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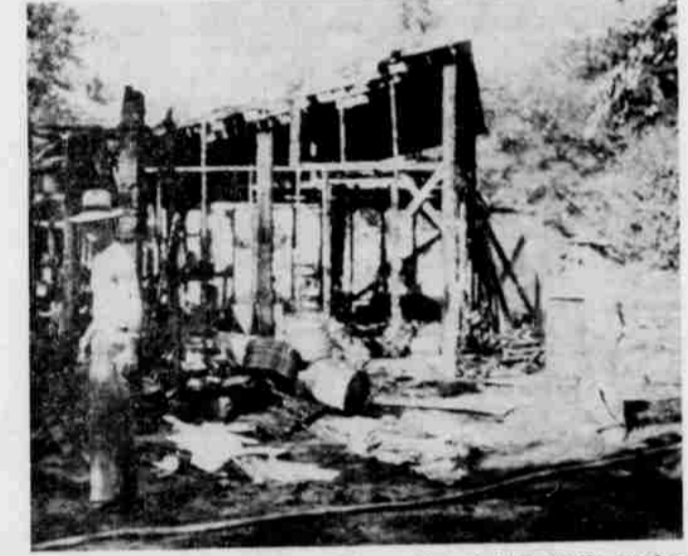
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**SUNDAY MORNING FIRE** which caused nearly \$2,500 damage was caught at its height by photographer. Dense clouds of smoke obscured the larger building to the rear which also was a mass of flames when firemen arrived, but attracted a large crowd of persons to the scene on West Baltimore street.



**THE REMAINS** of the large building which Mehl LeVelle used as a storage place for painting and papering equipment is here being examined by fire chief C. A. Ruggles, left. Total loss was estimated at \$2,500. (GT Photos)

## Sunday Morning Fire Damages Six Buildings

A fire, discovered shortly before 8:30 Sunday morning, completely destroyed two small buildings on west Baltimore street, badly damaged another garage and storage building, scorched the paint on two adjacent homes and set two small blazes on the roof of the Case apartment building in the same block.

Greatest loss was suffered by Mehl LeVelle, painting contractor, who lost practically his entire supply of paint and equipment which was stored in one of the buildings destroyed. An estimate of his loss was placed at between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Damage to the buildings was placed at approximately another \$1,000.

According to fire chief C. A. Ruggles, the fire apparently started from spontaneous combustion in a stack of clothing and personal goods belonging to Mrs. Nels Justus stored in one of the buildings. Before it was discovered, the blaze had spread to an adjacent aluminum covered garage building in which La-

## Postmasters Hold Picnic Sunday at Courthouse Park

A postmaster's picnic was held at the courthouse park in Heppner Sunday, according to James H. Driscoll, Heppner postmaster and district director of the National Association of Postmasters.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William E. Logan, Hermiston; Mrs. Lilly Thompson, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Golde, Umatilla; Mrs. Loren L. Bounds, Ordanance; Freda L. Pearce, Ordanance; Mrs. Mary Bounds, Pasco; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sayers, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll.

## Swimming Class Here Draws 98 Condonites

Ninety-eight persons, from six years old and up, have been traveling daily from Condon to Heppner to take swimming instructions under Mrs. William Labhart. Swimming tests Saturday will end their 11-day course.

Sponsored by the Gilliam county Red Cross and the Community Guild woman's club of Condon, most of the participants are grade school age. Two buses and several cars have brought them to and from Heppner, every day except Sunday.

## HOME FROM KOREA

Cpl. Sam Schwarzin arrived Wednesday evening at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andresen, after serving with the United States Army in Korea. He will be here until Friday, when he reports to Fort Lewis for two months service.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt of Corvallis is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt.

Rev. and Mrs. John R. Reeves are in Omaha, Nebraska to visit their son and daughter and their families.

## 95 Degrees Hits Heppner Again

Which would you rather have, hail or heat? Wednesday the temperature soared to 95, matching the hottest day we've had this year. Five days before, last Friday, a hailstorm struck to the north and west of Heppner doing considerable wheat damage in that area.

Even though the skies were cloudy the temperature rose from 91 on Tuesday to Wednesday's high 95, according to Len Gilliam, weather recorder.

