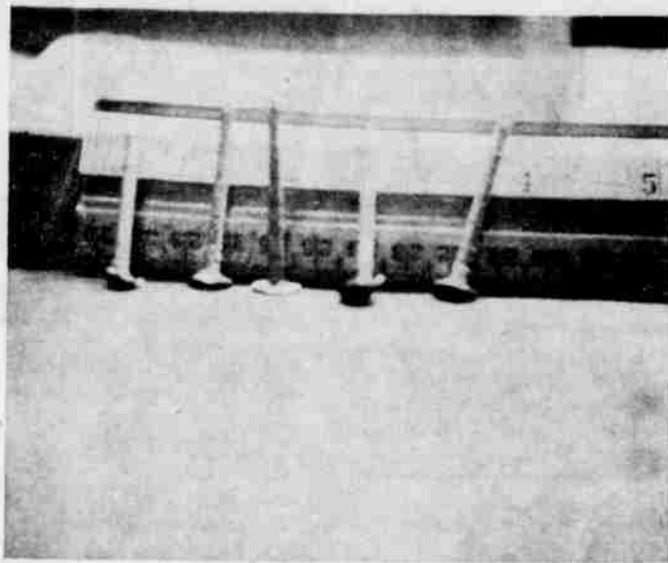


HUNTER'S CHOICE?—HARDLY!

Nails in Road Cause Hunters 65 Flat Tires



SMALL BUT MIGHTY unhandy to find in tires are these roofing nails pictured. They are some of the hundreds removed from hunter's tires over the past weekend by garage and service station men. See adjacent story. (GT Photo)

Local and state police this week are attempting to locate the source of a barrage of roofing nails which in some manner became scattered over a section of mountain road southeast of Heppner and which caused numerous hunting parties much discomfort, consternation and money.

The nails, the big-headed kind about one and one-half inches long which are normally used to hold down roofing paper, found their way onto the road in one or more places in the Sunflower flats area of the Blue Mountains and possibly along the Parker's Mill road leading into the area. From there they were picked up by passing hunters causing a flood of flat tires. A check of Heppner and Hardman service stations showed at least 65 tires were brought in for repair Saturday and Sunday, and each one was punctured by at least one of the nails. One service station at-

tendant reported taking five of the nails out of one tire and several held three. In many cases the individual cars had two or more flats and one hunter reported five tires on his car, including the spare, were punctured from the same source. One Heppner service station attendant said he repaired at least 35 tires Saturday and Sunday and all had the same kind of nails in them and had driven over the same roads. Police indicated this week that they were investigating the nail trouble and said that though it was possible that they had been dropped accidentally from some passing car, it appeared more than likely that they had been placed in the road intentionally. It is surmised that it may have been done by some person or persons who were indignant about the opening of the special hunter's choice deer season Saturday. The first reports of flat tires were received that same day. Reports of the flood of flats

were received here from Portland Monday, when Rudy Lockmeier, editor of the Weekly Fishing and Hunting News called Heppner to check on the story. He had received several complaints from hunters living in the Portland area.

According to reports, one hunting party found a big collection of the nails in the road near the cattle guard leading to the Bull Prairie road from Sunflower Flats. The story said the party gathered up at least a double handful out of the roadway. Other reports indicated that more of the nails may have been scattered along the Parker's Mill road, one of the main roads leading into the Sunflower Flats hunting area.

State police officer Bill Labhart told the Gazette Times he is checking the area of the trouble very carefully for any more nails and is attempting to locate their source and whether they got into the roads accidentally or intentionally.

Drug Store Breakin Nets Robbers Over \$1500 Cash, Goods

Burglars, early last Friday morning, entered Humphreys drug company in Heppner and made off with cash and merchandise estimated at more than \$1,500 by Miss Leta Humphreys, owner of the business. Entrance was apparently gained by unlocking the front door.

City, local and state police who investigated the robbery said this week that the break-in and ransacking of the store was obviously the work of professionals and the type of merchandise taken indicated that a woman probably was included in the party.

The robbery was discovered by Clem Stockard, a pharmacist in the store, when he opened up for business Friday morning. The front door was locked but a heavy steel rear door was standing open, indicating that the robbers had carried their loot out that way and loaded it into a waiting car parked either on Willow street or further back on Gale street.

