

# Grass Fires Hit Friday West of City

The first grass fires of the season came two in one day Friday.

The first call was received by the local fire department at 9:45 a. m. when grass was burning on the Matt Hughes place at the northwest edge of town. Fire chief C. A. Ruggles said that small boys smoking near the creek probably started the flames. The department quickly brought the fire under control, but not before it had burned a strip about 150 feet long and 15 to 18 feet wide along the creek.

At 2:00 p. m. the volunteers were again called out when fire fanned by strong wind, got away from a railroad maintenance crew working near the Union Pacific depot. Starting on the Robert Currin property, the flames quickly spread over about 40 acres before being contained. One shed burned up, another was damaged, and chief Ruggles said only foaming water covering saved the house. The wind carried the blaze up the hill and in one place over the top.

It was a difficult fire to fight because it moved so fast in the dry grass and strong wind. Men on the fire department fought it for over one and one-half hours before bringing it under control.

**Warning Issued**  
Chief Ruggles again warned the public to be careful about fire. The wet spring and mild winter have combined to make an exceptionally heavy growth of grass this year and now that it is drying out, fire hazard is high.

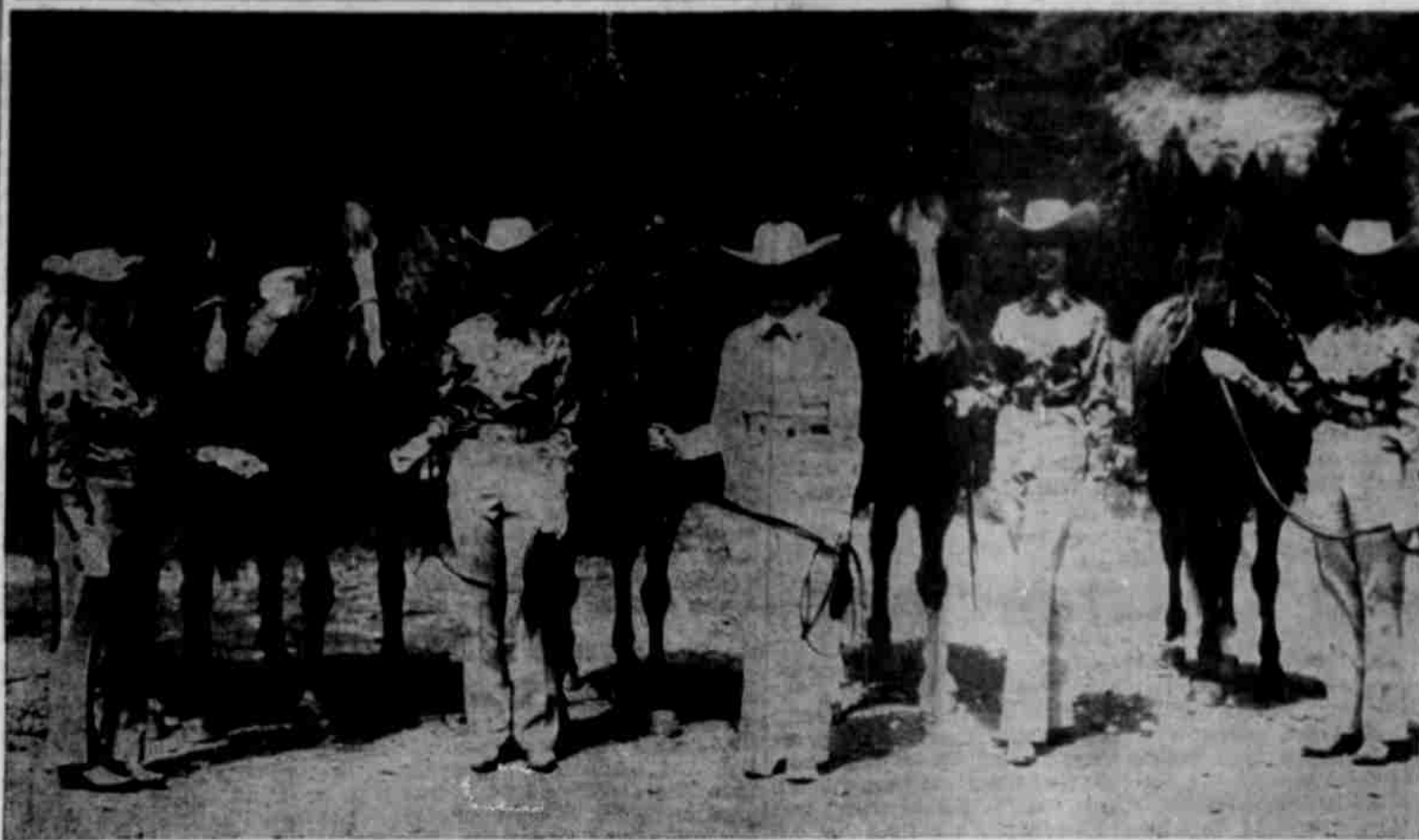
Ruggles reminded Heppner residents that burning of trash is strictly prohibited. This includes burning in trash burners. All garbage is to be hauled to the city dump where proper precautions can be taken to keep fire from spreading.

