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## Rebuilding Already Started On Burned Fair Buildings



ALL THAT REMAINED after a Sunday afternoon fire raced through two stock buildings at the Morrow county fair grounds was the foundations. This picture, taken by Dr. H. S. Huber, shows the remains of two old county trucks stored in one building and firemen soaking down the embers. Reconstruction has already been started.

## RAIL EMBARGO CONTINUES, 68,000 BUSHELS ON GROUND AT LEXINGTON

The railroad embargo, put into effect August 10, is still in force and the tie-up of wheat shipments is causing a continually growing wheat pile on the ground at the Lexington elevator of the Morrow county grain growers.

Officials at Lexington reported 68,000 bushels were on the ground by Wednesday night and that no shipments had left the elevator for storage elsewhere. There has however, been a small number of cars shipped during the past week to seed houses, but this has done little to alleviate storage problems.

F. C. Tolleson, Union Pacific agent at Heppner, reported there were still 1600 cars on tracks at Portland but that it was felt there would be a break in the tieup by the first of next week. As far as is known no permits have been issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission, who ordered the embargo, but it was expected that a few cars will be allotted to local elevators and warehouses shortly.

Morrow county growers are

nearing the end of the harvest with only the Heppner and Hardman area hauling wheat in any amount. All grain accepted by the Grain Growers is going onto the Lexington pile. Cornet Green, manager of the Interior Warehouse at Heppner stated that they had kept as much storage open as possible prior to the embargo and had been able to take some storage throughout the period.

## Two Morrow Boys Register at WSC

Two boys from Morrow county are among the 1,663 new students to be admitted to Washington State college at Pullman this fall. They are Melvin R. Piper, Heppner and Norman H. Ruhl of Lexington.

Claude Simpson, director of admissions at WSC released the second list of freshmen students and school authorities stated that by the start of school more than 2,000 new students would be registered.

The Story of Your



## Pioneer Memorial Hospital

THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Last week we got our imaginary patient checked in at the office and she was assigned her room. What her treatment will be and how she will be cared for will depend upon her illness and her physician. This week, let's see who comprises the medical and nursing staff of Pioneer Memorial... the people who will care for our Mrs. X.

Members of the original staff, set up when the hospital was opened are: Dr. A. D. McMurdo, M.D., president; Dr. R. J. O'Shea, M.D., secretary; Dr. E. E. Ladd, M.D., Condon; and Dr. J. R. Brown, M.D., now in the service in Korea. Additional members of the professional staff include: Dr. C. M. Wagner, M.D., Portland, who is now building a clinic in Heppner; Dr. Carl Calhoun, M.D., and Dr. W. P. Browne M.D., both of Pendleton, Dr. Don Plattner, M.D., orthopedic specialist, Walla Walla and Dr. Geo. G. Gaunt, M.D., Condon. On the courtesy staff is Dr. L. D. Tibbles, O.D., Heppner.

Member of the nursing staff includes six registered nurses: Mrs. Rita Worden, supervisor; Mrs. Elsie Mollohan, who has been at the hospital since its opening; Miss Katherine Kaser, Mrs. Myrtle Broadus, Miss Bernice Weygand, and Mrs. Irene Ernsdorff, surgery supervisor. Nurses aides are Mrs. Cordilla Lowe, Mrs. Marie Akers, Ione; Miss Johanne Wilson, Mrs. Ethelyn Pierson, Miss Darlene Wise.

To complete the professional staff are two regular anesthetists, Mrs. Evelyn Broun, RN, Pendleton and Miss Evelyn Wilson, RN, Portland.

Pioneer Memorial is unique among Oregon hospitals in that it probably has more "Flying Doctors" than any other hospital in the state and is, as far as is known, the only hospital in the area with its own private flying field for the doctor's use.

The Heppner air strip is so conveniently located to the hospital that the doctors need only taxi

## Sunday Blaze Levels Two Show Structures

Immediate action on the part of the Morrow county fair board following Sunday afternoon's fire which destroyed two buildings at the fair grounds in Heppner is expected to bring completion a restoration of the destroyed buildings by fair time.

