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Everything Ready For Opening Of School On Sept. 8

Teacher Positions All Filled, Says Supt. Henry Tetz

Everything is in readiness for the opening of school Monday, Sept. 8, Supt. Henry Tetz announced Wednesday. The teaching staff has been completed and renovation work at the school plant will have been finished by the time the gong sounds for the assembling of classes.

The principal's office will be open Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4 and 5, to permit high school students to check or to change their registration.

Three new teachers have been signed up for the high school. Miss Mary Lou George of Dayville, one of this year's outstanding graduates of Oregon State college, will teach homemaking and girls' physical education.

Miss Marie Haass of Los Angeles, Calif., with an AB from the University of Wisconsin and an MS from USC, will teach English and biology. She has had 18 years experience, 16 in North Carolina and the past two years at Brawley, Calif.

Francis Cook, Kansas State Teachers college and Oregon State college, will teach agriculture, general science and shop. He comes to Heppner from Klamath Falls where he was veteran agricultural training instructor. He also has had seven years of farm experience with a 500-acre general farm in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been in Heppner since Aug. 1. They live in the Case apartments.

Returning teachers include Mrs. Marie Clary—history, book-keeping, general mathematics, library, visual aids; Mrs. Helena Estudillo—geography, commercial; William Cochell—instrumental and vocal music, and Leonard Pate—mathematics, science, athletics.

Four new faces will be found in the elementary school. In the first grade will be Mrs. Margaret Cason, former teacher in the county as well as former critic teacher at Southern Oregon college at Ashland. Mrs. Velva Bechtold, who taught at Boardman last year, has been retained to teach the third grade. She was educated in California and gained experience in that state before coming to Oregon. Miss Eleanor Ball, with five years experience in Virginia, will have charge of the sixth grade.

Eighth grade teacher and principal of the grades will be Waldo Jackson of Spokane. He has had 12 years experience in South Dakota and Washington as principal and teacher. He is married and has two children.

Returning grade teachers are Mrs. Edna Turner, first grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, second grade; Mrs. Beulah Ogletree, third and fourth; Mrs. Brylie Pate, fourth; Mrs. Marguerite Glavesy, fifth; and Mrs. Anabel McMillan, seventh.

Marvin Wightman, former agricultural teacher, will be agricultural educational instructor, as will William Barratt, in charge of veterans agricultural education in Heppner. Condon and Boardman, all under supervision of school district No. 1.

Custodian is Hubert Wilson; assistants, Mrs. Jennie Lewis and Mrs. Ora Wyland.

Irrigon is the only county school opening next week. Work starts there next Tuesday morning, according to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent.

Pied Piper Of Oak Ridge Title Given Alden Blankenship

From Holland's, the Magazine of the South, we learn that a former Heppner man is referred to as "The Pied Piper of Oak Ridge." That man is Dr. Alden H. Blankenship, former superintendent of the Heppner schools, teacher at Columbia University, New York, and since 1943 founder and builder of the Oak Ridge, Tenn., school system, agreed unanimously by more than 7,000 authorities on education as an outstanding illustration of what the schools of tomorrow should be like.

It is recalled by the writer that when Dr. Blankenship went to Oak Ridge he wrote this newspaper directing that his address be changed to that point, he said something about having a job but no housing or equipment with which to work. From Holland's we glean an insight to his problem in the following paragraphs:

A story whose opening chapter began on a sweltering July morning in 1943 when Dr. Blankenship, freshly arrived in Oak Ridge from his teaching duties at Columbia University, faced Town Manager Captain Samuel A. Baxter and said, with a puzzled frown, "I've come to Oak Ridge to be Superintendent of Schools. Where are the schools?" "There aren't any," said Captain Baxter briefly. "That's your job to build, equip, and staff them."

"For how many children?" Dr. Blankenship asked.

"Families are pouring into Oak Ridge in droves. We expect a landslide of 6,000 by the end of this year. Furthermore," said Captain Baxter tersely, "You've got to do the job in three months time because we've promised that the schools will open on October 1st."

It was a staggering assignment, but thirty-four-year-old Blankenship rolled up his sleeves and set to work to build the school system which today has a staff of 350 teachers and 13 schools to take care of its present 8,000 children.

And so, Gaylen Goodrich, writing of our former fellow townsman, aptly dubs him "The Pied Piper of Oak Ridge."

