

## Fall from Elevator Kills Keith Johnson

Keith E. Johnson, 35, an employee of the Morrow County Grain Growers, died yesterday afternoon at Pioneer Memorial hospital from injuries suffered when he fell from the co-op's Heppner elevator while installing new fire escape ladders on the west end of the building.

The accident occurred about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon while Johnson, Jack Healy and Don Bennett, all Grain Growers employees, were working on the outside of the elevator. Johnson was in a boy's chair which was rigged with a block and tackle to an eyebolt high up on the end of the building. Another block and cable which was fastened to a pickup truck was being used to raise the ladders into position while Johnson bolted them in place.

According to witnesses to the accident, the pickup with the cable attached, had been parked across Riverside street from the elevator holding tight the line to which the section of steel ladder was attached, when a car driven

by Charles Ruggles struck the cable snapping the ladder up against the block and pulling the eye bolt out of the building. Johnson was about 30 feet in the air and the sudden tightening of the line threw him nearly 40 feet to the ground. There was no flagman on the street where the cable crossed it, but the workmen said that a red flag had been tied to the cable.

Ruggles said that he did not see the cable until his car struck it. He was traveling east on Riverside at a slow rate of speed and his car went only about 10 feet after striking the line.

Johnson was immediately taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance where doctors worked in a vain attempt to save his life. Death was caused by cerebral concussion, multiple fractures and internal injuries.

Keith E. Johnson was born on August 18, 1920 at Renville, Minn., but had lived in this area for several years. He had been employed by the Grain Growers for three years and prior to that time worked for W. E. Melena, lone on grain elevator construction. He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Heppner Elks lodge.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, Heppner, and one daughter, Keitha Ann, six months old, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Renville, Minn.; two brothers, Burl, Pendleton and Theron of Wisconsin; two sisters, Mrs. Naida Bergstrom, Renville and Mrs. Kathleen Peterson, of Toledo, Ohio.

The body will be shipped to tonight from Arlington and funeral services will be held Monday at Renville, Minn.

## Heppner Legion to Install New Officers Monday Night

Newly elected officers of the Heppner American Legion post will be installed at special services to be held next Monday night, September 19 at the hall. Installing officer will be Bob Burlingame, Milton-Freewater, district commander who will be assisted by the district vice commander, Forrest Thornburg of Lexington.

Officers who will take over their new duties are Floyd Sayers, commander; Phil Blakney, first vice-commander; William J. Van Winkle, second vice-commander; adjutant, Don Fredrickson; finance officer, Jack Bailey; sergeant at arms, Jack Flug; executive committee member, Forrest Thornburg. Holdover committee members are Jack Edmondson and Alva Jones.

The meeting will open at 8 p. m. and refreshments will be served later in the evening.

## IONE FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25; DIVISIONS LISTED

"Melody In Flowers" is the theme of the annual flower show and silver tea by the Ione Garden Club at the Ione Legion hall on Sunday, September 25 from 2 to 5 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come to see the results of the efforts to make communities more beautiful.

Any amateur gardener is encouraged to exhibit and junior gardeners must be twelve years or under.

Entries will be received on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m. or Sunday morning between 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. The hall will be closed during judging time from 11:00 to 12:00.

Specimen exhibits must be grown by exhibitor and should be labeled as to variety wherever possible.

Only one exhibit is allowed one exhibitor in each class or class division.

Specimens do not require foliage except those flowers which bear foliage on the bloom stalk. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded first, second, and third prize.

Sweepstakes will be awarded exhibitor winning the greatest number of blue ribbons. In the event of a tie, the red ribbons will be counted.

Containers for specimen classes will be provided by the committee.

Owners must be responsible for containers and other accessories which should be marked with the owner's name.

## Heppner School Head On Regional Planning Group for Education

School superintendents, members of school boards and other educational leaders in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will meet in Spokane November 6, 7 and 8 for the Northwest regional conference on administrative leadership serving community schools. Preliminary plans have been announced by the conference chairman, A. B. McDonald, superintendent of schools at Wallace, Idaho.

