

## FIRES CONTINUE TO HIT AREA

### County-Wide Polio Vaccination Drive Opens Thursday

An all out drive for the 100 percent polio vaccination of the residents of Morrow county through 40 years of age will begin this Thursday, Aug. 1, and run to February, 1958, it was announced at a meeting of the Morrow County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis last Wednesday night at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

With the cooperation of the county chapters, county physicians will give the Salk polio vaccine for a charge of \$1.00 per shot during that period. The vaccine is being provided by the county NFIP chapter through March of Dimes funds.

Everyone is urged to have his first injection as soon as possible because of the approaching season of high polio incidence, chapter officers said. Two injections are given two to six weeks apart and a third, or booster dose, is given seven months after the second injection.

It is strongly recommended that all children, young adults, parents of young children and all expectant mothers be vaccinated. Vaccination of persons over the age of 40 is desirable but less important since paralytic type polio seldom occurs in the older age group. Anyone, regardless of age, may contract polio but it is most common in children and young adults. The percentage of crippling or deaths is usually higher in adults.

Public health and medical experts believe that polio epidemics will no longer occur in Oregon if 80 percent of the population receive the recommended series of three shots. No vaccine is completely effective but national statistics already indicate that at least eight of every ten persons receive protection against paralytic polio through Salk vaccination. It is strongly recommended that polio injections be continued through the polio season, it was pointed out.

Attending the meeting were Floyd Sayers, chapter chairman; Gordon Pratt, vice chairman; Gerald O'Malley, treasurer; Ray Myrick, secretary; Mrs. Gordon White, lone, women activities chairman; Mrs. Jack Loyd, county campaign treasurer; Mrs. Joe Hughes and Mrs. Velma Glass.

### County Pioneer Dies in Portland

Funeral services were held July 23 in Portland for Mrs. Mary Garfield, an old time resident of Morrow county, who died July 20. Mrs. Garfield was the former Mrs. Thomas J. Davidson and for many years lived in the Dry Fork region of south Morrow county.

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Surviving are daughters Gertrude L. Winniford, Bessie F. Lindseth, Violet McCaffery, and a son, L. E. Davidson. She also leaves two sisters, one brother, 16 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.



PRINCESS LORENA CODER

### Boardman Princess Dance Next Saturday

The second princess dance of the Morrow county fair and rodeo this Saturday night will honor Princess Lorena Coder, 16, blue-eyed blond chosen by the Tillamook club of Boardman. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Joe Banana and his Bunch of Pasco.

A trim five foot two, Princess Lorena is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert Coder, Boardman. A riding enthusiast and ranch girl, she works in the Boardman potato fields, helps with hay and housework. She graduated this spring from the Boardman high school.

At school Princess Lorena was secretary-treasurer of her freshman and senior classes, vice president of her sophomore class, a member of the Pep club and girls' athletic association.

She is a leader of a 4-H riding club and has won prizes for riding and crocheting at the north Morrow county fair. Riding and cooking are her favorite hobbies.

### Hot Weather Brings Heavy Water Use

Somewhat cooler nights during the past week has slowed up water use in Heppner city superintendent Vic Goshens reported today, but the city is still pumping 376,000 gallons of water every 24 hours from its two wells. Last Week Goshens said he was having trouble keeping up with the demand, but the slightly lower temperatures in recent days has slowed down irrigation so that no curtailing of the use of water is expected.

The two miles of new steel water main recently installed by the city in its line to the upper wells is now in use and has materially increased the amount of water which can be pumped to the reservoirs in town.

Mrs. Kenneth Utter and three children are spending some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDowell. Mr. Utter comes up from Portland for weekends.

### County Farmers Get \$581,914 in Soil Bank Payments

Payments to Morrow county farmers under the Soil Bank's 1957 acreage reserve programs will total \$581,914.10 when all payments are completed within a few days, Paul Tews, office manager for the County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee said this week.

Participation in the program in Morrow county is the best acrewise in Oregon, Tews said, with 108 active contracts being signed. Payments under the same program in Umatilla county amounted to only \$156,310.

