

THIS BIG rig of the Inland Navigation Company came to a full stop Monday afternoon when a bridge in the Eightmile country gave way. Driver Keith Mathias suffered minor injuries. (G-T Photo)

County Bridge Drops Under Loaded Truck

Another of Morrow county's bridges succumbed under the weight of a big wheat truck when it gave way and collapsed in a heap of wreckage Monday afternoon.

The bridge, located in the Eightmile area near the Oscar Peterson ranch, went down as an Inland Navigation Company truck was crossing. It was hauling wheat for Morrow County Grain Growers from the Louis Carlson ranch to the Patterson Ferry elevator.

The incident was the second bridge mishap of the same type to occur this year, the first being in Blackhorse Canyon in March when the trailer of a Sun Trucking Company truck went through a bridge.

In the Monday accident, the truck had crossed the bridge, and the trailer was on the structure when it gave way, causing the rig to come to an abrupt stop. The jolt threw Keith Mathias, 35, The Dalles, driver, against the steering wheel and windshield, and he was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment. Mathias was released shortly after.

The trailer remained coupled to the truck but was twisted at an angle which caused about half of the trailer load to spill. The rig carried about 800 bushels of wheat, according to Al

Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers.

Spilled wheat was later cleaned up with a portable loader by men of the Grain Growers, and together with the balance of the trailer load, was hauled to its destination in smaller trucks.

Harold (Doc) Sherer, county road superintendent, said that the collapse was caused when a "chord," gave way at one corner. He said that he had inspected the bridge last spring but could not see the internal dry rot in this key piece of the A-frame type structure.

The road superintendent said that he continuously inspects bridges as he travels county roads to prevent this type of occurrence.

For the present traffic is being detoured around the bridge, and a new one of concrete and steel will be erected at a time to be decided by the county court.

Sherer said that stringers of the Blackhorse canyon bridge were rotten when it collapsed under the truck and trailer in March but backwalls had rotted. Ends of the stringers were saved to show this in insurance investigations after the accident, he added.

A county crew is now rebuilding a bridge in Clarks canyon which was felt to be yielding to age.

Ione, Heppner Grid Teams To Play Home League Tilts

The Heppner Mustangs and the Ione Cardinals both play the role of host in this week's grid action. The Horsemen are slated to go against the Pilot Rock Rockets in league action Friday night at the rodeo field while the Redbirds are due to tangle with the Helix Grizzlies Friday afternoon on the Ione turf in another conference tilt.

The Cards will be gunning for their fifth win of the season when they lock horns with Helix. They hope to use the Grizzlies as a stepping stone in their bid for the Umatilla-Morrow league crown. Cardinal hopes will rest on their driving offense to get the job done. The Ione line will be primed for a day's work in stopping the Helix ground attack. The club from Umatilla county throws very little and relies on power to get its points. Against Weston, the Bears proved they can be dangerous by playing the game to the wire and losing by only six points.

Meanwhile, in the Heppner camp, intensive drills are the order of the week as the Mustang club works on halting the vaunted Rocket attack. The Pilot Rock club operates from a pro-style offense which features the "I" formation with a flanker back. The Rockets throw about 50% of the time and are capable of heaving the long bomb.

Deep man in the Rocket backfield is Bob Hamilton, a hard runner who is able to go the distance from anywhere on the field and has done just that in many instances. Another of the dangerous Pilot Rock backs is quarterback Bob Wilson who teams with Hamilton and end Dick Mikel to give headaches to the opposition's defensive secondary.

Defensively, the Rockets can be scored on but not very easily. Only the finest clubs that the Rockets have played have been able to cross their goal line.

Jim Sutherland, Heppner coach, commented on the upcoming game by saying that the Heppner squad is hitting well in practice and seems to be getting stronger on defense, especially since its fine game against Grant Union. Sutherland pointed out that both clubs have identical 3-2 records and that the game should be close with the breaks determining the winner.

One sour note in the Heppner camp is that Larry Muessig and Dave Hanna were both injured in the last outing and are both taking treatments for their ailments. Whether they will be



MARK HALVORSEN, Ione back, who scored two touchdowns and passed for two more against Umpigine last week, will be hoping to do the same Friday when the Cards meet Helix. (G-T Photo)

400 Attend Fiesta Lanes Opening

Approximately 400 persons showed up at the Fiesta Lanes for its grand opening Wednesday evening. Heppner mayor, Al Lamb rolled the first ball down the lanes and dropped eight pins to open the Kegler's paradise.