The conference is sponsored jointly by the American Association of School Administrators, the department of rural education of the National Education Association, and the Council of Chief State School Officers with the cooperation of many educational organizations and institutions in the northwest.

Members of the planning committee are Joe H. Stewart, superintendent of the Heppner schools; Armin G. Jahr, Bremerton, Wash. school superintendent; Paul T. O'Hare, Thompson Falls, Montana, superintendent; and Clifton B. Hussey, superintendent of schools, Mead, Wash.

Nationally known educators will be feature speakers and the conference program is organized around the theme, "Evaluating the community education program as a means of improving instruction."

## Golf Club Group Files Incorporation

Incorporation papers were filed this week for the Willow Creek Country Club of Heppner. The organization is planning to build and operate a golf course just west of Heppner.

Listed on the incorporation papers were Jeff Carter, Dr. E. K. Schaffitz and Delmar Jordan, members of the temporary organization.

The group is negotiating a lease for a piece of land owned by Tom Wells which is located about one-quarter mile west of Heppner. It is large enough to accommodate a nine hole course.

## Date Changed For Teachers Reception

The reception for the teachers of the Heppner schools scheduled for Monday evening on the court house lawn, has been postponed until Tuesday evening September 27. It will be a potluck dinner at the Legion hall at 6:30 p. m.

## POST OFFICE FIRE DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

Heppner firemen answered a call to the post office last Friday evening to control a fire which had started from defective wiring in the lobby of the building. It was quickly controlled and caused only minor damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed LeTrace left Tuesday for a week's vacation at Missoula, Montana.

## Neuberger Declines Heppner Invitation To Debate Sam Coon

Definite word was received here this week from senator Richard L. Neuberger that he will be unable to debate representative Sam Coon in Heppner on October 19. An invitation had been sent to both men some time ago and Coon immediately accepted the offer. No word had been received from Neuberger, however, until this week.

Representative Coon also has accepted invitations from Prineville, Madras, John Day, Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Moro and Enterprise, but according to a letter received this week by J. O. Turner, chairman of the Morrow county republican central committee, Neuberger has declined these invitations as well as Heppner's.

Both Coon and Neuberger have agreed to debate the question, "Resolved, the John Day dam bill is in the public interest," in nine cities of Eastern and Central Oregon with the first meeting to be held at Hood River in September 26. They will debate at Pendleton on September 28, according to the present schedule.

Representative Coon's office released a story a couple of weeks ago that he would debate with Neuberger in any town or crossroads in Eastern Oregon that issued him an invitation, but the letter from Neuberger's office said that the senator had prior speaking commitments after October 7, that would prevent him from scheduling any debates with Coon after that date. The letter did say, however, that Neuberger might be able to schedule a speaking date here at some later date.

Coon has announced that he will appear at Heppner and the other towns named on the scheduled dates regardless of whether Neuberger can come and he will hold an open meeting to discuss the John Day dam bill. In all debates Coon will take the affirmative and Neuberger the negative.

The bill, which Representative Coon introduced during the last session of congress, has caused considerable argument between republican supporters and democratic opponents.

## Boy Scouts Make Fund Drive Plans

The finance committee of the Covered Wagon district of the Boy Scouts met with Blue Mountain council officers Tuesday night in Heppner to lay plans for the annual Scout fund drive scheduled to open in the county October 10.

Drive chairman in Heppner will be Jeff Carter and Gar Leyva will serve in Lexington. An lone chairman is yet to be named.

Present at the Tuesday meeting were Fred Witherall, and Ronald Rew, Pendleton, council treasurer, Bruce Lindsay, local finance chairman, and Bradley Fancher, Scout commissioner.

## "NIG" BORLESKE, FORMER WHITMAN COACH, LIGHTS DEDICATION SPEAKER

R. V. "Nig" Borleske, former coach at Whitman college, past mayor of Walla Walla and now manager of the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla, will be the guest speaker at special dedication ceremonies to be held during the Heppner-Burns football game here September 30.