The blaze, starting at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, destroyed two 30 x 100 foot foot buildings used as livestock and 4-H club show rooms. The fire, apparently starting from a cigarette dropped in sawdust around the buildings, completely destroyed both and all contents including a small amount of 4-H club display material, two old county trucks and other smaller equipment. The Heppner fire department and volunteer fire fighters concentrated their efforts on saving an additional wooden show building and the new fair pavilion immediately adjacent to the flames.

Total loss was set at approximately \$9,800, only a small part of which was covered by insurance. The fair board sustained the greatest loss, \$9,000.

Lack of adequate water supply prevented firemen from saving any part of the burning structures. Following the fire, the Morrow county trailer pump was set up in Hinton creek, adjacent to the grounds and pumped most of the evening and night through a large sprinkler to cool the area off and prevent further spread of the flames. Lack of a strong wind aided firemen in confining the blaze to the two buildings.

For reconstruction of the buildings for reconstruction of the buildings and by Wednesday noon the grounds had been cleared of debris and construction was started on the new structures, which are to be open-shed type barns rather than the completely closed type that burned.

Members of the board made an appeal for volunteer labor to help with the work which is under the supervision of Ed Thorpe, Heppner contractor. They reported several farmers were on the job Wednesday morning but that additional help was urgently needed if the buildings were to be ready by fair opening. The buildings are to be of the dual purpose type that can be used by the county for storage and garage facilities during the rest of

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## New Assembly of God Pastor In Heppner

Rev. and Mrs. Nels Fast arrived in Heppner Saturday from Siletz to take over the pastorate of the Assembly of God Church. Rev. Fast held his first service on Sunday. The Fast's have four children, Monte, a junior in high school; Nona, who will be in the eighth grade; Casey, in the third grade; and Marce, in the first grade. Rev. Shelby Graves who resigned the local pastorate after serving here for five years, moved his family to Ione where they will reside temporarily until he is assigned to another church.

## Jury Expected To Get Corley Case Thursday

The trial of Walter Corley, accused of the shooting of Charles R. Marple near Ione early in May entered its fourth day today (Thursday), and it was expected the case would go to the jury sometime during the day.

The prosecution, under the direction of Bradley D. Fancher, Morrow county district attorney, called the last of its witnesses Wednesday afternoon and Thursday

At 11:30 Thursday morning the final witness completed his testimony and Judge Perry recessed court until 2:30 when final pleas would be heard and instructions given to the jury.

Corley testified in his own defense during the Thursday morning session. No other defense witnesses were called.

morning the attorneys for the defense, P. W. Mahoney and J. O. Turner were expected to bring their witnesses to the stand. The case is being heard by circuit judge W. C. Perry of Pendleton.

A day and a half was consumed at the start of the hearing and a second panel of jurors was called before a full jury acceptable to both sides was obtained. The jury was taken to the scene of the shooting Tuesday noon and the first witness was called by the prosecuting attorney Tuesday afternoon.

Witnesses called to the stand by the prosecution on Tuesday included Dr. A. D. McMurdo, John Ernsdorff, William Labhart, and Oliver Creswick. Wednesday's witnesses were Eldon Madden, Nellie Marple, widow of the victim, George Griffith, Bradley Fancher, Kenneth Leroy and Gary Brenner, Casey Brenner and Stanley McDonald, superintendent of the Multnomah county crime laboratory.

McDonald in his testimony stated that in his opinion the bullet taken from the body of the dead man was fired from the gun police claim was found in the car belonging to Corley.

The prosecution's questioning of other witnesses was directed along the line of establishing the time if the shooting and also in an attempt to establish the presence of the accused man in the Marple home on the same evening.

Mrs. Marple in her testimony denied hearing any shot or that there had been any quarrel between the two men.

Corley, who pleaded not guilty to the murder charge has been held in the Morrow county jail since May 9.

The shooting took place at the Marple ranch home, one mile west of Ione.

Mrs. Minnie Evans and Mrs. Grace Brown of Redlands, California have been visiting relatives and friends in Heppner for the past week or ten days. Part of the time they have been houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans.

## Heppner Football Practice Starts Mon., 15 Lettermen Back

Heppner's 1951 football season will begin Monday, August 27 when coach Hal Whitbeck will start fall practice. He expects around 45 gridders to report on opening day, including 15 returning lettermen and some fine reserve material. Also ready to assist Heppner's title hopes will be a big group of freshmen seasoned in last year's grade school competition.

