

### Remembers Mud To Model-T Axles

## Doctor Honored Upon Half-Century Service

Only one "horseless carriage" was in Heppner when Dr. A. D. McMurdo set up practice here October 15, 1912, and in those days he answered calls day and night to distant points by horse and buggy, going as far as Monument to help those in need of medical attention.



DR. A. D. McMURDO

Early this month he completed 50 years of practice in Heppner, and his colleagues of the Umatilla-Morrow County Medical Society honored him by holding their November meeting in Heppner at the Wagon Wheel Cafe to pay tribute to Dr. McMurdo's half-century of service to the community.

A plaque was presented to him by Dr. Jack Grondahl of Pendleton before the group of 25 doctors attending. On it were inscribed these words: "To A. D. McMurdo, M. D., from the Umatilla-Morrow County Medical Society, in Recognition of his 50 Years in Medical Practice and Meritorious Service to his Community, November 20, 1962."

Among congratulatory messages received by Dr. McMurdo was a telegram from Mrs. Earl Snell, Salem, widow of Governor Earl Snell, who wired, "Congratulations on your 50 years of service in the medical profession in Morrow county in the state of Oregon." Her son, Dr. William Snell, professor of orthopedics at the University of Oregon Medical School, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting here.

Doctors from Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton and Heppner were present. Dr. McMurdo is a past president of the organization, having served in that capacity 12 or 15 years ago when it was known as the Umatilla Medical Society.

When Dr. McMurdo first came to Heppner in 1912 after graduating from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1910, he was in partnership with Dr. N. E. Winnard. Eighteen months later he moved into quarters behind Patterson's Drug store (now the location of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant) and remained there until a fire destroyed the building, perhaps 10 years later.

He moved to his present office on Willow street after the fire. It was the former law office of Woodson and Sweek. Cal Sweek of the firm later was appointed circuit court judge.

Dr. McMurdo married Ruth Helen Hager on October 15, 1913, a year after he came to Heppner. She was born and raised here.

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## Morrow One of 3 Counties to Show Tax Reductions

Morrow county is one of only three counties in the state to show a decrease in total property taxes levied for the year 1962-63, the Oregon Tax Research association, Portland, reports.

Lake and Tillamook counties were the other two to post decreases. Gilliam county remained virtually the same as last year with an increase of less than one half of one per cent.

George L. Annala, manager of the association, said, "Taxes in Morrow dropped about 10 per cent from the previous year. Across the state, the total property tax bill climbed to reach a total of \$233,800,762, an increase of almost \$18 million over the levy for 1961-62.

Property taxes for the current year are more than double the entire receipts of the personal income and corporation taxes collected last year, Annala said, and represent an average of \$520 for a family of four. Property taxes are for local government only — counties, cities, schools and special districts such as fire, water, hospital, and cemetery.

Schools will receive 67% of the total levy, \$154,017,580, an increase of \$21.4 million, making a total of about \$63 million in state funds distributed to local schools.

During the last five years Oregon property taxes have increased 40 per cent and school levies have increased 45 per cent during the five year period, despite substantial increases in state aid. School census figures increased about 10 per cent.

"Increase in property taxes has outstripped the increase in population and economic growth," Annala said. "Rejection at the polls in the recent election of tax measures was due in no small part to the mounting burden of property taxes. More state aid or exemptions will only shift the burden. The control of spending will have to originate with the taxpayers."

## Chamber to Urge Range Road Signs

Noting that there are no signs at the new "cloverleaf" on the junction of Interstate 80 with the bomb range road to indicate Heppner and other points to the south, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday voted to write the State Highway Commission and urge that directional signs be set up to point the way to Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

While the interchange was in construction, it drew criticism from local sources because of its type of construction, making it necessary for some of the traffic to cross other lanes. This was brought out again at the meeting. The cloverleaf was completed as originally designed, and Robert Van Houte, school superintendent, who had contacted the department to point out potential hazards during its construction, said Monday that four accidents have already occurred at the junction.

