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## Lightning Sets Another Big Wheat And Grass Fire Sunday

The second raging wheat, stubble and grass fire to hit the Anderson Camp area between Hinton and Little Butter creeks, northeast of Heppner, blackened nearly another 2500 acres late Sunday afternoon. About 400 acres of the loss was in standing wheat.

The fire started about 5 o'clock from a severe lightning storm which passed over the area setting several other small fires as it traveled. The greatest loss was suffered by Jim Valentine where about 400 acres of wheat and roughly 600 acres of grass and stubble burned. Only four days before Valentine lost nearly 100 acres of wheat in the same area from a fire that blackened a considerable amount of his stubble and continued on to destroy about 2000 acres of grass on the Hanna ranch.

Before the Sunday fire was controlled, after nearly five hours of hard work on the part of several hundred neighbors and volunteers, it burned close to 1000 acres of grass on the John Kenny ranch, 200 acres of grass on the Kirk and Robinson ranch and 30 to 50 acres of stubble on the E C Dougherty ranch.

According to reports from several persons who witnessed the storm, lightning struck at several points in the same general area at about the same time. Each one started immediate fires which finally merged into one big blaze. The temperature Sunday was 98 in Heppner, and though the wind was fairly light, the humidity was extremely low causing the flames to travel quickly. In some sections the fast moving electrical storm dropped heavy rain, but practically none fell in the fire area to aid firefighters. A strong wind which kicked up a huge cloud of dust in Heppner followed the storm, but lasted only a few minutes.

Starting in the wheat, the fire sent up a huge cloud of black smoke that could be seen for miles and quickly attracted help from all over this section of the county. Several concerns sent water tanks to the area including the City of Heppner which dispatched its 1000 gallon street flusher tank.

The Sunday fire, though not as great in total area as several others to occur in the county during the past several weeks, took the greatest amount of standing wheat of any to be reported this summer. No equipment was lost, but Valentine lost one truck in

the fire the previous Wednesday. The loss to farmers in banded up and broken equipment, though not estimated, has been considerable as a result of the two blazes.

### Forests Blaze Too

The Sunday electrical storm set several other small fires as it passed over this section of the State. A lightning strike just south of the Morrow County gun club started a small stubble fire, but the heavy rain that fell there

aided in controlling it before it spread. Another big fire was reported on Butter Creek, and near Condon as a result of the lightning.

The forest service at Heppner had at least three fires from the storm. Two started in Gilman Flat in Wheeler county, but were quickly controlled, and another near Swale Creek covered about 50 acres before it was surrounded by forest service and Kinzua Corporation crews.



HEPPNER'S PRINCESS JAN, with Pendleton Round-Up Queen Judy Lazinka, center and other members of the Round-Up royal court have had a busy time this summer visiting Oregon and Washington celebrations to tell them of the coming Round-Up on Sept 10 to 13. Shown in this recent photo of the Round-Up court are, left to right, Princesses Janet Beamer, Heppner; Marcia Bull, Tigard; Queen Judy, Pendleton; Kay Smutz, LaGrande; and Loretta Anderson, Prosser. All will ride in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade here Saturday, August 30.

## County Welfare Costs Climb 13.3% In Past Year

The total expenditures of the Morrow county Public Welfare Commission for the fiscal year 1957-58 increased 13.3 percent over the previous year to a total expenditure of \$91,338.51, the commission's recently completed fiscal statement shows.

Total assistance payments, exclusive of administration, amounted to \$81,557.51 of which \$33,440.67 was met from federal matching money; \$33,540.80 by state funds and \$14,576.04 by the county.

As in other years, old age assistance continued to require the largest portion of the funds. Expenditures for this program, including medical, totaled \$61,008.89, an increase over last year of nearly \$3,000. Foster care required \$1,463.89 compared to none the previous year. Aid to dependent children was \$7,337, an increase of \$4,211; aid to the permanently and totally disabled was \$9,971.45, an increase of \$2,351.90 over the preceding year. General assistance expenditures amounted to \$1,776.28, an increase of \$238. Administrative costs decreased \$102.96 to \$9,781. The continued high level of administrative expense was attributed to higher salaries paid to all employees since July 1, 1957.

