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## Fire Damaging Elks Home, Star Theater \$3000, Adjusted

Firemen Act Quickly in Subduing Blaze That Spontaneous

Quick response and efficient action by Heppner's volunteer fire department Monday morning kept to a minimum damage from a concealed blaze that brought forth an alarm a few minutes after 6 o'clock. Damage to the Elks hall and Star theater, which was fully insured, was adjusted almost before the smoke cleared. It was estimated at \$3000.

Believed to have started spontaneously from an oiled mop in a closed closet under the upstairs stairway in the Star theater, the fire had burned under the stairs and had just burst through the floor upstairs when it was finally quenched.

Smoke and water damage exceeded that from the fire proper, making necessary renovation of much of the Elks hall and the theater.

Mark Merrill, whose restaurant adjoins the Elks building, was the first to discover the fire and he turned in the alarm. He had just stopped his car at the stop sign at the east entrance of Main street in May, when Mrs. Merrill who was with him, remarked, "I wonder why they have a fire in the Elks building?" Mr. Merrill immediately looked that way and seeing that the smoke was not coming out of the chimney but out of the ventilating system, made haste to investigate. He unlocked the door and went upstairs only to find a lot of smoke and no fire. Having had much fire-fighting experience, he was not long in turning in the alarm.

As the fire had not broken out it took the firemen several minutes to locate it, but when they did they started in at its base and followed it up in short order, it being necessary to break through walls and ceiling to get to it.

Damage was confined to the hall and theater, O'Donnell's restaurant, in the building to the north of the theater escaped damage.

Sid Riding and J. D. Blasing were insurance adjusters on the job in a few hours after notification Tuesday. Roger Kay and Mr. McCormick of Pendleton assisted the lodge trustees in estimating extent of damage.

The theater got things in order sufficiently to put on the show as usual Monday evening and has been operating since.

The Elks building was constructed in 1920 at a cost of \$55,000.

## Camp Fire Girls Plan For Summer Camps

Both the Sacajawea and Nokomis groups of Camp Fire Girls are making plans for summer camps in the near future, announces Mrs. Ed Dick, Jr., a sponsor.

The Nokomis group, composed of high school girls, met yesterday afternoon at the home of Louise Green with Merlyn Kirk, assistant hostess, and discussed plans for attending the Camp Merriweather encampment on the coast for a week. The Sacajawea group will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Dick. They expect to camp in the local mountains. The Nokomis camp is set for the last week in August.

## CHARLES NOTSONS IN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson and two children have arrived in the east on a visit to the United States from their work in the Chinese mission field, and are expected in Heppner sometime the fore part of August, according to word received by friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Notson have been in Tibetan China for the last seven years as Methodist missionaries.

## 22 New Selectees Register in County

The July 1 registration of men reaching 21 years of age since the first registration in October, brought 22 new men under jurisdiction of the Morrow County Selective Service board. A total of 31 men were registered at the local office, but 12 of this number were not under the jurisdiction of the local board, while three registration cards were sent here from offices elsewhere. With serial numbers and addresses, the new men, whose order numbers will be drawn in Washington July 17, are:

S-1 Jackson Earle Gilliam, Heppner; S-2 Lawrence Leroy Smith, Boardman; S-3 William Pedro Paul Davidson, Ione; S-4 John James Healy, Heppner; S-5 Frank Russell Miles, Boardman; S-6 Edmund Troy Walker, Jr., Heppner; S-7 James Patrick Healy, Heppner; S-8 Clyde Ray Bellows, Heppner; S-9 John Edward Hays, Heppner; S-10 Leonard William Robertson, Boardman; S-11 Emil Henry Rauch, Lexington; S-12 Warren George Canoy, Heppner;

S-13 James Haskell Peck, Lexington; S-14 James Edward Trueblood, Ione; S-15 James Herbert Moyer, Heppner; S-16 Melvin Lyle Allyn, Ione; S-17 Robert Wesley Warfield, Ione; S-18 William Clayton Wright, Heppner; S-19 Donald Orville Robinson, Hardman; S-20 Clarence Curtis Frederickson, Irrigon; S-21 John Edward McEntire, Boardman; S-22 Vernon Albert Knowles, Heppner.

## Henry Baker Heads Ag Defense Board

Morrow county's role in the national defense was given new added significance with the creation this week of the U. S. department of agriculture defense board for Morrow county, with Henry Baker of Ione, chairman of the county AAA committee, as chairman.

Similar boards were established in every state and in every agricultural county in the nation on order of Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard. Purpose of the new boards is to further the field defense activities of the department of agriculture, and to coordinate these activities with those of other agencies in the field.

Membership of the Morrow county committee will include County Agent C. D. Conrad, the representatives in the county of the farm security administration, the forest service, rural electrification administration, the soil conservation service and farm credit administration.

Robert Taylor of Adams, member of the state AAA committee, will be chairman of the state U. S. Department of Agriculture Defense board.

