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Walla Walla Man Takes Over Task Of Grain Salvage

Sizeable Outfit Engaged Clearing Elevator Property

J. J. Chisholm, of Walla Walla, whose company is salvaging the grain from last Monday's fire which destroyed Heppner's grain elevators, today expressed his gratitude to the fire chief, Charles Ruggles, Mayor Conley Lanham, the chief of police and all the other city officials who were so quick to offer their cooperation and facilities in order that the loss of grain would not go higher. Chisholm has had the entire salvage operation turned over to him by the insurance companies and the warehousemen.

The salvagers arrived on the scene of the fire and began to scrape down the grain on Tuesday afternoon and full salvage operations were begun the following morning, with a great many men and boys of Heppner making up the main group of workers. Road scrapers and other county equipment were pressed into service in order to clear and level an area of ground near the Union Pacific depot for storage of salvaged grain and barley. Other equipment brought in includes a tractor scoop, two scoops and a large clamshell with a 30 foot boom plus a number of large dump and flatbed trucks.

At the peak of salvage operations about sixty men were employed at the site, including truck drivers, scoopers and machinists. The still-smoldering debris is being carted to a safe area within the city dump, as directed by the fire chief, where it will be allowed to consume itself safely.

Actual salvaging of the wheat will be completed prior to the end of this week with cleanup of debris to take a few days longer. It is Chisholm's plan to leave a clean site where the grain elevators and other buildings stood. Chisholm announced today that he will be in a position to sell a great quantity of high and low grade wheat and barley suitable for all kinds of poultry and livestock feeding beginning next Monday, August 1. There will also be a carload of salt and mineral blocks as well as granular salt for either wholesale or retail sale.

The insurance adjusters have visited Heppner and made their preliminary surveys and will return after the stock records have been audited and actual values have been determined.

Due to interference with salvage operations it will not be possible for any grain to be sold before Monday. It is anticipated that a quantity of low priced grain will go to local feeders and stockmen and the remaining portion will soon be shipped out.

Parents' Day Held By Girl Scouts At Wind Mountain

A visiting day for parents was held Sunday at camp Wind Mountain, the girl scouts' new camp on Bergen road near Stevenson, Wn. The following parents from Heppner attended: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Conley Lanham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket, and Mrs. Harold Cohn.

The 160 girls attending sleep in tents, boat and swim in the lake, and hike and explore in the surrounding woods. Although it rained much of last week, the girls have proved to be good campers, their counselors say.

The new lodge at Wind Mountain is almost completed and is now being used as a dining hall and recreation center.

Heppner girls scouts at the camp are: Sharon Becket, Sally Cohn, Nancy Ferguson, Diane Van Horn, Adelin Anderson, Linda Bauman, Darlene Connor, Sandra Lanham, Sally Palmer, Judy Thompson, Peggy Wightman, Kaye Valentine, and Meredith Thomson.

BURNING BLANKET ROUSES FIREMEN

A burning blanket in the front seat of a car parked beside Hotel Heppner routed out the fire department Sunday night at 9:30. A few bursts of carbon dioxide snow from the department's hand-operated extinguisher stopped the fire before much damage was done to the car. The car belonged to Mildred Veneta Carson, of Estacado, Oregon.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

Judge Garnet Barratt today received a large quantity of Keep Oregon Green material for distribution in the county. A variety of window stickers, auto plate tags, and posters made up the bulk of the package. He also has some ash trays for distribution.

Residence Building Activity Attracts Notice Of Reporter On News Gathering Rounds

By RUTH F. PAYNE

Considerable building activity is being done at present in Heppner's residential district. On Gale street just north of the Methodist Church a frame house is being constructed for the Victor Lovgren family and just directly across the street from this, Marion Hayden has started work on a new home which will be of cement blocks. On Hager street, the P. W. Mahoney house is rapidly taking form. Houses which have been under construction for some time but are now almost ready for occupancy are those of Mrs. Anna Smouse on Hager street and Miss Leta Humphreys on North Court street.

