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Lumber Company Hit By \$250,000 Fire

Republicans Set Meeting At Ione Monday Evening

Young Republicans Leader Scheduled To Deliver Speech

In what is deemed the final rally of the current political campaign, the Republicans of the county will gather at the Legion hall in Ione at 8 o'clock Monday evening. This meeting was decided upon at the last previous meeting held at the Elkhorn cafe in Heppner earlier in October and Chairman George Ely issued an invitation to all citizens of the county interested in the election of Governor Douglas McKay and other members of the Republican ticket.

Two speakers from the outside have been secured for this occasion. Donald Walker, president of the Young Republicans club and P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles, representative and party war horse. An invitation has been extended to Congressman Lowell Stockman but up to press time it was not learned whether he could accept.

Object of the meeting is to stir interest in the election to draw out a good vote and, of course, create as many votes as possible for the Republican ticket. The recently formed McKay for Governor club is taking an active interest in getting out a crowd and it is hoped the big hall will be filled.

Chairman Ely of the Republican county central committee has promised that there will be a lot of good sandwiches and coffee following the meeting.

BILL RICHARDS' 214 POUND BUCK TOPS LEGION CONTEST

A 214 pound buck deer may not rate so big in other sections but a buck of that weight was sufficient to capture top honors in the contest conducted by the Heppner post of the American Legion during the recent open season. William Richards brought in the biggest buck and it weighed 214 pounds.

The smallest buck was turned in by Jim Lovgren. This one tipped the beam at 70 pounds.

Gerald Swaggart's buck with the three-inch spread of horns captured the prize in that division.

Bill Cox and one of his boys brought in the first deer, early on the opening day of the season.

Hunters seemed to forget the prize offered for the widest horn spread, as none of that category were turned in, according to Bill Blake who was in charge of the contest.

Portland Hunters Lose Rifles Here Saturday Evening

A carload of Portland men arrived in Heppner around 9 p. m. Saturday. They were equipped with camp outfit and rifles prepared to enjoy the last two days of deer hunting in the Blue mountains and going from this section to Pendleton to join friends on an elk hunt. They parked their car and trailer in front of the Gazette Times property and went around the corner to the Elkhorn cafe for a cup of coffee. Gone but a short time they were rounding the corner of the Humphreys Drug company when they saw a car take off around the city building corner. Arriving at their car they soon found the reason for the hurried get-away.

Thieves had looted their car and removed their rifles—and a pint of whiskey which, in the hurry to get away, was dropped and broken. The loot was piled into the waiting car and the culprits dashed madly around the corner to get away from the scene of their crime.

The hunters remained in Heppner until Monday but the officials had not located the culprits. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and Erwin Anderson loaned them rifles to hunt with, and that took some of the hurt out of losing their own guns.

CONSOLIDATION VOTE TIE IN SAND HOLLOW

Little interest was manifested in the consolidation vote in District No. 1 Monday afternoon, there being but seven votes cast, all in favor of taking in the Sand Hollow district.

The tax payers and school patrons who had the last say in the matter, the voters of the Sand Hollow school district, were evenly divided. Thirteen were for the proposal to consolidate with District No. 1 while 13 others registered a negative opinion.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at the city hall in Heppner between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Tuesday, October 31, according to announcement from the office of the secretary of state.

Heppner Tackles Grant Union at John Day Friday P. M.

What may prove to be the "battle of the century" as far as this neck-o'-the-woods is concerned, will be the meeting at John Day tomorrow (Friday) afternoon between the Prospectors of Grant Union high and the Mustangs of Heppner high. According to the local point of view it will be a grudge battle with the Mustangs seeking to redeem their football standing which has suffered reverses the past two years at the hands of the Prospectors.

Spectators at Friday's game with the Fossil Falcons noticed a great improvement in Mustang blocking and tackling and expect the boys to give good account of themselves at John Day.

Grant Union will have a decided weight advantage but the "will to win" that the Mustangs now have is expected to turn the tide.

