

16-Year-Old Youth Perishes in Elevator At C. Carlson Farm

Had Just Arrived
In County From
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sylvester Spires Caldwell, 16, of 1529 1/2 East Third street, Tulsa, Okla., perished Saturday morning when he fell from the top of the elevator at the Charles Carlson ranch southwest of Ione into loose wheat below. Being unaccustomed to such circumstances he floundered around and was soon submerged in the grain. It was about 11 o'clock when he fell in and it was 3 p. m. by the time the body was removed.

In company with his cousin, Donald Hess, 17 of Shioam Springs, Ark., young Caldwell arrived in Ione Friday to visit Irwin Neal. The boys accompanied Neal to the Carlson ranch where Neal was hauling grain from the elevator for Buz Fisk. The boys were curious about the operations, and although warned about the danger of falling in the wheat, went to the top of the building to watch the wheat settle as it was withdrawn from below. Caldwell slipped and fell in. Realizing his friend's predicament, Hess called to Neal and his helper to stop the loader. The two men rushed up the hill and to the top of the elevator but by the time they arrived the boy had disappeared.

Telephone calls brought quick response by neighbors but life had gone before the body could be uncovered.

The body was brought to the Phelps Funeral Home in Heppner and prepared for shipment to Tulsa, going out Sunday evening.

Sylvester was a cousin of Mrs. Don Neal former Ione resident, and Donald Hess is his brother. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Joe Miller, a sister aged 14, and his father, Vester Spires who lives at Shioam Springs, Ark.

Early Glass Theme Of Visitor's Talk

Mrs. T. Leland Brown of The Dalles was guest speaker at the Soroptimist club luncheon this noon. Mrs. Brown is a collector of early glass and had many of her choice pieces on display as she traced the origin of glass from Egyptian times to our American contributions to this interesting craft.

The Soroptimist club of Heppner had lunch today at the Crawford home with Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mrs. Fay Bucknum and Mrs. Clyde Dunham assisting the president in earning her \$5 contribution to the club's scholarship fund. Twenty-one members were present to enjoy Mrs. Brown's highly instructive discourse.

Elmer Pieper Takes Bride at Vancouver

At a quiet ceremony at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kunzman in Vancouver, Wash., at 5 p. m. Sunday, May 15, Miss June Marie Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Benson of Portland became the bride of Elmer A. Pieper, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pieper of Lexington.

Their only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Temple, sister and brother-in-law of the bride. The double ring ceremony was read in the presence of only the immediate families, after which a reception was held in Portland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meade, an aunt and uncle of the bride. This was attended by some other relatives and friends as well as the wedding party.

After a two or three day sojourn in and around Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Pieper are at home at the Pieper farm on Willow creek.

Mrs. A. C. Pieper and Mrs. Kemp Dick and son Dennis attended from here.

Judge Barratt To Direct KOG Work In County During '49

The Keep Oregon Green association is glad to announce that Garnet Barratt, Morrow county judge, has accepted the chairmanship of the county KOG committee stated Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of the association who was in Heppner Friday.

Members of Judge Barratt's committee who will assist him with an educational forest fire prevention program to reduce man-caused fires in the county and to help Keep Oregon Green, are Glenn B. Parsons, district ranger, Anson E. Rugg, USFS; Mabel Wilson, county demonstration agent; Nelson Anderson, county agent; William E. Davis, Scoutmaster, and O. G. Crawford.

Fire season in Oregon is effective May 15. Burning permits will then be required for all slash and clearing fires.

Morrow county had a fine record last year for few grass and forest fires. With the cooperation of the public it is hoped that the season of 1949 will be as good.

A Princess Becomes a Queen



Queen of Morrow county's 1949 annual rodeo will be Miss Shirley Wilkinson, 20, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, members of the fair board and rodeo committee announced this week.

