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# County's Worst Wreck Claims Lives of Four

While the county remained stunned with the worst automobile accident in its history and saddened by the tragedy that struck two of its well-known families, funeral services were held this week for four victims of the two-car collision that occurred on a treacherous curve of highway 74 two miles north of Lone Friday night.

The dead are Mancel Townsend, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Townsend, Ione, who was alone in one of the cars involved; Theresa M. Brosnan, 51, of 3504 S. E. Grant, Portland; her daughter, Theresa A. Brosnan, 9, and her son, John Paul Brosnan, 11, both also of Portland.

Lone survivor of the five involved in the collision is Joseph M. Brosnan, 51, driver of one of the cars. He was taken to the Pioneer Memorial hospital with multiple injuries and his condition was critical for several days, but the report Thursday (today) was that he is making encouraging progress.

Brosnan's injuries include shock, concussion, skull fracture, broken right arm, dislocated right elbow, three broken ribs, fractured pelvis and fractured right leg.

Funeral services for Townsend, an Ione high school senior, were held in the Ione Community church Monday at 2 p.m. with pastor Kenneth Robinson of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches officiating. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery, Ione.

Friends filled the sanctuary of the church, as well as the basement, and others stood in the hallways.

Recitation of the rosary for Mrs. Brosnan and the son and daughter was Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Hennessey, Goetsch and McGee, Portland, and requiem mass was Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Stephens church, Portland. Interment was in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

The accident occurred sometime between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. after Townsend had left the Ione High school gymnasium alone in his 1958 Chevrolet sedan. He participated in the junior varsity basketball game against Riverside High Jayvees and was going to the Lewis Halvorsen place. He had just about reached his destination when the accident occurred.

The Brosnan family was en route from Portland to visit his brother, Jerry, and family in Heppner.

State Policeman Jim Gordon of Heppner who investigated the accident said that the Brosnan car apparently went into a skid as it was rounding the curve, headed south, and was evidently skidding broadside across the highway as the Townsend car approached. Officer Gordon said that the Townsend car left skid marks for 22 feet as the driver apparently applied the brakes and veered into the left lane in an attempt to avoid striking the car that was moving out of control to the east of the highway.

While the entire front of the Townsend car was telescoped, indications are that the brunt of the impact was on the right front of his vehicle as it struck the Brosnan car, a late model Galaxia, full on the right side. The side of the Brosnan car was completely caved in so that the right side was pushed nearly through the passenger compartment to the left side.

Brosnan later told the officer that he estimated his speed at about 50 to 55 miles per hour as he came into the curve. He said he felt the rear end start to slide and then lost control. The officer reported that the pavement was dry.

When the cars came to rest the Brosnan car was angled across the east lane of the highway, and the Townsend car was angled across the center line with its front on the west side. The Brosnan car had bounced clear around from the impact so that the damaged side was on the north. The vehicles were separated by about three feet at the closest point.

Probably the first on the scene was H. L. Husband, who is living in Heppner. He reached the spot, going south, at just before 9 p.m. Husband told Officer Gordon that after arriving there, he felt one of the bodies and found the wrist to be cold, indicating that the accident might have occurred at least 15 minutes earlier. Husband went to the Halvorsen home, which looks over the curve from its setting a few hundred yards at the west of the highway, but no one was home. He then continued on down to



THREE PERSONS in the Joseph Brosnan family of Portland died in their family car Friday night in the collision two miles north of Ione. This photo, taken the same night after the car was towed to Heppner, shows force of the impact. (G-T Photo)



FRONT of the car in which Mancel Townsend, 18, of Ione met death Friday night was telescoped in the collision with the Joseph Brosnan car. (G-T Photo)

## Soil Conservation Meet Bills Film and Speaker

Progress reports, a motion picture film, a speaker and refreshments are on the agenda of the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, set Tuesday, February 5, starting at 7:30 p. m. in the Lexington Grange hall.

The public is invited to the meeting to hear of coming objectives of the district and to learn of accomplishments of 1962. Ralph Richards, soil conservationist, states.

Dr. Grant Blanch, of the department of agricultural economics, Oregon State University, will speak on taxes and resource development at the meeting. He appeared recently as a member of the tax panel at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association.

Showing of the film, "Water for a Nation," will open the program at 7:30, and Chairman Raymond French will preside.

One of the features of the evening will be the presentation of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company's conservation award to Elmer and Roger Palmer, 1962 Conservation Men of the Year for Morrow county.