According to reports from the Cecil district, a grass fire has been raging on the sands between Cecil and Sandhollow for a number of days and on Tuesday it was estimated that some 10,000 acres of ground had been burned over with the fire still going. The fire is north of the Lindsay ranch and the Alpine District and wheatland in that section is being protected by large ditches made with tractors by the farmers in the neighborhood. Herbert Hynd of Cecil, operating one of the tractors, worked Tuesday to attempt to confine the fire to an unpopulated area.

Mrs. James Estes has resigned her position in the local telephone office and is moving this week to Portland where Mr. Estes is attending a school of Mechanics. They will live in Fairview near Troutdale. Miss Janet Sprules will replace Mrs. Estes in the telephone exchange.

Melvin J. Duvall left Friday morning via United Airlines for his home in St. Joseph, Missouri after a three weeks visit here with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall. Mr. Duvall is assistant prosecuting attorney in St. Joseph. During his visit in Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall took their guest on a week's motor trip to Portland, the Oregon coast and Victoria, B. C., returning by way of Seattle, Grand Coulee Dam and Spokane. This was Mr. Duvall's first trip West and he was greatly impressed with Oregon's scenic beauty, the large ranches and combine operations in the wheat fields. On the Sunday preceding his departure for St. Joseph, Mr. Duvall was honored guest at a family reunion at the ranch. Present for this were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wickersham and children Lois and Loren of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Neale Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Duvall and son, Michael of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norton and son, Mack of Baker, Joe Hughes, Jr. and Frank W. Baker motored to Pendleton Saturday to spend the day. Mr. Baker, is here from Stockton, Calif. on his first visit to Eastern Oregon. Both men are employed on the Morrow County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., motored to Lehman Springs Saturday afternoon to spend the weekend.

Mrs. Bud Peterson of Redmond visited in Heppner the last of the week with her aunt, Mrs. Durward Tash. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Peterson and two sons, also of Redmond.

J. C. Payne and Tom Wilson returned Friday evening from Redmond where they attended a special school on irrigation problems for several days last week.

Mrs. Pearl Carter motored to Portland the last of the week to spend the weekend visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ida Grimes is here from Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Allen Case.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scouten and children, Dennis and Sandra, motored to Portland Saturday.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Harry Duvall celebrated her birthday with a dinner party at their home in the Blackhorse section. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Nell White of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian White and son, Brad of Pilot Rock, Mrs. Lenna Waid of Stanfield and Melvin J. Duvall of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Quackenbush and daughter, Phyllis, are spending their vacation at East Lake near Bend. During their absence, Mrs. Carl Bergstrom is working in the store.

L. E. Dick of Helena, Montana is spending several days in Heppner visiting with his sons, Edwin and Kemp and their families.

Robert Wightman returned Sunday from Dauphin, Penn. where he has been visiting since March.

Mrs. Lou Anderson of Condon is spending several days in Heppner this week. During her stay, she is the houseguest of her cousin, Mrs. Ora K. Wyland. On Monday, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Merle Kirk to Pendleton where they spent the day shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. N. D. Bailey returned Monday from Monument where she was called earlier in the week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Johnson.

Mrs. Trina Parker and Miss Dona Barnett of Lexington were transacting business in Heppner Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Dick O'Shea and baby arrived in Heppner Monday evening. This week they are the guests of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn, during which time, their residence on N. Main street is being readied for occupancy.

Mrs. Walter Barger entertained with a birthday party Tuesday afternoon at their apartment in the Case building honoring her daughter, Vicki, on the occasion of her seventh birthday. Twelve young guests were present. Refreshments of birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Harvey Ayers returned to his home in Portland Monday after visiting here for several days with Mrs. Ayers and son. Mrs. Ayers is assisting with the care of her mother, Mrs. Walter Parsons, who has been ill at her home for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morgan of Del Ray, California visited Saturday in Heppner with Mrs. Alma Morgan and other relatives.

Ranchmen Prevent Fire Near Timber

Ranch hands Burrell Stinson and Harold Lippert were credited yesterday by Forester Glen Parsons with having prevented a fire from spreading to the Umatilla national forest.

Parsons said the men discovered fire Saturday afternoon in a pasture on the Watkins ranch near Gilman flat. They fought and held the blaze until the forest service arrived with equipment to extinguish it. The fire, which was believed to have been started by lightning, burned an acre and a half of pasture that lay about 100 yards from the forest boundary line.

