

Local Weekend Accidents Kill One Man, Injure 10

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MILL STRIKE THREAT AGAIN SEEN IN NOTICE BY UNION

The Heppner Lumber company Wednesday received notification from Local 6-312 IWA-CIO, that according to the union's agreement with the mill, it was given two week's notice of a possible work stoppage due to a wage dispute between the union and northwest lumber operators. The notice was dated June 1, which would make the effective deadline June 15.

Francis Doherty, secretary of the Heppner local, said Thursday that he had received notice from the Klamath Basin District Council of the union to give the mill notification as required in the working agreement signed by the local and the mill shortly after May 3, when the strike called for that date was postponed pending further negotiations between the two parties. Doherty said that as far as he knew, no definite strike date had been set by the union but that there was a meeting of the CIO and the operator's negotiators being held in Portland today and another scheduled for Klamath Falls on Friday. Whether a strike date would be set unless an agreement is reached at these meetings is not known, Doherty said, as the only information he had was the instruction to file the two-week notification.

The local mill management said they had no information on the progress of the negotiations, though they did acknowledge receiving the union notification.

The Union contract with the local mill expired just prior to the previous May 3 strike deadline, but the mill has been operating with the temporary working agreement since that time while negotiations have been continuing on the union's industry-wide demands.

Pioneer Meeting Attracts 125 Old Time Residents

More than 125 persons gathered at the fair pavilion Sunday afternoon and formed the nucleus of a pioneer's organization with plans for annual meetings on Memorial day.

At an informal business meeting during the afternoon Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day, originator of the idea of forming a pioneer's group and holding a pot luck dinner, was chosen to head the organization and Mrs. Mabel Hughes of Milton will act as secretary. They will be assisted by directors of the recently formed Heppner cemetery maintenance district inasmuch as most of the oldtime residents come here on Memorial day to decorate the graves of relatives buried in the Heppner cemetery.

The business part of the get-together was presided over by Frank Turner of Heppner who helped organize the dinner. It was originally planned to hold the pot luck dinner at the court house park, but threatening weather on Sunday forced the move to the fair pavilion.

Mrs. Boyer expressed her appreciation to the Heppner people who aided with the planning of the meeting and said that it was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet old friends and renew old acquaintances.

Most of the visitors expressed approval of the improvements which the cemetery district directors have been able to make to the grounds in the short time the district has been organized. The feeling was general that the laying of a water line to the cemetery will make the greatest improvement. New roads and the opening of the new section of the plot will greatly improve facilities, it was felt.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and family spent the weekend vacationing at Priest Lake, Idaho.

George Louis Crum Passes Tuesday at Lone Ranch Home

Funeral services for George Louis Crum, 79, will be held at the Arlington Nazarene church at 2 o'clock Friday. He passed away in his sleep Tuesday night. He had been in poor health for the past several years.

Mr. Crum was born in Shedd, Oregon Sept. 28, 1874 and had lived in this section of the state most of his life coming to this area in 1883 when his father built a flour mill at Olex.

Surviving are his widow, Grace; four sons, Ralph and Byron of Lone; Jeremiah, Seattle; and Joseph of Washougal Wash.; four daughters, Inez, Kegley, Hood River; Charlotte Shuey, Nogales, Ariz.; Jessamine Cunningham, Seattle and Maxine Lee Hinkes, Woodburn; one sister, Mrs. Ora Simmiatti, Lyle, Wash.; and a brother, McKinley Crum of Olex. In addition there are many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in the Arlington cemetery with Creswick and Seuell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Friday Fire Destroys Home, Possessions Of Hardman Family

Fire Friday completely destroyed the Perry Wilson home in Hardman with a loss of practically all of the family's possessions. There are nine children in the family, though only four are living at home.

Neighbors and friends in Hardman and Heppner immediately began a collection of clothing and household goods for the Wilsons and by the middle of the week the family was again keeping house in a vacant home in Hardman owned by Bunny Steers. According to reports furniture, dishes, clothing and even an electric washer had been collected for them. The Heppner Seventh Day Adventist church also aided in getting the family reestablished.



JOHN L. BRISTOW, right, of Lone was named junior "demonstrating the greatest potential leadership" at the Oregon State college air force ROTC honors parade. Bristow received his award of merit from Dr. Fred W. Decker, OSC staff member. A 1951 graduate of lone high school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow. At OSC, he is a junior in business and technology.

Jesse Hall, 81, Taken By Death, Services Monday

Funeral services for Jesse Hall, 81, who passed away May 29, were held Monday, May 31 at the Creswick and Seuell Mortuary chapel with Rev. Earl L. Soward officiating.

Mr. Hall was born June 9, 1872 in Missouri and had lived in Morrow county practically all of his life. He and Mrs. Hall had been married for 57 years.

