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Heppner Lumber Mill Burns, Halting Payroll Industry

Fire Origin Undetermined; Loss \$15,000—Plan to Rebuild

Estimated \$15,000 loss was sustained by Heppner Lumber company when fire razed the mill a mile below town shortly after 2 o'clock last Friday morning. Origin of the fire was undetermined. Adjustment of insurance is being made, and the owners, H. O. Wray and Orville Smith, plan to rebuild.

The mill night watchman is reported to have been granted leave that night to meet folks at Pendleton, and first to see the flames was Mrs. Claude Graham from her home at the farm just below the mill. She roused men on the farm who turned in the alarm and awakened Mr. Wray who was sleeping in his cabin close by, unaware of the flames. By the time fire fighters arrived on the scene the fire was a mass of fire and efforts were concentrated on saving the two million feet of lumber piled near by, and houses and sheds.

A hundred thousand feet of logs in the pond did not burn, and the large boiler costing several thousand dollars was little damaged.

Mr. Wray had worked until 11 o'clock the night before sharpening saws in the shop, and upon retiring had seen no evidence of anything being wrong. It was the usual custom of the mill to douse fire in the boilers at the end of each day's operations, and the mill had been "dead" of fire for several hours.

The mill was doing contract cutting for Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company. Having got a late season start, it had missed two weeks of best cutting weather when the boiler broke down and parts for repair had to be brought from the east. Capacity operation had been attained several weeks ago, and average output of 50,000 feet a day had been maintained since. The operation was pronounced running smoothly when the fire occurred and plans were laid to continue cutting until the first of the year, weather permitting.

Besides the 100,000 feet of logs already delivered at the mill another 400,000 feet had been felled in the timber, ready for delivery, and ten trucks were rushing these to the mill. The fire not only caused the mill crew of 25 men to be laid off, but also slowed down logging and hauling, causing Heppner to feel the loss of what had proved to be a lucrative payroll industry.

Current Tax 71 Pct. Collected to Date

Report just released by Clerk C. W. Barlow shows the current year's tax 71.34 percent collected with completion of third-quarter turn-overs by the sheriff's office. To date of report collections on the current roll totaled \$200,815.77. Interest collected was \$361.30, and discount for prepayment allowed of \$4,421.51.

Balance uncollected on total roll of \$281,489.99 was \$80,674.22. The clerk's report shows amount of collections credited to each tax subdivision account.

MILL MEN VISIT

Leonard Kraft and Kenneth Leash, officials of Bridal Veil Lumber and Box company, were in the city yesterday accompanied by W. B. Crow, lumber mill man of The Dalles. The Bridal Veil officials were called on business arising from the Heppner Lumber company fire which upset cutting operations on lumber for their company.

Cows for sale, Guernsey, fresh lately. Lee C. Sparks, Ione. 35-37p.

HARD GRID GAME SLATED SATURDAY

Line-Ups Set for Traditional Hermiston-Heppner Battle; Dope Gives Mustangs Edge

Nearly every football team has at least one traditional game on its schedule, a game which means more and which is harder fought than any others. The Heppner Mustangs are no exception to this rule and Saturday afternoon on Rodeo field they play the traditional Armistice day game with Hermiston.

Heppner has the better season record of the two, having lost but one game while winning five, but Hermiston has played in much faster company. Both teams have played Condon and won by much the same score. Last Friday Heppner beat Condon 18-0 while Hermiston won from the same team 19-7 the week before. However, previous records mean nothing in this game and upsets have always been the rule rather than the exception.

The game will be the final appearance on the home field of the following seniors: Richard Hayes, Jack Merrill, Guy Moore, Bob Swick, Art Vance, Cliff Faye, Kemp Dick, Bruce Lindsey and Gordon O'Brien.

Heppner's starting line-up: Drake LE, Dick LT, O'Brien LG, Kenny RG, Osborne C, Faye RT, Vance RE, Gilman LH, Merrill RH, Hayes FB, Snow Q.

Mustangs Defeat Condon, 18-0

In a slam-bang, knock-down-and-drag-out grid battle the Heppner Mustangs beat Condon to the tune of 18-0 on the Condon field last Friday afternoon.

The Heppner team found what Mustang teams have found in the past. That is, a Condon team is much stronger on its own field than on the Heppner field. This was evidenced by the fact that Heppner had the ball in Condon territory through all the first half but was unable to score against the Blue Devils' fighting defense.