The payments were made for reductions in acreage below the farm allotment for wheat. Farmers who took part in the acreage reserve program are certificates which may be redeemed for cash, or the certificates may be redeemed for CCC owned grain if they have been earned for reducing grain acreage. The certificates may be redeemed for wheat at 100 percent of face value after Sept. 15, Tews said. Owners of certificates who plan to redeem them for CCC wheat must make application for it through the local ASC office. The value of the wheat is set at the terminal loan rate, he said.

Tews reminded growers that certificates earned for reducing the acreage of a basic crop may be exchanged for the same crop or other non-basic grain in CCC inventory, but not for the other two basic crops. A wheat certificate could be exchanged for wheat, barley, rye, oats or grain sorghums, but not for corn or rice.

### Swimming Class Attendance Up

Enrollment in the second series of swimming class at the Heppner pool has surpassed the first series with a total of 55 beginners registered in three separate classes and 24 intermediate pupils in one class, Larry Downen, swimming instructor, has reported.

Of 50 pupils in the beginners classes during the first period of lessons a total of 12 passed their tests. From the first class of 20 intermediate swimmers, a total of 15 passed the intermediate tests, Downen said. Renn Harris assisted with instructions up to this week.

Attendance at the pool during the afternoons runs about 85 to 90, it was reported. The pool is open from 1 to 4 and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Swimming classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Fridays.

### Two Staff Vacancies in Heppner Schools; Maintenance Work On

James Kilgallen, hired as assistant football coach and to teach an eighth grade home room, resigned the position last Friday, according to Joe H. Stewart. Kilgallen was from the College of Idaho, Caldwell.

The resignation leaves two vacancies on the teaching staff, the second for a girls' physical education instructor, Stewart said. School will open Sept. 3 and teachers will begin on Aug. 29.

The summer maintenance program by school custodians now underway includes reroofing the high school building, revarnishing rooms, installing a canteen in a section of the band storage room and in the gym and laying asphalt tile on two high school classrooms. A stove and ice box are being installed in the canteen room.

Mrs. Marie Clary, librarian, has been cataloging new books for libraries in both schools.

### DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Jim Davis, of Lexington, died about noon today (Thursday) from a heart attack. He was past 70 years of age and was the uncle of Mrs. L. E. Ruhl. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet.



THE REV. JACKSON GILLIAM

### Former Heppner Man To Be Guest Speaker At Episcopal Church

Guest preacher at the 9:30 service Sunday, August 4 at All Saints' Episcopal church will be the Rev. Jackson E. Gilliam, rector of the Church of the Incarnation at Great Falls, Montana.

Rev. Gilliam will be speaking at his home church for the first time in several years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Gilliam of Heppner.

Rev. Gilliam is a graduate of Whitman college and the Virginia Theological Seminary. He was priest in charge of St. John's church in Hermiston from 1949 to 1953, then St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minn. He is now at Great Falls, Montana.

Following the service there will be a coffee hour in the parish house.

### 60 State Boys Studying Range And Forest Use

Sixty boys set up camp at Tupper ranger station Monday afternoon to begin a week's study of range and forest use, plant identification and other outdoor activities to open the Oregon annual youth range camp sponsored by the Pacific northwest section of the American Society of Range Management.

Jack Ross, Oregon State college extension service, is in charge of the program and Bill Currier, forest service, Portland, is camp boss or range foreman. Youth committee chairman for the camp is John Clouston, U. S. F. S., Portland.

Representing 16 counties in eastern and southwestern Oregon, the boys, ages 14-18, were selected on the basis of leadership, citizenship and love of outdoors. They were divided into six groups with each to select a wrangler as leader for each division. A top hand will be elected to represent the entire group. The boys are quartered in tents and eat in the forest service mess hall.

Opening the Monday evening program, Herb Hynd, Cecil, gave a review of cattle and sheep operations and a brief history of the Hynd Bros. company. A well balanced livestock operation includes hay production, pasture, grazing and forest reserve, he said.

Charles Rector, forest supervisor of the Umatilla national forest with headquarters at Pendleton, illustrated a talk on forest use and management with colored slides taken in the forest.

"If we don't double our timber growth by the year 2000 the supply will not keep up with the demand," Rector said. "One-fourth of the timber cut today is wasted."

The aim of the forest service is to manage our forests for the greatest number in the long run, Rector said. A total of 149 national forests covering from one to one-and-one-half million acres are located in the United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico comprising a lot of resources and activities.