Parsons said the fire was the second of the year in the Heppner district of Umatilla forest.

Mrs. Arzola Baker Dies at Age 86 Years

Mrs. Arzola E. Baker died Sunday, July 24, in Heppner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Miles. She was 86 years old at the time of her death. Funeral services will be held in Boise, Idaho, and burial will be in the Boise Morris Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Baker was born September 8, 1862 in Des Moines, Iowa. She had resided in Heppner for about one year. Surviving her are three daughters, Lillian Miles, of Heppner, Clella Smith, of Boise, and Bessie Lamberson. Ray Baker, a son, lives in Chicago, and one sister, Ida Jones, resides in Los Angeles. Helen Bolton, of Boardman, and Ruth Thacher, of Boise, were Mrs. Baker's nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Dick returned Wednesday from Portland where Mrs. Dick underwent dental surgery. While the ordeal was painful, she is happy to have two offending molars removed and is feeling quite herself once more.

County Announces New Rental Rates On Road Equipment

Judge Garnet Barratt announced a new schedule of county equipment rentals Monday that was worked out by the county court at its recent session. The schedule, which must be followed whenever Morrow county road equipment is used on jobs other than those of benefit to the county road department, does not include operators' wages or services. The charges are as follows:

Bulldozers — D7, \$4 per hour with fuel and essentials; D4, \$3 per hour with fuel and essentials. Shovel—3 1/2 yd., \$5 per hour with fuel and essentials—Caterpillar, \$3 per hour; Austin-Western, \$3 per hour; Rome, \$3 per hour. Trucks—FWD, \$2 per hour; GMC, \$1.50 per hour; International, \$1 per hour. Trailer—\$3 per hour without power. Compressor—\$2 per hour.

Materials and merchandise, such as culverts, powder, and miscellaneous supplies, which cannot be purchased with convenience in the county, will be sold by the county at cost plus a 10 per cent handling charge unless otherwise specified. The court's order on the matter states that the service is strictly for the convenience of the general public and does not mean that a regular merchandising service is to be followed.

Friends Felicitate Lucas' on 50th Anniversary Date

Golden gladioli, golden marigold, yellow roses and asters graced the Lucas home Tuesday evening when friends and relatives gathered to congratulate Fred and Clothilde upon the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The rooms were crowded with the throng who came to enjoy the hospitality of the Lucases, who have spent the major portion of the 50 years in this area.

A beautiful wedding cake topped with golden bells was the central attraction of the tea table. Relatives from a distance who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucas of Yuma, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortner of Portland, and Mrs. Mary Crawford of Cecil, brother and sisters of the Heppner man; Mrs. Robert Fortner of Boardman, their older daughter, and the granddaughters, Mrs. Clyde Davis of Condon, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Kinzua, Mrs. James Driscoll of Heppner is another granddaughter.

Visiting was the order of the evening interspersed with musical numbers by Mrs. Lucy Peterson, JoEann Dix, and Eleanor Rice, with Mrs. Elvon Tull accompanying Mrs. Peterson.

Many friends who could not be in attendance sent cards which added pleasure to the golden-woods. They were also the recipients of numerous gifts, among them a life membership presented to Mr. Lucas by the Elks lodge, Father Francis McCormack making the presentation.

Miss Clothilde Love and J. Fred Lucas were married in Wasco July 26, 1899 and continued to make their home there until the spring of 1903 when they moved to Morrow county to the ranch on Heppner flat which Fred had purchased in 1902.

Pendleton Youth Gets Prison Term

Raymond L. Powell, 18-year-old Pendleton youth, was sentenced Monday in circuit court to serve seven and one-half years in the state penitentiary for violating the provisions of a circuit court probation order. The sentence was pronounced by Judge Homer L. Watts after evidence had been introduced to show that Powell had been involved in a fight at a dance in Echo.

Powell was on probation for the larceny of a saddle from Jasper Myers, Buttercreek farmer, in June of this year. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman left Heppner Monday, escorting Powell to the state penitentiary for commitment.

JAYCETTES READING KINDERGARTEN PLANS

Mrs. Edwin Dick announced the first of the week that plans are taking shape for opening a kindergarten for pre-school children early in September. The school is being sponsored by the Jaycettes and the prospect is bright for a good enrollment.

