

**HARDMAN NEWS**

**John Adams Very Ill at Portland**

By HARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
Word was received here last week that John Adams had a serious heart attack. On Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams and daughters left here, driving to Portland. They wrote back that Mr. Adams' condition was serious and that he was in the hospital. Other members of the family had been sent for.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson and daughters came out Sunday and with the Carey Hastings family went to Tamarack where they spent the day with the Max Buschke's. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Buschke from the mill were also there.

The amount of water in the wells of this vicinity is considerably less than it has been for some time. Some wells are dry which have not been so for years. Rain is needed badly. The temperature has moderated and for the most part is very comfortable now.

G. I. Clary stayed at the Floyd Adams ranch during their absence in Portland.

Miss Pat Bleakman and Mrs. Raymond Reid, who have been huckle-berrying on Mt. Adams, returned Thursday, having had little success as the berries are not plentiful. Miss Betty Ganthier of Hood River returned with them.

Miss Alene Inskip was a guest at the Clark Stephens home from Thursday to Sunday. On Friday she went to Heppner to see the doctor about an infected finger.

On Friday Mrs. Ethel McDaniel and Vera and Cecil were dinner guests at the John Stevens home.

Mrs. Blaine Chapel was hostess at a very lovely birthday party at their ranch home Thursday.

Little Miss Yvonne Hastings spent Friday with the small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson in Heppner. All three children stayed Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Corda Saling while Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings went to the dance at Ione. Others from here who attended were Misses Frances Inskip, Vern McDaniel, Pat Bleakman, Betty Ganthier, Henry and Tommy Graham, Delvin and Dallas McDaniel and Buck Fairchild.

There have been a number of cattle buyers at the Roy Robinson ranch during the past week, some coming from Mitchell and some from Idaho.

The men who have been taking out logs for the mill were laid off Monday evening, with the mill expecting to run two days longer.

In the early part of last week a number of Hardman people were in town shopping and otherwise attending to business. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Duff McKittrick and Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams, Mrs. A. D. Inskip and daughter Nona. While there Mrs. Inskip consulted a doctor.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Miss Frances Inskip and Osel Inskip who had been working at the J. O. Kincaid ranch near Ione, were home for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Orlando Jones who with her husband is here from Oklahoma. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Jones left for Portland where they will remain about a week before continuing their trip.

Darrell Harris left Thursday for the mountains where he is making posts with Duff McKittrick. When he came in for the week end Mrs. Harris returned with him. Mrs. McKittrick and son Roger are also there.

Irl Clary, Jr., spent several days last week with Lewis McDonald out in the mountains where Lewis and his father, John McDonald, are cutting wood.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings and daughters drove to Yakima where Carey attended to business.

Last Friday Roland Farrens went out to the Roy Robinson ranch where he visited and helped with the hay until Sunday when he returned to Heppner.

**CATTLE IMPORTS SHOWN**

Washington D. C., Aug. 16—According to the department of agri-

culture, 90 percent of cattle imports from Mexico during June were feeder cattle. There was an average of 45,000 head monthly for the first six months of this year. For the first half year cattle imports from Canada and Mexico were 486,497 head.

**IRRIGON NEWS**

**Irrigon Homes Entertain Guests**

By MRS. W. C. ISOM  
Mrs. G. L. Byerly and three children from Albany visited her sister, Mrs. Stevens, and family last week.

Mrs. Dave Musgrave and Mrs. Roy Cork of Kimberley were dinner guests of Mrs. Musgrave's sister, Mrs. W. C. Isom, and family, Thursday. Mrs. Musgrave purchased a refrigerator of L. E. Moore at Hermiston while here.

Mrs. Sam Umiker and little daughter Kathryn are visiting Mrs. Umiker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert West and daughter from Greysbull, Wyo., are visiting Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frederickson.

Rev. Walpole of Stanford, Mont., preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Browning and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Warner Sunday.

Ben McCoy and wife of Imbler visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Bediwell who have been staying with their son since they sold their place in town moved to Boardman the last of the week.

Mr. Dent of Boardman was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dexter spent Sunday in Irrigon.

Mrs. Nettie Flower of Heppner is visiting her cousin, W. C. Isom, and family and the John Volle family this week.

**PINE CITY NEWS**

**Comings, Goings in Week at Pine City**

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER  
Mrs. John Healy, Mrs. Cecelia Bucknum, Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Mike Kenny were Pendleton callers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison spent Sunday evening at Irrigon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger spent Monday morning at the Julian Rauch home.

Mrs. Ollie Neill of Heppner spent Saturday at the A. E. Wattenburger home. In the afternoon she took the stage for La Grande to meet her daughter, Mrs. Lenna Herman, and motored on to Boise, Idaho, for a visit of two weeks.

Johnny Harrison left Saturday with Tommy Kay Boylen for a two weeks' visit at the Boylen home at Wallowa lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ayers attended the grange meeting at Lena Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith and daughters of Hermiston visited Friday at the E. B. Wattenburger home.

**Electric Jargon Made Plain for Ordinary Use**

Volts, amperes, watts, kilowatt hours, and similar words which are in the habit of having mixed meanings for most people not versed in electrical terms, are explained in everyday language in a new extension circular, No. 330, issued at Oregon State college.

This circular is designed for use by 4-H club members enrolled in rural electrification projects, but so much material of general use is contained in the circular that it will be supplied free to Oregon citizens interested, says Everett H. Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering, who is the author.

In addition to explaining electrical terms, the circular explains simple wiring layouts around a farmstead, describes the best kind of materials to use, and discusses adequate lighting for various parts of the residence and other farm buildings. A list of lighting outlets, switches and convenience plugs recommended for various buildings on the farm is also included.

**BUTTER CREEK FIRE COVERS 1100 ACRES; WILCOX'S EFFORT TO SAVE TRUCK TOLD**

Final "mopping up" of the big forest fire on Butter creek this week revealed a total burned-over area of 1100 acres. It was reported last week that between 800 and 900 acres were burned. Of the total area only some 20 acres was in the forest reserve, the remainder being private land that had mostly been cut over. Little damage was reported to merchantable timber. F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger, who spent a continuous 60 hours on the fire line, returned home last week end, while Ed Parker, assistant, who remained for the mopping up, returned Monday.

Detailed report of the burning of the forest service fire truck was made this week in a memorandum to the regional forester taken from testimony of Charles Wilcox, in charge, by Carl Ewing, district supervisor. The report includes photographs of the burned truck, the road and surrounding terrain, to give convincing proof of impossibility of getting the truck out of the fire's path. The report showed that Wilcox did everything humanly possible to save the equipment, even to risking his own life. He was not driving the truck at the time, as reported last week, having let Emmett Doherty, minor son of one of the landowners, take the truck ahead while he drove the tractor.

"When the driver of the truck arrived at the end of the road and saw the helplessness of the situation," the report states, "he, the trapper, and the other local people abandoned Mr. Wilcox and his equipment and sought safety." (It had already been established that none of these was aware that a dead end road was being taken.) "Mr. Wilcox first at-

tempted to negotiate the skid road to the left of the road with his tractor but found the soil too loose and the grades too steep. He then tried two other skid roads to the right but these were even steeper than the first. He then returned his tractor to a point near the truck where it was found after the fire had passed over. Believing that his truck, where it had been abandoned by Mr. Doherty, was too close to some accumulated logging debris for any possibility of survival, he drove it off the road to the right where it would be farther from the debris. He then took a shovel from his truck and as long as he could stand the heat shoveled soil on the top of his load. His purpose, he says, was to protect it from sparks which would be blowing overhead and might otherwise set it afire. The truck was then on bare soil in a setting of green trees, and he hoped it might survive a flashy crown fire. At the time he abandoned the outfit the fire was overhead in these trees and was burning on the ground to the north, east and south. Two spot fires were burning west of the truck.

"Mr. Wilcox escaped to the west, and after the heat of the fire had passed returned to the meadow from which place, and at about 6:40 p. m., he heard the gasoline tanks blow up. Shortly thereafter he met Mr. L. B. Pagter of your staff and accompanied him to the fire camp lower down on Butter creek.

"Prior to securing this story from Mr. Wilcox I had thoroughly investigated the situation at the scene of the loss and I am convinced that Mr. Wilcox did everything possible to protect the interests of the Forest Service during this entire episode."

**SCS Establishes Office Klamath Falls Area**

Southwestern Oregon farmers will have opportunity to obtain additional technical assistance in erosion control and improved land use with establishment soon of a Soil Conservation service area office at Klamath Falls, it is announced by Solon T. White, Oregon state coordinator for the service.

The Klamath Falls office will serve as headquarters for the direction of farm conservation activities soon to be carried out on an expanded basis in the southwestern part of the state, he explained, assuring more effective and economical cooperation with landowners desiring assistance in adopting better land use practices.

Through recent addition of water facilities development, farm forestry, flood control, and submarginal land purchase facilities, the Soil Conservation service is equipped to extend a wide range of assistance toward the goal of wise land use, it was pointed out.

Soil and water conservation demonstrations have been conducted on many thousands of acres of Oregon land during the past four years, in cooperation with land owners and the O. S. C. extension service, with technical assistance supplied by SCS men and labor furnished by CCC enrollees. As a result of the demonstrations on individual farms, landowners in neighboring territory have voluntarily adopted practices of proved value in controlling erosion.

**Burned Lands Seeded to Grass**

A total of 11,300 acres of burned-over lands were seeded to grass during 1938, partly through efforts of the O. S. C. farm crops department. Bracken fern, alder and fireweed normally volunteer after the timber has been logged off in western Oregon and this growth is valueless for grazing.

This undergrowth is an extreme fire hazard during the warm months and when burned destroys both grazing values and the reforestation growth. Reseeding to be most practical is done after the logging operations cease. Grass prevents erosion on the logged-off slopes, and provides up to \$2 per acre income from grazing.

**Check to be Made On Grazing Poachers**

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16—Unauthorized grazing operations are to be checked by the newly organized branch of land planning, use and protection of the general landoffice. It is estimated that fifty million acres of public domain outside of the federal grazing districts are being used. Stockmen who are using the lands without authority are expected to apply to the general landoffice for leases in order to comply with the requirements of the Taylor grazing act. About six million acres of public land outside the federal grazing districts are under lease at present. The unauthorized grazing operations are regarded as unfair competition in the livestock industry.

She was christened "Mary Anastasia O'Connor" so the lass must be true blue. Star Theater, Tuesday.

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