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Sixty First Graders Overtax Facilities As School Opens

Additional Primary Teacher Necessary, Supt. Pate Says

Heppner's school facilities, already overtaxed in the lower grades, were further put to the test as 40 second graders showed up for enrollment. A census taken last spring revealed that there would be in the neighborhood of 60 in the first grade and the teachers were not surprised when that number appeared, but it was not expected that the second grade would run quite so heavy.

This overcrowding has made it necessary to arrange for an additional primary teacher, Supt. Leonard Pate said Wednesday. It will be necessary to utilize the music room to take care of the primary department, he said, taking 10 out of the first grade and 15 from the second grade. The staff at present includes two first grade teachers. Since efficient operation calls for not to exceed 25 pupils per room in the primary division it is easy to understand the need for an additional teacher. There are 23 teachers for the fifth and sixth grades, where 90 pupils are enrolled.

Registration figures up to Wednesday showed 60 in the first grade; 40 in the second; 32 in the third; 26 in the fourth; 48 in the fifth; 42 in the sixth; 33 in the seventh; and 34 in the eighth, for a total of 316 in the grade school.

In the high school there are 34 in the ninth grade; 33 in the 10th; 18 in the 11th and 32 in the 12th for a total of 117. The high school enrollment is as large as it was at the end of the third week in 1948. On Sept. 24, 1948 there were 117 in the high school and 280 in the grades. Following the usual rule of late comers, it is expected that both schools will show a slight increase in the next few weeks.

Large Volume Of Work Completed By SCS This Year

Construction of diversion ditches, an irrigation reservoir, land leveling and surveys for strip cropping were among the soil conservation practices completed recently in the Heppner Soil Conservation district according to a progress report given at a meeting of the district supervisors held in the bank building last week, with Orville Cutsforth, chairman, in charge.

Over two and one-half miles of diversion ditches to carry excess runoff safely from the field are being constructed on the Lawrence Beckett and Ray Lundell ranches in Eight Mile. Nine acres of land leveling and a reorganized irrigation system was completed on the Howard Cleveland ranch and an irrigation reservoir was constructed on the A. A. Scouten ranch, both at Heppner.

Surveys for strip cropping were completed on the Elmer Palmer, Ray Lundell and Charles Carlson ranches, Eight Mile; the Ellis Moyer ranch at Blackhorse; Orville Cutsforth, Lexington, and the Paul Brown and John Wightman ranches at Heppner.

Tom Helseth, district conservationist, Pendleton, reported that assistance from the soil conservation service for the coming year would include personnel, including Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist; Russell Hildebrand, conservation aide; Jesse Payne, engineer, and John Dickinson, part-time soil surveyor from the Condon SCS office.

Equipment available to the district includes a TD-14 tractor with dozer; a Lister type deep furrow drill, a grass-legume 10 row John Deere plow, and one and one-half cubic yard rotary scraper and a caterpillar No. 2 terracer. Two hundred pounds of grass seed will be available for field trial demonstration seedings.

New district farm plans were signed by the supervisors on the following ranches: Jim Hams, Hardman; Terrel Bengte, George Snyder, Rhea Creek; John Hanna, Heppner; Dr. G. A. Woodruff and Aren Brace, Eight Mile; R. A. Campbell and W. C. Van Winkle, Social Ridge.

IT WAS A RED-HEAD PARTY

During their visit to the fair and rodeo, the Misses Joan and Kathryn Lazinka and Miss Johanna Mumm, all of Pendleton, were guests of Miss Betty Smethurst at Lexington. All four young ladies are expert horsewomen and all four are red headed. And they got along just fine, the attendees reports.

ATTENDED CONTROL MEETING

P. W. Mahoney represented timber interests of this section at the special meeting called in Portland last Thursday to consider spruce budworm control. He reported a good meeting and that funds will be sought with which to carry out a long range program of control in the areas affected in the northwest.

Mrs. C. C. Patterson was a guest last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. O. Hager.

Manager Selected For CBEC Comes From Missouri

Selection of Edgar H. Collison, 38-year-old Trenton, Mo., man, as manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative was approved September 8 by the management division of REA in Washington, D. C. according to announcement made this week by Harold Kenney, acting manager. The names of three men were submitted to the Washington office after five applicants were interviewed by the board of directors of CBEC at meetings on August 11 and 19. Collison's name was first on the board's list of selections.

Collison is at present manager of the Grundy Electric Cooperative in Trenton. He is expected to assume his new duties on about October 1. Kenney stated, although he had resigned from his position in Missouri at the time his selection was approved by the Washington office, he will continue to be in the Washington office after five applicants were interviewed by the board of directors of CBEC at meetings on August 11 and 19. Collison's name was first on the board's list of selections.

Kenney, who has been acting manager of CBEC since March, said he believed the board had made an excellent choice. He said that Collison, who flew here for an interview last week, is a very friendly and likeable man as well as having the qualifications of a successful manager.

Kenney, who has carried the double load of office manager and acting manager, will remain with the cooperative in the capacity of office manager.

350 People Attend Cowboy Breakfast

The success of the Wrangler-sponsored rodeo cowboy breakfast was reported at the September meeting of the riding club held at the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co. Tuesday.

The breakfast was attended by approximately 350 people and required the cooperation of a hard working group of people and some of the business houses of Heppner. The menu consisted of ham, bacon, and eggs with biscuits, potatoes, milk and coffee. Chief cooks for the occasion were Archie Murchison, Henry Rauch, Al Fetsch, Bill Richards, El Hughes and Jack Edmondson, with a small number of others assisting, including Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, Dale Sumner. In charge of coffee was Mrs. Al Fetsch, with Mrs. Roy Orwick and Mrs. Don Evans assisting. Conley Lanham took over the ticket detail. On the run for more supplies were Don Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, Nelson Anderson supplied music with the 4-H sound system.

Another thing of interest at the meeting was the trophy which was sent by the Pendleton Dress-up parade committee for the Wranglers' second place winning. The trophy may be seen in the Turner, Van Marter & Co. office.

Prospect Better For Control Work

Information that some effective measures will be taken in the near future to curb the spread of the spruce budworm infestation has been received by Glenn Parsons, district ranger. Parsons told the chamber of commerce Monday that a partial coverage of the local district is probable in the spring and that an effort will be made to continue the control work until the infestation is cleared.

Due to the immensity of the region affected it will not be possible to go in and completely cover any single district, the ranger explained, but certain heavily infested plots will be worked on with a view to holding the pests in check until further work can be done.

Miss Leatha Smith, manager of the local telephone exchange, reported that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will continue to serve the locality on telegraph messages as in the past and will continue to do so as long as it is necessary. This service is for Saturday and Sunday in particular.

Reports were made by the picnic committee which showed that the affair was a success from every standpoint.

It was announced that Stanley Church, representing the Pacific Northwest Development association, will speak to the club at the September 26 meeting.

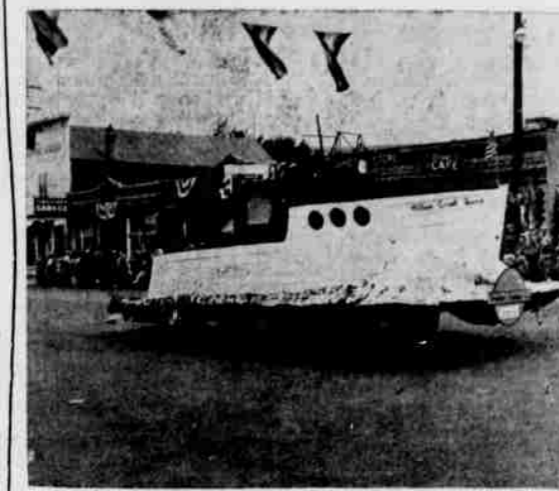
FIELD MAN ADDED TO STAFF AT CASE FURNITURE

Allan Case, senior member of the firm of Case Furniture company, announced today in addition of a new member to the store staff. Fred Mishler, recently from Rockford, Ill., has been employed as field representative with special emphasis on sewing machine sales and service.

Mr. Mishler has had 14 years of factory experience and is an expert on sewing machines, particularly any one of the five major makes.

With his wife and four children, Mr. Mishler is now located in Heppner. Three of the children have enrolled in the local school.

"Skipper" Grabill Does It Again



Everybody expected Bob Grabill to come out with something clever but no one was prepared for the surprise that came Saturday morning. This clever bit of ship building, "Willow Creek Queen," walked off with the sweepstakes as well as the best commercial float. Bob's last year entry, the "choo-choo train," is still in service at various functions in the district served by the Braden company. This year's entry could come about as near navigating Willow creek as anything yet invented, but will likely confine its field of operations to the Main streets of the several towns in this section.

MUSTANGERS TAKE TROPHY

The red-head combination from Pendleton proved too fast for the other entries with the result that the Mustang string in the flag race walked off with the pennant (rather fast walking, that is) at



The entry of the Jay-Cettes, the little red school house, captured first prize in the organization entries. The float was especially appropriate as school was to open two days later.

