

# Saturday Dance for Ione's Princess Sharon



PRINCESS SHARON CRABTREE

The first of a series of Princess dances leading up to the final Queen's dance and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be held Saturday night, July 16, at the fair pavilion in Heppner. It will be given by Ione Grange for their princess Sharon Crabtree.

Princess Sharon is a 5' 5 1/2" brunette with hazel eyes and brown hair. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Leo Crabtree of Ione and will be a senior at Ione

## Board Replacement Still Unnamed

The Morrow county school board remained one member short when an apparent difference of opinion among residents of the Boardman area offered two recommendations for appointment of a member to replace Henry Gantenbein, who resigned.

The board had intended to appoint a replacement for Gantenbein at its meeting Monday night and had asked the Boardman advisory committee to make a recommendation. The committee recommended the appointment of Harold Baker, but another group from there presented a petition signed by 55 residents asking that Bob Sicard be named.

As a result, the board declined to name either person at that time and urged the advisory committee to poll the community to try to determine who was the choice of the majority.

Four board members who were elected to new terms starting July 1 were sworn in. They were Mrs Elaine George, D O Nelson, Harvey Warner and Fredrick Martin. L E Dick of Heppner was chosen chairman and D O Nelson of Lexington is new vice-chairman.

The board's attorney Robert Abrams reported that the appealed case contesting the constitutionality of the school reorganization law which had been filed against the board would probably be heard at the October term of the Supreme Court to be held at Pendleton.

In other business, the board accepted two resignations from the teaching staff, James L Monroe, Ione high school teacher, and Diana Wright, who had been hired to teach the 3rd grade at Ione. Barbara Klotz was rehired to teach the Ione grade school.

# Death Claims Well Known Ione Citizen, Mrs Echo Palmateer

Mrs Echo Palmateer, a resident of the Ione and Morgan communities for over 40 years, passed away Monday at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. She had undergone surgery there last week.

Mrs Echo Dora Palmateer was born July 31, 1891 in Highland, Oregon, the daughter of John and Laura Gibbons. She was married to Albert F Palmateer, Oct 17, 1917 and they lived on a ranch near Morgan until her husband's death in 1943 when she moved to Ione.

Since that time, in particular, Mrs Palmateer had taken part in many civic and community activities. She was a member of the Christian church, the American Legion Auxilliary No 95, the Willows Grange and Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge. She had served as city librarian in Ione for a number of years and the treasurer of the city of Ione. She also had been news correspondent for the Heppner Gazette-Times and the East Oregonian for many years.

Funeral services were held this morning (Thursday) at 10 a m at the Ione Community church with the Rev Rod MacKenzie officiating. Graveside rites will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Oddfellows cemetery in Estacada, Oregon.

She is survived by one son, Ted of Ione; two daughters, Laurel Cannon of Ione; and Doris Stract of Elk Grove, California; sister, Mrs Hazel Beers of Eagle Creek, Oregon.

## Harvest Spreading Across County

Harvesting is beginning to spread to all but the higher elevations in the county this week with North Lexington and Lexington elevators still getting the bulk of the grain, Morrow County Grain Growers manager, Al Lamb reported today.

About 40,000 bushels a day are being received at the North Lexington facility and 25,000 a day at the Lexington elevators. Both Ione elevators are operating and are receiving about 5,000 bushels daily. McNab is also getting around 3,000 bushels.

Phil Emert of Ione held the honors for this area by being the first to bring a load of wheat into the Morgan elevator. Lamb reported that previous crop estimates of 25 bushels for wheat and 35 for barley are still holding true though little of the heaviest wheat producing land in the county has yet started to harvest. He said barley quality was running a little light.

Operations at the Heppner and Ruggs elevators are due to start at least by the first of next week as several ranchers in those areas plan to start cutting Monday or Tuesday.

## Cow Belles Present Special Gift

A beef roast, donated by Mr and Mrs Herb Hynd of Cecil, to the Morrow County Cow Belles, for presentation to the parents of the first baby born on or after Father's Day, was given last week to Mr and Mrs Jerry Daugherty, whose daughter Cynthia Marie won the gift for her parents.

The gift was presented by Mrs George Rugg, president of the Morrow County Cow Belles.

## PARENTS OF GIRL

Mr and Mrs Carl Thorpe are the parents of a baby girl, born July 12 at St Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. She weighed 6 lbs, 14 ounces and has been named Carla Jean.

Mrs Letha Archer spent the weekend of the 4th of July in Portland with her son and family. Austin Smith, who has been very ill in a Portland hospital.

# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Hot Weather Causes Several Fires in County

Another week of hot weather which saw maximum temperatures at the Heppner weather station vary only from 87 to 98 has caused several fires in the county during the past seven days.

