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# Lostine school directors arrested for holding classes

### OUT OF THE PAST

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#### 100 years ago **January 2, 1919**

The new barn on J.H. Buchanan's farm on Upper Prairie creek burned down Sunday night, with serious loss, totaling about 30 tons of hay, an automobile, hack and the harness used on the place.

The three directors of the Lostine school district were arrested this week charged with having committed a crime in that they permitted the school to continue in session after an order to the contrary had been issued by the State Board of Health on account of flu.

Wallowa County's tax rate for the 1918 roll, payable next year, has been set by the county court at 12.2 mills, against 11.8 mills for the preceding year.

The adjourned term of November Circuit court, destroyed the Assembly of which was to nave convened next Monday, has been postponed again. Judge J. W. Knowles sent word that he and all the members of his family have the influenza.

#### 70 years ago **December 30, 1948**

Only a small group of skaters were at Wallowa lake over the weekend as the waters froze over for the first time this year and probably the earliest on record. Usually it has been some time after the middle of January before the lake would freeze. Skating, for some reason, is not the popular sport at the lake it was years ago. Twenty years or more ago hundreds of skaters would go to the lake at every available opportunity after the first freeze. Skating at night was also a great sport in the early days.

Walter Brennan, local movie actor, received special consideration from the United States navy

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last week after he had played Santa Claus for 175 youngsters aboard a carrier at San Francisco the day before Christmas. On Christmas day the navy rolled out one of its special planes and loaded up Mr. Brennan, the one and only passenger, and took off from San Francisco for Wallowa county. The plane landed at the Joseph airport in just three hours and 20 minutes and Mr. Brennan was here to spend Christmas with his family.

#### 50 years ago **January 2, 1969**

Pfc. Mark A. Young, who has served two years with the U. S. Marines, recently was named "Marine of the Month" for meritorious service with a Marine Attack Squadron at Beaufort, South Carolina where he is stationed. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young of Enterprise and a 1966 graduate of Enterprise High School.

completely Fire

God church in Wallowa late Monday night as firemen battled the elements of the weather, as well as the fire, in a vain attempt to save the structure. The thermometer registered a chilly ten below zero and the firemen constantly fought to keep their hoses from freezing.

Visiting at Wallowa Memorial Hospital and the Wallowa County Nursing Home were sharply curtailed this week because of the influenza epidemic which has stricken this area so hard.

#### 25 years ago **December 30, 1993**

Ferman A. Warnock, 93, died in a fire that destroyed his Imnaha home early Christmas morning. Sev-Imnaha residents responded to the blaze which triggered an explosion and reduced the home to a pile of rubble and ashes. Since Imnaha has no fire protection service the assistance of the first responders was limited to moving from the house and squirting water around the edges of the fire with several garden hoses that were pieced together from around the neighborhood.

Increased police protection for the lower Wallowa Valley was the topic of a public hearing held in Wallowa. Judge Arleigh Isley and Commissioners Ben Boswell and Pat Wortman met with citizens to discuss a proposal to create a law enforcement service district encompassing the rural areas around Lostine and Wallowa.

The Enterprise varsity whipped recent Alumni, 84-78, in a mens' benefit game played at EHS. Rob Brown paced the varsity squad, scoring 22 points. David Pace canned 17. Brian Freels and Dan Martin 11 each, and Eric Johnson 10. For the Alumni team, Lance Homan and Brent Eddy came up with 18 apiece, Tyler Sharp scored 15, Aaron Sackett 11, Mark Haines 10, and



**Josephy Center** celebrates Weaver's work

January-Febru-The ary exhibit at the Josephy Center explores local history through early photos and photographers. David Weaver of the Wallowa History Center chose the photos from his own collection, the History Center's, and from family photos brought in to the Center over the last few weeks. The opening will be on Sunday, Jan. 6, from 3-5 p.m.

The Wallowa Country has gained a reputation for its art and artists in recent years, but photographers were roaming the Country and sometimes setting up shop in a storefront in Enterprise or Wallowa from the earliest days of white settlement. They were undoubtedly our first professional artists.

The exhibit, which will include about 50 photos with captions, and in some

cases brief essays explaining the context and naming the photographer, is a "sampling," because family portraits were common, and with the invention of cheap cameras and advent of "postcard" photos in the early 1900s, taking photos of homes, camping, fishing, and hunting trips, trains, airplanes and football games was fair game for all. We know that there are thousands of photos still in albums and closets.

And we hope that you will be inspired by this exhibit to do your own family photo history exploration. You might also have comments on the photos in the exhibit we welcome them. And the Center is exploring the possibility of posting more photos on our web site. This should only be a beginning.

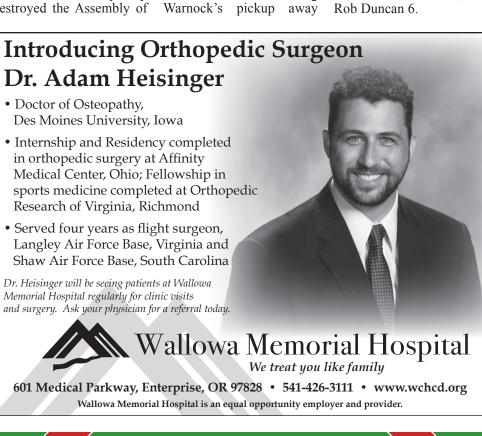
The opening is Sunday, Jan. 6, from 3—5 p.m.. The gallery is open noon-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Wallowa History Center Collection

The Earliest Wallowa County football teams were clubs comprised of men, young or otherwise, tough enough to play the game. In later years, teams were formed in each of the high schools. Leather helmets and matching uniforms followed the development of school teams. The rivalry then, as now, was fierce between the valley communities and closely followed by fans. This photograph, taken on a snowy winter day in 1902 at the Wallowa County fairgrounds by Enterprise photographer Sterling C. Smith (1866-1936), is one of the earliest known photographs of a county football team and shows a crowd of one hundred or more fans assembled to watch the match.









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