The services of Mrs. Dick Meador, an experienced primary teacher, have been secured for conducting the school. Mrs. Meador is a former member of the Pendleton school system.

BUYS TENT HOUSE

Tired of apartment life, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket have decided to once more occupy their lot on South Court street. On a recent trip to Portland they bought a house tent which they will set up as a residence at least as long as weather permits. The tent is 16x32 and will be placed on a platform.

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Game Commission Sets Up Official '49 Hunting Schedules

After holding the regular second public hearing Saturday, July 23, the Oregon State Game Commission made the final hunting regulations for 1949. The regulations were set as previously announced in the tentative regulations with five relatively minor changes. The changes made were as follows:

1. The extended elk season in the Baker, Oregon area will close on December 31 instead of on January 31 as was announced in the tentative regulations.
2. The portion of Douglas County lying east of U. S. Route 99 will be closed to elk hunting.
3. The Mountain Sheep Game Refuge in Wallawa County will be open to waterfowl hunting only.
4. The Myrtle Park Game Refuge in Harney County will be closed to hunting.
5. Sherman County will be closed to deer hunting.

The commission hopes to have the hunting regulations out in the regular printed form before the first of September.

The commission passed one special regulation relative to upland game seasons. Any upland game birds to be transported thru or possessed in a closed area or area of lesser bag limit must be checked by a state officer in the area in which they were legally taken. Said officer will record the date and county of kill on the hunter's license. It shall be unlawful to possess more than the legal limit of upland birds in any area unless license is marked to indicate that the birds in possession were killed in an area where such a possession limit is legal.

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Mrs. Richard Lawrence of Pendleton spent Monday in Heppner visiting with Mrs. Agnes Curran and other friends.

Mrs. Burt Cason of Lonerock was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Clergy of District Gather Here For Jackson Gilliam Ordination

"Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be praise, think on these things."

Using the quotation from Philippians 4:8, Rev. Stanley Moore opened his sermon at the ordination service which elevated Jackson Gilliam to the priest-hood in the Episcopal church Wednesday morning at the All Saints Memorial church in Heppner. The minister said he could think of no more appropriate scripture for the occasion and cited it as a pattern or guideline to the young minister who was about to be ordained.

The sermon was followed by the ordination service conducted by the Right Reverend Lane W. Barton, Bishop of Eastern Oregon. The candidate was presented by the Reverend Elton Tull, vicar of All Saints. The Reverend F. C. Wisenbach of Klamath Falls read the Litany; the epistle was read by the Reverend G. R. V. Bolster of Trinity church, Bend and the Gospel by the Reverend M. J. B. Gill, retired. Assisting besides the ministers named were Rev. Arthur Beckwith, Burns; Rev. Clarence Kopp, La Grande; Rev. Lloyd Thomas, Hood River, and Rev. Raymond E. Gale of Milton. The first service conducted by

Random Thoughts...

This column wishes to felicitate Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, which was observed Tuesday evening when practically the whole community turned out to pay them honor. Time flits by so hurriedly in this busy, bustling world that we are inclined to lose count of the years and a half century passes before we are aware of it. This is especially true when people remain active and look to the future instead of living in the past. Journeying through life together for 50 years is not an unusual occurrence, as a good many people attain that record, but it is evidence of a successful married life, the accomplishment of which entitles the contracting parties to rest on their oars and take the remainder of the journey in peace and contentment.

While on the subject of felicitations it is highly appropriate to present the orchids to the Heppner native son who yesterday was ordained to priesthood in the Episcopal church the Reverend Jackson Gilliam, vicar of St. John's church of Hermiston. His ordination was likewise a memorable occasion for the All Saints congregation of Heppner, for here it was that Jackson got his early training and as a little boy expressed a desire to become a minister. In these days of high living costs most young people planning on a college education look forward to a career in the more lucrative technical fields and it requires courage and an earnestness of purpose for one to deliberately plan on serving in a field where financial remuneration is of secondary consideration. To the minister of the gospel it is more important to know that he is contributing something to the betterment of mankind than it is to realize a certain stipend for that work. Being human he must of necessity have remuneration in the form of this world's goods, but a good minister usually seeks the larger field because it affords more opportunity for the use of his talents.