Versatile Queen Shirley I is an experienced rider, ranch hand, cook, musician, 4-H club member and was a student leader at Heppner high school, graduating in 1947. She attended Oregon State college in 1947-48 and is now a regular "hand" at the Wilkinson ranch where she rides for cattle, drives sheep, operates trucks and tractors, cooks for shearing crews and helps with summer canning. She and her mother putting up a mere 1800 quarts of fruit last summer. In addition she finds time to play her saxophone in the "Blue Dreamers" orchestra and plays on the Heppner Women's volleyball team.

Royalty is nothing new to brown-haired, hazel-eyed Queen Shirley. In 1947 she was a princess in Queen Merilyn's court and in 1948 her sister Frances, now Mrs. W. B. Oslund of Cheyenne, Wyo., was a princess in Queen Maxine's court. Every year since she was three years old she has ridden in the rodeo parade.

A true daughter of the west, Queen Shirley's maternal grand-

father, Fred Ball of Hermiston, came to Fossil 70 years ago. Her father, well-known cattle- and sheepman, came to Fossil from England when he was 18 and started ranching in Morrow county in 1921.

A trim 125 pounds and five feet five in height, Queen Shirley is a veteran in the saddle. Since she was in the sixth grade she has broken all the riding horses on the Wilkinson ranch. Owner of three riding horses herself, she will ride her favorite, Penny, from the Swagart riding strain, in the rodeo.

In high school, Queen Shirley was a member of the Pep club, Girl's League, and Home Economics club. She was student body treasurer, participated in dramatics and was student leader of the band for one year under Billy Cochell. On her graduation she was presented the student activity award. Besides riding, her other hobbies include athletics and music. She can sew, but confesses she'd rather do other things.

Princesses in Queen Shirley's court will be announced later. Fair board officials stated. Grangers in the county are now in the process of selecting their princesses.

Willard J. Blake Services Held at Ione Sunday P. M.

By Echo Palmateer

Funeral services were held for Willard J. Blake Sunday, May 15 at the Co-operative church, with Rev. Alfred Shirley, pastor, officiating. The Masons had charge of the graveside services at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Adon Hamlett, Mrs. Walter Roberts and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, accompanied by Mrs. Charles O'Connor, sang "In a Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross". Pallbearers were Walter Dobyns, Sam Esteb, Walter Roberts, Harlan McCurdy, Omar Rietmann, and Paul Pettyjohn. Davy Funeral Home of Portland had charge of arrangements.

Willard Josiah Blake, son of Irvin and Melissa Blake, was born at May 12, 1919 in Portland at the age of 85 years, five months and 13 days. He came to the Ione community in 1886 and lived here until 1945 when he moved to Portland. He raised wheat for many years and also had a meat market here.

He was married to Anna Lucinda Miller in 1894 and to this union were born four sons, who survive him: Willard Ray, Mearl M. and Ted W. of Portland, and Kenneth of Redmond. Mrs. Blake died in 1943. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Ida Moore of Portland and Mrs. W. H. Padberg of Lexington. There are also five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was a charter member of Ione Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite and Al Kader Shrine.

Out of town relatives and friends here to attend the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake and their families of Portland; Mrs. John Will and Keithley Blake of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake and family of Heppner; Mrs. Emery Coxen of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Eubanks of Arlington and Peter and George Timm of Pendleton.

OPERETTA PLEASES CAPACITY AUDIENCE

As tuneful an operetta as one hears in a blue moon, "The Gypsy Rover," was presented in a delightful manner by the Ione students in their gymnasium last Thursday evening. The young people handled their parts in a very pleasing way, with good stage presence and clever costumes contributing much to the pleasure of the audience.

Mrs. Keith Hendrickson, in charge of music at the Ione school, was director and accompanist. Her careful training and untiring efforts were apparent throughout the entire evening.