The robbers did a thorough job of ransacking the store, though they had apparently been frightened away before loading all of their intended take as several movie projectors and a bag of varied merchandise was found still in the middle of the floor where it had been gathered and stacked.

Miss Humphreys reported that the cash register had been jimmied and that over \$400 in cash had been taken. The robbers also opened the locked safe, apparently by touch as it had not been damaged, and removed a considerable amount of narcotics. Their tastes also ran to some quite valuable merchandise, as they completely sacked the jewelry display case, made off with more than half a dozen cameras, both movie and still.

HOWCUM? Six Cars Get Flats All on Same Wheel

Nails were the bane of Heppner drivers this last week, and also the source of considerable income to service stations who had one of the biggest runs of flat tires in their history.

A day or two preceding the flood of hunter's flats, at least a half dozen local drivers had flat tires caused by nails. All but one was on the right front wheel and every tire had either two or three nails in it. The nails were all the same kind, though different from those causing the hunters so much difficulty.

Where they came from and how they all happened to get in the same wheel still remains a mystery.



Rev. Wilfred C. McKay New Nazarene Pastor Arrives in Ione

IONE—Rev. Wilfred C. McKay, recently appointed pastor of the newly organized Church of The Nazarene in Ione, has moved here and with Mrs. McKay and their son Neil, is conducting the regular services in the local church. In their pastoral experience the McKays have served churches in Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota and Montana. For the past three years they have been at Arlington, where they transferred from Great Falls, Montana. Members of the family away from home include three sons, Bartlett, a teacher at Chewelah, Washington; Duane, a student in the Nazarene Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri; and Merritt, a freshman in the Northwest Nazarene college at Nampa, Idaho. Also three daughters: Mrs. Paul Snyder at Clarkston, Washington; Mrs. Cecil Bowman in Chicago, Illinois; and Floradell Ruth McKay, a senior at Northwest Nazarene college. Neil, the only one at home during the school period, is an eighth grade pupil in the Ione elementary school.

Wheat Growers Annual Meeting Set for October 26

Morrow county wheat growers are being called together on Monday, October 26, for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League Association. The meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall, beginning at 10:00 a. m. The Lexington Grange Home Economics Club will serve lunch at noon. Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Al Bunch, executive committeeman.

This year's Wheat Growers meeting is being held a little earlier than in the past as recommendations made by them will be used by the Oregon Wheat Growers League in presenting their wants for a farm program before the House Committee on Agriculture hearing, to be held in Pendleton on November 4. Al Bunch, executive committeeman, expects a large turnout this year. Last spring's membership drive here resulted in over 70 percent of the wheat growers in Morrow county becoming life members of the league. All of these are expected to attend the meeting and to help formulate recommendations and suggestions for local state and national programs for agricultural needs.

During the day such questions as what should the league do in support of wheat research; what should be done to insure adequate storage for next year's barley raised on diverted acres; should the property tax be augmented with a sales tax as a potential source of state revenue; what methods of shrink should be used at the 1954 Wheat League sponsored fat livestock show; should our weed control program be accelerated; are only a few of the points that will come up for discussion in the various committees. Beginning at 10:00 a. m., the Federal Agricultural Programs with Raymond Lundell, Ione, chairman, will discuss what kind of a national farm program we want. At 1:00 p. m. the Taxation and Legislation Committee will get into the various questions pertaining to that subject. Henry Peterson, Ione, is chairman of this group. At 2:00 p. m. Don Heliker, Ione, will lead the discussion of the Production and Land Use Committee. At 3:00 p. m., the Wheat Disposal and Transportation Committee and the Youth Activities Committee will meet separately. John Graves, Heppner, is chairman of the Youth Activities Committee; Henry Baker, Ione, chairman of the Wheat Disposal and Transportation. Chairmen of the various committees are meeting on Thursday evening, this week, to gather together factual information to assist the committee with a thorough discussion of each problem. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. The free lunch at noon will be provided by the Wheat League.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish had as their guests last week, their son and daughter-in-law and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parrish of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Seymour of Seattle are visiting at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer.

Friday Residence Fire Causes Over \$4,000 Damage

A stubborn fire shortly after noon last Friday in the Les Wyman residence on Cannon and Green streets caused damage estimated at more than \$4,000. Firemen fought the blaze for over 45 minutes.