It was also voted to invite the Highway Commission to meet in Heppner for its January meeting. A recent session was held in Newport and the December meeting is to be in southern Oregon. The Chamber and the county would like to bring to the commission's attention several important matters relative to highways here, but the long trips to southern and far western Oregon make it difficult.

## Death Claims Mrs. Frank Turner Suddenly Sunday

Death came to Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Turner, 69, at Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday, November 25, about eight hours after she was stricken with a cerebral thrombosis attack at her home here about 4:30 that morning. She had, on occasion, been troubled by mild illnesses, but the fatal attack came suddenly. Services were Wednesday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal church, Heppner, with Father C. Bruce Spencer officiating. Interment followed in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Turner was born October 13, 1893, in San Francisco, Calif., the daughter of Annie McIntosh and Joseph A. Kuhn. With her first husband, Wendell Howard Cleveland, she came to the Heppner area where she has made her home for the past 42 years. A daughter preceded her in death at age 17 in 1932.

A few years after Mrs. Cleveland's death, she married Frank W. Turner on March 27, 1950. Mrs. Turner had always been active in civic affairs, was a member of Ruth Chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, Heppner, and of All Saints' Episcopal church.

Surviving are the widower, Frank W. Turner; one son, Howard Cleveland, Heppner; one sister, Mrs. Sophie Barr, Portland, and three grandchildren, Heppner.

## Teacher Breaks Hip at School

Marguerite Glavey, fifth grade teacher in Heppner elementary school, fractured her hip in a fall in the Heppner High school basement Tuesday. Her class is in the high school building because of lack of room in the other buildings.

Miss Glavey had just returned from supervising children at play outside when she slipped on the concrete floor. She was brought to a doctor's office and X-rays revealed the bone to be fractured.

She was removed to Providence hospital, Portland, later in the day, going by ambulance driven by Bob Lowe. He reported that she made the trip very well. A pin will be placed in the break. She will be hospitalized for an indefinite period.

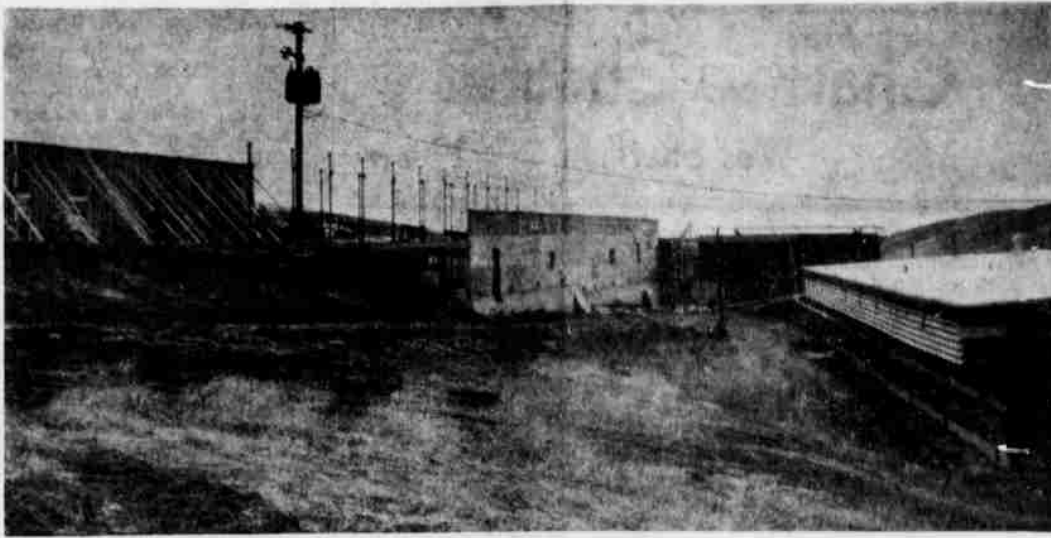
Hillard Brown, elementary principal, said that a doctor at the hospital told him that Miss Glavey would probably be able to resume teaching in about three months. Mrs. Lena Kelly, former elementary teacher who is now retired, will substitute for Miss Glavey.

