

New Polio Case Reported; Vaccine Use is Urged

William Zinter of Ione was taken to Holliday Park hospital in Portland last Friday after being stricken with polio. His case is the first to be reported in Morrow county for nearly two years.

According to reports, physicians diagnosed his illness as polio late Thursday and immediately made arrangements to have him transferred to the Portland hospital. Apparently only one leg has been effected by paralysis and he is reported to be responding well to treatment.

As a result of the new incidence of the disease, Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, Heppner health officer issued the following statement concerning Salk polio vaccine and urged that more persons take advantage of the immunization shots which are now available from all local doctors. Dr. Wolff said:

"Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, recently summarized the present status and future prospects of polio immunizations in Oregon. His memo points out that increasing amounts of commercial and free public vaccine will be made available during the next three months. It is estimated that the free public vaccine which is to be released is intended for the poor and needy and that local health departments will not be provided with vaccine for mass immunization clinics this year. It is further expected that no free public mass vaccine will be available for release between February and July, 1956, therefore the United States surgeon general has designated only the 5-9 year age group as eligible for free vaccine.

"Ample free vaccine is available to supply indigent children in the 5-9 year group and it is expected that sufficient commercial vaccine will be available prior to June 30, 1956 to supply all children under the age of 20 as well as pregnant women.

"A fair amount of commercial vaccine is now in the hands of local physicians. No charge will be made for the free public vaccine, but physicians will charge for administering it.

County Use Low

"Data released by the state health department reveals that a smaller percentage of eligible persons have been immunized in Morrow county than any other in the state except for Gilliam.

"Dr. Erickson said all local physicians advise prompt use of the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine."

Ray Jasper Rose Services Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Nov. 28 at Creswick Mortuary for Ray Jasper Rose, 62 years of age, who died suddenly Nov. 25 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Rose was born January 10, 1893 in Wisconsin and had lived in Heppner only about two years. He was a veteran of World War 1.

He is survived by his wife Ethel, one daughter, Elizabeth, both of Heppner, and his father Willard Rose of Wyoming.

Services were conducted by Rev. Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church and interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Bishop Barton to Confirm 26 Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, Bishop of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon, will make his annual visitation to All Saints' Episcopal church this Sunday night at eight o'clock. At this time he will administer the Apostolic Rite of the Laying on of Hands, which is the Sacrament of Confirmation, to a class of twenty six.

This class will make a first communion at the eleven o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion this Sunday morning. The Rector's sermon will be directed to the class.

St. Anne's circle of the Women's Auxiliary will meet this Monday at 8:00 p. m. St. Elizabeth's Circle will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and St. Monica's Circle will meet Tuesday night at 8:00. All these meetings will be in the Parish House.



CONSERVATIONISTS, both present and past, were honored last week at the annual chamber of commerce conservation banquet. Shown are left to right, Newt O'Harra, chamber committee chairman who presented Donald Peterson (center) the 1955 county Conservation Man of the Year, his award. Also shown are Fred Mankin and Alvin Bunch, (second and third from the left) former conservation men; Frank Anderson, who was announced as the 1955 Cattleman of the Year, and (right) Glenn Way, another former Conservation man. (Wilson Photo)

November Rainfall Here Totals Nearly 3 Inches

With a total of 2.73 inches of rain and snow moisture measured at the Heppner weather station during the past 30 days, November became the wettest month to be seen here since June 1954, and the precipitation lacked only one-one hundredth of an inch of equalling that record month, local weather figures showed.

Any rain that might have fallen between Wednesday noon and midnight, Nov. 30, is not included in the figures.

November's excellent moisture brings the total precipitation for the first 11 months of this year to 13.62 in Heppner, slightly over two inches more than fell here during the entire 12 months of 1954, and prospects are good that considerably more will fall before the year ends.

The month's weather, which saw quite a bit of all kinds of rain, varied from a few very mild days to sub-zero

Athletic Banquet Set For Saturday

All members of the football teams from Lexington Ione and Heppner and their coaches and school officials will be guests of the Heppner Elks lodge Saturday evening at an athletic banquet to be held at the Ione school cafeteria. Fathers of the players are also invited to attend, Milton Morgan, exalted ruler announced.

Highlighting the program will be Dr. Paul Stagg, head football coach at Pacific University, Forest Grove who is one of the top coaches among smaller schools on the coast. Dr. Stagg is expected to bring one or two members of the Pacific grid squad with him and will also show some special films, it was said.

The banquet is to begin at 7 p. m. and will be prepared and served by members of the Maranatha club of Ione. The public is invited to attend the dinner and tickets are now on sale.

