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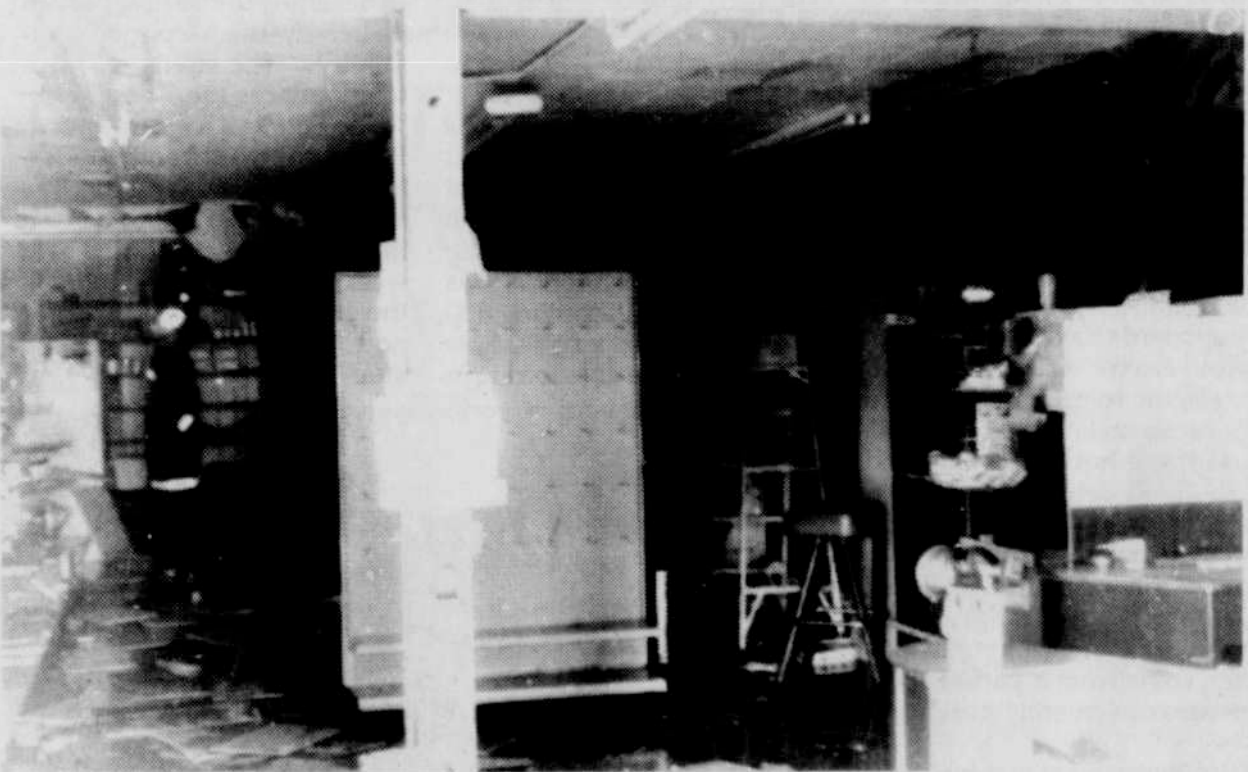
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Del's Market severely damaged



Ladders and hoses cover burned market



Heavy water damages inside store

Del's Market in Lexington was severely damaged in a fire which broke out around 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. The store also doubles as the Lexington Post Office.

The Lexington fire truck responded to the fire, which is believed to have started in upstairs wiring, in minutes, said owner Phyllis Piper. Two fire trucks from Heppner also responded.

Piper, who owns the store along with her husband, Del, said that "the whole town" seemed to help out. "It was totally amazing how everybody helps," she said.

Piper said that there are no

estimates of the damage as of yet and their plans as to whether to rebuild or not hinge on insurance estimates. She said that Del had worked at the store for at least 33 years, first as manager for Eileen and El-

don Padberg and then as owner. "It's been our life. Our home's here," added Piper.

Mail is being put out at the store in a screened off area from 8 to 10 a.m. There is no window service.

Court to raffle Black Hills gold ring

The 1995 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo court will once again be raffling a Black Hills Gold ring. This is one of the court's major money making projects and helps to purchase their wardrobe and pay for other expenses associated with the

court duties. Tickets may be purchased from Queen Rondi Robinson or Princesses Michelle Meakins and Stefanie Skultety or at Peterson's Jewelers, where the ring is on display. Tickets sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. The date of the drawing has not been set.