The cast of characters included Patricia Drake as Meg; Delight Biddle, Zara; Johnny Bristow, Marie; Jim Savage, Sinfio; Helmut Hermann, Rob; Ingrid Hermann, Lady Constance; Gerald Peterson, Lord Craven; Clifford Aldrich, Sir George Martindale; Lola Ann McCabe, Nina; Ronald Baker, Captain Jerome; Fayne Ely, Sir Toby Lyon; Walter Bergstrom, McCorkle; Robert Peterson, servant; the chorus: Mary Holtz, Gene Ransier, June Seehafer, Elise Bauerfeld, LeRoy Brenner, Lila Berts, Delores Drake, Donald Eubanks, Barbara Jackson, Mary Jepson, Fern Jones, Gypsy children were Barbara Warren, Jean Ann Swanson, Dorothy Dobyns, Lawrence Jones, Gary Brenner and Dick Sherer.

The beginners band played several numbers between the first and second acts. Mrs. Hendrickson was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the cast.

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PERMITS NEEDED

As of May 15, permits are needed, and required, before burning any trash adjacent to the national forest, officials of the USFS announced. Permits may be obtained from forestry office at Kinzua or from the rangers.

Rev. C. E. Dunham of Eugene is a guest at the home of his son, Dr. C. C. Dunham, and family this week, making his first visit to Heppner. He is enjoying getting acquainted with his grand-daughter, Cammie, and in seeing the country hereabouts. A collector of rocks and an ardent camera fan, he expects to take home some good samples of both hobbies.

Work Of Putting Fair Grounds In Shape Underway

County Fair and
Rodeo Dates Set
For Sept. 8 to 11

Initial work on Morrow county's fair and rodeo which will open September 8 swung into high gear this week with the appointment of committee chairman and listing of events by the fair board and rodeo committee. The three-day rodeo will open Friday, September 9 while the fair will open September 8 with judging of entries and continue through the 9th, 10th and 11th.

The Howard Johnson stock from Condon has been contracted for the events which include saddle-brone and bareback riding, if roping, bulldogging and wild cow milking, members of the fair board reported. A quarter mile cowboy race and a quarter mile cowgirl race will be open to riders in Morrow and its adjacent counties. New this year will be an eighth of a mile Shetland pony race and a flag race using three horses and three riders.

A total purse of \$1500 plus entrance fees is listed for the rodeo, with a daily purse of 100 for each of the five events. The rodeo is approved by the Rodeo Cowboy association and the International Rodeo association, rodeo officials stated.

Beginning next Monday, May 23 through May 28, has been designated as work week at the rodeo field and rodeo officials are asking all those interested to help in re-building fences, tearing down obsolete buildings and doing general repair work. Dick Meador, local contractor, is now busy leveling the grounds and Ed Craber is working on the fences.

Jimmy Wetmore's orchestra has been obtained for the kick-off dance on July 30, according to Ralph Currin, dance chairman. The Redwood Empire Shows, with nine rides and about 30 concessions, have been contracted for fair and rodeo time.

Committee chairmen are Claud Buschke, races; Dick Dougherty, grounds; Bill Smethurst, parade; Merle Beckett, tickets; Louis Lyons, programs; Jack Loyd, street decorations and concessions; Gerald Swagart, rodeo chutes and Ralph Currin, dances.

Members of the fair board are Orville Cutsforth, Lexington; Ray Ferguson, Heppner; Ralph Skoube, Boardman and Neil Anderson, Heppner, secretary. Rodeo committee members are Lee Beckner, Harlan McCurdy and Harold Erwin.

