

**PROOF OF A GOOD HARVEST**—This pile of 150,000 bushels of wheat at the North Lexington elevator of the Morrow County Grain Growers is indication of the heavy grain crop now being harvested in the county. Shipping is now under way and within a few days this big pile will be in local elevators or on its way to downstream terminals. (GT Photo)

## Harvest in Full Swing; Shipping Eases Storage

Wheat and barley is rolling in to elevators in ever increasing amounts as the county's harvest gets into full swing and indications are better than ever that farmers will harvest the greatest grain crop in history.

All elevators in the county are now receiving grain and the heavy crop is best indicated by the 150,000 bushel pile of wheat which now covers the ground at the North Lexington elevator of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Al Lamb, MCGG manager said Tuesday that by that evening the co-op has received about 1,000,000 bushels of grain and that both the North Lexington and Lexington elevators of the company expect to handle 800,000 each. This will be 200,000 bushels greater than any previous year at North Lexington and 150,000 greater than any other year at

the Lexington facility. The plug in storage facilities due to heavy harvesting and large crops was alleviated considerably Tuesday when the first ocean-going barge loaded out 65,000 bushels at one load from the MCGG dock at Paterson Ferry. This is the first time such a sizeable barge has been handled at the dock and it was loaded to only about two-thirds of its capacity because of low water conditions. The big barge, which looks like a converted Liberty ship, is operated by the Upper Columbia River Towing company and has been used on the company's Portland-Alaska run.

Additional shipments of grain to other storage facilities in Portland and elsewhere will allow the Grain Growers to immediately start picking up the 150,000 bushels of grain now on the ground at North Lexington, Lamb said. Daily train service is scheduled to start Monday.

## State Given Pat on Back for Traffic Record Over Fourth

Oregon's "safe and sane" drivers got a gubernatorial pat on the back Monday from Governor Holmes after the state completed a 78-hour Fourth of July weekend without a single traffic fatality.

But the long list of drowning victims, and an explosion in Portland prompted the Governor to initiate action aimed at preventing recurrence of these tragedies.

"We are justly entitled to feel lucky and proud of the three-day death-free record on our highways and streets," Governor Holmes said Monday. "I would like to congratulate all Oregonians for the fine record, and commend the police and safety agencies which contributed so much to making it possible." The Governor said.

Oregon had the best highway record in the U S for the holidays, Governor Holmes noted. Oregon was the largest by more than twice of eight states enjoying a deathless 4th on the highways. Even more impressive said Governor Holmes, who had taken to radio, TV and newspapers in an appeal for safe driving, was the fact that it was an almost unprecedented record for the state. The last death-free Independence Day was in 1951 when the holiday fell on a Wednesday, shortening the record period to 30 hours.

The Governor said he was greatly concerned that such tragedies as the fireworks explosion in Portland could occur in Oregon and said he was asking state fire marshal Hugh Earle to begin studies upon which new legislation could be based to prevent recurrence. "It seems apparent to me that we need laws which will prevent the storage of explosives in or near residential areas," Governor Holmes said.

"It is a great tragedy too, that our beaches, lakes and streams which offer so much in the way of fun in Oregon, should cause so much grief from drownings," Governor Holmes said of the state's ten water victims of the holiday in an appeal for water safety measures and education of the public to dangers in the water.

## ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SERVICES

The Rev Wilbur Layton will conduct services at All Saints Episcopal church Sunday, July 13. Holy Communion will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

## VISITS AT COAST

Mrs Floyd Adams and Mr and Mrs Wallace Malone of Mill Valley, Calif visited recently in Oceanlake with Mrs Adams' father, Robert Clark, Sr. In Portland they were met by Mrs Adams' brother, Robert Clark, Jr of Chicago who accompanied them to Oceanlake.

## Special Funds to Pave Section of Bomb Range Road

The county court Tuesday decided to continue with plans for paving a portion of the North Lexington-Boardman (bombing range cut off) road in the near future, despite considerable opposition to the proposal from several persons in the lone area.

The court held a public hearing on the plan Tuesday afternoon at which time nearly a dozen persons from the lone area presented their arguments against the proposal and urged that the money be spent on completing the paving of the upper section of the Rhea Creek road between Jordan and Ruggs. The lone city council also sent a letter to the court urging that the bombing range road paving be dropped.

The court based its final decision to pave about 10 miles of the bombing range road largely on the recommendation of state highway engineers and the fact that some of the money to be used for the job had to be allocated and approved within a very short time. Court members pointed out that the bombing range road, though not hard surfaced, was built to state specifications and can be paved immediately without additional construction other than laying additional base rock under the surfacing. Before the Rhea Creek road should be paved, it was stressed, it would have to be rebuilt in a large part, and the county would not have time to do this work before the deadline for accepting the state and federal money. If the money is not used, it will be lost to the county.