A good many local fans are planning to drive to John Day to back up the Mustangs in their bid for supremacy.

Duvalls Return From 8,000-Mile Train Trip Around Country

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall returned the first of the week from a tour of the country by rail under the sponsorship of the Oregon Journal. "We left Portland on September 25 aboard the Oregon Journal special for a tour which took us more than 8,000 miles," Mrs. Duvall reported to the Gazette Times. "This did not include the many sightseeing trips at thevarious city stops."

"There were 172 of us making the trip and we were cared for by 14 railroad and transportation companies, also 19 sightseeing organizations. We traveled the northern route through Spokane, Fargo, N. D. and had our first hotel stopover at Minneapolis and St. Paul. Next was Chicago for a two days stay. While there we had a nice visit with Francis Nickerson."

"Leaving Chicago we went northeast to Niagara Falls, Montreal and Quebec, Canada, then back into the States to Portland, Maine, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington D. C., Richmond, Va., and Lexington, Ky., making stops for a day or so at each of these cities and taking sightseeing tours to many important and historical places."

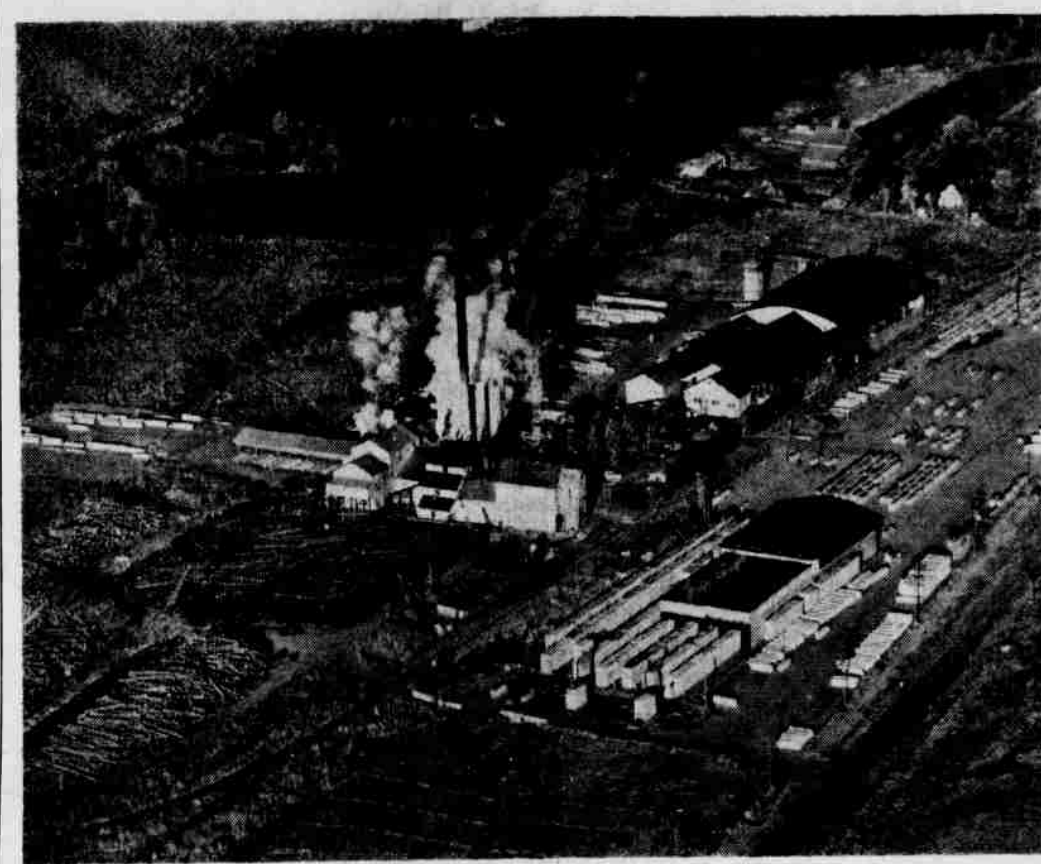
"We stopped overnight at Swampscott, Mass. and had a call from S. E. Pattison who lived in Heppner in the early '20's. His father had a newspaper here at that time. He lived near our hotel and we went with him to his home to meet his wife and son. He wished to be remembered to his old friends here."