The most serious occurred last Thursday afternoon at the Frieda Slocum ranch on Rhea Creek where flames destroyed about 2000 bales of hay, a garage and storage shed and came close to burning the house. Sparks at one time early in the fire caught the roof of the two story house, but quick action on the part of neighbors saved the building. A Heppner rural truck and the Morrow County Grain Growers fire truck responded to the call and aided neighbors in controlling the fire which burned high in several poplar trees around the buildings.

Harold Peck, who farms the land, said the fire started near the hay stacks and buildings from an irrigation pump. It burned only a small amount of grass but was concentrated in the midst of the stacked hay and buildings.

Another fire Friday blackened 80 to 90 acres of range land on the George Griffith ranch at Morgan. It started along the highway.

A third fire burned over several hundred acres of grass and sagebrush Tuesday west of Boardman. That fire also apparently started along Highway 30.

The forest service reported no new fires during the past week in the Heppner district, but cautioned all persons traveling in the woods to exercise every caution as the mountains are extremely dry.

High temperatures have been the order of the day, in fact all days for nearly two weeks, in nearly all sections of Eastern Oregon. Boardman reported highs of 104 on two days last week, and Heppner had official highs of 97 and 98 on three of the last seven days.

## Oregon Pioneer, Daniel W Brock Dies Here Thursday

Daniel W Brock, a long time resident of Heppner, passed away July 7 at Pioneer Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for several years.

Mr Brock was born Nov 4, 1877 at Weston, Oregon. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs Ida Esteb of Ione and Mrs Ruby Dickson of Hood River.

Services were held Tuesday, July 12, at the Creswick Mortuary with the Rev Charles Knox, pastor of the Heppner Christian church officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

## Degree of Honor Schedules Picnic

The Degree of Honor lodge met Tuesday at the lodge hall and plans were completed for the annual picnic to be held Sunday, July 17 at the John Bergstrom ranch.

Anyone needing transportation is asked to call Mrs E E Gonty or Mrs Earl Soward.

The next meeting will be August 9.

Mr and Mrs Ted Smith were in Redmond last week to attend a funeral.

# Condon Man is Killed in Sunday Morning Accident



ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE—Officers are investigating the body of Norman R Lofton, partially hidden in the foreground, where it was found nearly six hours after the car in which he had been a passenger left the road near Ruggs and overturned. The driver, Sidney Parman, of Condon, was taken on to his home in a dazed condition by a passing motorist. They had thought Lofton had caught a ride back to Heppner when they couldn't find him. (Photo by C J D Bauman)

A Condon man, Norman Robert Lofton, 24, was killed early Sunday morning when the car in which he was riding left the highway just north of Ruggs and rolled end over end into a field below the road.

Although investigating officers set the time of the accident at 7:30 a m, Lofton's body was not found until about 8 o'clock Sunday morning by Harold Wright, into whose field the car had gone. The body was discovered in a weed covered ditch 66 feet from the point where the car came to rest. Death was caused by a broken neck, Lofton apparently had been thrown that distance when the door on the passenger's side of the car was torn off in the crash.

The driver of the car was Sidney Parman, 23, a fertilizer salesman from Maupin, who told police he went to sleep. He was picked up in a dazed condition by a passing motorist, and according to police the two went back to the scene of the wreck to try to locate Lofton. When he could not be found, it was surmised that he had obtained a ride back to Heppner.

Parman was taken on to Condon to the home of his mother and stepfather, Mr and Mrs Walter Boyer. He had recently been released from a hospital with a back injury, and was flown to Portland for medical examination. He returned to Condon later Sunday.

Lofton was a carpenter who worked for contractors in Condon. He is survived by his wife and three small children, Condon; his mother, Alta Lofton, Condon; sisters, Mrs A H Marick, Ione; Mrs Bill Jaeger, Condon, and three not living in this area.

A coroner's inquest was held here Tuesday morning. Lofton's body was brought to Creswick Mortuary and later taken to Condon where funeral services were to be held today. Lofton's death was the third traffic fatality in Morrow county this year and all were caused from one-car accidents. The county had only one fatality last year, and one in 1958.

## 7-Year Old Heppner Boy Dies Thursday

Funeral services were held Monday at the Heppner Christian church for George Edward Munkers, the seven year old son of Mr and Mrs Donald Munkers of Heppner, who died July 7 at Pioneer Memorial hospital after an illness of several months.

The boy was born Oct 31, 1952 at Astoria and had lived most of his life here. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Stephen L and Dale A; one sister, Katherine, all of Heppner; grandparents, Ernest Teague, Roseburg; Mrs Ollie Montee of Birch Tree, Mo; Mr and Mrs Harry Munkers of Heppner. He also leaves three uncles and nine great-uncles.

