

Gazette-Times Editor, Publisher Dies

Funeral services have been tentatively set here Saturday for Wesley A. Sherman, 52, editor and publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times since 1961.

A service for the family and immediate relatives is planned for early next week in Forest Grove. Burial will be in Portland.

Definite arrangements have not been made, however.

He died Sunday of an apparent heart attack while in Washington, D. C., enroute to Boston, Mass., to attend the wedding of his son, William.

His wife Helen and daughter

Cathy were with him at the time, as were William and his fiancée.

The trip to Washington was his first vacation in eight years as publisher of the Gazette-Times, and the longest time away from the newspaper business in 26 years.

He had complained of chest pains after attending church, and after being examined, was sent to George Washington Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival there.

Wesley Alvin Sherman was born August 13, 1917 in Yankton, Ore., near St. Helens in

Columbia county, the son of Harry A. and Willa P. Sherman. He attended elementary school in Forest Grove and graduated from Forest Grove High School in 1934.

Pacific University in Forest Grove was the site of his college education, and he received an A. B. degree from the university in 1938.

After college, he began teaching school in Nyssa, Oregon.

He married Helen Esther Stevens in Forest Grove, June 30, 1940.

They left Nyssa in 1941, and went to Forest Grove, where

they lived while he worked for a few months in a Portland shipyard.

He entered the newspaper business in 1942, becoming the associate editor of the Iremizer Observer at Dallas, Oregon, working for Earle Richardson.

In 1958, he left the Dallas paper to become associate publisher of the Stayton Mail. He remained there until June 1, 1961, when he became publisher of the Gazette-Times.

As publisher here, he was elected chairman of the Oregon Press Conference in 1964.

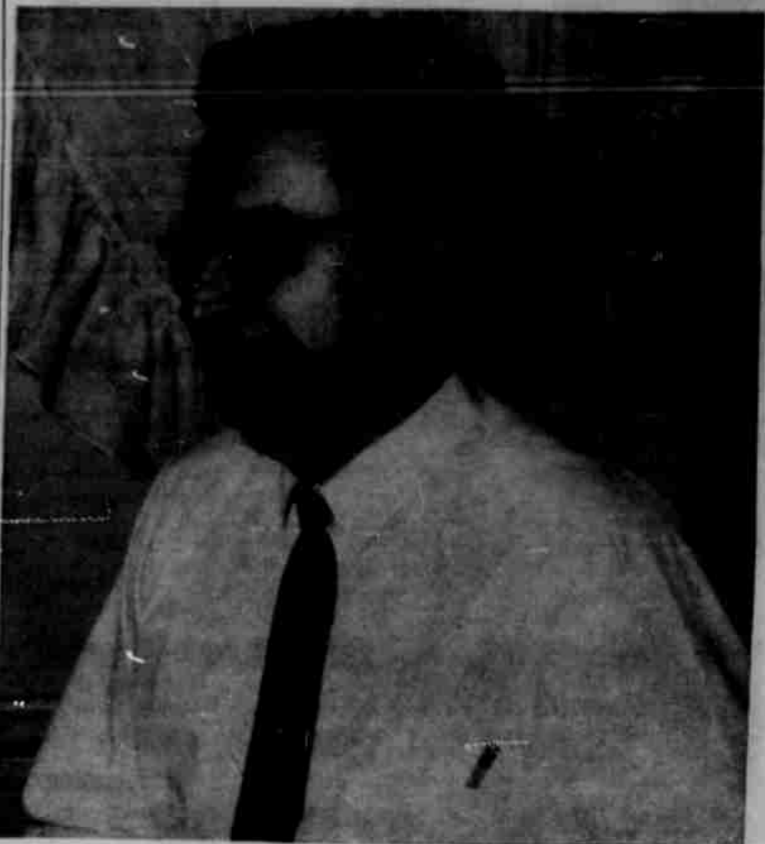
Last year, he was elected to

the board of directors of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

He had been the immediate past president of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Heppner United Methodist Church, B.P.O.E. No. 358 and the Lone Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, associate publisher of the Gazette-Times; his mother, Willa, Forest Grove; two brothers, Carl, Aloha, and Harry Jr., Forest Grove; three sons, Dick, Richland, Wash., Bill, Wenham, Mass., and Jim, Eugene; and a daughter, Cathy, at home.

Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements here, with services in Forest Grove in care of Seton's Mortuary.



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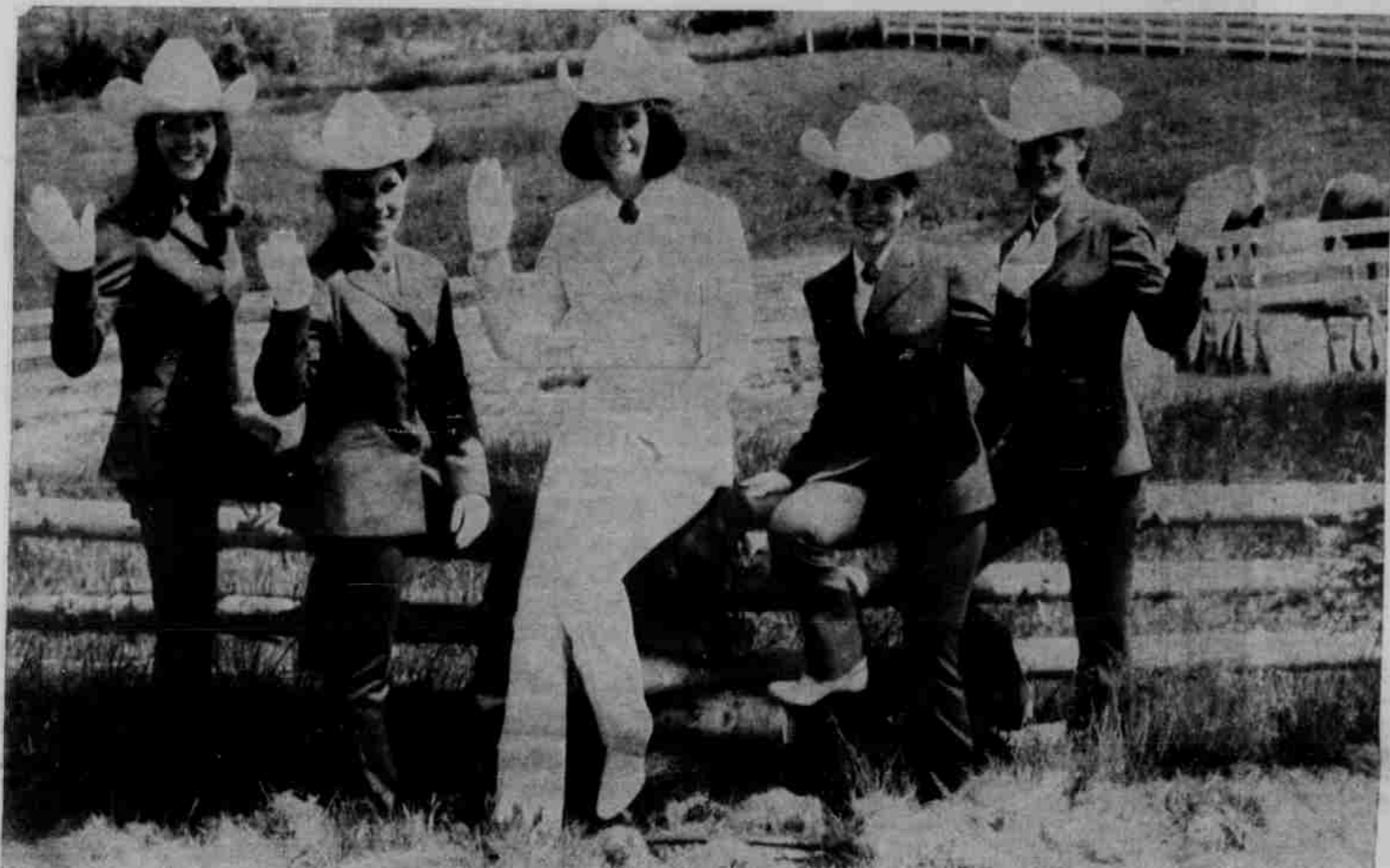
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ALL SET TO SAY HOWDY as they travel around Eastern Oregon are Queen Sheila Luciani (center) and her 1969 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court Rhonda Bellinger (left), Sherri Lynn O'Brien, Patti Healy and Joyce Howton. The five young ladies will be the featured guests of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce when it meets at noon Monday. The girls will be honored here July 5 at the Kickoff Dance, the first of eight dances set this summer.