SOROPTIMIST FLOAT STRESSES PEACE

Peace and international understanding were the subjects stressed in the float entered by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner which took second place in organization entries. A brisk wind ruffled the trimming on the float so that Photographer Lyons could not get the wording and likewise most of the spectators were thwarted but the local club was carrying out the international phase of Soroptimism and the words were peace, unity and faith.

Kindergarten Opens For Five-year-olds

Big boys and girls were not the only ones who trudged (or motored) to school Monday. The little 5-year-olds — all polished and sparkling for a brand new experience — kindergarten.

Mrs. Dick Meador and 19 youngsters held forth at the Civic Center each school afternoon from one o'clock until three p. m. The Jay Cettes are still hopeful that the enrollment will reach 25 before too many days. A rest room has been installed for the little people and they are quite comfortably housed, with plenty of equipment to handle 25 children. Growing accounts come from all concerned.

FARM BUREAU MEETING AT RHEA CREEK MONDAY P. M.

The first fall meeting of the Morrow county farm bureau will be held Monday evening, September 19, at the Rhea Creek grade hall, according to E. Markham Baker of Ione, president.

A feature of the evening's program will be a motion picture on farm life. There will be the usual business session, followed by refreshments.

C. W. Jerome, in charge of public relations for the Dairy Cooperative association, was a brief caller in Heppner Tuesday. Accompanied by Mrs. Jerome he has been making a tour of the state in the interest of the association and was enroute from Hermiston to The Dalles via Heppner and Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Van Marter Jr., departed Wednesday evening in their new car with Van at the wheel for a trip which will cover some of the beauty spots of Oregon. They expect to see the Peterson Rock Gardens at Redmond, Crater Lake the Caves and the matchless scenery of Oregon's coast line. They plan to be away about two weeks.

Hail the Grand Champion!



Do we raise good cattle in Morrow county? What better proof than this yearling Shorthorn steer exhibited by Kelta Graves of Heppner. Won in the calf scramble last year, the steer was donated by Jim Valentine and fattened by Retta for the 1949 show. Some lovely T-bones, eh, what?

the Morrow county fair and rodeo — 1949 edition. Three red-headed girls, Jean Lazinka, Kathryn Lazinka and Johanna Mumm, paced the Mustang ponies to a comparatively easy win, taking a safe lead each day.

Umatilla Sage Riders were second and The Wranglers third. Arlington Saddle Club was the fourth entry.

In the picture we see Miss Kathleen Sanders of Vancouver, Wash., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders of Heppner, presenting the trophy posted by her parents for Hotel Heppner.



In the center above is the entry of the Lexington Campfire Girls, winner of the best juvenile float in the parade. It was one of the pretty numbers, well decorated and enhanced by a group of smiling little girls.

THE "JUDGE" AND HIS TRIGGER MAN

If you were one of the violators of the rules of rodeo justice you will readily recognize this pair of two were about to say tough hombraes' stern minions of the "law" as it reigned during fair and rodeo week. The mustachioed gent on the left is none other than "Judge" Tetz, who could always make the penalty fit the crime. The other is "Dick Dead-Eye" Erwin, known as Harold to family and friends, whose trigger itchy finger was ready to enforce the "Judge's" fair and just sentences.

Season's Play At Mustangs To Open Echo

Coach Vernon Bohles and his herd of Mustangs will open Echo week tomorrow afternoon and try their strength against the lower Umatilla river boys in the opening game of the season. The game will be called at 2 p. m. Heppner's team this year is light, the average up to this time being 150 pounds per man in the line and running slightly heavier in the back field where a crew of veterans is on the job. Probable lineup in Friday's game will be Gay Connor, left end; Phil Smith, left tackle; Vern Bell, left guard; Keith Connor, center; Lyle Peck, right guard; Jim Orwick, right tackle; Jack Sumner, right end; Marion Green, quarterback; Melvin Piper, left half; Norman Buhl, right half; and Bob Bergstrom, fullback.

