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## Buildings on Two Places Destroyed By Week-end Fires

House, Barn, Tool Shed Lost on Ione, Heppner Ranches

Farm fires figured prominently in the news of the county over the week-end, with the result that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin of Ione are minus a residence and the Alva Jones place on Heppner flat is without a barn and tool shed.

The Mankin fire was discovered about midnight Saturday and neighbors rushed to the scene. None of the family was at home. A call was sent to Ione and townspeople responded, but the house was too far gone, the blaze consuming building and contents. Efforts were successfully directed toward saving other buildings.

About noon on Sunday the fire siren was sounded in Heppner and a number of townspeople drove to the Jones ranch where Bob Harris, hired man, had been combatting a grass fire for several hours before neighbors discovered his predicament. Harris discovered a grass fire shortly after building a breakfast fire in the kitchen range. The roof of the barn also was ablaze and he set about to save the house and other buildings. He succeeded in keeping the house intact, but a tool shed was destroyed. Fortunately the wheat crop was too green to burn or there might have been a different story.

Origin of the Mankin fire has not been determined.

## Officials Seek to Revive Local REA

Officials of the Morrow county REA are seeking to revive the organization and get its status established with the national rural electrification administration. Forced to suspend plans for construction and operation of electric lines due to the war, the unit now hopes to again become active and get in position to use some of the Bonneville power.

At present engineers from the REA are in the area making a power study in this county and on the John Day river. It is hoped a high voltage line will be run through here and to the river where much pumping by power is done.

The engineers, William Mills of St. Louis, Mo., and Glenn R. Sawyer of Portland, met with the local REA board the fore part of the week to discuss power possibilities here. Henry Baker is president of the local REA, John Krebs, vice president and J. J. Nys, attorney.

## REPORTS FOR DUTY

Nolan Norman Turner, 34, Yeoman, second class, USNR, of Heppner, has reported to the staff of the Operational Training Command, Atlantic fleet, for duty. His father, Monroe Turner, resides in Heppner and his mother is a resident of Portland. Turner is married to the former Evelyn Louise Swindig of Heppner. With their three children Norman Jr., 9, Donald Gary, 7, and Carole Ann, 5, they are now living at 508 Lawrence St. Norfolk Va.

The local rationing office was presented with the first recuperation leave paper Wednesday when S. Sgt Oral I. Conyers, son of Ray L. Conyers of Boardman applied for gasoline and food rations. His was not a pleasant cause for obtaining said rations but from all accounts the government looks well after these chaps during their extended visits home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Slocum were transacting business in Heppner Wednesday from Monument.



## E Bond Purchases Now 69 Per Cent of Quota

Morrow county is No. 10 from the bottom in the list of Oregon counties struggling to put over the E bond quota in the Mighty 7th War Loan campaign. This is a far different picture to previous campaigns when this county not only over subscribed the various quotas but was among the first to put over the drive. This time the attitude seems to be that with Germany out of the fight there is no need to carry on with bond buying and this is having a depressing effect on war financing through the people.

Local war finance officials point out that the need for investing wages and surplus funds in war bonds is as pressing now as when we were engaged in a two-front war. We are fighting a desperate enemy, one who will inflict every possible injury upon us. If we give our injured men the attention they deserve, during the war and afterwards, we must provide funds. Uncle Sam is borrowing this money and paying a rate of interest on it. The war will go on to a successful conclusion whether we buy bonds or not and the first thing we know heavier taxes will be imposed—and we will not be clipping coupons in years to come.

Figure on E bond purchases to date show that the Heppner post-office has disposed of \$9,806.25 worth of bonds; Ione postoffice, \$16,237.50; Boardman postoffice \$2,100, and the First National Bank at Heppner, \$141,834.75, for a total of \$169,987.50, or 69 per cent of quota.

## Strychnine Fatal to Two-Year-Old Child

Jo Anne Marie Doherty, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Doherty, of the north Lexington district died Saturday afternoon in the doctor's office as a result of eating strychnine.

The two-year-old child with her brother Billy, three, found the poison in the basement of the Doherty home. The parents were unaware that the poison was there. The little girl became violently ill and was rushed to Heppner immediately but all efforts to save her life were to no avail. She was taken to Pendleton where her funeral was held Tuesday morning with Rev. Francis McCormack officiating.

Jo Anne Marie was born in Pendleton. She is survived by her parent and two brothers, Billy and Bernard, aged four and a half months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf were called to Yakima Monday by the death of Mr. Engkraf's nephew. The boy, nine years of age, was recovering from a tonsilectomy and died suddenly Monday morning. The funeral was held Tuesday.

## REV HOWE CALLED TO COQUILLE PASTORATE

Many Heppner people regretted to learn of the transfer of Rev. Benjie Howe to the pastorate of the Coquille Methodist church. The announcement was made in Tuesday's Portland papers reporting the appointments by the annual conference.

The local church, which Mr. Howe has served the past three years, had proffered him a substantial raise in salary with the hope that he would be returned here, but apparently the Coquille church came forth with a more attractive offer.

Sunday, July 2, will be Rev. Howe's last service here, moving at once to the southwestern city.

No announcement was made as to who would replace Mr. Howe.

