

# THE HEPPNERIAN

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## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Regular school attendance is a very important feature in making a good school. If there are a few who insist on being absent or tardy there is going to be a general feeling of disinterest. The Oregon school law requires a certain standard for attendance in all schools. However, we should not only try to keep within the qualifications but to keep as far above them as possible.

In looking at the attendance record you will find that there will be a whole page with scarcely any marks on it while on the next page there may be many. This is due to the fact that some people are careless about their attendance and that it brings the school average down very low. The careless alone do not have to bear the disgrace but the whole school, and it seems that a person who continually lowers the average, unless he has a very good excuse, is of a very selfish disposition.

There is also another reason why we should be punctual and it is perhaps more important than the latter. We are now forming habits that will grow on us as we go on through life. If we form the habit of never being punctual while we are in school we will continue to be the same in life. Anyone with this habit will never be very prosperous in business.

## Heppnerian Initiation.

The Heppnerian Literary society initiated their new members last week. They entertained the student body Friday afternoon with a pantomime and as this lasted only for about 15 minutes the old members got busy and helped put across a program that covered a half hour. It consisted of a dialogue by Harold Erwin and Marvin Gammell, a trio by Mary Ritchie, Hazel McDaid and Ethel Moore, and a reading by Joy Erwin.

Saturday night, Dec. 4, the members assembled at the home of Mary Ritchie where the new members received the remainder of their initiation. There were two impromptu debates: "Resolved, that Gum chewing be abolished," and "Resolved, that giggling in American history class should be abolished." For the first question Kenneth Oviatt took the affirmative and Mae Doherty the negative while Mildred Green took the affirmative in the latter and Onex Parker took the negative. A social time was enjoyed by all and refreshments were served at 10 o'clock.

The members that were initiated are Kenneth Oviatt, Mae Doherty, Gertrude Doherty, Paul Jones, Onex Parker, Ethel Hughes, Mildred Green, Margaret Smith, Florence Bergstrom, Gerald Swaggart, Harry Wells, and Hester Lawson.

## Senior Quartet.

The senior quartet was well received in Heppner as it was something quite unusual here. The members of the quartet were Granville D. Morgan, tenor; Carol B. Shear, first tenor; Everett H. Craver, second tenor; P. M. Blenkinsop, second bass; and Harold Lewis Howarth, accompanist.

The program offered a pleasing variety of songs, some being light, others of a contrasting depth.

The children were well pleased with the number, "The Gendarmes Duet," taken from one of Offenbach's operas. Probably the high point of the eve-

ning as far as the quartet was concerned was the old Christmas song, "Gesu Bambino." This old song gave opportunity for the beautiful blending and showed the assembled people how pleasing such a selection really is. On the whole the entertainment was very good and the audience enjoyed it.

## Grade Teachers Meet.

The teachers of the grammar school held a meeting Monday. Once each month they meet in the library and each teacher has a part in the meeting. Mr. Burgess chooses the topics for the meetings and a committee of three teachers is appointed to arrange the work of the meeting. The topics have been chosen for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Dix was the chairman of the last meeting and the special topic was "Extra-Curricular Activities." Miss Wilson talked on Boy Scout organizations, Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Miss Nelson talked on school publicity. Mrs. Rogers on dramatics and school parties. Mrs. Dix on teachers in the community, and Mr. Burgess on school athletics. Mrs. Dix is credited for having had a very interesting meeting.

The old Swindig warehouse has been fixed up and is now being used for a basketball gymnasium. The boys and girls teams are being picked from the many candidates for first teams. Both teams will be handicapped by the late start, but it is expected that fight and determination will overcome this handicap and the result be championship teams.

A banquet was given in honor of the Premier quartet at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Elkhorn restaurant. A special menu was served and covers were laid for ten. Those present were Messrs. Craven, Shear, Blenkinsop, Howarth and Morgan, Miss Pearson, Mae Groshens, Ruth Furlong, Paul Hiesler and Orrin Bisbee.

The senior class members who did not receive rings last year because of absence when the rings were ordered, ordered them this year. They received them last week and were quite pleased with them. Although the rings are the same design, with H. H. S. 27 on them, the mounting is different. Whereas before it was all gold, the emblem is set in silver with black enameled letters. The students who received rings were Merle Beckett, Frieda Akers, Mae Groshens, Mary Ritchie, Laura Williams and Paul Hiesler. The rings were ordered through Mr. Harwood.