School Philosophy Thesis is Planned By Local OEA Group

The Heppner chapter of the Oregon Education association voted at its bi-monthly meeting November 27 for the compilation of a school philosophy which would be a formal presentation of the consistent, thoughtful educational policies of the school.

A committee was appointed and divided into groups with the purpose of developing thoroughly workable thesis which will be of practical application to the requirements and needs of the pupils, teaching staff and administration. It was the opinion of the group that the development attributed and behavior of each pupil is influenced directly by the principals of education. It was felt that such a program should be carefully examined and qualified to meet the changing patterns of the modern social change and to especially foster child.

Hosts for the meeting were Mrs. James Sumner and James Mallon.

temperatures which dropped to -8 degrees here, and 20 below zero in several sections nearby. There was a total of between six and eight inches of snow measured during the month, but the warm winds of the past week have removed all of the fall except in the mountains, where even recent storms brought rain rather than snow.

The heavy rain brought mixed feeling to ranchers. All looked favorably on the moisture, but cattlemen in particular, didn't appreciate the snow cover and freezing temperatures which meant that cattle feeding had to start nearly two months ahead of normal. A good crop of grass is in prospect for next year however due to the moisture.

Most wheat farmers had completed seeding operations prior to the early November storms, and those who still had work to do in the fields have been unable to get onto them since because of the mud.

Last Saturday's storm brought nearly three-quarters of an inch of rain here, and though it fell gently a few instances of minor washing has been reported. Another 12 fell here Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, with the Eightmile area reporting .25 inch during the night.

Rainfall reported by Leonard Carlson at Gooseberry totaled 2.41 for November and 11.87 so far this year. During the first 11 months of last year 9.00 inches was checked there.

Granges To Hold Joint Installation Sunday at Lexington

All grangers are invited to attend the installation of subordinate and Pomona officers at Lexington grange hall Sunday, December 4 at 2 o'clock.

A potluck supper will be served followed by an officers conference led by Joe Guttridge, new state grange deputy for this district.

Mr. Guttridge will also be the installing officer.

Adult Welding Class Signup Started

A planning meeting was held Monday night at the high school Ag building to form the nucleus for the start of an adult welding class. About 10 persons attended and it is anticipated that 20 will be interested in taking the course.

The class will be started as soon as it is approved by the state department of vocational education and it is hoped the first meeting can be held Tuesday, Dec. 13. Plans call for two classes a week on Tuesday and Thursdays from 7:30 to 10:30. Instructors will be L. L. Robbins and Bill Weatherford.

If there are under 15 persons signed up the cost will be \$15 for the course, or if between 15 and 20, the fee will drop to \$12.50.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion auxiliary will hold their next regular meeting December 6th at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Lane.

Due to weather conditions, auxiliary meetings will be held in the homes during the next two or three months.

Wagenblast New Lex Grange Master

Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington was elected master of the Lexington grange at a recent meeting of the group. Assisting him will be Vernon Munkers, overseer; Mrs. Alfred Nelson, secretary and Mrs. Norman Nelson, treasurer.

Other officers chosen include: cures, Mrs. Wilbur Steagall; pomona, Mrs. Earl Evans; flora, Mrs. Ted McMillan; chaplain, Mrs. Walter Ruggles; lecturer, Mrs. Audrey Ansted; steward, Clement Stockard; gatekeeper, Earl Evans; assistant steward, Kenneth Smouse; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast.

On Dec. 4 at 2 p. m. installation will be held at the hall for the new officers and other county grange officers. The services will be followed by a potluck supper and in the evening there will be a school of instruction for all interested grange members.

Grange Elects New Officers

Rhea Creek Grange met Sunday night, November 20 to elect new officers as follows: Archie Bechtolt, master; Barbara Clark, overseer; Mrs. Orian Wright, secretary; Elmer Palmer, treasurer; Mrs. Alfred Lovgren, lecturer; Leonard Rill, steward; Walter Wright, assistant steward; Mrs. John Bergstrom, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Barton Clark, chaplain; Mrs. Walter Wright, musician; Alvin Barlow, gatekeeper; Mrs. Harold Wright, Ceres; Mrs. Ray Drake, Flora; Mrs. Leonard Rill, Pomona.

The grange accepted an invitation from the Lexington grange for joint installation of officers Sunday December 4 at 2 p. m. to be followed by a potluck dinner.

Joe Guttridge, state grange deputy will hold a conference for officers in the evening. All county grange members and officers are invited.

The Rhea Creek grange has changed its meeting date for the next three months to Sunday afternoons, following the regular meeting date of Friday.