The money to pave the bombing range road will come from a special "crash" highway fund of \$23,000 of which the county would be required to put up only 5 percent matching money, and one year's regular FAS road money of approximately \$63,000 to which the county must add 20 percent. In addition to this amount of state and federal road money, the Morrow County Grain Growers has offered to put up \$10,000 toward the work.

## Many Arguments Presented

Those opposed to the bombing range road paving argued that the road served only a small section of the county, though proponents emphasized that a bulk of the wheat from North Lexington, Lexington, Heppner and Ruggs elevators is now being trucked over the road to the Morrow County Grain Growers Hogue-Warner dock near the old Paterson Ferry landing and that the road is a direct tie between the two ends of the county.

Opponents also felt that when the proposed Morgan-Arlington cutoff road is built, greatly shortening the distance into Arlington, that the bomb range road would become practically useless. This was strongly denied by the proponents of the project.

## Rhea Creek Not Dropped

The court made it plain, that even though it is going ahead with its plan to pave the bombing range route, it is not leaving the completion of the Rhea Creek road out of its overall program and that it has plans to place that work next on the agenda, again stressing that county road crews had much work to do on the road before it can be prepared for paving.

At the present time the entire county road crew is completing rebuilding and rocking of the McNab-Olex road which will be paved under state contract within a few weeks.

As planned, the north 10 miles of the bombing range road will get the pavement inasmuch as it has already been approved for the job by the state highway department thereby eliminating further delays which would be required in getting the southern end of the project approved.

## Final Rites Held For John Darcy

Requiem mass was celebrated Tuesday, July 8 for John Darcy, 73, who passed away at Pioneer Memorial hospital July 4, following a long illness.

Mr Darcy was born October 20, 1884 at County Leitrim, Ireland, and had lived in the Heppner area for about 40 years. He had been a sheep man, working for Hynd Brothers for many years.

Surviving are three sisters and one brother still living in Ireland, one sister in New York and one nephew, Frank Cooney of Sparks, Nevada.

Rosary was recited at St Patrick's Catholic church Tuesday evening with the Rev Patrick J Galre. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge.

## HAS EYE SURGERY

Loyal Parker is in the Veteran's hospital in Portland recovering from eye surgery performed on Monday.

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## Law Interpretation Drops Fair Board To Three Members

A change in the status of the Morrow county fair board was ordered Wednesday by the county court when district attorney Robert Abrams advised the court that its recent appointment of two additional members to the board was contrary to state law governing fair boards.

The interpretation of the law meant that the fair board can consist of only three members, made it necessary for the court to withdraw its appointment of two additional members which were added about two months ago. The two appointed, who are now out of jobs on the board are Mrs John Graves and Ron Curran.

The three members who now comprise the fair board are Charles Carlson, lone, chairman; Gerald Swaggart, Butter creek; and MacCoy of Irrigon.

The court made the additional appointments at the request of several county groups and organizations who felt that a five-member board would give better representation. The additions were made without the knowledge of the court that it was violating a state statute.

The change in the membership of the fair board is expected to call for some reshuffling of positions and officials to get its operations back on a legal status though just how this will be done is not known at the present time as the now three-member board has not had an opportunity to meet since the illegality of the former board was determined.

The five-member board held a meeting Monday night to consider fair business and at that time accepted the resignation of Carl Spaulding as treasurer. It also elected Mrs John Graves treasurer. She also has been serving as secretary.

In other action at the Monday night meeting, the group discussed a plan to seed the entire rodeo arena and accepted an offer of the Heppner school district to pay half the cost of grass seed. With the entire arena, except the race track seeded, it will be possible to play football games in front of the new grandstand on the north side of the field.

Several improvements in display facilities on the fair grounds were given approval.

The board also agreed to a proposal of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce that it aid in the advertising and promotion of the fair and rodeo and handle this work. The board agreed to allow \$300 for advertising and promotion with the merchants committee to put up as much additional money as possible to supplement the fund.

## Smoking Regulations Now In Effect in National Forests

All National Forest areas within the Umatilla National Forest have been designated by region forester J Herbert Stone as areas on which smoking while traveling is prohibited because of the fire danger on and after July 4, 1958 and extending to October 31, 1958.

Camp fire permits are not required on the Umatilla forest, but is a requirement that camp fires be built in a safe place cleared of all inflammable material and that they be completely put out before being left even for a short while. Campers are required to have in their possession a shovel, axe and water bucket. All persons using the forests are urged to use extreme care with their smoking and camp fires.

## PORTLANDERS VISIT

Mr and Mrs E Harvey Smith of Portland were visiting in Heppner early this week. Mr Smith is working in this area in behalf of Marion Weatherford, Arlington, Republican candidate for Congressman.

Mr and Mrs Creston Robinson and family spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs Roy Robinson at Mt Vernon. The two Robinson children remained for a two weeks visit with their grandparents.

## Saturday Kickoff Dance to Open 1958 Fair and Rodeo Activities

Saturday night at 10 o'clock marks the start of a six-week period of events leading up to the annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. It's the date of the Kickoff Dance.

Queen Pat Steagall of Lexington and her royal court of princesses Anne Belle Coleman, lone; Karen Valentine of Rhea Creek; and Joan Brosnan of Lena will

be the center of attraction and it will be their first local public appearance since their selection.

Providing the music for the dance which always proves to be one of the most popular of the entire season, will be Johnny K's orchestra of Pasco which will also provide the popular music for many of the coming dances, including the rodeo dances on August 29 and 30.

During the coming weeks each princess and the queen will be honored at their own dance put on by their sponsoring organization. Next week, July 19, the dance will honor princess Joan under the sponsorship of the fair committee; the lone dance will be held July 26 under the auspices of the lone Grange; the Boardman dance will be held August 2, though their princess was forced to withdraw from the court a few weeks ago. This dance will be sponsored by the

Tillicum club. August 9 will see the Rhea Creek dance for princess Karen and on August 16 Queen Pat will have her own dance.

The affair will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner with dancing scheduled from 10 to 2. Admission will be \$1.50 per person, dance committee chairman Al Fetsch has announced.

## Services Held Here Saturday For Mary R McDaniel

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 5 at the Heppner Christian church for Mary R McDaniel who passed away July 2 at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston. She was 74 years of age.

Mrs McDaniel was born October 21, 1883 in Kansas but lived most of her life at Hardman. She had moved to Hermiston about two years ago.

Survivors are her husband, Charles of Hermiston; a daughter, Mrs Zoe Billings, Boardman; a son Everett Hadley, Boardman; three sisters, Mrs Bert Bleakman, Hermiston; Mrs Maggie Fuqua, Portland; and Mrs Bessie Ramsdell, Gladstone; and two grandchildren.

The Rev James Pfouts and the Rev Joe Stephens officiated at the services and burial was in the IOOF cemetery in Hardman with Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Batty, Everett Harshman, Guy Hastings, Cary Hastings, Archie and Adrain Becholdt.

## Many Attend Cove Episcopal Camp

Among the young people now attending the Episcopal summer school at Cove are Tanna Valente, Barbara Blake, Nancy Cleveland, Paul Swaggart, Trova Rigby, and Marjorie O'Connor.

Jim Lindsay and Tim Driscoll attended the first session which started June 24 and those planning on attending the third session from July 14 to July 24 are Geraldine Swaggart, Sharon Lindsay, Shirley Gaines, Beverly Blake, Shannon Mahoney, Linda Valentine, John Cleveland, Nat Webb, Archie Ball and Merlin Hughes.

## Patrick H Mollahan Dies Here Sunday; Rites Held Wednesday

Patrick Hart Mollahan, 70 who died Sunday, July 6 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an illness of eight months.

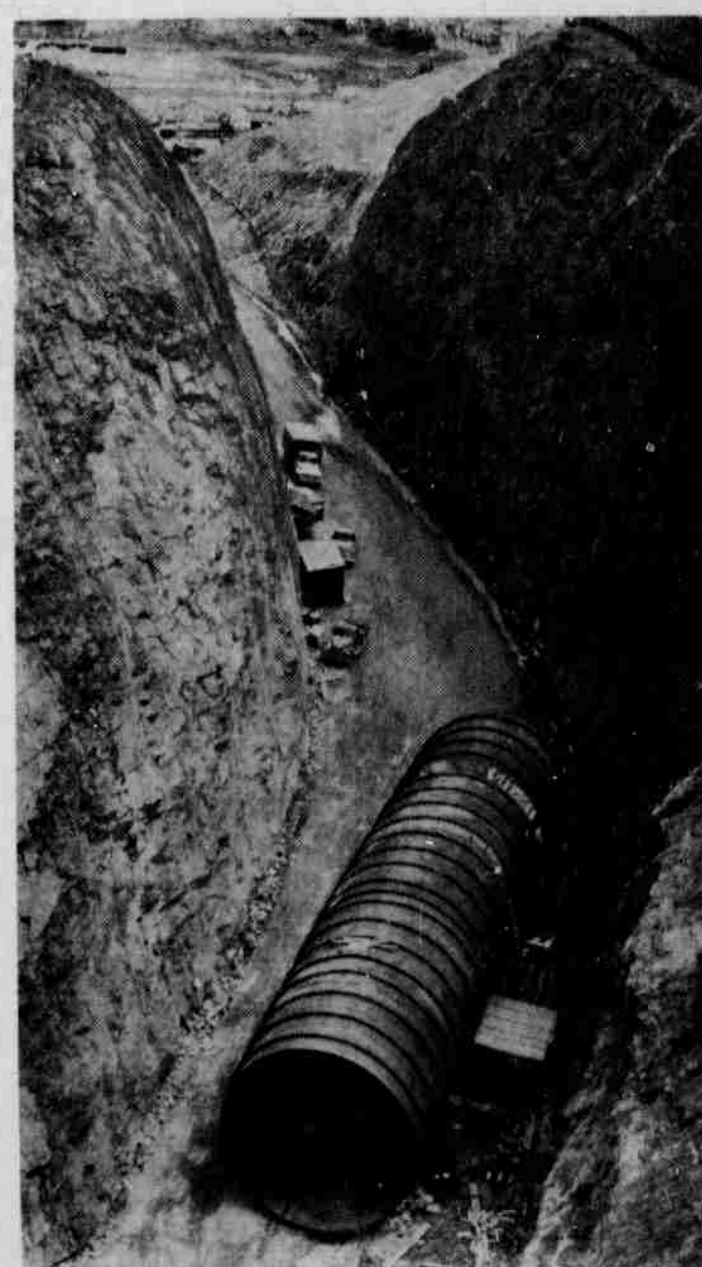
He was born Sept 15, 1887 in Legenomer, County Leitrim Ireland, the son of Peter and Ann Hart Mollahan. He was a member of the Catholic church and the Heppner Elks lodge. He had lived in Heppner for 54 years.

Surviving him are three sisters, Mrs Bessie Huligan, Miss Jennie Mollahan of Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs Ann Charles of Ireland; one brother, Frank Mollahan of Ireland.

Rosary was recited Tuesday at 8 pm at St Patrick's Catholic church and Requiem Mass was celebrated Wednesday at 10 o'clock with Rev P J Galre officiating. Pallbearers were William Cunningham, John Kenny, Phil Higgins, Charles Monagle, Lawrence Brady and Russell O'Donnell.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge.

Mr and Mrs Dewey Britt were in LaGrande and Willowa Lake for the Fourth weekend. They also stopped at Enterprise and visited with Mr and Mrs Charles Stout.



**CARVES POWER CANYON**—Mammoth steel cylinders for lining the power tunnel at Pacific Power & Light Company's Swift hydroelectric project are dwarfed by 200-foot deep canyon-like forebay carved into side of Cascade mountain at project site. Forebay will funnel water stored in 12-mile-long Lewis River reservoir to 1575-foot-long power tunnel leading to three turbine generators at PP&L's 250,000-kilowatt development.

## City Council Urges Continued Spray Road Improvements

The Heppner city council went on record Monday night urging continuation of the improvement program started this year on the Heppner-Spray highway. The group's action followed similar appeals currently being made to the chamber of commerce and expected from the county court.

For many years efforts had been made locally to get the highway over the mountains into the John Day valley paved, and only last year the first contract of approximately \$250,000 was approved for rebuilding and surfacing five miles of the road south from the end of the present pavement at Chapin creek. The council agreed with other groups that a continuing program is needed until the entire road is paved from Heppner to the John Day highway. The State Highway Commission, Bureau of Public Roads and Forest Service will be advised of the city's stand.

In other business the Russell Olson Construction Co of Pendleton was awarded a contract as low bidder for the sealing of 18,000 square yards of city streets. The Olson bid was for a total of \$2,640. The only other bidder was Leslie Harris of Pendleton.

The council also approved granting an easement for the laying of cable across two city streets to tie in a soon-to-be installed police and defense radio transmitter. The transmission equipment will be installed on cross hill east of town and remote control points are to be established in the sheriff's office and later at another point in town. It will tie in the sheriff's radio communication system with other law enforcement agencies, and later the city police will be tied in with the system.

## Mrs Caroline Cason Taken By Death

Word has been received here of the death July 8 at Golden-dale, Washington of Mrs Caroline Cason, 96, a former resident of Lonerock.

Mrs Cason was born at Jefferson, Oregon, March 16, 1862 and had lived in Lonerock or this immediate area all of her married life until moving to Washington about eight years ago.

She is survived by two sons, Willis of Olex, and Lewis of Beaverton; and one daughter, Della Brown of California.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1:00 pm at Lonerock.

## More Fish . . . Now, Just Find 'Em

Local angling got a shot in the arm Wednesday when the state fish commission planted a truck load of legal sized trout in Rhea and Willow creeks.

The full load of 3000 fish were evenly divided between the two streams and should provide fishermen with plenty of excitement during the coming weeks—if they can find where they were planted.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	76	57	—
Thursday	78	54	T
Friday	80	51	—
Saturday	84	53	—
Sunday	89	55	—
Monday	90	61	.05
Tuesday	86	53	—
Wednesday	86	53	—

Rainfall for the week .05; for July .06; for the year 10.57 inches.