## 3-A Committee to Quit After June 30

After Saturday, June 30, Morrow county farmers and ranchers will apply directly to ODT and OPA for new farm trucks and for farm gasoline. Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee reminded today.

On that date, AAA servicing of farm transportation programs by AAA committeemen will cease as they will have neither funds nor authority to continue services to farmers rendered for the past three years in connection with applications for truck tires, tractor tires for replacement and conversion, new trucks and farm gasoline.

Baker said that processing will be completed for applications on file, but that no new applications can be accepted after June 30. He advised farmers to contact their local OPA War Price and Rationing board for tires and gasoline, and the district ODT office in Portland for trucks.

## Grain Menaced by Fire in Dry Fork

Quick action by neighbors prevented what might have been a serious fire in the Dry Fork section Monday of last week. A pasture fire on the Dalzell ranch was discovered by neighbors who rushed to the scene with tractors and plows and prevented the flames reaching the Dalzell wheat and farm buildings.

Mrs. Florence Dalzell, in Heppner Monday, stated but for the work of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warren, Bud Brace and son and Mike Matthews and hired boy, much damage would have been done.

## Trucks Released For Wheat Harvest

A special message from Senator Wayne Morse Tuesday informs this newspaper that the Surplus Property board has ordered release of 172 trucks to help move the northwest grain crop this season.

The trucks will be placed in critical areas in the states of Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon, the message stated.

## THREE CALLED, TWO GO

Ronald John Coblantz, formerly of Heppner and Herman James Bottger Jr., formerly of Ione, have been inducted into the army at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Marion Earl Redding failed to answer his order to report for induction on 21 June 1945.

## PLANS NEW HOUSE

Mrs. Hilma Anderson has purchased the lot lying between All Saints Episcopal church and the Alva Jones residence from Afton Gayhart and is preparing to erect a house. Gayhart had excavated for a basement but Mrs. Anderson's plans do not include a basement and the hole will be filled in.

## Applications in Order for Government's Beef Cattle Production Payments

Cattle feeders in Morrow county can now apply to the County AAA office for beef cattle production payments under the government's new program to increase the production of meat.

Feeders are encouraged to feed more cattle, including those they purchase and those they raise, to good and choice grades under the new program. The method of payment is similar to the dairy payment program also handled through the county AAA office, according to County AAA Chairman, Henry Baker.

The beef cattle production payment amounts to 50 cents per hundred weight on good or choice cattle weighing 800 pounds or more and selling for at least the minimum stabilization price, which for sales in this county is \$14.95.

The beef cattle production payment is available to all feeders, including slaughterers who also are feeders, provided their cattle meet program requirements.

To be eligible, a feeder must certify on his application (1) that he owned the cattle at least 30 days before their sale, (2) that the cattle weighed at least 800 pounds when sold, (3) that the cattle brought not less than \$14.95, and (4) that the cattle were sold for slaughter to an authorized slaughterer.

An authorized slaughterer is any slaughterer who operates under

## Plans Completed For Celebration at Lexington on 4th

Airport Event to Provide Program Of Interest to All

All eyes are turned toward Lexington where preparations are under way to stage a celebration on July 4 and where a new airport will be dedicated at 2:45 p. m. Work is going ahead on the field and it is expected that it will be in shape for the landing of visiting planes which are coming to participate in the day's activities.

The celebration will not take place entirely in Lexington, as the local unit of the Civilian Air Patrol, sponsor of the celebration, has arranged a parade to be held in Heppner at 10 a. m. Following that the scene shifts to Lexington where an afternoon and evening program will keep the crowds entertained and happy.

First event connected with the celebration will be the dance Tuesday evening at the fair pavilion in Heppner. Good music has been retained for this event, which is expected to get the throng in the mood for making the eagle scream in the proper manner.

It is expected that several aircraft will be on hand from points in Oregon and Washington to participate in the afternoon program. Due to flying restrictions this part of the program may be somewhat limited, although it is hoped the show can go through as planned and add color to the dedication program scheduled for 2:45 p. m.

A carnival and afternoon and evening dancing will afford opportunity for everybody to have a good time.

Mrs. Lera Crawford and son Calvin left Monday morning for Berkeley, Calif., after spending several pleasant days in Heppner. They were accompanied as far as Port Portland by Mrs. Keith Marshall and daughter Julia Lee who were enroute to McMinnville to spend the summer with Keith's parents.

## Federal inspection or under an OPA permit at the time he slaughters the feeder cattle on which the payment has been made.

A feeder-slaughterer is eligible to receive payment provided payment had not previously been made on his cattle. He may also receive payment on cattle he raised provided they are eligible under the program. To collect the payment he must substantiate the date of purchase, the prices he paid, and the weight at the time of purchase. He must also certify the grade and weight of the carcass after slaughter to further determine the eligibility of the cattle.

A feeder other than a feeder-slaughterer must present sales receipts, invoices, scale tickets, or other written evidence from the buyer to verify (1) date of sale, (2) name of buyer, (3) the point of sale, (4) the number of head, (5) the total liveweight, (6) the price received, and (7) the name of the legally authorized slaughterer to whom sold.

In addition, the feeder, if he did not raise the cattle, must show the status of the cattle at the time he purchased them by furnishing the name of the person from whom purchased, and the date of purchase. The feeder may also be required to furnish evidence that the payment had not been made previously on these cattle.