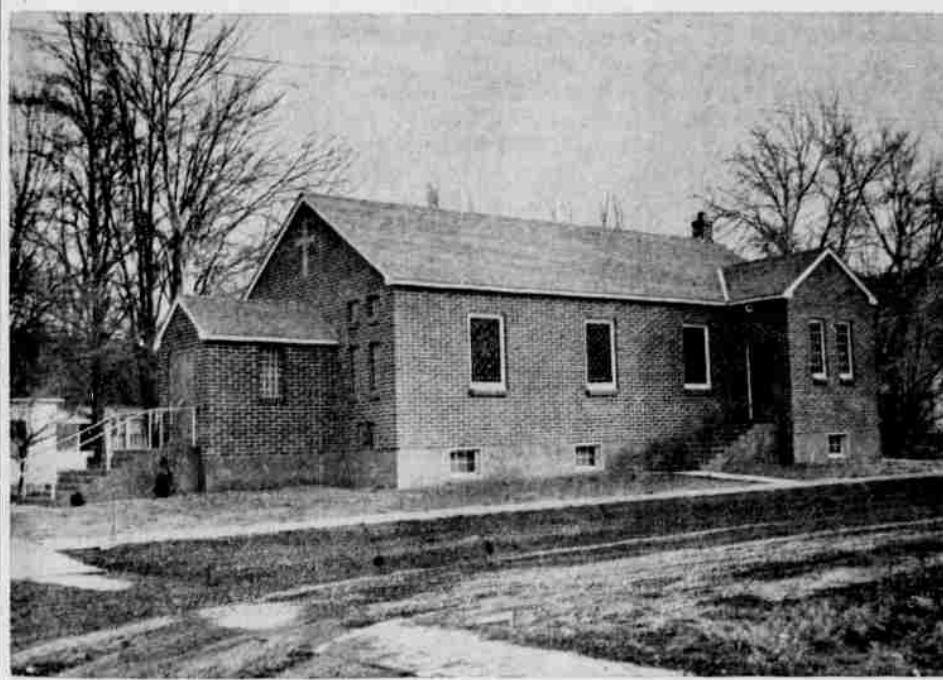
Random Thoughts...

The power of the press is never more potent than when an error is made. Everybody seems to be reading the paper when the wrong thing goes into the columns and then it is up to the editor or the girl at the kick desk to get ready to explain. So it happened last week when an ad announcing a dance at Ione was cancelled. The Ione folks had graciously postponed their dance in favor of the benefit dance at Lexington, scheduled for the same night and asked that the ad not be run last week. The maker of the ad and there was a little doubt in the minds of Lexington folk about the good intentions of the Ione dance promoters. Attendance of Ione people at the Lexington dance was sufficient to remove existing doubt and the blame fell on the shoulders of the printer, who by token of this item is attempting to apologize for the grievous error.

There is an expression among the fraternity that oftentimes bears fruit—"The Lord will take care of the poor printer". Our faith in the time-honored expression was strengthened last Thursday when, in the midst of the struggle to get copy to finish filling the edition—and then set it up—the door opened and in walked a young woman who said, "I hear you are in need of help and I thought I would drop in and see what I can do. You see, I'm a linotype operator. My husband is a bank auditor and will be in town for a few hours and I would rather be working than just sitting around the hotel room killing time." Did she get a job? What do you think? She put up about three columns of copy in a short space of time. The worst of it was, her husband couldn't find anything to crab about at the bank—anything that would keep him longer than a couple of hours in making routine check-up, and moved on to the next bank shortly after the luncheon hour. Our only hope to get Mrs. Prather's assistance on a somewhat regular basis is for things to go wrong at the bank on a regular schedule and at present that looks about as possible as for the weather man to break the May precipitation record in this month of May 1949.

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Dedication Set For May 25



The next major project undertaken was the building of the new church in Ione. In the olden days services were held occasionally at the Juniper hall and later in Paul O'Meara's house in Ione. When the congregation increased mass was celebrated in the Congregational church until September 1948 when the present new church was completed and ready for use.

JayC-Ettes Held Busy Session at Civic Hall Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening the JayC-Ettes held a busy session following their potluck dinner with the Jaycees at the Civic Center. Mrs. Edwin Dick reported on the state meeting at Baker which she attended earlier in the month and plans were made for the club to go in caravan to the September board meeting in John Day.