Brosnans open 'Twice Upon A Time'

There's nothing like curling up with a good book, especially on a cold winter's night. A new bookstore in Heppner will give people that opportunity—at a bargain price.

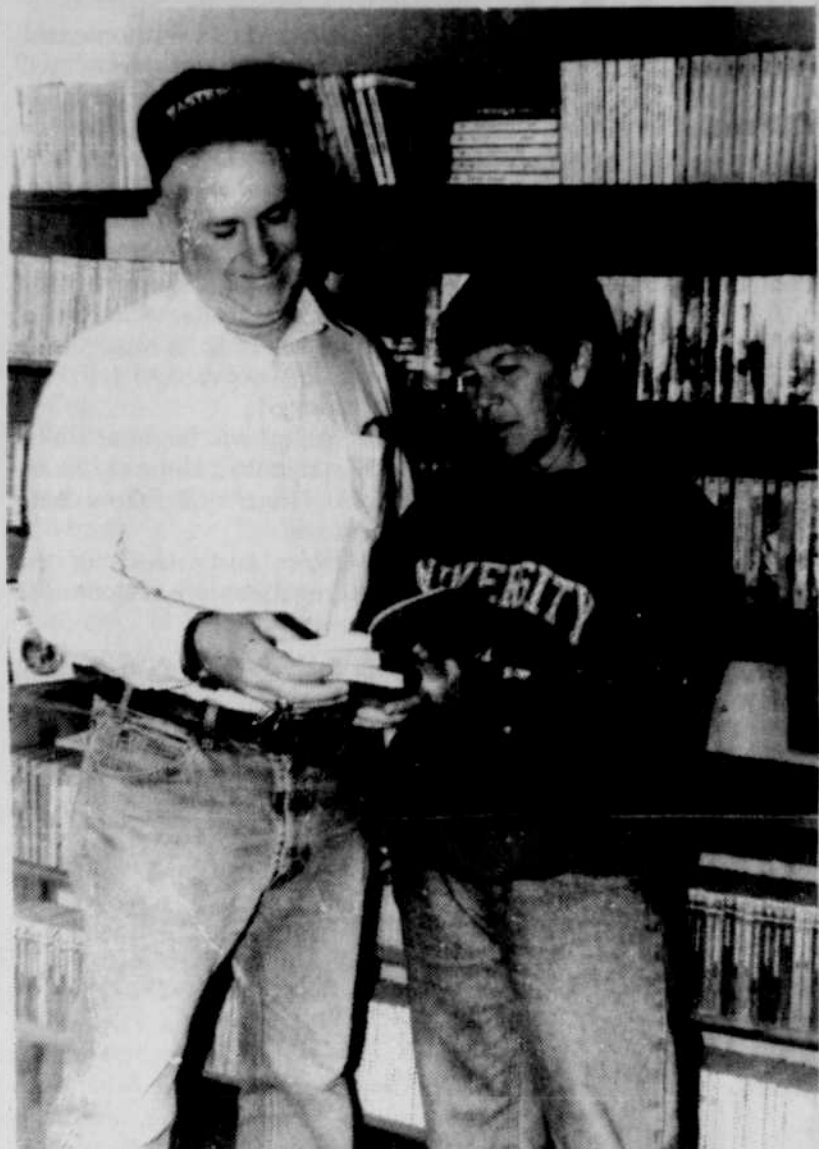
"Twice Upon a Time", a used paperback bookstore, will open at 178 W. Willow, next to city hall, on Dec. 1. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Books may be traded or purchased.

The bookstore's title may have a double meaning for the new owners, Doris and Dan Brosnan. Not only will the books come around twice, but so have the Brosnans.

The Brosnans are returning to the Heppner area after an absence of 26 years. Doris Morris Brosnan was born and raised in Heppner and Dan was born in Pendleton and raised on Buttercreek. Both graduated from Heppner High School in 1961.

After graduation, Doris went to College at Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande and Dan joined the Air Force. The year she graduated from college, they were married. From 1966-68 they returned to Heppner, where she taught school and he worked at the mill and attended Blue Mountain Community College.

Then Dan got a job with the Oregon State Police and the couple moved to Newport. They lived all around the state, but most recently in Salem where he was captain of the Oregon State Game Division. Doris substituted in the Salem area and received her master's degree in education and



Dan and Doris Brosnan looking over some of their books.

language arts. She taught school for the last six years in Salem.

When Dan retired in October of last year, the couple decided they wanted to return to Heppner. "We arrived back in Heppner in June," said Doris. "School was out the 16th and we moved here the 18th. I

think we're just going to love it." In addition to their bookstore enterprise, the Brosnans bought some acreage outside Heppner.