Heppner's first score came early in the third quarter under slightly freak circumstances. On a Condon line play from the five-yard line, the ball carrier fumbled the ball into the hands of Richard Hayes. Then to score it was merely a simple matter for Hayes to trot across the goal line. The conversion was missed. For the second score, Gilman threw a pass to Drake who lateraled from the 5-yard line to Merrill who took the ball across. The conversion was again missed. The last score came late in the game when Merrill cut back through the left side of the line and raced twenty yards for the score. On a fake placement, Gilman attempted a pass to Drake for the conversion, but it was incomplete.

Some exceptional pass defensive work was turned in by Kenny and Osborn, who both intercepted aials.

LEN GILMAN INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Thomson were among local people journeying to Forest Grove last week end for the homecoming football game between Pacific university and College of Idaho. Len Gilman, brother of Mrs. Thomson and star Pacific halfback, was instrumental in Pacific's holding the strong Idaho team to a 13-13 tie, but was also the victim of a concerted Idaho attack that resulted in his receiving a slight concussion of the brain for which he was hospitalized until yesterday. The injury was expected to keep him out of the game this week end.

RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED

Heppner Garden club discussed plans for holding a rummage sale in the near future at its meeting at the home of Mrs. Ed Dick Monday evening. Main discussion was on control of local insects using information brought to the club at the previous meeting by Clifford Conrad, county agent.

Redistricting Plan Heard at Lex; Pine City Next

Equalized Millage for Special School Tax Anticipated

Second in the series of public information meetings being held by the county school district reorganization committee was held Saturday afternoon in the Lexington school auditorium with fair attendance. Dan Lindsay was chairman of the meeting, Ladd Sherman explained the law under which the board is proceeding, and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, presented maps showing the tentative redistricting plans, and budget of estimated cost of operating the new district for the Lexington section, with valuation, and millage required.

The Lexington program will be repeated at the next meeting, set for Pine City, November 26.

Two points that seem not to have been definitely established in the minds of the people in the first meeting at Ione and that at Lexington are that the county committee has no say where schools shall be set up or discontinued, and that the new districts will not assume outstanding indebtedness of old districts which they may incorporate, said Mrs. Rodgers.

The redistricting proposed follows closely present trends in transporting pupils to the various schools, with the committee working so far as possible to keep the special tax millage to be levied in each district as near the same in all districts as possible.

Estimates worked out for the Ione and Lexington sections indicate that approximately 6.5 mills special tax levy would be required in each of these districts.

Consolidation in the Ione section would include districts 35, Ione; 5, Morgan; 8, Cecil; 9, Lone Tree; 14, Pleasant Vale; 16, Ella; 21, Dry Fork; 29, Rocky Bluff; 11, Liberty; 32, Rhea Creek, and 36, Gooseberry. Total valuation of the new district would be \$2,153,702. School census population would be 230, raising it to a second class district.

In the Lexington section it is proposed to consolidate districts 12, Lexington; 18, Strawberry; 23, Devine; 50, Hodsdon; 53, Social Ridge; 17, Blackhorse; 38, Valentine; 15, Clarks Canyon; 26, Pine City, and 27, Alpine. The total valuation would be \$1,640,690, and the school census population, 180.

Estimates have not yet been completed for other proposed districts, and those made so far are based on assessed valuations as of last year, making them subject to slight alteration under the reassessment to appear on this year's tax rolls.

When the redistricting plan is completed it will be sent to the office of the state superintendent of public instruction who may order it invoked after hearing any arguments that may be presented, or who may reject it. If the plan is invoked, local districts must vote against being a part of the new district if they are to remain out.

The information meetings are expected to be held for all sections of the county before final transmittal of the plan to Salem is made.

O. E. S. TO MEET

Regular meeting of Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, at Masonic hall tomorrow evening will feature movies of the San Francisco world fair to be shown by Donald Jones and James Leach, announces Mrs. Faye Ferguson, worthy matron.

American Legion auxiliary will meet next Monday evening at the home of Ethel Adams.

MILLER AGAIN AAA HEAD IN COUNTY

Conservation Association Names Henry Baker, R. B. Rice as Members of Committee

E. H. Miller of Heppner will again head activities of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association during 1940, having been re-elected chairman of the organization at the annual county convention held November 8 in Heppner.

The other two newly-elected members are Henry Baker of Eightmile, vice-chairman, and R. B. Rice of Alpine. Alternates are Oscar Peterson of Ione and Paul Smith of Boardman.

The newly elected committee re-appointed C. D. Conrad as secretary and Florence Bergstrom as treasurer.

Each of the 747 farmers of Morrow county who are cooperating with the AAA program is a member of the conservation association. This year, the association has been in charge of distributing approximately \$375,000 in federal conservation payments to farmers of this county, to aid them in carrying on conservation work.