Free Pepsi and coffee were sampled by many as the evening's festivities preceded. Lapel pins and key chains were given away to those who attended the opening. Also, in the course of the event, stuffed animals were given to various bowlers and small-fry for accomplishments on the lanes. High game for the evening was rolled by John Ledbetter, Lexington, who scored a 253.

Throughout the night, the desk was kept busy serving the bowlers and taking orders for equipment. Art Dyck, owner of the Lanes commented that he filled more than one order book during the opening. Dyck also stated that there were several locker rentals but there are some lockers still available to those wishing to rent.

Commenting on the opening, Dyck said, "I was well pleased with it. We had a real good turnout."

When asked about the lessons offered by the lanes, Dyck acknowledged that there would be a class for beginners at 9:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday; a class for business men and women at noon, Monday through Thursday; instructions for beginners following league, Monday through Wednesday and a junior clinic to be held on Saturday morning starting October 26.

Dyck announced that some league openings are still available to those interested. He said there is room for men's teams Thursday and Friday nights, an open spot for women on Thursday evenings and openings for teams in the Sunday evening mixed doubles league.

Funeral Services For Harold Evans Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Harold Evans, 54, prominent Heppner rancher who had lived in Morrow county all of his life, were held Monday at 10 a.m. in All Saints' Episcopal church with Father C. Bruce Spencer officiating.

All seats were taken and many were standing for the services. Death was apparently from a heart attack Thursday afternoon near his home in Clarks Canyon. The body was found beside his truck on a county road. Doyle Key had stopped and talked with him just a short time before the body was found by another party and noticed nothing amiss. Evans only had said that it "seemed awfully warm."

He was born January 8, 1909, in Heppner and had lived here all of his life. He was a member of Morrow County Livestock Growers, Oregon Farmers Union, Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society, Heppner Elks lodge, the Heppner Wranglers and All Saints' Episcopal church.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ora Evans; a daughter, Mrs. Evone Nyman, New York City; two granddaughters; his mother, Mrs. Emma Evans, Portland; two uncles, Earl and Walter Evans of Heppner; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery with the Heppner Elks lodge participating in the committal service.

WEATHER			
By LEONARD GILLIAM			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	78	51	—
Friday	68	44	—
Saturday	68	44	—
Sunday	75	53	—
Monday	77	56	—
Tuesday	80	42	—
Wednesday	75	43	—

School District to Buy North End Tracts

Directors of Morrow county school district R-1 Monday night approved purchase of a 28.2 acre school site in the new Boardman township and the acquiring of additional property north of the A. C. Houghton elementary school, Irrigon.

The Boardman property is to be purchased from the Northern Pacific Railway Co. at a cost of \$100 per acre. A sum of \$100 earnest money had been placed on the property some time ago, leaving a balance of \$2720. At Irrigon, the board will use \$1500 budgeted for the purpose to buy an adjoining tract between the school building and the river. Exact acreage in this tract has not been determined. Motion to complete purchase

of these properties was made by Director Andy Van Schoiack.

At the same meeting Director Van Schoiack moved that the board postpone until September, 1964, its decision on where to locate Riverside High school, which must be moved with the rising of the waters of the John Day Dam reservoir.

Incorporated in the motion, however, was a clause "unless patrons of the north end of the county request action sooner." Director Van Schoiack said that he hoped the people of the north could "get together and decide on the site."

"I don't think they want us south-enders to make their decision for them," he said. Director Roy Partlow of Board-

man voted against the motion.

The "old" board had previously started to negotiate a contract with the Army Engineers to locate the school in the "Boardman area" but this has been held in abeyance by the "new" board.