Included in the above figures are total expenditures for year program, including money payments as well as medical costs. Total medical expenditures amounted to \$25,486.98, or 31.2 percent of the total assistance granted. This was a decrease of \$4,649.95 from last year.

There has been an increase in the number of cases receiving assistance to an average of 70 cases per month from the average of 64 cases of fiscal 1956-57. The average yearly cost per case, exclusive of administrative expenses, increased \$53.67 to a total of \$1158.70. One significant increase in expenses by category is in aid to the permanently and totally disabled and aid to the permanently and totally disabled medical, where the cost per case per year rose \$328.00. The other significant change is in foster care where for the preceding three years, there have been no expenditures. These figures represent public assistance necessary to supplement the recipient's own resources to a minimum standard of living, and in many cases is not the only income of the individual.

The average monthly caseload of 70 included 54 old age assistance cases; 6.1 aid to dependent children cases; 6.58 aid to the permanently and totally disabled cases; 1.58 general assistance cases; and 1.75 foster care cases. The average number of persons receiving medical care each month was 25. A total of 50 cases, including child welfare, selective service, interstate and inter-county inquiries received services but no financial assistance. A total of 960 interviews were conducted with and in behalf of all cases during the year.

In analyzing this information it would appear that the increase in average caseload of approximately 6 cases would account for more than \$8000 of the total increase of \$10,777.67. The balance of increase in expenditures can be attributed to the increased cost of medical care in the aid to the permanently and totally disabled program. There has been very little change in caseload in this program during the past year, and these same individuals continue to require increasingly expensive treatment. The increase in caseload is concentrated in the aid to dependent children and foster care programs. This is a trend which has been noted in other counties and is also affecting Morrow county.

### Lexington Woman Wins Art Award

Mrs Fannie McMillan of Lexington received word this week that an oil painting which she had painted and had given to a relative in the Willamette Valley had won second prize in the Oregon State Fair art show held last week.

She did not know the painting had been entered in the show until she received word of her award.

## Big Prize Money Awaits Winners Of Parade Divisions

The merchants committee of the chamber of commerce this week announced the prize list for the fair and rodeo parade on Saturday, August 30 and urged all interested groups, business and individuals to make plans for floats or other parade entries.

Well over \$500 in prize money has been provided by the committee. Phil Blakney, chairman stated today. The prize money is put up by merchants and individuals in this area.

Heading the list is the \$50 award for the grand sweepstakes float winner which will be taken from the first place winners in the three in-county float divisions: juvenile organization, adult organization, and business. Again this year there will be a division for out-of-county floats which will carry a prize of \$25 but the winner of this division will not be eligible for the grand sweepstakes award.

As has been customary for many years, each grade school child who takes part in the parade will receive a silver dollar. The various divisions and the prizes are listed below with the amounts for first, second and third places listed in that order.

Floats—juvenile organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; adult organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; business \$25, \$15, \$5. Sweepstakes \$50. Best riding club \$50, \$25; best family group \$7.50; best mounted cowboy and cowgirl, \$7.50 each; oldest cowboy and cowgirl, \$5 each; youngest cowboy and cowgirl, \$3.50 each.

In the juvenile division—child's float, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best pet, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best juvenile cowboy and cowgirl each, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50.

The best bands entered in the parade will receive \$15 first place and \$10 second place.

### Little League Meet Called For Monday

A meeting of parents, officers and persons interested in Little League baseball has been set for next Monday, Aug 18 at 7:30 at the high school cafeteria.

The purpose is to complete the program for this year, start work on next year's league and elect officers for the coming year.

## Sequel—The Tail of the Cat—It Is No More!

Two weeks ago this paper carried a story about a Siamese cat which was the pet of the Al Bunch family, getting entangled with a power transformer and suffering severe burns that nearly claimed all of its nine lives.

Now comes a subsequent medical report:

The cat has been released from the hospital and is under the care of its family.

It is beginning to eat better and its color is returning.

The animal's tail (which took the brunt of the 7200 volt shock) is no longer attached—it had to be amputated.

It is still sporting a badly singed fanny.

