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**SMOKING REMAINS** of the W. W. Becholdt farm home near Hardman which burned Saturday morning. The flames were discovered in the upper story but had progressed too far to control. A considerable amount of belongings were destroyed. (GT Photo)

## Flames Destroy Becholdt Home

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the ranch home on the W. W. Becholdt ranch near Hardman last Saturday morning. A portion of the family belongings were saved but much was reported lost to the flames.

The fire started about 9 a. m. and was discovered burning in the upper story of the building by Adrian Becholdt who tried unsuccessfully to control it. The flames spread rapidly through the frame building which was at least 70 years old and in addition destroyed an adjacent storage cellar and woodshed.

Neighbors assisted the family in removing many household articles from the lower floor but were unable to save anything in the upper part of the house. There was no estimate of the loss and no insurance was carried on the building.

Living in the house were W. W. Becholdt, Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Becholdt and Archie Becholdt.

In an effort to replace many lost articles, the Hardman I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs and the Rhea Creek Grange will be hosts to a miscellaneous shower for the Becholdts at the Grange hall on Saturday night at 7:30. Everyone is welcome, it was announced.



**SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR**  
At the beginning of the 11th week of the Oregon Legislature Governor Robert D. Holmes had signed 48 House Bills and 13 Senate Bills.

Here, listed briefly, are some of the bills having received first consideration in the House and the Senate:

May boom J. P. business. The present law restricts a justice of the peace in small claims cases to charging the plaintiff not to exceed 35c to pay postal and registration fees. This bill eliminates the charge restriction.

Permits for hauling over weight vehicles upon highways require a bond and other restrictions. This bill removes the restrictive provisions of the law when such vehicles or combination of vehicles will be used exclusively in the construction, maintenance or repair of a public highway, road or street pursuant to a contract with the federal government, the state, or any county or city.

Relating to stop signs, . . . deletes the provision of law that signs and markers shall be placed as near as practicable to, and the stop shall be made at the place where, the cross street meets the prolongation of the nearest property line of the through highway.

This act extends the date a veteran must start his course of educational training in order to secure state aid. Present date in the law is December 21, 1956. The new date is June 30, 1959.

Extends the termination date of civil defense from June 30, 1957 to this date in 1959.

Provides that the governing of a domestic mutual life insurance or a domestic mutual disability insurance company each policy holder shall have one vote irrespective of the number of contracts or amount of insurance held. The act does not apply to mutual assessment associations and fraternal benefit societies.

**DEMOCRATIC STATE FAIRS**  
The Oregon State Fair will go Democratic this year—also in 1958. That much is certain.

A Senate bill now in the Agriculture committee would abolish the State Fair Commission and place its management with the State Department of Agriculture where Rep. Robert J. Steward was appointed director last January.

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## Irrigon Residents Petition Court For Cemetery District

The county court this week accepted a petition signed by 117 residents of the Irrigon area, asking for the formation of an Irrigon cemetery maintenance district.

The petition asked that the boundaries for the district be set to include all of the Irrigon school district. A public hearing date will be set by the court.

## Demand For Polio Vaccine Exceeds Supply in State

The demand for polio vaccine has finally caught up and surpassed the supply, it was revealed today by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer.

Throughout much of last year, health officials were unable to find enough persons to use up supplies on hand, but the increasing demand in recent weeks has now dried up the available stock. Dr. McMurdo and county health nurse, Mrs. Velma Glass, who have been giving the vaccine at immunization clinics in the county, reported Wednesday that they were unable to give shots to all who wanted them at the Boardman-Irrigon clinic Tuesday.

Dr. McMurdo said that information from the state health department indicated that it would probably be a month before additional vaccine would be available.

The county health office said that more than 160 shots have been given in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas since the first of the year. At clinics and that local physicians have administered quite a few more.

## Pendleton NFLA Holds Annual Meet

The annual meeting and dinner of the Pendleton National Farm Loan Association was held recently at the Pendleton Hotel in Pendleton. Approximately 100 were in attendance. The Association is the loan servicing agent for the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, and operates in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

During the year 1956 over one million dollars was loaned to farmers and ranchers in the district.

At the business meeting three directors were elected—Verne W. Dale of Helix, James Beamer of Weston, and Jack Duff of Adams. Hold over directors are William Barratt, Heppner, Milton R. Morgan, Jr., of Ione, and Alex C. Lindsay of Lexington.

## Stew Dinner Aids Red Cross Drive

The Morrow county Red Cross drive was over \$60 richer as a result of the Brahma bull stew dinner served last Wednesday by O'Donnell's Cafe. It was reported by Frank Turner, drive chairman.

