

Schools add new sport: volleyball

100 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1915

Every little detail that careful supervision can suggest has been attended to at the local school buildings, and they are now in excellent condition. School opens next Monday, September 13. Several minor additions have been made to the playground apparatus. A basketball court has been provided at the high school and one at the grade building. Two volleyball courts have been laid out at each school. This is a new game for the local schools, and it is expected to provide much recreation to the pupils. It can be played without any outlay for racquets or other accessories, and is considered a very fair rival of tennis.

With the increase in consumption of gasoline and distillate by the many automobiles and farm engines there has been speculation as to how much this county is paying the Standard Oil company for such products. These questions are answered by a little computation of the figures in the monthly reports of B.W. Hamilton and Sons, local agents in charge of the Enterprise station of the company. These figures show that in the last five months this station has distributed oil products selling at wholesale for more than \$10,000. This covers nearly all the oil products used in the county except what are sold in and around Wallowa. It includes practically all put out through Lostine, Enterprise, Joseph, the north country through to Paradise and the eastern part of the county to Snake river.

70 YEARS AGO
Sept. 6, 1945

A fire on the ridge between Horse and Pumpkin creeks about four miles (as the crow flies) east of the end of the lower Imnaha road gave officials and fire crews of the Wallowa National forest another hectic week starting last Thursday. A fire which had been discovered on Thursday and was believed under control by a crew headed by Bob Reams suddenly flared up Saturday. Reinforcement crews were immediately dispatched from Enterprise, and the McCall, Idaho and Missoula, Montana, forest offices were called for parachute fire fighters. A crew headed by A. L. Duckett also went



This photo taken in 1898 is of a Joseph group called the Bachelors Club, but there are also some women in the picture. The photo was printed in a special issue of the Chieftain published May 22, 1952, and a small story accompanying it identified many of the people in the photo.

out from Imnaha, going up the hill and down the ridge to Cayuse flat.

The local hospital problem was dumped back in the laps of the county court yesterday when the present managers announced that they would terminate their contract for the operation of the institution on March 1.

Every person who can is urged to take advantage of the free chest X-ray service which will be available on next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 11, 12 and 13, through the mobile unit now touring the state and scheduled here through the county Public Health association.

Local farmers have been showing considerable interest in the new federal crop insurance program. Under this program farmers may insure 50 per cent of a normal yield with a premium payment of four-tenths of a bushel per acre and a 75 per cent yield with a premium of one and four-tenths bushels per acre. The insurance covers all hazards but does not insure that part of the crop which is above the 50 or 75 per cent normal.

The county highway department has been doing its part in finding work for returning service men. New employees, all recently out of the armed forces, are: Floyd Squibb, Wilfred Quesenberry and Charles Ward. Amon Thompson, who was formerly shop foreman and who was away with the Seabees for many months, has been back on the job in his former post since Christmas.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 9, 1965

A new and unusual experience is in store for fishermen at Wallowa lake. This might be another ten years in the future but will come about because of action taken by the Oregon State Game Commission this week. This experience could be the taking of Kokanee ranging up to five pounds and measuring over two feet in length. The game commission on Tuesday planted 135,000 shrimp in Wallowa lake. The shrimp are a nocturnal, deep fresh water opossum shrimp which thrive best in cold water. They come from Waterton lake in Alberta, Canada.

The County School Office reports that, as compared with the first quarterly report filed September 30 last year, the total school enrollment for Wallowa county this year shows a slight increase. As of Tuesday afternoon, a total of 1,605 students had registered. Of this

number, 1,137 were enrolled in grades 1 through 8, and 468 were enrolled in high school. This compared with 1,091 in the elementary last year and 499 in the high school.

25 YEARS AGO
Sept. 6, 1990

Archival information that a young Chief Joseph buried a son on what is now the Parmenter property at the foot of Wallowa Lake and that an important meeting between Chief Joseph, other Nez Perce leaders and U.S. government representatives took place there not long before the Nez Perce War of 1877 may add to the historical significance of the property.

Gus Malaxa and Joe Onaidia, members of a vanishing breed of Basque sheepherders, will take their place among the legendary figures of Hells Canyon when the packers and mule-skinner come to town this weekend. Malaxa, 89, and

OUT OF THE PAST

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will have to wait a little longer. The district will not be on the November ballot, but the Wallowa County Court is hoping a legislative waiver can be obtained to place the district formation with a tax base and election of a district board of directors on the ballot in May 1991.

In an emergency, Wallowa County residents now have an additional place to turn for help. The Wallowa County Road Department has recently joined Radio Help, a community service program sponsored by Pacific Power. Participants in Radio Help volunteer the use of their radio-equipped vehicles to assist citizens during medical or personal emergencies. Participants in the program mark their vehicles with red and white Radio Help logos and agree to use their dispatching system to contact police, an ambulance or other emergency services agency during a crisis.

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