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## Richard Grenier Dies From Injuries Result Car Wreck

### Double Tragedy in Family as Wife Dies Near Roseburg

Morrow county had its first motor traffic fatality in several months at 1:40 a. m., Sunday, when Richard Grenier of Roseburg, in charge of rock stock pile on the Heppner hill road work, died at Heppner hospital. It was about midnight, a little more than an hour before, when Grenier's car overturned some hundred yards below the Alfalfa Lawn dairy gate as he was coming from Lexington to Heppner accompanied by James Stotts, and he was pinned by much of the car's weight across his lower abdomen. Stotts escaped with slight injury.

The injured man did not lose consciousness until a few moments before his passing and he suffered severe pain. After being brought to the hospital by Claude Graham of the dairy farm, he was attended by Dr. L. D. Tibbles who pronounced death due to internal abdominal injuries received in the accident. No sign of intoxication was shown by Grenier, Dr. Tibbles said.

Stotts reported that just before the accident he had given a cigarette to Grenier, who was driving. It was presumed that the driver's attention was distracted from the road for an instant as he was taking the cigarette and in that minute interval the car went off the road and turned over. The road was straight at this point with only a slight rise on either side.

Double tragedy attended the accident, it is reported from Roseburg with word yesterday that Mrs. Grenier, wife of the deceased, had passed away at Azalea, near Roseburg, without learning of her husband's fate. Being critically ill from an incurable malady at the time of the accident, she was not notified.

The deceased couple are survived by a daughter, Mrs. W. W. Smith of Ocean Lake, one son in high school, and two small children living with relatives at Azalea.

Grenier was known among his fellows as a steady, reliable worker. He was an employee of the contracting firm of Saxton, Looney and Risley.

The body of the deceased man was prepared for burial by Phelps Funeral home and was shipped to Roseburg last night.

## Erosion Survey Starts in Forest

A soil erosion survey was started this week in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. Ultimate classification of all forest land indicating amount of erosion is the aim of the survey.

Don Peters who came to the local district early in the season has been placed in charge locally, while Bob Putnam of Portland is regional head of the work.

## ELKS MEET TONIGHT

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, will meet in regular session at their hall tonight, announces Loyal Parker, secretary. Second meeting for September will be on the fourth Thursday. Meetings each of the first four Thursdays of the month will start in October.

## BUILDING NEW COTTAGE

T. Babb has completed the superstructure of a small cottage, started this week, at the corner of May and Chase streets, where the family residence will be made.

For sale, 1936 Ford pick-up; good condition, good tires; part cash and terms. Inquire Gazette Times. 27-28p.

## J. A. ADAMS RITES DRAW TRIBUTE

Hardman Settler of 1879 Was Native of Missouri; Was Long Prominent as Community Leader

With a large concourse of friends and neighbors paying tribute, John A. Adams was laid to rest in the Hardman cemetery Saturday evening following last rites from the Christian church in this city. Mr. Adams, 84, pioneer settler of the Hardman section, died at Portland Sanitarium hospital the Tuesday before following a lingering illness.

Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, officiated at the final rites. Pallbearers, all long-time friends, neighbors and business associates were Jim Hams, George Hayden, Charlie McDaniel, George Bleakman, Glen Hadley and L. E. Bisbee.

John Ambrose Adams was born February 20, 1855, at Independence, Mo., the son of Nelson and Mary (Hodges) Adams. He died at Portland, Ore., Sept. 5, 1939, aged 84 years, 6 months and 15 days. He was one of five children to this marriage, surviving brother and sister being Sam and Etta. Two, Jim and Josie, are deceased.

When 22 years old Mr. Adams came to eastern Oregon, settling on Dry Fork where he resided for two years before locating at Hardman in 1879 where he was a leading citizen of the community and a successful rancher until retirement in 1923, when he and Mrs. Adams established their home in Portland.

Mr. Adams married Miss Laura Ward in Dry Fork on December 24, 1889, and she was his constant companion and faithful helpmate throughout the remainder of his life. She and three children, Mrs. Etta Rau of Seattle, Belva L. Adams of Walla Walla, and Floyd N. Adams of Hardman, survive, besides five grandchildren, Marjorie and John, children of Mr. and Mrs. Belva Adams, and Clara Bella, Betty and Nancy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adams. He is also survived by seven half brothers and half sisters, Charlie, Tom, Bob, Steve, Annie and Dolly, residing in Missouri, and J. B. Adams of Hardman.

Mr. Adams was long a member of the Christian church, and in all his relationships with his fellow men exemplified high Christian ideals. He was among leaders of his community in all progressive movements, and served for several years as a member of the school board.