Surviving him are his widow, Jessie Hall of Heppner; a daughter, Mrs. Loveta Goulder; one granddaughter, Mrs. Rosalie Ranton; a sister, Mrs. Belle Dunham, all of Portland; two great granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick and Seuell in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Leonard Schwarz, Emile Groehns, Charles Vaughan, James Peterson, Norman Florence and Al Troedson.

Attending the services from out of town were Mrs. Hall's brother, Leonard Russell of Spokane; a sister, Mrs. Mary Therlen of Republic, Wash.; Mrs. Harley Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson; Mrs. Viola Cowdry and Mrs. Grace Rohrbach all of Portland, in addition to the immediate family.

County Streams to Get Load of Fish

County streams will get their first planting of fish this weekend, state patrolman Bill Labhart announced today. A truckload of legal-sized trout will be released in either Willow or Rhea creek Friday.

According to a story released by the state game commission before the opening of the fishing season, May 1, county streams are due for heavy plantings during the year, but this will be the first load to be brought into the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Quackenbush had as their guests over the weekend her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hughes of McMinnville and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey White and family of Milton.

Weekend Rainfall Adds Bushels to County Wheat Crop

Though the rainfall over the Memorial Day weekend was the cause of several accidents, it brought joy to the hearts of most farmers and ranchers. The heavy fall Saturday and the continuing scattered storms Monday brought the month's total in Heppner to 1.02 inches, weather recorder Leonard Gilliam reported.

The Saturday storm was fairly general over most of this area, though the rain wasn't as heavy in the north end of the county. Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry observer, recorded .75 inch over the weekend with a total of .90 for the month.

The rain, though it broke up many planned picnics and outdoor parties over the holidays, was classified as a lifesaver for the grain farmers, who had reported the dry conditions were hurting the coming crop. It was also welcomed by cattlemen who were hopeful now of better grazing conditions.

The recent rain brought the total for the year, as recorded in Heppner to only 4.29 inches, still far below last year's 8.57 inches for the same period.

Portland Fliers Due Here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth of Lexington will be hosts Sunday to a group of Portland fliers who will fly in to the Lexington airport and be the guests of the Cutsforths for a beef barbecue at their nearby ranch.

The group, members of the county flying club, a division of the Portland chamber of commerce, make the trip into Eastern Oregon as an annual event. Last year more than 60 persons in 30 planes enjoyed the day at the ranch. At least that many persons are expected this year, Cutsforth said.

Former Lone Man Gives \$3,000 Gift To Local Hospital

Heppner's Pioneer Memorial hospital last week was the recipient of a \$3,000 donation which is to be used for new, more powerful X-Ray equipment at the institution.

The gift was presented to the hospital by Laxton McMurray, a former lone rancher, who now lives in Salem. It was made in memory of his late wife, Jennie McMurray, who died in Salem several years ago.

The members of the hospital board this week expressed their appreciation to Mr. McMurray for his gift and stated that they planned to convert the hospital's present X-Ray equipment to a 200 millamp, rotating node machine which will double the power of the present equipment and give Pioneer Memorial the finest diagnostic X-Ray facilities to be found anywhere.

Mr. McMurray, who farmed a large ranch just east of Lone for many years, came to Morrow county after the turn of the century. He sold his holdings several years ago and he and Mrs. McMurray moved to Salem about ten years ago.

Mr. McMurray has been generous toward hospitals, for it has been reported that he has made several quite sizeable donations to the Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland during recent years.

Mr. McMurray was in Heppner over the weekend to attend the pioneer meeting held here Memorial day.

Former Lexington Woman Dies, Services Held There Monday

Tempa E. Johnson, a resident of Corvallis for the past 11 years, died Friday, May 28 following a long illness. She had lived in Lexington for many years.

The daughter of Lafayette and Anna Crombely Hendrix, she was born April 9, 1874 at Marionville, Missouri. She was married to Barrett Rainey in 1894 in Missouri and the couple had one daughter. She later married James G. Johnson in 1901 at Marionville, and they moved to Lexington, Miss., where they lived for four years before coming to Oregon in 1904, settling at Lexington where Mr. Johnson operated a farm.

Mr. Johnson died in 1937 and Mrs. Johnson continued to live at Lexington until 1943 when she moved to Corvallis.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mae Burchell, Salem, 4 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Josie Stroehfeld, Billings, Miss., and a half-brother, Henry L. Hendrix, California.

Services were held at the Lexington Christian church May 31 with Rev. Lewis Wetzel officiating. Interment was in the Lexington cemetery. The Warner-McHenry Funeral Home of Corvallis was in charge.

Miss Marie Soward arrived this Thursday from San Pedro, Calif., to be at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Earl L. Soward until her wedding June 11.