A long felt need is about to be taken care of under the sponsorship of the JayC-Ettes. Plans are being formulated for a kindergarten, next fall. Time, place, price and an instructor are being worked on now by a temporary committee including Mrs. Edwin Dick, Mrs. Bill Barratt, Mrs. Al Hult and Mrs. Jack Estberg. At the June meeting a permanent kindergarten board will be chosen by the club.

Further announcement will be made from time to time.

A club membership race has just been concluded, with the Evans winning. They will be guests of the Odds at a party following the June meeting.

Benefit Tea And Antique Display Well Patronized

More than 100 guests enjoyed the benefit tea and antique show at the American Legion hall last Saturday afternoon, with the Legion auxiliary as sponsor.

The antique display was especially interesting due to the family and country history each article recalled. Fragile cups and saucers, over 100 years old, ironstone china brought into the country by wagon train and other pieces of old china with a century of history in their beautiful coloring and workmanship were displayed. Old coin silver articles, still bright after years of use were oddities to the younger people.

Among the hand made articles were a beautiful quilt over 100 years old, a coverlet made of a wedding gown worn during the Civil War, and a hand woven linen cloth.

Several articles belonging to the Hynd family and brought here from England were of much interest. Among them was a beautiful old dress entirely hand sewn.

A table of old photographs of Heppner before and after the flood was especially interesting as were old papers and books.

Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. James Healy, Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr. and Mrs. Charles Hasvold served as hostesses and were gowned in lovely "forty-nine" costumes.

NINE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO A. L. AUXILIARY

Nine new members, Mesdames Jack Bailey, R. D. Allist Jr., Russell O'Donnell, Roger Connor, William Heath, Robert Christian, James Johnston, Sam Turner and Harlan McCurdy Jr. were initiated into the American Legion auxiliary Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. O. Ferguson was initiating officer with members of the auxiliary assisting.

At the close of the evening apple pie a la mode and coffee were served to 26 members by hostesses Mrs. James Healy, Mrs. Harry O'Donnell and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle.

Miss Marlene DuBois, junior at Heppner high school has been chosen by the auxiliary to attend Girls' State on the Willamette campus in June.

FLOOD PICTURES WANTED!

The Heppner chamber of commerce is preparing material for printing a brochure of the floods occurring here in the past 50 years namely the floods of 1903 and 1935. Pictures of these floods, as well as the freshest on February 21, 1949 will be used in depicting the story of flood danger in this vicinity.

The club would like to borrow a few pictures of the big floods for the purpose of having photographs taken from them. The pictures will not be sent out of town—only the copies on glossy print paper will be used for having engravings made.

Persons having these pictures and desiring to cooperate in the production of the brochure are asked to bring them to the Gazette Times office at an early date.

Health Association Chooses Officers For Ensuing Year

Mrs. Mary Stevens was elected President of the Morrow County Tuberculosis and Health association at the annual meeting held in the luncheon room of the Elkhorn restaurant Monday evening. Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione was chosen vice president, Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, secretary, and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, treasurer. Mrs. Claude Graham presided.

Reports given by the secretary and by Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse, gave evidence of a healthy condition so far as the association is concerned and the health of the people is rated high among the counties of the state.

Mrs. Merle Beckett, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale, gave a report on the 1948 campaign showing that the drive was a success, the quota was reached, and the association's finances materially strengthened thereby.

Numerous items were referred to the budget committee, and Miss Gillis was authorized to buy pamphlets and other literature needed in carrying on her campaign of education in the county.

Miss Gillis, Mrs. Beckett and Mrs. J. A. Woodhall were chosen as delegates to the state tuberculosis and health meeting in Portland next week.

FISHING COMES HIGH

It would require the services of a public accountant to figure the pound price of three little fish that Scott Brown caught the past week-end, for it cost him \$29.50 in the court of Justice J. O. Hager when it was found the trout were a bit short of the limit placed by the law. Scott, former Rock Creek cattlemen and long time resident of Gilliam county and now a resident of Portland, paid the fine like a good sport, but he is a little puzzled over the type of justice meted out up this way. Fish are pretty valuable compared to some other things that have happened around here, he thinks. He and Mrs. Brown spent a few days here visiting his sisters, Mrs. Sophrona Thompson and Mrs. Lenzie Loudon.