Rector stressed the need for killing porcupines which do hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage each year. The

### Lexington Youth Hurt In One of Five Blazes During Past Week

The past seven days has been the worst fire period experienced in Morrow county in many years with five separate farm blazes destroying one ranch home and upwards of 2500 acres of wheat, barley and grass land. One Lexington youth suffered serious burns while trying to control one of the fires.

Monday and Tuesday brought three major blazes in widely separated sections of the county and caused damage of many thousands of dollars.

Shortly before noon Monday stubble caught fire from a truck exhaust on the Otto Ruhl farm southeast of Ione and before being brought under control destroyed about 50 acres of stubble, a pickup truck, trap wagon and a tank of diesel fuel. While fighting this fire, Dick Ruhl, 16 son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl of Lexington, was seriously burned about the head and upper part of his body. Ruhl was attempting to move a pickup from the path of the fire when a gasoline drum near the truck exploded spraying him with flaming gas. He was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital where he was treated for second degree burns on a large part of his upper body.

The fire started about a mile from ranch buildings and was stopped just before it reached them. Many persons aided in fighting the fire as did the Ione fire department and a spray plane operated by Gar Leyva. House Destroyed

Shortly after 5 p.m. Monday a big seven-room ranch house at the junction of Sanford Canyon and Rhea creek burned to the ground and flames claimed several acres of adjacent grassland on the Floyd Jones ranch.

The fire apparently started in the upper part of the two-story home owned by Mrs. Charlotte Scherzinger of Heppner and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Vader and their 19 months old daughter. A passerby noticed the fire and told Mrs. Vader who escaped with her daughter. The house burned to the ground and destroyed with it were practically all of the Vader's belongings and their car. Vader had been employed at the Harold Peek ranch. There was some insurance on the house but none on the furnishings, it was reported.

Neighbors and townspeople from Heppner aided in stopping the blaze as did Gar Leyva with his spray plane.

### 2000 Acres Burn Tuesday

The largest fire of the year started about 1:30 Tuesday afternoon on the Cliff Dougherty ranch in the Sand Hollow area and burned over about 50 acres of wheat and in the vicinity of 2000 acres of range land all on the adjoining Healy ranch operated by Tom and Bill Healy.

According to reports this fire started from a combine belonging to Dougherty and the strong winds soon spread the fire over hundreds of acres. Several miles of fence was destroyed on the Healy ranch, but no buildings were burned. It was nearly four hours before the fire was trailed through the efforts of neighbors who were attracted by the huge clouds of smoke.

There was no estimate of the loss, but it was known to be extensive.

### Ione Has Calls

Last Thursday the Ione fire department answered two calls to areas outside of town. Early in the afternoon a run was made to a field about one mile below Morgan where a small grass fire was controlled with only minor damage.

In the evening of the same day the department answered a call to the Bill McClintock farm south of Ione where about 180 acres of wheat was lost. In addition several acres of barley stubble on the adjoining Clarence Warren farm was burned.

### Season Loss Climbing

The past week's fires bring to seven the number of major blazes in this area within the past month and though no estimate of loss is available, damage un-

doubtedly will run around \$100,000. Last week eight farm buildings burned on the William H. Padberg ranch near Lexington and the week before \$25,000 worth of baled hay went up in flames on the Harold Wright ranch at Ruggs.

In most cases the field and range fires were caused from trucks running in the extremely tall and heavy stubble.

### COUNTY AGENT URGES EXTRA FIRE PRECAUTIONS

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MORROW COUNTY AGENT

A couple of weeks ago this column commented on the number of farm fires which were occurring and outlined a few suggestions for preventing so many and some simple equipment to have around in order to control accidental harvest fires quickly. A number of farmers commented on these reminders but with the number of fires which have occurred with as many as two in one day I have been asked to outline further reminders for fire prevention and control. A number of farmers who have spent time fighting these fires have commented on the lack of organization and the absence of fire fighting equipment on the farms where the fires occur and being brought by those who come to fight the fire. It appears that anyone who has come to fight fires has not brought along even a shovel.