The fire, which never broke into an open blaze but created a large amount of destructive heat and smoke, broke out in an upstairs apartment occupied by Mrs. Agnes Curran apparently caused from a kettle left on the kitchen stove. No one was in either the apartment or the house at the time the fire started and it was not until smoke was pouring from the building that the blaze was noticed and an alarm turned in.

Firemen found that the fire had mushroomed throughout the large apartment and though little outside the kitchen burned, the intense heat melted or scorched everything in the upper half of all the rooms. Firemen used as little water as possible to control the blaze and cool off the building, but a large amount ran through to cause considerable water damage to the Wyman residence below. Nothing there burned, however, as all the fire was confined to the upper story.

Fire chief C. A. Ruggles credited the fact that the fire never broke through the roof to no open doors or windows in the apartment. Had air reached the blaze the house would probably have been a mass of flames before being noticed.

The Wyman residence was still livable, though very wet, but Mrs. Curran is presently staying with the H. C. Hapolds.

The blaze was Heppner's heaviest fire loss so far this year.

Two Morrow Bulls Judged Tops at Round-Up Show

A yearling bull, A-1 Victory Domino 64th, owned by Floyd Worden was judged grand champion of the first Round-Up Polled Hereford range bull sale Monday at Pendleton. Reserve champion was a bull shown by Bernard Doherty, also of the Heppner area.

Graders at the show and sale were Herman Oliver of John Day and Les Marks of Fossil. No other bulls were given awards but all were graded prior to the sale on Tuesday.

Ronald Baker Top Stock Judge at PI

Ronald Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Markham Baker of Ione this week placed first in the top college livestock judging team among five colleges in competition at the PI in Portland. He is a student at Washington State College.

The WSC team took the top spot in Tuesday judging and Baker was top man on the team. The group will go from Portland to San Francisco to judge at the Cow Palace.

The WSC team recently visited for three days at Baker's home in Ione and while here practiced judging at the Kirk and Robinson, Frank Anderson and Floyd Worden ranches.

State School Planner Checks Proposed Grade School Sites

A. L. Beck, director of school-house planning for the state department of education, spent a day in Heppner the first of the week surveying the various available sites for the planned new Heppner elementary school.

The approval of the state board is necessary before the directors of the district can proceed with plans to construct a new building and his examination and report on the locations was requested by the local board.

Beck made no statement of his findings, but indicated that he would send a written report within a few days.

Gov. Patterson To Speak Here

Arrangements are being made this week by the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce and others for a special "meet the governor" dinner to be held Monday evening, November 9 following word received from the governor's office that Paul L. Patterson will be in Heppner that day.

Governor Patterson's stopover in Heppner will be a part of a short tour of this section of the state which he plans to take prior to the Armistice Day holiday. From here, Governor Patterson will speak Tuesday noon at Condon and at The Dalles that evening.

Location and time of the dinner has not yet been set but will be announced later. It will be open to the public.

Lexington Pilot Aids Search Party Find Lost Hunters

A family of four from Stanfield, Sam Wiederstan, his wife, an 11 year old daughter, Joyce and son Kenneth, 9 were found by a local searching party Monday morning in the Swale creek area of the Blue Mountains after having spent all day Sunday and Sunday night lost in the woods. They had started out early Sunday morning hunting.

The family, and a fifth member of the party who reported the disappearance when they didn't return later in the day, had left their car on Alder creek and they were found nearly 15 miles away near the mouth of Swale creek. None appeared to be suffering seriously from exposure or hunger.

After Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, state game commission men and others had searched Sunday afternoon and night, Gar Leyva, Lexington pilot was called into the search and it was he who spotted the family shortly after 7:30 a. m. Monday. He contacted the search party who reached the family by jeep and on foot.

Assisting with the search were Ervin Anderson, Nelson Bailey, Carl McDaniel, Roscoe Kelly and a few others.

Mrs. Paul Hiesler, Mrs. James Sumner, and Mrs. Frank Monahan spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Barrie in Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Barrie is the daughter of Mrs. Monahan and sister of Mrs. Hiesler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stults of Roseburg were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

Stanfield Man Injured In S. Heppner Crash



BASHED IN—The new pickup in which Jesse M. Meade, Stanfield, was riding when it crashed into the bridge abutment just south of the Heppner city limits Monday afternoon. Meade suffered severe injuries, as did the truck. Monday's wreck was the 17th such accident at this same spot in the past 7 years. (GT Photo)

Heppner's notorious "Dead-man's curve" just south of town claimed another victim Monday afternoon. Jesse M. Meade, 51 of Stanfield suffered serious injuries when the pickup truck he was driving left the highway and struck the cement bridge abutment about 200 feet from the turn. He was alone in the car.

