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Sunday Car Crash Kills Arlington Man, Injures 5

Fatal Accident 18th to Occur At Same Location

200 Acres Burned In Wednesday Grain And Pasture Fire

A field and range fire, the first of the season in this area, burned over between 150 and 200 acres of wheat and range land on the Bill McClintock ranch in Gooseberry Wednesday afternoon. It was controlled before it spread to adjacent wheat fields.

According to reports the fire apparently started along the Condon highway and spread rapidly in the strong wind. McClintock's were harvesting near the place where the fire started and were able to get on the blaze immediately. One 62 acre wheat field was burned, but this was already nearly half harvested, McClintock said.

McClintock extended his thanks to the many neighbors who assisted his crew in fighting the fire and also to the lone fire department who answered the call to aid.

Missing Walla Walla Man Brother of Heppner Woman

A story from Walla Walla that ran in Portland papers Tuesday concerning a Walla Walla man who has been mysteriously missing for 14 years, caused considerable interest with at least one Heppner resident. She is Mrs. Frances Orwick, sister of the missing man.

According to the story Kenneth Huddleston disappeared from his job 14 years ago and he has never been seen since. Last Friday a man identified as Eddie McKnight, about 46, walked into a Walla Walla store where the former Mrs. Huddleston was working and said, "I know where Huddleston is buried and who killed him."

According to the story which was also verified by Mrs. Orwick, McKnight refused to give any more information either to the police, though he reportedly offered to take the woman, alone, to the place where her former husband is supposed to be buried.

McKnight has a long petty criminal record ranging nearly the width of the United States. Mrs. Orwick said Wednesday that the man has not yet given out any information or told how he obtained what information he did have.

Bend Firm Wins Street Repair Bid

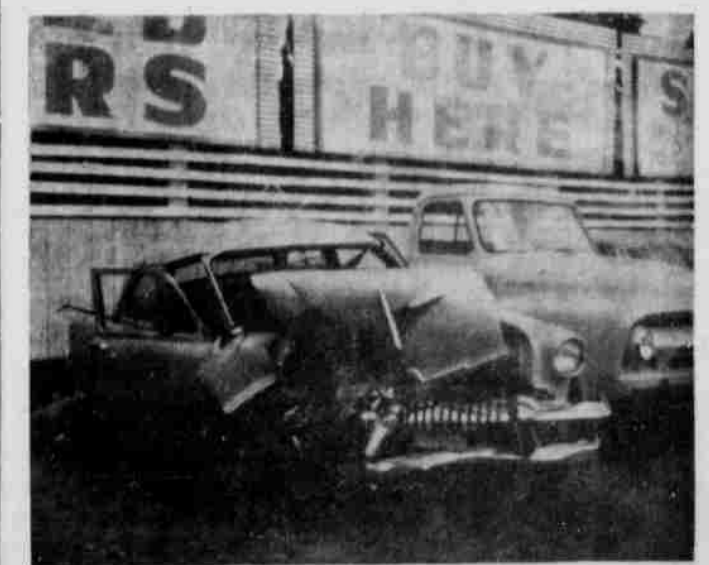
The city council Monday night awarded the contract to seal and resurface between 25 and 30 blocks of city streets to the Coast Blacktop Paving Company, Bend, who submitted the low bid of \$4,653.85. The company is owned by H. J. Curl, Jr.

More than 19500 square yards of one, two and three lift surfacing will be placed on various streets to preserve and improve them. No new paving will be done under the contract, only resurfacing of those already having an oil mat.

The company is expected to start work next week.

FIRE CALL ANSWERED

Heppner firemen were called to the Walter Barger residence on Linden Way Wednesday morning to control a grass fire that had started from a burning trash fire. There was no damage.



WRECKED CAR in which Bill Wickland was killed when it struck a bridge abutment just south of Heppner Sunday afternoon. The other five persons in the car were taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital where four of them are still confined. This accident was the 18th to occur in the same place in the past seven years. (GT Photo)

Another School Site Election Is Planned Here on August 14

In an effort to find some means of solving Heppner's school building problems that will meet the approval of the voters of the district, the board of school district No. 1 Friday decided to call for another special site election to be held on Saturday, August 14.

The location which the board will ask approval is the Prock-Devine area, and other adjacent land immediately north of the present school building. Part of the area is already owned by the school district, but according to present plans, if the area meets

School officials revealed today that due to legal technicalities which must be resolved, the announced site election will be held as soon as the board can get an opinion from the state board of education. The proposed location must also be approved by the state before it can be used and this is expected to take some additional time.

The board hopes to hold the election as planned on August 14, but the difficulties may delay it some, it was announced.

with voter approval, the district would purchase a strip off the south side of the Kemp Dick and W. O. George properties to square up the school site. Even though the district now owns part of this land it could not build upon it without specific approval of the voters.

The board has again requested the aid of representatives of the state board of education, who must approve the site as meeting state standards, in establishing just how much land must be included in the area, though the tentative plan calls for the purchase of enough of the Dick and the George property to make the plot approximately rectangular. To give the site sufficient usable area it is also planned to culvert Hinton creek in its present channel which runs the length of the site, and fill in and level the ground. The building would probably be a two- or three level structure to make best use of the natural sloping ground formation, the board indicated.

No definite figures are yet available on the cost of the needed additional land or the culverting of the creek and other work necessary to get the site ready for use. Also, should the site meet the approval of voters, completely new building plans will have to be prepared before the amount of a subsequent bond issue can be determined.

No Bond Revote

The board decided to ask for another site election on the Prock-Devine area rather than request approval of a bond issue which would allow them to build on the previously approved Tum-A-Lum site, feeling that many of the objections to the bond issue passage came from the dislike of the site. The board is faced with a serious problem of trying to find some building plan that will meet the approval of the voters of the district and also getting something started immediately to pacify the state board of education who two weeks ago issued

Logged Areas in Blue Mountains Closed to Entry

Certain forest areas in the Blue Mountains adjacent to Heppner have been closed to entry because of excessive inflammable debris on the ground, it was announced this week by the Forest Service.

The area, which is described in detail in a legal publication elsewhere in this issue, is roughly classified as the Tupper-Red Hill, and the Bull Prairie-Flatiron sections of the Eastern Oregon Logging Company area. Main roads through the lands may be used at any time, but other entry is by permit only. Permits may be obtained at the Heppner office of the Umatilla National Forest or at the Tupper Quart station.

The lands closed are logged off areas where there is an excess of slash. The boundaries are now being posted.

a warning to the board that unless a definite plan of expansion was presented by August 1, the state would be forced to withhold the districts basic school support funds, which are estimated at \$50,500 for the coming year. Should the district lose the funds normally received from the state, either a special local levy would be required, or many normal school operations would have to be eliminated.

Under present plans the board must ask for site approval at a special election, and then when plans and cost figures are compiled, ask for voter approval of a special bond issue to finance the purchase and construction.

The coming election will be the fourth that the board has called in an attempt to get a building program going here. Voters previously turned down the Cason site, then approved the Tum-A-Lum site only to reject a bond issue to build on that area two weeks ago.

Wheat Growers to Vote Friday on Marketing Quotas

Wheat growers of the nation will decide this Friday whether they want to use marketing quotas for their 1955 crop. A reminder of the referendum comes from N. C. Anderson, Morrow county extension agent.

Quotas have been set up because of the large available wheat supplies, but the decision of whether they will be put into effect rests with the nation's wheat growers who will vote at the referendum. At least two-thirds of the growers voting must approve the quotas before they can get into effect. Last year they were approved by nearly 90 percent of the growers.

Polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. and the voting places are the Ione Legion hall, the Heppner Legion hall, and the Lexington Grange hall.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Orlena Ray Held in Ione Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Orlena Ray, 78, were held Saturday, July 17 at the Ione Community church with Rev. Wilfred McKay, pastor of the lone Nazarene church officiating. She died in Portland on July 15.

Mrs. Ray Barnett sang with Mrs. Cleo Drake accompanying. Pall bearers were Omar and Walter Rietmann, Walter Robert, Walter Dobyns, G. A. Pettys and Ray Barnett. Interment was in the Ione cemetery.

Mrs. Ray was born in Ione and was the daughter of the late John and Missouri Jordan. She had lived in this community nearly all of her life until a few years ago when she moved to Portland. She was married to V. M. Ray on Dec. 30, 1901, and Mr. Ray died in 1927.

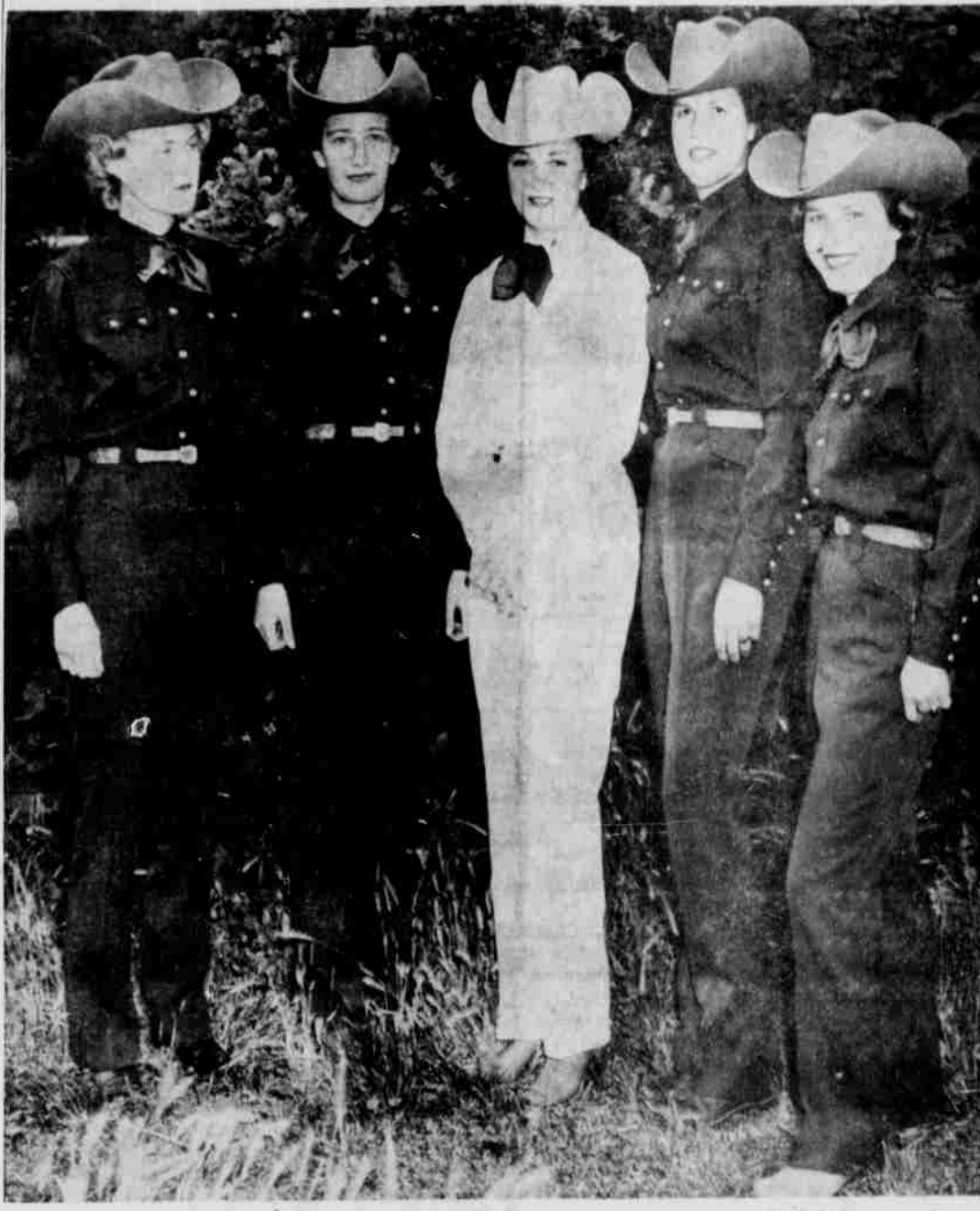
She is survived by one son John Ray of Cascade Locks and a brother, Luke Jordan of Portland, and five grandchildren.

Relatives attending the funeral were Luke Jordan and daughter, Mrs. Edith Doran of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. John Ray and family of Cascade Locks and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dingus of Heppner.

Construction Starts On Safety Island

State highway department workmen Tuesday started construction of a triangular shaped safety island in the center of the three-way intersection in front of the court house. It will probably be completed within a few days. The safety island will be lighted and will hold road signs that have been nearly inconspicuous because of their distance from the intersection. It will also make possible much shorter and safer school crossing lanes at the intersection. Cost of the project is being born by the highway department.

Dance To Open Fair and Rodeo Activities



QUEEN GRACE MILLER and her Royal court took time the other day to climb off their horses and pose for the Rodeo photographer. The Queen and her princesses will appear for the first time Saturday night at the Kickoff dance at the fair pavilion. Shown, from left to right, are Princesses Patsy Wright, Janet Howton, Queen Grace, Deanna Steagall, Christine Swaggart. (Lyons Photo)

Kickoff Dance Set Here For Saturday Night

The annual Kickoff dance this Saturday night at the fair pavilion in Heppner will open the series of dances and activities leading up to the Morrow county fair and rodeo on September 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The first dance, which will present Queen Grace Miller of Boardman and her entire court, will be given under the sponsorship of the fair board, and will be followed on succeeding Saturday nights with individual princess dances given by the various granges who are sponsoring a princess. The members of Queen Grace's court are Christine Swaggart, Lena community; Deanna Steagall, Lexington Grange; Patsy Wright, Rhea Creek Grange; and Janet Howton, Ione Grange.

Music for Saturday night's dance will be furnished by Duke Warner's orchestra and Jack Van Winkle, dance chairman has announced that the admission price will be \$1.50 per person. The princess dances which will follow on successive Saturday nights are Princess Deanna, July 31; Princess Janet, August 7; Princess Patsy, August 14; Princess Christine, August 21. The dance honoring Queen Grace will be held here August 27, and the regular rodeo dances are scheduled for the nights of September 3 and 4.

High School Class Receives Award

The bookkeeping class of Heppner high school has received a red seal certificate of superior achievement in the recent 17th annual International bookkeeping contest sponsored by the Business Education World, it has been announced.

Superior achievement certificates, suitable for framing and display in the classroom were awarded to students whose club ratings merited awards. Gold seal certificates for a rating of 275 and better; red seal certificates for a rating of 250-274 and blue seal certificates for a score of 215-249. A silver trophy was awarded to the winning school, Albuquerque, N. M.

This is the first year that Heppner high school has entered the contest.

TAX RELIEF FOR LOCAL RODEO SEEN IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION

A telegram received today from representative Sam Coon said that house and senate colleagues Wednesday approved legislation eliminating the admission tax on non-profit community rodeos. Final clearance by the house is required before the bill goes to the president.

WASHINGTON — Eastern Oregon's cowboy congressman this week asked the government to take the tax off rodeos.

Rep. Sam Coon, who was 22 years a cattleman before he went to Washington, urged an amendment to the general tax revision bill that would repeal the federal admissions tax on non-profit community rodeos and historical pageants.

In a letter to Dan Reed, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, Sam Coon declared, "With the present high costs of operation, I think it only fair to remove the burden placed on these non-profit community enterprises by federal taxation."

Coon introduced a bill in Congress last March to provide for rodeo tax relief. A similar measure was approved by the Senate July 2 as an amendment to the general revenue bill. The

Ernsdorff to Leave For Lewiston Post

John B. Ernsdorff, administrator at Pioneer Memorial hospital, revealed today that he has resigned his position here to accept a similar one as head of St. Joseph's hospital at Lewiston, Idaho. He will leave here October 1.

Ernsdorff came here about three years ago and has remained administrator of the local hospital except for about six months when he was in Spokane. He has been very active in both civic and church activities.

The hospital board said that no replacement has yet been found.

GRANGE PICNIC SET

Rhea Creek Grange members and friends will hold their annual picnic at the Claud White ranch in the mountains on July 25 starting at 3 o'clock.

Coffee and ice cream will be furnished and everyone is asked to bring his own plates and silver.

"Value Days" Are Again Offered Here

The second in a series of city-wide sales events, Heppner Value Days, will be held this Friday and Saturday with nearly every store in Heppner participating in the chamber of commerce sponsored event.

Three pages of special advertising in this issue of the Gazette Times advises residents of this area of the values being offered during the weekend.

The Value Days idea, designed to encourage trading with local merchants and show that merchandise values offered here are equal to those offered in larger shopping centers, was developed by the merchants committee under the direction Phil Blakney, chairman. One such event was held last February and another is planned later this year.

Free Parking Again

All parking meters in Heppner will be hoisted on Friday and Saturday through the courtesy of the city council who have cooperated in granting free parking privileges to all shoppers during the two days.

Night Officer Leaves, New Policeman Due

Chief of Police George Reid said today that Thomas Walker, night marshal here for the past several months, has resigned and plans to return to his former home near Seattle.

Reid said that he has hired "Hutch" Hutchins to replace Mr. Walker and that the new officer will begin duty here the first of the week. Hutchins has been on the Umatilla police department for the past several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed and David returned last weekend from a few days in Eugene.