Fair Season Gets Going in Earnest Current Week End

There will be no lack of entertainment for the people of northeastern Oregon and southwestern Washington this week end and continuing on through the next two weeks. With the Umatilla county fair at Hermiston and the Southeastern Washington fair at Walla Walla overlapping, and the Heppner Rodeo following on the heels of the Walla Walla fair there is enough going on to get the populace turned up for the kingpin event of the year, the Pendleton Round-Up.

At Hermiston, the Umatilla county fair opened today. Crowning event of the day's program will be the coronation of Queen Marian I at a style show this evening. A large fair parade will wind through the streets Friday morning at which at least four bands and four visiting royal courts of other celebrations will be featured.

Big event of the fair will be the afternoon junior horse show on Friday and Saturday, at which entrants from five to 16 years of age will vie for top honors. Eleven competitive events are planned, plus drill exhibitions by the Pendleton Junior Mustangs and the Hermiston Junior Trailriders.

With assurances of unusual participation in all groups of livestock, the annual Southeastern Washington fair will get underway August 29 to continue through September 1.

Friday, Aug. 29 will be Kids day at the fair with a 10 a.m. downtown parade and the first of four afternoon running and harness race programs. That night will see the presentation of "Hiyu Wawa," a family type entertainment. In the Chinook language "much celebration" is a literal translation of "Hiyu Wawa." The last three nights of the fair will be devoted to rodeo, the management's share of purses being \$5,500.

Saturday, Aug. 30, has been designated as 4-H club and Future Farmers of America day, business men to be host at a breakfast to the young folk in attendance. The annual "Parade of Progress and Products" will be at 11 a.m.

Southeastern Washington day at the fair will be Sunday, Aug. 31, with the final day the official observance of Labor day at the fair.

The Heppner Rodeo opens Friday, Sept. 5 and runs three days. The Pendleton Round-Up opens Sept. 10 and continues for four days.

U. P. Consolidates Oregon-Washington Divisions Sept. 1

Consolidation of Union Pacific Railroad's Oregon and Washington divisions was announced today by P. J. Lynch, vice president in charge of operations. Omaha, the consolidation will become effective Sept. 1, according to L. A. Collins, general manager, northwestern district, Portland.

Headquarters of the new division, to be known as the Oregon Division, will be at Portland, which was headquarters for the Oregon Division prior to the consolidation.

Spokane, headquarters of the pre-consolidation Washington Division, will be maintained as a sub-headquarters.

At the same time Mr. Lynch announced the retirement of Mark C. Williams, superintendent of the Washington division, who will reach his 65th birthday Aug. 29.

Numerous personnel changes will result from the consolidation, Mr. Lynch declared.

Queen Merlyn Will Be Honored Guest At Final Pre-Rodeo Dance Saturday Night



The Rodeo "Queen's" dance in honor of Queen Merlyn I, striking, dark-haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marie Kirk, will be held Saturday night at the pavilion in Heppner under the auspices of the royal court, but rodeo dances will be held every night at the pavilion during the Rodeo.

Practically born in the saddle, Queen Merlyn is an experienced equestrienne, owns a number of saddle horses and this summer has been halter breaking a pair of yearlings. Last spring she purchased a purebred Arabian horse, Jaehal, from the stables of Lee Eversly at Salem. Queen Merlyn was one of the first to join the recently organized riding club, "The Wranglers." A true ranch girl, Queen Merlyn helps with harvest, drives bulk truck, cooks for hayen crews, and gardens. An expert marksman, she spends part of the hunting season at her father's lodge near Ukiah and brings in her deer with the best of them.

In 1944 Queen Merlyn graduated from Heppner high school where she was first assistant editor and then editor of the school paper, held numerous class offices, belonged to student clubs and received her three year letterman sweater. In 1945 she studied photography in Portland and in 1946 she attended Oregon State college where she majored in agriculture and minored in art. She was chosen one of the majorettes of the Oregon State band and reported on the school paper, the Barometer.

Queen Merlyn is a descendant of Eastern Oregon pioneers. Her great grandfather, W. Kirk, homesteaded one of the first ranches in the Blackhorse section, and her grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devin, came to this section in 1884 and helped in the development of Heppner.

Season's Training Shows to Advantage In Water Pageant

Young people of Heppner showed their season's training to good advantage Sunday afternoon when Miss Jackie Tetz presented them in a water pageant at the municipal swimming tank. Miss Tetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz, took a life saving course at Benbow Lakes, Wash., sponsored by the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross of which Jack O'Connor is chairman, and proved to be a competent instructor in swimming and life saving.

