

# Weekend Traffic Accidents Claim Lives of Two

## Mrs Jack Davis, Washington Man Are Wreck Victims

A sobering series of traffic accidents over the past weekend in Morrow county claimed the lives of two persons, put four others in the hospital with injuries and either damaged or destroyed six vehicles. The fatalities ended a death-free traffic record of almost two years in Morrow county.

The first to lose her life in the series of crashes was Mrs Jack Davis, 40 of Rhea creek. She was killed about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon when the Jeep pickup she was driving went out of control in loose gravel near the top of Basie grade leading into Sanford Canyon and overturned pinning her in the crushed cab. Sunday evening, Phillip R Pfeiffer, 36 of Vancouver, Washington died in a two-car crash about two miles west of Boardman on highway 30. Injured in this crash were Mrs Pfeiffer, her sister Fonda Barbara Lucian, 39 of Denver and the Pfeiffer's two sons Joseph 9, and Phillip 12. They were returning from a visit in Denver when their car collided with a pickup driven by Conrad Hofferber, 67 of Twin Falls, Idaho.

### Wreck Pins Victim

Mrs Davis died while enroute home apparently to investigate a report that there was a fire either on the Davis ranch or nearby (The fire destroyed a haystack on the Jim Hayes ranch which adjoins Davis's). Near the top of the grade down into Sanford canyon the car struck loose gravel, going over an embankment and overturning about 40 feet below the road. The cab was badly crushed with Mrs Davis being caught in the wreckage. The ambulance, a doctor and a wrecker were called immediately by another motorist who was close behind Mrs Davis, but it took nearly an hour to extricate her from the mangled cab.

Mr Pfeiffer died instantly in the Boardman accident which put the other members of his family in St Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. According to state police who investigated, his car and Hofferber's pickup collided nearly head-on on a straight stretch of highway. A coroner's inquest was held here Tuesday but no recommendation was returned by the jury. Hofferber was cited by state police for failing to drive on the right side of the highway, but he has pleaded not guilty to the charge and a hearing has been set for early in September.

### Other Accidents Numerous

Three other single-car wrecks occurred Friday, Saturday and Sunday in this section of the county, but in none of these were there any serious injuries. Friday morning a car driven by H D McCurdy Jr of Heppner overturned about four miles below Heppner on highway 74 when he left the road in an attempt to miss a vehicle driven by Phil G Emert of Ione which was reportedly crossing the highway. The two cars did not hit but McCurdy's car suffered about \$1,000 damage when it rolled over. The driver suffered only bruises.

Friday evening a car driven by Dale Gardner struck a calf belonging to the Bechtolt ranch on the Rock Creek road about three miles south of Hardman. The calf was killed and the car was damaged to the extent of \$300 but Gardner was not injured.

In the final accident of the weekend, a car driven by Earl L Miller of Lexington went out of control Sunday evening about a mile east of Lexington of highway 74 and skidded into a power pole breaking off the pole and putting sections of Heppner and Lexington out of power for over an hour. According to the accident report, Miller was attempting to light a cigarette when he lost control of the car in shoulder gravel. It skidded a considerable distance before hitting the pole. He was not hurt and though the car sustained considerable damage, it was driven from the scene.

The five weekend accidents brought to nine the number of traffic wrecks to occur in Morrow county within 30 days. All except for Sunday's crash at Boardman were one-car accidents in which a total of two persons have died and 12 others have been more or less seriously injured.

### VISIT FROM MISSOURI

Mr and Mrs Donald Duvall and son Ronald of St Joseph, Mo are visiting with their sister-in-law, Mrs Harry Duvall. They all motored to Portland last weekend to visit relatives and returned by way of Seattle.

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## CONTINUED HOT WEATHER CAUSE OF MANY FIRES OVER COUNTY

A continuation of high temperatures which for the past 10 days have stayed in the high 80's and 90's began to take its toll as numerous grain, range and grass fires spotted the county during the past several days.

The most serious fire of the week started about 1 pm Monday on the Harvey Smith ranch southwest of Ione, probably from a machinery spark, and before it was finally brought under control five hours later had burned an estimated 7000 to 10,000 acres. Burned were between 550 and 600 acres of standing wheat and close to 1000 acres of stubble. The balance was in grass and range land.

Smith lost about 200 acres of wheat and 100 acres of stubble; on the Oren Brace ranch about 530 acres of stubble and all of his range was lost; the McElligott ranch lost approximately 350 acres of wheat and 180 acres of stubble. Another 400 acre field of standing wheat was threaten-

ed but firefighters succeeded in controlling the fire at that point with only minor damage. Others to lose range was the Kincaid ranch where about a quarter-section was burned.

The fire started on the south side of Eightmile canyon and followed up that side for about eight miles before it was stopped. The creek prevented it from going to the north.

One of the biggest crews of firefighters to be assembled in this area in some time fought the fire on a day when the official temperature at Heppner was 92 degrees, and undoubtedly 10 or 15 degrees hotter in the open fields. Over a dozen spray rigs and six tractors were in use as was fire equipment from Arlington, Olex, Condon, Ione and Lexington. Also helping was equipment from the Hynd ranch at Cecil and the Weatherford ranch near Arlington. At the peak of the blaze it is reported that several hundred firefight-

ers were at work. Wind was not generally heavy, though spotty, and on several occasions the flames jumped roads and fire breaks. It burned to within less than one-quarter of a mile of the McElligott buildings.

### Hay Lost To Fire

In other fires during the week, about 50 tons of baled hay went up in smoke at the James Hayes ranch on upper Rhea creek Saturday afternoon. It is thought the fire started when a power line fuse blew out dropping hot material into grass near the haystack. The hay was piled near a barn, but it was saved by the

quick efforts of neighbors. The blown fuse was on a lead to an irrigation pump which put it out of commission and made the fire fighting more difficult.

Tuesday evening a small amount of stubble burned on the W A Ruggles ranch near Lexington but it was controlled before spreading. It is thought that this fire was probably started from an airplane which was seen flying low over the field just before the fire broke out.

Wednesday afternoon a small amount of stubble burned on the Norman Florence ranch on upper Willow creek. This fire reportedly started from a combine.

Sunday morning Heppner firemen answered a general alarm to control a grassfire near Dick's Greenhouse in the northeast part of town. It was quickly controlled before any serious damage resulted.

The Heppner ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest reported that its crews controlled one small lightning-set fire in the mountains over the weekend. It covered less than an acre.

About 3:30 Tuesday afternoon a fire started in the fuel bin at Heppner Pine Mills but it was quickly brought under control before any serious damage resulted. Automatic sprinklers quickly controlled the flames and the mill fire crew completed the job. It caused a shutdown of operations for about four hours.

### Many From Here Attending Cove Camp

The Rev and Mrs Charles Knox will be counselors at the Christian church intermediate camp at Cove next week. John J Stratton and John Brett will be attending the camp from the Heppner church.

The Sunday morning worship services at the Heppner church will be in charge of the elders with Joe Stewart and Earl Soward presiding. The Knoxes and two boys will return home August 2.

Last week six girls from the Heppner church attended camp at Cove. They were Gayle Hoskins, Mary Ann Johnson, Judy Jones, Linda Stewart, Jean and Joan Stockard. This week five boys are attending the camp. They are David and George Van Scholack, Ray Jones, Ronnie Jones and Dan McBride. They will return Saturday.

The Heppner church has built a cabin at the camp grounds. It is 18 by 24 feet, has natural cedar siding and a metal roof and was built by 19 volunteer workers.

### Lunch Supervisor At State Conference

Mrs Homer Hager, Heppner high school homemaking teacher and school lunch supervisor, returned last weekend from Corvallis where she attended a school lunch conference sponsored by the department of institution management of the school of home economics at Oregon State college and the school lunch section of the State Department of Education.

Mrs Hager states that approximately 200 school lunch cooks and supervisors attended. This is the second state conference to be held at the college, the previous one was during the summer of 1955.

### ATTEND RECEPTION

Mr and Mrs Frank S Parker visited last weekend at Hood River with their son Vawter and family and on Saturday evening attended a reception given by the Hood River Eastern Star chapter for Mrs Daisy Thompson, worthy grand matron, and Mrs Ruth Shepherd, grand chaplain. Both are members of the Hood River chapter.

Mr and Mrs Conley Lanham of Hillsboro were visiting in Heppner this week.

## August 1st to Bring Higher Rates for Letters

Effective 6:01 pm Thursday, July 31 all local citizens will have to pungle up at least an extra penny if they want to mail a letter or a post card.

Postal rate increases which go into effect near the end of next week will make a sizeable difference in all mailings, either first class air mail or Postcards. Heppner postmaster James H Driscoll announced this week. The postmaster general has set the last collection hour as the terminating time for rates in effect July 31, and since 6 pm is the last collection from the local drop, mail received after that time must have sufficient postage to cover the rates in effect August 1.

The new schedule or rates will be:

Local delivery letter mail—(this mail intended for a local boxholder, or general delivery patron of this office), 3 cents per ounce.

Out of town mail—(mail for patrons not residents of Heppner, including all patrons serviced by star route from this office), 4 cents per ounce.

Postal, or post cards—new rate 3 cents each.

Airmail letters for delivery in United States, Canada or Mexico new rate 7 cents per ounce.

Airmail postal, or post cards for delivery in the United States, Canada or Mexico—new rate, 5 cents each.

Driscoll explained that there are numerous other changes affecting third class mail, books, films, magazines, papers etc, which will be explained to patrons when they present this type of material for mailing. There are also several changes in rates to most foreign countries, but they are too numerous to enumerate.

## Rites Held For Alta Mae Davis

Funeral services for Alta Mae Davis who died Saturday afternoon when her car overturned south of Heppner were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the Heppner Methodist church. The Rev Lester D Boulden officiated.

Mrs Davis was born July 19, 1918 at Grass Valley, Oregon, the daughter of Mr and Mrs O E Baker. She was married to Jack Davis in 1936 at Grand Coulee, Washington.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Patricia Graves, Heppner, and Beulah Fay Davis, Rhea Creek; three half-sisters, Deloris Wilson, Darlene Padberg and Beverly Steagall, all of Lexington; her parents, Mr and Mrs E O Baker, Lexington; three brothers, Opher Baker, Nebraska; Dale Baker, France; Edward Baker, Ione; and two grandchildren.

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



PRINCESS ANN BELLE COLEMAN

## Ione Princess To Be Honored At Dance

The second member of the 1958 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo royal court will be the guest of honor at next Saturday's princess dance to be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner. She is Miss Ann Belle Coleman who is being sponsored by Willows Grange of Ione.

Princess Ann Belle, who is the daughter of Mrs Ida Coleman of Ione, is 17 years of age and is the tallest member of the court at 5 feet 7 inches. She has brown hair and hazel eyes and graduated in June from Ione high school. During her years at Ione high school she took part in many activities and held several offices including treasurer of Girls' League; class secretary; assistant secretary-treasurer of the student body and assistant editor of the school paper. She was a member of the pep band and dance band, served on the annual staff played volleyball was a member of the track team, drill team and tumbling team and for

two years was selected for the Music in May Festival at Pacific University. She has had five years of 4-H club work with projects in horsemanship, cooking and sewing.

Princess Ann Belle broke her own horse and enjoys helping with cattle drives. She says her favorite hobbies are horseback riding, swimming and music.

Miss Coleman has five brothers and sisters: Jean Crawford, Gwen Healy, Wally Gaarsland, Joann Ripon and Sue Ekstrom and two of them are former fair and rodeo princesses. They were Gwen Healy in 1946 and Sue Ekstrom in 1956.

Her plans for the future include attending Oregon Technical Institute where she will take a general business course.

Providing the music for this second Princess dance will be Rod Esselstyn's orchestra of Pendleton and dancing is scheduled from 10 til 2.



MRS JACK DAVIS of Rhea Creek died in the wreckage of this pickup Saturday when it went off the road leading into Sanford Canyon and pinned her in the wreckage. She had received word of a fire near her home and was on her way to investigate when the accident occurred. (Photo by C A Ruggles)

## Grain Growers Show Profit of \$160,000 For Year's Operation

A recently completed audit of the Morrow County Grain Growers showed that the 1957 crop year was a profitable year for the co-op. The corporation handled a total of 3,480,000 bushels of grain at a net profit of approximately \$160,000.

The company's net profit for the past five years ending May 31, 1958, has been \$765,913, the report showed. Total assets of the company are listed at \$1,558,255.41.

The complete balance sheet report will be published next week by the co-op manager, Al Lamb stated.

## Hereford Meeting Held at Boardman

About 125 people attended the annual Oregon Polled Hereford Association picnic and business meeting Sunday held at the Barnett Hereford Ranch in Boardman. Mr and Mrs Leo Barnett were hosts for the affair, and co-hosts were Mr and Mrs Ronald Haas, who live on the ranch. Barnett is president of the association. Other officers present included Ed Jenks of Tangent, vice-president, and Mrs Harold Buckner of Terrebonne, secretary.

Polled Hereford breeders were present from all sections of Oregon, as well as a number of top Horned Hereford breeders and cattle people from Washington and California.

The Polled Hereford Association was represented by Darrel Hoyt of Lodi, California, west coast representative; and Ralph Cook of Medford, national director of the association.

The American Hereford Association was represented by Darrel Brown of Walla Walla, Wash. Representing cattle publications were: Sherm Guttridge of Baker, Western Livestock Journal; Robert McKeller of Pendleton, Pacific Stockman; Charles Eggleston of Denver, Colorado, Polled Hereford World; and Dan Selnick of Walla Walla, Wash, Northwest Livestock Reporter.

Also present were Si Williams, auctioneer and sales manager of Pendleton, and John Mette of Stockman's Service, also of Pendleton.

The picnic was potluck, with the hosts furnishing both roast beef and barbecued beef, with beans, ice cream, pop and local watermelon.

This is the first time the annual meeting has been held in this vicinity.

## TIPS FOR EXHIBITING FLOWERS IS GIVEN BY IONE GARDEN CLUB

(This is the first of a series of four articles on preparing and exhibiting flowers for the fair or the coming flower show. The articles are prepared by members of the Ione Garden Club).

### By JANE RAWLINS

Greetings to Morrow county flower lovers from the members of the Ione Garden club.

At our last club meeting we were talking flower show—it's that time of year and we're feeling downright pleased with the increase in Morrow County flower growers and exhibitors. The flower show of the county fair is its most rapidly growing section, and last fall our own garden club show saw an increase of around 150 entries over the previous year.

Because of this increase and of numerous questions and requests from exhibitors and the public concerning exhibiting and the

## Peak of County Grain Harvest Now Seen Past

About 85,000 bushels of wheat and barley are coming in to all elevators of the Morrow County Grain Growers each day, manager Al Lamb said Wednesday as the peak of the county's harvest appears to be past. At the peak about 125,000 bushels were being received a day.

The heaviest hauling is now coming in to the Heppner and Ruggs elevators and eight trucks are hauling out of the Ruggs facility to keep ahead of the incoming grain. Nearly all harvesting is completed in the North Lexington area, and volume has dropped greatly at Lexington, Ione and McNab.

Nearly a barge load of grain a day is being shipped out of the Hogue-Warner dock on the Columbia and the dock has just completed loading out the 90,000 bushel ocean barge for the third time. Daily train service by Union Pacific has aided in keeping ahead of the incoming harvest as about 20 cars a day are being loaded out at all MCGG elevators on the rail line.

Lamb said that continued harvesting has verified the company's earlier estimate that the county average would show wheat to be running 30 to 35 bushels and barley from 40 to 45. Yields in North Lexington were heavier than normal, and in most of the rest of the county they are expected to be about the same as last year.

## Rev Patrick Gaire Leaves For Ireland

The Rev Patrick Gaire will leave this evening (Thursday) by plane, from Pendleton, for Listowel, County Kerri, Ireland to see his father, Maurice Gaire.

The Rev Gaire received a cablegram Tuesday evening telling him of the serious illness of his father and passport arrangements were made through Senator Wayne Morse. He expects to return to Heppner in September.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low
Thursday	90	60
Friday	94	65
Saturday	88	58
Sunday	90	54
Monday	92	52
Tuesday	92	57
Wednesday	89	54
Rainfall for the week, none;		
for July .06; for the year 10.57 inches.		

decisions of the judges, some members of our club (by the gracious permission of your editor) will present a series of four articles on the mechanics of exhibiting flowers and the standards for judging them, which we hope will be helpful to prospective exhibitors. Our information is based on standards accepted by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, of which, through the Oregon Federation the Ione Club is a member. Incidentally, the judges at both the fair and garden club shows are accredited by the Federation.

First off, if you grow flowers, by all means cut and exhibit some this fall.

Before going into your garden to cut, read your premium list schedule to be sure of the number of blooms or stems required and cut more than this to take