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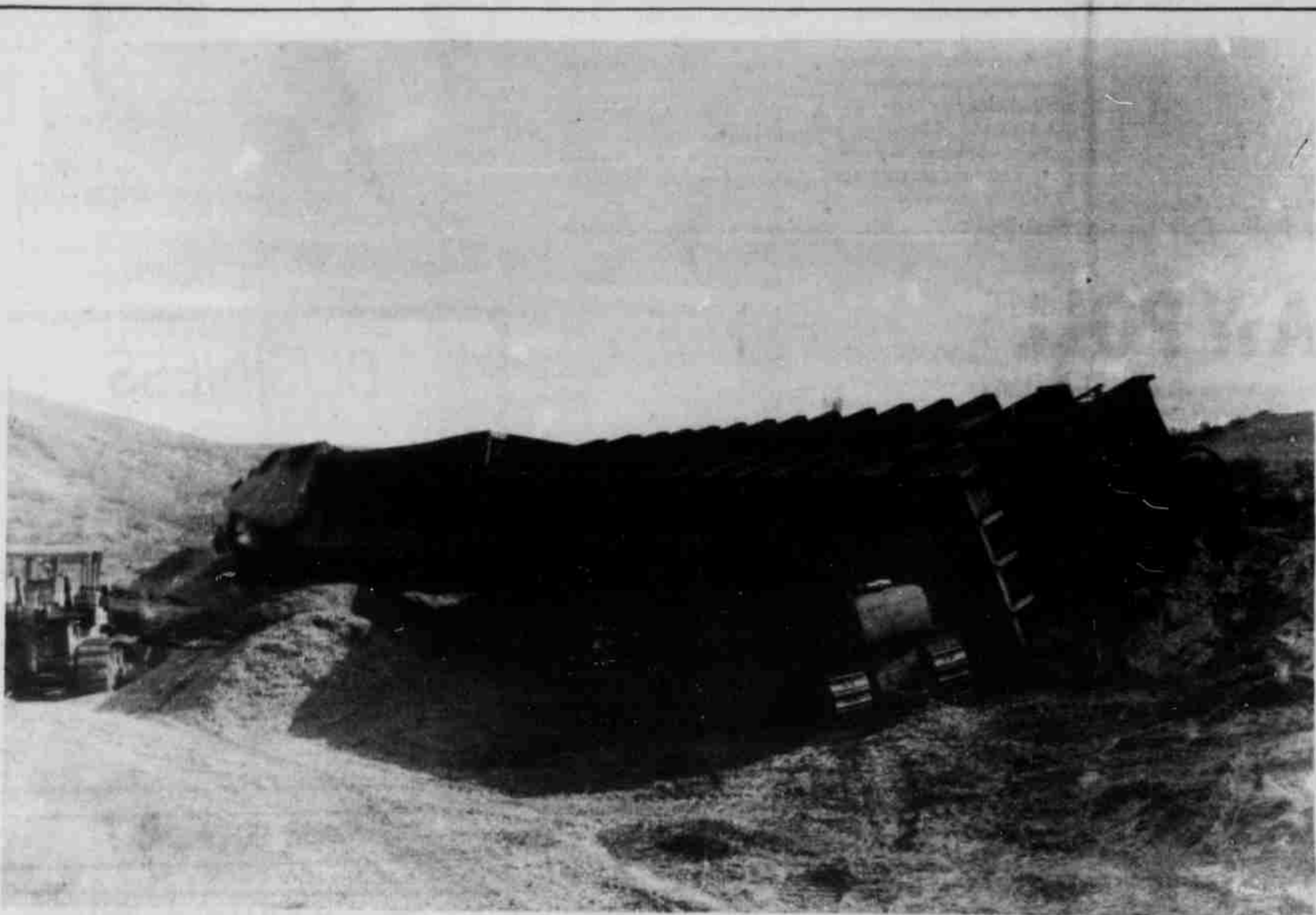
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HEPPNER, OREGON

Weather

by Don Gilliam

	High	Low	Precip.
Tues., Oct. 7 -	87	53	
Wed., Oct. 8 -	72	44	
Thurs., Oct. 9 -	61	32	
Fri., Oct. 10 -	64	32	
Sat., Oct. 11 -	65	35	
Sun., Oct. 12 -	62	45	.15
Mon., Oct. 13 -	52	43	.34



UP freight cars derail near Lone

Six cars of a Union Pacific freight train jumped the tracks ten miles north of Lone last Wednesday night, Oct. 8, spilling wood chips next to

Highway 74.