Over 100 persons were served the dinner, which was provided free by the managers of the cafe and all donations were turned over to the Red Cross drive which is lagging badly, Turner said. To date only little over \$1,000 has been received, slightly over one-third of the county's quota of \$2,825. Turner urged residents to send in their contributions or contact their local Red Cross solicitor.

## NURSING STUDENT AIDING HEALTH NURSE

Miss Virginia Jepsen of Ione, a senior nursing student at Emanuel hospital is spending this week working with Mrs. Velma Glass, Morrow county health nurse, getting her rural experience.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt and daughters of Corvallis were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt.

## Cancer Drive To Open; Women's Program Planned

An open meeting for women of the community will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 8 p. m. at the Heppner Legion hall with a guest speaker and the showing of two films on cancer, it was announced this week by officers of the American Legion Auxiliary, sponsors of the meeting.

The showing is planned as a kick-off for the Morrow county Cancer drive which opens April 1, and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, drive chairman, said today that if the county can again reach its quota quickly it will be the seventh straight year that Morrow has been the first county in the state to make its quota.

Mrs. Pettyjohn said that envelopes will go in the mail this week to all residents in the county soliciting their contribution for the drive and that business houses will be solicited personally by volunteer workers early next month.

The Legion Auxiliary program on cancer will be presented free of charge it was pointed out.

## P-TA Head Notes Responsibility of Parent in Schools

Parents have a responsibility for visiting schools, meeting their children's teachers and being able to answer basic questions about the school, Mrs. J. W. Stagg, Milton-Freewater, state president of the Parent-Teacher association, told members of the Heppner P-TA last Wednesday at the Founder's Day program held at the new grade school.

Mrs. Stagg's talk was titled "Don't be cool toward your school" and she emphasized that parents should know the average size class, available facilities, improvements being made or planned, and the size of the school budget.

Election of new officers was held at the Wednesday meeting with Mrs. Marvin Smith named president; Mrs. Kemp Dick, vice president; Roy Kirk, treasurer; and Mrs. Marion Huggett, secretary.

Past presidents of the Heppner P-TA were introduced by Mrs. Robert Ferrell. They are: though not all were present at the meeting, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, of Pendleton; Harold Becket; Mrs. Tress McClintock, Monmouth; E. E. Gonty; Mrs. J. R. Huffman; The Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein, St. Helens; Mrs. E. E. Gonty; Mrs. Oliver Creswick; The Rev. Earl Soward; Mrs. N. C. Anderson; Lowell Gribble and L. E. Dick. Other organizational leaders introduced were Mrs. Ben Forsythe, Ryderwood, Wn.; Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. Marie Clary and Mrs. Baine Isom, Pendleton.

At the conclusion of the meeting a silver tea was held with Mrs. Leon Ball and Mrs. Ray Massey as hostesses. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Adrian Becholdt, Mrs. Edna Turner and Miss Marguerite Glavey, who have the most years of service in the Heppner school system.

The program included recitations by Sharon Bunch and David George and piano solo by Janice Martin.

## County Cow Belles Group is Organized

The wives of 13 Morrow county cattlemen last week organized a local chapter of Cow Belles, well-known auxiliary group of the National Cattlemen's Association.

Named president of the Morrow county Belles was Mrs. Claud White; Mrs. Gerald Swaggart, vice president; Mrs. Raymond French, second vice president; Mrs. George Rugg, third vice president and Mrs. John Graves, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Swaggart was named chairman of the father of the year contest committee and Mrs. Pat O'Brien chairman of Cow Belle cook book sales.

A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and will be voted upon at the April meeting of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sumner visited over the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner and their granddaughter Angela, at Ellensburg, Washington.



**HOSPITAL RECEIVES GIFT**—Jack Angel, right, Pioneer Memorial hospital administrator is receiving a gift of 12 robes for patients' use from members of Beta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority of Ione. Making the presentation are left to right, Mrs. Walter Corley, chairman of the project committee; Mrs. Bob Rietmann, president; and Mrs. Eldon Padberg, vice president. The robes are for the use of needy patients or others who might need them. (GT Photo)

## HEPPNER FIREMEN ANSWER FIRST ALARM IN NEARLY FIVE MONTHS

Heppner firemen answered a general alarm Sunday afternoon finally putting an end to the longest "dry spell" in fire calls in many, many years. And, as it turned out the call was practically unnecessary.