Returning lettermen expected to see action on this year's eleven are ends, Gary Connor, Roy Taylor and Junior Stout; tackles, Albert Burkenbine, Mickey Lanham and Elwayne Bergstrom; guards, Kenneth Cutsforth and Wesley Marlatt; at the center post will be captain Keith Connor; and in the backfield are Wendell Connor, Jack Sumner, Jimmy Smith, Roland Taylor and John Wagner.

## W.S.C.S. Meeting Date Changed

Because of the Fair the W.S.C.S. meeting scheduled for September 5, will be held next Wednesday, August 29, at 8:00 p.m. at the Loyd Burkenbine home on south Court St.

This is an important meeting and all members and friends are urged to be present.

## Soroptimists Meet, Queen's Picnic Set

The Soroptimist Club met for luncheon August 16 at O'Donnells. Chairmen for the Fair committees were appointed, Frances Mitchell having charge of the lunch for the Queen and her court; Olive Hughes will have charge of the sandwiches and Eileen George the float.

A gift was presented Viola Crawford who is moving to Gearhart. Mrs. Crawford was the first president of the club when it was organized.

Guests present were Martha Tapanainen, new county Health Nurse from Vancouver, Washington, Misses Louise and Merle Nimmo of Eugene and Gretchen Penland, co-publisher for the Gazette Times.

Judy Collins, Kay Keithley and Karen Pate returned Saturday from Camp McGruder, the Methodist young peoples camp at Bar View. J. Palmer Sorlien went to the coast to bring them home.

Kay and Karen Valentine of Echo visited with their grandmother, Mrs. Edna Turner from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Luola Bengstrom and three children Brenda, Brent and Hilja will return to their home in Medford this week-end. They have been spending the summer here with her parents, the R. L. Benges.

Les Matlock is visiting his sister in Portland. He went to the city last week on a business and pleasure trip.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wightman were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Herrill and their grand daughter, Billie Kay Herrill, of Salem.

Mrs. Don Hatfield and children are in Wallowa visiting with relatives.

## Dress-Up Parade to Open Fair and Rodeo Festivities Saturday

"Everything is in readiness for the start of Morrow county's big celebration," stated Harold Erwin, general chairman for the rodeo, and Saturday night's Dress-up parade will officially start the program.

The parade, scheduled to begin at 7:30 Saturday evening in downtown Heppner is under the direction of the JayCees and completed plans assure a good program for the evening. Ed Gonty is chairman.

Main event will be the coronation of Queen Ingrid Hermann by Mayor J. O. Turner, and the presentation of her court immediately following the parade on the corner of Main and Willow streets.

JayCees report the Heppner high school band will be present to provide music and there will be square dancing later in the evening on the streets.

Heppner residents will be expected to look like westerners from Saturday night on and the organization stated that the usual Kangaroo Court and watering trough will be well manned assuring anyone not appearing in proper attire either a fine or a dunking. The Court is under the direction of Everett Keithley.

Jack Loyd, chairman of the decoration committee stated Wednesday that had been assured decorations will be in place in downtown Heppner by Saturday night.

Harold Erwin will announce Saturday night's parade and John Ernsdorff will act as master of ceremonies for the following events.

## Morrow Gun Club Plans Sunday Shoot

The Morrow county Gun Club has scheduled a merchandise shoot for Sunday, August 26 at the club grounds a mile south of Heppner.

The time is set for 10:00 o'clock, according to members of the club, and a good collection of hams and other merchandise awaits the marksmen.

This is the first shoot held by the group in nearly five months.

## Gasoline Blazes But No Damage Results

Heppner firemen were called to the Harvey Harshman home, west of Heppner, Monday evening but the blaze was under control by the time they arrived.

Harshman received a singeing when a can of gasoline became ignited. The fire started in a garage, but the building did not burn.