## McMURDO BOYS END TRIP

Ted and Scott McMurdo, with their companion, John Nielson, ended a boat trip down the Tanana river in Alaska when, on reaching the river's mouth they learned by radio of settlement of the strike in the Fairbanks Exploration company, for which Ted had been working. They immediately caught a plane and flew back to Fairbanks in two hours the distance it had taken them 12 days to cover by boat. Word to this effect was received this week by Dr. and Mrs. McMurdo in a long letter from Scott.

## SPECIAL ELKS NOTICE

Exalted Ruler J. G. Barratt has called a special meeting of Heppner Lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, for 8 o'clock this evening. The meeting is called at request of the trustees due to the emergency created by Monday morning's fire. All members who can are urged to attend.

## AUDREY GEORGE PASSES

Audrey George, 15, daughter of Mrs. Faye (Young) George of Portland, former Morrow county girl, is reported to have passed away in the city this week, with funeral services there Sunday.

## Kathryn Thompson Lends Charms As Queen Of Rodeo

### Royal Court to Make First Appearance at Lex Saturday

Miss Kathryn Thompson, 17, will be queen of the 1941 Heppner Rodeo, August 15-16-17, according to the decision of the queen's committee made at the council chambers last night.

Miss Thompson, whose charming auburn locks have been swept into the Morrow county breeze from horseback since babyhood, and who has graced the queen's court as attendant in former years, is the daughter of Mrs. Sophrona Thompson. She was graduated with the class of 1941 from Heppner high school.

The committee making the selection was composed of Ralph Jackson, chairman; Mrs. Orville Smith, Mrs. J. G. Barratt, Henry Peterson, D. R. Gibson, Charles Hirl and E. M. Baker.

Queen Kathryn will be first introduced to the public next Saturday evening at the first of the princesses' dances, to be held at Lexington. The dance will honor the Lexington grange royal court representative, Miss Frances Wilkinson. Other members of the royal court, also to be introduced are, Miss Patricia Emert, Ione, Willows grange; Miss Rita Robinson, Hardman, Rye Creek grange, and Miss Colleen Kilkenny, Heppner, Lena grange.

The queen and princesses will be introduced at 11 o'clock.

J. Logie Richardson, chamber of commerce rodeo committee chairman asks that all members of the royal court meet at his office at 9 o'clock Saturday morning to go to Pendleton for pictures and costume fitting.

Lists of events for the coming show were off the press this week and are in the hands of Len L. Gilliam, secretary. Plans call for following closely the same events as last year. One change is the substitution of bulldogging for bull riding. Prizes totalling \$1500 are being offered by the association.

## NEW LOAN PROGRAM ON

The local ACA office announces that they are now taking applications for government loans on 1941 wheat and barley. The average loan rate for wheat at Morrow county stations will be about 94 cents per bushel, basis number one. The loan rate on barley will be 45 cents per bushel.

## "GREEN" DRIVE CONTINUES

First report of results of the Keep Oregon Green association's campaign for members is most encouraging, according to John B. Woods, executive secretary of the movement to keep forest fires out of Oregon.

Membership enrollment stations have been established in nearly all communities of the state and citizens generally are showing an interest in lending their full support to the campaign, which has for its slogan, "Forest Defense is National Defense."

Due to the interruption caused by the Fourth of July holiday, the intensive phase of membership enrollment is being continued this week. Stations in most communities will continue to receive memberships and issue the official Keep Oregon Green pins until further notice.

Albert Schunk is Keep Oregon Green representative in Heppner.

## Large Group Up for Draft Classification

Morrow county local board today mailed questionnaires to the registrants whose names, addresses and order numbers are shown below:

451 Kenneth Percy Bleakman, Heppner; 452 Earl Clauton Hogue, Heppner; 453 Delbert Chauncey Carpenter, Boardman; 454 Ora Ralph Acock, Irrigon; 455 Dorr Godfrey Mason, Ione; 456 Harold Dudley Buell, Hermiston, c-o O. H. Buell; 457 Philip William Mahoney, Heppner; 458 Charles Albert Carlson, Nolan; 459 Cornelius Walter Depuy, 7409 N. Wilbur, Portland; 460 Harold William Buhman, Heppner; 461 John Joseph Horner, Hermiston; 462 Criss Willson Aiken, c-o Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Heppner; 463 Lyle Clair Cowdry, 404 W. 8th St., Vancouver, Wash.; 464 George Vernon Root, Arlington; 465 Alex Cornett Green, Heppner; 466 Claude Walter Buschke, Hardman; 467 Richard Louis Proennecke, c-o Frank Wilkinson, Heppner; 468 Eldon Joseph Gamble, Heppner, R.F.D.; 469 David Lam Chinn, Heppner; 470 Charles Marion Cox, Heppner; 471 Joseph Gillee, 344 S.E. 3rd St., Pendleton; 472 Harlan D. McCurdy, Jr., Heppner; 473 Raymond George Blahm, Route 1, Hermiston; 474 Charles Edward Hastings, Harman; 475 Thomas Woodrow Huston, Eightmile; 476 Elijah Albert Boone, Fallon, Nevada; 477 Henry Jophon Delameter, Heppner; 478 Edward Anthony Sosnowski, Hermiston, c-o J. A. Terteling & Sons; 480 Oral Clinton Wright, Heppner; 481 Paul Radke Slaughter, Irrigon; 482 Alvin Carl Lass, Echo; 483 Thornton Dunn, Heppner; 484 Harlan Nelson Adams, Hardman; 485 Richard Ridgway Borman, Heppner; 486 Clifford Winston Miller, Lena; 487 Robert LeRoy Griggs, Heppner; 488 Oliver Perry Campbell, Heppner, c-o Alex Wilson; 489 Anson Edward Rugg, Heppner; 490 Raleigh Macon Woodin, Heppner; 491 Eugene Debbas Wardwell, Ione; 492 Charles Wesley Allred, Route 1, Mt. Airy, N. Carolina; 493 Arthur Raymond Reid, Hardman; 494 Kenneth Arthur McKenzie, Heppner; 495 Clifford De Vere Conrad, Heppner; 496 Earl Garline Pettyjohn, Ione; 497 George Wellington Wicklander, Jr., Cascadia, Oregon, c-o Leonard & Slade; 498 Clarence Elwood Brenner, Ione; 499 Harry Albin Lindbo, CCC, Heppner; 500 Everett Leon Chapin, Hardman.

## Sand Country Scene Of Large Grass Fire

A grass fire, thought to have been started by lightning Sunday evening in the vicinity of the ammunition depot beyond the Wesland irrigation ditch near Hermiston, jumped the ditch and burned over several thousand acres of sand country in the north end of Umatilla and Morrow counties Sunday night and Monday. It was put under control late Monday evening after it had spread from Butter creek to the Kilkenny lakes some six miles to the west.

A north wind drove the flames southward into Morrow county at a rapid rate Monday morning, resulting in an alarm being turned in here shortly after noon, and a number of local men, headed by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, responded. Shortly after the local men arrived on the scene the wind changed directions, and it was possible, with use of tractors and plows supplied by local farmers, to backfire successfully.

## 1942 ALLOTMENT 93,863 ACRES

Henry Baker, chairman of the local ACA committee, announced today that the 1942 wheat acreage allotment for Morrow county had been set at 93,863 acres. He went on to say that producers would be notified of their individual allotments within the next two or three weeks.

## Civilian Defense Registration Set In County Saturday

### Headquarters Set in Each Community; Ask Old Aluminum

Registration for Oregon Civil reserves has been set for Saturday, July 12, by the Morrow County Defense council. Registration will be open from 8 in the morning to 9 in the evening at the following places in the county:

Heppner, city hall; Hardman, post office; Lexington, Lon Henderson's garage; Ione, Jack Farris cafe; Boardman, Jack Gorham store; Irrigon, Fred Houghton's office.

The Legion auxiliary has kindly offered the services of its members to act as registrars at the Heppner office.

All able-bodied men and women who have passed their 18th birthday are eligible to register for this service, which is under the national directorship of Mayor Fiorella La Guardia of New York, and which is an important link in the national defense program.

Younger men are urged to register for Fire Department reserve, the older men for Police reserve, and people living in the country for Aircraft Observers reserve, says W. Vawter Parker, local commander.

Country people are particularly urged to register, as the state is now laying plans for the Aircraft Warning service which is to be developed first in the area west of the Cascades, and then in the eastern part of the state.

Legionaires, although they may have registered on the Legion program are urged to register for this, so that they may become a part of the regular reserves.

The registration here is behind that in the rest of the state, and it is desirable that everyone make it a point to register Saturday so that Morrow county may catch up with the rest of the state, Parker emphasized.

C. J. D. Bauman, at the request of the State Defense council and the army, has been appointed chairman of the Aircraft Observer's Warning committee for the county.

A. C. Houghton of Irrigon has been appointed to the county defense council to represent that community.

The local defense council will cooperate with the statewide drive for used aluminum articles slated for the week of July 21st to 26th, and urges everyone to check now a such articles as they may have and for which they have little or no use.

## Riding Club Meeting Set Sunday Afternoon

All those interested in the new riding club for Morrow county, designed after the Mustangers of Pendleton, are requested by Jim Kistner, temporary chairman, to report with their horses at Rodeo field Sunday afternoon. Horses may be brought ready to leave as Frank Tousley of Athena, the hostler and trainer, will be on hand and all preparations will have been made for their keep.

By-laws of the Mustangers were read by Kistner to a group assembled at Frank Turner's office Tuesday evening, but final organization was deferred due to absence of a number of people who have indicated their desire to join.

It is not necessary for those interested to bring a horse to the grounds Sunday, Kistner emphasized. Those who desire to bring horses for a ride that afternoon, may do so, and may leave them if they wish.

Apartment for rent. Inquire at Curran's Ready-to-Wear.