## Oiling Starts on Heppner Hill Road

Oiling crew of Babler Brothers, sub-contractors on the Heppner hill state secondary highway, arrived in the city last Friday to commence their part of the work. Oiling was started at the far end of the six mile stretch now under construction.

Grading work has now reached Heppner with considerable widening of the first grade leading out of town. It is expected only the part now being oiled will be given complete top dressing at this time, with the remainder given a dust coat to hold it until operations can be resumed next year. City dads are in contact with the oiling contractors with view to having the new Willow creek road outlet and street work at the swimming tank surfaced while the oiling crew is set up here.

## TIMBER LANDS SOLD

Two deed transfers for Morrow county mountain land were put on record at the clerk's office this week. Sally M. Robinson et vir deeded several quarters in Sec. 20, Tp. 6 S., R. 25, to Kinzua Pine Mills for \$3600. Elmer Musgrave et ux deeded a quarter in Sec. 33, Tp. 5 S., R. 26, to Frank Wilkinson for \$480.

## HOME FROM HOSPITAL

John Padberg of the Lexington district, who recently underwent a major operation at Heppner hospital, was sufficiently recovered to return home Monday.

## Robinson Freed Of Charge Arising From Elk Killing

### Local Trial Draws Interest From Neighbor Districts

Mountain ranchers from Umatilla and Grant counties evidenced interest by attendance here Tuesday at the trial in justice court of Roy Robinson, south-Hardman cattle raiser, charged with wanton waste of meat in connection with killing elk to protect his property. They expressed pleasure when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Robinson had been arraigned two weeks previously and on plea of not guilty was left to appear on his own recognizance. Roy Kilpatrick, young Canyon City attorney, appeared as defense counsel, with Frank Alfred as district attorney presenting the state's case. J. O. Hager, justice of the peace, presided.

Jurors drawn were Mrs. J. W. Hiatt, J. A. Mollahan, Gus Nikander, Paul Jones, A. L. Osmin and L. A. Osmin.

Appearing as principal defense witnesses were Mr. Robinson and sons Donald and Creston, and for the state were State Patrolman Moseley and Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

In his testimony, Robinson admitted having killed a number of elk at intervals, asserting he had notified officers of such kills and at no time had attempted to conceal the fact. A letter from the game commission which he received in August, 1937, was placed in evidence to show that he had contacted the commission after killing an elk in that year. This letter signified permission of the commission to so protect his property with admonition that meat was to be taken care of, but no part of it used for his own consumption.

A second letter received from the commission just after the charge was placed against him, was also placed in evidence, carrying much the same purport.

Robinson's story of the killing and of contact with officers was corroborated largely by his sons. He averred that after the letter had been received in 1937, he had contacted the state police officer in the local district and did not receive satisfaction as to disposal of slain animals, though he had been told in the letter from the commission that the game warden in his district would cooperate.

Officers testified that Robinson had not given notice in the instance of each killing and had permitted meat of slain animals to spoil. The prosecution pointed out that in each instance where the sheriff's office had been notified, there was ready response.

## HOLLYWOOD MAN VISITS

Availing that he has little taste for such Oregon dust as he encountered in the Madras district while on the last lap of his journey to Heppner, Monday, Walter Duncan of Hollywood said he was mighty pleased to be able to visit his brother, Harry, and friends here of former visits. The Hollywood member of the Duncan family earns his bread by selling Packard automobiles to the movie stars, and counts many prominent movie people among his friends. This summer he had the pleasure of escorting Judge and Mrs. C. L. Sweek on a studio tour while these prominent eastern Oregonians were "doing" the film capital. For several years he Rounded-Up at Pendleton and is looking forward to seeing eastern Oregon's world famous show again this year.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles and son Lance returned home Saturday from a week's vacation spent in Salem where they attended the state fair.

## 22 MUSTANGS SET TO HANDLE PIGSKIN

Seven Lettermen on Squad Preparing for Fossil Invasion Next Week; May Play Enterprise

Twenty-two boys have answered the call for H. H. S. football and are working out each evening at Rodeo field. Included in the list are seven lettermen from last year's victorious team. They will form the nucleus around which the 1939 Mustang herd will be formed.

The squad has been reenforced by the transfer of two seniors from Pine City, Gordon O'Brien and Bruce Lindsey. Both boys lack experience but will supply much needed weight in the line and should develop rapidly.

Dean Gilman, backfield stand-by of 1938, is recovering from a tonsil operation and expects to join the squad soon.

Here is the squad: Lettermen—Art Vance, Douglas Drake, Kemp Dick, Clifford Fay, Guy Moore, Jack Merrill, Richard Hayes.

