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Polio Shots Held Up At Least Ten Days

Though no one seemingly knows why or for how long, sufficient Salk polio vaccine to inoculate all first and second grade children in Morrow county today remains in cold storage in the custody of Dr. A. D. McMurdo, the county health officer.

The shots, which were scheduled to be given to the children last Monday and Tuesday, were called off at the last minute following a series of medical and health department meetings that carried all the way up through the state and federal levels. Dr. McMurdo said he received notice by telegram Sunday from the state medical society that all scheduled inoculations were to be withheld until further notification.

The state report followed a high level meeting in the nation's capitol at which time the surgeon general advised that all Salk vaccine shots be held up for a two-weeks period pending further investigation.

The surgeon general and other high health officials expressed faith in the Salk vaccine but called a halt to the shots to allow time for further investigation of the serum which has been produced.

Dr. McMurdo said Wednesday that if the vaccine is released at the end of the two-weeks waiting period, which would be about May 23, he will be ready to start immediately giving the shots.

Graduation Rites Set Last of May

Baccalaureate services for 30 graduating seniors will be held Sunday, May 22, at 3 p. m. at the Methodist church and commencement exercises will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p. m. at the high school auditorium.

Dr. G. Burton Wood from the department of agricultural economics at Oregon State college, Corvallis, will be the main speaker for the commencement exercises and the Rev. Willis Geyer will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. Lester D. Boulden at baccalaureate and the Rev. John R. Reeves at commencement.

Included on the commencement program will be talks by Sally Palmer, valedictorian; Patsy Wright, salutatorian; presentation of awards by E. J. Dobbie, high school principal and presentation of diplomas by H. C. Reed, high school superintendent.

Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held Tuesday, May 26 at 7:45 p. m. at the high school auditorium with members of the class participating in the program.

The program will include the procession, "Pomp and Circumstance" by the grade school band; the invocation by the Rev. Lester D. Boulden; salutatorian's address, Carolyn McDaniel; trombone trio, "March of the Slide Trombones" by Sharon Case, Dick Ruhl and Almeda Duran accompanied by Janice Martin.

Class Will, Leanne Padberg; piano solo, "Chapel in the Mountains" by Carolyn McDaniel; class prophecy, Jim Walker; vocal solo, "The End of a Perfect Day" by Judy Trowbridge, accompanied by Janice Martin; address to the class by a ninth grader, Eddie Groshens; grade school band selection "Enchanted Mountain"; "Some Parting Cliffs" by Douglas Gribble.

Valedictory address by Janice Martin; presentation of awards by Mrs. Elwin Hughes, president of the American Legion auxiliary; presentation of the class by Joe Alden, eighth grade teacher; presentation of diplomas by Clarence Johnson, grade school principal; benediction by Father Francis McCormack and the recessional "Pomp and Circumstance" by the grade school band, directed by James Wilson.

Thirty-two graduating students include Duane Alderman, Carole Anderson, Donald Andrews, Kim Arent, Celia Boulden, Marilyn Calvin, Calvin Case, Joyce Casebeer, Ned Clark, Gayle Cox, Steven Flug, Norma Jean Geyer, Douglas Gribble, Ren Harris, Bob Huffman.

Kay Keithley, Bobby Mahoney, Janice Martin, Carolyn McDaniel, Joan Moe, Leanne Padberg, Ruthie Peterson, Billy Peetyjohn, Larry Prock, David Reed, Dickie Robison, Marie Robison, Richard Ruhl, Kay Sayers, Nancy Slocum, Judy Trowbridge and Jim Walker.

However there is no assurance at the present time that it will be released by then. He said that if the first shots are given before the closing of schools in the county, arrangements will be made to give the second of the shot series at a later date even though school will be out and children will have to be brought to central locations by parents.

Dr. McMurdo said he will make further announcements as soon as he receives additional information.

The vaccine which is on hand for use in Morrow county was manufactured by the Parke-Davis company.

County Budget Raised Slightly

The county budget for the fiscal year beginning July, 1955-56 was set at \$1,191,014 at a meeting of the county budget committee Friday at the courthouse. Tax millage for the amount will be practically the same as last year, which was 18.4 in 54-55, it was pointed out.

The coming budget, which is within the six per cent limitation, is approximately \$6,000 higher than the 54-55 budget of \$1,131,112. The amount of taxation will be offset by the increased property valuations in the county this year, budget members explained.

County assessment figures total \$11,663,660 for 55-56 compared to \$11,224,945 in 54-55, not including public utilities in either year. Without the public utilities assessment, which will come from the state tax commission about July 15, the increase this year is \$438,715, Harry Dinges, county assessor reported.

Members of the budget committee meeting Friday were Ralph Thompson, chairman; Walter Hayes, Boardman, secretary; Newt O'Harra, Lexington; Russell Miller, Boardman and John Hanna, Jr., Heppner.

Members of the equalization board which convened Monday to hear complaints on property assessments were John Hanna, Sr., chairman; Ed Skoubo, Boardman and Frank Turner, Heppner, recently appointed to the board. Deadline for complaints is May 21 with the final meeting of the board set for Monday, May 23.

Taxpayers have until June 30 to make objections to any particular items on the county budget, members said.

Friendship Day Picnic Planned for Memorial Day

Plans are under way to hold a Memorial Friendship Day picnic at the Heppner fair pavilion on Memorial day, Monday, May 30. It was announced today by Mrs. Guy Boyer, John Day, acting president of the group sponsoring the dinner.

The event was held for the first time last year as the Memorial Day Pioneer picnic, but the name was not thought appropriate and has been changed to Memorial Friendship day. Last year many out-of-town visitors who returned to Heppner for Memorial day attended the event and were entertained with a potluck dinner and short program.

This year's picnic will again be a potluck affair, it was announced by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, who have been asked to take charge of arrangements. Everyone is welcome to come and bring a dish to fill in a menu of roast beef and ham which has already been donated for the affair. The chairmen are also looking for donations of ice cream and coffee, it was said.

The dinner will start at one o'clock and will be followed by a short program which will include a welcome by J. O. Turner. A table of old time articles pertaining to the early history of Morrow county will also be on display. Mrs. Clive Huston will be in charge of this part of the program.

Last year's picnic attracted several hundred persons who had returned to Heppner for the Memorial Day weekend.

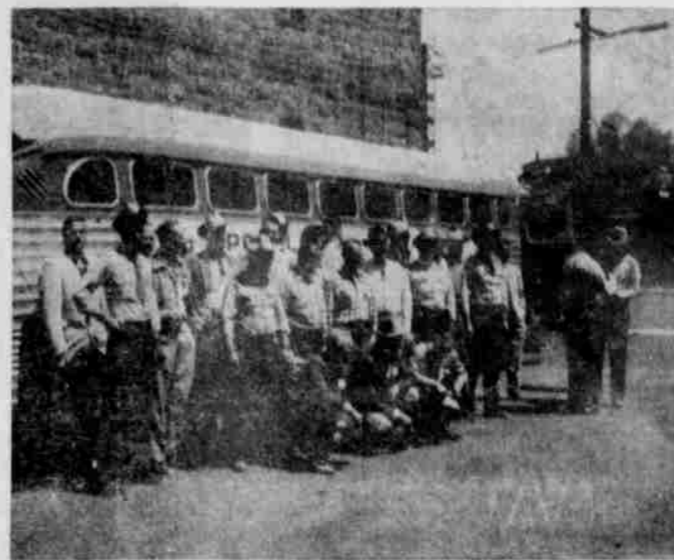
Crippled Children's Clinic Date Changed

Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse announced today that the date for the crippled children's clinic to be held in Pendleton has been changed from May 17 to May 18.

It will be held at the Umatilla county health department, S. W. 3rd and Frazier, Pendleton starting at 1:30 p. m.

MRS. MERVIN LEONARD ON STATE BOARD

Mrs. Mervin Leonard, Lexington, president of the Morrow County TB and Health association has accepted an appointment to the board of directors of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association for a term of four years.



PENDLETONIANS VISIT—Part of the group of 50 members of the Pendleton chamber of commerce and other organizations who came to Heppner Monday on a goodwill visit with the Heppner C of C. This picture was taken shortly after the organization's special bus arrived.



AREA TOURED—The Pendleton C of C visitors were taken on a tour of major points of interest in the area following their luncheon meeting. Here they are shown at the Newt O'Harra ranch at Lexington where the value of grass as a crop was explained. (GT Photos)

Pendleton C of C 'Invades' Heppner

On the first of a series of goodwill tours, about 50 Pendletonians descended on Heppner shortly before noon Monday in a burst of gunfire, siren howls and cowbell clanging to pay the members of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce a visit. The tour was sponsored by the Pendleton chamber and included members of that group, the Round-Up Association, Happy Canyon Company, Main Street Cowboys, and city and county officials.

The group arrived by special chartered bus and in private cars and were treated to luncheon with the Heppner organization at the Oddfellows hall with the meal being prepared by members of the Rebekahs. Following the luncheon the visitors were taken on an escorted tour of various points of interest in Heppner and Lexington and adjacent area, presiding at the luncheon meeting was Phil Blakney, vice president of the Heppner chamber, who served in the absence of Jack Bedford, president who was confined to the hospital following a slight stroke about a week ago. The visitors, feeling that Blakney was not properly attired for the occasion, dressed him in a huge pair of denim pants and battered hat.

As part of the business of the meeting, slightly "doctored" versions of the minutes of the last meeting, treasurer's report, etc. were read which brought many laughs.

A. C. (Art) Holmes, president of the Pendleton chamber told the 100 persons in attendance that the two groups have many similar problems and urged cooperation in solving them. North

man Gorkle, mayor of Pendleton, responded to a letter from president Bedford by saying that it was a "pleasure to come to a city that doesn't have any problems."

Another guest was Miss Carolyn Montanic, winner of a recent competition to select Pendleton entrants in the All American Indian beauty contest to be held at Sheridan, Wyo.

Mike Zimmerman, director of the queen and court for the Round-Up, surprised the entire group with the announcement that Sharon Bryant of Heppner had been selected as a princess in the Round-Up court for this year. Miss Bryant was introduced.

Following the luncheon the guests were taken by private car on a tour of main points of interest in the area. First stop was Pioneer Memorial hospital where the visitors examined the institution and paid their respects to Jack Bedford. From there they

Sharon Bryant In Round-Up Court

Sharon Bryant, 16, daughter of Earl Bryant and Mrs. William Espy, Heppner, has been selected as one of the princesses to rule over the Pendleton Round-Up, Sept. 15, 16, 17, it was announced for the first time at Heppner on Monday at the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Pendleton chamber members as guests.

Princess Sharon learned to ride on a half-Shetland when she was 2½, the horse being a gift from her grandfather, the late R. A. Thompson. She owns her own registered horses.

For a time Princes Sharon lived in Lewiston, Idaho and took part in junior rodeos and was also a pennant bearer in the Lewiston show. When only 18 months old and 2½ she won the award for the best dressed cowgirl in the Heppner rodeo parade. She is a junior at Heppner high school.

Another Value Days Coming May 20-21

The second of four Heppner Value Days, special city-wide selling events, has been set for Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, it has been announced by Jeff Carter, chairman of the chamber of commerce merchants committee, sponsors of the event.

The event, which was started last year and met with excellent response from both merchants and shoppers, will be the second to be held this year. As in previous Value Days, free parking will be provided shoppers through the courtesy of the chamber and the city of Heppner, and a free kiddies show will be provided for all children Saturday afternoon at the Star Theater.

The special sale items will be advertised in next week's Gazette Times.

Ione Garden Club to Build Park Fireplace

Members of the Ione Garden club voted Tuesday to start immediately on the construction of an outdoor fireplace at the Ione city park. The move was followed by the offer of a \$100 donation for the project by Mrs. Harry Yarnell.

The fireplace is expected to cost between \$300 and \$400 and the work will be contracted, it was said.

went to the Heppner Pine Mills where manager Paul Koenig took the group on a tour of the mill which is now partially shut down and is undergoing an extensive remodeling.

Koenig explained that the entire mill is to be electrified, offices and dry kilns relocated, a million gallon reservoir built and a full sprinkler system installed in addition to other improvements.

Conservation Work Seen

Next stop was the Paul Brown and Mankin-Bunch ranches where excellent views of strip-cropping and other soil-saving practices could be seen. County agent Nels Anderson and conservationist Tom Wilson explained the work.

From there the group continued on to Lexington to visit the Newt O'Harra ranch where the value of grass was told by O'Harra, 1953 Grassman of the year; and then to the Lexington plant of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Returning to Heppner, the group boarded their special bus and made the return trip to Pendleton over the Franklin Hill road.

On the way to Heppner, the group stopped at Echo and kidnapped Rod Esselstyn, Echo businessman, and at the Cutsforth

Top Lexington Students Named

Phyllis Nolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Nolan, is valedictorian of the Lexington graduating seniors and Larry Groves, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers, is salutatorian. It was announced this week. Commencement exercises will be held Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p. m. at the school and the baccalaureate services will be Sunday, May 22, at the Lexington Christian church.

Both Miss Nolan and Groves have held several class and student body offices and have been active in school affairs. Miss Nolan plans to attend Northwest Christian college at Eugene next year and Groves will complete his military service before going into business. Groves was recently named half back on the East-West Shrine football team.

Wallace W. McCrea, superintendent of schools, Pendleton, will be the commencement speaker and the Rev. Lewis Wetzel will give the baccalaureate address.

Other graduates are Eugene Wardwell and Keith Gray who plans to study architecture at the University of Oregon.

Organization Rites Held By Lutherans

Over 90 persons attended the special services of the Hope Lutheran church of Heppner which was officially organized Sunday. Dr. S. C. Siefkes, president of the northwestern district of the American Lutheran church from Portland, and the Rev. Armin H. Reitz, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, Hermiston, currently serving the Heppner group, officiated at the services held in the SDA church.

Officers of the new church are Henry Rauch, acting chairman and treasurer; Ed Collison, secretary; Irvin Rauch and Elmer Schmidt, deacons and John Hartman and G. Hermann, trustees.

A pot luck dinner followed at the American Legion hall given by the Lutheran Ladies Aid with Mrs. Orville Matheny, president, and Mrs. G. Hermann in charge.

School Vote Set Friday in County

An election in all school districts in the county has been set for Friday, May 13, at 2 p. m. in the various schools to vote on the six percent limitation of the budget as required by law. Voting in the Heppner district will be from 2 to 8 p. m. at the school. Polls are required to be open for one hour and closing time in other districts may be obtained from board members, Jack C. Flug, county school superintendent, reports.

Total estimated tax levy for all districts is \$500,121.12 for 1955-56, compared to \$383,840 in 1954-55. This apparent large increase is due to an offset effect last year when \$40,000 from Irrigon, \$39,000 from Heppner and \$8,000 from the Lexington districts were returned to the rural school board, which makes the actual increase about normal, Flug pointed out.

Total receipts and available cash balance in the 1954-55 budget were \$236,958 while in the budget for 1955-56 total receipts and available cash balance are only \$156,592.50. Flug said. Last year the offset in the budget made the decrease in the county school tax levy 12.9 per cent, the highest decrease of any county in the state, he said.

While an increase of \$17,000 was noted in the Heppner district budget for repairs of the old school building and changing the cafeteria, other school budgets are about the same as last year with the normal increase in the teacher's salaries.

Causes of increase over the six per cent limitation include the low tax base due to the fact that some districts lost their base entirely and others could only be increased by the legal allowed six per cent per year, increased costs, needed repairs in school cafeterias to meet state requirements, increases in teachers salaries, more transportation and high costs of supplies and equipments and repairs to some of the older buildings to meet standard requirements.

The amount of tax in excess of the six per cent limitation proposed to be levied for the fiscal year is \$362,994.97, Flug said. In addition he pointed out that in all probability the reassessed valuation figure of Morrow county will be about 2,000,000 more.

Darrel Blake Prexy Of High School Body

Darrel Blake was elected president of the Heppner high school student body at elections held last Thursday. Other new student body officers are Delbert Piper, vice president; Nancy Anderson, secretary and Jay Sumner, sergeant at arms. Students will hold office during the next school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collison and family left Thursday for Missouri where they will visit relatives and their parents at Maitland and Princeton. They expect to return about June 1.



HOSPITAL OFFICIALS—who were present Sunday afternoon during the open house of the new addition to Pioneer Memorial hospital include, left to right, Jack Angel, administrator; John Krebs, director; Harry Duvall, director; county judge Garnet Barratt; Garland Swanson, Mrs. Mervin Leonard and P. W. Mahoney, all directors. The directors and their wives served refreshments to all visitors during the afternoon. (GT Photo)



HIGH POINT OF INTEREST to most hospital visitors Sunday was the pediatric ward in the new wing, a corner of which is shown in this photo. The 4-bed ward was equipped by the Elks lodge and the entire room decorated with nursery-rhyme figures by Mrs. Ernie Winchester of Heppner. Free chest X-Rays were given to all visitors who desired it. (GT Photo)

Guy E. Moore Rites Held at Hood River

Funeral services for Guy E. Moore, 60, were held Wednesday May 11, at the Anderson Funeral Home at Hood River. Born at Joplin, Missouri, Mr. Moore died Sunday, May 8 at Hood River. He had been employed by the Forest Service in Heppner for about two years.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Thelma Moore, Parkdale; three daughters: Mrs. Richard Calvin, Heppner; Mrs. William Weatherall, Parkdale; Mrs. Elsie Keeling, Pendleton; two sons: Gary and Jimmy, both of Heppner and seven grandchildren. Burial was in the Hood River cemetery.

Many Get X-Rays at Hospital Dedication

About 250 persons attended the open house dedication of the new wing of the Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday. A total of 112 persons obtained free chest X-Rays, sponsored by the county TB and Health association, during their visit.

The new wing has accommodations for 20 beds, including a 4-bed pediatric ward which is gayly decorated with animal murals painted by Mrs. Lois Winchester. The new addition also includes offices and facilities for the new county health nurse. It was constructed and equipped at a cost of about \$13,000.

Pouring at the coffee table during the afternoon were wives of the board members and hospital administrator: Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. Harry Duvall, Mrs. John Krebs, Mrs. Jack Angel and Mrs. Mervin Leonard, who is a board member and president of the county TB and Health association.