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HOWARD BRYANT, who was judged top roper in the Morrow county amateur calf roping, is shown receiving his saddle and congratulations from Paul Koenig, manager of the Heppner Pine Mills, donor of the prize event. Awards were made at the conclusion of the Sundry show. (Thompson Photo)



NORTHWEST BRONC RIDING CHAMPION, Norman Goree of Arlington, receives the top prize, a coveted Hamley saddle, from Ralph Schwalbe, treasurer of Hamley & Company, Pendleton saddle-maker who donated the prize. Goree also went home with a good share of the \$1,250 prize money for the event. (Thompson Photo)

## Rodeo Parade One of Best Seen Here; Soroptimists Win Sweepstakes Award

A sizeable crowd braved "just plain hot" September sunshine Saturday morning to watch one of the largest and best rodeo parades seen here in recent years.

The parade sparkled with many new royal courts, riding organizations, juvenile groups and other organizations which have not participated in previous parades. Features of the parade, in addition to float and organization winners listed below included three bands; numerous riding groups; four royal courts; the Spinnerettes from Pendleton; a group of young rope-spinning cowgirls; the Pendleton Main Street Cowboys from Pendleton and their calliope and a big group of youngsters.

The grand sweepstakes award in the float division went to the Heppner Soroptimist club with its attractive entry depicting "service for youth". Other winners in this division were the Squared Up Rounders, second; and the Rhea Creek Grange, third.

Over \$400 in prize money was awarded to division winners by the chamber of commerce, sponsors of the parade which was led by color bearers Harry Dinges and James Lindsay. Also riding were Queen Carol Ann Wigglesworth and her court as well as courts from the Pendleton Round-Up, Grant county fair and the Umatilla fair. Riding groups included were the Heppner Wranglers, Evergreen Riding club from Ukiah, Pendleton Mustangs, the Umatilla Sage Riders and the Salem Saddle club.

The Heppner football team also had a float in the parade. Other winners were: Juvenile floats, Morrow county 4-H, first; Lexington Cub Scouts, second; Doris Morris, Heppner, third; business floats: Pacific Power and Light, first, Morrow County Grain Growers, second; Empire Machinery Co., third.

Best mounted cowboy, Howard Bryant; best mounted cowgirl, Mary Lou Lazinka; oldest cowboy, Lote Robison; oldest cowgirl, Mrs. Lennie Loudon; youngest cowboy, Gene Crowell; youngest cowgirl, Francine Liedallen; best comic, Tony Upton; best family group, Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fullerton and family.

Bands: Irrigon high school band, first; Echo drum and bugle corps, second; riding clubs: Umatilla Sage Riders, first; Wranglers riding club, second; best pets: Melody Bailey, first, Don Keeling, second, Frank Harshman, third; juvenile division: James Farra, first, Dennis Morgan, second, Tony Upton, third; juvenile cowboys: Larry Heath first, Tim Driscoll, second, Chuck Huggett, third; juvenile cowgirls: Anna Marie Brindle, first, Christy Koenig, second, Jennifer Brindle, third.

Judges were Ford Robertson, Verne James, Doe Daley and LeRoy McElvaine of the Pendleton Main Street Cowboys. All children participating were given silver dollars and members of the Spinnerettes from Pendleton donated their money to the Red Cross disaster fund.

## County Swelters As Mercury Hits 99 Degrees Here

The thunder storm which came over Heppner early this morning dropped a little rain and cooled temperatures, but it did start one small spot fire near Nine Top cabin, south of Tupper guard station, the forest service reported. It is the first fire in this district.

Haze made visibility low in the mountains and a patrol plane was sent out this afternoon to check the area. No rain fell in the mountains.

Morrow county residents, in company with most of the rest of the western part of the United States, continued to swelter on Wednesday, the eighth straight day of the summer's worst heat wave while forest service officials were keeping their fingers crossed hoping for more of the good luck that has kept them from having any fires in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest.

An official high temperature of 99 degrees thought to be a record for this time of year, was checked on both Monday and Tuesday at the Heppner weather station. On all other days in the past week the mercury has hit 89 or higher. Several unofficial thermometers in the Lexington and Lone areas recorded highs of 103 and 104 early this week.

Most persons felt the heat the worst on Monday when a slight early morning overcast raised the humidity reading for the very low percentage of earlier days. Monday night was also the warmest experienced here in several years when the mercury dropped only to a warm 63. At midnight Monday it still read about 74.

The hot weather wasn't confined just to the lower areas as mercury readings taken at forest service lookouts at Tamarack and Madison lookouts Tuesday showed temperatures of 92 and 87. Fire danger in the mountains was extremely high as the forest service has had daytime humidity readings of only 11 to 22 percent. Thunderstorms, which have been plaguing other sections of the state and setting hundreds of forest fires, came in over the mountains Monday night and though they missed the Heppner district, three small fires were started by lightning in the Ukiah district. All were small and quickly controlled.

Forest officials urged anyone having to go into the mountains to use extra-care as all areas are tinder dry. Many mountain streams have either completely dried up or are just a mere trickle.

A high overcast Wednesday in much of the county gave some small amount of relief from the heat, but the only thing the weatherman would say was more of the same with the possibility of some thunderstorms to give only temporary relief.

The Heppner temperatures for the past week were:

	Max	Min.
Wednesday	89	49
Thursday	90	49
Friday	93	58
Saturday	93	51
Sunday	90	55
Monday	99	63
Tuesday	99	58

## Truck Destroyed By Fire Wednesday

Fire, apparently starting in straw from a hot exhaust, completely destroyed a truck belonging to Floyd Jones late Wednesday afternoon at the junction of Hinton Creek and Sand Hollow roads.

The truck was being used to haul straw from the rodeo barns to the Ed Craber place and carried a full load at the time the fire broke out. It had just been driven into a field and unloading started when Craber noticed that the entire area around the truck was afire.

Flames spread in the dry grass and straw and burned over about an acre of ground before being stopped. Efforts to put out the fire in the truck proved futile and workers concentrated their efforts to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining fields.

Guests at the Don Robinson ranch over the weekend were Mrs. Merle Kirk of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, Mt. Vernon and Mrs. James Brown and son Michael of Pendleton.



FLAMING WRECK—Still smoking while Heppner firemen are trying to extinguish the gasoline fed flames in this pickup truck belonging to Art Young, Heppner, which overturned and burned last Friday night after being struck by another car. The occupants of this truck, Mr. and Mrs. Young and their small son, escaped with only minor injuries. (Lyons Studio Photo)

## School Registration Near Last Year's Totals

First day registration figures at Heppner Lexington and Lone schools showed a very slight drop in the total number of students returning, but by the end of the week all schools look for an increase as late-registering students show up.

School total figures taken at the end of the first day of classes show Heppner with 463 students, compared with 470 at the end of two weeks last year (the earliest date comparisons could be made.) 132 are in high school and 331 in the grades.

Lone checked in 43 in the high school and 102 in the grades compared with 47 and 101 last year. Lexington registered a total of 98 students, 28 in the high school, up six; and 70 in the grades, down four.

First day registrations are

always short of the total students to show up by the end of the first week, and school officials at Heppner said that they know of at least a half dozen who registered the second day but were not included in the above figures. Largest classes here are in the second and third grades with another large group showing up in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

The classroom problem in Heppner was greatly eased this year with the completion of five of the ten rooms in the new grade school building making it possible to move all classes out of the basement of the old building.

### Grade List Given

Following is a breakdown of registrations by grades at Heppner with a comparison with last year's first week figures:

	Last Yr.
1st grade	42 55
2nd grade	50 56
3rd grade	56 32
4th grade	32 43
5th grade	43 37
6th grade	42 50
7th grade	42 26
8th grade	24 26
High school —	
Freshmen	31 35
Sophomore	29 31
Junior	34 43
Senior	38 31

A breakdown of the lone school registration showed:

1st grade	15
2nd grade	13
3rd grade	12
4th grade	13
5th grade	10
6th grade	9
7th grade	18
8th grade	12
High school —	
Freshmen	9
Sophomore	8
Junior	12
Senior	14

Lexington has 70 in the elementary grades and 28 in the high school, an increase of two over last year.

## Two County Couples Leave This Week on Round-The-World Trip

Two Morrow county couples, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom, Lone, will leave this weekend from Los Angeles on the start of a round-the-world plane trip that will take them across the Pacific to Asia, across that continent, into Africa Europe and back across the U.S.

The two couples will leave Sept. 13 with 24 other persons from the west coast aboard a special chartered DC-6 on the tour organized by Dr. Theodore Jackman, staff photographer for the Royal Geographical Society of London. The tour is an experimental trip planned to test the feasibility of establishing regular tours on a similar pattern.

The itinerary includes a three day stop at Honolulu; a week in Japan; stops at Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, New Delhi and Ceylon, India; Iraq; Iran; Turkey; Egypt; a 30-day stopover in the Holy Land; Rome and Milan, Italy; Switzerland; Germany; Denmark; Sweden; Belgium; Paris and the British Isles.

Plans call for the group to be back in Pendleton December 20.

## Street Paving Plan Appears Stymied

Any possibility that a street improvement district might be formed in Heppner to curb and pave several west side streets appeared to be stymied Tuesday night when the city council received a remonstrance petition asking that the plan be dropped.

Over a year ago the council accepted petitions from residents on the affected streets asking that a district be set up to improve about 15 blocks on the west side of town. Last month the council received engineers' plans and

specifications for the project and ordered a resolution prepared calling for the establishment of such a district and announced that a public hearing would be held. At Tuesday's meeting the resolution was adopted by the council but if the signatures on the remonstrance petition check out as valid the petition will void any previous action.

From all appearances a sufficient number of names appeared on the petition, city attorney J. J. Nys reported, stating that he estimated the signatures to represent at least 70 percent of the property owners on the streets. Only a two-thirds majority is required to kill the proposal.

The council received the petition and ordered the city recorder to check the validity of signatures. If they check out the plan will be dropped at least for the present. Many of the names on the remonstrance petition were the same as those who signed the original petitions asking that the work be done.

In other action the council took steps to notify the Heppner Civic League to vacate the old civic center building at the park and to call for bids on the destruction of the building. It had been used by the organization to house kindergarten classes, but the classes are now being held in the school. The building will be torn down to make way for park improvement work in the park.

Bids are to be called for again for the construction of two concrete footbridges across Willow creek, one leading to the school from Main street and the other at Lover's Lane. A call for bids was issued several months ago, but none were received.

### Tree Spraying Talked

J. O. Turner appeared before the council asking that it consider the passage of an ordinance requiring the spraying of all elm trees in the city. It was pointed out that if the trees are not sprayed at the proper time during the year they become infested with elm beetles and infect surrounding trees. The matter was turned over to a committee for study and recommendation.

A report on the swimming pool showed a very good year with heavy use of the plant during the summer. Plans were discussed to install a heating system at the pool by next year.

A building permit was granted to John Lane for \$3,500 remodeling at his building on west Willow street.

## Mrs. Avent Given Life Sentence

Mrs. Ann Whitney Avent Tuesday was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment in the state penitentiary for the shooting of Dellmore Lessard, Portland attorney, on June 4. The sentence was pronounced by circuit judge William W. Wells and is mandatory under state law.

The sentencing climaxed a three day trial last week in which a 12 man jury brought back a verdict of guilty of second degree murder in the shooting.

In a pre-sentencing statement Mrs. Avent, who had been quite calm during most of the trial, broke down and begged the court for mercy saying that, "I meant nothing wrong". She said that she asked for nothing except for her family and her boy. The shooting occurred following a discussion between her and Lessard over custody of the boy.

Immediately following the sentencing Mrs. Avent was taken to Salem in the custody of the sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

### DR. WOLFFS ARRIVE HOME

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolff and three children arrived in Heppner September 1, from Puerto Rico where Dr. Wolff had been stationed with the Army.

They are guests at the home of Mr. and rs. Tom Wilson, until they can find suitable housing and get settled.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vaughn, Jr. and children of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fredrickson and two boys of Hermiston were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt.

## Accident, Fire Injures One and Destroys Vehicles

One man suffered a severe cut face and three other persons, one a 17 month old boy, escaped with only bruises in a spectacular car accident and fire Friday night on the highway at the west end of Heppner.

Injured was Frank "Blackie" Cain of Heppner, a passenger in a driverless car which according to police reports, coasted down a hill above the highway near Interior warehouse and struck broadside a pickup in which were riding Mr. and Mrs. Walton A. (Art) Young and their 17 month old boy, Frankie.

The impact overturned the pickup in the middle of the highway and the car immediately caught fire from spilled gasoline in a 50 gallon drum being carried in the pickup. The quick action of Mike Saling, who lives nearby was credited with possibly saving the lives of the Youngs. Saling opened the door of the truck and pulled Mrs. Young to safety then aided Young and the boy in getting out of the flaming vehicle. They suffered only bruises and minor hurts.

The second car, an old model sedan, continued on across the road and stopped about 150 feet away after running into the Interior warehouse building. The car was registered to James H. Brannon of Heppner, but police reported that no one was at the wheel at the time of the accident. The Brannon car was considered a total loss, and Young's pickup suffered several hundred dollars damage, mostly from fire. He also lost a considerable amount of camping equipment which was burned.

The Heppner fire department answered a general alarm call to the accident and worked for nearly one-half hour extinguishing the flames.

No charges have been filed.

## Collison Resigns School Board Post

Edgar H. Collison, member of the Heppner school board, submitted his resignation Tuesday night at the monthly board meeting. Collison gave his reason for resigning, the press of business. He is manager of the Columbia Basin Electric co-op which recently received a loan from the REA and will shortly start a big construction program in Gilliam and Morrow county. His resignation is to take effect immediately.

Collison was elected to the board last year for a three year term and he served during the construction period of the new grade school. His position will be filled by appointment.

In other school business, the board awarded the Union oil company a contract for furnishing fuel oil during the coming school year. Ruggles Insurance was awarded the insurance on the system's school buses and also ordered to write a boiler insurance policy.

Two petitions were submitted by the Soroptimist club and WSCS of the Methodist church, asking that the new grade school be named in honor of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, former Morrow county school superintendent, teacher and more recently county treasurer. The board asked public discussion of the proposal or the submission of other names by the general public. The matter will be considered further at a later meeting.