Lexington School Fully Staffed Opens Monday

Lexington grade and high schools got off to a fine start Monday morning. There are four teachers in the grade school, with Mark Rands, principal of grades and 7th and eighth teacher; Mrs. Kelly fifth and sixth, Mrs. Valda Griffith third and fourth, and Mrs. Betty C. Esberg primary, substituting for Mrs. Sorlien, who is ill and unable to be here. In high school there are three teachers, Gerald Baker, science, Mrs. Rands former teacher in Jefferson high in Portland, commercial subjects and art and coach in dramatics, and Principal Joe Feathers who teaches social studies and physical education. Most of the present teachers attended summer school. Mr. Feathers at the University of Washington where he earned his Master of Science degree in physical education; Mr. Baker to Lewis and Clark in Portland, and Mrs. Sorlien, Mrs. Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Rands to University of Oregon extension in Portland. Janitor this year is Joe Thornburg and bus driver, Dan Way. There are four freshmen this year: Dennis McMillan, Shirley Hunt, Max Breeding, all graduates of the Lexington eighth grade last year, and Earl Miller of La Grande who is making his home with his uncle, Cecil Jones.

Mrs. Joe Feathers spent the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg, at Clackamas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peck and Mrs. Peck's sister left Thursday for a trip to North and South Dakota.

Mrs. Cecil Jones and Mrs. George Irvin were Walla Walla visitors Monday.

David Moberly and family left Monday for Portland, with Seattle as their ultimate destination. Mr. Moberly was connected with the Gazette Times for a few months

ACA Committees Of District Advised On Computing Acreage

The members of the local ACA committee, along with other committees in this area, met with the representatives of the state committee last week in Pendleton to discuss the new procedure of computing allotment acreages. E. Harvey Miller discussed the provisions of Public Law 272 and its relation to the Agricultural act of 1948.

Some of the important provisions and differences from the old law are that under the new law the 1949 wheat and 1949 summer-fallow that came from 1948 wheat are added together and divided by 50 per cent and then multiplied by the national percentage factor of .92319 or the 1948 wheat plus the 1948 summerfallow from 1947 wheat divided by 50 per cent and then multiplied by .92319, whichever is the greater of the two years. However, Miller pointed out that in no case would there be more acreage granted than 92.219 per cent of the available eligible summerfallow. He went on to emphasize that Public Law 272 does not replace the old law but only takes precedence in the applicable cases. In other words, none of the allotments already in the hands of the farmer will be lowered but they may be raised in some instances. Miller also discussed the national percentage figure of 92.219 per cent and the way that was accomplished. The desired reduction was based on the 10-year average adjusted trend and that gave an approximate reduction of 8 per cent nationally. The 17 per cent figure that has been quoted as a national reduction figure was in reality a 17 per cent of last year's crop. Some confusion has resulted from the publicizing of these ambiguous percentage figures.

The local office is working this week to get the new allotments into the hands of the farmers, as a good many of the farmers have already started seeding. New notices will be sent only to those farmers who have an increase in their acreages.

Mr. Miller discussed the crop insurance program in the various counties and emphasized that the closing date for application for the 1950 crop year is September 30, 1949. He felt that every producer should be given the opportunity to fully understand the new federal crop insurance program—both what it offers and how it operates.

Evans-Gammell Nuptials Event of Wednesday P. M.

All Saints Episcopal church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Evonne Evans and Mr. Robert Gammell Wednesday afternoon, September 14. The marriage vows were repeated before Rev. Elvon Tull, using the two rings. Mrs. Tull presided at organ. Mrs. Don Peoples sang "Oh Perfect Love."

Misses Elene Ball and Mary Gunderson, wearing white pi-quet floor length dresses with eyelet capes, lighted the candles. Mrs. La Verne Van Marter Jr. was matron of honor. She wore a sweeping period gown of lime-peel velvet with matching hat of illusion. The four bridesmaids wore coral-berry gowns in the same style with matching chapeaux. They were Mrs. Ted Palmateer of Ione, Miss Juanita Matteson, Miss Joan Kopp and Mrs. Roy Gammell, the latter two from Pendleton. Carol Sue Hynd was flower girl and she was dressed in a white formal.

The bride was gowned in white satin over hoops with trimmings of illusion and finger tip veil of the same over a halo of lace and seed pearls. The gown was made with train. She was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Harold Evans. Baskets of Rubrum lilies were carried by the attendants and the brides bouquet was formed with the lilies surrounding a rose bud center which was later used as a corsage on her coat.

Roy Gammell of Pendleton acted as best man for his brother, Bernard Padberg, Lee McRoberts, Jim Sumner and Eddie Gunderson were ushers.

A reception followed in the parish house. Two beautifully appointed tables were used, one for the tea service and the other bearing the four tiered wedding cake. Ladies assisting were Mrs. Emma Evans and Mrs. Herbert Hynd pouring and Mrs. Wm. Labhart, Mrs. Gene Hall, Mrs. Ray Massey, Miss Doris Shaeffer, Miss Suzanne Ljueallen of Pendleton and Mrs. Irene Sherman of Seattle.

After a two weeks' honeymoon the young couple will reside at the Harold Evans ranch where a new home awaits them. For traveling the bride wore a tweed skirt, ice blue tam, and waistcoat and three-quarter coat of split suede.

FLOWER SHOP EXPANDS

Mrs. Mary Stevens, proprietor of Mary Van's Flower Shop in Heppner, has expanded her operations to include a flower shop in Hermiston. It is not her intention to leave Heppner, although she expects her new venture to occupy quite a lot of her time.

Monday evening, September 19 is the regular meeting date of the Rainbow Girls and all are asked by the guardians to be at the hall at 7:30 p. m.

Among the interested visitors at the fair and rodeo Saturday was Chance Wilson of Monument.

1949 Fair-Rodeo Proclaimed Best In Recent Years

More Exhibits In All Lines; Arena Show High Class

The familiar expression "bigger and better than ever" found a real meaning in the 1949 Morrow county fair and rodeo which came to a close Sunday afternoon after a four-day run. The expression on every hand has been that this year's show was the best ever and the feeling is that every effort should be put forth to make the 1950 show not just another fair and rodeo but something in which the spirit of the community will be reflected throughout—a community looking forward to bigger things and greater development of the resources of this beautiful piece of terrain designated as Morrow county.

There is one thing of which the fair board is certain and that is there will have to be more room for exhibits by next year. Even the changes made this year did not quite meet the situation, since the officials could not estimate the requirements in the Livestock barns, especially the cattle division, were crowded; the exhibit hall, even with the home economics and 4-H divisions set up in separate quarters, was still crowded and on every hand there was evidence of increased interest in the fair. What was a 4-H club and Future Farmers of America fair a few years ago has grown into a general exhibition with the adult population entering the competition in earnest.

(A list of the exhibits and the awards will follow in subsequent issues as they are compiled by the secretary.)

Some of the big names in the rodeo world that have been seen here in recent years were not in evidence this year, yet interest in the show was keener and the response from the grandstand and bleachers more enthusiastic than has been the rule in past seasons. Plenty of skilled performers were on hand and the manner in which the events were run through made for good rodeo each afternoon. Participation by local cowboys always adds interest, as witness Saturday afternoon when the Hughtons and Jim Valentine fought a losing battle with a black Angus cow, and too Ingrid Hermann's tussle with a husky Hereford calf in the annual calf scramble.

New names entered the winner lists this year. Bob Elliott, who gives Bend as his address, was high average man in the bareback, bronc riding. Bun Anderson, Pilot Rock, rode second; Bob Swain, Condon, third and John Hoyt, Sisters fourth.

In saddle bronc riding, George Lowe of Burns had high average for the three days. Ray Barger of Eugene and Bob Graham, Redmond split second and third honors, with Pete Wheelhouse of Arlington taking fourth place.

Wick Palmer, Goldendale cowboy, was high point winner in the bulldogging contest, followed by Howard Johnson, Wayne Johnson and John Rattray, all of Condon.

Calf roping honors went to Smokey Kayser of Goldendale, followed by J. B. McMeans, Toppenish; John Hoyt, Sisters, and Pat Fisk, Antelope.

Another Toppenish cowpoke, Art Merritt, was high point man in the cow milking contest, followed closely by Archie Murchison of Heppner, with Jim Gibbs of Long Creek in third spot and Ra Allen of Hermiston, fourth.

There were 82 contestants signed up, with so many in the calf roping that run-off periods were scheduled Saturday and Sunday mornings to give all an opportunity to try their luck for points.

SOROPTIMISTS SEND JELLIES TO HOSPITAL

Members of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner arrived at their meeting today with offerings of jams and jellies for the veterans hospital in Walla Walla. This is the second contribution this fruit season as several glasses of raspberry jam were sent in July.

Due to the efforts of the club, the state highway has finished painting school zone signs on Court street and out by the rodeo grounds. These signs will be repainted every six months. All Soroptimist clubs are stressing safety this month. This is particularly pertinent with most of the public schools opening in September.

President Elaine George spoke on safety, stressing the appalling number of traffic fatalities, particularly in the early hours of darkness. In our own community we have a problem due to the increasing number of bicycle riders, not only on the streets but on the sidewalks.

One of the high points was the rodeo far courtsy among pedestrians and drivers of any type of locomotion.

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