Hail damage was reported by C. A. Ruggles, insurance agent, on the farm of George Snider. Of the 44 acres that were unharvested of Snider's wheat crop, 62.8 percent was destroyed. The force of the hail in that area was considerable for snider's crop was of Rex, a usually tough wheat.

## Five HHS Students Place in Contest

Five members of the Heppner High School commercial classes won recognition in the recent 15th Annual International Typewriter Art Contest sponsored by Julius Nelson, Baltimore, Maryland.

Sally Palmer and Darlene Baker won bronze medals (second place) and Billie Jean Privett, Patsy Wright, and Nancy Ball received honorable mention.

There were 954 entries from 102 schools in 36 states. In addition, there were entries from Canada and British Guiana. Ten students from Heppner submitted a total of 14 pictures.

The first prize was an Underwood typewriter won by a Hudson, New Hampshire student. Twenty second prizes were given.

Pictures of Heppner's entries were taken by Mr. E. Dobbie, Principal of Heppner High School; and, in the near future, a display will be made of the pictures and awards.

## North Morrow Fair Dates August 27-29

Preparations are nearly complete for the North Morrow county fair Aug. 27, 28 and 29 at Boardman. It was announced this week. Russell Miller, entertainment chairman, said there will be a program to suit everyone.

The fair parade will be held Saturday morning starting at 10 o'clock with Willard Baker, of Boardman and Max McCoy, Irri-gon in charge.

Cecil Hamilton and Delbert Carpenter have been working for two weeks at the fair grounds building a new poultry building and making other permanent improvements in the buildings.

## Ex-Resident Dies In Portland At 97

A former resident of Morrow county, Mrs. Charles H. (Viola) Hams, who came to Oregon in a wagon train, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, in Portland at the age of 97. Mr. Hams survives his wife at the age of 102. They had recently celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Hams was born January 3, 1856, in Breckenridge county, Kansas. She came with her parents over the Barlow trail when she was two years old. In 1881 she married Hams in Portland, where she had met him. Following their marriage, they moved to Morrow county where they ranched until retirement in 1919. Then they returned to Portland.

## HEPPNER FOOTBALL PRACTICE CALLED

Heppner high school coach Steve Trukositz announced Wednesday that football practice will begin Monday, Aug. 24 for members of the Mustang squad.

He urged all team members who can to report the first day to receive equipment.

## JACK SUMNER TO PLAY FOR EAST IN SHRINE ALL-STAR GRID GAME

Jack Sumner, a recent graduate of Heppner high school and a member of the Mustang football team will leave Sunday for La Grande to start practice with other members of the East squad for the Shrine All-Star "B" football game to be held Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Round-Up grounds in Pendleton.

Sumner's name was not included in the original list of East players released last spring, however he received his invita-

## Heppner Schools Opening Set For Monday, Sept. 7

Heppner schools will start Monday, Sept. 7 it was decided this week by school officials and board members with student registration scheduled for that day.

In announcing the registration day, which falls on Labor day, superintendent H. C. Reed asked students who will be unable to be present the first day because of the holiday to register at the school during the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 4.

The biggest problem currently facing the school district is housing for two first grade classes. The board will open bids Friday night on an addition to the gymnasium which will be used as temporary classroom space, but it will probably be November before the work can be completed. In the meantime arrangements are being made to house the two grades either in church basements or possibly in the Legion hall. The location of these temporary quarters will be announced later.

The school board, during its regular meeting Monday evening, surveyed the renovation work now being done in the present building. Several of the rooms and halls have been entirely repainted and the installation of new toilets in both rest rooms has been completed.

Reed told the board that all but three teaching positions are now filled and that he expects to have the last vacancies filled within a week. New teachers hired during the past several days include Marion C. Huggert, formerly in the Garibaldi, Ore. schools, who will teach high school science and assist with grade school coaching, and James R. Wilson, band instructor. Wilson is a recent graduate of the University of Washington.

