

## Six Young People Figure in Wrecks During Past Week

Total of Nine Local People Hospitalized In Past Two Weeks

The Heppner contingent in the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton was raised by nine over the past week-end when six young people in two separate wrecks were rushed there for treatment. Friday evening, Donna Gayhart, driving a car borrowed from Gene Orwick, and accompanied by Eileen Ball, upset the vehicle between the Mankin ranch and Lexington. Both girls were severely injured and the car was all but completely wrecked. The accident victims were rushed to Pendleton. Eileen was able to return home Tuesday but Donna is still a patient and may have to remain several weeks, according to reports.

Saturday evening, five out of six persons were seriously injured when two cars collided almost head-on about seven miles west of Pendleton on highway 30. Jack Ployhar of Heppner was driving west in a 1949 Ford. Swerving the car into the left lane of traffic he hit the left front of a pickup truck of Chester Davis and his wife, both 59, of Sunnyside, Wash. Both cars were demolished.

In the car with Ployhar were Eileen Keenan, 18, sister Delores, 16, and Wayne Brock, 19. Eileen has a dislocated elbow; Delores suffered a broken collar bone and a broken leg; Brock is suffering from shock and lacerations and Ployhar is suffering with internal injuries. Chester Davis had his throat cut and his skull fractured, while his wife had both arms broken, body and face lacerations, and both knees cut deeply, according to an account of the accident in the East Oregonian.



### VISUAL CRIME CURE

Here is an innovation in criminal juvenile jurisprudence that uses a standard time-old and proven method—viewing horrible examples, where they're always available at the penitentiary.

Why didn't someone think of it before?

Three alleged juvenile delinquents appeared this week before Judge Rex Kimmel who took them over to the Oregon penitentiary where they were taken on a personally conducted tour of "lifers' row."

"Perhaps if it is forcibly and visually brought home to these lads to just what end criminal tendencies lead it may mean a turning point in their lives," said the jurist.

### CONCRETE SUGGESTION

Did the plaster cast in which Senator Wayne Morse was encased after being thrown from a buggy while driving his prize station, inspire the Oregon senator to denounce the CVA as an "administrative straight jacket"?

The Northwest Public Power Assn., which had previously endorsed CVA "idea" only, last week in a Tacoma meeting voted unanimously for such legislation providing it includes definite guarantee to PUD's and municipal systems like Tacoma, Salem, Milton, Eugene and McMinville the right to own and develop their own facilities.

### LIVING MEMORIALS

Millions of trees are growing in Oregon, and will continue to grow for decades, that are monuments to the inspired spirit of Nelson Rogers, late state forester. He "planted" more trees than any man that ever lived. He did it by his leadership in inspiring confidence in reforestation. Even the rash timber cutters were tempered by his "timber religion."

Before his last illness we talked with him about the deplorable condition of timber cutting control in Oregon. The only laws of this kind Oregon has were taken from the statutes of the state of Washington. And they were declared unconstitutional years ago.

A valuable historical record now being compiled by David Dunnway, state archivist, will contain names of every family in Oregon in 1850. Most of the population at that time was in the Willamette valley and on the coast and totaled 12,294. Approximately 2000 copies of the book will be published.

Dunnway said he later would prepare a similar book based on the 1890 census when the state's population was 317,740.

### POLITICAL ANGLERS

The political capital of Oregon last week-end was Waldport, the home of the king of salmon derbies. An impromptu meeting of the board of control narrowly

## Booster Breakfast Set For October 7

Friday, October 7, is the date of the first football game scheduled for the rodeo field in the current season. In accordance with established custom, the morning of that day is the time for the booster breakfast and Chairman Jack O'Connor informs this newspaper that the breakfast will be served, although where it is still a matter to be settled. Ticket purchasers will be informed when they get their tickets.

Coach Vernon Bohles is sparking his team for this game, which will not only be the first of the season on the rodeo field but will be with Condon, and Heppner coaches never fool themselves about the Gilliam county boys.

## County Council Of Parents-Teachers Organized Monday

A meeting was called Monday by Mrs. Omar Rietmann, president of the Ione Parent-Teacher association, for the purpose of forming a county council of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. The meeting was held at Lexington and was well attended, with representatives there from Irrigon, Boardman, Ione, Lexington and Heppner.

