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Opening Date of School Slated for Monday, Sept. 11

Several New Faces To Be Seen on Teaching Staff

"School days, school days —" but hardly dear old golden rule days, will begin for Heppner kids on Monday, Sept. 11, according to Supt. George Corwin, who, with his fingers crossed and patting his head none too gently, stated that everything is in readiness. He stated that he thought his teacher problems were all settled and that a complete staff would be on hand.

A number of new teachers will greet students and pupils, beginning in the high school with the principal, Leonard Pate, who hails from Nebraska and has been on hand the past week arranging schedules and in general preparing for the opening of school. Other teachers new to the system are Mrs. Helen Estudillo, commercial department; Miss Hattie Rhodes, English, and Mrs. Ellis Carlson, home economics.

Grade Principal Everett Smith will have largely a new staff including Mrs. Phoebe Romine, first and second grades; Miss Mildred Hajenga, third grade; Miss Elsie Jenny, fourth grade, and Mrs. Frances Mitchell, fifth grade. Mrs. Romine taught at Lexington last year. Miss Hajenga and Miss Jenny are from Montana and Mrs. Mitchell, a graduate of the Heppner schools, taught in Wallowa county last year.

Besides new teachers, pupils will see new paint in the class rooms and in the halls. All rooms and halls have been refurbished and floors have been polished. The furnace received a new coating of brick and at the other end of the building a new roof was laid.

A record enrollment in the grade school is anticipated which may exceed the record of 298 set last year, Corwin states, while in the high school it is not expected that the enrollment will be larger than the 106 mark last year.

Football practice is scheduled to get under way at an early date to meet the Arlington Hoekers here in the first game of the season on Sept. 29. Principal Pate will do the coaching.

Supt. Corwin states that the high school office will be open Wednesday to Saturday, inclusive, next week for high school enrollment. The hours will be from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. each day.

NOT STICKING NECK OUT SAYS NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Introduced to the chamber of commerce luncheon forum Monday noon, Leonard Pate, new high school principal and coach, stated that he was here to give his best efforts and teaching skill in behalf of the students but that he would make no predictions about a football team, at least not before he has had an opportunity to look over the material and select his team. "I'm not sticking my neck out at this stage of the game," he said. "We can only hope for a successful season and lay our plans in that direction." Pate and his wife arrived the latter part of the week from their home in Nebraska. They are favorably pleased with what they have seen of Oregon and anticipate a pleasant residence in Heppner.

In lieu of a scheduled speaker who Lucy Rodgers, program chairman, could not get to the luncheon, Mrs. Rodgers offered the subject of extending the sphere of the chamber of commerce to a county status rather than a Heppner activity. After some discussion the matter was referred to the membership committee.

There will be no luncheon Monday—Labor day.

War Chest Drive Slated to Start Early in September

A lull of several weeks following the Fifth War Loan campaign, during which time Mr. John Citizer has had a little time to look into his personal affairs, wartime drives for funds are about to resume. First on the calendar is the war chest drive—the drive designed to end a lot of minor drives. According to B. E. Isom, Morrow county chairman, he and his committee will be on the job early in September. Beginning with Sept. 1 they will accept gifts for the chest, even if an official opening date has not been announced.

Isom has asked the 1943 committee to serve this year and expects that most of them will act. Those serving last year were: Heppner—F. W. Turner, business district; Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, residence district; Lena, Mrs. Percy Hughes, Mrs. Marion Finch; Upper Willow creek, Mrs. R. I. Thompson; Rhea creek, Mrs. James Hayes; Eight Mile, Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mrs. Walter Beckett; Gooseerry, Leonard Carlson; Ione, Mrs. Charles Carlson; Morgan, Mrs. Elmer Griffith; Cecil, Mrs. George Krebs; Irrigon, A. C. Houghton; Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt, and Sand Hollow, Mrs. Sam Turner.

The county's quota is the same as last year, Isom states. The 1943 quota was over-subscribed and the chairman is confident that the 1944 campaign will be a success.

Insurance Firm Now Partnership

Announcement is made this week of a change in the status of the insurance firm of F. W. Turner and Company. Frank Turner, who has operated the business the past 15 or 16 years, has taken a junior partner in the person of La Verne Van Marter Jr., and beginning Friday, Sept. 1 the firm will be conducted under the name of Turner, Van Marter and Company.

The new arrangement solves the problem of office help for Turner and gives young Van Marter an opportunity to enter a well established business. He will have charge of the office work while the senior partner plans to do more field work than has been the rule in the past.

BOYS' CAMP PROVES BIG SUCCESS PASTOR REPORTS

Back home the first of the week from Anthony lake where a week was spent in a boys' camp, O. Wendell Herbison reported a large attendance of boys from an extensive area of eastern Oregon. Mr. Herbison was camp supervisor and Mrs. Herbison had charge of feeding the group.

Eighty-two boys registered at the camp this year, Herbison stated. This almost doubled the 1943 registration of 43. It isn't all fun when one has to be responsible for that many boys, the local pastor concluded.

Applications Due For New Type "A" Gas Coupons

Garages, Service Stations Supplied With Blank Forms

Applications for the new type R-534 gasoline ration books are in the hands of garages and service stations and all "A" card holders interested in receiving the new books by Sept. 21 are advised by the local rationing office to not delay securing one of the blanks and mailing it in immediately.

According to OPA regulations, applicants are required to mail the forms in and in no instance take them to the local office as the board cannot issue books over the counter. It must be remembered that the forms are to be mailed to the home office—your local board—and the back cover of your present "A" book headed "Certification of Bookholder" must accompany the application and must be signed by registered owner in-space provided. Regardless of reported information the board points out, tire inspection records accompanying the applications are mandatory in the state of Oregon.

Applicants for occupational gas to drive to and from work will be issued on a 30-day basis until the driver proves he is complying with the "share the ride" regulation.

The rationing office wishes to clarify an error in a recent announcement regarding points on butter. The announcement erroneously raised the quotation to 20 points whereas it remains at 16 points.

Town to Close Up On Labor Day

From all reports received up to press time it appears that Heppner will be a quiet town next Monday—Labor day. Few places will remain open and many citizens are planning at least a three-day holiday. It will be the last opportunity for some to get a short "breather" before fall activities set in, after which there will be no rest for the weary—or the wicked, either.

This is by way of breaking the news gently that the Gazette Times will remain closed from Thursday night until Tuesday morning. There is no opportunity for the publishers to take a vacation—just a holiday now and then—and we expect to pile into the family bus as soon as the weekly edition is in the mail and go as far as limited gas rations permit.

See you next Tuesday morning.

Sale of Ranch On Blackhorse Deal of the Week

While most of the real estate flurry of the past month or so has been in residence property in Heppner, the deal of the week was purchase of the George B. Woodward ranch on Blackhorse by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall. The deal was closed Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. Woodward came from their ranch near Adams for that purpose. The ranch consists of 1440 acres and the purchase price was \$34,500.

The property in question has been farmed for several years by John Lane who, we are informed, will continue to operate it as it adjoins property owned by him. To old timers it is known as the John C. Brown ranch. It has been owned by others prior to the Woodward's.

Purchase of the Woodward tract gives the Duvalls extensive holdings in the Blackhorse area. Their home place is another of the pioneer farms of that district bearing a name familiar to those acquainted with the county in an earlier day. It was the Frank Bell farm. Another farm of the district brought to mind with the mention of the Browns and Bells was the W. C. Lacy place. All of them sold out after making comfortable stakes and moved elsewhere to seek retirement.

Car Burns Up on Butter Creek Hill

While driving to Heppner from Pendleton Monday of last week, Herbert Fisher's car caught fire and was destroyed. The accident happened shortly after Fisher had reached the top of the Hog Hollow grade on the Oregon-Washington highway, about 22 miles east of Heppner.

Fisher was coming to Heppner to pick up his sister, Mrs. Norbert Peavy, and children to take them to New Plymouth, Ida. to visit their parents.

Arriving in town arrangements were soon made to take the Peavy car and the party was soon on its way.

ADRIAN BECHDOLT TAKES BRIDE AT CARSON CITY

News has reached Heppner of the marriage of Velva Genevieve Jackson of Sacramento, Calif. and Adrian Bechdolt of Hardman. The wedding took place Saturday, Aug. 19 at Carson City Nev.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bechdolt of Boardman, is associated with his brother Archie in operating the Bechdolt ranch near Hardman. Mrs. Bechdolt will teach a school near the ranch.

