately.

Jack Hynd Undergoes Emergency Operation

Jack Hynd is reported as doing as well as can be expected at Heppner hospital where, Tuesday, he underwent an emergency operation for a ruptured appendix. He was stricken at the Butterby Flats ranch near Cecil Tuesday afternoon and was rushed to the hospital immediately, while his son Herbert drove to Pendleton for nursing assistance. His brother David came immediately from Rose Lawn ranch in Sand Hollow to be with him through the crisis.

Mr. Hynd is a member of Hynd Bros., large pioneer firm of sheep operators, and the entire community has evidenced concern as to his condition.

New Recruits Take Part in War on Crows and Magpies

Toll of 1000 Birds, Eggs Taken the First Week; Plan Banquet

With a new force of recruits, and a toll of a thousand birds and eggs to its credit thus far, Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club crow-magpie contest heads into its second week, Sunday. If any remnant of the game bird predators remain, active war will continue until May 25 at which time Captains Mark Merrill and J. Logie Richardson will each check his team's take of bids and eggs and thus decide which team will eat crow and which will eat chicken at a banquet to be staged shortly thereafter.

Plans for the banquet talked by the captains this week call for a serving of crow to be given each member of the losing team, while winners will be served only chicken. "If the losers prove themselves real sportsmen, they will eat the crow and like it," one of them said. Other than that, no penalty will be levied on the losers and each individual attending the banquet will pay for his own ticket.

The state game commission has been invited to send a representative to the banquet to show moving pictures of wild life, and the staging of exhibition boxing and wrestling matches is also being considered. A special committee will be appointed to look after the details of planning the actual preparation and serving of the food, to select the place for holding the banquet, and other essentials, they said.

Recruited on the teams this week, making a total of 50 on a side were the following:

Mark Merrill team: Bill Bucknum, A. A. Reihl, Frank Wilkinson, Ed Dick, Tom Wells, Frank Alfred, Walter Eubanks, Tom McMullen, Charles Cox, Nels Justus, Father O'Reilly, Mrs. Lowell Turner, Louis Frederickson.

J. Logie Richardson team: V. R. Runnion, Orve Rasmus, Ralph Justus, Lyle Cowdrey, Guy Chapin, Ed Bennett, Spencer Crawford, George Howard, Glenn Hayes, Mrs. Anna Merrill, Ray Massey, Donald Jones, Garnet Barratt.

If You Can't Climb, Angle, Bert Mason Tells Egg Hunters

Angling for crow's nests is the newest sport recommended to the world in general and contestants in Morrow County Rod and Gun club's crow-magpie contest in particular by Bert Mason, a past president of the organization.

Bert conceived this method of angling as an effective means of escaping injury from the vicious thorn brush in destroying nests of predators, and evidencing his good sportsmanship, reveals it to foe as well as friend.

He writes: "In hunting magpies, etc., yesterday (Sunday), I carried a long bamboo fishing rod with wire extension, and if I found a nest in a thorny spot I just applied a torch to my rod and fired the nest. I also fired every nest that I saw, which will save many a hard climb as well as give hunters more time to go to nests which have not been robbed. I covered three miles down Rhea creek from H. J. Biddle's and left but one nest and accounted for 74 birds and eggs, plus what I may have burned. Other hunters covered from Cecil to Morgan and didn't get an egg as the nests had already been visited."

Mrs. Zoe Bauernfeind and children of Morgan were business visitors in the city yesterday.

MARY B. THOMPSON BELOVED PIONEER

Native of Ohio, Settled in County in 1875, Dies at Portland Home; Rites Held Here Saturday.

Mary Belle Thompson, beloved Morrow county pioneer and mother of Ralph I. Thompson of Heppner, died at her home in Portland last Thursday, aged 83 years. Mrs. Thompson had fallen a few days previously, breaking a hip bone, and also sustained a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were conducted from the Phelps Funeral home in this city at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. R. C. Young officiating, and interment was in Masonic cemetery beside the grave of her husband, the late John Alexander Thompson, with whom she came to the county in 1875. Many old-time friends of the family paid their respects at the final rites.

Mary Belle Infield was born at Cochocton, Ohio, August 22, 1853, to Charles and Sarah (Stamm) Infield, both natives of Pennsylvania. She died in Portland, Oregon, April 22, 1937, being aged 83 years and 8 days. She had been a resident of Portland the last 29 years, to which city she and Mr. Thompson had retired from the Morrow county ranch about two years before Mr. Thompson died in 1910. She was married to John Alexander Thompson on November 23, 1871, at Eugene, and surviving this union is the one son, Ralph I. of Heppner, and grandson, Alexander H. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile lodges, and of Westminster Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Thompson's father sacrificed his life in 1861 in the service of the Blue in the Civil war. Her mother was among the earlier pioneers to the Pacific coast. It was with her that Mrs. Thompson crossed the plains with mule teams in 1867. They settled in the Willamette valley a short distance below Salem, and in the course of her schooling, Mrs. Thompson attended Willamette university. She taught school for two years before her marriage to Mr. Thompson.