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THE 1961 queen and court for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo are shown at their first appearance June 10 and 11 at the Junior Rodeo in John Day. From left are Princess Sandra Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, Ione, sponsored by Willows grange; Princess Marlene Fetsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, Heppner, sponsored by Lexington grange; Queen Joan Moe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe, Heppner, sponsored by the Rodeo association; Princess Bonnie Balsma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O'Brien, Heppner, sponsored by the Lena community; and Princess Pat Partlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Partlow, Boardman, sponsored by the Tillicum club. The girls will make their second appearance July 4 at the Ukiah rodeo in Ukiah and will be presented at the kick-off dance July 15 at the fair pavilion in Heppner. They will make their principal appearance at the Rodeo, Sept. 2 and 3.

# Early Completion Seen For Gas Pipe Line Ditch

Work on the gas pipeline is going faster and faster, according to Don Reynolds, purchasing agent for Western Pipeline, Inc. Reynolds said that part of his 113 man crew has already finished. The first of the week the ditch diggers were working 8 miles north of Ione, about 13 miles from their point of termination. With the smaller crew progress is confined to about one mile per day.

The speedup extends to the laying crew, which will follow this group. They are now operating near Madras and are covering the ground more quickly than anticipated, Reynolds said. He gave credit to the speedup partly to the terrain covered and partly to the fact that the men were able to work together faster than expected.

There is a possibility that part of the present crew will remain here working on equipment following completion of the ditch, though Reynolds said this had not been verified.

Headquarters for Western Pipeline were moved here from Condon June 11, locating on the Morrow County school district bus terminal adjacent to the fairgrounds. When the pipe laying crew is working in this area, they will also use the same facilities. Their contract with the school extends until August 15.

The 250-man pipe laying crew will be followed by a smaller group who will do the covering and returning the soil to a condition where it will not blow.

The 24-inch gas pipeline will take natural gas from the central Alberta fields in Canada to the San Francisco Bay area. It is being built for Pacific Gas and Transmission Co. at an investment of around 120 million dollars, with more than half this amount spent in Oregon.

Gas is expected to flow in the new line in the early winter of 1961-62.

# Light Plane Crash Injures Pilot Here

A light plane crashed in a field next to the Kinzua Corp. landing field last Thursday afternoon. The pilot escaped with no broken bones but may have sustained internal injuries.

Walter Wolfington, 55, Vancouver, Wn., was returning to his home after spending a day with his son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Wolfington, when the single-engine conked out. The plane was at about 75 feet, and the pilot was unable to return to the field.

His son, who had driven him to the plane, saw the crash. The plane hit on one wing, then nosed over.

Wolfington was brought to a local doctor for x-rays. He had suffered no broken bones so Rev. and Mrs. Wolfington drove him to his Vancouver home. The next morning he was admitted to a hospital there. It is reported he may have internal injuries.

The plane was considered repairable, but at such a prohibitive cost that it is judged a total wreck.

# Truck Fire Costs Damage of \$2000

When gasoline spewed from filled tanks on an International semi truck owned by Dr. John Guiss in Basey canyon Saturday, a fire resulted that caused \$2000 damage to the truck. Fire Chief Ruggles said that the truck was being driven up a hill when the gasoline spilled. The motor backfired and set the gasoline ablaze. Heavy equipment being hauled on the truck was saved and damage was confined to the area of the cab and motor.

Men of the Heppner fire department responded to a call to the scene, five miles from Heppner. The alarm was sounded at 12:30 p. m. Saturday, the chief said.

# Clinic Scheduled At Hospital July 5

Another in the series of county TB and health clinics will be held at Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday, July 5, free for county residents of 16 years of age and over. Hours will be from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Regular TB checkups are urged since one can be in contact with a case of active tuberculosis without knowing it. Those who have never before come in contact with TB germs are particularly vulnerable and frequent tests or chest X-rays are desirable. One case of infectious tuberculosis in a community is a great hazard.

# Lowell Gribble Wins Golf Contest

Lowell Gribble, Heppner, won the final play-off in the Chamber sponsored Hole-In-One Contest last Sunday afternoon. His winning ball fell one foot three inches from the cup, bringing him \$15.00 first prize.

Second place with a \$10 prize went to Clinton McQuarrie who drove to three feet three-fourths inch. Harlan McCurdy Jr. was third with a ball measuring six feet from the cup. He won \$5.00.

Daily prize money of \$5.00 went to Bill Collins on Friday and Sunday and McCurdy on Saturday.

Because of conflicts which took many golfers out of town during the contest the committee said there was not as many entered as last year. The contest did pay its own way and raised about \$70.00 which the chamber will use to retire bonds for lighting the rodeo grounds.

No one made a hole in one in the four inch center cup, though many came close. The golden trophy will be retained by the chamber for the contest next year.

# Blakneys Purchase Prosser Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blakney, owners of Phil's Pharmacy, Heppner, announce the purchase of Tower's Drug Co. at Prosser, Wn.

The sale contract calls for Blakney's to take possession July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakney plan to sell their business here and have listed their home for sale.

# Auto Climbs Guy Wires As Driver Dodges Doggie

One lucky dog had his day Monday night and thanks to the compassion of a woman driver, he is living to enjoy other days. However, the woman's car wound up in a precarious position on telephone pole guy wires.

Mrs. Joe Yocum, Lexington, swerved to avoid the animal coming down her side of the road on the northwest side of town Monday night, then wondered what had happened to her No road remained. It wasn't until men from nearby houses opened the car doors and started helping the occupants that they realized they had climbed two guy wires of a telephone pole.

Only the rear bumper was left on the ground.

And worst of all, Mrs. Yocum reports, the dog stood by and wagged his tail while she wondered what to do.

A wrecker was called and by jacking up the rear of the car, was able to slide it back down the cables.

Mrs. Yocum, who says she did not feel like driving by then, called her husband at the Kinzua mill shop where he is employed, to drive on home. A bent rear bumper was the only sign of the accident on the sedan.

Others in the car, who thought when they left home that the only excitement that evening would be a trip to the show, were the three Yocum children, Jack, 2, Millie, 5, and Debbie, 6; Mrs. Fred Papineau and Keith, 3, all of Lexington.

The accident occurred as the group was returning to Lexington.

Mrs. Yocum says she still likes dogs but hopes in the future they stay out of her way.

# State to Consider Cutsforth Park

The possibility of Cutsforth Park becoming a state park was brought up at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Orville Cutsforth, who originally gave the land to a non-profit park association five years ago, said there is more land adjacent to the present park which he would deed to the park if it is considered desirable to enlarge the area.

The state park bureau is to have someone inspect the park within the next 60 days to make a report on whether or not it could become a part of the state system of public parks.

# Bids on Highway At Boardman Set

The Oregon State Highway Commission received bids for the construction of about 11 miles on the Boardman Junction-Irrigon Section of the Old Oregon Trail and Columbia River Highways Tuesday.

The bids were for grading, paving and structures.

The plans call for the construction of a new interchange southeast of the present junction with U. S. 730 on the Old Oregon Trail, and about 9 miles of 2 lane roadway on the Columbia River Highway. The road will be on the new and improved alignment above the proposed pool elevation of the John Day Dam Reservoir. The roadway will have two 12-foot lanes of asphaltic concrete flanked with 10-foot paved shoulders.