Delbert Botts, Lone Killed as Motorcycle Leaves Road Saturday

Traffic accidents in Morrow and Gilliam counties over the three day Memorial day holiday weekend totaled up to six, bringing death to one person and injuries to 10 others. It was the worst record accident ever suffered by the county for a single weekend, according to reports.

Delbert Dewayne Botts, 26, of Lone died in Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon following a motorcycle accident about one mile east of Lexington Saturday afternoon. Earl Miller, of Lexington who was riding with him on the machine suffered painful but not serious injuries. He was released from the hospital on Tuesday.

Police who investigated the accident, blamed wet pavement for the crash, as the motorcycle apparently slid off the highway and crashed into a heavy fence post. Both Botts and Miller were employed at Kinzua Pine mills.

Wranglers to Host Sage Riders for Sunday Hay-Day

The Heppner Wranglers will be hosts to the Umatilla Sage Riders Sunday for the club's annual Hay-Day, a roping and riding event to be held at the Heppner rodeo grounds. It is open to the public though contestants must be a member of either the Wranglers or the Sage Riders.

The two clubs will be working to gain possession of a trophy which is awarded to the organization having the highest total score for the events.

At least 12 events are scheduled on the afternoon program including bending race, bareback relay, cloverleaf race, ladies pleasure class, junior calf roping, trailer race, relay race, sack race, tail race, saddle race, walk-trot and lead, and senior calf roping, and there may be one or two more events for the youngsters.

Starting out the day's activities will be a parade through the downtown Heppner at 1:00 p. m. which will start on lower Main street. It has been announced that persons planning on entering any of the day's events must turn in their entry blank to the Wrangler's secretary by 6 p. m. Saturday to be eligible to compete.

Admission to the grounds will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 12. Roice Fulleton, Wrangler president announced. Bill Barratt will serve as arena announcer.

Elks To Sponsor Presentation of Minstrel Show Here

The Emblem club of Hermiston will present their concert troupe in a Minstrel feature entitled "Way Down South" at the high school auditorium on Friday June 18th, at 8 p. m.

This show is being brought to Heppner by the local Elks lodge for the benefit of Camp Columbia, Boys Town of the West, at White Salmon, Wash. The Elks will be assisted by the ladies of the Rebekahs and also the Soroptimist club.

Camp Columbia is a rehabilitation center for boys with a problem fashioned along the same lines as the Nebraska Father Flannigan "Boys Town". Boys of any race or creed are accepted and it is financed by public donation as no state aid is accepted so that the camp is free of politics and pressure groups that might interfere with its philosophy. The number of boys in camp at present is 26 which includes two local youngsters.

The cast of the Hermiston musical group numbers forty five artists and after their showing at Hermiston is rated one of the best amateur shows to be presented in this part of the state for many years. The show was produced by Mrs. Frank Wells of the Hermiston Emblem Club and directed by Major F. H. Blake of White Salmon, Wash. It runs for two hours and is crammed full of hilarity as well as high powered instrumental, vocal and dance acts. A full house is expected so the public are advised to get their tickets in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson returned Thursday evening from a three weeks trip to Washington D. C., where they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Orve Rasmus were injured, Mrs. Rasmus seriously, Saturday afternoon when their car collided with a truck and trailer as they were entering the Columbia river highway at Heppner Junction. Mrs. Rasmus remained unconscious until Tuesday, but today her physician reported that she has shown considerable improvement though suffering from a skull fracture.

Car Thrown Off Road

According to police reports the Rasmus car was struck by a truck driven by Arlen Dean Williams, Odell, Ore., as it entered the new highway at the junction. The impact threw the car across the traffic divider forcing the right front door of the machine open and throwing Mrs. Rasmus out onto the highway, her head and shoulder striking the cement dividers. The car continued on down the road for some distance before plunging about 75 feet down the the embankment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus were brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital by the Arlington ambulance. Mr. Rasmus was released following treatment. Mrs. Rasmus operates Nora's shop in Heppner.

Two men from the Condon Air Base were hospitalized here over the weekend when their car left the road just east of Condon in Gilliam county. Johnson, the most seriously injured, was unconscious for nearly 12 hours. He suffered multiple lacerations and bruises and is still in the hospital. With him was Irvin Sykes who was kept in the hospital over night for treatment and observation.

Heppner Hill Scene

Saturday night a car driven by Richard R. Brown of Condon went out of control on the Heppner hill section of the Condon highway and crashed into a rock bluff. Brown wasn't injured, but two Heppner girls, Laverne White and Frances Mariatt, suffered bruises and lacerations. Both were taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital for examination. According to the accident report, wet pavement was blamed for the accident.