The announcement was made by members of the special activities committee of the chamber of commerce, which is sponsoring the special football game as a benefit for the field lighting fund. It will be the first game played under the new lights and the dedication program will be for them.

Borleske, who is very well known for his years of coaching at Whitman is to be the main speaker on the program to be held at half-time. The complete program will be announced later.

The Burns-Heppner game is a special game scheduled by the two schools as a benefit for the lighting fund. It will be the first time the two schools have met on the gridiron.

The first general storm of the fall blew in over Morrow county Tuesday afternoon and by Monday morning had dropped up to .77 inch of rain on parched fields and hills. The storm was general over this section of the state.

The highest rainfall recorded was the .77 at the W. W. Weatherford ranch near Little Butte creek. Heppner reported .72 inch, Gooseberry had .42 and several points north of Lexington reported as low as .25 inch.

The fall was even heavier in the mountains as the forest service reported that .81 inch fell at Madison Butte, and .70 at both Tamarack and Camp Five.

Rain started coming down late Tuesday afternoon and continued throughout most of the night.

## Collison Agrees To Reappointment To School Post

Edgar H. Collison who last week resigned as a member of the Heppner school board, this week agreed to accept an appointment to fill his former position after a petition bearing over 50 names was filed with the school clerk requesting the board to appoint him to the post.

Collison had resigned because of the press of business as the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, which he manages, will soon start on a major transmission line building program which he said would call heavily on his time during the next several months.

Collison indicated Tuesday that in view of the petition, he would accept reappointment and L. E. Dick, chairman of the board, said the directors will be glad to reappoint him as they regretted having to accept his resignation when it was offered.

In conformity with school law, the appointment will be made by county school superintendent Jack Flug, upon the recommendation of the local board, after a required 3 day waiting period.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. Sara McNamer were guests of Mrs. Mary Van Stevens the last of the week. They returned to their home in Portland on Monday.

## Heppner 4-H Girl Named to Attend National Camp

Four Oregon 4-H club members were named today to attend National 4-H Club Camp at Washington, D. C. next June, it was announced by Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader. They are Patricia Wright, Heppner; Janice Bishop, Salem; Dale Martin, Long Creek; and Edward Warnock, of Baker.

Personal interviews by judges at state fair and outstanding records of leadership and achievement in club work and the community opened the gates for the young Oregonians to observe government in action at the nation's capitol.

They will join four-member delegations from all states, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico in a one-week meeting with state and national officials and tours of national shrines. The all-expense event in educational and inspirational citizenship is sponsored by Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The four delegates have a total of 37 years in 4-H club work with emphasis on balanced programs of self-improvement and assistance to younger club members. Dale, 17, has been in club work for seven years. The others, each 18 years old, are 10-year club members. All are junior 4-H leaders and have demonstrated personal achievement with a long list of county, state fair and P-I awards.

Patsy was salutatorian of her 1955 graduating class at Heppner high school and was named the champion 4-H girl in Morrow county.

Janice's 4-H projects include canning, cooking, clothing, home-making, health, sheep, rabbits, and swine. She has been active in interesting other young people in joining and planning 4-H club programs.

Edward has carried his major 4-H project in beef animals, showing the champion Hereford steer at state fair in 1954 and the reserve champion this year. He organized his local tractor maintenance club and also carries projects in electricity and camp cookery.

Dale's club work includes projects in cooking, poultry, gardening, sheep, goats, dairy, swine, and leathercraft. His achievements won him scholarships to 4-H summer school for three years.

## Local Animals Bring Top Prices

HERMISTON—A Heppner and a Lexington man were among sellers making top prices for their livestock at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, sales manager Delbert Anson reported.

John Kenny, Heppner, sold 31 feeder lambs of 240 pounds for \$15.30 per hundredweight.

Marvin Way, Lexington, received \$18.10 per hundredweight for two top hogs of 425 pounds.