"Our last sightseeing stop was Denver. We reached Portland October 20, being on the tour 25 days."

AD DISCONTINUED

Our readers may notice that the advertisement from Station KHQ, Spokane, has been discontinued. They may also know that the reason is that the 826 foot tower which was the subject of the advertising was blown over during a heavy windstorm. The advertising was not permanently canceled, which would indicate that the builders hope to restore the lofty tower to its perpendicular position.

Scene of Quarter Million Dollar Fire Last Night . . .



This picture taken by Louis Lyons two years ago shows the big planer and factory plant which was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Since this view was taken, the Heppner Lumber company has added a piling shed to the dry kiln and was completing a large addition to the planer-factory building which went up in smoke. It is understood the company has a new planer which can be set up in the dry kiln piling shed where some of the output can be taken care of pending erection of a new factory building.

Services Held In Gymnasium For Harold W. Manners

Victim of Accident Was Member of HHS Class of 1950

Services were held at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Sunday in the school gymnasium for Harold Wilson Manners, 19, whose death occurred Thursday night following an accident on the Heppner-Condon highway about 28 miles southwest of Heppner. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and Mrs. Lucy Peterson, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ethel Lyngholm, sang The Lord's Prayer and Whispering Hope. Pallbearers were chums of Harold's and included Carl Thorpe, James Orwick, Robert Bergstrom, William Bloodsworth, Glenn Walker, Lewis Carlson, Bernard L. Cox and Lionel Huston, the latter two acting as ushers.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Young Manners, accompanied by Bernice Huston, was returning from Condon at a late hour Thursday and at a point approximately 28 miles from Heppner overturned a truckload of cattle. In overtaking the truck, Manners cut in a little too close, sideswiping the bigger vehicle and throwing the car off balance. The car upset and the driver was caught in the wreckage. When found a little later by Scott Neal and other Masons returning to Condon after attending a lodge meeting in Heppner, Manners was still alive but bleeding profusely through the mouth, nose and ears. His head, which was sticking through the glass of the door, was badly crushed on one side.

Loading the youth into his car, Neal started for Heppner with him but he had expired by the time they arrived in town. Miss Huston was knocked out in the accident but aside from bruises and shock appeared to have suffered no serious injury. She was brought to town and taken to the Memorial hospital.

Harold Wilson Manners was born October 2, 1931, in the state of Oklahoma and came to Heppner in 1946 where he attended high school and was graduated with the class of 1950. He was a popular student, taking part in numerous student activities. He played on the athletic teams and during the past summer was a member of the Heppner club of the Wheat-Timber baseball league. He was also a member of the local chapter of De Molay.

Surviving are his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hampton, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lee who reside in Oklahoma.

FAIR FOLK FIND FUNDS FAMILISHED; SEEK SOME SUCCOR THROUGH STOCK SALE

Meeting October 18, the Morrow County Fair board considered ways and means of taking care of outstanding bills against the extensive building and remodeling projects carried out at the fair grounds this year. Approximately \$2900 in arrears after receiving the last payment of the fair grounds this year. Apis is beginning an intensive drive to clear up debts so that the new year can be started with a clean slate. With improvements and buildings now at the grounds, it is felt that the Fair can be self-supporting in years to come.

The board is receiving income from the pavilion in the form of rental for the roller skating sessions being held each week. This income is being put to paying off these debts as well as improvement of the building for community use.

With fall weather becoming evident by chilly nights and seeing the need for heat in the pavilion if its use was to be continued, R. B. Ferguson, Heppner

donated \$100 to build two chimneys so that stoves could be installed. These chimneys were completed Sunday and stoves are being put in and will be in use for Friday night's roller skating. One of the stoves was loaned by Bill Barratt, Heppner.

Arrangements are well under way at this time for a calf auction sponsored by the fair board and to be held on a Main street intersection on Saturday afternoon, November 4. Calves for this sale have been donated by John Graves, Frank Wilkinson, Dallas Craber, Ray Ferguson and Orville Cutsforth, with the fair board asking for further calves to make the sale a success. More calves are needed, states Cutsforth, fair board chairman who asks that everyone get behind this project. The fair board believes that the facilities at the fair grounds are the best in eastern Oregon to say the least and that interest in the fair will make it one of the best in the state. Help with a calf, be it knock kneed, blind or otherwise.

Mitchell Loses To Boardman, 20 to 7

With both teams playing heads up ball and Mitchell with a four-man line, the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie at Boardman Friday.

In the second quarter, Boardman being forced to punt, Shattuck kicked a very good kick and on the next play, Palmer broke through the Mitchell line to nail the runner behind the goal line. With a two point lead to their credit, Boardman left the field at the half feeling pretty good.

The first touchdown came in the third quarter when Shattuck made a 40 yard sprint to the goal line. Shortly after that Rash threw a pass to Shattuck for Boardman's second touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, Rash again connected with a pass, this time to Palmer for a touchdown.

With 45 seconds left to play, Quant, Mitchell's quarterback, connected with a long pass to Bland for Mitchell's only score. They made their extra point.

The game ended in Boardman's favor, 20-7.

Donald Gillespie, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz enjoyed a brief visit with Mrs. Schwarz's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merritt, Wednesday. They were enroute to their home in Hawthorn, Calif. after a visit with Mrs. Merritt's people in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry left last Thursday for their home in Halfway after a visit with relatives and friends in Heppner and Lexington. They were residents of Lexington for many years before moving to Halfway and Mrs. Gentry taught in the Lexington school.

Mustangs Trounce Falcons 37 to 0 in Friday's Contest

Fossil Unable to Stem Attack By HHS Ball Toters

With three victories and one near high school Mustang football team was determined to make it three straight since the disastrous meeting with Echo and that determination spelled a bad time for the visiting Fossil Falcons here Friday afternoon. It was Heppner all the way and the final count was 37-0.

Heppner meant business right from the start. Kicking off to Fossil, Peck, right halfback, recovered the Falcon's safety fumble, setting up a touchdown by Piper on the first play. From then on it was a field day for the Mustangs.

Piper and Sumner were credited with 12 points each; Peck made seven and Connor six.

Linemen Bell and Wagner sparked the defense by making the majority of the tackles. The Heppner gridders held up much better in the second half than has been their habit in previous games and the only time Fossil threatened was in the third quarter. The Mustangs have improved their tackling and blocking over the previous Friday's noticeable mistakes.

U. N. Effective In Most of Program, Student Declares

Efforts of the United Nations to maintain peace have been successful in the main, according to Sally Cohn, Heppner high school student, who talked on the subject in observance of United Nations week before the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday noon. Miss Cohn offered several instances in support of her claim that the organization is working effectively toward a general peace.

Differences of opinion which led to bloodshed, such as the India-Pakistan trouble, the war between Arabs and Jews in Palestine, the Berlin blockade, and the firm stand taken in the Korean incident all prove that the UN is on the right track, the speaker contended. Other factors leading to a better understanding have been promoted by the UN, such as the Havana Charter, equality for all women, and the Universal Charter of Human Rights.

Asked if she thought the UN a success, Miss Cohn replied that she thinks it is, at least it is doing a good job and will continue to grow in strength and influence.

President Henry Tetz announced that next Monday's meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the several measures on the ballot.