During the business session, GOP Dinner Slated At \$2.50; Demos, \$25

Morrow County Republicans will convene at Stefani's restaurant in Ione for their annual Lincoln Day dinner on February 12. It is announced by Don Turner, Morrow County Republican chairman.

Following the 7:00 p. m. dinner will be a discussion of the 1962 election and organization plans for the 1964 campaign, including a review of prospective candidates. The identity of the guest speaker will be made known at a later date.

Tickets for the dinner, \$2.50 per plate for Republicans and Independents, \$25.00 for Democrats and others, may be obtained by calling or writing Herman Winter, Hotel Heppner, or Art Stefani, Jr., Ione.

French will give a progress report, Richards will present a machinery report, Raymond Lundell will give the financial report, and another report will tell of watershed activities.

Refreshments will be served with the compliments of Lexington Implement Co. and Bristow's Grocery of Ione.

Original supervisors of the Heppner soil conservation district were Henry Peterson, John Wightman, O. E. Wright, W. E. Hughes and O. W. Cutsforth. Others who have served as supervisors are Charles Carlson, Newt O'Harra, and Donald Peterson.

Present supervisors are French, Lundell, Alvin Wage nblast, Robert Jepsen and Kenneth Turner.

This will be the 19th annual meeting of the district, and the Conservation Man of the Year award extends back to 1948. Winners of the honor during that time are as follows: 1948, Rietmann Bros., Ione; 1949, Frank Anderson, Heppner; 1950, W. W. Becholdt and sons, Hardman; 1951, Dr. Woodruff, Portland; 1952, Mankin and Bunch, Lexington; 1953, Kenneth Peck, Heppner; 1954, Paul Brown, Heppner; 1955, Donald Peterson, Ione; 1956, Nelson Bros., Lexington; 1957, Burton Peck, Lexington; 1958, Jack Sumner, Heppner; 1959, Raymond Lundell, Ione; 1960, John Graves, Hardman; 1961, Vernon Munkers; and 1962, Elmer Palmer & Son, Heppner.

During the four years of the local soil conservation district speech contest, winners have been Clifford Green, 1959; Tom Glass, 1960; Beverly Davidson, 1961; and Martha Doherty, 1962. Martha won the state championship and Beverly was third in the state in the previous year.

It is emphasized that everyone interested in the conservation of natural resources is invited to the annual meeting. Business people stress the importance of the meeting with their full page message on page six, section two of this paper, which also lists a few of the accomplishments of the district during 1962.

## Governor Hatfield Sends Condolences

Gov. and Mrs. Mark Hatfield sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. John Brosnan, Heppner, grand mother of children killed in the 2-car collision at Lone Friday night and mother-in-law of Mrs. Theresa Brosnan, who was also a victim in the accident.

Mrs. John Brosnan is a good friend of Mrs. Hatfield's mother.

## Wintry Blast Hits Area Again; Snow Six Inches

Winter vented its chilling blast on Morrow county again this week with snow reaching a depth of 6.2 inches in Heppner and temperature dropping below zero on at least one night.

As of press time Thursday a light rain was falling with the threat of it freezing and creating a glaze of ice on highways and over the landscape.

The temperature of one degree below zero Tuesday night, low for the week in Heppner, was far from a season's record. The mercury dropped to 11 degrees below on the night of January 10.

The snow that came to slow down activities in the area was nonetheless welcomed by many. Ralph Richards in a snow survey taken at North Jones Prairie on Monday reported the depth as only 8.2 inches as compared with 24.2 inches in 1962. This year's snowpack was the low for the past 10-year period and less than a fifth as much as the high in 1956 when it was 45.8 inches. In 1961 it was 21.8 inches, and the 10-year average is 24 inches.

Water content of the snow as of Monday was 1.15 inches. At the same time in 1962 it was 6.7 inches, and in 1961, five inches. High year was in 1958 when it was 12.8 inches and this year is low.

In Heppner, 1 1/2 inches of snow fell on Sunday with .10 water content, according to L. L. Gilliam, weather observer. Monday brought three inches with .20 water content and Tuesday added another 8 inch with .03 water content. Wednesday contributed .9 inch with .09 water content.

Manager Al Lamb of Morrow County Grain Growers said, "The snow is wonderful." Earlier freezes without appreciable snow took a toll on barley that had been planted in the fall. However, the harder wheat probably was not hurt as badly. This new covering of snow which may be as deep as eight inches in some parts of the county will not only give the planted crop protection from freezes but will contribute needed moisture.