No injuries were reported in the derailment, which toppled three cars loaded with chips on their sides. Three cars with

lumber and veneer did not overturn, according to a Union Pacific spokesman.

Damage in the 8:45 p.m. wreck was estimated at \$5,000

to contents, \$6,000 to train cars, and an undetermined amount of damage to the tracks.

According to Union Pacific

the derailment was caused by "a worn track on a curve."

Crews worked until Monday afternoon before the line was opened for use.

Road closed despite petitions

Despite petitions including over 150 signatures, the Morrow County Court voted last Wednesday to shut down a portion of Martin Prairie Road between Ditch and Rher Creeks.

The court said a portion of the road was "a horrible mud hole" and not on a dedicated right of way. They closed a two-mile section effective immediately.

Harold Peck of Heppner had presented two signed petitions to the court asking that the road be left open for hunting, fishing and wood cutting purposes.

He said with the closure some people will now have to drive 45 miles out of their way to get to either side of Martin Prairie.

The court left the possibility

open, however, that the road may be repaired and reopened some day.

"The road is not shut down for good," said County Judge Don McElligott. "We decided against abandonment."

He said the County Road Committee will meet later and discuss the possibility of asking the county for funds to grade, gravel and add turnouts to the road, and also put it back on the right of way.

McElligott said Don Briggs of the road department has estimated that repairs to make the road driveable will cost about \$32,000.

"If Shorty (Peck) brings in backing it (Martin Prairie Road) will be included in the five-year (road) plan," he added.

The road will be closed, effective Thursday, October 9, from the Forest Service boundary on the south end of Martin Prairie, through Martin Prairie, over Copple Butte to the Forest Service boundary on the north side, about two miles, said McElligott.

Peck inquired why the road could not be left open until improvements were made. "That road has gone through that meadow for the past 75 years. I can't think that a year or two would make any difference."

Both the Forest Service and the state Fish and Game Commission had recommended that the road be closed. Property owners there said that traffic over the road was causing soil erosion and polluting nearby Martin Creek.

Everett Harshman arrested in Alaska on dynamite theft

Floyd Everett Harshman, Lexington, wanted on a Morrow County fugitive from justice warrant, has been arrested in Alaska, the Morrow County District Attorney's office reports.

Harshman, 22, is being held in the Fairbanks correctional center under \$200,000 bail. He was arraigned Oct. 3, and his next scheduled appearance is Nov. 3, for service of a governor's warrant.

Harshman is wanted in

Morrow County for failure to appear for his trial July 18 in connection with the theft of one-and-one-half tons of dynamite from a highway division storage shed near Lexington on Feb. 19.

Harshman had been charged with first degree theft in the case.

When apprehended in Alaska, Harshman reportedly told authorities his name was Shawn Star.

Judge investigates sludge health hazards

Morrow County Judge Don McElligott traveled to Portland last Tuesday and visited with the head of the Public Health Department over possible health hazards associated with a plan to barge sewage sludge to Morrow County from Portland.

McElligott said he went to Portland to find out if disease could be transmitted in the sludge, which, under one plan, would be used as fertilizer and spread on northern Morrow County farm land.

McElligott said a Public Health doctor told him the county had more to fear with heavy metals in the sludge than disease.

Metals from some Portland

industries are reportedly going through the city's sewer system.

Under the proposal, 80 million gallons of sludge per year would be barged up the Columbia to northern Morrow County for treatment and possible application to farm land for use as fertilizer.

Heavy metals, such as cadmium, can be carried in the sludge and deposited in plants, causing health problems in humans who eat the plants.