They Use Dirt

Firefighters Learn at Fire School

By KIT ANDERSON

TUPPER GUARD STATION—There are many sophisticated methods of fighting fires in U.S. National Forests.

Those sophisticated methods range from dropping men to dropping chemicals — at least these are the methods persons removed from the fire scene hear the most about.

But for 28 employees of the districts of the south end of the Umatilla National Forest, these aren't the methods they'll resort to when it comes to fighting fires.

That's because for three days last week, these 28 men learned the very fundamentals of fighting fires, not jumping out of planes but pacing with map and compass to locate the fire, and not using chemicals but using dirt to rub out flames.

These are men who, for at least part of their time this summer, will be extinguishing fires that start in the Heppner, Dale and Ukiah districts of the Umatilla.

The men are all past high school age, and will work just for the summer. And what they learn before their actual experience comes all in this three days here at Tupper Guard Station and Work Center, 35 miles south of Heppner.

There's a lot to be covered, and the man who is the actual instructor is Don Roundy of the Ukiah district. His supervisor is Glenn Baker, the district ranger at Ukiah.

The object of the course, according to Baker, is to teach the men "the sole duty of finding the fire, reporting its location, putting it out and mopping it up."

A firefighter has a map, a compass and a fire pack with which to accomplish the job, and the three-day school is designed to show him how.

The school is not just practical experience, though. It begins with an introduction to U. S. Forest Service policy, multiple-use management and the total Forest Service picture.

The use of tools, both practically and safely, is the next thing taught the men. "We won't even let them pose for a picture if it's not safe," Roundy says.

Weather and its role in fires is another important facet of the firefighting school.

The use of the radio in reporting back to headquarters the location of the fire is another part of the course.

But the most important part is the actual fire fighting, and the men spend almost two days on this. It's actual experience, too, with real fires to cope with.

The first real fire is one which the instructors use to demonstrate tactics. Instructors go through step-by-step, sizing up the fire, knocking down the "hot spots," looking for evidence of the origin, controlling the fire and mopping it up.

After that, it's all up to the students. They work as small crews, doing everything from initial control to chopping up each piece of wood in what Baker calls a "bone-pile" or pile of burnt pieces.

Hot chunks of wood are set aside to be rubbed with dirt. In the case of a stump fire, which Roundy calls "the most difficult kind," the entire stump is smothered with dirt, then re-exposed to the air.

"If there is any fire left, this gives it air, and you can see it," the instructor says. A stump fire may get underground and smoulder a month before it starts up again, he explains.

Once the fires have been mopped up, the crews join together for a critique on their work.

The entire school is geared to train the men to fight fires without water. That part, says Baker, comes when they return to their individual districts.

The new men will fight fires with an experienced man, at least for a while, under the Forest Service plan. This is done for safety reasons, Baker notes.

The school may have come a little late. There have already been some fires in the three districts, where there were a total of 121 fires last summer.

Now that the men have returned to their districts, they'll carry on their work as engineers, guards and lookouts, or on the brush disposal crew.

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Rodeo Court's Schedule Busy From Now on

Guests of the Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its noon luncheon on Monday, June 30, will be the Rodeo Court members, Queen Sheila Luciani, Princesses Patti Healy, Sherri Lynn O'Brien, Joyce Howton, and Rhonda Bellinger, and their chaperone, Mrs. Archie Munkers.

The court faces a busy July, beginning with appearances throughout the day on July 4 at the Condon Celebration and the Kickoff Dance on July 5 at the Fair Pavilion in Heppner.

Princess Patti will be honored at the July 12 dance, sponsored by Lena community. Princess Rhonda's dance will be July 19, Princess Joyce's on July 26, and Princess Sherri Lynn's on August 2. The Queen's Dance will be August 9.

Music for the Kickoff dance will be by The Picadilly Line of Pendleton. The First National Band will play for the Lena dance. All dances will be at the Fair Pavilion in Heppner and will start at 9:30 p.m.

Other appearances by the court during July include the Elgin Stampede on July 20 and Chief Joseph Days on July 25 and 26.