# Dam Cost Figured at \$5,250,000

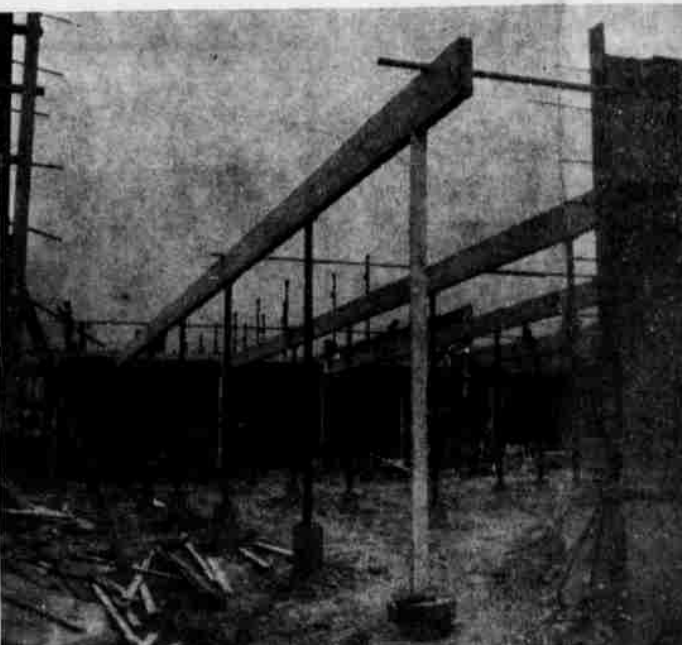
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WORK at the new Heppner-Lexington high school is moving along at a brisk pace with The Timber Co. of Hermiston as contractor. Difficult to photograph because of its sprawling nature, the building in progress looked this way from a distance Monday. An idea of the perspective may be gained by comparison with Unit-A, the existing building, at right. At left, a section of the wall of the upper wing has just been put in place, and center shows the concrete wall of the lower side of the upper wing. In the background is structure of the gym rising. Floor of the upper wing will be about on the same plane as roof of Unit-A.



THIS PHOTO shows work in progress at the gym of the new high school. Floor of the gym will be on the laminated beams supported by the forest of steel columns visible in the picture. A large doorway will be left in the side of the concrete wall at ground level to allow entrance by pickup truck to store materials under the gym.

## U. S. Government Would Bear Brunt

As now envisioned, the Willow Creek multipurpose dam project would cost approximately \$5,250,000. W. E. Sivley, chief of the flood control section of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, told the project coordinating committee at the courthouse Monday night.

The creek banks would be sloped considerably more than at present and this would necessitate purchase of some creek-side land for rights-of-way, he said. However, a check shows that few buildings are located near the creek where this would have to be done.

Another important revelation came at the meeting, attended by some 40 members of the committee and interested persons, when Sivley said that it now appears economically feasible to provide for \$300 acre feet of storage for irrigation purposes when it was originally figured that only between 3000 to 4000 acre feet of storage could be provided for this purpose.

The dam would have to be located below the confluence of Balm Fork and Willow Creek to be of practical value on flood control, Sivley said. The bottom 1400 acre feet would be reserved to catch sediment, another 4000-odd acre feet would be provided for flood control storage, and \$300 acre feet could be preserved for irrigation. In addition, the dam would incorporate wildlife, recreation and pollution abatement features. There is some possibility, too, that additional space might be reserved for industrial water or for later municipal use, although the city has once indicated that it did not wish to reserve such water at this time.

The dam would be an estimated 150 feet high and would be of earth and rock fill construction. A spillway would be cut in the right side at about the present location of the city water reservoir, which would have to be relocated. The spillway would be a large facility, about 300 feet wide, over open rock and would lead back to the creek.

The spillway would be able to handle a flow of 60,000 second feet of water, which is about three times the volume of the 1903 flood, Sivley said. The dam would be built extremely strong, but the spillway would provide an additional safety feature, he said. With modifications to be made to the stream channel below the dam, 1500 second feet of water would scarcely fill the channel.

The larger storage for irrigation now deemed feasible would mean less water in the creek during winter, spring and fall, but would provide considerably more for summer, the engineer said. This matter will be presented to those interested in the irrigation feature. If they do not favor that much storage, the component can be reduced, Sivley said.

The reservoir's static pool surface area (the minimum pool) would be 90 acres. Maximum pool would be 250 acres. Total drawdown from maximum to minimum would be about 50 feet, Sivley said.

Even at low level, however, (Continued on Page 6)

## Opening Event Brings Crowds; Winners Listed

Despite a windy day, Christmas Opening brought a large number to downtown Heppner Saturday, and Mike Whitesmith, chairman, estimates that between 400 and 500 children greeted Santa Claus in the afternoon.

## Free Show Billed For December 8

More Christmas season events for the public are planned in ensuing weeks through the cooperation of the Elks lodge, Chamber of Commerce and American Legion.

A free show will be presented for kids of the area on Saturday, December 8. It is announced. It will be in the Legion hall. More details will be given next week.

On Saturday, December 15, Santa Claus will return for a second visit and will be in the downtown area from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The committee had 500 sacks of candy to give to the children around the Christmas tree when Santa came, and most of them were gone when the last child received his sack.

Hundreds took part in the window guessing contest, going from door to door of the 28 stores participating. It took a very close guess to win in most cases, some merchants reporting the winner to be only one cent off. In several cases, ties were reported. Rules said that ties could be broken by the flip of a coin, and in most cases this was done, but in others, the parties decided to share the prize.

Winners as announced by the firms are as follows: Anderson Builders Supply, Kit Anderson (no relation); Barratt Sales Co., Delores Wilson, Lexington; Case Furniture Co., Bobbie Angell; Central Market, Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn; Helen Cox Flowers, Mike Sweek; L. E. Dick, Mrs. Bill Heath; Economy Market, Mrs. Vern Evans; Elmas Apparel, Alice McCabe; Gazette-Times, Blanche Brown; Gilliam and Bibebe, Mrs. Don Belenbrook.

Gonty's, Ray Heimbigner, Ione; Heppner Auto Parts, R. Winstow; Hotel Grill, Doug Drake; Humphreys Drug, Barbara Gribble; Lairds', Mrs. Calvin Sherman; M&S, Gary Munkers and Jerry Healy (split \$5 cash prize); Mi-Ladies, Diana Fullerton; Pecks' Ski Shop, Helen Anderson; J. C. Peterson Co., Mrs. Elmer Schmidt; Peterson's Jewelers, Della Murray; Union; Phil's Pharmacy, Jack Loyd.

Red and White Grocery, Rita Pettyjohn; Ron's Flowers, Bill Edwards; C. A. Ruggles Agency, Kelley Green; Wagon Wheel Cafe, Sue Townsend, Ione; Wee-TV, Ray Smith; Western Auto, Chris Burkenbine; Wilson's Men's Wear, Barbara Sherman.

The Christmas Opening program was sponsored by the Merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Elma Harshman is chairman of the committee. Whitesmith was general chairman of the event and was assisted by Randall Peterson, who arranged for Santa Claus; Jim Farley, who helped with the candy; Wes Sherman, guessing contest; Jeff Walker and Harley Young on the Christmas tree; Fred Gimbel, Bob Flatt and Chief of Police Dean Gilman, all of whom helped direct traffic.

Candy was furnished by the Elks lodge.

## WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	51	31	.41
Thursday	46	28	.13
Friday	51	27	—
Saturday	56	49	—
Sunday	60	39	.11
Monday	55	33	—
Tuesday	47	25	.04
Wednesday	42	20	—

Rainfall for the week was .69 of an inch. Total for the month is 1.73 inches.

## Entries Invited In Light Contest; Mrs. Melby Head

Prizes are offered in three categories for the fifth annual Christmas lighting contest in Heppner with \$60 to be awarded winners in this holiday season's effort.

Mrs. Arnold (Avon) Melby was appointed Monday by President Fred Gimbel of the Chamber of Commerce as chairman of the contest this year. She will secure judges and make other arrangements of the contest.

