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Flu Reports in County Spotty; Some in Heppner

Flu and colds began this week to make inroads in Heppner school attendance, but officials said Wednesday that there was yet no indication of an epidemic here. Lexington and Ione schools reported only normal absences for this time of year.

There were 20 students absent from Heppner high Wednesday and 28 missing from the grade school the day before, the highest absentee list of recent weeks. Several members of the Heppner football team have been sidelined with flu or colds, but coach Jim Mallon said that he is planning on taking a team to Maupin Friday though the squad may not be at full strength. Last Friday's game with Pilot Rock was cancelled by PR coach because of his inability to field a team.

Dallas Shockley, Ione school superintendent, said Wednesday that the school this week is back to normal after suffering nearly a 25 percent loss of students last week. Only about four percent of the students were out Wednesday, which is considered normal absenteeism for this time of year.

At Lexington there appeared to be no trouble with the high school recording 100 percent attendance on Wednesday.

There are still many reports of near-epidemic flu cases in many schools in the state, but the only school still closed in this immediate area is Fossil. According to reports from there the school was closed last week and when even fewer students reported for classes Monday, it was decided to remain closed for another week. It is also reported that churches and some stores in Fossil had closed.

Doctors here have reported a heavy demand for flu vaccine which has been in short supply at times.

Charles F. Hemrich, Former Resident, Dies Wednesday

Charles F. Hemrich, 73, of Beaverton, died Wednesday following a lengthy illness. He had been a former resident of Morrow county for many years.

Mr. Hemrich was born in Brian, Germany and came to this country when he was three years old. He homesteaded in Clark's Canyon and farmed in Sand Hollow until 1928 when he moved to the valley.

Funeral services have not been announced.

Surviving are his wife Stella; two sons, Raymond of Orcutt, Calif., and Charles of Longview. Two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Gonty of Heppner and Eunice Altisham of Portland.

Mrs. Gonty left Wednesday for Beaverton and her family will go down later.

Methodist Women To Have Special Service

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service is presenting an hour program Friday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the church, celebrating the week of prayer and self-denial.

Mrs. Lucille Owens, Mrs. Alfred Troedson, and Mrs. Whitmer Wright will give talks describing the special projects which the offering supports.

Mrs. Vic Kreimeyer will be at the organ, and Mrs. Douglas Drake has charge of the Litany and meditation.

Annual Buckburger And Awards Dinner Held by Wranglers

About 80 members of the Wranglers Riding club gathered at the fair pavilion Friday for their annual buckburger and potluck dinner. Cooking the buckburgers were Herman Green, John Newman, Lincoln Nash, Al Fetsch, Archie Munkers and Fred Mankin.

Bill Barratt served as master of ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins showed their movies of the 1957 Morrow county rodeo.

Annual awards were made as follows: Up to 12 years of age, first, Marlene Fetsch, belt buckle; second, Sandra Eubanks, saddle blanket; third, Diane Fulleton, saddle blanket; 12 through 17 years, first, Jimmie Steagall, belt buckle; second, Barbara Steagall, saddle blanket; third, Larry Fetsch, saddle blanket. Seniors, first, Cornett Green, belt buckle.

County School Reorganization Panel is Named

A nine member committee and five alternates were elected to a county school reorganization committee last Friday night at a special convention of all county school board members held at the court house.

Named to the nine man committee were Don McElligott, Ione; Robert Abrams, Heppner; Willard Baker, Boardman; Fredrick Martin, Ione; Warren McCoy, Irrigon; Don Hatfield, Lexington; Bryce Keene, Ione; James Keith, Irrigon and Harold Kress, Boardman. The five alternates, in the order in which they may serve, are Dewey West, Boardman; John Graves, Hardman; Raymond French, Heppner; Harold Beach, Lexington; and Garland Swanson, Ione.

The convention was called in compliance with a school reorganization law passed by the last legislature which makes it mandatory that each county make a study of its own school problems. The report of the county committee will be heard at a regional meeting then sent on to the state department of education for further consideration.

No date has been set for the first meeting of the new county committee but it is expected to be in the near future.

Lutherans Continue Discussion Series

The differences between the physical and spiritual world will be reviewed this coming Tuesday at Hope Lutheran church during the fourth in a series of discussions on "What The Bible Says".

Judged the best film of the year by the Evangelical Film Foundation, the color film "Facts of Faith" will show the significance and presence of the spiritual realm through scientific experiments including: breaking a glass goblet with sound waves, a million volts of electricity going through a man's body without harm, steel set afire and metal rings floating in mid-air. Beginning at 7 p.m., the public is invited to a discussion of chapter four, "What The Bible Says About Redemption."

The same film and material review will be held Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the home of Oscar Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball of Portland are visiting in the Heppner area.

Three Lexington Hunters Injured In Saturday Wreck

Three Lexington men were hospitalized and a fourth suffered scratches when a Jeep pickup in which they were returning from a hunting trip went out of control on the Clark's Canyon road a short distance south of Lexington and overturned.

Most seriously hurt was Robert Matthews, Lexington high school coach and teacher, who is still confined to Pioneer Memorial hospital with a fractured pelvis and broken collar bone. The other two who were hospitalized temporarily were Leonard Munkers, custodian of the school, who suffered a wrenched back, cuts, and bruises, and Clarence J. Friedrich, seventh and eighth grade teacher at Lexington, who was released Sunday after treatment for cuts and bruises. The fourth member of the party was Morley Cross, Portland, a brother-in-law of Friedrich, who was not hurt.

The accident occurred when the frame of the pickup broke while it was traveling down the paved road near the Kenneth Peck ranch, throwing the vehicle out of control and causing it to roll over in a field. According to reports Matthews was riding in the back and was thrown to the pavement. The truck was owned by Munkers.

Welfare Program C of C Talk Subject

Mrs. Roberta Hubbard, Morrow county welfare administrator, told the chamber of commerce Monday about the operation of the local welfare department and explained how local funds are used.

Mrs. Hubbard said that over one half of the county budget of \$82,585 goes for old age assistance and that nearly another 25 percent is for medical needs. She explained the various categories and said that percentage-wise the county has very few needy persons.

Youth Group to Visit Washington Indian Missions

Sunday morning the senior high class of the Heppner Christian church will leave for White Swan and Toppinsh, Washington where the group will visit two Indian missions sponsored by the Christian churches. The group will meet at the parsonage at 6:30 a.m. and leave at 7 o'clock.

The young people will visit the high school classes of the Mission Bible school and the morning worship services. At noon they will meet in the new log church of the White Swan mission for a potluck dinner. Following a tour of the mission the group will go roller skating and return home. They will be accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Knox and family, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pfeiffer and Mrs. Harold Peck.

Plans were made for the trip Friday night following a chill supper at the parsonage.

Many Hunters Are Here Over Weekend

Nimrods flocked to Morrow county for the combined pheasant-doe-buck hunting last weekend. Among the visitors were:

Ted Ferguson of Gold Beach, who visited from Friday until Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson.

Dick Vinton and son Larry, and Mrs. E. L. Vinton of Portland were at the Hinton creek ranch home of the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Groshens.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allyn and "Skeet" Bergstrom of Portland visited with their brother, Carl F. Bergstrom and family in Ione. Orville Smith and his pilot, Lou Becker, were in Heppner from Thursday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mahoney of Portland at the home of his cousin, P. W. Mahoney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker of Tacoma, Jim Fleischman of Portland and Hugh Luby of Eugene, at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lichtgarn of Portland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. George.

J. O. Turner was in La Grande and Pendleton on business Monday and Tuesday.



CAME APART AT THE SEAMS—This Jeep in which three Lexington hunters were injured Saturday literally came apart at the seams causing the vehicle to go out of control and roll into a field in Clark's canyon. A broken frame was the cause of the accident and when the pickup quit rolling the front and rear wheels lay at a 90 degree angle to each other. See adjoining story. (GT Photo)

ELKS DRIVE FOR DEER, ELK HIDES NETS LOAD OF 424

A full truckload of 424 deer, elk and cow hides left Heppner Wednesday morning on the first leg of their journey to a California tannery where they will be prepared and returned to Oregon

veterans' hospitals for use by veterans for physical therapy.

The drive for the hides is being sponsored by the Heppner Elks lodge, in conjunction with other Elks lodges throughout the state, and local drive heads, Glen Ward and Bill Labhart today expressed satisfaction with the results obtained so far. Ward said today that there had been at least another 20 hides left at depositories since they were collected Tuesday.

The load from here went to Albany where they will be bunched with others from the state and sent to Ontario, Calif. for tanning. The local drive will continue until the end of elk season and the local committee hopes that the Heppner lodge may be able to collect the most hides of any lodge in the state.

Hides may be left at Farley Motor Co., Jack's Chevron Station, or the Elks club in Heppner; Gene's Chevron station at Lexington or Barnett's Chevron station at Ione. The next load will be taken to Albany Nov. 26, Ward said.

Hayride, UNICEF Drive Slated For Halloween

Arrangements were made this week for numerous Halloween activities designed to keep youngsters out of mischief and provide them with an evening of activity and entertainment.

Heading the list will be the annual Halloween hayride sponsored by the Heppner Soroptimist club. The ride is for all Heppner students from the 7th grade through high school and is being planned under the direction of Mrs. Oliver Creswick, chairman of the club's youth committee. Trucks will leave the high school at 5:30 Thursday evening, Oct. 31 to take the kids to the Hardman IOOF hall where dinner will be provided. Entertainment will include games, skits, and dancing. Trucks will return to Heppner by 10:30 p.m.

The local P-TA has completed plans for Halloween celebrations at the grade school and pre-school level. There will be room parties in the afternoon at the Heppner grade school where room mothers will assist. At 7:30 in the multipurpose room of the grade school the chamber of commerce will sponsor a UNICEF party complete with refreshments, prizes and a cartoon. Both grade and pre-schoolers will be welcome.

Several Heppner churches are again sponsoring a UNICEF drive on Halloween and all youngsters are asked to meet at either the Lutheran, Christian or Episcopal churches where they will pick up banks, materials and an adult who will accompany the youngsters as they make their rounds asking for small donations rather than the usual trick or treat eats. After the drive, which is to start at 6:45, the youngsters will be guests at the UNICEF party at the grade school.

The Ione P-TA has also announced plans to sponsor a UNICEF drive in Ione.

Wagoner Accepts Montana Position

M. R. "Bud" Wagoner, assistant cashier of Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, this week accepted a similar position at the Bank of Glacier County at Cut Bank, Montana. He will move as soon as housing is available.

Wagoner came to Heppner in September 1955 from the Condon branch of the First National.

The Montana bank is affiliated with First America as is the First National of Portland.

Al Lamb and Harlan McCurdy Jr. went to Spokane Wednesday to attend a managers' meeting of North Pacific Grain Growers.

Harlan McCurdy Sr., of Medford arrived Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr.

Lloyd Moyer, parts man at Fuleton Chevrolet, was in Portland Sunday and Monday for a parts and accessories meeting.

Planning Conference To Study Economy And Needs of County

Last Wednesday evening at the county court room, leaders representing commodity, youth, home economics and farm organizations laid plans for Morrow county's town and county planning conference which will be an event of this fall and winter. This is the fourth such an event to be held here; past conferences being held in 1928, 1937, and 1948.

Committee meetings preparatory to the conference which will be held in early '58 are expected to draw in representatives of all segments of the county's population and reflect long time goals in agriculture, industry and community living.

In laying the ground work for the 1957-58 conference, problems and opportunities were reviewed by those there. Recommendations of the 1948 planning conference revealed that while the large majority of them had been put into being there were still some that needed follow-up and revived action. Planning members present were pleased to observe that many important changes in the county's welfare had been brought about through efforts of committees meeting 10 years ago. Some of the significance were the Brucellosis test program which has made Morrow county a modified, certified area; a road linking the north and south ends of the county; a special road levy for improvement of county roads; a study which resulted in re-assessment or re-evaluation of

county property for tax purposes; further consolidation of school districts; values of a number of practices for conservation of our natural resources including soil and water; encouragements in the establishment of a soil analysis laboratory at Oregon State college; establishment of a noxious weed control program; expanded grass seedings for range and pasture improvements; as well as many more just as important.

In establishing the need for committees to study problems and opportunities this year, those listed were: further action in noxious weed control; education on livestock disease control; school district reorganization; further improvement of county roads; conservation of soil and water; a study of feasibility of increased irrigation use in North Morrow county; need for a development or planning commission; industrial opportunities in the county; need for more youth activities; a study of participation in activities by youth.