The accident occurred at the same spot where two Heppner men, Price Greenup and Jack Hartman were killed earlier this year, and according to police records it is the 17th fatal or serious accident to occur at this spot.

According to reports, Meade, who was on his way to join some friends in the mountains for a short hunting trip, apparently "blacked out" as tracks of his car indicated that he made no attempt to apply the brakes before hitting the bridge. He said that he could account for the accident in no other way. Examination at Pioneer Memorial hospital, where he was immediately taken by ambulance, showed him suffering from shock, a slight concussion, severe lacerations of one knee, a broken foot, rib and finger. His physician said he was resting easier today.

Meade's pickup was demolished, the motor practically being lifted out of the frame and set back in the driver's compartment.

State patrolman, William Labhart, said Wednesday that he has requested the state highway department to make a check of the section of road to determine if something can be done to prevent further accidents at the spot. In all of the 17 accidents but one, the cars leaving the road at the spot have been traveling south, up the hill.

Weekend Rainfall Totals Nearly Inch

Last weekend's rains brought pleasure to most farmers, even though many hunters out in the woods Sunday and Monday didn't appreciate it quite as much.

Heppner weather station recorded .84 inches on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, somewhat better than the .55 recorded in the Gooseberry area by Leonard Carlson. This brings to an even one inch this year's precipitation so far in October, well ahead of the .13 that fell during the same month last year.

Pheasant Outlook Bright, Duck Kill Up

Prospects appeared good for pheasant hunters this weekend on the opening of the season on Saturday noon, state police and game commission personnel said this week.

"There seem to be a lot of birds—at least until the first shot is fired," they indicated.

Reports coming in from duck hunters this week indicated that hunting for migratory fowl has been especially good along the Columbia and Umatilla rivers since the season opened last Saturday.

Group Discusses State Control of Water Resources

The problems of water, the control and the lack of it, was discussed by Lyle Watts, chairman of the interim state water resources committee at the Monday meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce.

Watts, Don Lane, executive secretary of the committee, and James C. Moore, conservation specialist from Oregon State College met with the chamber and then with a sizeable group of interested persons at a special round-table discussion later.

Watts told the group that the committee was making a special tour of Oregon in an effort to learn the problems of the various sections of the state as they related to water and water resources and control. The committee was formed by the last legislature to study the problem and report back at the next session with suggestions as to what type of a policy, if any, the state should consider.

He explained that the committee was attempting to learn residents' ideas about possible state aid in the building of small dams, control of underground water supply, etc. Considerable discussion was given to the value of many small dams on some of the state's smaller streams, but one of the main points discussed was the need for some kind of control of underground water supply.

It was suggested at the meeting here that one of the most needed helps in this area was a geologic survey of the county which would aid in determining the amount of underground water available for all types of use.

Party members appeared hopeful that information gained here would help them formulate a coordinated system of water development for the state.

Several local farmers, county agent N. C. Anderson and local business men took part in the round-table discussion.

Syrian IFYE Student To Speak Sunday at Episcopal Church

Mikhail Khoury, a member of the International Farm Youth Exchange program from Syria, who is spending several months on a farm in Linn county, will speak before the Young Peoples group of the Episcopal church Sunday evening at 7:30. It was announced this week by Terry Thompson, president of the YPF.

Khoury, was born and raised in Palestine, farms 2000 acres of wheat in his home country. He is one of 8 youths to come to Oregon through the program and the state sends four to other countries, two of these are financed by Oregon bankers.

The YPF has extended invitations to like organizations in the Christian and Methodist churches to hear Khoury and the public is also invited.

LICENSE EXAMINER TO BE IN HEPPNER

A drivers license examiner from the secretary of state's office will be on duty at the courthouse in Heppner, Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., the office announced today.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE SET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev. John R. Reeves announced this week that Bishop Lane Barton will be in Heppner Friday to conduct confirmation services at All Saints Episcopal church at 8 p. m.

Rev. Reeves said that the confirmation classes held during the past several weeks have been well attended and that a large group is expected to enter the church at that time.