First competitive event was for boys 9 to 11, swimming 75 feet free style. Entrants were Billy Hughes, first, and Larry Mollahan, second, girls in same age and distance, Sandra Latham, first, Eleanor Rice, Judy Brown and Darlene Connor.

Boys 150-foot race, ages 12-15: Garry Connor, first, Jimmy Smith, second. Girls in same class and age: Mary Gunderson, Kathleen Orwick and Wanda Matteson.

Three teams were entered in the relay race, the winning team including Jimmy Smith, Joan Bothwell, Wanda Matteson and Eleanor Rice. Billy Hughes took first in diving exhibition, followed by Gary Connor and Jimmy Smith.

Strokes learned during the summer were demonstrated by Gary Connor, Jimmy Smith, Joan Bothwell, Mary Gunderson, Rita Dell Johnson and Kathleen Orwick. This was followed by a life saving demonstration in which Miss Tetz was the life saver and Kathleen Orwick the drowning person.

The water pageant with music included a duet by Miss Tetz water ballet by Judy Clapp, Joan Bothwell, Rita Dell Johnson and a Lewis, Gary Connor, Jimmy Smith and Rita Dell Johnson.

Diving exhibitions were given by Pat Hayes, Darlene Connor, Jimmy Smith, Gary Connor and Billy Hughes. The letter "H" in which about 20 participants.

Swimming certificates were awarded to members of the beginner and advanced classes to the number of 50. Judges were Mayor Conley Latham and Councilman Francis Nickerson.

O' Black Maria'll Git Yu Ef Yu Don' Bz Mighty Keerful

The old Black Maria, or a facsimile of the old police round-up wagon, will go to work along Main street this week-end, according to announcement from the Junior chamber of commerce after meeting Wednesday evening to discuss this and other matters pertaining to the Rodeo and community affairs.

Desirous of giving the Rodeo all the publicity possible in the remaining days before the opening of the show, the Jaycees two weeks ago suggested adoption of cowboy attire by the business men and citizens generally as a good type of advertising. This was concurred in by the Senior chamber of commerce and as a result there has been quite an outcropping of cowboy haberdashery within the past few days. The time has now arrived to put a little pressure on and to emphasize what the dress up is for, and the Jaycees plan to conduct a little round-up of their own—gathering in those appearing on the streets sans something befitting the occasion.

Plans were completed for dressing the pavilion floor for the queen's dance this week-end and the Rodeo dances next week. Immediately after the Rodeo, the city council granting permission, the Jaycees plan to lay a new hardwood floor and otherwise fix up the pavilion for year around usage.

Ledbetter-Bergstrom Vows Taken Sunday At Methodist Church

Amid tall white tapers and baskets of summer flowers, Miss Barbara Ledbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter Heppner became the bride of Norman Bergstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bergstrom of Ione, at the Methodist church Sunday evening, with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein reading the service.

Miss Clara Sue Ledbetter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Arthur Bergstrom of Portland served his brother as best man.

The tapers were lighted by Misses Estelle Ledbetter and Dorothy Bergstrom. Roland Bergstrom and John Ledbetter seated the guests.

Wedding music was played by Miss Louise Hunt who accompanied Miss Betty Riding of Portland who sang.

The bride's gown of white slipper satin was beautiful in its princely style, en train, with a fingertip veil of illusion which was held in place by a cap of seed pearls. She carried a white Bible with shower bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her sister was dressed in blue net over blue satin, with a picture hat of net and she carried a nosegay.

A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony. Mrs. B. C. Pinckney and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom presided at the tea table. Mrs. Jimmie Farley cut the wedding cake. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. La Verne Van Marter and Miss Gwenn Coleman.

The young couple are enjoying a short wedding trip to Canada following which they will be at home in Boardman where the room will teach athletics in the Boardman school.

For going away the bride chose a blue suit with wine colored accessories and a cream orchid.

The bride and groom are well known young people in the community. Mrs. Bergstrom has been employed in the First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch, while Mr. Bergstrom, following his release from the navy, has completed his college course.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Jimmie Ledbetter, Miss Paula Berg, Mr. and Oscar Bergstrom, Pete Janin and Albin Anderson, the groom's grandfather from Portland, and Bob Cochran of Walla Walla.