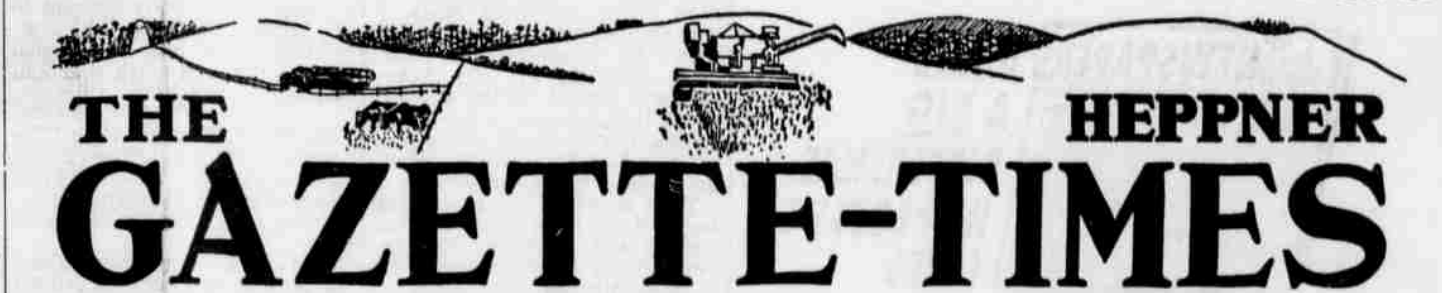
Magazines Cost Eyed

Magazines and reimbursement for mileage received special scrutiny at the meeting while directors reviewed months' bills. Total paid for magazines and periodicals in the district amounts to well over \$1000. Most subscriptions were for one year but some were for longer periods. Many of the publications were those purchased for each student for classwork in some particular field, such as the

Weekly Reader.

The bills for the magazines were allowed, but Supt. Brubacher said, "This is the sort of thing that probably will have to be cut if things really get tight."

Discussion on the mileage came up when a small item was noticed by one of the directors for travel of Ted Talbott between Boardman and Irrigon. He and his wife live in Boardman. She teaches in Boardman and he teaches in Irrigon. Last year, his day was split between schools of the two cities and mileage was allowed. When basketball season comes, he will coach at Riverside High and therefore will divide his day between the two cities once more. (Continued on page 8)



CHAMPIONS of the Morrow county Punt, Pass and Kick competition are shown wearing their National Football League-type jackets which they won in the competition conducted Saturday at the rodeo grounds, Heppner. Dave Barnett, left, sales manager of Heppner Auto Sales, local sponsor, hands certificate to Dale Hedman, 8-year-old winner, and Gene Rietmann, right, of the assisting Ione Lions club, gives certificates to John McCabe, 11-year-old champ. Tops in 9-year-old division was Tom Stockard, third from left, and 10-year-old winner was Dean Wright, third from right. (G-T Photo)

Boys Awarded Prizes in Pass, Kick Contest

Four mighty happy boys were honored at a Lion's club banquet Monday night for their achievements in the Morrow County Punt, Pass and Kick contest. The lads were accompanied by their proud parents. Besides the dinner and ample attention, the boys were presented with NFL warm-up jackets by Dave Barnett of Heppner Auto Sales and the Lion's club.

Barnett, filling in for Don Linnell, chairman of the event, said that the four youngsters who won first places in their respective divisions, will be entered in state competition. He stated that the scores that the four gained will be forwarded to the state headquarters where they will be compared to those of other first place winners from around the state. Those boys having the highest scores will be declared the state winners and will enter regional competition where the winners will be selected via the same method and will receive a free trip to San Francisco to view a professional football game.

The winners and their accompanying parents were: Dale Hedman, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman of Heppner; Tom Stockard, 9, son of Mrs. Anita Stockard of Heppner; Dean Wright, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright of Heppner and John McCabe, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCabe of Heppner.

Sixty-three boys showed up for the competition at the rodeo field last Saturday afternoon. The boys were judged on the accuracy and distance of their punt, kick and pass. The boys were given only one try at each phase of the competition.