McElligott also traveled to Reno, Nev., over the weekend to visit a sludge plant supposedly similar to that proposed for Morrow County.

Fair Committee seeks members

The Morrow County Fair Board is seeking people to serve on the Fair Committee. Anyone interested should

contact Dorothy Estberg, 676-5159, or Marlene Gray, 676-5395 by next Thursday, Oct. 23.

Spicer succeeds Doherty

Annetta Spicer, assistant Morrow County District Attorney, has been appointed to the district attorney's position, it was announced Monday by a spokesperson from the office of Governor Vic Atiyeh.

"I'm relieved that it (the appointment) is over," said Spicer, "so we can get back to business. The case load is picking up rapidly."

Spicer, 29, who has been assistant DA since October 1979, will take over the DA's duties Nov. 5 when present DA Dennis Doherty's resignation becomes effective.

"I'm pleased and excited for her," said Doherty. "I know she drew support from people in the justice system, and I hope everyone will get behind her and support her."

Doherty and his family are planning to move to Hermiston where he is establishing a private law practice.

Commenting on Spicer's appointment, Shirley Woodrow, special assistant to the governor's appointments, said, "Ann Spicer had good credentials, good community support, and understands the office. She had popular support from people in the county - farmers, lawyers, policemen - from both parties." "Putting all this together, Spicer was the best candidate for the job."

Woodrow said that although they look at young lawyers throughout Oregon, "we almost always give a higher priority to someone who is living in the county."

Also seeking the position were Heppner attorney, Mike Sweeney, and Boardman attorney, F.E. "Ed" Glenn. "All



New District Attorney Annetta Spicer

candidates were qualified," added Woodrow.

Spicer received her law degree in 1977 from the Northwest School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, and her B.A. in 1972 at Portland State. She also studied at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa.

Spicer's professional experience includes serving as a legal intern at the public defender's office for Clark County, at Vancouver Wash., from Sept. 76 to June 77. She has also been a consultant to the East Central Oregon Association of Counties in the area of land use. Spicer was also a special education tea-

cher for Clackamas County Intermediate Education District at Lake Oswego from 1972-74.

A spokesperson from the Governor's office said that of the \$29,604 annual salary Spicer will earn as DA, the state contributes \$23,808 and the county pays the remaining \$5,796.

If Spicer wants to retain the district attorney's position, she will have to run for nomination and election in 1982, said the governor's spokesperson.

Spicer lives in Heppner with her husband, Bill Kuhn, a partner in the law firm, Abrams & Kuhn, and their two-year old son, Phillip.

New pastor assumes duties at Church of the Nazarene

The Reverend Floyd Wilks, his wife, Sharon, and their family arrived in Heppner last Tuesday from Spokane, Wash.

The Reverend Wilks will be assuming the duties of pastor at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene.

This will be Pastor Wilks first full-time assignment. He served as associate pastor at the Crestline Church of the Nazarene in Spokane, has worked with teenagers for eight years, and has been involved in many district church activities.

The Reverend and Mrs. Wilks and their children, Tim, 13, Jenni, 6, and Jodi, 4½, will be living in the Church of the Nazarene parsonage near Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The family is expecting a new baby in November.

"We're looking forward to living in a small town," said



Reverend Floyd Wilks

Pastor Wilks. Although their most recent experience was in

a large city, Pastor Wilks said that he grew up on a farm north of Spokane.

Lexington council appoints Messenger

The Lexington City Council last Tuesday night appointed Truman Messenger, Lexington, to represent the Neighborhood Center on the Morrow County Advisory Council.

In other business the council adopted a flood-area management ordinance, which will allow people in town to continue to purchase Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsored flood insurance. The insurance is carried through private agents.

The council also discussed plans for replacement of an old waterline on 'C' Street.

The line has one leak now and it is feared that others may develop later.

Cast your vote in the G-T straw poll

What will be the outcome of the forthcoming election? To find out what our readers think, the Gazette-Times has selected a sampling of ballot measures and offices to be included in a straw poll. Look on page two for your straw ballot.



Section of Martin Prairie Road that is now closed