

NEW YEAR STARTS COLD-

Winter Grip Dips Mercury to -5

Winter welcomed the new year with a real wallop when the first really cold spell of the winter descended on the northwest night of January 1. The cold grip was not relaxed until Tuesday morning in Heppner, and at least late Wednesday in Lexington, Ione and communities closer to the Columbia.

The coldest night to be recorded here in nearly two years came early Saturday when the official government thermometer at the Heppner weather station dropped to 5 below zero. Sunday morning it got down to -4 and on Monday the maximum was only 12 degrees. Several nearby thermometers recorded -11 and -12 Saturday morning. It was not uncommon to find a 10 degree variance within a few miles.

About an inch of snow accompanied the first drop in temperature Thursday night and Friday morning and another inch fell in Heppner Sunday night. Ione reported as much as four inches total during the past week and even more fell in places along

Accident Kills Rev George Little

Word was received Wednesday in Heppner of the death of the Rev George R S Little, former rector of All Saints' Episcopal church. He was killed Tuesday in an automobile accident near Trona, California. No additional details were immediately available.

Rev Little had only recently taken over as rector of the Episcopal parish at Trona, which is near San Diego.

He is survived by his wife Ann; a son George, who is with the armed forces at San Diego; and a daughter Grace.

A special service is scheduled for 10 a m Friday at All Saints' church here.

It has been asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be made for a memorial at All Saints' church.

Further word was received Wednesday night that Rev Little's death was caused by a heart attack according to a physician's report. He apparently was unable to bring his car to a complete stop after being stricken.

Cassius C Mallory, Native of Heppner, Dies in Florida

Cassius Chester Mallory, 68, former president of Grace Steamship Lines, died last week at Lake Wales, Fla.

Mr Mallory was born in Heppner and was the grandson of A Mallory, the first county judge of Morrow county. His father was William L Mallory, a pioneer stockgrower and operator of a sawmill south of Hardman. Later the family moved to Ione and Mr Mallory graduated from Ione high school in 1907.

Mr Mallory and his brother visited Heppner last summer for the first time in many years.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	62	47	—
Thursday	64	34	—
Friday	39	13	.09
Saturday	16	-5	—
Sunday	13	-4	.08
Monday	12	2	—
Tuesday	20	10	—
Wednesday	48	20	Tr

Precipitation for the week .17 inches, all in snow; for December, 1.63; for 1958, 15.27 inches; for January 1959 .17 inches.

The snow which quickly packed on streets and highways made driving hazardous in all directions and caused one serious car accident and several other minor ones. Mrs Frank Anderson, Ruggs, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital Monday suffering from a collar bone and other injuries when her car and a state highway snow plow collided a short distance west of Ruggs. Damage to her new 1959 station wagon was considerable. The snow plow was driven by Harry Moses, Heppner.

Several other minor accidents were reported during the week, but there were no injuries.

The first break in the cold snap was reported from the Hardman area late Monday when warm south winds brought temperatures up sharply. The Chinook didn't reach Heppner until Tuesday morning, and Wednesday afternoon the area from Ione west was still in the grip of sub-freezing temperatures. Strong, warm south winds buffeted Heppner from mid-morning Wednesday rapidly clearing the remaining snow, but these had not effected the Ione area even by Wednesday afternoon.

The sub-zero cold was the cause of at least three major rural fires over the weekend, but the layer of snow was sufficient to give ample protection to fall seeded wheat.

Ione Girl Wins Baby "Jackpot"

Morrow county's first 1959 baby was a nice big girl, Robin Martina Hausler, 9 pounds and 7 ounces, who arrived at 2:20 p m on January 2 to claim "First Baby" honors for herself and her parents, Mr and Mrs Joe Hausler of Ione.

Robin will get plenty of attention at home for she has three sisters and a brother to take care of her. They are Carol Leilani, 4½; Betty, 8; Cathy, 9; and Joe Jr, 11.

By timing her arrival as she did, Robin won for herself and her folks a host of prizes and gifts offered by Heppner stores and business. Her Dad is principal of the Ione grade school and teaches high school mathematics. They have lived in Ione for five years.

Two other young ladies tried awful hard to get in on the "loot" but they just couldn't wait quite long enough. They are Kim Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Del Jordan of Heppner who was born at 11 a m December 31; and Carol Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs DeWayne Higbee of Spray. She arrived about four hours too soon, coming into the world at 7:52 p m December 31.

Local Dogs Reported As Sheep Killers

Sheriff C J D Bauman said this week that he has received reports that several dogs have been chasing stock near Heppner and that some sheep were killed by dogs over a week ago.