## Former Heppner Teacher Passes

Miss Winnifred Osten, retired Seattle school teacher, and former Heppner teacher died Monday in Heppner at the age of 61. She was a graduate of Lincoln high school, Portland in 1908, and of the University of Washington.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Margaret O. Cason of Heppner, Charles J. Osten, John Day and a niece Mrs. J. K. Estberg, Los Angeles. Interment was in the Portland Memorial Cemetery Thursday.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Out-patients — Don Overholser, Kinzua; Mr. William Cunningham, Heppner.

Maternity — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavender of Hamilton, Oregon have a baby girl, born the 19th of August weighing 7lbs 10 1/2 oz.

Medical — Mr. Ira "Doc" Lewis, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Durkee, Spray.

Deaths — Miss Winnifred Osten, August 20, 1951.

Minor surgery — Margaret Wood of Arlington; Mrs. Georgia DeLano of Fossil.

Discharged — Mrs. Burl Shipp and baby of Hardman; Miss Emma Anderson of Ione; Mrs. Carl Canada and baby of Spray; Mrs. Levanne Gammell of Heppner; Mrs. Margaret Wood of Arlington; Mrs. Georgia DeLano of Fossil.

Leonard Pate left the last of the week for Seattle to be with Mrs. Pate who underwent surgery at a hospital there early this week. Their daughter, Karen, is staying with Mrs. James Vanover during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. J. Nys have returned from a fortnight's vacation at the coast and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munkers left Monday for Portland where he will receive medical attention for a time.

William Furlong returned Saturday from Portland. He was accompanied by his grandson, Michael Furlong, who spent the week here visiting relatives.

## THE PARADE OF ROYALTY

### Princess Joan Reninger

No royal court would be complete without at least one of its members fitting the song "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" . . . Lexington Grange's princess, Joan Reninger, is Morrow county Fair and Rodeo's Song Girl.

Princess Joan, who has blonde hair to go with her blue eyes, lives on a Rhea creek ranch with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Bengé. She is a graduate of Ione high school with the class of 1951 where she was very active in many school activities, including such extra-curricular activities as vice-president of the Girl's League and class secretary. Her main hobbies include dancing, swimming and cooking. Being a rancher's daughter has given her plenty of opportunity to practice her culinary artistry. She also attended the Girls' League tri-state conference this year.

Joan will be seen in the parades and at the rodeo riding her own horse, Trixie.

Saturday night's dance, the last of the dances honoring the princesses, will be held in her honor at the fair pavilion in Heppner where Tony Whitman's orchestra will provide the music for the evening. The dance is sponsored by the Lexington Grange.

One of the best examples of cooperation between the Morrow County Court and citizens was recently exemplified when some 20 taxpayers operating farms in the area North of Ione and served by the Ione-Gooseberry county road, signed an agreement with the Court, whereby they contributed some \$6000.00 in cash, to expedite the oiling of 2 1/2 miles of the Reitman Grade, which the county had found almost impossible to satisfactorily maintain during dry weather.

## Lone Road Oiling Accomplished

On June 29th, Van Hubbard of Ione, contacted the court relative to their watering and maintaining the road during the grain hauling period. As the court considered the cost high, for temporary relief, with this method, they proposed that with some financial assistance it would be possible to oil the road with a permanent oil mat if a contractor could be obtained to do the job on such short notice. With this proposal in mind Hubbard agreed to contact the farmers in the area using the road. Some 2 hours later he reported that he had verbal assurance from 20 farmers that they would cooperate. The court immediately contacted a contractor and made arrangements to purchase gravel from the state stockpile at Lexington, which was the closest available and necessitated a nine mile haul to the construction site.

On July 3rd, the contractor inspected the site with the court and agreed to start work on July 10th. On July 17th, the job was completed with a heavy three lift mat. 18 feet wide.

Total cost of the job was approximately \$13,000.00 or some \$1500.00 higher than would have been the cost if the gravel had been available at the site and the job hadn't been done on such short notice. However, material savings were made in wear and tear on wheat hauling equipment and was accomplished without too much inconvenience to the wheat haulers. As one contributor summarized the improvement; "I contributed \$300.00 but feel that it did not cost me a cent as I saved that much in equipment wear and will have the road to use much quicker than if we had to wait for sufficient county funds."

Judge Garnet Barratt stated the Morrow county court is very appreciative of this assistance and have expressed a willingness to cooperate in similar projects. Cooperators are assured income tax exemptions on these contributions.