Young child (from grades): "I want some fairy tales."  
 Mildred Green (on library duty): "Ha, ha! You can't fool me, fairies haven't any tails."

The members of the senior class wish to thank the people of Heppner for their cooperation in making the "Premier Quartet," which the senior class brought to Heppner Tuesday, a success. We especially wish to thank Mr. Chinn for the use of his window for advertising, for the flowers used for decorating the stage, and for his help in making the banquet a success; Mr. Van Marter for the use of his lamps for lighting the stage; Mrs. Davis who loaned her canary; Mr. Humphreys who donated his window to the seniors for advertising; Mr. Sigbee for his aid at the theater; and Mr. Hager and Mr. Turner who donated the use of their trucks for moving the piano to and from the theater.

Miss Mary Dustin of the state library spoke before the student body on matters pertaining to library science Monday. She also spoke of the

much needed project of a branch of the state library in Heppner which the state institution would carry out in cooperation with the different lodges and societies in Heppner. After a short but interesting talk, she placed on the board the "Dewey" classification used in libraries which will do away with much of the difficulties in getting books from the library.

The junior class received a letter from the company from whom they ordered their rings, stating that they were making new rings to replace the ones not satisfactory before. If the class is not satisfied this time their money will be refunded.

A Christmas program will be presented before the student body by members of the Arion and Heppnerian Literary societies and the glee clubs, shortly before the vacation starts. The program will be in the nature of a pageant and is being worked out by Miss Pearson and Miss Wright.

"That tickles me," said Maurice Edmondson pointing to his red flannel underwear hanging on the line.

A council meeting was called last Thursday by the student body president, Merle Beckett. The meeting was for the purpose of appointing a committee to attend to the cleaning of all the pennants in the hall of the high school.

The Arion Literary society initiated their new members before the assembly on Wednesday afternoon, as is the custom when new members are taken in. Each one performed an act

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for himself. John Parker acted out the "Three Bears," and in truth he looked no less like one than small Goldy Locks herself. Eva Hiatt gave a humorous reading with much expression. Mae Groshens and Clarence Hayes debated on the question, "Resolved, that Aimee McPherson is more influential to the world than Bill Bucknum." Mae, on the negative side proved that this question is incorrect. Terrel Bengel sang and accompanied himself on the ukelele, a song entitled "Those Panama Mamas." He forgot the tune, or it's a new one, for he sang it to "Old Black Joe." Eva Hiatt accompanied him on the piano. Harlan Devin showed his exceptional ability as a pianist by favoring us with a few selections of his own composition. We know this is a fact of his own composition—because no one but himself could have interpreted them so.

Wednesday evening, the remainder of the initiation was carried out at the Wightman home. The members met at the home of the president, Stephen Thompson, and were taken to Wightman's by car, and after everyone arrived the new members were duly initiated. The boys, John Parker, Harlan Devin, Terrel Bengel and Clarence Hayes participated in paper bats, while the girls, Mae Groshens and Eva Hiatt, were initiated in due form, after which a social hour was

held, everyone partaking in the games and helping in the program of the evening. The faculty proved their ability at amateur performing. After these refreshments of chocolate and dainty sandwiches were served.

Wednesday afternoon the letters were given out to members of the grammar school football team who earned them. This is the first time that letters have been awarded to the grade boys and they have chosen red and white as their colors. Those who received letters are Alex Ulrich, Jam-

es McNamee, Roy Centry, Orrin Furlong, Elmer Hake, Gay Anderson, Bruce Gibb, James Farley, Gordon Bucknum, Faye Prock and Oral Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barr departed on Monday morning by auto for Mt. Vernon, Wash., where they expected to spend the week visiting at the home of a brother of Mr. Barr.



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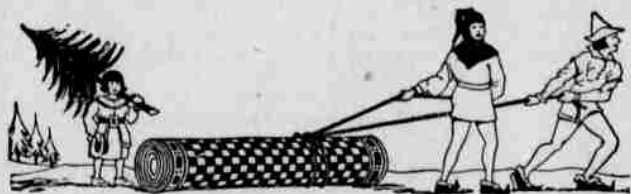
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