The girls and their chaperone attended the Arlington Rodeo on May 3, the Spray Rodeo on May 24, and the Umatilla Sage Riders Rodeo on June 14.

Two Boys, Woman Injured In Automobile Accidents

Three persons were hospitalized in Pioneer Memorial hospital with injuries received in two separate automobile accidents this week.

Sara McCullough, 74, Lakeview, suffered multiple bruises and sprains in a one-car accident Monday evening on Highway 207 about 26 miles south of Heppner.

According to Sheriff John Mollahan, she ran off the road, traveled down over a 15-foot embankment and hit rocks in Rock creek.

A one-car mishap Sunday evening sent two Heppner youths to the hospital.

Mollahan said a vehicle driv-

en by Gary Kemp, 18, was traveling south on Highway 207 near the Roice Fulleton place when it went off the shoulder on the right side and skidded into the ditch.

Kemp and his passenger, 16-year-old Dean Wright, were both hospitalized. Kemp suffered a sprained neck and multiple minor bruises, while Wright sustained a severe injury to his lower back. He was transferred Monday to a Pendleton hospital, with the possibility he would be sent to Portland for further treatment.

Mollahan said an investigation is continuing in the accident. The car was demolished.

7 Area Students Get BMCC Honors

Seven area students have been listed on the Dean's list and honor roll at Blue Mountain Community College.

On the honor roll, which is comprised of students earning from 3.50 to 4.00 gpa, are Erin Dick, Heppner; Betty Eppenbach, Irizon; and Vickie Maggill, Cecil.

Those on the Dean's List of students having from 3.00 to 3.50 gpa are Mike Bunch, Heppner; Chris Lovgren, Lexington; Gloria Partlow, Boardman; and Linda Tatone, Boardman.

Mail Deadline Set

Heppner postal patrons will have to get their mail in 15 minutes earlier, beginning July 1.

A new contract awarded last week provides for a new mail route to originate at Pendleton and terminate at Heppner, necessitating the closure of the mail drop at 5:45 p.m., according to Postmaster Jim Driscoll.

Two Top Press Awards Go To Gazette-Times

The Heppner Gazette-Times won plaques for the best news story and best feature during 1968 to appear in an Oregon weekly newspaper with circulation under 3,000.

The paper placed second in three other categories: best photograph, best editorial, and best local column. All were by Wes Sherman.

The awards were made on Saturday, June 21, at the luncheon of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's 82nd annual meeting at Salsban Lodge, Glendale Beach.

Judging was done by graduate students (who have had newspaper experience) of the School of Journalism at U of O under the guidance of faculty members, and out-of-state newspapermen.

The news story which won the first prize for the G-T paper carried the headline, "Navy Officers say Boardman Range 'Absolutely Vital'." The winning feature story concerned the unearthing of 28 gold coins at the Don Greenup ranch. The news story was in the November 28 edition and the feature appeared on March 14, both in 1968.

The second place awards, which also are plaques, recognized a photograph in the August 22 edition which showed former Senator Wayne Morse, Judge Paul Jones, and Frank Turner in an easy informal conversation. The caption started, "Don't remember me, do you?"

An editorial on the bombing range, "Strong Case from the Navy," was the honored editorial. The "Chaff and Chatter" column which also won a second place plaque was in the November 28 issue and in it Sherman reminisced about delivering newspapers when he was a boy.

In 1967 the paper won first place for an editorial, by Sherman, which appeared in 1966.

Twelve categories were judged in the 1968 contest. Information on how many divisions were entered by the Gazette-Times was unavailable.

Rachel Dick represented the Gazette-Times at the ONPA annual meeting. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Penland, former owners and publishers of the Gazette-Times, who are now publishers at Tillamook.

Heppner City Budget Approved; Council Told of Flood Problems

It took just two minutes for the Heppner City Council to pass its budget for the 1969 fiscal year at a regular meeting Monday night.

And it took just about five minutes for the group to discuss building permits.

The business, as it were, was 30 Heppner residents who told the council it had failed to do its duty to keep the Shobe creek channel clean, thus adding to damage from flood waters earlier this month.

The citizens appeared the same day waters from heavy rain threatened to pour out of the creek's banks and inundate Chase street citizens again.