## Francis Monahan Services Friday

The funeral of Francis Joseph Monahan, 78, a stockman in Morrow county for 55 years, will be held Friday, Aug. 14 at 10:00 a. m. at St. Patrick's church. He died on Aug. 11 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Monahan, the son of Michael and Catherine Monahan, was born in county Leitrim, Ireland, on May 6, 1875. He came to the United States in 1885 and after spending his first five years in Boston, Mass., and Omaha, Neb., he came west with a friend James Murthe and went to work for Hugh Fields on the present Kilkenny ranch.

## Heppner Boy Scouts Return From Camp

Ten Heppner Boy Scouts returned Saturday from the Blue Mountain council summer camp at Camp Wallowa at Wallowa lake. They had been there one week.

The boys were Bobby Mahoney, Eddie Groshens, James Monahan, Billy Monahan, Tim Carr, David Reed, Dick Robinson, Louis Sayers, Dick Bright and Gayle Cox.

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## Farmers Vote Friday On Allotment Issue

August 14 is an important date for Morrow county wheat growers. That's the day eligible wheat growers throughout the United States will vote for or against marketing quotas for next year's wheat crop.

County agent Nels Anderson says every wheat farmer in the county should make an effort to know exactly what is involved in the referendum before August 14 and every eligible farmer should be sure to vote.

Growers in Morrow county planting 15 or more acres of

## Boardman Man Tops Livestock Auction

HERMISTON—C. M. Crowder of Boardman topped the fat hog market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, with six hogs weighing 1300 pounds going for \$233.30 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports sale reports.

Others topping the market included Frank Benschel, Hermiston, 1 305 lb. fat sow, \$19.50 cwt.; William Schoene, Ritter, 2 feeder steers weighing 2210 lbs., \$15.50; Bob Eades, Boardman, 10 weaner pigs, \$24.00 per hd.; Alfred Westgate, Pendleton, 1 heavy veal weighing 410 lbs., \$19.00 cwt.; and a top 300 lb. veal, \$19.75; Darrel Farrans, Kimberly, 560 lb. heifer, \$15.90; O. C. Ball, Hermiston, 1335 lb. heavy bull, \$15.90.

A heavy over-supply of Canadian cattle consigned at Portland and Spokane which cut prices there sharply was reflected in prices at the sale here.

## ROYALTY ON REVIEW

## Saturday's Dance to Honor Boardman's Princess Wilma

The third princess dance preceding the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be held this Saturday, Aug. 15, in honor of Princess Wilma Hug of Boardman.

Sponsored by the Boardman Tillicum Jr. Woman's club, Princess Wilma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hug. She was born in Hermiston 17 years ago, is 5' 4" tall and has brown hair and gray-green eyes.

Princess Wilma's one big hobby is simply "horses". She will appear during the Rodeo on her palomino named Sherry.

A senior at Boardman high school, Princess Wilma will be student body president during the coming year. Among her honors she has been class president in her freshman and junior years, class secretary in her sophomore year and president of



Princess Wilma Hug

## New Events Added In Morrow County '53 Rodeo Program

Plans for the 1953 Morrow county Rodeo are nearing completion with a number of new events for this year's show, according to Harold Erwin, Rodeo director.

Rodeo festivities will get under way a week before the actual Rodeo days, Sept. 5 and 6, with a Dress-Up parade preceding the Queen's dance on Friday Aug. 28. Under the direction of the Heppner Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Dress-Up parade will serve as the kick-off for the Rodeo festivities and will be climaxed by the crowning of Queen Elise Bauernfeind. Following the coronation there is expected to be a public square dance in the downtown streets.

Foremost in the parade will be the Heppner high school band under the direction of the new bandmaster, James R. Wilson. The Wranglers riding club will also be featured.

On Friday, Sept. 4, during the annual horse show sponsored by the Wranglers one of the featured new events will be the junior amateur calf roping contest. This event will be limited to youngsters between the ages of 14 and 18 inclusive.

Prizes for the junior roping include a silver belt buckle put up by Jack's Chevron station for first place and a pair of roping spurs put up by J. C. Penney's for the second place.

Also on the Friday's program will be one section of the Morrow county amateur roping contest. Entries for both the amateur and the junior amateur contests must be in by 6:00 p. m. Thursday night.

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