The Home Economics Club will hold its Christmas party and revealing of secret pals on December 15.

Firemen's Ball Shows Profit of Over \$100

The first Heppner firemen's ball to be held here in many years netted the Heppner fire department about \$110 it was revealed this week by members of the department. The dance was held Saturday night at the fair pavilion with music furnished by Gene Rietmann's orchestra.

The department extended its thanks to the general public for the fine support and announced that the money will be used to buy turnout coats for the department members.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Post Falls, Idaho with her mother, Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Wilson remained there due to the illness of her mother.

Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Corvallis, former Heppner resident, was here to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blake.

County Receives Big Share of Forest Money

Morrow county has received a check for \$14,165.17 from the federal government as its share of accrued funds from national forest land. The amount is more than double the slightly over \$4,000 received last year.

The announcement of the payment of the funds was made by Umatilla forest supervisor Charles Rector, Pendleton and represents 25 percent of funds accrued from the sale of national forest timber, grazing leases etc. The money must be used by the county for schools and roads with 75 percent of the total going into the road fund.

Rector announced the state income from forest lands would amount to \$6,104,818.03 for 1955 which is considerably more than last year. It averaged about 43 cents per acre on all national forest land and the money is divided among the counties according to forest acreage.

County judge Garnet Barratt said Wednesday the check is the largest received by the county in many years with the figure having dropped as low as \$3,000 previously.

Neighboring counties also received their share of the forest money with Umatilla county getting \$31,541.95.

HHS Yearbook to Be Entered for Judging; Selling Drive Due

The staff of the Heppner high school yearbook, the Mustang, is campaigning to sell more yearbooks to students and members of the community this year. It was announced this week, the campaign starts Dec. 2 and will run through Dec. 14.

The campaign will be a contest between classes and each class will strive to outsell the others on a percentage basis. The winning class will be given a party and a "slave day" by the Mustang staff.

The larger campaign this year is necessary to enable the staff to produce the highest quality yearbook. One of the extras to be found in the custom book will be a color theme to be used throughout.

The 1955-56 book will be submitted for national judging.

Elks Lodge to Hold Memorial Service

Milton Morgan, exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge, said this week that the public is invited to attend the Lodge's annual memorial service which will be held in the Lodge room Sunday at 2 p. m.

Jack C. Flug, county school superintendent, will deliver the address and musical selections will be provided by Mrs. J. O. Turner and Oliver Creswick. The service is held to honor the 15 lodge members who have died during the past year.

Hotel Grill To Open Saturday

Mrs. Ella Sargent, formerly operator of the Pines Hotel dining room at Taft, Oregon and other restaurants on the Oregon coast, will open the former Easter's Grill in the Heppner hotel Saturday. It is to be operated under the name of Ella's Grill.

Mrs. Sargent, whose husband moved here several months ago to work in the Gilliam and Bissbee plumbing department, has renovated the restaurant and announces that she will offer a complete restaurant service in addition to offering facilities for small parties and dinners.

Mrs. Sargent is a member of the Taft Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Business and Professional Womens club of that city.

Many Students Home For Holiday Weekend

Among students who were home for the Thanksgiving holiday were from University of Oregon, Larry Mollahan; Oregon State College, Dick Kononen, Jim Hayes, Kenneth Turner, Gerald Bergstrom, Patsy Wright and Sharon Rill; University of Portland, Jack Monagle; Eastern Oregon College, Al Parent, Neil Beamer, Ralph Marlatt, Connie Newman, Mary Ruth Green, June Privett, Adelia Anderson and Jean Marie Graham; Pacific University Lyle Jensen and Bill Hughes.

Federal Funds Sure For Willow Road

County road crews will finish work early next week on a three mile section of upper Willow Creek and will move to Heppner where they will start straightening and widening the Willow Creek road east from Heppner. Adverse weather conditions has forced the cessation of work in the mountains.

In making the announcement Wednesday, the county court also revealed that the state highway commission has approved the allocation of \$55,000 for the surfacing and oiling of six miles of the Willow Creek road from the Heppner city limits east. It is this section on which county crews will start work within the next few days. The county will prepare the roadbed for surfacing during the winter and the oiling will be done next summer it was said. The allocation was made by the highway department from the Federal-Aid secondary highway system and of the total amount, Morrow county will pay \$11,000, the state \$11,000 and the remaining \$33,000 will come from federal funds. The county has applied for sufficient money to oil the entire 12 mile section of the road from Heppner to the city wells at the forks of Willow creek, but only sufficient federal money is available next year to do half the job. It is expected the remainder can be done in 1957.