Entries are invited as follows: Outdoor residence lighting with prizes of \$10 first, \$7.50 second and \$5 third; store or business windows, \$10 first, \$7.50 second, \$5 third; and residential windows (inside decorations), \$7.50 first, \$5 second and \$2.50 third.

Entrants will be asked to register and the chairman will set a deadline date. The contest is sponsored in an effort to encourage residents to decorate for the holiday and beautify the town. Prize money comes to the Chamber of Commerce from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

Entries are limited to homes or businesses within the city limits.

## Farm-City Dinner Tickets Available

Tickets to the Farm-City banquet, sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Soil Conservation district, are now on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, and through Ralph Richards, chairman, at the Soil Conservation office.

The banquet will be at the Lexington Grange hall on Tuesday evening, December 11, starting at 6:30 with women of the grange preparing and serving the dinner.

J. W. Southworth, assistant director of livestock industries, State Department of Agriculture, Salem, will be the principal speaker. Tickets are \$2 each.

## Ione Community To Stage Dinner, Festival Sunday

With 13 different organizations cooperating, the Ione community will have its second annual Fall Festival and turkey dinner Sunday at Willow's Grange hall, Mrs. Hershall Townsend, chairman, states.

The turkey dinner will be from 12:30 until 2:30, the start being one-half hour later than was originally announced last week. Booths at the festival will be open from 12:30 until 5 p.m. Each of the participating organizations will have a booth, making 13 in all.

Each organization will furnish a door prize and drawings are scheduled each hour. Games of all kinds will be provided for the entertainment of those attending. Kindergarten mothers will also sponsor a drawing for a transistor radio.

Christmas foods and decorations will be on sale at the event. Last year's festival proved very successful and enjoyable to the large crowd attending.

## Broom Sale Set For Area Towns

Members of the Ione Lions club will call at homes in Heppner, Ione and Lexington this week in their annual broom sale, according to Marion Green, general chairman.

Proceeds, as last year, go to civic projects, and it is hoped by the committee that homes will respond with the same fine reception experienced last year. Two hundred dollars of last year's profits were used in giving scholarships to four deserving graduating students in Heppner and Ione High schools to help in their first year in college.

Members will call at homes in Heppner Monday evening, December 3, starting at 6 p.m., and will be in Lexington and Ione on Tuesday evening, December 4. House brooms will be sold for \$2 and whisk brooms at \$1 each.

They will not have the rugs, door mats and Christmas gift bows that were sold last year. The brooms are made by Oregon Industries for the Blind, Portland, which gives aid to the blind and handicapped workers, and are of very fine quality.



HAVING PROMINENT roles in the recent Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting at the fair pavilion were Manager Al Lamb (left), Allen Tom, The Dalles, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (center), and Paul Jones, MCGG president (right). Lamb and Jones gave annual reports and conducted business part of the meeting. Tom was principal speaker. Tom this week has presided at the state wheat league meeting in Portland and Lamb and Jones were among those attending.

## 'Lonesome Lake' Movie Scheduled

"The Story of Lonesome Lake" is the title of a color motion picture film that will be presented Tuesday night in Ione and Wednesday night in Heppner by Beta Omega sorority of Ione.

The picture, which tells of the life of Ralph Edwards, the "Crusoe of Lonesome Lake," will be at the Ione Legion hall starting at 7:15 Tuesday and at the fair pavilion, Heppner, starting at 7:15 Wednesday.

John E. Edwards, father of Ralph Edwards, will be present to give live narration. The picture will include shots of the famous Trumpeter swans, deer, bear, moose and many other birds and animals.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50c for students. Proceeds will go to hospital work and other civic purposes.

## Farm Reappraisal Meeting Called

All interested farm owners and operators are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, December 5, at 8 p.m. in the circuit court room of the Morrow county courthouse to discuss the forthcoming farm reappraisal program. Assessor Oliver Creswick announces. Members of the assessor's staff and the State Tax Commission will be present to outline the procedures involved and to answer questions. The program is being conducted to comply with Oregon law requiring that all properties be reappraised every six years, Creswick said.