

# Wiles Family Landmark Used As Practice Lab for Firemen

By KATHERINE LINDSTROM

IONE—Another old landmark in the city of Ione is gone. The house owned for many years by the Wiles family was burned to the ground on Sunday.

Contrary to most fires, this one was deliberately planned by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Jr., and used as a practice session for the fire departments of Ione, Heppner, Arlington, and Condon. Stan Phillips, who is with the state fire marshal's office in Salem and also fire chief of the John Day department, conducted the fire demonstrations. He was assisted by Frank Palmer and Tom Sutton, instructors from the John Day department.

Volunteers were taught the proper use of gas and smoke masks and how to operate and put out fires with the new Ione truck and the Heppner truck. Fifteen to 20 fires were set inside the house. They reached a heat intensity of 1200-1400 degrees heat and then were extinguished with less than a gallon of water each, by using the indirect application of fog streams.

The building was completely destroyed, never allowing surrounding buildings to burn nor the trees to catch fire. Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom plan to build a new home on the lots.

## Boys Recovering from Accident

Bruce Botts, son of John Botts, returned home on Monday from the Heppner hospital, following surgery on his shoulder. Mike Davidson was released from the hospital on Saturday and is at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson in Heppner.

The boys were seriously injured on September 16, when the car in which they were riding, failed to negotiate a curve just south of the C. C. Jones ranch near Lexington. Another boy, Wesley Holstein, who was riding with them, escaped with minor cuts and bruises. Mike is recovering from a chipped vertebrae and a bad cut on the head.

Relatives here for the funeral services of Mrs. Diantha W. Akers last Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pettyjohn of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Akers of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barlow of Washougal, Wn.

The Ione sixth grade enjoyed a field trip to Bull Prairie last Wednesday.

Mrs. Marion Palmer and Mrs. Lee Palmer drove to Walla Walla on Friday to visit Mrs. Elmer Palmer, who is hospitalized following serious surgery. They found her improving slowly.

Mrs. Archie Esteb accompanied Elder Elwood Boyd of Heppner to Spangle, Wash., on Sunday. She visited her daughter Judy, who is a freshman; and her son Kenneth, a junior at Upper Columbia Academy.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Martin were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Horton of Dallas, and her uncle, C. H. Lawrence.

John Warner of Vancouver, Wash., arrived on Monday as a relief agent at Union Pacific office, while Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bishop are vacationing.

Dallas Dalzell entered Columbia Basin College at Pasco as a sophomore on Thursday. Other college students leaving this week for school included Barbara Bishop and Judy Sherer to Eastern Oregon College for their second year, and Gary Morgan, who enrolled as a junior at Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls. Bill Akers left for Portland and Lewis and Clark College, where he is a junior. Roland Ekstrom is a student at Wenatchee Junior College. Jack Crum has gone back to Portland State to complete his education.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Conor spent Saturday in The Dalles visiting her mother, Mrs. Edna Yarnell, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crawford were week-end visitors in Yakima at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herval Pettyjohn, and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan and family spent the weekend at Kittitas, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 3, with an open house at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann. Friends may call from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Their children are hosts for the afternoon.

**Youth Observe 4-H Sunday**  
Four-H Sunday was observed at the United Church of Christ on Sunday morning when various 4-H members participated in the morning worship services. A choir of 4-H members directed by Mrs. Norman Nelson sang a special; Cheryl Smouse presided, with Marilee Jacobs giving the invocation; Linda Rowell led the 4-H pledge; Mrs. Walter Jacobs led the parents' pledge; and Karen Nelson extended the welcome. Ushers were Tim Tullis, Rodney Linnell, Chuck Nelson, and Keith Nelson. Mrs. James Pettyjohn was program chairman. Rev. Walter B. Crowell spoke on "I Will Build My Church."

Mrs. Cleo Childers gave a party on Friday in observance of her son, Roger's first birthday. Guests were Mrs. Lee Palmer and Anita, Mrs. Dick Sherer and three boys, Mrs. Bill Williams and two children of Lexington, Mrs. Richard Kinzer, Mrs. Berli Akers, Mrs. Hershel Townsend. Refreshments of birthday cake, cookies, ice cream, and coffee were served.

Berli Akers, Jr., left on Tuesday after spending a two weeks vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berli Akers. He is working in the VISTA program at Pine Ridge, S. D., helping the youth groups and, since the completion of a new home for the aged Indians, teaching them to operate and care for the home and its occupants.

Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen and Mrs. Hershel Townsend were hostesses for a party on Saturday afternoon honoring Mrs. John Ransier, who is spending some time here visiting with some old friends. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. E. C. Heliker, Mrs. James Lindsay, Mrs. Earl McCabe, Mrs. Harold Sherer, Mrs. John Eubanks, Mrs. Harvey Smith, Mrs. William Melana, Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mrs. Clell Rea, Mrs. Adon Hamlett, Mrs. Larry Prock of Heppner, and Mrs. Cecil Thorne of Hermiston. Following the party, Mrs. Ransier went home with Mrs. Thorne for a few days visit.

Mrs. Elmer Griffith returned on Monday from Portland, where she had spent several days shopping and visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Haugen.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Sr., this week are her mother, Mrs. Lesie Wilkins and her sister, Miss Virginia McClain of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Myers of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Kenneth Lynn Smouse returned to Corvallis on Wednesday for his fifth year in research chemistry at Oregon State University. He was accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. Anne C. Smouse, who had spent several days here visiting relatives and friends.

Guests of Mrs. Oscar Lundell this week-end were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Lundell and Curtis of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson drove to The Dalles Sunday, where they met their son, John. Mrs. Swanson returned to Portland with John for a weeks stay to be near her sister, Miss Lena Miller, who was to have surgery on Monday.

Clifford Aldrich and girls have moved into the Wilbur Akers home recently vacated by

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenner.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Peck and Natalie spent from Friday to Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan.

Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mrs. Walter B. Crowell, and Mrs. F. T. Martin left on Monday afternoon for Portland and Corvallis to attend Women's Day at the new United Church of Christ in Corvallis. Mrs. Baker, who is state worship chairman, was to attend a meeting of her committee in Portland on Monday.

Mrs. Milton Morgan and her mother, Mrs. W. C. Crawford, went to Portland on Monday. Mrs. Crawford will visit her daughter, Mrs. John Voorhees, while Mrs. Morgan joins the other Ione ladies for the trip to Corvallis.

Ronald Crabtree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, has been dismissed from Fort Ord, Calif., after completing his basic training. He arrived home on Thursday and spent the week-end in Colfax visiting his brother-in-law and sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews and daughters spent Saturday in Portland.

Mrs. Gordon Meyers and little daughter were called to Dayton, Wn., on Monday because of the death of her grandfather. Fall dancing classes taught by Jerry and Geneva Rickett of Pasco were resumed on Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. A good crowd turned out. They will teach a teen class beginning at 7:00 p.m. and students do not need partners to join. Teen age dances to teen age beat will be taught the young people. Adult classes begin at 8:30. Next Saturday night will be the last night for signing up for this series. The dance club will hold a party following the class, according to Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, president.

The women of the United Church of Christ have been invited to Condon on Tuesday, October 7, to attend a luncheon and meeting of the Condon Women's Fellowship. The state president and study chairman will be their guests also.

Charles White of San Francisco arrived by plane the last of the week and took his father, Gordon White and brother, Tom, with him on a flight to Salinas, Kansas. They attended the wedding of Leonard White's youngest son, 1st. Lieut. Gerald White to Sally Jo Swift at the First Methodist church in Abilene, Kansas, on Saturday, September 25. Mr. White flew home with Charles and Tom brought a new plane home. Mrs. John Whelling and daughter, Jona, of Seattle, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Gordon White, stopped on their way home from the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whit will be hosts for a reception honoring their son and his new bride in Portland at the Anchorage restaurant in E. Marion Street on Saturday evening, Oct. 9 at 8:00 p.m. All friends are cordially invited to come and meet the young people. Lt. White is stationed with the United States Air Force at Walker Air Base at Roswell, New Mexico, and following their honeymoon will be at home at 1210 West McGaffey in Roswell.

4-H Clubs are organized groups of young people who carry on educational projects and activities. Both city and rural boys and girls from 9 to 19 can participate. National 4-H Club Week, Sept. 25 through Oct. 2 is a good time to start.



**HIGHLIGHT** of the Stewardship Dinners of the Ione United Church of Christ last week was the burning of the parsonage mortgage. Taking part in the ceremony were Robert Rietmann, chairman of the board of trustees; Milton Morgan, original signer and former chairman of the trustees; Robert Jepsen, chairman of stewardship; Ken Smouse, treasurer and original signer, and Don Bristow, moderator.