Another accident which occurred about noon Monday on highway 730 near Irrigon sent two persons to hospitals. The injured were Mrs. John Holmes, 28, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who suffered a concussion and Jimmy De Boer, 4 year old of Boring, Oregon. The two cars were driven by John Holmes and Fred De Boer.

Tuesday afternoon, Tom Huston was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital suffering from bruises and lacerations when he reportedly fell asleep at the wheel of his pickup while driving toward Heppner on the Condon highway. The truck left the road and hit a bank, throwing Huston out of the machine. His condition was not considered serious.

Another accident victim was treated Saturday at the local hospital, though his injuries were not attributed to traffic. He was Paul A. Ryder of Spray who suffered a leg cut when a saw came loose and struck him.

Delbert Botts, who died here Sunday afternoon following his Saturday motorcycle accident was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Botts of Lone. He was born in lone, January 17, 1928 and had attended lone and Echo schools. He is survived by his parents, six brothers, James Jr. and Kenneth of Irigon; Richard who is serving in the Army in Korea; Charles, Irvin and Edward of Lone. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. LeRoy (Doris) Ellis of Irigon; Mrs. Ronald (Betty) Fall and Peggy Botts of Lone.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 5 at 2 o'clock at the lone Christian church with Rev. Alfred Shirley officiating. Burial will be in the lone cemetery. Creswick and Seuell mortuary are in charge of arrangements.

New Lone Swimming Pool Open to Public

The new lone swimming pool is now open to the public, it was announced this week, and David Raskin is acting as life guard, assisted by Jerald Rea and Gary Brenner. The pool will be open from 1 to 5 p. m. and from 6 to 9 p. m. daily.

A swimming class is also scheduled to be held starting about June 16 from 10 to 11:30 a. m. it was said.

A schedule of fees and other information on the pool appears elsewhere in today's paper under the lone school news heading.

FLYING "SOMETHINGS" SEEN HERE—

Three Local Men Watch Unidentified Objects Cross Skies

The first authenticated and verified report of the sighting by local residents of flying saucers, or unidentified flying objects, to reach this newspaper in several years was made known this week when three Morrow county men revealed that they watched nine of the objects in the sky on Thursday, May 6. They did not report their observations to the ground observer corps watchers or to Air force personnel until more than two weeks later which prevented further check on the objects by other observers in the northwest.

At noon, May 6, while Al Lovgren, Robert Minck and Elmer Palmer were working on a telephone line along the Condon highway at the top of the upper hill the three men watched nine saucer-shaped objects cross the

sky almost directly over them at a speed they estimated at 1200 to 1500 miles per hour. They were flying in a V formation but some of the objects changed their position in the formation twice while they watched their progress in a southeast to northwest direction.

Lovgren, who first noticed the objects, said that they were perfectly round in shape and appeared to be slightly domed on top, resembling the shape of an inverted saucer or dinner plate. He said their motion was a slow, lazy rolling movement which he likened to a lazy goldfish swimming in a bowl, and as they would move the sun would occasionally flash on them as they traveled. Their color, Lovgren said, was slightly darker than aluminum and appeared to have a darker strip around the edge

which he said seemed to be slightly ribbed in some manner. The three men watched the nine objects cross the sky for about a minute before they disappeared from view in the distance and it was suggested by one of the men that they call someone in Heppner to look, as they were near the Hagewood ranch and a phone at the time they saw the objects. They decided not to call, however, thinking that surely someone in town would notice them as they appeared to fly right over Heppner.

As closely as their size and elevation could be determined by the men, the objects were about 125 feet across and were flying around 20,000 feet high. They based this estimate on a comparison with a 4-engine plane flying at approximately the same height, saying the objects were

larger than such a plane. There was no sound and the objects left no smoke or vapor trail. The weather was clear and calm except for a very high, filmy overcast well above the altitude of the objects.

The description given by Lovgren was corroborated by the other two men in nearly every instance. Lovgren told the Gazette Times that he had often thought that if he should ever see a flying saucer or what ever it might be, he would be able to identify the object and possibly determine what made it "go", but he said, after seeing them he doesn't know any more about the mysterious things than he did before, except what the ones looked like that he and the other men saw.

Ervin Anderson, local ground observer corps head, said that he

had received another report, nearly two weeks after its occurrence, of a Heppner woman sighting an object, but a further check indicated that it could not have been the same ones seen by Lovgren, Palmer and Minck.

Anderson asked, this week, that anyone seeing what they believe to be unidentified flying objects, to please contact him as quickly as possible that he may report to aircraft filter center and to the Air Force Radar Base at Condon so that the flight path can be followed. There have been several instances, in other sections of the country, where it has been reported that radar scopes have picked up saucers or unknown flying objects. If they are promptly reported to the local ground observer headquarters, it may be possible to trace them, it was pointed out.

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