Officers who the county unit are as follows: Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, Ione, president; Mrs. Floyd Hobbs, Irrigon, vice president, and D. E. Baker, Lexington, secretary-treasurer.

Boardman will be the scene of the next meeting, on October 19, with the P-TA groups of Irrigon and Boardman hosts for luncheon.

Mrs. J. W. Stags of Milton, a state vice president, was present to assist with the organizational work.

Missed being called. At the Saturday night banquet opening the derby Governor Douglas McKay and State Treasurer Walter Pearson sat at the head table with other state officials including Tax Commissioner Robert D. McLean, Game Commissioner Donald Mitchell, State Senators Austin Plegel and Rex Ellis, and Representative Jerry Wade, and Frank E. Gilkey, county judge of Lincoln county.

### NIMRODS, RELAX!

Governor Douglas McKay learned this week that Oregon's driest summer in years will probably not necessitate postponement of the scheduled opening of the deer season on October 1.

The good word came out during the second quarterly meeting of the governor's natural resources advisory committee. Heavy dew following showers dampened the forest floor, said George Spaur, acting state forester, and forest fire tangles have been lowered to a minimum. However, Governor McKay is keeping his eye on the hot days.

### OREGON INSURANCE CONSCIOUS

The amount of insurance held by Oregonians was estimated at an average of \$1000 for every person—man, woman and child—in Oregon. The total figure of \$1,507,023,125 was 10 per cent higher than last year.

Oregonians paid \$34,350,915 in insurance premiums last year and received \$10,566,625 for fire losses. State Insurance Commissioner Robert Taylor revealed this week.

### RHEA CREEK GRANGE TO HOLD BOOSTER NIGHT

Rhea Creek grange has issued invitations to interested persons and to the memberships of other granges in the county to attend the booster night party at the hall at Ruggs Friday evening, October 7.

A varied program is being prepared and festivities will open with a potluck supper at 6:30 p. m.

### State's Population Grows Faster Than Growers Produce Meat, Milk

Oregon's output of meat and milk scarcely equals state needs now that the population has increased one-half since 1947. That is a general conclusion to be drawn from facts and figures in the latest farm outlook circular issued by the extension service at Oregon State college, now available from county extension agents.

The purpose of the report is to aid producers in planning their production and marketing operations. There are sections on the feed supply situation, dairy products, beef cattle, hogs, and sheep. Several charts and tables of data are included to show trends in prices, production and consumer demand.

Meat animals (cattle, hogs and sheep) and dairy production account for about two-fifths of Oregon's cash receipts from farm marketing. Currently, the state is close to a balance on milk and beef with a heavy deficit in hogs but still has some seasonal surplus of lambs.

The three Pacific coast states together are short on dairy production, beef and hogs, with not much if any surplus of lambs. The seven far western states produce large surplus of the lambs,

## Deer Season Will Open Saturday A. M. As Scheduled

Oregon's red hat brigade is moving up to the front and by Friday morning the opening bombardment will strike up as the 1949 deer hunting season gets underway.

Up to press time only a sprinkling of outside hunters had come to town but it is expected that by Friday evening a full complement of trigger-happy hunters will be on hand.

Expected news from the office of Governor Douglas McKay that the opening would be postponed until rains came had not been received and there seems nothing in the way of the season opening October 1.

C. A. Lockwood, game director, estimates there will be close to 200,000 hunters afield. He has made a special plea for all to exercise the strictest caution while hunting and a full compliance with the game laws. He also puts fires in the forests that the habit of up to the hunters to prevent that of the wild game may be prevented.

## County Receives \$79,307.01 From Basic School Fund

This year Morrow county will receive \$79,307.01 from the basic school support fund. Half of this amount was received last week and distributed to the school districts in the county from the rural school district office according to Henry E. Tetz, superintendent.

The basic school fund is a state fund raised by income tax amounting to \$50 per census child and apportioned to the school district on the basis of pupil membership, number of teachers and transportation.

Of the \$39,903.47 received from the fund, the distribution was made as follows: School district No. 1, Heppner, \$14,037.54; school district No. 2, Ione, \$436.03; school district No. 3, Willow Way, \$749.87; school district No. 4, Morgan, \$515.89; school district No. 10, Irrigon, \$4,986.65; school district No. 12, Lexington, \$3,173.41; school district No. 19, Rood Canyon, \$270.33; school district No. 23, Devine, \$387.10; school district No. 24, Willow, \$200.04; school district No. 25, Boardman, \$5,031.92; district No. 27, consolidated with Echo, \$732.24; school district No. 25J, Ione, \$6,910.98; school district No. 40, Hardman, \$501.75; school district No. 41, Sand Hollow, \$541.79; school district No. 42, Balm Fork, \$182.10; Union High district No. 1, Hardman, \$85.03; Non-High district, \$1,628.89.

The second half of the basic school fund apportionment will be made in March.

An interested visitor in Heppner for several days the past week was Mrs. J. B. Cooley of Brownsville who visited her nieces and families, Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz. She was pleased with the growth and improvements in Heppner since her last visit a number of years ago. She went from here to Stanfield to visit her brother, John M. Spencer.

Charley Hodge has a power shovel crew busy leveling off his used car lot this week. Hereafter drainage has been a problem on the lot, water running off of it into the garage building. The new level will be slightly below the building level.

## "Freedom Goes Where The Newspaper Goes"

A Guest Editorial by Governor Douglas McKay

You would have to hunt a long time and range far afield to find a more appropriate slogan than that adopted for the tenth National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8: "Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes."

Those six words testify to the impact of an unfettered press with a force of clarity no flow of prose or oratory could match. They say, in effect, that newspapers which speak honestly without fear of censorship, and people who have earned the same liberty of expression are invariably found together. Where you have one, you automatically have the other. One brings the other about and demands its perpetuation with no strings attached.

Any man in the public eye should welcome the justified criticism of the press. It stands for reassurance that the processes by which he attained official stature are safeguarded by enlightened public opinion that is constantly refreshed by the vigilant reporter and editorial writer. Hence, the dailies and weeklies of Oregon and the other 47 states are really crusading for better government as they discharge their obligation to inform and educate their readers.

Certain unfortunate countries deny their newspapers and their citizens the right to give and receive this vital service. I, personally, would want no part of the life of those countries.

## Many Heppner People Attend Lawrence-Kilkenny Wedding

By RUTH F. PAYNE

Mrs. Isabelle "Betty" Lawrence of Pendleton, formerly of Heppner, became the bride of William P. Kilkenny of Butter Creek at a nuptial mass Saturday morning at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Pendleton. Rev. P. J. O'Hara read the service. The bride, attended by her sister, Mrs. John Martin of Klamath Falls, wore a tailored suit of avocado green, with gray accessories and a corsage of green orchids. John Kilkenny of Pendleton, brother of the groom, was best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Pendleton Country club where Mrs. Henry Colin, Mrs. John Kilkenny, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mrs. Emil Groshens poured, and Mrs. James Farley, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Edward Rice and Mrs. Les Wyman assisted about the rooms. Among guests from Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatpold, Mrs. Bert Kane, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hagwood, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Groshens, Mr. and Mrs. Les Wyman, Mrs. Lottie Kilkenny, Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Jr., and Mrs. Edward Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lindsey, Mrs. Josie Jones, Mrs. Sadie Spieher, and Leslie L. Matlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson returned Sunday from a week's motor trip which took them as far south as Crescent City, Calif. Enroute they visited Crater Lake, Oregon Caves and Klamath Falls. They returned via the Oregon coast highway and Portland. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell who remained at Depoe Bay for a longer visit at the coast. The Howells expect to return to Heppner in time for the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. Don DuBois, Mrs. Edna Hamlin and daughter Marlene spent the week-end in Portland. On Sunday morning they attended services at All Saints Episcopal church where Rev. Neville Blunt was priest in charge. Mr. Blunt was formerly vicar of All Saints Episcopal church in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurry entertained Friday evening at their home on Church street with home movies of their recent trips and picnics during the summer. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy and children Miss Letta Humphreys, Mrs. Alma Morgan, Mrs. Josephine Mahoney and Frank W. Baker. Refreshments were served.

Nine tables of bridge were in play at the annual benefit card party Friday evening at St. Patrick's parish hall. This is sponsored by the Altar Guild. High in pinocle was received by Mrs. Willard Blake and low by Sam Turner. In bridge, Loyal Parker received high score and Conley Lanham, low. Mrs. Ida Farra received the door prize. Mrs. William Richards, Mrs. Charles O'Donnell and Mrs. J. D. Palmer were in charge of arrangements.

John and Bob Wightman of the Blue Mountain ranch south of Hardman were transacting business in town Monday. They will remain in the mountains until snow flies at which time they will bring the cattle in to the Alfalfa Lawn ranch below town.

Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald and son Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruckert of Moro were week-end guests of their uncle, George McDonald.

Mrs. Josephine Mahoney and Frank W. Baker spent Saturday morning shopping in Pendleton.

Mrs. R. B. Rice left Saturday for a month's visit in Missouri.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo returned Monday from Sun Valley, Idaho, where Dr. McMurdo attended a medical convention of the last of the week. During their

stay they saw C. V. Bracher, formerly of Pilot Rock but now of Sall Lake City. Mr. Bracher was a member of the Pilot Rock trap team of which Dr. McMurdo was a member. Dr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts of Portland were also present for the convention.

William Hess, logger who injured his hand in an accident at Camp 5 last week, was taken to Portland Monday and will remain with relatives until he recovers. He was helping unload a truck and caught his hand in a pulley, tearing the fingers quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Hicks of Lone Rock were business visitors in Heppner Saturday. They were enroute to La Grande taking their son there for his senior year at Eastern Oregon college.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dix of Portland visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix. They are on a motor trip to Denver and the Grand Canyon and will return to their home via the southern route through California.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Drake are the parents of an 8 pound son, Douglas Alfred, born Saturday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Their daughter, Susan, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston during her mother's absence.

Frank Turner returned Sunday from a week-end business trip to Portland. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson and Mrs. Frank E. Parker who have been in the city for some time where the ladies have been receiving medical treatment.

Kemper Snow has returned from Walla Walla where he spent several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt and Crockett Sprouts spent the week-end at the Hiatt cabin on Caldwell Grade. Conditions in that part of the woods are very dry and rain is much needed, according to Sprouts.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Yeager made a business trip to Pendleton the last of the week.

Duane Gentry left Monday for Washington, Wash., to continue his work with a construction company after spending the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Connor spent several days in Portland the first of the week. During their absence, Mrs. Jack Bailey looked after the children.

Miss Viola Fisher left Saturday for her home in Post Falls, Idaho, after spending a week here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blake are in Redmond this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake.

Mrs. Lowell Rippee has returned from Tacoma, Wash., where she has been living during the time of her illness. He expects to be sent overseas in the near future according to reports.

Mrs. Fay Beckum and Miss Patricia Pierson spent the week-end at the Beckum cabin on Willow creek.

Crockett Sprouts motored to Arlington Tuesday morning to meet his daughter and Miss Leatha Smith and Viola Macomber who were returning from a visit in Prineville at Miss Smith's home.

Mrs. Martha Peterson, nee Wilson of Los Angeles spent Monday in Heppner visiting friends. Mrs. Peterson was a teacher in the Heppner schools some 20 years ago, having had the first grade for two years at that time. With Mr. Peterson she is on a motor tour of the Pacific northwest and stopped off in Heppner to renew acquaintances.

Mrs. Milton Morgan of Monument is a guest at the home of Mrs. Juanita Massey.

Mrs. Alma Morgan and Mrs. Juanita Massey motored to Naches, Wash., where they spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morgan.

## Mustangs Recover From Echo Defeat To Beat Stanfield

The Heppner Mustangs, after taking a 13-6 loss from Echo, came back to defeat a weak Stanfield team last Friday, 34-0.

After a series of long runs and first downs, Melvin Piper went through to score the first Heppner tally. Bergstrom then made the extra point.

The second quarter had scarcely gotten underway when Bergstrom went across for the second Heppner touchdown. The conversion was made by Gary Connor, right end. The half ended with Heppner but two yards from making another touchdown, with Stanfield making a definite stand.

The third quarter started off with a bang, the Mustangs driving straight down the field and Ruhl going over for the third score. Bergstrom plunged through the line for the conversion. Gary Connor ran back a punt 35 yards, setting the stage for Ruhl to go the rest of the way for the Mustangs' fourth tally. Gary Connor again went for the conversion. Bergstrom made the final tally for Heppner in the third quarter. Try for point failed.

Coach Bohles sent in the reserves after Bergstrom's last touchdown, and they played the rest of the third and almost all of the fourth quarter. Almost every boy from the Mustang squad saw action.

Starting lineup for Heppner: Left end, Jack Sumner; left tackle, Jim Orwick; left guard, Vern Bell; center, Keith Connor; right guard, Lyle Peck; right tackle, Phil Smith; right end, Gary Connor; quarterback, Marion Green; left half, Norm Ruhl; right half, Melvin Piper; fullback, Bob Bergstrom.

## Hardman School To Be Scene Of Next O E A Meeting

Teachers of the county will assemble Thursday evening, October 6 at Hardman for a meeting of the Oregon Education association, Morrow county unit. The Hardman school, Mrs. Bonnie McClintock teacher, will be host, assisted by the ladies of the community who will serve dinner at the Bobek hall at 6:30.

The visitors have been asked to dismiss school early enough to enable them to arrive at Hardman by 5 p. m. A short trip into the timber south of Hardman has been planned as part of the entertainment.

Mrs. Bessie Hayes is president, John S. Feathers, vice president, Mrs. Laverne Partlow, secretary, and Miss Mary Brackett, treasurer.

## ACTIVE TB PATIENT PAYS HEPPNER VISIT

Chester O. Terrill was picked up Wednesday evening by Officer Gomillion in answer to a phone call from Miss Leila McLachlan that a strange-acting man had called at the McLachlan home. The officer found the man a short time later in a box car where he had bedded down for the night.

Terrill, an ex-service man, was found to have taken "absence without leave" from the tuberculosis hospital at Boise, Idaho, his papers showing that he was an "active" patient.

## EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, October 4, at the City Hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

## American Way Of Life Threatened By Passage Of Senate Bill 1645

Our American way of life is at stake in the proposed Columbia Valley Administration as written in Senate bill 1645 in the opinion of Stanley R. Church, representing the Pacific Northwest Development association. Church and Charles M. Sanford met with the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday at which time certain features of the measure were discussed and analyzed.

A copy of the bill in chart form was placed where all could see it and Mr. Church discussed the most salient features, particularly bringing out the parts that appear harmless to the casual reader but really mean placing supreme authority in the hands of the three-man board if permitted to remain in the bill. Certain functions are stipulated and these, while perhaps not too disagreeable to the taste of the average apostle of freedom, could

## Soroptimist Clubs All Over World Honor Week of Founding

Soroptimist clubs all over the world will join in the celebration of Founders' Week, Sept. 28 Oct. 5, with special programs to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the first Soroptimist Club in Oakland, California on October 3, 1921.

This was "sack lunch" day (fifth Thursday of the month) for the Soroptimist Club of Heppner. They met at the home of their president, Mrs. W. O. George at noon. The growth of Soroptimism was traced by Mrs. O. G. Crawford from the institution of the first club with its membership of 80 in 1921 to the present.

There are over 20,000 Soroptimists in clubs scattered through out the world. More than 400 active clubs are listed in the roster of the American Federation. There are 67 clubs in the North-western region which covers the states of Washington, Oregon, northern part of Idaho, Montana and Alaska. The American Federation, composed of business executive women, extends from Fairbanks Alaska to Rio de Janeiro, from Portland Oregon to Portland Maine, from Honolulu Hawaii to Halifax Nova Scotia. There are active clubs in 27 foreign countries. Each member will pay one cent for each year of Soroptimism, 28 cents this time, which is an annual Founders' Week observance.

One of the most enjoyable experiences of the Soroptimist club of Heppner is correspondence with individual members of the Soroptimist Club of Tamworth, England.

The Soroptimist program is one of service; in the welfare and opportunities for young girls, particularly through education and recreation; economic advancement of women; long range programs of fellowships and study grants; legislation and citizenship; better international understanding through friendships with Soroptimists abroad—and improvement of local industry's local civic projects.

Several of the local club members expect to leave next Thursday night for the Regional conference at Bellingham Washington October 7, 8 and 9.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buggies and their daughter Connie on a hunting trip to the Blue Mountains area reserved for archery devotees. The men did much hunting and the entire party had a fine time but the deer population was not diminished by their little week-end jaunt.

Mrs. C. H. Perrott of Portland has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle, the past 10 days. Mrs. Doolittle has been suffering with arthritis for some time and is a little better. Paul Doolittle brot his sister up from the city and her husband will arrive this week-end to take her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Routh of Pasco were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Chaffee. Mr. Routh is Mrs. Chaffee's twin brother.

Mrs. F. V. Jones of Pasco spent several hours in Heppner Tuesday, the elder Mrs. Jones and her son coming for physical check-ups. They reported that through traffic in Pasco came almost to a halt during the time following the bridge fire until the pontoon bridge was installed and that cars are breezing through their town once more.

## Game Commission Taking Fish Eggs

Mr. C. A. Lockwood, State Game Director, today dispatch a crew of fishery biologists and aids to begin clean-up activities at the outlet end of Paulina Lake. Starting around the last of September, the men will remove all weeds, brush, drift wood, and accumulated debris that will in any way interfere with the forthcoming egg-taking operations.

Resident biologists will determine the proper time, usually in late October or early November, when the fish are ready to spawn. At this time, the fish are netted, the eggs are stripped, fertilized, and the fish returned unharmed to the lake again. Eggs thus obtained are placed in hatcheries where they develop into fingerlings or legal sized trout and are then available for distribution to lakes and streams throughout the state.

This egg-taking and artificial spawning operation is necessary to compensate for the inability of the rainbow trout to reproduce successfully in this lake.

Persons using the Paulina Lake area are cautioned to refrain from placing any camping refuse, particularly tin cans, in the lake. Such material not only pollutes the water but definitely hampers the seeding activities.

Dave Fortmiller, formerly of Ashland, is a visitor at the Ralph Jackson ranch in the Spray neighborhood, being the special guest of Kenneth Jackson. The young men were pals at the University of Oregon. He will be here through the hunting season.

## Commission Ups Funds For Extra Road Construction

Boardman-Willow Creek Section Gets \$90,000 Additional

The state highway commission climaxed its three day September meeting in Portland by allocating \$3,634,000 for the construction of 24 additional projects in the 1950-51 construction program. These are distributed over 19 of the counties of the state and are in addition to prior allotments made for the next two-year construction program, a report from the commission states.

While no announcement has been made as to definite plans, the sum allocated to the Willow-Creek-Boardman section of the Columbia river highway indicates that a general rebuilding will take place in the next bi-ennium. Contemplated dam construction along the river necessitates relocating the highway in some sections and since the route between Willow Creek and Boardman is in line for improvement it is thought the commission contemplates relocation of the route between those points.

An original \$575,000 allocated for this section has been upped \$90,000 to a total of \$665,000. In the report this is given as in Morrow county which leads to the conclusion that some heavy construction will be done.

Contracts on some of the projects have already been awarded especially in the construction of highway buildings and some smaller bridges.

## Escaped Convict Hiding in Timber In Kinzua Vicinity

Gilbert Williams, escaped from Gilbert Williams, escaped from the Oregon State prison, is being hunted for in the mountains surrounding Kinzua, according to Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who, with Officer Bill Labhart spent Wednesday in that vicinity assisting officers of the district in the search.

Williams, committed from Union county, left the prison at Sallerton on September 22. A few days later he stole a 1949 Lincoln coupe at Gresham and headed for eastern Oregon. About one and one-half miles after leaving the John Day highway enroute to Kinzua the car ran out of gas. Taking the keys and a 38 automatic army type revolver he found in the glove compartment he set out on foot. At Kinzua store he was recognized by Jimmie Walker, storekeeper, who reported to the officers at once.

Sergeant Olson and other officers at Arlington had been called to The Dalles to help maintain peace at the dock where the "hot cargo" of pineapple is being unloaded but other officers of the district, including state police, sheriffs and city police were on the job in quick order. Road blocks were set up and other squads set out to search the woods, but when the local officers returned home last night no trace of the convict had been found. It is believed he picked out a hiding spot to catch up on sleep and that when hunger becomes acute he will show up some place.