Mrs. Ted Smith asked the council if the channel could be widened.

"We feel something has to be done," Mayor Bill Collins answered. "An engineer should survey the channel."

"There just isn't enough channel to carry that much water," Collins said. "The channel from Chase street down wouldn't carry one-fourth the water that came down that night (June 9)."

When Councilman Dick Robison raised the question of who owns the channel, city attorney P. W. Mahoney told the group the channel could be widened by one of two ways.

"The city could issue general

bonds and by eminent domain have grounds to condemn the property and widen the channel," Mahoney said, "or it could firm an improvement district and assess property owners on a long-term basis for the improvement."

But Mrs. Jim Hager, a resident of Chase street, told the council that although the channel was inadequate, maintaining it would have lessened the problem.

"The city promised to keep the channel clean," she said. "They haven't cleaned it since the flood."

"A lot of people put priority on the channel," Mrs. Hager noted, "not what the city superintendent did."

Collins defended the city crew, saying he would like to go on record supporting the job done by the crew, the city police and the city fire departments.

When citizens asked if the disaster declaration made the city eligible to borrow money, Mahoney told them "the city is without the authority to borrow money at any time without a special election."

Jim Hager told the council the channel had been cleared back in 1947, but not since then, at least to that extent.

But Collins asserted that the problem is with engineering, not with cleaning the channel.

After the discussion, councilman Jerry Sweeney told the citizens he "wouldn't want everyone to go away thinking we wouldn't do anything."

He moved to refer the problem to the proper city committee for study of the possibility of federal grants and a study by an engineer.

"That passed, but Mrs. Hager, apparently not satisfied, asked if the channel would be cleared."

"Mayor Collins assures you something will be done," Sweeney said.

The budget passed is \$265,000, of which \$41,000 is to be levied. This is less than the six percent limitation.

Building permits approved included one for Jonathon Wood, 725 N. Shobe, and Archie Alderman, 785 N. Shobe.

A third permit by Felix Schwarzin, 590 Gail, was referred to committee.

Father Arrested In Son's Death

A former Heppner man was arrested Tuesday night in Hermiston on a Circuit Court warrant charging him with manslaughter.

Arthur Leroy Burkenbine, Jr., was taken into custody on the manslaughter charge involving the death of his son, Larry Dean Burkenbine, on April 14 of this year.

The father was taken to Umatilla county jail by Morrow county Sheriff John Mollahan Tuesday night.

Bail was set at \$5,000 by Circuit Court Judge William W. Wells. The warrant was issued after the Morrow county grand jury returned a secret indictment in the case Tuesday. The indictment was released after Burkenbine's arrest.

The grand jury also returned another secret indictment following Tuesday's deliberations.

Heppner Dropped From Title I Act Unemployment List

Commissioner Ross Morgan, Department of Employment, today announced that the U. S. Department of Labor has removed Heppner from the persistent list of unemployment. Also removed from the Title I Public Works Economic Development Act list were Albany, Eugene, Gold Beach, Prineville, and Salem.

Reason for the removal in all cases was that these areas fell below the six percent average annual employment mark during 1968, Morgan said. Effective date for removal is July 1. Reason that the areas fell into the lower unemployment classification was that the economy in these areas reached new highs during the past year.

Chamber Hears Norwegian IFYE

Four-H clubs are very active in Norway, International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) Amund Kvam told the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Monday.

Kvam was the guest of the group, and told of his home in Norway and showed slides.

He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson of Lexington as part of the IFYE program.

Kvam drew laughter from the group when he told them, "Norman (Nelson) has seen more of Norway than I have."

While showing some souvenirs of the country, he said, "The money is mine, the flag is mine; the rest I borrowed from Norman."

Kvam, who was involved with 4-H in Norway, said the program there has more steps than the American program.

There are not as many fairs in his home country as there are here, he noted.

The system at his home is important to youths, especially when they seek jobs, Kvam said.

When questioned about student unrest in Norway, Kvam said there was only a little.

"You're 10 or 15 years ahead of us," he said. He said generally Norwegians favor U.S. policies.

Also included in his talk were general facts about Norway.

Kvam will stay with the Nelsons about a month before going to Lake Oswego to stay with a family there.