On the recreation front, too, the snow made friends. Arbutle Mountain Ski club, which had waited for snow for some time, will now proceed with its plans for ski classes, starting Saturday at the course. Kids quickly got out their sleds and headed for hillsides. Ice skaters have been enjoying the frozen ponds for some time.

But for those who have to travel roads and highways every day, the snow and cold remained a nuisance, and the man in the street has occasion to mutter some complaints about the chilly weather.

Report for the week by Observer Gilliam is as follows:

Day	Hi	Lo	Pre.
Thursday	32	24	—
Friday	38	11	—
Saturday	41	15	—
Sunday	34	18	1.5" snow
Monday	23	10	3.0" snow
Tuesday	20	-1	.8" snow
Wednesday	16	9	.8" snow

## More Than 300 Attend Opening

More than 300 persons attended the grand opening of Case Furniture store Saturday, Arnie Hedman and Gil Lujan, new owners, report.

Mrs. Jerry (Joyce) Nielsen won the grand prize, a \$64.50 dinette set in the door prize drawing. Second prize, a \$29.95 pole lamp, was won by Mrs. Bert (Genevieve) Corbin. Third, a \$9.95 lamp, went to Mrs. Floyd Hutchins, and fourth, a gallon of Sherwin-Williams paint, was won by Mrs. W. E. (Florence) McMillan.

Many fellow businessmen and others sent plants and flowers for the opening event.

Hedman and Lujan were pleased with the response and the reception by the public. They expressed appreciation to all who had a hand in making the grand opening a success.

## Group Tells Plan, Need For Facility

Proposal for a city bond issue for construction of a theater-bowling alley recreation building was asked by leaders of a community committee at a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night. At the same time, petitions bearing the names of some 200 citizens asking for the bond election were turned over to the council.

Clarence Rosewall, spokesman for the committee, presented figures to show that estimated cost of the proposed concrete block structure would be \$195,000. On a 20-year repayment plan, payments on the principal would average \$3,750 per year. Interest figured at 3% for 20 years would be \$60,000, averaging \$3,000 per year for the 20-year period.

Thus, it was estimated that \$12,750 annually would be required to retire the bonds.

It is estimated that theater rental would bring \$150 per month and rental of the 8-lane bowling alley would bring \$550 per month or \$700 monthly income. On an annual basis this would be \$8,400, Rosewall pointed out.

Estimated tax on the building, which would be required because it would be used as a commercial venture although municipally-owned, would be \$4,421 annually and estimated insurance charge would be \$1,275 annually. When these amounts are deducted from the income, the net income would be \$2,704 annually. Applied against the bond issue, the annual payments would be approximately \$10,046, according to the tentative figures.

Estimated millage levy to city residents to finance the bond issue, then, would be 6.1 mills. Rosewall said that to a taxpayer owning property valued at \$6,000, the tax increase by the proposal would be 76¢ per month. For one with \$9,000 property value, it would be \$1.14 per month; for \$12,000, \$1.53 per month and for \$15,000, \$1.92 per month.

According to the tentative plans the structure, which would separate the bowling lanes and the theater by a concourse, would be located on property between Chase street and Willow Creek, behind Hotel Heppner. The committee has secured an option on the plot of ground which is 88 feet wide and 210 feet long.

Design would make it possible to use each part of the building independently from the other, although it is expected that both would be under the same private management, operating under lease from the city. Screen of the theater would be at one end of the long structure, and pins of the bowling lanes would be at the other end.

Wesley Korman, architect, was present at the meeting to show tentative sketches of the structure and to answer questions. The concourse would be located 3 1/2 feet below ground level to allow for slope of the theater, and a ramp would go up one side of the building to make it possible for invalids to enter. Steps would go up to the concourse from the opposite side of the structure.

One unusual feature proposed for the theater is that it use a type of seating referred to as the "continental pattern" by the architect. Under this plan there would be no center aisles, but only side aisles. However, four feet of space would be provided between rows of seats, thus, in essence, making each row an aisle.

Korman said that his plans incorporate no lavish designs nor expensive materials for the structure. It would be built of concrete block, and these would be exposed both inside and outside of the bowling alley. In the

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QUEEN SANDRA EUBANKS

## Sandra Eubanks Picked As 1963 Rodeo Queen

Sandra Eubanks, pretty Ione high school senior and a skilled horsewoman, will return to Morrow county rodeo court as Queen of the 1963 Rodeo after serving as a princess in the court in 1961.