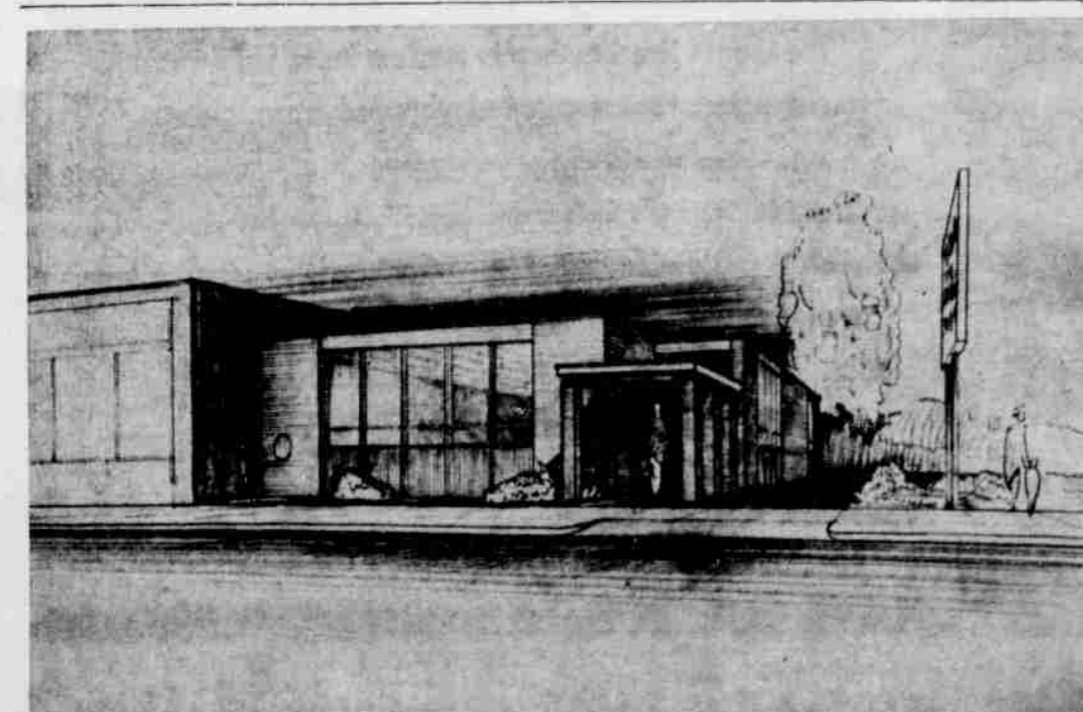
Everyone knows that fires and accidents occur even with the best of plans and precautions. Far be it from any of us to criticize the occurrence of a fire or accident at some one's farm or home for tomorrow might be our day. A few reminders are in order, however, in hopes that precautions might be taken to prevent loss and suffering.

Making farm visits during the past couple of weeks while harvest operations were well under way I have been surprised to see the number of farms where there have been no or very little preparation for fire prevention. On many occasions livestock or weed sprayers were sitting back in the corner and were not being brought in to protect the investment that a farmer had worked hard for all year. The lack of wet sacks or spray or back pump cans around the buildings or in the field was evident.

Earlier we suggested a 3 or 5 gallon back pump filled with water on every combine and accessible to trucks in the harvest field. A shovel on each piece of equipment is a must. Many farmers have reported putting out small fires which could have been extremely destructive had not a shovel been handy at the start of the fire. We have noticed where a few farmers have cut out old 2.4-D barrels filling them full of water and have soaked old sacks in them. A number of these are setting at vital spots around the buildings, at the trap wagon in the field where they will be handy in case of a fire. Others have taken their pressure sprayers to the field filled with water ready to go hooked to a wheel tractor or a pickup so that no time will be lost in getting them on the job.

An increasing number of farmers this year we have noted, have after cutting right-of-ways disced or bladed a fire guard around their fields. A few have burned heavy growths of cheat grass along roadsides early before the grain has matured enough to cause a fire hazard. Others have burned cheat grass and other weeds around the farmspread, and used a blade to throw up a fire guard around the farm buildings. A number of farmers during the past few years have gone further than this in making permanent guards by seeding crested wheat grass or other grasses that stay green during most of the year around the farmstead. These are especially helpful

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NEW HEPPNER BRANCH of the Bank of Eastern Oregon is shown in this architect's drawing of the new building. Construction is expected to start within about a month on the Main street site. The area to the right of the building will be a customer parking lot. The architect is Thomas G. Vadnais and the engineer, Vernon B. Tenneson.