Additional Workers Named for Red Cross

Added community workers for the Red Cross roll call, starting Saturday, were named this week by Russell McNeill, county chapter chairman.

Those named are Mrs. Pauline Hughes, Lena; Mrs. Walter Becket, Mrs. Ben Anderson, Eightmile and Gooseberry; Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Willow creek; Mrs. Carl Deitlaf, Balm Fork; Mrs. Marion Finch, Pine City; Mrs. A. E. Rugg, Ruggs community; Mrs. Marvin Brannon, Hardman.

Special attention is called to the radio program when the three big networks will donate an hour between 7:30 and 8:30 Saturday evening for Red Cross benefit. Leading air talent will make this hour especially attractive, announces Mr. McNeill.

Delinquent Taxes In County Decrease

Delinquent taxes for 1938 and prior years in Morrow county have dropped \$54,605.50 from the amount shown at the beginning of the current year, according to a compilation just released by C. W. Barlow, county clerk.

This amount represents payment on delinquent taxes. Collection of an additional \$6,053.30 in interest makes a total of \$60,658.80 coming into county coffers since January first from delinquent tax collections. The clerk's compilation reveals balances in each tax-subdivision account for a grand total of \$300,849.41 delinquent at the beginning of the year. Balance due from delinquent taxes is shown by the current statement to be \$246,243.91.

Balances in several funds are shown as follows: State, county and general school, \$68,066.43; general roads, \$21,371.33; City of Heppner, \$7,566.78; City of Ione, \$3,351.97; City of Lexington, \$3,773.02; City of Boardman, \$2,294.11; School District No. 1, \$18,416.52.

Election Set to Fill School Clerk Vacancy

Due to resignation of Mrs. Eva Baldwin as clerk of School District No. 1, a special election has been called to name a successor on Tuesday, November 27. Notice of the election appears in another column.

Mrs. Baldwin, who was elected in June, tendered her resignation with announcement that the family expects to leave Heppner to reside in Salem. It was expected they would leave the first of next week.

Heppner Business Life to Pause for Armistice Day

Morning Program, Grid Clash and Dance Scheduled

Observance of the 21st anniversary of Armistice day will bring business life in Heppner to a pause Saturday as Heppner post, American Legion, and ladies of the auxiliary take the lead in staging a day full of activity. Business houses will not open during the day and the public is urged to make purchases for the week end tomorrow (Friday).

The Star theater will be the scene of a short but appropriate memorial program, starting at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. Ione and Hermiston posts and units, American Legion and auxiliary, are joining in this and other events of the day, and the public is invited to participate in making it a real tribute to men and women who sacrificed their lives in the great World war.

Judge Bert Johnson will bring the highlight message at the memorial service. Invocation by Rev. R. C. Young, two numbers by the school band and a minute of silence will complete the program.

Beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon, Hermiston high school will invade Rodeo field to clash with Heppner's Mustangs in the long civil war that has alternated between the two cities for many years. The Mustangs will go on the field as leaders of their B division in the Upper Columbia Athletic league, while Hermiston with not so good a record but having played in hotter A school competition, is rated on even footing. Always one of the most hotly contested games of the season, this year's battle will be no exception, say dopesters.

Climaxing the day will be the big ball at the Elks hall, where Merrill's orchestra will dispense tunes for enjoyment of all who care to attend.

Noted Leather Man To Go to Montana

Joseph B. Snyder, veteran leather worker who for several years has been assisting at the Noble saddlery, announces intention to leave on the 18th for Miles City, Mont., where he goes to accept a position with the Miles City Saddlery company. Mrs. Snyder will remain here until spring.

Mr. Snyder is a member of the old school of leather craftsmen, and his work has gained recognition over a wide area. He became connected the making of Noble saddles and harness in the early days of this pioneer Heppner concern, and followed the trade in many western cities before returning to his old bailiwick. He considers the Miles City offer especially attractive and while expressing regret at leaving his home and many old-time friends here he considers the position too attractive to refuse. A hobby of Mr. Snyder's for many years has been the making of hand-somely hand-stamped travelling cases that have proved very popular. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder here express regret at their leaving, but wish them success and happiness in their new field.

SCOUT NIGHT SET

Reporting large interest in Boy Scouts as the active fall season is being launched, with 28 boys signed to date, Martin Clark, scoutmaster, has set the regular meeting time for each Monday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock at the Christian church. All boys who have signed and others interested are urged to attend.

Clarence Hesselstine was called to Spokane Tuesday by the serious illness of his mother.