LOCAL LEGISLATOR GUEST AT SOROPTIMIST MEETING

Representative Henry E. Peterson addressed the Soroptimist Club of Heppner this noon, explaining measures on the ballot for the forthcoming election. The club members attended with the voters' pamphlets in hand while Mr. Peterson presented the arguments pro and con on each measure in turn.

The Youth committee reported that plans are now completed for the Halloween party which the Soroptimist Club of Heppner sponsors annually for the junior and senior high school students. The party Tuesday evening is being held at the Winchesters' lower cabin, and from remarks gathered from the committee in charge, point to a very exciting time. The group will leave from the high school at 6:30 p. m.

Business visitors in Heppner the last of the week were Mrs. Esta Powell and a friend, Mrs. Harold E. Smith, both of Portland. Mrs. Powell is the owner of the former Clive Huston ranch in Eight Mile which is being operated by her son. The ladies are both former residents of Sherman county and are both quite taken with Morrow county.

Heppner Planer-Factory Reduced To Ashes Last Night

Heppner suffered the second disastrous fire in 15 months when the planing mill and factory of the Heppner Lumber company was destroyed Wednesday night. The huge building, with machinery and approximately 500,000 feet of lumber, was consumed by flames which for an hour or more threatened other buildings and which but for the fact that there was no wind astr at the time could well have consumed the entire plant.

The night crew was at work in the planer and factory and about 9 o'clock realized there was smoke coming through the floor, about where the planer crew was working. A hasty investigation brought the discovery that a full scale fire was raging under the building and spreading rapidly. The workmen were warned to "abandon ship" and an alarm was sent to the Heppner fire department. It required several minutes to assemble members of the department but by the time the truck was ready to leave cars were streaming down Main street in the direction of the mill.

Fire fighting equipment of the mill and the city's equipment were not adequate to save the burning structure and all effort was concentrated on saving surrounding buildings. A small office building at the east end of the planer was saved with only minor damage; the business office, nearby lumber piles, the sawmill, and the dry kiln plant were undamaged.

One plant worker, Harold Ellis, received a bad gash on the back of his head when caught under a section of wall that fell away from the burning structure. Although caught under the flying debris, he was quickly rescued.

Extent of the damage had not been fully covered early today. When questioned about it, Manager Orville Smith said his guess at the time would be at least \$250,000. That is the damage suffered by the mill company. The Union Pacific railroad lost four box cars that were on the siding along side the factory. The cars were loaded with "selects" and "jams". Smith said the planer-factory was partially insured.

Asked relative to rebuilding plans, Smith said he would have to defer a statement at this time. It will require several days to get the report from the insurance adjusters and advice from the plant owners, the Kraft Cheese company. Pending these matters the plant will be down. The day crew at the factory and planer was engaged in clearing away some of the debris this morning. Heavy timbers were still burning and much of the debris was smoldering.

Remembering the campaign he put on in 1943 to assemble a sawmill plant, Manager Smith was not looking upon the rebuilding with much enthusiasm. At the same time he realizes that there is no profit in maintaining an idle plant and this will no doubt spur him on to rounding up a new plant.

Not alone will the local employees be affected by the enforced shut-down, but the loggers, truckers and the plant and workmen of the Big 4 Lumber company at Monument will likewise suffer. The output of the Monument mill has been taken by the Heppner Lumber company, hauled in by truck to the local plant where it is put through the dry kiln and processed in the planer and factory. The Heppner plant has also handled the output of other small interior mills, the extent of its operations providing employment for two shifts.

Thirty-five employees in the factory and planer are affected by the shutdown. Altogether, more than 50 workers will be temporarily laid off at the local plant, and to this number must be added the loggers and truckers. Total number affected, including the Monument operations, will exceed 200, Smith said.

The planer shed, part of the original plant, was 155 x 120 feet. In 1947 the company completed an addition to the planer shed, adding 165 x 120 feet for an over all working space under one roof of 320 x 120 feet. Work was nearing completion on another unit.

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