The call came from residents along Willow creek in the upper end of town where workmen for the new Hope Lutheran church were burning an old building to make way for a parking area for the church. The building had been knocked down, but it burned briskly and as long as the fire-

men were called they cooled down surrounding grass and power poles.

The alarm was the first that Heppner firemen had received since October 31, 1956 and had they been able to go one more week they would have completed five full months without an alarm of any kind.

Later Sunday evening a silent run was made to Central Market where a sidewalk trash can was burning brightly, apparently having been started from a lighted cigarette. Total damage: a little scorched paint on the can.

## BAND OF WILD TURKEYS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK

A new game bird, wild turkeys, will be introduced into Morrow county next week through the efforts of a group of local sportsmen. A breeding flock of the birds will arrive in Heppner April 2 and will be released in two areas in the hope they will eventually reproduce in sufficient quantity to allow hunting.

Fifteen of the birds were ordered from the east and paid for by Orville Cutsforth, Gar Leyva and 14 other interested persons. Jim Valentine of Heppner is paying the freight bill on the birds which will arrive Tuesday at the Heppner depot.

Twelve hens and one gobbler will be released in the vicinity of Cutsforth Park and two hens and a gobbler at the Cutsforth Sand Hollow ranch.

The turkeys are subject to Oregon state game commission laws and the area will be controlled by them. It was necessary to get the commission's permission to introduce them to this area. It was pointed out that the birds will be released on a trial basis in the hope that a sizeable flock will develop and that in future years they can be hunted as other game birds.

The men who have introduced them ask the cooperation of residents of the area in protecting the birds from harm and Cutsforth is offering a reward of \$250 for information on anyone molesting them.

## Labhart New Elks Exalted Ruler

William L. Labhart was named exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge Thursday and will take over as head of the organization from LaVerne Van Marter Jr. April 4.

Other officers for the coming year are John Hartman, leading knight; Delmer Jordan, loyal knight; Everett Keithley, lecturing knight; Jack Bailey, secretary; H. D. McCurdy, Jr., treasurer; E. E. Peck, tiler and R. B. Ferguson, Jack Van Winkle and LaVerne Van Marter, Jr. trustees.

Three appointive officers will be named at the April 4 meeting when all will be installed.

## Civil Defense Director Named

Norman C. Nelson of Boardman this week was named civil defense director for Morrow county. The appointment was made by the county court.

Nelson replaces Bradley Fancher, former district attorney, who resigned recently when he moved from Heppner. He has been active in civil defense work in the Boardman area and plans a more active county-wide organization for disaster needs.

## SPECIAL WELDING CLASS DEMONSTRATION SET

A hard surfacing demonstration will be put on at the Heppner high school ag shop Tuesday, April 2 by a representative of Stody it is announced.

Interested persons are asked to bring welding goggles and a plow share that needs hard surfacing as it will be needed for the demonstration.

## EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, April 9 at the court house between the hours of 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., the state department of motor vehicles announces.

## Mountain Snow Pack Gains; Still Below Last Year

A snow depth of 19.2 inches with a water content of 7.8 inches was reported on the Arbuckle mountain snow course in the mountains above Heppner, according to measurements taken Monday by Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation service. Water content is 28 per cent below normal of the long time average of 10.8 inches for this time of year.

March measurements are higher than other readings taken this year with 16 inches of snow and 3.4 inches water content the end of January and 12 inches of snow with 5.8 inches of water the end of February.

Measurements taken last year at this time were 36 inches of snow with a water content of 15.5 inches and at the end of March, 1955 water content was 14.2 inches. Water content is 50 per cent below the total at this time last year.

Considerable water has already left the watershed and lower Willow creek and Butter creek have had irrigation water for the past six weeks, Wilson said.

## Lexington School Breakin Nets Robber Only Small Amount

The Lexington school was entered sometime during the past weekend and robbed of \$23.33, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reports.

The burglar cut the hasp on a locked strongbox, removed the money and replaced the lock in such a manner that the loss was not noticed by superintendent Dale Waddill until he had opened the box Monday morning. It is not known how entry to the building was gained.

The sheriff and state police officer William Labhart investigated the breakin.

## Livestock Prices Remain Strong

HERMISTON—The market continued in the same groove—high prices and only fair volume—at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday where 81 consignors placed 321 cattle, 161 hogs and 28 sheep on the auction block.

The cold, blustery weather was offset by some sizzling marks that included tops of \$21.30 cwt on steer calves, \$18.10 and \$19.70 cwt on heifer calves, \$27.75 cwt on veal and \$20.10 cwt on feeder steers.