The couple has two children, Damon, 26, who lives in Heppner and works for Brian Thompson, and Darcie, 23, a nurse who is a lieutenant with the Air Force in Tucson, AZ.

Regional jail situation explored

A meeting concerning a proposal for a regional jail, which would service Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman and Hood River counties, has been planned for Friday, Dec. 2, at O'Callahan's Restaurant at the Dalles. Registration is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

Ray French, Morrow County Commissioner and a member of the ReJON (Regional Jail Organizing Network Committee), encourages local people to attend the meeting and hopes they will serve on committees concerning the proposed jail.

French says that the jail situation has become critical for Morrow County. Up until now, Morrow County has been able to house prisoners at the Benton County Jail in Kennewick, WA. But the county has been informed that the jail will no longer take Morrow County prisoners because of a lack of beds.

Umatilla County has since agreed to accept Morrow County prisoners, but they can only guarantee three or four beds. As it stands now, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties have no adult or juvenile beds. Wasco County has four juvenile beds, but no adult beds. Hood River County has 24 adult beds, but none for juveniles. Sherman County does have two adult holding cells and Wasco has five adult holding cells.

With the passage of Ballot Measure 10, which specifies that legislature cannot reduce voter-approved sentences without a two-thirds vote, and ballot measure 11, which provides mandatory sentences for listed felonies for those 15 years and up, officials anticipate an increased need for jail space. In addition, the counties have no space for pre-trial inmates or those sentenced for misdemeanors. According to French, some warrants are not being

served because there is simply no room to house prisoners.

The ReJON task force estimates that the six-county area will require 250 adult beds and 50 juvenile beds. Morrow County will need 25 adult beds and three juvenile; Gilliam, two adult and one juvenile; Wheeler, one adult and one juvenile; Sherman, 10 adult, one juvenile; Hood River, 50 adult, 10 juvenile; and Wasco, 100 adult and 15 juvenile, with another 62 adult beds and 19 juvenile beds recommended by state corrections officials for Dept. of Corrections inmates.

French said that a possibility of placing the proposed facility at Rufus is being explored. He said that the site is ideal because it is more or less centrally located in the six county area and is freeway accessible. He added that a proposed telecommunication system at the jail may make it possible for video arraignment. As it stands now, officers must take time away from other duties to transport prisoners to and from the jail and courthouse for arraignment.

French says that there is a possibility of obtaining funds for the facility for both construction and operation at state and federal levels. The possibility of a levy is also being explored, said French, but that would require legislation because funding would be from a six-county area. He said that counties' contributions may depend on the number of beds they each require. The counties also have budgets for housing prisoners which may be able to be applied to operating expenses. French said that the Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. paid \$144,000 to Benton County last year for housing prisoners.

The target date for opening the jail is January of 1997. Tentative time lines include formation of site specs in Dec. 1994; identifying funding sources, site proposals and hold public hearings-Jan. 1995; site selection-April 1995; site acceptance-May 1995; site studies-June 1995; RFPs put out for engineer-Aug. 1995; engineer on board-Sept. 1995; documents prepared for bid-Dec. 1995; bids let-Jan. 1996; building started, staff hired and trained-March 1996.

Local members of the ReJON Task Force, besides French, include Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago and Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson. Other task force members are: judges, Laura Pryor, Gilliam County, Mike McArthur, Sherman, John Mabrey, Wasco and Jeanne Burch, Wheeler; Sherman County Justice Court Judge Kate Martin; sheriffs, Joe Wampler, Hood River, Paul Barnett, Gilliam, Steve Orendorff, Sherman, Art Labrousse, Wasco and Otho Caldeara, Wheeler; and Beverly Rowland, chair, Hood River County Commissioner.

Committees are: Meetings-Martin, chair, and Tom McGowan, facilitator; Revenue Sources-Pryor, chair, Mabrey, French and Sherman County Commissioner Bob Boynton; Site Selection-Labrousse, chair, Boynton, Caldeara, Barnett, Drago, Wampler and Orendorff; Local System Assessment-Professor Paul Paquette, chair, former state representative Greg Waldern, rep.-elect Bob Montgomery, Wheeler County District Attorney Tom Cutsforth, District Attorney John Sewell and juvenile directors Doug Finegan, Chris Nix and Ed Schmidt; Application-Capt. Steve Wadsworth, chair; director Steve Anderson and Capt. Carl Casey. The committees will be enlarged to include citizens and new committees will be formed after the Dec. 2 meetings.

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