## Church Officers Burn Mortgage At Annual Meet

IONE—The annual stewardship dinners of the Ione United Church of Christ were held Sunday and Monday evenings in the social rooms at the church. The deaconesses, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Mrs. Earl McCabe, Mrs. Phil Emert, Mrs. Marion Palmert, Mrs. James Lindsay, and Mrs. David Rietmann, were hostesses for the Sunday night dinner.

Theme for this year's dinners was "Fall Round-Up of Members and Friends" and clever decorations featuring a western motif were carried out. Tables were covered with gaily colored oil cloths and centered with bouquets of fall flowers arranged in bean pots and lard buckets. Lighted kerosene lamps, old irons, horseshoes and other articles from the old west were used on the tables and about the rooms. Bernece and Denece Matthews, Bonnie Akers, and Connie Emert dressed, in western outfits, served the tables on Sunday evening.

Monday evening the following trustees and their wives were hosts, dressed in western togs: Mr. and Mr. Jack Hynd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom.

About 200 people were entertained at the two evening meetings. The highlight of the program was the burning of the mortgage on the church parsonage. The mortgage had been written on February 4, 1958, for \$11,000 at 4 1/2% interest to be paid back \$1,000 each year on September 1. Milton Morgan, chairman of the Board of Trustees at that time and Kenneth Smouse, church treasurer of the Ione Community church, were the co-signers of the mortgage. They had the pleasure of burning the mortgage, which was paid off well ahead of schedule.

Other numbers on the program included some western music by Gene and Larry Rietmann; a brief summary of the duties of the church treasurer by Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr.; Robert Rietmann, chairman of the trustees handed out copies of the budget to each family for explanation and discussion; a colored movie presentation on stewardship "The Secret of the Gift;" and a short presentation by the financial secretary, Kenneth Smouse. He gave everyone a packet including a pledge card, which is to be brought to church next Sunday or mailed to him by October 3.

Robert Jepsen was general chairman of the dinners and Donald Bristow, moderator, was master of ceremonies. Rev. Walter B. Crowell gave the prayers

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Willis Wright and daughter Susan went to Portland Friday where they attended the Friday evening wedding of Mr. Wright's niece, Miss Joy Bolin. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler and Ray Rector went to Heppner Sunday to bring home Mrs. Rector and their infant son, Mrs. William Chapman of Spray is staying with the Rectors to lend a hand.

The F. L. card club met at Camp 5 last Monday with Lola Ferrel as hostess. High and floating were won by Jean Medlock and low and floating by Helen Wright. Others attending were Marilyn Thomas, Evelyn Robinson, Hazel Hulett, Pat Bell, Pat Hyatt, Ann Asher, Barbara Mortimore, and Carol Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Reed and family of Bend spent the week-end visiting with the Rusty Medlock and Frank DeMerrit families.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Troxell and family were in Heppner Saturday on business and to visit with Harriet Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Phillips were business visitors to Heppner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Browning were in Portland Monday for medical care for Joe. On Thursday Mrs. Browning took Joan to Pendleton to register for the fall term at Blue Mountain college and on Sunday they took her back to start her studies.

Two birthday parties were given this past week. The first was on Saturday when Mrs. C. J. Benson and Mrs. Ray Cody

gave a joint party for Jimmy Benson who was 10 and Robert Cody who was 9. The group played games after which the boys opened their gifts and then had a barbecue wiener roast with a birthday cake and ice cream. Those attending were Robert and Otis Cody, Jim, Rick, and Nancy Benson, Tommy and Billy Tripp, Frank Spivey, Linda Rice, Joyce Hatter, Mike, Steve, and Dennis Ball, Mothers assisting were Margie Ball and Marian Tripp.

The second party was for Rocky Britt on his fourth birthday. The youngsters played several games after which Rocky opened his presents and they then had birthday cake and ice cream. Attending were Rocky, Kim, and Benny Britt Todd and Brenda Pietela, Cindy Bowman, Pamela Stephenson, Mike Rice, Andrea Campbell, and Mallaroy. Mrs. Britt was assisted by Mrs. Mallaroy and daughter Carol.

4-H Clubs include programs for city youngsters as well as rural youth. Inquire now during National 4-H Club Week.

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