This work is scheduled for completion by the middle of the summer of 1962.

# Most Stores To Be Open on July 3

Business as usual will be the keynote in Heppner on Monday, July 3, the day before the Fourth of July. Most business houses will be open the same hours as any other Monday. However, some have announced plans to close Monday as well as for the holiday, July 4, when all will be closed.

At a Chamber of Commerce meeting several months ago, it was the majority decision that local businesses will close only on legal holidays.

# KINZUA CORPORATION DOWN FOR 10 DAYS

Employees of Kinzua Corp. will start vacation when the mill closes down for 10 days. Last operation will be at close of the night shift Friday, with work to be resumed Monday morning, July 10.

Maintenance and repair crews will be working during the closure.

# SPECIAL MEETING

Attention Little League coaches and board members; a meeting is set for tonight (Thursday) in the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant office immediately following the Indian-Braves game.

# \$25 First Prize Claimed Saturday In Lucky Bucks

Twenty five dollars top prize money was claimed by Leonard Kummerland, Heppner, in the Lucky Buck drawing Saturday.

Other winners were Rhoda Breeding, \$10, and JoAnn Templeton and Martha Van Scholack, each \$1.00.

Next Lucky Buck drawing will be July 8.

Free parking is being provided by the city for those taking advantage of the special bargains featured by merchants of the town at these drawings. All meters are hooded with sacks promoting Lucky Bucks.

Anyone who has not registered is asked to do so. It is only necessary to register once. The name is then keyed with a number and stays on file. LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., who is in charge of the file, reports that 965 names had been listed by Monday. Registering can be done at any of the 61 business establishments participating in the program.

# Drivers Caution Advised on Holiday

Holiday traffic is expected to be heavy and all available Oregon State Police personnel will be assigned to traffic patrols, State Police Superintendent H. G. Malson states.

Molson said officers will again use lighted headlamps during daylight hours to call the attention of the public to the presence of patrol cars.

The Fourth holiday period will begin at 6 p. m. Friday and last until midnight Tuesday, a total of 102 hours. Last year in the 78-hour holiday period 8 lives were lost, nearly 200 were injured in 459 accidents.

Morrow County Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman requested that all area residents use extreme caution on the highways. "Drive safely and enjoy a good holiday," the Sheriff advised.

WEATHER	
HI	LOW
Friday	90 56
Saturday	92 55
Sunday	95 56
Monday	95 54
Tuesday	80 41
Wednesday	78 41
Thursday	75 47
Maximum temperature, 95.	
Minimum, 41.	
No precipitation this week. Total for the remains 9.67 inches.	

# 4th Holiday Means Early Copy Needed; Lucky Buck Day Set

Because next week will be interrupted by the July 4 holiday, the Gazette-Times staff will need news matter and advertising copy early. Cooperation of the public will be appreciated.

Complicating the newspaper problem is the fact that next week is also a Lucky Buck week. Merchants who can turn in advertising on Friday, June 30, for Lucky Buck day, will receive hearty appreciation from the paper staff. A telephone call to the paper (6-5228) will bring a representative to pick up copy. Monday will be deadline for display advertising.

Correspondents and others are advised of the need for early copy, too, in order that the staff may also enjoy the holiday.

# Soroptimists Install, Hear Talk on Schweitzer

By HELEN SHERMAN

"The world's most dedicated humanitarian and philanthropist, with a resolve to use his life in atonement for the dark man's sufferings," was the description given Dr. Albert Schweitzer by the guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Staver of Portland, at the 14th annual installation services of the Soroptimist club Saturday evening at the Episcopal parish hall.

Mrs. Staver was one of 14 scholars and professional people chosen to travel to Africa last year to live in Dr. Schweitzer's hospital in Lambarene, French Africa, for 11 days to study his work there and return to help prepare a digest report of his basic philosophy of life in his service to man. In an interesting series of "verbal snapshots" she recalled the tip and the challenging experiences of living

and working as one of Dr. Schweitzer's hospital staff, studying first hand his reverence and philosophy and concern for all men, devoting himself to every problem concerning life that has reached his life, and especially to working with the tropical diseases of the African people.

