

## Sodium Chlorate Warning Issued By Health Officer

Lack of safety precautions while handling a weed killer and defoliant known as sodium chlorate has resulted in a number of persons receiving serious burn injuries when their clothing ignited after contact with the chemical, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Morrow county health officer, said.

Sodium chlorate is widely used as a defoliant on cotton fields and also as a soil sterilant. In some areas of the county, where Johnson grass is a problem, it is used to kill the weed. It may also be used to eliminate weeds along roadsides, ditches or any non-crop land. In these instances, it is often used in pellet form and as such resembles crushed stone. Extreme caution must be used to avoid any confusion between the two.

Sodium chlorate is a colorless, odorless crystal with a slightly saline taste. While moderately toxic, its main danger is that of combustion. It is a strong oxidizing agent that starts to release oxygen when heated. The oxygen released provides an oxygen rich atmosphere in the area of the chemical and thus greatly increases the intensity of any flame and allows materials to burn more readily.

Only a minimal amount of heat is needed to cause ignition when sodium chlorate is in contact with any combustible material. Friction is sufficient and some reports indicate that the heat of the sun on a hot day may cause ignition. It was reported in one instance that a child unknowingly placed sodium chlorate pellets in his pocket where the friction produced by rubbing the pellets against items carried in the pocket created a sufficient amount of heat to cause ignition of the child's clothing.

Sodium chlorate is highly soluble in water and may be applied in the form of a spray. It is often combined with a retardant and as such reduces the fire danger. Care should be exercised so that sodium chlorate will not come in contact with clothing or other items of wearing apparel. It is recommended that rubber boots and a rubber coat be worn while spraying. Clothing that comes in contact with the spray should be removed as soon as possible and laundered. Since sodium chlorate is readily soluble in water, laundering removes the hazard associated with clothing.

Since oxygen is released by the chemical as it decomposes when heated, the use of a fire blanket or trying to smother a clothing fire by rolling on the ground is of little value and may intensify the burns by trapping heat next to the body. The best method to extinguish the fire is to douse it with water.

Any dry vegetation sprayed with sodium chlorate or vegetation that becomes dry after spraying should be fenced off until after a rain. This is to minimize the chance for accidental ignition and the injury hazards associated with a fast moving fire. A rain shower will redissolve the crystals and carry them into the soil.

Sodium chlorate should never be mixed with or stored near organic compounds, oils, sulfur, sulfide, powdered metals, ammonium salts or phosphorus. If mixed with these compounds, sodium chlorate may produce ignition, an explosion or toxic gases depending on the combination of the materials. Sodium chlorate should never be confused with sodium chloride, common table salt. They are distinctly different compounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles attended an alumni meeting of former Moro High school students in Moro on Sunday, August 18. Over 100 people attended the day's activities, which were held in the city park. Mrs. Randall Martin, former Heppner resident attended, and also Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington.

## Swimmers Complete Session of Lessons, Certificates Given

The third session of Red Cross swimming lessons was completed at the Heppner Municipal pool August 9, with 80 persons participating, and 30 receiving certificates, according to announcement by Stuart Dick, life-guard.

Beginner swimmers who completed the session were Iva Lou McDaniel, Barbara Devine, Michelle Kellogg, Joycelyn Thorpe, Carla Thorpe Rosanna Marlatt, and Davis Worden.

Advanced beginner swimmers completing the session were Kathy Schwarzin, Mike Orwick, Jeff Cutsforth, Loraine Liebe, Sandy Bennett, Mary Huson, Craig Cutsforth Lynn Gochbauer and Connie Follensbee.

Intermediates who received certificates are Laurie Chally, Susan Healy, Kim Cutsforth, Kathy Cutsforth and Judy Bennett.

Chris Evans completed requirements for her swimmers certificate.

Junior lifesavers who completed the course were John Healy, Jim Van Winkle, Ron Sherman, Bobbette Jones, Liz Abrams, Mary Abrams, Duane Steers and Jamie Smith.

Adult participants in swimming lessons during the third session were Mrs. George Stillman, Mrs. Al Lovgren, Mrs. Mike Gray, Mrs. Vesta Cutsforth, Mrs. Ralph Marlatt, Mrs. Harold Curtutt and Mrs. Barbara Devine. Those taking the adult instruction did not receive swimming certificates as part of the Red Cross program.