In making the announcement he reminded dog owners that under the law farmers can kill dogs caught killing stock. The invading dogs are thought to be from Heppner and the Sheriff urged dog owners in town to keep a closer eye on their canines or run the risk of having them shot.

Mrs D A Wilson of Corvallis is here to spend the holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Willard Blake.

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Fires Take Three Rural Homes

Five County Men Are Appointed To Port Commission

Governor Robert D Holmes Wednesday morning advised county judge Oscar Peterson that he was appointing five Morrow county men as commissioners of the Morrow county port district. Formation of the port district was approved by voters at the November general election.

The five named to direct the operations of the district are, Dewey West, Jr and George Weiss, both of Boardman; Warren McCoy of Irrigon; Al Lamb, Heppner; and Garland Swanson of Ione. They will serve a term to be determined by lot at their first meeting which must be held five days from the date of their appointment which was made effective January 7, according to the word from the governor.

The commission will have the power and duty to aid in the industrial and other development of the county. Transportation by water is expected to be one phase of development that the commission will study after it gets organized.

1958 Fire Loss Takes Big Jump

Loss by fire in Heppner during 1958 took a big jump over the previous year and only about one-third of the total was covered by insurance, a tally of fire department records revealed.

The 1958 loss was \$12,207.15, which was nearly 10 times the unusually low 1957 loss of only \$1,244.59. Of the total damage \$5,478.85 was to buildings and \$6,728.30 was to contents. The value of buildings and contents at risk in the year's blazes amounted to \$153,425.

The most damaging fire to occur during the year occurred in December when the Paul Doherty living quarters in the Heppner Laundry building was burned. Loss here was estimated at \$8,000. The loss figures compiled by the department did not include any estimate of loss from the several grass fires during the summer.

The Heppner department answered a total of 25 alarms during the year, five more than in 1957. Two of these were mutual aid calls, one of which was a false alarm which resulted in an arrest and conviction. One other false alarm was answered.

During the year the department completed installation of its new air horn alarm system, added two powerful portable lights to its equipment and a small amount of fire hose. There are 15 volunteers on the department who operate two pieces of regular fire equipment.

Last year's fire loss nearly reached the loss in 1956 of \$14,062 which was the highest in several years.

Adult Mathematics Class Starts Monday

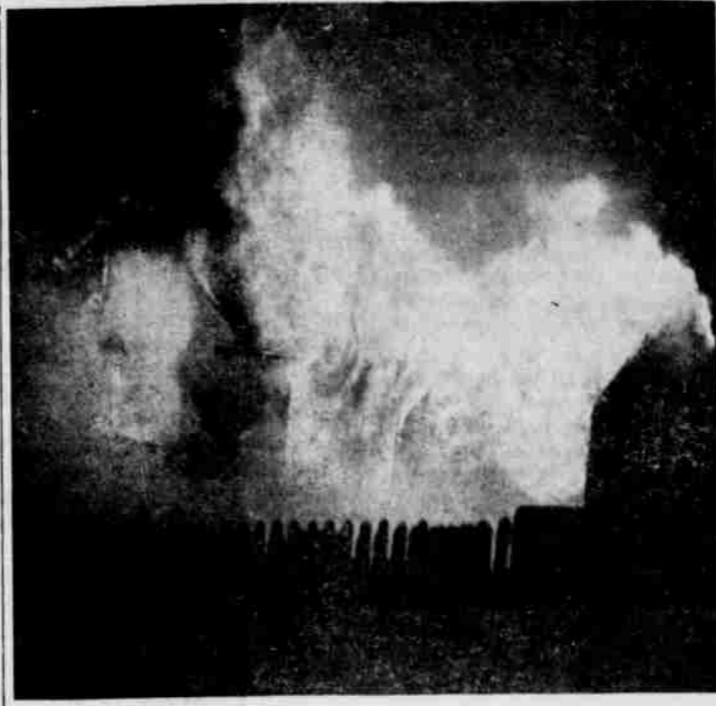
A general mathematics class sponsored by the Heppner P-TA will start Monday, Jan 12 at 7:30 p m at the high school with M C Huggett as instructor.

Twenty-four adult students have already signed up for the course, and anyone who is interested can call Mrs Vic Kreimeyer, 6-5322 for information.

Christian Church Sets Doctrine Class

The First Christian church is conducting a pastor's class on Christian doctrine beginning Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, and will continue each Sunday until Easter. The class will be taught by the Rev Charles Knox, minister, and is for anyone interested in the subject.

Also on February 22 to March 6 the Rev Harry Baird, pastor of the Central Christian church of Walla Walla, will be the guest minister for a preaching mission.



ROARING FLAMES were completely destroying this rural home of Guy Hastings last Saturday afternoon when this photo was taken by Heppner fire chief C A Ruggles. The fire was discovered in time to allow removal of most furnishings, but nothing could be done to save the house.



NOTHING WAS LEFT of this Rhea Creek home of Jack Davis following an early morning fire Tuesday. Davis was asleep in a nearby trailer when the blaze broke out and was unable to save any belongings from the building. Cause of the fire is unknown. (Photo by C A Ruggles)

Arrangements Near Completion for Livestock Meeting

Arrangements are nearing completion this week for the annual Morrow County Livestock Growers meeting to be held in Heppner Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17.

A full two day program is scheduled that will be of interest to all cattlemen, and a popular event, tried last year for the first time, a "bull day" will again be held on Friday. Local cattlemen are urged to bring their animals to the fair grounds for trading. An auction is set for that afternoon to handle animals that aren't traded.

Well known speakers are being programmed and the annual banquet will be held at the fair pavilion Saturday evening.

Rev Rydgren to Head County Heart Drive

Rev John Rydgren, pastor of Hope Lutheran church of Heppner and Valby Lutheran of Ione has accepted appointment as Morrow county chairman for the 1959 Heart Fund campaign of the Oregon Heart Association, according to Eddie Mays, Portland restaurant owner and state chairman.

The campaign begins with the opening of Heart Month, February 1, and continues through February 28 when the nationwide drive is climaxed as thousands of volunteers stage a door-to-door Heart Sunday campaign.

Rev Rydgren and other county chairmen from throughout the state will attend a pre-campaign meeting January 17 at the University of Oregon medical school, where they will learn first-hand how Heart Fund money is spent for research and education.

"We are gratified that Rev Rydgren has agreed to direct the Heart Fund campaign in Morrow county," Mays said, "and are confident the people of Morrow county will give the campaign their full support."

March of Dimes Support Needed

Effective aid to children crippled by polio, arthritis and birth defects will require major support from the 1959 March of Dimes, Gene Pierce, Morrow county campaign director, said today.

"Patient aid has always been the largest single program of the National Foundation, which sponsors the March of Dimes," the director said. "Over the years 325,000 polio patients have benefited by it. Now that program will be extended to cover patients through age 18 suffering from arthritis and certain birth defects, or congenital malformations. And funds are still needed for at least 50,000 polio patients on our chapter rolls."

The Morrow chapter of the National Foundation in 1958 paid out \$500.00 for hospital, medical and other expenses incurred by two polio patients in Morrow county.

Nationally, March of Dimes funds provided \$18,900,000 in patient aid for about 50,000 patients in 1958.

Under the new program, March of Dimes assistance will be offered to arthritis sufferers through age 18, the director explained, adding: "At least 11,000,000 people in the USA suffer with some form of rheumatic disease. Of 16,000 children likely to seek treatment in a year, some 5,000 to 6,000 may need treatment as extensive as that required for paralytic polio."

Patient aid also will be extended to victims of birth defects (congenital malformations) involving the central nervous system, through age 18. An estimated 8,000 such patients seek medical care each year.

Miss Esther Kirmis, Morrow county home demonstration agent, returned to Heppner Sunday from Lisbon, North Dakota where she had been recuperating from an accident and spending the holidays with relatives.

Mill Offers Fire Truck Temporarily For Rural Use

Heppner Pine Mills Monday offered the Heppner fire department the temporary use of its own fire truck for fighting rural fires near town if the city would provide a place to store it where it could be kept from freezing and in operating condition.

The city immediately accepted the offer and is currently trying to find some suitable place to house it. The city fire hall has no additional room and the remainder of the city hall is unheated. The truck must be kept above freezing to keep water in its tank and pumps from freezing and making the equipment useless.

The mill made the offer following last weekend's three rural fires which destroyed or damaged homes. The Heppner city equipment is not allowed to answer calls outside the city limits because of regulations.

In making the offer, the mill management said it would be purely on a temporary basis as it would need the equipment again within a few months, but that they understood that efforts are now being made to form a rural fire district around Heppner. The truck could serve some value in the meantime while such a district was being organized.

The mill has no heated storage for the truck so consequently everything but its big pump is inoperable during the winter. It is capable of carrying sufficient water to be of some help in case of rural fires.

The Heppner department will man the equipment if a place can be found to keep it, which it has not yet been able to do.

County and City Officials Start Terms in Office

Several county and city officials were sworn in this week, either as new officers or at the start of new terms.

A new county commissioner, Gene Ferguson of Heppner, was sworn in Tuesday to start his term of office. He replaces Ralph I Thompson who had served for three terms. County judge Oscar Peterson also started a full term of office.

Four Heppner city officials, mayor W C Collins and councilmen Phil Blakney, Lowell Gribble, and Allen Case also started new terms in office. They were sworn in Monday night.

Pendleton Man New Tum-A-Lum Manager

Tim Moore took over duties January 1 as new manager of the Heppner retail yard of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company. He replaces Jack Loyd who resigned from the company after serving as manager here for nearly 10 years.

Moore, a native of Pendleton, came here from that city, but he previously had been manager of Tum-A-Lum's Portland yard. Prior to that time he had his own construction company in Pendleton. Mr and Mrs Moore and their four children moved here about Christmas time.

Crists Take Over Heppner Restaurant

Mr and Mrs Win Crist have announced the purchase of Kay's Fountain, Main and Center streets, from Mrs Kay Sayers who has operated it for several years.

The Crists have been in Heppner for four years, and plan to run the restaurant as a family operation.

Mrs Sayers plans to move to Portland.

Hospital Auxiliary To Elect Officers

The Pioneer Memorial hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday, Jan 12 at 8 p m at the court house. It was announced today. Election of officers will be held in addition, the program will be planned for the coming year and a summary of the first year's work will be given.

Two Completely Destroyed, Third Suffers Damage

Two rural homes were completely destroyed by fire and another suffered considerable damage over the weekend, in a series of disastrous blazes that were charged to the sub-zero cold which held this entire area in its grip for several days.

The two homes completely destroyed were owned by Guy Hastings, just south of Heppner on the Condon highway, and by Jack Davis, Upper Rhea creek. The third house, which was only damaged, belonged to Marcel Jones, south of Heppner.

The first of the fires leveled the Hastings home about one-half mile south of Heppner at about 4:30 Saturday afternoon. The cause was thought to be defective wiring. The fire was discovered in its early stages and a call was placed to the Heppner fire department which could not respond with equipment because the house was located outside of the city limits. Fire chief C A Ruggles and several firemen and neighbors aided in getting most personal belongings out of the house before it went up in flames. Hastings estimated that nearly 75 percent of his household and personal effects were saved. No definite figure was placed on the loss, but it was estimated at an excess of \$4,000. There was some insurance on the building.

The temperature was about 10 above zero when the fire broke out, and the lack of wind probably saved adjoining houses and buildings. The heavy smoke drifted into town and brought dozens of calls to the Heppner fire department.

Sunday Morning Blaze

Shortly before 10 a m Sunday a smoldering fire was discovered at the Marcel Jones home, about one-half mile south of the Hastings house which had been destroyed the night before. It started from a defective fireplace and burned through paneling and studding before being discovered. A considerable amount of one living room wall had to be torn away before it could be extinguished. Heppner firemen again aided personally, but as in the previous blaze could not offer equipment.

Damage was estimated roughly at about \$1,000.

The second home to be completely destroyed with all contents was the Jack Davis home on Rhea creek. Davis, who was living in a trailer house near his home, was awakened at 1 a m Tuesday by the flames. No cause was determined and he was unable to save any furniture or personal belongings. Loss was placed above \$8,000, and there was some insurance on both house and contents.

The Heppner fire department answered two calls within the city during the same period, neither of which did any great damage. A silent call was answered at 2:30 Sunday morning when a resident thought smoke was coming from a home near the high school. This proved to be erroneous. Later Sunday morning a flooded oil furnace at the Lester Wyman home on Green street called firemen. It was quickly controlled with only minor damage.

Considerable complaint was received by fire department members following the two nearby rural fires, because equipment was not sent to aid. Several years ago the city council publicly announced that city equipment could not answer alarms outside the city limits except under mutual aid agreements. The council again reiterated this stand at its Monday night meeting, explaining that it had no other choice under the law. A more complete explanation of this reasoning and regulation can be found in an editorial on page 2 of today's paper.

New Year's guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Archie Padberg were her two sons and their families, Mr and Mrs Edwin Tucker, Salem and Mr and Mrs Eldon Tucker, Ione; and Mr and Mrs Bill Nichols, Lexington.



A MASS REMOVAL of tonsils was performed recently at Pioneer Memorial hospital on these six members of the same family. The six are children of Mr and Mrs Archie Esteb of Ione and, they are, from left, Ronald 17, Theresa 15, Bradley 11, Ken 10, Judy 7 and Linda 4. One other youngster, Barbara, 2 years old, was a little too young to get into the act, and had to stay at home.