But, it is still alive and will probably recover completely. (except for its tail)

### Accident Causes Minor Hurts to Two

Two teen-agers suffered minor injuries Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding left the Black Horse road a short distance north of Lexington and overturned.

Injured were Bob Bryant of Heppner owner of the car who received a cracked knee and bruises, and Jeanette Allison of Portland who sustained bruises.

Investigating state police reported the car traveled over 500 feet after leaving the road before it overturned.

## Five Students to Attend High School Press Institute

Four Ione high school students and one from Heppner will be on the University of Oregon campus Aug 18 through 22 to attend the second annual Western High School Press Institute.

Attending from Ione high will be Robert Akers, Linda Heim-bigner, Leann Padberg and Brenda Townsend. Renn Harris will attend from Heppner. All are members of the school paper or yearbook staffs.

The institute planned to give the high school publications staff members concentrated and comprehensive instruction in all major phases of scholastic publications work; is drawing around 200 students from high schools of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada.

Featured as guest speaker at the institute's annual banquet will be Oregon's Senator Richard Neuberger.

## AFTER 7 YEARS—A SLIGHT ADVANCE

The cost of your Heppner Gazette-Times holds a unique place in the economy of your living—it is one of the extremely few products you can buy which has not experienced a price increase for almost seven years.

Greatly increased costs over that period make it necessary that subscription prices be raised effective September 1. Accordingly, the rate for residents of Morrow and Grant counties will be \$4.00 per year, and all other subscriptions going to residents outside those two counties will be \$4.50 per

year. Until September 1 any subscriber may renew his subscription for one year, regardless of when it expires, at the present rate, however after that date the new rates will be in effect.

During the past seven years the Gazette-Times has had to absorb sizeable increases in the cost of newsprint and all materials and supplies, labor costs have risen and several postal increases have added to the cost of publishing the paper. To maintain the quality of the Gazette-Times we have no choice but to announce this subscription increase.

# Special Program Slated For Saturday Dress-Up Parade

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock sharp will mark the opening of a two-week period of Dress-Up activities in Heppner which will culminate with the annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo August 26 to 31.

The Saturday night affair promises to be one of the best Dress-Up parades and programs to be held here in many years. Phil Blakney, chairman of the chamber of commerce merchants committee which has charge of the program, said today.

The big event of the evening will, of course be the coronation of fair and rodeo queen Pat Steagall and the official presentation of the members of her royal court princesses Ann Belle Coleman of Ione; Karen Valentine, Rhea Creek; and Joann Brosnan of Lena. These festivities will be held immediately following the dress-up parade, in which the court will ride, on a platform in front of the Heppner Hotel.

The evening's program is scheduled to start with a tug-of-war between Heppner businessmen at 7 o'clock at the corner of Main and Willow streets. The two teams will be composed of about 10 men each from the east and west sides of Main street and will be captained by Keith Imus and Dan Wagner. Just to keep the boys honest, the fire department will use a stream of water from a fire hose for the center line of the rope battle, so there is a slight possibility that the losers might get wet.

Water will also play another part in the evening's festivities, for the merchant's committee has announced that a dunk tank will be in operation starting that night, and unless local inhabitants are properly adorned in western attire and the official "Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Western Ties" (which, incidentally are being sold by the chamber and will be available to anyone that night for \$1) they may find themselves taking an unwanted swim in the tank.

Members of the committee said this week that they are hoping to revive the old requirement that from the night of the Dress-Up parade, until the fair and rodeo are over, local residents must appear in public in western wear, either a cowboy shirt, jeans, western hat or one of the special ties. A special vigilance committee has stated that it will be checking on downtown businessmen particularly, to see the dress-up rule is obeyed.

### School Opening Delayed One Week

The Dress-Up parade itself is under the direction of the Wranglers riding club and officers today asked all members to gather Saturday evening by 6:45 by

Classes will take up in all county schools one week later than usual, on September 8, it was announced this week by Jack C Flug, county school superintendent. The difficulty in trying to prepare for the starting of school and work with the fair and rodeo prompted the one-week delay, it was stated.

The 1958-59 schedule in Morrow county covers an actual 177 days in the classroom, three holidays and one institute day for a total of 181 days.

Following is the school calendar for the full year: school begins Monday, Sept 8; October 6, teachers institute; Nov 11, Veterans day holiday; Nov 27, Thanksgiving holiday; Nov 28, holiday; Dec 19, last day of school before Christmas holiday; Dec 29, school begins; Jan 1 and 2, New Years day holiday; March 19-20, spring vacation; May 29, school ends.

### Heppner Youth Charged With Arson

Clarence Lippert, 19, Heppner was taken to Pendleton Tuesday by state police where he was charged with third degree arson. It is alleged that he was responsible for a fire July 27 that caused \$11,000 damage to ranch property near Helix.

Lippert was arraigned Tuesday and released by district judge Paul Thalhofer and then released on his own recognizance until after the funeral of the boy's father who died here Tuesday night.

Oregon state police who investigated said the blaze was thought to have started by someone using a cigarette lighter while attempting to steal gasoline the night of July 27.

Mr and Mrs Bud Peck and family were picking huckleberries at Mt Adams over the weekend.

the city park on north Main street. The parade will start at the conclusion of the tug-of-war.

Following the parade up Main street, Queen Pat and her court will be presented at the platform and she will be crowned with her official white Stetson by Heppner mayor William C Collins.

The final event of the evening

will be the Queen's dance which will start at 10 o'clock at the fair pavilion. Queen Pat and her court will again be presented there.

The annual Dress-Up parade usually draws a good crowd and with the added festivities this year, the sponsoring organizations are expecting an even greater number of people.



QUEEN PATRICIA STEAGALL

## Queen Patricia Due For Honors At Dance

Miss Patricia Steagall, queen of the 1958 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be honored at her own Queen's dance Saturday night at the fair pavilion following her coronation during the Dress-Up parade in downtown Heppner earlier in the evening.

Queen Pat, 19, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilbur Steagall of Lexington, graduated in June from Lexington high school. She has dark hair and brown eyes, stands a slight five-feet two inches tall weighs just 100 pounds. She was active in nearly all school sports and won several times in the Junior Olympics. Riding almost comes natural for the 1958 queen for she has been on horses since she was six years old and has distinguished herself on numerous occasions by her performances at Wranglers events. Her favorite hobby is horseback riding, followed closely by all sports and just plain "working."

Other activities in which she has taken part include 4-H club work, serving as secretary of the Lexington high school student body and as class secretary.

Being a queen or a member of a royal court is nothing new to the Steagall family which includes four girls and three boys. An older sister Deanna was a member of the Fair and Rodeo court in 1954 and last year another sister Barbara was a princess.

Queen Pat will appear in Saturday night's Dress-Up parade, and in subsequent rodeo performances on her own registered thoroughbred, Justice K Kratzer. Johnny K's orchestra from Pasco will provide the music for the Queen's dance which will start at 10 o'clock. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

Leo L Lippert Dies From Monday Attack; Services Today

Leo L Lippert, 50 died suddenly Monday evening in downtown Heppner from a heart attack. He was talking to two friends on the street near the Case apartments when stricken and though a physician was summoned immediately he was pronounced dead within minutes.

Mr Lippert was born August 7, 1908 in Lyons, Colorado. He had lived in this section of Oregon for a good many years, though he had moved to Heppner from Stanfield just 14 days before his death.

Services were held today (Thursday) at 2 o'clock at the Heppner Methodist church with the Rev Lester Boulden officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Ellen; one son Clarence, Heppner; three daughters, Mrs Marie Fore, and Mrs Clara Zimmer, both of Heppner; and Helen Welch, Washington. He also leaves two brothers, Eugene and Arthur, both of Ritter, Oregon, and three grandchildren.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### HEPPNERITE GETS DEGREE

Kathryn Parker Hoskins of Heppner will receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Eastern Oregon College Friday, August 15, according to Dr Lyle H Johnson, registrar.

She is among the 75 students scheduled to receive degrees at the summer commencement.

### WEATHER

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Thursday	94	57	—
Friday	88	56	—
Saturday	88	55	—
Sunday	91	59	—
Monday	98	63	.01
Tuesday	91	53	—
Wednesday	88	52	—

Rainfall for the week .01; for August .01, for the year 10.58 inches.