Heppner is proud of Jackson Gilliam and the community as a whole wishes him unbounded success in his chosen field.

Heppner's elevator fire has caused some speculation regarding the age of the original buildings in the Interior Warehouse company group. Mrs. Charlotte Scherzinger has recalled that her father once owned five acres of property where the ill-fated elevators stood. He sold the property to Henry Heppner shortly after the railroad came in 1888. Incidentally, Mrs. Scherzinger's father, the late Dr. Shipley, was the first licensed physician in Heppner, and that was a period in this section's history when the doctor had to be nurse as well and he frequently drove miles into the hills to take care of a sick person, remaining until the patient was out of danger.

AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. Alena Anderson and her 8-year-old daughter, Carol, suffered shock and bruises Saturday afternoon when the car in which they were riding collided at Church and Gale streets with a car driven by Elmer J. Kennedy of Condon. Erwin Anderson, driver of the car in which Mrs. Anderson and Carol were riding, was not injured. Both cars were badly damaged.

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Laying Of Water Main to Hospital Now in Progress

Workmen have begun the two-week task of laying a six-inch pipe line from the county reservoir to the site of the new county hospital, and a four-inch water line will also be laid from the hospital site to the rodeo grounds, Judge Garnet Barratt said Monday. Both lines will be paid for out of funds the county earned by doing its own excavating at the hospital site.

Judge Barratt also said that contrary to rumor the county's water supply definitely is adequate to supply the hospital and other county installations. He said the county water supply is tested monthly by the county nurse, and that to date its bacteria count has been lower than that of the city's water.

The judge said he wished to spike another current rumor about the new hospital. Before federal approval was granted on hospital construction, it was necessary to prove that sufficient money was on hand to carry the project through. The county has the money to complete the hospital all the way to keys for the doors, Judge Barratt said, and it definitely will be completed as soon as possible.

Masons began laying the walls of the new hospital Monday morning. The work had been delayed because of mill strikes in the Willamette valley. Now that the strikes have ended, door and window facings are available and the masonry is going up rapidly. Dick Maude, construction superintendent, had previously estimated that 10 days would be required to complete the work.

Progress is evident at the hospital site. Most of the studding is now in place, and a great deal of preliminary plumbing work has been done.

P. M. A. Officials Outline Next Year's Wheat Allotments

Wheat Allotments for 1949 was the subject for discussion by farmer P.M.A. committee members, administrative officials and county agents at a meeting held in Pendleton on July 22, when E. Harvey Miller, State Chairman, P.M.A., Arnold Bodker, Farmer Fieldman, P.M.A., and Charles W. Smith, Assistant Director, Extension Service, outlined needs for allotments and explained how they would function.

Charles W. Smith, of the Extension Service, explained the need for wheat allotments when he pointed out that crop surpluses have built up the national carry-over to three hundred thirty eight million bushels. These surpluses are brought about by an increased acreage during the last seven years since wheat allotments have not been in effect. The 1949 national wheat acreage of 81,500,000 exceeds considerably the 68,944,000 acreage which has been declared by the Secretary of Agriculture as sufficient to provide wheat for domestic use, exports, and a 30% carryover yearly. Price supports can be maintained on an acreage which supplies these needs. At the present it is easy to see that excess wheat production, if continued, will prohibit price support.

Explaining further the wheat allotment program E. Harvey Miller, State Chairman, P.M.A., stated that each wheat producing county has been notified of their allotment as set up from county wheat acreage and Bureau of Agricultural Economics figures. Morrow County's allotment of 134,681 acres represents an approximate 21% cut which is slightly under Oregon's cut in wheat acreage based on seedlings of the past four years. Individual allotments will be made by county and community P.M.A. committees and each operator mailed his allotment by August 15. Appeals on these allotments will be received by the county P.M.A. office up to the September 1 deadline date.

Attending this meeting from Morrow County was Loyd Howton, and R. S. Thompson, County P.M.A. committee members. Basil Burnstad and Bill Padberg of the local P.M.A. office and N. C. Anderson, county agent, who are in a position to discuss the various aspects of the program by calling at the P.M.A. or county agent's office.

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