Second and third prizes were also awarded in each age group. In the eight-year-old bracket second place went to Dick Snider, Ione, and third to Allen McCabe, Heppner. In the nine-year-old group, second went to Bobby Templeton of Heppner and third to Loren Hopper of Heppner. For ten-year-olds, Gary Watkins, Heppner, garnered second while Dallas Harsin, Heppner, was capturing third. Eleven-year-old Bruce Marquardt, Lexington, capped second in his division and Rory Stillman, Heppner, got



MOVING IN for his placekick try in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition here Saturday is Doug Gonty, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty. Wayne Ball, an official of the competition, supervises while young contestants watch in the background. Doug gave it the "old college try" but failed to place. (G-T Photo)

County Entries Win at PI

Many awards came to Morrow county on the opening day of the 53rd annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, which is in operation this week, Saturday, the first day, our team of 4-H livestock judges, consisting of Sue Greenup, Terry Ann Greenup, and Nancy Doherty took a blue award in the contest, competing with 4-H judging teams from several western states. A white ribbon was earned by the dairy judging team consisting of Kit and Douglas Anderson, and Steve Pettijohn.

In the Land Products show, new this year, Morrow county was in the limelight. Champion of the hay division was John Graves, Hardman, with his alfalfa-grass exhibit. In the small grain division, there were 15 Morrow county exhibitors. They took all of the top awards. Don Robinson exhibited the winning oats with his Cherokee oat exhibit. William Rawlins, Ione, took second place with his Barnett variety exhibit.

B. J. Doherty, Lexington, had the champion barley exhibit with his Flynn variety exhibit. (Continued on page 8)

Ekstrom's Steer Reserve Champion

A 950 lb. steer of Herb Ekstrom, Ione, was chosen reserve champion in the open class at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition Tuesday.

The polled Hereford was one that Ekstrom and his son, Rollie, had fed out jointly this year. Grand champion in the open class was another polled Hereford steer, this one from Wolfe Hereford Ranch, Walla. It later won grand championship of the show.

State Tax Plan Bows In County

Morrow county voters followed the rest of the state in defeating Tax Measure No. 1 in the special state election Tuesday. Final tally in the county was 302 yes to 860 no.

While the county vote was not quite so overwhelming as the state average, it was decisive. The state, with only a few scattered precincts yet to report, voted 101,000 yes to 345,000 no, about 3 1/2 to 1. Morrow county's vote was between 2 1/2 to 1 and 3 to 1 against.

Every precinct in the county tallied a majority of no votes, but the one coming closest to registering a favorable vote was northeast Heppner with 45 yes to 67 no. Most decisive against the legislature's tax program was Lexington, which polled 20 yes to 119 no, about a 6-to-1 majority. Ione was not far behind with 34 yes and 188 no, which is better than 5-to-1.

Other precincts voted as follows: Hardman, 5 yes, 20 no; Northeast Heppner, 60 yes, 124 no; Southwest Heppner, 23 yes, 58 no; Southeast Heppner, 38 yes, 77 no; Boardman, 30 yes, 78 no; Irrigon, 47 yes, 129 no.

Turnout at the polls was comparatively light, but it did exceed some pre-election predictions. A check of several precincts showed that the vote ran about 62% of the registration as against a prediction of a 50% vote.

None of the state's counties voted in favor of the program, and one, Josephine county, turned it down by a margin of 11-to-1.

Although some voted against Measure 1 on the basis that the legislature would offer a sales tax, it was apparent after the defeat that there is considerable controversy and difference of opinion among legislators on that point.

Hermiston Hunter Bags Deer, Dies Of Heart Attack

Daniel Regis Alexander, 52, Hermiston, died in the Johnson Creek area above Little Butte Creek Tuesday of a heart attack after he had shot and killed a deer.

Alexander then shouted to his hunting companion, whose identity was not learned, to say that he had spotted another buck. The partner heard no more from him, and went to investigate. He found Alexander dead.

The man then went to summon aid but found that the telephone were out at the first three farm houses he reached. He finally arrived at the Don Greenup place and Greenup took a 4-wheel Jeep to the scene after Dr. L. D. Tibbles, medical examiner, and Oliver Creswick arrived to accompany them. The officials received the call about 6:30 p.m. and did not arrive home until after 9 p.m.

The body was brought to the Creswick Mortuary and was then taken to Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, where funeral services are pending.

Alexander had been a Hermiston resident since 1945. He was born in Corapolis, Pa.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church; Hermiston Masonic lodge, AF and AM, No. 38; and the Scottish Rite in Baker.

Surviving are the widow, Pearl Laurine Alexander; a daughter, Judith Schmidt, Stanfield; a brother, N. D. Alexander, Reedsport; and two sisters, Mrs. O. A. Rufner, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. George Van Cleave, Oregon City.