## Good English Student Is Disturbed Critic Of College Teachers

"Good English seems to run in the family," according to Frank Turner who, in supplying a news clipping written by his granddaughter, is pretty good proof.

The granddaughter, now Mrs. M. R. McKenzie of Green Acres, Wn., acknowledged good English habits from her mother, Mrs. Raymond Huddleston, who was an English teacher, and others in the family who were well drilled in good grammar. It was quite natural, then, with the good background to react very critically to some of her college professors, and even to parents. Although written some time ago, her criticisms still would seem applicable, and her "letter to the editor" is quoted in part as follows:

"There have been innumerable articles condemning the college student for his insufferable English and grammar. It is time the student intervened and expressed his own disgust for the situation.

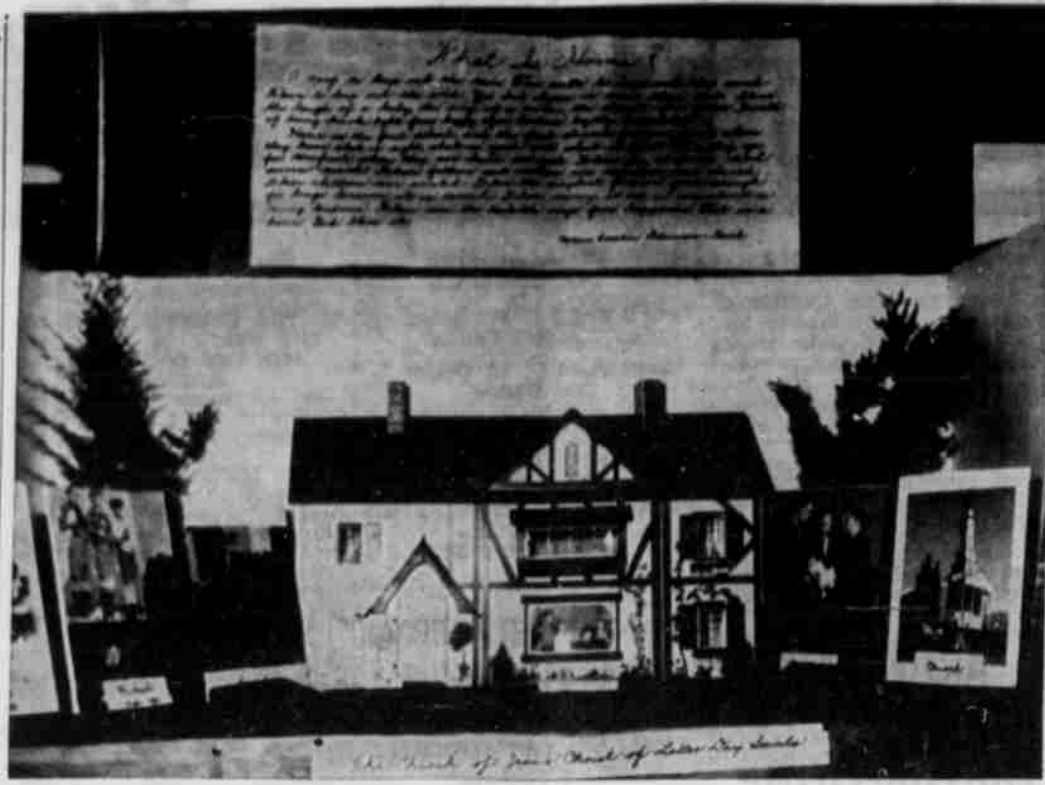
"The problem is not entirely in the classrooms. How many of these self-appointed 'experts' have taken time to examine behind the scenes?

"A student attends three hours of English class a week in an attempt to ameliorate his English abilities. During this time his English instructor tries to drill the student adequately and usually does an excellent job. However, the average student has an average of 12 more hours of class a week. How can he learn to apply the rules of English when many of his other professors flagrantly violate them?"

"Students are constantly horrified by the gross grammatical errors made by supposedly learned people. For hours a week he is forced to consume special collector's items as 'Does everyone have their books?' and other comparable errors."

"There have been many adults who have seemed to be exceedingly disturbed by their children's despicable English. However, a child whose family uses excellent English consistently, rarely uses poor English himself.