Rookies—Gordon O'Brien, Bruce Lindsey, Don Bennett, Don Evans, Norval Osborne, Bob Swick, Claude Snow, Doan Fell, Joe Farley, Don Wehmeyer, Jack McLaughlin, Phil Cohn, James Kenny, Jimmy Barratt, Bill Scrivner.

The season will open here a week from tomorrow with Fossil as the opposition. Season's incomplete schedule:

Sept. 22—Fossil at Heppner.  
Sept. 30—Pendleton at Pendleton (second team).  
Oct. 6—open.  
Oct. 13—Condon at Heppner.  
Oct. 20—open.  
Oct. 27—Arlington at Heppner.  
Nov. 3—Condon at Condon.  
Nov. 11—Hermiston at Heppner.  
(Note: Negotiations are under way to schedule a game with Enterprise at Enterprise on Oct. 6.)

## North Morrow Fair Reported to Lions

Morrow county's north end fair, held last week end at Boardman was a nice attraction and should have been attended by more people from other parts of the county, reported Frank Alfred, C. J. D. Bauman and Mrs. Lucy Rodgers at Monday's Lions luncheon at Hotel Heppner. The exhibits attractively presented the many varied products of the irrigated section, being featured especially by the melons for which it is noted.

In the impromptu program of entertainment, a race between county officials was reported, in which Sheriff Bauman took credit for winning second place behind Assessor Wells after Treasurer Briggs and District Attorney Alfred, the other two contestants, had dropped by the wayside. Mrs. Rodgers reported a commendable showing of 4-H club work.

As featured speaker at the club luncheon, Mrs. Smith of the Pacific Protective society, told of the work of the Louise home and Albertina Kerr nursery in Portland. She was here on a field tour in connection with raising funds for the work with wayward girls and homeless infants. The state contributes 47 percent of the cost of the work's upkeep and the remainder comes from popular subscription. She declared this financing system preferable as it perpetuates the Christian atmosphere which present management provides. If the institutions were entirely state supported, politicians might not maintain existing ideals, she believed. Added expense was incurred this year by starting a school in connection with the Louise home, she said.

## REFEREES' EXAMS SET

Examination of those who wish to qualify as football referees to officiate at games through the season will be held at the school house next Saturday, beginning at 1 a. m., announces A. H. Blankenship.

## Farmers to Discuss Wheat Situation Arising From War

### County Meeting Set Wednesday at Court House

Morrow county farmers were urged this week by Harvey Miller, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee, to reserve the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 20, for a meeting in Heppner at which the effects of the European war on wheat production will be discussed.

The meeting will be held in the court room at the court house, and will open at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All Morrow county farmers, as well as others interested, are invited.

Among speakers will be Wm. Steen, state committee chairman, and N. C. Donaldson, executive assistant, who will lead the discussion on the wheat situation.

The meeting, conducted on a county-wide scale, will be similar to a state-wide session held yesterday at Pendleton at which more than 300 Oregon wheat growers discussed the problem now facing them because of the outbreak of hostilities abroad.

"Should wheat acreage be increased because of war—or should farmers plan to stay within their AAA allotments?" That, said the county chairman, is the problem confronting Morrow county farmers.

He pointed out that Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture, has announced that the present world surplus of wheat is more than enough to supply a year's needs, and quoted Wallace's advice that "American farmers proceed with their production plans as if the outbreak in Europe had not occurred."

The chairman said that many Morrow county farmers, with an eye on rising market prices, no doubt will be tempted to increase their wheat acreage. Purpose of the meeting, he stated, is to determine whether Morrow county farmers, as a whole, think this expansion desirable.

## Tax Equalizers Have Busy Session

Morrow county's board of equalization ground away steadily this week on the many protests received against proposed increases in taxable valuation of town property resulting from the recent reappraisal work of the state tax commission.

E. S. Woodford, who made the reappraisal, and Art Selander, from the commission office, arrived the first of the week and assisted the board in explaining how new valuations were figured.

## LADIES IN WRECK

A group of Heppner ladies on their way to Hermiston to attend a meeting of the garden club at that place had their trip unfortunately interrupted about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when their car hit loose gravel and overturned. Mrs. Eppa Ward, president of the local garden club, was at the wheel, and with her were Mrs. Sara McNamer, Mrs. Martha Dick and Mrs. Blanche McNamer Moore, sister of Mr. McNamer's. All escaped with slight injury but the Ward car was badly damaged. Cliff Daugherty, who lives a short distance from the scene of the accident, about 5 miles north of Lexington on the Lexington-Jarmon road, came to the ladies' rescue and assisted them back to town. Mrs. Ward reported, "Driver was confused after making wide left turn and ran off the grade. Passengers were bruised slightly."

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