To give consideration to each of these and others which might come up, committees determined to be needed were livestock, farm crops, conservation and land use, public education, family and community living, youth and development of off-farm resources. Chairman and committee members are being selected for each of these at this time. Following a training meeting for chairmen, committees will begin meeting early in November preparing their recommendations for the conference which is scheduled tentatively for early February.

Those present at the Wednesday evening meeting were J. G. Barratt, county judge; Harold Beach, president of Morrow county Farm Bureau; Ailyn Wagenblast, master of Pomona grange; John Graves, president of Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association; Vernon Munkers, president, Morrow County Wheat Growers Association; Mrs. Eugene Ferguson representing home economics county committee; Mrs. E. M. Baker, chairman, Morrow county 4-H club council and Kenneth Smouse, Jean Scheel, assistant director, Oregon State college and Betty Jane Sedgwick, state extension agent from Oregon State college with county extension agents N. C. Anderson and Beverly Bradshaw also took part in the program.

Heppner Churches Win Awards at Town, Country Conference

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Twenty-one Oregon churches received recognition and awards for improvements in building and community service programs Thursday at the eleventh Town and Country Church Conference at Oregon State college.

Metzger Methodist church near Tigard received first place rating in the "over-2500" population division of competition. Immanuel Methodist church, Cave Junction, was first in the "under-2500" population class and Culver Christian church in the "open-country" church group.

Judging is based on improvements made during the year in buildings and grounds and in service programs for people of the community.

Awards, which total \$2000, are sponsored annually by Sears Roebuck foundation in cooperation with the Oregon Council of Churches. Rev. S. Peter Nuefeldt, minister of the Aloha Baptist church and chairman of the Town and Country committee of the Oregon Council of Churches presided at the annual dinner. Dr. Mark A. Talney, executive director of the council, announced the awards.

Fourth place winners in the under 2500 population class were Heppner Christian church with Rev. Charles Knox as pastor, and the Heppner Methodist church, with Rev. Lester D. Boulden as minister.

Heppner Civic League President Resigns

The Heppner Civic League met Monday evening at All Saints' Episcopal parish house with 12 members present.

Mrs. Merlin Wagoner, president, resigned as they are moving from Heppner and Mrs. Gordon Pratt, vice president, moved to the presidency.

On Monday, October 28, at 8 p.m. members will meet at the home of Mrs. Stanley Holm to sort rummage.

The next regular meeting will be held at the kindergarten room Monday, November 18 with special invitations being issued to the kindergarten mothers.

The sinks have been installed in the kindergarten room. This was a project of the Civic League.

Weekend guests at the home of Mrs. R. A. Thompson were her sister, Mrs. Dora Reed and Mrs. Robert Reed both of Spray and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson and Janet and Miss Francoise Namur, Pendleton.

Mrs. L. H. Frederickson went to Portland Saturday and returned Monday evening.

First National Deposits and Loans Show Increase Here

Total deposits of \$790,359,747 and loans amounting to \$410,581,322, were recorded October 11 at the 76 offices of the First National bank of Portland. It was revealed by C. B. Stephenson, bank president, following a call for statements of condition by the comptroller of the currency.

The figures represent an increase of \$5.5 million in deposits and a decrease of \$33.5 million in loans since the September 26, 1956 bank call, Stephenson said.

Figures released by the Heppner branch of First National show that on October 11, 1957 deposits at the branch were \$6,383,201 and loans were \$3,074,527, according to J. H. Bedford, manager.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for a year ago. On that date, deposits were \$6,074,252 and loans totaled \$2,841,376.

Increases in savings and time deposits accounted for the higher deposit figure, which is a good sign, the bank president said. The decrease in loans is a reflection of our present economy, Stephenson pointed out, as the public is continuing to regularly pay-off installment and real estate debt.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Pr.
Thurs.	60	30	—
Fri.	56	34	—
Sat.	52	32	—
Sun.	50	30	—
Mon.	53	32	—
Tues.	62	42	—
Wed.	64	35	.03

Rainfall for the week .03; for October 2.84; for the year 14.32 inches.



HOWELL'S UNION SERVICE, one of Heppner's newest businesses which opened recently on Linden Way in the northwest section of town. Its operators, Mr. and Mrs. Piri Howell specialize in complete automotive service and Firestone tires and auto accessories. (GT Photo)