LEAVE FOR VACATION

Archdeacon and Mrs. Neville Blunt are leaving Sunday after the 11 o'clock service for a 10-days vacation at Nelson B. C. They will return for services on Sept. 17.

Petitions Out to Put Hospital Plan On Fall Ballot

Committee Finds 1-Mill Tax Short Of Requirements

Petitions asking that the matter of building a county hospital be voted on at the November election were placed in circulation early this week following a meeting Monday evening of the committee named for the purpose of determining the need for such an institution and the method of procedure to follow in obtaining it. The meeting was called by Pres. B. C. Pinckney of the chamber of commerce and was held at the council rooms in the city building.

While not all members of the committee could be present, a quorum, or six, were there and after a short discussion of the legal phases and other preliminary steps, authorized Mayor J. O. Turner and P. W. Mahoney, the two lawyers of the group, to prepare petitions. Three of them were placed in circulation in Heppner Tuesday and found ready signers. Other papers are being prepared to be forwarded to other precincts of the county where it is expected little opposition will be found.

Sentiment expressed by committee members at the meeting, both personally and in repetition of conversations held with numerous citizens over the county was preponderantly in favor of the hospital. This saved time of the committee in debating the question of building, permitting more discussion of the type of building needed and the possible cost.

Looking into the financing of the project, the committee decided to submit the proposal that a two mill tax be levied for a period of five years. It has been suggested that a one mill levy for the same period would be sufficient but a little more study of the matter brought the conclusion that that would not raise enough money and if the two mills raised enough money in three years the levy could be dropped.

If a sufficient number of signers is obtained a special ballot will be prepared to be voted on at the general election.

Farm Federation Opens Fall Season Monday Evening

Resumption of meetings of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, member of the state Farm Federation, will start with a meeting scheduled for Monday evening, Sept. 4 at the Lexington grange hall. A program of interest to all farm folk has been arranged, according to the bureau president George N. Peck and secretary, Oscar Peterson, who urge farm people to attend and extend an invitation to all others interested in farm problems to be present.

The program includes three speakers on subjects of particular interest at this time. C. L. Jamison, secretary of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, will discuss the subject "Why Farmers Should Organize now." County Commissioner J. G. Barratt will present the proposed county hospital, outlining the feasibility of the project and the method of procedure in obtaining it. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers will talk on an educational problem of her own choosing.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Bureau officials state that several prominent speakers have been scheduled for the fall meetings.

Waste Paper Drive to be Scout Activity During September

Hoping to make a valuable contribution to the waste paper campaign, Boy Scouts of Morrow county will stage a drive during the month of September, either Sept. 16 or 23, states John Fuiten, Heppner scoutmaster. Loading date at Stanfield will be the 24th and the Morrow county collection will be shipped from that point as in the spring drive.

Scout officials urge all citizens to save waste paper—newspapers, magazines, paper cartons, wrapping paper, paper sacks, etc.—and put it in shape to be easily and quickly picked up by the scouts. It is hoped that the quota of 1,000 pounds per scout and cub scout may be

gathered and to do this in a one-day pick-up campaign will require all-out co-operation on the part of the citizens.

The growing scarcity of packaging paper of one kind or another makes it imperative that the people save all types of waste paper, Fuiten pointed out. Pulp wood production has been all but stopped by the manpower shortage and paper makers now are largely dependent upon salvaged material with which to manufacture wrapping paper and cartons. Five or six tons of waste paper from Morrow county will be a worthwhile contribution, scout officials state.

It is asked that newspapers be

straightened out, piled in bundles about one foot high and tied. Scrap waste paper should be put in a carton or wrapped and tied so it will not scatter. Magazines also should be tied in bundles, but not too large because of their weight. Upon the day of the drive the waste material should be placed in a convenient spot for picking up.

Disposal of receipts from the drive is being studied by council officials. According to Kenneth Hickbottom, Umatilla-Morrow scout executive, the possibility of buying uniforms is being investigated and a proposal to turn over part of the funds to veteran rehabilitation work will be left to the scouts to decide.