Rev Charles Knox officiated at the rites and burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

## SOS Fails to Gain Petition Signatures For Law Repeal Vote

Serve Our State, Inc, an organization which had circulated petitions throughout the state recently calling for a vote on the November ballot to repeal the school reorganization law, early this week admitted defeat for its project.

Following a weekend wrangle with the state elections director over the date of the filing deadline, Kenneth Landgraver, Portland, an SOS member, Monday admitted that the organization was unable to get the 33,712 signatures required to place the repeal measure on the ballot.

## Rye Control Law Sought by Group

Rye and how to prevent widespread infestations in Morrow county was the subject of discussion at a meeting of the Morrow county weed committee held last week at the county agent's office. The group at a request of several organizations and individuals met to see what might be agreed upon to prevent further economic losses from this fast spreading grain — turned pest. At the conclusion of their meeting they went on record favoring a resolution drafted last month by the Lexington Grange which reads as follows:

Whereas, mixtures of rye in wheat and barley crops have increased materially in the last several years, Whereas, such mixtures have brought economic loss to farmers through dockage and grade penalties, Whereas, any foreign material or seed such as rye that lowers the quality of our grains makes it harder for our grains to compete for domestic and foreign markets.

Whereas, it is becoming increasingly difficult for farmers to control volunteer rye in their fields because of rye growing in the road right-of-ways and on scrub land, and Whereas, there is little economic justification for the growing of rye on dry land grain farms.

Therefore, be it resolved by Lexington Grange No. 726 meeting in regular session this eleventh day of June, 1960, that the county court be requested to declare rye to be a noxious weed in the dry land farming areas of Morrow county and to prohibit it from being seeded and raised as a crop in such area.

In addition they are asking that farmers with rye infested grain be careful this year in hauling it from field to market by covering loads.

Those attending the meeting were Norman Nelson, Lexington; John Graves, Hardman; Dick Wilkinson, and Andy Van Scholack, Heppner.

## WILLOWS HEC POSTPONED

The July meeting of the Willows grange HEC has been postponed and the next meeting will be in August.

## AT KANSAS CITY

Dr and Mrs L D Tibbles left today for Kansas City, Mo where he will attend a convention of the American Osteopathic Association and Mrs Tibbles will visit her mother and sisters. They will be gone about two weeks.

## WEATHER

	HI	LOW
Thursday	98	59
Friday	98	53
Saturday	89	50
Sunday	87	44
Monday	87	47
Tuesday	91	54
Wednesday	97	59

No rainfall for the week of July, for the year 8.33 inches.



54c LARRY D FETSCH is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs Al Fetsch. He is stationed at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas and previously had special airplane mechanic's schooling at Ft Eustis, Va. Now he is a crew member on twin engine Beechcraft planes. Larry graduated from Heppner high school in 1958 and enlisted in the Army for three years.

# Multi-use Development Planned Along River

A program for multipurpose development of a tract of more than 5,000 acres of land in Morrow county adjacent to the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park, was announced yesterday by Governor Mark O Hatfield.

Recreation, wildlife propagation and industrial development uses are included in the Department of Planning and Development's program for the large tract, which will have more than 15 miles of frontage on the pool to be formed by the John Day dam. A large bay will be formed, extending from a point

several miles east of the present town of Boardman southeastward to within about a mile of the town of Irrigon.

The program for achieving highest and best use of the area was developed after conferences with a number of local, state and federal government agencies. It calls for participation by the Port of Morrow county, the State Game Commission, Corps of Engineers, Federal Fish and Wildlife Service and State Parks Division.

Under the plan, the port district will acquire lands on the

lower, or westerly, end of the large bay for development into industrial sites, chiefly for supporting industries for the large space technology industry the department expects to locate as the principal tenant of the 1000, 000-acre Space Age Industrial Park.

Another section on the bay would be reserved for recreation, with picnic, swimming and boating facilities. The shallow upper end of the bay and adjacent area would become a wildlife refuge for migratory waterfowl and other birds. Development of

the area in the vicinity of Irrigon for residential purposes also is envisioned.

The Industrial Parks Committee, an Oregon non-profit corporation formed by a group of public-spirited citizens under department aegis to assist in land acquisition for the Boardman site, holds options on some 2,200 acres of land in the area. Some 2,500 acres of public domain lands being acquired by the state also are involved.

The Industrial Parks Committee is meeting this week to discuss procedures for acquisition

and transfer of the land to the appropriate agencies concerned in the development plan.

Governor Mark Hatfield has requested the Department of Planning and Development to coordinate with the six-county regional planning authority now being organized in undertaking studies to plan for sound development of the Oregon Columbia basin area, to include fulfillment of the potential for agricultural, residential, industrial and recreational uses, and full regard for conservation of natural resources.