RITA WINIFRED WESTHOFF

Services were held at 8 a. m. Monday at St. Patrick's church for Rita Winifred Westhoff, 56, whose death occurred Friday, May 13 at Pendleton. Rev. Francis McCormack officiated. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Westhoff was a native of Rich Hill, Mo.

Baccalaureate To Open Graduation Week Exercises

Seniors Enter Upon
Last Phase of High
School Life Sunday

With just a week left this school year is rapidly drawing to a close. Baccalaureate service has been scheduled for 8 p. m. Sunday, May 22 at the school auditorium. Rev. E. L. Tull, vicar of All Saints Memorial church will deliver the sermon to the graduates and the music numbers will be under the direction of Robert Collins, head of the music department of Heppner high school. Eighth grade graduation will occur at 8 p. m. Wednesday at the gymnasium. They are planning an interesting program.

Arthur C. Campbell of Terre Haute, Ind., son of Mrs. W. T. Campbell, will be guest speaker at the high school graduation which will occur Friday evening of next week at the auditorium.

The Junior-Senior banquet and Prom last Friday evening was one of the social highlights of the year. The gym was converted into a ritzy night club and about 150 people enjoyed dancing to the music of Jimmie Lyford and his orchestra from Walla Walla.

Having earned a welcome release, the entire junior class hid themselves away to Cove Wednesday at an unearthly early hour for the annual play day. The seniors will spend tomorrow at Joaquin Miller park near Canyon City.

Farmers Encouraged To Keep Wheat Stored

Under the resealing program just announced, farmers who have farm-stored loans or purchase agreements on wheat will be encouraged to store the wheat another year, according to E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon state PMA committee. This will, of course, apply only to that grain which remained under farm storage loan, or purchase agreement as of April 30, 1948, and on which delivery has not been made before now.

The storage rate is 10 cents for wheat. For farmers who have or can provide storage for the 1949 crop and can still store undelivered grain for another year, these rates should be an incentive.

Complete details on the resealing program can be obtained at the county agent's office.

Food Handlers Of County Instructed At Special School

Three of the 13 food handling establishments in Morrow county were represented at the classes sponsored by the Oregon state board of health in the meeting room in the Elks temple May 16 and 17. Of the 13 establishments, seven are in the vicinity of Heppner. One third of the estimated 30 restaurant employees attended.

Saager's Pharmacy had 100 per cent attendance for at least one of the meetings. Those receiving certificates of attendance for both classes were Mary Ellen Gearhart, John Saager and Maude Hughes, Saager's Pharmacy; Minnie McFerrin, Elks kitchen, and Florence Haynes, O'Donnell's Cafe.

The classes, the purpose of which is to emphasize good sanitation in restaurants, will be repeated each year. Different points of sanitation and new improvements in restaurant operation are discussed.

Legion Auxiliary Sets Goal For Sale Of Poppies May 28

"A poppy over every heart" will be the goal of Heppner unit of the American Legion auxiliary in its Poppy Day activities here on May 28.

Mrs. H. D. McCurdy Jr., poppy chairman, reported that preparations for the annual observance of Poppy Day were rapidly being completed and predicted that more of the little red memorial flowers would be worn here this year than ever before.

Members of the local auxiliary have volunteered to distribute poppies on the streets, many planning to work throughout the day and others to serve as many hours as they can spare from other duties. The Girl Scouts will be especially active in the distribution of the poppies. As all workers will be unpaid volunteers the entire amount of the contributions made for the memorial flowers will go into the auxiliary's rehabilitation and welfare funds.

The poppies which will be distributed here have been made by disabled veterans of both world wars at hospitals. Each flower is assembled by hand from crepe paper materials supplied by the auxiliary.