Hogs also were strong with fat hogs ranging from \$18.20 to \$19 cwt and feeder pigs selling at \$18.80 to \$21.10 cwt.

Plenty of steer yearling and heifer calves are needed for next Friday's market, sale manager Delbert Anson announced. The market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 4.50 to 19 per head; steer calves, 19.40 to 21.30 cwt.; heifer calves, 17.20 to 18.10 cwt. with few lights to 19.70; veal, 22.40 to 27.75 cwt.; stocker steers, 17.30 to 18.40 cwt.; feeder steers, 18.50 to 20.10 cwt.; fat heifers, 16.50 to 17.70 cwt.; dairy cows, 102.50 to 142.50 per head; stock cows, none; utility commercial cows, 13.90 to 15.60 cwt.; canner-cutter cows, 8.50 to 12.20 cwt with few Holsteins to 13.70 cwt.; shells, 5.50 to 7.80 cwt.; and bulls 13.40 to 15.90 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 8.50 to 11.50 per head; fat hogs, 18.20 to 19 cwt.; sows, 14.10 to 15.90 cwt.; and feeder pigs, 18.80 to 21.10 cwt.

SHEEP—Fat lambs, 17.50 to 18.70 cwt with no choice animals available; feeder lambs, 14.60 to 17 cwt.

Those earning top prices at the market included John Craig, of Walla Walla, 18.70 cwt for 10 lambs of 900 pounds and 18.10 cwt for 18 white face heifers of 9735 pounds; R. K. LaHue, Hermiston, 11.50 per head for 14 Weaner pigs; Helen White, Hermiston, 19 cwt for a 220-pound fat hog; Mrs. W. E. Brock, Touchet, 27.75 cwt for a 245-pound veal; Kenneth Palmer, Lexington, 21.30 cwt for 17 steer calves of 12,560 pounds and 17.70 cwt for a 920-pound fat heifer; Mrs. Fred Hoadeley, Irrigon, 15.90 cwt for a 685-pound short horn bull; and George Clausen, Milton, 13.70 cwt for a 1340-pound Holstein cow.

Mrs. Lee Scrivner has returned after several weeks in Portland where she was called by the illness of a relative.



**MISS JOANN BROSNAN**, Heppner high school junior, this week was selected as winner of the local United Nations Pilgrimage contest sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. See story below. (GT Photo)

## Heppner High Girl Wins United Nations Contest

Miss Joann Brosnan, Heppner high school junior, Monday was named winner of the UN Pilgrimage contest and will compete Saturday at Pendleton against other local winners for a chance to make the annual Odd Fellows sponsored summer trip to United Nations headquarters in New York.

Miss Brosnan, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brosnan of Heppner, was named winner of the local contest over five other students who sought the title. She has been very active in school and 4-H activities being president of the Future Homemakers of America, assistant treasurer of the student body, secretary of the junior class, a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Pep club and GAA. She has also been a delegate to district and state student council and F. H. A. meetings during the past two years.

Miss Brosnan will enter the finals of the UN contest Saturday night at 8 p. m. at the Pendleton I. O. O. F. hall where she will compete against other area winners for the chance to be the one district representative on the Pilgrimage.

Local Odd Fellows officers stressed that the final competition is open to the public and urged freshmen and sophomore students, who will be eligible for next year's contest to attend the judging and listen to the speeches.

Judging in the local contest was done by members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the high school English department.

## Memorial Chairman Named for Heppner By Heart Association

C. J. Coleman, of Heppner, has been appointed Heppner Memorial chairman by the Oregon Heart Association.

Memorial contributions, according to Gene Malecki, executive director, serve the living and pay thoughtful tribute to the memory of deceased relatives, associates or friends. These gifts are used for heart research exclusively, and assist a program dedicated to the conquest of heart disease.

Acknowledgments of contributions are sent to the families of persons in whose memory the gifts are made and the amount of the gift is held in confidence. All memorial contributions are tax deductible.

Heppner people wishing to contribute may notify Mr. Coleman at Box 667, and he will supply contribution forms and any additional information. The memorial program is entirely separate from the Heppner support of the Heart Association which is supplied by the county's Heart Fund campaign.

## Students To Aid Red Cross Drive With Saturday Car Washing

The Red Cross drive will be aided this weekend from another source when the Future Business Leaders of Heppner high school will wash and polish cars at Rosewall Motor Co. from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Saturday, March 30.

The proceeds from the car wash are to go to the Red Cross.