Queen Sandra was chosen for the honor Wednesday night at a meeting of the Morrow County Rodeo board. Princesses will be chosen by various sponsoring county groups at a later date.

The rodeo will be held this year on August 31 and September 1, the week following the Morrow county fair. It was decided at this meeting of the board that the program will be essentially the same as for last year. However, the half-mile race will be eliminated and a quarter-mile open race will be substituted for it. The registered quarterhorse race will be retained.

A purse will be established on the head and heel team event which last year was strictly a

jackpot event, it was decided. Tickets for the rodeo will be the same price as those of last year.

Queen Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks of Ione, has won many prizes in rodeos. Her gelding, "Sonny," was named grand champion of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in 1961 and she received a trophy together with some \$500 in prize money.

She recently won a trophy for all-around senior girl in the Oregon, Washington and Idaho junior Rodeo Association in competition the past year, as well as silver buckles in barrel racing and other competitive events.

Queen Sandra has appeared on a horse in every Heppner fair and rodeo since she was five years old.

One of her first important titles was that of all-around junior cowgirl of the Northwest in 1960. She won 17 silver buckles and six trophies for her performances. Queen Sandra has also been in the courts in rodeos at Condon, Fossil and last year in Arlington.

Prominent in activities at Ione High school, Sandra has served as cheer leader, a member of the band, chorus and Girls' League and is active in dramatics. Outside activities include the 4-H club with work particularly in saddle clubs and Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Chairman Floyd Jones presided at the board meeting, first of the year for the rodeo.

Johan Alfred Troedson, 87, known to his friends as "Al," died Thursday morning (today) in Pioneer Memorial hospital after being in ill health for some time.

He was a member of a family which homesteaded in the Morgan area in 1895, and he farmed in that area for 49 years before coming to Heppner to retire in 1941.

On July 4, 1905, he was married to Alta Byham of Guys Mills, Pa., at Morgan. She preceded him in death on December 27, 1961.

Mr. Troedson was a longtime member of the Heppner Methodist church and was a charter member of Morgan IOOF lodge, covering a period of 66 years. He was also a member of the Lexington Grange.

Mr. Troedson had suffered a stroke recently, resulting in his hospitalization.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 2, at 2 p.m. in the Heppner Methodist church with the Rev. Melvin Dixon officiating and interment will be in the IOOF cemetery, Ione. Contributions may be made to the Heart Fund in lieu of flowers at the request of the family.

Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances Putnam of Heppner; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and a number of cousins residing in this area.

State Superintendent Tours School Plant

Mr. Charles Hansard, state superintendent of secondary education, Salem, was a visitor at Heppner High school Wednesday. Primary purpose of his coming was to tour the new Heppner-Lexington high school plant now under construction.

Accompanying Mr. Hansard through the new building were members of the high school student council and Mr. Gordon Pratt, principal.

## Cutsforths Land Plane with Dry Tanks after Battling Snowstorm

There wasn't a drop of gasoline to spare when Orville Cutsforth, accompanied by his wife, Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. George Rugg, landed Tuesday at the Cutsforth ranch, Lexington, after the four had taken an airplane trip to Nevada and Arizona in Orville's airplane.

The motor conked out just as they were sitting down for the landing. However, by pitching the plane more sharply the pilot got the motor going again for enough power to land in the seven or eight inches of snow.

They had returned from Las Vegas and stopped for gasoline at Reno. However, the attendant there didn't fill the tanks full, unknown to the pilot. Even so, they would have had enough to make the trip home with ease had it not been for heavy snow encountered.

Cutsforth flew as low as 25 feet from the ground over much of the flat and desert country following the yellow stripe of the highway as he headed towards Burns. However, Burns was socked in and so they headed northwest towards Redmond, setting the plane on automatic

pilot on the Redmond radio beam as they neared that town. They heard from the radio that Madras was clear, so went north from Redmond, breaking out of the snow.

With weather conditions much better, they continued on home, arriving just as the tanks ran dry.

However, Cutsforth said that it would have been possible to land most anywhere along the route and felt that he could have put the plane down on the highway if necessary.

He took the Ruggs to the Wool Growers meeting at Las Vegas and then to a hearing at Tucson, Ariz. While in that state they stopped and visited the Garnett Barratts at Mesa and found them enthusiastic about living in the Southwest. Others from Morrow county were rather numerous there, vacationing from the cold weather, Cutsforth said.

They found land values high in Arizona with Cutsforth reporting that property "not as good as the bomb range" posted for sale at \$4400 per acre. The quartet was gone 10 days on the trip.