LIKE INDEPENDENCE

A letter from former Supt. Geo. A. Corwin this week asks that the Gazette Times be forwarded to Independence, where he and the family are now located. George says "it's a bit damper down there than it is in eastern Oregon but that they are enjoying the climate and the greenery. The moisture has had the effect of mellowing the hops and he fears this will have a tendency to boost the price of beer, in which case more people will be compelled to drink more milk."

ACCEPTED AT E.O.C.

Edgar O. East of Heppner has been accepted as a freshman student at Eastern Oregon college of Education for the fall term beginning Sept. 22. Lyle H. Johnson, registrar, announced. The college anticipates the largest enrollment in its history, however, increasing facilities make it possible to accept additional students this fall.

Adults Urged To Prepare Exhibits For County Fair

Entries Not Limited To 4-H Clubs Say Superintendents

A lack of premium lists has caused the impression to prevail among many adults of the county, particularly townfolk, that entries in the Morrow county fair September 5 and 6 are limited to 4-H club members. Such is not the case, superintendents of the various divisions point out and they urge adults of the entire county to prepare and bring in exhibits. As a matter of fact, there are ten divisions for general entries and divisions II is for the 4-H club part of the fair.

It has been stated repeatedly that due to the lack of room and housing, the 1947 fair will be more in the nature of a 4-H club event. As time has passed, arrangements have been made for more general exhibits and by the time the premium books were issued it was possible to include a general list.

Since 4-H club members have received the premium books and many adults, particularly those in towns, have not received them, a list of the 10 general divisions is herewith presented:

- Division I—Beef cattle; Donald Robinson, superintendent; Class A. Hereford; Class B. Shorthorn; Class C. Aberdeen Angus; Class D. open.
- Division II—Hogs; Bill Barratt, superintendent; Class A. Hampshire; Class B. Poland China; Class C. Duroc Jersey; Class D. Chester White; Class E. all other breeds.
- Division III—Sheep; Stephen Thompson, superintendent; Class A. Rambouillet; Class B. Hampshire; Class C. Shropshire; Class D. Crossbred; Class E. other breeds.
- Division IV—Dairy Cattle; John Wightman, superintendent; Class A. Jersey; Class B. Guernsey; Class C. Holstein; Class D. Ayrshire; Class E. dual purpose; Class F. all other breeds.
- Division V—Poultry; Joe Devine, superintendent; Class A. Chickens, light breeds; Class B. Chickens, heavy breeds; Class C. Eggs; Class D. Turkeys; Class E. Ducks; Class F. Geese.
- Division VI—Saddle Horses; Fred Mankin, superintendent; Class A. Saddle horses, all breeds; Class B. Horse and rider; (Horse and rider will be required to perform as directed by the judges.)
- Division VII—Grain and hay; Frank Anderson and John Krebs, superintendents; Class A. Wheat; Class B. Barley and oats; Class C. Hay and grass; Class D. other.
- Division VIII—Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, superintendents; Class A. Fruits grown in Morrow county; Class B. Non-irrigated vegetables; Class C. Irrigated vegetables; Class D. Flowers; Class E. Freak exhibits.
- Division IX—Community booths; E. E. Rugg, superintendent. The exhibit shall include the best display of products of home, garden and farms of community, grange and school. Any organization in the county is eligible to enter. Awards will be made on the basis of the quality and quantity of products displayed as well as on the artistic arrangement, general appearance and attractiveness of the display.
- Division X—Women's department; Mrs. Ralph Thompson, superintendent. All exhibits in this division must be the work of the exhibitor. Class A. Food preservation, Mrs. Ernest Hooper, assistant superintendent. All exhibits shall consist of 3 jars or containers of 3 varieties of fruit, 2 jars or containers of 2 varieties of vegetables, 2 jars or containers of pickles or relish, 1 jar or container of jam or jelly and 2 jars or containers of meat; Class B. Baking, Mrs. W. E. Hughes, superintendent; Class C. Sewing, Mrs. E. M. Baker, superintendent; All articles must have been made by exhibitor within the last two years. Items include needle work, knitting and miscellaneous.

Nelson C. Anderson, secretary, gives the assurance that anyone interested in getting a premium book may do so by calling at the office of the county agent, upstairs in the First National Bank building in Heppner. The agent does not have a mailing permit covering items other than those coming under the jurisdiction of that office, hence did not feel justified in spending 10 cents a copy to mail the books out of town. His mailing list covers farm communities only. Entry blanks are included with the books, so that all anyone interested has to do is go to the office and get a copy of the premium book.

Phil Griffin of Eightmile received a severe cut through the palm of his right hand while adjusting an elevator belt Tuesday. He was brought to Heppner to a physician.

PIGEONS AND DOVES NOW ON GAME LIST

Game bird hunters will have their first chance to go out this year with the opening on Sept. 1 of the season for band-tailed pigeons and doves.

The pigeon season is open until Sept. 30 in all counties. State regulations have reduced the bag limit to 8 pigeons a day or in possession at any one time.

Doves may be hunted until Sept. 15 and only the following counties will be open: Lake, Klamath, Deschutes, Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Crook, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Hood River, Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow. All other counties are closed. Bag limit for doves is 10 birds a day or in possession at any one time.



"Howdy folks, be seein' you at Rodeo," says Frank Chitwood

News Items of Interest Around Town . . .

By Ruth Payne

New books for children added to the Heppner public library this week include: Sandburg, "Abe Lincoln Grows Up"; Keeler, "Today With Dede" and "Today With Tommy"; Sze, Mai Mai, "Echo of a Cry"; Lanks, "Adventures in Central America"; Miller, "Kay and Kim in Wild Horse Canyon"; Untermyer, "This Shingling World".

New adult books include two for the Sigbee Memorial shelf, Richter, "Sea of Grass" and Marquand, "The Late George Apley"; and Hilton, "Meadows of the Moon".

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green entertained with a wiener roast Saturday evening at their home on Water street honoring their sons, Joe and Herman, on the occasion of their birthdays. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green and children of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green and family of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Corneil Green and children and Miss Louise Green. Sunday, the family enjoyed a picnic at their summer camp near Ditch creek.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom and daughter Marilyn and son Gerald have returned from a week's vacation at Crater lake and other points in southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake and drench and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Singer left the end of the week for a vacation trip to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nutting spent the week end in Elgin where Mr. Nutting was announcer for the Elgin Stampede.

Al Forbes and Edward Rice made a business trip to Portland the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew of Butler creek are spending a short vacation at John Day and Mt. Vernon springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gogger and children of Walla Walla were in Heppner Friday to attend the funeral services of the late Florence Paul.

Mesdames Jessie Jones, Sophrona Thompson and Lennie Lowden have returned from Bitter springs where they had been vacationing. Mrs. Thompson's daughter, Mrs. Paul Webb Jr., and family of Walla Walla spent part of the time with them.

Mrs. Trannie Parker and Miss Dona Barnett of Lexington were shopping in Heppner Tuesday. They had just returned from a short vacation at Camp Sherman on the Metoulius river.

County Taxes Paid Up 97.14 per Cent By 15th of August

Morrow county taxpayers had paid in 97.14 percent of their 1947 taxes as of Aug. 15, according to Frances Mitchell, deputy sheriff in charge of the tax collecting department. This may not be the best record in the state, but it is one that will be hard to beat, Mrs. Mitchell be- lieves.

The funds collected in he have been divided among 37 taxing bodies, with schools getting the biggest portion.

Mrs. Mitchell stated that over \$10,000 was refunded last fall counts in full.

NEW DENTIST GETTING READY FOR OPENING

Dr. Jean Palmer has been busy the past few days getting his office equipment and furnishings installed in a suite on the second floor of the First National Bank building. Some alterations had to be made, as well as no small amount of plumbing installations.

Dr. Palmer expects to have his family moved here from Camas, Wash., in time for his little girl to enter school. He purchased the Mrs. Richard Lawrence residence shortly after making his first visit here. He has a wife and three children.

have returned from a vacation trip to Havre, Mont., where they visited with relatives.

Howard Gilliam broke the bones in his left foot while working at the Selsmier mill Friday. He was brought to Heppner to a physician.

Mrs. Louis Cason of Rock creek and her house guest, Miss Winifred Osten of Seattle were shopping in Heppner the end of the week.

Mrs. Mary Sowers of Portland is visiting in Heppner with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins were in town Wednesday from their farm on the Spray highway south of Hardman.

Deane Van Horne is visiting this week in Boardman with Marlene Flisk.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McCaleb were Victoria Wainwright, R.N., of Wisconsin Delts, Wis. and Verna Mae Zeiglebauer, R.N., of Chil-ton, Wis., who were in nurse's training at Fon du Lac, Wis., with Mrs. McCaleb a few years ago. They were en route from Burbank, Cal., where they have been nursing, to Wisconsin, for a vacation.

Mrs. Clayton Ayers was over from Pine City Wednesday attending to business matters in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gertson