The speech was very much in keeping with one of the club's goals of better international understanding and good will. Mrs. Staver is secretary to the dean of the humanities department at Lewis and Clark college, and a devoted scholar in the field of philosophy and education. She was accompanied at the meeting by her husband.

Mrs. Jim Hager served as toastmistress for the evening, introducing Ed Gonty, who extended greetings on behalf of Mayor Al Lamb who was unable to be present. Mike White-smith, president of the Chamber

of Commerce responded in behalf of that organization. Introduction of members and guests followed and dinner was served by girls of the Rainbow Assembly prepared by ladies of the Episcopal parish.

Each member was called upon to tell how she had earned \$5 as a contribution to the scholarship fund. Winning in competition was Mrs. Gonty who had earned hers "pinch-hitting" in restaurant work.

Gordon Pratt entertained with a piano solo, "Fantasy," by Mozart, and Miss Karen Lundell delighted the group with the piano number, "Second Waltz," by Chopin.

Installing officer was Mrs. Beatrice Canfield of Hood River, making a challenge to the club to be active in its work during the coming 40th anniversary year of the organization in Oregon, and stating that there are

now 1350 clubs in "orbit" around the world, making great accomplishments in the past 39 years of service.

Officers installed, some in absentia, were Mrs. Ed Gonty, president; Mrs. Effie Gunderson, vice president; Mrs. Rod Murray, recording secretary; Mrs. Loyal Parker, treasurer; Mrs. Jim Thomson, corresponding secretary; and Miss Leta Humphreys, board member. Each was presented a corsage. Past presidents were presented Mrs. Roice Fulleton and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie, retiring presidents. As a token of appreciation to Mrs. Fulleton for her work in completing the past year, a spray of yellow rosebuds was presented to her.

Mrs. Gonty closed the meeting, expressing appreciation to Mrs. Hager for presiding over the program, and to others who had taken part, as well to members and guests attending.

# Limited Number Of Special Papers Available for Sale

A limited number of copies of this special edition of the Gazette-Times are available for sale to the public at the regular price of 10c per copy, and they will be sold while they last.

The paper staff will wrap and mail copies of the paper for those wishing them to be sent to friends or relatives. Charge for each copy mailed, including postage, will be 25c paid in advance. Phone orders cannot be accepted.

Two thousand copies of the special sections of the paper were printed for the Chamber of Commerce to be given to newcomers to the county. In addition, the paper has printed 500 beyond its regular circulation for those who may want extras. When this supply is gone, no more will be available.

# Chamber Members Ask Information

Members of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce have requested a speaker from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to appear at a meeting in the near future. Chamber members stated they wished to know the plans the Corps has for relocation of the road on the lower Willow creek with the completion of the John Day dam.

Requested also was information about plans for recreation and industry in the same area.

The decision grew out of a request from the Arlington chamber to cooperate with that group in asking the highway commission funds be allowed for a new road to Arlington.

# Swim Pool Hours Set For July 4

The Heppner swimming pool will be open July 4 from 1 until 5:00 p. m. and closed in the evening.

The next two weeks of Red Cross swimming classes will not begin until Wednesday, July 5, with registration at that time.

The first two-weeks swimming lessons will end Friday with the youngsters taking their tests.

Adults interested in lessons are to call Mrs. Tom Hughes after 5:00 p. m. New classes will begin on July 5.

Mrs. Bill Labhart will be in charge of the swim team beginning next week. The team members will enter competition in Hermiston Friday at 6:30 p. m.

# Church of Nazarene Pastor Arrives Here

The Rev. M. Carlton Sober, formerly of Arcadia, Calif., arrived in Heppner with his family Friday to assume his duties as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene here. With Mrs. Sober and son, Robert Ward, 1, the new pastor is living in the parsonage at 190 E. Quaid.

The Rev. Sober has completed graduate work at Pasadena Nazarene college and he served as associate minister for three years in three churches in the area, including Panorama City.

First services with the new pastor in the pulpit were conducted Sunday in the Seventh-Day Adventist church, where the Nazarene church meets.

The Rev. Sober succeeds the Rev. Robert Whybrew who has moved to St. Maries, Idaho.