The county crews will do considerable widening, straightening and relocating of the road-

bed, it was said. The contract calls for a full 30 foot roadway with a 20 feet of pavement and three-foot shoulders on each side. The court also said that the county crew will probably be split with part of the equipment being sent either north or west of Ione. Work in this area was held up last fall when it became too dry to work the roads. Recent rains have made work there possible.

There are about 20 miles of grading and graveling to do in the vicinity of Juniper canyon and another 15 miles in the Kincaid section south-west of Ione. It is hoped to have both jobs completed by July, the court said.

Mrs. Henry Peterson Taken by Death

Mrs. Henry Peterson, Ione, 63 years of age, died early Wednesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a several months illness. She had been under care in a Portland hospital for about a week and was returned to the Heppner hospital November 23.

Adina Othelia Peterson was born April 1, 1892 at McPherson, Kansas and came to Morrow county following her marriage to Henry Peterson in Kansas City 35 years ago. She and Mr. Peterson made their home on a ranch in the Eightmile area. She was an active member of the Valby Lutheran church where services will be held Sunday, December 4 at 2 p. m. with Rev. Merlin Zier officiating. Interment will be in the Valby cemetery.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by her husband Henry, Ione; three sons, Ted Peterson, The Dalles; Robert of Ione; and Herbert of Heppner; one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Skuzeski, Portland and five grandchildren. She also leaves four brothers, Gust, Lutfier and Karl Anderson, all of McPherson, Kansas; and John Anderson of Shafter, Calif; two sisters, Lydia Anderson and Mrs. Oscar Engstrom, both of McPherson, Kansas. She also had several nieces and nephews. Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Local OSC Students In College Chorus

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Shirley Wiese of Boardman and Ken Turner of Heppner will sing in the college chorus at its annual Christmas concert December 11. Handel's "Messiah" will be presented this year.

Nearly 250 music students will take part in the annual concert, which will be directed by Robert Walls, head of music. Last year's concert attracted a crowd of nearly 5000.

The college chorus also presents a yearly concert on Good Friday and sings at commencement exercises.

Miss Wiese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wiese, Boardman, is majoring in physical education at OSC. A freshman, Miss Wiese is a 1955 graduate of Boardman high school.

Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, Heppner, is a senior at OSC, majoring in agriculture. He is a 1952 graduate of Heppner high school.

WORK PARTY SCHEDULED

A work day has been set for next Sunday for members of the Willow Creek Country club it was announced today. The party will get under way at 10 a. m. and all members are urged to help.

Stressing the need for everyone to cooperate on his 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign, postmaster James H. Driscoll says that by following these simple rules, you're certain to have your gifts delivered before Christmas day; wrap them securely, address them correctly, and mail them early.

He went on to say, "Of course early mailing of all Christmas cards and gifts is a big factor in getting everything delivered before Christmas. Keep in mind that careful packing and correct addressing is equally important. Every year many poorly wrapped packages break open despite careful handling and we often have to puzzle over addresses which are incomplete or simply cannot be read at all."

Advance care in preparing gift packages for the mails and making sure that all addresses are legible and complete will prevent disappointment to sender and receiver alike.

Early Christmas Mailing is Urged By Post Office

"If you have any articles of unusual size or bulk, better check with the post office before attempting to mail them," the postmaster warns. "The limits on size and weight of packages varies, depending on where you mail your package from" Heppner accepts parcels up to 100 inches in combined length and girth and 70 pounds in weight.

It is always better to use corrugated cartons for shipping gifts especially where there are a number of various sized objects. Use plenty of wadded tissue or newspaper in the cartons for extra protection against shock. Complete each package by wrapping in heavy paper and tying it with strong cord.

As extra precaution against loss, postmaster Driscoll advised placing both your return address and the recipient's address inside the carton or package before it is wrapped.

Don't seal your parcel unless you include a notice reading "Contents merchandise—may be opened for postal inspection" along with your return address and the recipient's address on the mailing label. If you use Christmas stickers or seals put them on the back of your Christmas cards and packages so that they will not conflict with the address on the front. Before you release your packages be sure that proper postage is firmly affixed to each and it's a good idea to place a piece of transparent cellophane tape over the address portion of the label to prevent defacing it in transit. Make sure, of course, to include the recipient's full name, street address, city-zone and state.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TO GO UP SUNDAY

Phil Blakney, chairman of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce announced Monday that street decorations will be put up in Heppner next Sunday. He asks that all available chamber members aid in the work.

A group of high school students have been preparing the streamers and several new illuminated bells will be used this year.

Work will start at 1 p. m., Blakney said.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Slyter and son of Seattle spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin.