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Heppner Students Given Holiday When Flu Empties Most Classrooms

61% Missing From High School Monday

Flu, colds and other related illnesses last weekend laid low such a great number of Heppner high and grade students that school officials, after taking one look Monday morning at the empty seats called a halt to classes and dismissed all students until Tuesday, Nov. 12.

A count of drippy noses in the high school Monday morning showed there were only 52 students present out of an enrollment of 134—an absenteeism of over 61 percent, and many of those who showed up shouldn't have been there, it was reported.

Across the street in the elementary school 112 students were missing out of an enrollment of 365, not such a heavy percentage as in the high school except that in some of the 5th and 6th grade classes there were only five or six students.

Joining the students on the sick list were four teachers, Mrs. Roy Kirk, who has been in the hos-

pital for several days with pneumonia, Mrs. Lester Boulden, Larry Downen and Gordon Pratt.

The Heppner schools had been lucky during past weeks in dodging the flu epidemic which has struck in many parts of the state, but last Friday the disease began to make inroads on attendance. That morning over 50 students were absent, but by afternoon another 30 or more had given up the fight and went home to bed.

The Friday epidemic seriously affected the high school's annual homecoming celebration and left directly to Stanfield's 30 to 0 shelling of the Mustangs that night at the rodeo field. Only 18 football boys were suited-up for the game and two or three of those who did get to the field probably shouldn't have been there. The normal football turnout is about 34 boys.

School officials said this week that it will not be necessary to hold classes later in the spring to make up for the five days which will be lost this week inasmuch as the state allows schools 10 days off their regular planned schedule due to emergency.

Monday Game Tentative
High school football coach Jim Mallon said this week that he plans to call a football workout for today (Thursday) in an effort to see how many members of the team are in condition to practice for the season's final game next Monday against Echo. It is planned now to play the game, which will be in the afternoon at Echo, if there are a sufficient number of players recuperated. It will not definitely be known until late this afternoon or tomorrow, however.

The epidemic has not been confined just to school youngsters during the past several days as there have been a great many adults stricken since last weekend. There has still been no laboratory report received here as to whether the disease is actually Asian flu or some other variety, but whatever the type it has taken its toll in the Heppner area.

At the present time no other county schools are reporting any great number of cases, county health officials reported. Lexington and Ione schools report only a normal absentee list for the past week or 10 days.

HEPPNER-ECHO GAME MONDAY STILL IN DOUBT

Heppner coach Jim Mallon said at noon today (Thursday) that it is not certain whether the Heppner-Echo game will be played next Monday.

Practice was called at 10 o'clock this morning and only 13 boys showed up, but Mallon said he knew of about six more who were absent for reasons other than flu. Another practice is set for this afternoon and if a sufficient number of players do not turn out then, the game will undoubtedly be cancelled.

**Spray Girls Injured
When Car Overturns
In John Day River**

Elsie Jenkins, 16, and Sandra Younce, both of Spray were injured Saturday when the car in which they were riding missed a turn and overturned in the John Day river a short distance below Spray.

Miss Younce managed to escape from the car and climb to the highway where she stopped a passing car, the driver of which dove into the river and extricated Miss Jenkins who was unconscious and nearly drowned. She was given artificial respiration for nearly two hours before she regained consciousness. Dr. C. M. Wagner of Heppner flew to Spray to give aid to the girl who was later brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment. She had a cerebral concussion and a fractured vertebrae. Miss Younce suffered only bruises.

The name of the passing motorist who saved Miss Younce was not known here.



EMPTY CHAIRS greeted teachers in Heppner schools Monday as the widespread flu epidemic descended upon this area. This photo was taken after classes were dismissed Monday morning, but the picture would have been little different in many rooms had the classes still been in session. Some rooms had only a half-dozen youngsters in attendance. All Heppner schools were dismissed until next Tuesday morning, Monday being a regular holiday. (GT Photo)

FLU CASES IN OREGON DURING WEEK HIGHEST IN HISTORY OF STATE

The state board of health announced Tuesday that 5,815 cases of flu were reported in Oregon last week, the highest number for a one-week period in the state's history.

The report erased a 39-year-old record of 4,615 cases reported for the week of November 2-9, 1918, and raised the total number of flu cases reported in Oregon so far this year to 22,434. The largest number of cases ever recorded during an entire year was the 28,651 tabulated in 1918, which state officials predict will be topped within the next two weeks.

Dr. Samuel B. Osgood, state epidemiologist, said last week's reported incidence was 55.6 percent higher than the 3,736 cases reported the previous seven-day period, and 135.3 percent above the 2,471 cases two weeks ago. Asian flu is believed primarily

Soil District Heads To Attend State Association Meeting

The ninth annual meeting of Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts will be held at Tillamook November 21 and 22. Ralph Wilson, president of the association states this may be the largest and best meeting yet held by the state association.

Highlights of the meeting will include a banquet address by Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college; a luncheon address on the 21st by Mrs. Armas Jakku of Hood River, who recently returned from travels in the middle east; a luncheon address on the 22nd by Mr. Robert McClelland, program advisor of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts; and a panel of soil conservation district supervisors who will discuss the topic "Promoting Soil and Water conservation."

R. L. Harriman of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company will present the winners of Goodyear's contest with their awards, and the Industrial Forestry association will present tree farm certificates to newly certified tree farmers. Preceding the convention on November 20 will be a soil judging tour held for supervisors and farmers from soil conservation districts. Cash awards for the winners will be presented during the convention.

Among agency speakers will be Dr. A. L. Hafenrichter, plant materials technician of the Soil Conservation service, Portland; a representative of the state forester's office, Salem; and William Sauerwein, woodland specialist for the Soil Conservation service, Albany.

The ladies auxiliary has scheduled an active program for the wives of the supervisors and farmers attending the convention.

The Oregon Association of Soil Conservation Districts is composed of farmer supervisors of the 55 soil conservation districts in Oregon. Attending from the Heppner Soil Conservation District will be Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French, Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, and John Wightman. Raymond French is chairman of the local district board.

Kick-Off To Be Wednesday For County Planning

Plans have been completed by the Morrow county town and country planning conference for a kick-off meeting to get conference committees under way.

The kickoff will be held in the county court room at Heppner on Wednesday, November 13, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Assisting with the program for the day will be Jean Scheel, assistant director, Oregon State college, and Art King, conservation specialist, Oregon State college.

During the day some 200 members of the seven committees and others interested are expected to formulate topics which are of interest to the county and will be considered during the winter months. Background material will be presented which will include changes in Morrow county and Oregon occurring over the past 10 years. A look into the future will be made. County judge Garnet Barratt will review county activities for the past 10 years.

While chairman for all committees have not yet been found, it is thought that chairmanships will be filled and committee members appointed this week. Those who have accepted chairmanships are Gerald Swaggart, livestock committee; Mrs. E. M. Baker, youth activities committee; Frank Anderson, farm crops committee and Kenneth Peck, conservation and land use.

Committees left to fill are public education, family and community living and development of off farm resources. Letters will go out this week to all committees appointed at this time, however the public is invited to attend.

Heppner Schools Make Plans For Education Week

In observance of National Education week November 12 through 15, the Heppner schools are making plans for visitations to schools by many of the parents.

The high school will have a contest to see which class will have the most parents visit during the week.

Slips will be sent home to the parents, the first of the week, so that they may sign up to eat lunch one day during the week, at school with their children.

Superintendent Joe Stewart says parents are urged to visit any classes they wish during the week so they will become familiar with the school procedures, teaching system and faculty. It is only by the parents knowing and understanding what their children are doing at school that they can help them be better students.

Funeral Services For Raymond M. Rogers Held In Redmond

Word has been received of the sudden death of Ray Rogers at his home in Redmond on October 23. Death was the result of a heart attack. Funeral services were held from the Redmond Community Presbyterian church the following Monday, with interment at the Redmond cemetery.

Raymond Minor Rogers was born July 16, 1892 at Heppner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor, Morrow county pioneers. He grew up and attended school in Heppner and in 1923 married Gwendolyn Darbee of Heppner. Soon thereafter they moved to Redmond where they have since resided.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Merritt A. (Dorothy Ann) Boone of Clemson, S.C.; one son, Donald D. Rogers of Redmond, and four grandsons. He also leaves one brother, Max Rogers of Salem. He was a cousin of Stanley Minor.

Besides being active in other organizations, Rogers was a 40-year member of the Heppner Elks lodge of which his father was a charter member.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner, Tuesday, November 19 at the court house between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Heppner Doctors Say Two Asian Flu Shots Better Protection

At a staff meeting of the Pioneer Memorial hospital on November 4, the Heppner doctors discussed the Asian influenza program and after thorough consideration it was decided, in order to increase the protection against the influenza, a second shot should be given two weeks after the first shot.

A stronger shot is now in the process of making but when it will be available no one yet knows. When the stronger vaccine is available the experts believe it will give much better protection than the present vaccine.

PP & L Completes Heppner Project

Pacific Power and Light company has completed a power line conversion project in the Heppner area which will raise distribution voltages from 2,300 to 12,000 volts, it was reported here by J. R. Huffman, local PP&L manager.

The project cost nearly \$47,000 and will greatly strengthen and improve electric service in the local area, he said. The project called for the stringing of more than 34,000 feet of new conductor and the installation of 116 new transformers.

Huffman also pointed out that the power company plans no further service interruptions which were necessary during the voltage conversion work.

Included in the conversion was the installation of a new system of "fuse coordination" which will minimize the effect of line troubles and provide increased service continuity. The new system, Huffman explained, will "pin point" the location of any line trouble and automatically isolate that section from the rest of the circuit.

Offices, Stores to Close On Monday

All city, county, state and federal offices, banks and most local businesses will be closed on Monday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's day.

Civic League Sale Helps Kindergarten

The Civic League rummage sale held last Friday and Saturday at Rosewall Motor Company cleared around \$300.00 for the kindergarten fund, it reported by Mrs. M. C. Huggett.

Selling chairman for the event were Mrs. Howard Cleveand and Mrs. Stanley Holm.

NOT TYPE LICE, BUT FLU BUG UPSETS GAZETTE TIMES SHOP

The flu bug, wanting to be impartial, took a swat at the Gazette Times shop too this week, putting the linotype operator and the printer out of commission at various times.

With the crew cut short there are many usual features miss-

Howard Morgan To Speak Saturday At REA Meeting

Howard Morgan, state public utilities commissioner of Salem, will be the afternoon speaker at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., Saturday at the fair pavilion.

Registration will be at 10:30 a.m., with dinner served at 11:30 a.m. by the ladies of the Rhea creek grange.

In the afternoon officers reports will be heard and election of directors held with Guy Arbogast, Condon; Henry Baker and Kenneth Smouse of Ione, whose terms have expired, being nominated to replace themselves on the board and others nominated are James Logan, Cecil; Ralph Eakin, Condon; George Miller, Cecil; V. L. Carlson Ione, and George Currin, Heppner.

Besides Morgan's address, there will also be an address by Henry Alderman, publisher of Ruralite, and Harley B. Young, manager of the cooperative, will give his annual report.

After eight years of progress the cooperative reports 40 miles of transmission line and 86 miles of distribution line and an operating revenue of \$165,405.76, with a net margin of \$3,365.33.

Total assets of the cooperative amount to \$1,920,917. 01, according to the annual statement, copies of which will be given out to those present.

Officers are Kenneth J. Smouse, Ione, president; Walter Jaeger, Condon, vice president; Jack Hynd, Jr., Cecil, secretary-treasurer; and directors are Wayne Anderson, Condon; O. E. Peterson, Ione; Henry Baker, Ione; John Hanna, Heppner; Guy Arbogast, Condon; and James Hoag, Blalock.

It is urged that all members and their families attend the meeting Saturday and there will be door prizes awarded.

Oakridge Hunter Dies Here Sunday

Carl B. Mumpower, 63, Oakridge, Ore., died early Monday at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He and his wife and a third person had been in a hunting party in the mountains near Heppner.

An attending physician reported that Mr. Mumpower was in an advanced state of diabetic coma when he was brought to the hospital Sunday night and had been ill for two or three days. Creswick Mortuary took the body to the Willamette valley Tuesday for services.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn left Wednesday to attend the Oregon Woolgrowers' convention in Portland.



LEXINGTON HOMECOMING QUEEN Pat Steagall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, is being crowned by Tommy Martin, president of the freshmen class at Lexington high school.