"I admonish our dear professors and parents to examine their own English first, then either become more conscientious themselves, or if their own English is as impeccable as their intentions, and of the highest caliber, let them holler, the louder the better; we can all stand improvement."



"WHAT IS HOME?" is the theme of this booth at the recent Morrow county fair of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The booth was first place for church exhibits. (G-T Photo)

## Teacher Resigns, Three are Hired To Complete Staff

One teacher resigned and three were hired at the August 19 meeting of the Morrow county school board.

Mrs. Leona Winters submitted her resignation as home economics teacher at Heppner High school, stating that her husband, Eugene Winters, has tentatively accepted a position in Jordan.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hilderbrand was hired for the position. She had been teaching here part time.

Mrs. Betty Rietmann of Ione was hired to teach first grade at Ione. She has taught for a year in Bendleton, Curtis B. Achesinger was hired to teach social studies at Riverside. He is from Tacoma, Wash., and is a graduate of Western Washington State College.

Non-certified personnel hired includes Mrs. Jerry Daggett, secretary at Heppner high school; Sue Jones, librarian aide, Heppner High; Fred Fredericksen, bus driver, A. C. Houghton school; Harry Green, bus driver, Willow Creek-Balm, Fork; and Lorine Ledbetter, bus driver, Blackhorse-Sandhollow.

**Glazer's Bill Withheld**  
Bill of Architect Howard Glazer for \$1,564.16 on the Riverside school project was withheld from payment, and the attorney was instructed to inform him that the district is holding the bill pending balancing of the Riverside school budget.

The board has been faced with an item of several thousand dollars for adjusting the mechanical system (heating and air conditioning) at the school. It has felt that Glazer should have included this item in the budget of costs for the school and that his failure to do so may result in the budget being overexpended, thereby leaving them with insufficient funds to pay all costs. Consequently, the architect's bill has been deferred.

**Superintendent Reports**  
In his monthly superintendent's report, Ron Daniels told of the problems of placing special education students since the special education teaching position was dropped this year at Heppner Elementary because of the tight budget.

An attempt will be made to work in the pupils in regular classes as much as possible and rounding their schedules with music, art, physical education and library, he said.

Leonard Toll attended a bus workshop in Eugene and conducted a workshop here on August 29, using manuals provided and information that he learned at the 3-day session in Eugene.

Heppner Elementary remodeling project is completed, the superintendent reported. All work has been included that was expected, and in addition some work has been done in the girls' shower room.

The directors did not approve a plan to use the Heppner municipal swimming pool for 14 days for physical education at a cost of \$600, including instructors furnished by the city. There are no funds budgeted for the purpose.

A policy for emergency leaves for teachers and unexcused absences for teachers was approved for the school policy handbook. A maximum of three days emergency non-accumulative leave per year on regular pay will be allowed for emergencies necessitating an employee's absence. This is separate from sick leave allowed.

Teachers whose absences are not excused or are in excess of the granted or accumulative sick leave, shall have a full day's pay deducted for such unexcused absence.

Visiting recently at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rhea and family were her cousins, Mrs. Hazel Purdy of Itasca, N. Y.; also John Cline and children, Joan and Ron Franklin, of Denver, Colo. Guests of the Rheas on Labor Day were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelley and small son, Harry Carl, of Albany.

## Ione Girl Named Junior Rodeo Champ

Marionette Pettyjohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pettyjohn, Ione, was announced as champion for the year of Western States Junior Rodeo Association after competing in The Dalles the past weekend. She won first in senior barrel racing, placed second in steer dodging, and placed in calf tying and break-away calf roping events in The Dalles. She was also a princess for the rodeo.

Championship was awarded to Marianne for winning the high number of total points for events entered in junior rodeos this year at Halfway, Hermiston, Lakeview and The Dalles.

## Relief Clothing Drive Underway

Church World Service, a relief arm for many Protestant churches, has invited this area to again participate in the used clothing drive for the destitute persons in foreign countries and in the United States.

The Heppner United Methodist church will again be used as the depot for the collection. A World Service truck will pick up the clothing on October 14, so it is necessary that all clothing must be at the Methodist church no later than October 12, in clean condition, packed well in cartons, and labeled with the name of the contributing church. Ten cents per pound is asked of each participating church in order to defray processing costs. Several trucking firms and steamship lines deliver the goods without charge.