Shortly after their marriage in 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson settled on a 335-acre ranch on Coyote creek near Eugene where they lived until 1875, when they came to what is now Morrow county and settled ten miles east of Heppner on Hinton creek. Mrs. Thompson made the trip on horseback, driving a small bunch of sheep. They engaged in the stock business here until 1885, when they sold the property and acquired a place on Butter creek. Still following sheep raising, their holdings were extended to include more than a 1000 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson disposed of their holdings in 1900 when they retired from active ranch life, though retaining an interest in several ranches. They resided in Heppner for a few years before going to Portland to make their home.

Mrs. Thompson reflected the noble qualities of the pioneer mother. Possessed of a sweet and charming personality, she endured pioneer hardships uncomplainingly, contributing her bit wherever possible to assist in building the empire of the west.

Community Sale Set for Wednesday

Lexington grange has completed arrangements for staging a large community auction sale at its hall near Lexington next Wednesday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. A general invitation is extended the public to bring any articles for sale, all of which will be offered at auction with V. R. Runnion crying the sale.

A. H. Nelson is general manager, of the event, R. B. Rice, sales manager, and E. Harvey Miller, clerk. Free lunch at noon is slated as one of the attractions.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy.

Ralph Thompson and Family.

Schools Combine In May Festivities Here Tomorrow

Music Festival, Spelling Contest, Track Events Scheduled.

Highlighting the county school calendar in activities of closing days will be the annual May Day fete in Heppner, tomorrow, when the majority of school children and teachers will assemble for a full day's program. Climaxed by the big music festival in the school gym beginning at 7:30 in the evening, the program will include spelling contests in the morning, and track meet in the afternoon.

The Heppner and Irrigon school bands appearing in ensemble in the evening will meet for joint practice from 9 to 10 in the morning, and from 10 to 11 children comprising the glee clubs and choruses will meet for rehearsal.

The spelling contests will start at 9 o'clock in the morning with the lower division meeting in room 4 on the lower floor of the school, and the upper division in room 8 on the same floor.

Pupils will bring lunches for the noon hour. Tables and benches will be found downstairs in the main building where hot chocolate will be served.

The track meet will start at 1:30 in the afternoon, and at 4 o'clock the Star theater has arranged a special matinee showing of "Penrod and Sam," at customary matinee prices.

A special 25-cent meal for school children will be served at Hotel Heppner dining room from 6 to 7:15.

The biggest undertaking of the day, considering organization and training, and the one which holds probably the strongest public appeal, is the music festival. With Miss Juanita Leathers as director of the singing and Miss Marjorie Parker as accompanist, combined glee clubs of the various county high schools, and combined choruses of lower and upper grade school pupils from all over the county will be presented. There will also be community singing by all participating pupils and audience, besides the ensemble playing of the Heppner and Irrigon bands, with Harold Buhman and Stan Atkin, the respective leaders, directing. Another feature of the evening program will be the presentation of the awards won in previous events of the day. No charge will be made for the event, and the public is urged to attend. The complete evening program follows:

1. Flag Salute led by Boy Scouts.
 - Audience stands.
 - Song—America.
 2. Primary Chorus:
 - "Toyland," W. Otto Miesner.
 - "Rosa," Folk Song.
 - "The Way to Dreamland Town," G. A. Grant-Scheffer.
 3. Tap Dance, Ione Upper Grade Girls.
 4. Upper Grade Chorus:
 - "Sing When You Are Happy," Geoffrey O'Hara.
 - "Peaceful Night," Ludwin von Beethoven.
 - "If I Were You," George Chadwick.
 5. Tumbling, Ione Primary Grades.
 6. "Corinthian Polka," Losey, Hugh Crawford, Heppner.
 7. Boys' Chorus, T. T. B. High School:
 - "Oh Lucindy," Jessie L. Depper.
 - "Pickin' Cotton," O'Keefe-Wells-Jey.
 8. "Estilian Caprice," Clarinet Solo, Donald Houghton, Irrigon.
 9. Girls' Glee Club, S. S. A., High School:
 - "When Moonbeams Softly Fall," E. Seitz.
 - "The Piper's Song," Anna P. Risher.
 - "Noon," Cuthbert Harris.
 10. Rhythm Band, Boardman Primary Grades.
 11. Mixed Chorus, S. A. T. B., High School:
 - "Just Singing Along," Marion Moore.
 - "A Little Pink Rose," Carrie Jacobs-Bond.
 - "Ride Out on Wings of Song," Haywood-Berwald.
 12. Combined Choruses and Audience:
 - "When I Grow Too Old to Dream," My Wild Irish Rose.
 13. Awards—Typing, Spelling and Track
 14. Bands—Heppner and Irrigon:
 - "Our Director," March, Bigelow.
 - "Stars and Stripes," March, Sousa.
 - "Carnival Overture," Gibb.
 - "Festival Overture," Taylor.
- Directors—Stan Atkin and Harold Buhman.
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