The two were among 116 consignors at the auction. Volume hit 575 cattle, 192 hogs and 490 sheep. Anson said the market was active, with feeder, rancher and packer buyers providing it with a broad base.

B. L. Davis, Pendleton, was the big buyer of the day. He purchased 18 feeder steers of 17,890 pounds and paid \$17.30 per hundredweight for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were in Pendleton Monday where Mr. Thompson attended a meeting of the Production Credit Association. Mrs. Myron Hugg of Summerville entertained the P. C. A. wives at a luncheon at the Pendleton hotel.

## School Registration Climbs; Class Officers Named

Another 11 students checked in during the past week to raise the registration figures at the Heppner high and grade schools to 474, four more than the high point reached during the past school year.

Eight of the students were in high school grades to bring the registration there to 140. The other three were in the elementary grades which now has a total of 334 students.

Other county schools also picked up a few additional registrations as youngsters returned from vacations or work. Ione added one in the high school to raise the total to 44; and two in the grades where there are 104 students.

Heppner grade students are still using only five of the ten rooms in the new elementary school, but indications are that several other classrooms will be ready for occupancy within a very short time.

### Class Officers Named

One of the first orders of business with the opening of the new school year was the election of class officers and student council representatives. New officers at Heppner high school are:

Senior class, President, Lance Tibbles; vice president, Lowell Turner; secretary, Judy Wright; treasurer, Ginger Andresen; sgt. at arms, Mac Griffith.

Juniors, President, Meredith Thomson; vice president, Dee Bailey; secretary, Mona Howard; treasurer, Laurel Alstott; sgt. at arms, Dean Connor.

Sophomores, President, Burke Gentry; vice president, Tom Curran; treasurer, Jim Morris; sgt. at arms, Ronald McCabe.

Freshmen, President, Kay Keithley; vice president, Larry Prock; secretary, Janice Martin; treasurer, Stephen Flug; sgt. at arms, Sharon Case.

Members of the student council are Darrel Blake, Delbert A. per, Nancy Anderson, Karen Prock, Jay Sumner, Kay Keithley, Susan McQuarrie, Burke Gentry, Ed Groshens, Meredith Thomson and Lance Tibbles.

## Wrong Grandmother Given Credit For Round-Up Court Cake

The Gazette Times got its grandmothers twisted last week when writing outlines for the picture of the members of the Pendleton Round-Up court receiving a beautifully decorated cake from the grandmother of one of the girls, Miss Sharon Bryant of Heppner.

Donor of the cake which was appropriately decorated in a western motif, was Mrs. Madge Bryant, not Mrs. R. A. Thompson as was stated in last week's story. Both are Miss Bryant's grandmothers.

The decorations which included hand made saddle blankets made by Mrs. Bryant for the miniature horses, were later used as a table centerpiece at a Pendleton luncheon in honor of the Round-Up court. The cake, which was baked by the Heppner Bakery, was presented to the girls at the county picnic during the fair and rodeo.

## Extension Unit To Hold First Fall Meet

The Heppner Extension Unit will hold its first fall meeting Tuesday, September 20 at the home of Mrs. Douglas Drake.

Organizational details will be finished and A. C. W. W. plans for the year will be discussed. Azalea House project for 1955-56 is to collect Queen Bess silverware coupons to provide silver for their residence. Anyone having extra coupons is asked to bring them to the meeting.

Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse, is to be the guest speaker for the afternoon.

## Hunters and Anglers To Meet Monday

The Morrow county hunters and anglers will meet next Monday Sept. 19 at 8 p. m. at the court house, it was announced today by officers.

Main item of business will be a discussion of the coming Red Hat day program which will be widely observed on September 23. Some special films will also be shown.



MISS KATIE MINERT of Heppner is shown reading the letter she received recently from the Sealy Mattress company advising her that she had won a Sealy Posturepedic mattress in a limerick contest sponsored by the company. Her award also places her entry in the running for a grand prize of \$20,000. She entered through the Case Furniture Company, local Sealy distributor. (Thompson Studio Photo)