It is requested that there is special need now for blanket materials, pajamas, shirts, trousers, socks, children's and baby's clothing. No shoes or heavy overcoats will be accepted in this collection, as there is an oversupply now of these articles.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, ministerial association president, urges the community to respond through the churches in helping meet this desperate need.

Mrs. Cecilia Healy, Portland, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Annie Healy, and other relatives in Heppner Friday through Sunday during rodeo weekend. Mrs. Healy had just returned from a ten day vacation trip to the Hawaiian Islands, where she went accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer, Ione.

## Sec. Clay Myers Makes Flying Trip

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for confusion of voters' names at the primary election which resulted in many Democratic voters' pamphlets not being distributed in Morrow county.

Mrs. Parrish presided at the meeting, and County Judge Paul Jones and Mayor W. C. Rosewell also acted as hosts.

A number of questions were asked from members of election boards and registrars. Sec. Myers said, in answer to questions, that a person may vote even if he reaches the age of 21 after the October 5 registration deadline, as long as he is 21 prior to November 5.

Special forms are available for servicemen on duty elsewhere to register when they become 21 years of age.

The traveling state officials had visited four counties Tuesday and headed for another when they left here. Myers said he particularly enjoyed the trip back to Morrow county because his great grandfather, Henry Clay Myers, once served as Umatilla county commissioner when Morrow was a part of Umatilla county. For Thompson, however, this was his first trip here.

Some 25 persons were at the meeting which ended with visiting while coffee and cookies were served.

Judge Jones and Mrs. Parrish met the travelers at Lexington, and brought them here. On the trip back to Lexington, Mrs. Herman Winter, Morrow county Republican chairman, joined Myers to talk about the election campaign.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and still receiving medical care, are the following: Oliver Munger, Fossil; Imogene Mooney, Ione; Walter Fleming, Fossil; Glen Jolliss, Condon; Clara Kincaid, Ione, and Pete Gilman, Heppner.

Those dismissed after receiving medical care, are the following: Judy Wright, Heppner; Ed Hunt, Lexington; Tom Curran, Heppner, and Hannah Anderson, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gregg, Heppner, became parents of a 5 lb., 6 1/2 oz. son on Sunday, September 1. He has been named Kevin E., and joins a brother, Ronald B. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haney and Mrs. Wilma Gregg, all of Riverside, Calif.; great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Haney, Modesto, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bosworth, San Ardo, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Leonnig and family moved early last week to McMinnville, where they will make their home. The couple's new address is 921 Ninth and Yamhill, McMinnville, and they would be interested in hearing from friends in this area. The Leonnigs lived here for about nine years while operating the Wagon Wheel Cafe and Lounge, which has recently been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer.

## Bill Sherman Leaves For Massachusetts

Bill Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, left early Thursday morning for Wenham, Mass., where he will enter Gordon Divinity School at the start of the fall term.

A graduate of the University of Oregon in the spring of this year with major in sociology, Bill expects to attend the divinity school for two years to get a masters degree before going into the youth ministry. During the summer he has been a counselor for Youth Adventures with headquarters near Oregon City.

The young man is making the trip to Massachusetts by auto. He graduated from Heppner High school with the class of 1964.

Mrs. Adelia Martin of Portland and her daughter, Suzanne, and nieces Lisa and Shelly Parent of Oregon City, have returned to their homes after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson, parents of Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and Mary Abrams enjoyed a weekend camping trip to the Mt. Adams area, where they spent time picking huckleberries. The weather was foggy and rainy, but they noted that huckleberries this year are large and in plentiful supply.

## CHOOSE A THEME

For The 1969  
**RODEO PARADE**

WIN Two Tickets To Two Performances of the Rodeo

Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce needs your help in choosing a theme for the 1969 Rodeo Parade which it sponsors. Requests have been made that the theme be chosen early in order to allow more time to plan entries.

If your idea is judged best, you will win the prize—two tickets to the Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances of the rodeo in August, 1969.

Make your theme idea general enough so that it can apply to a wide variety of floats and entries.

Anyone may enter this contest—just fill in the blank below and bring or send it to the Gazette-Times, Heppner, Friday, September 27.

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