

18 Youngsters "Sit Out" School Argument



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621 Students Bulge Heppner School Rooms

Both High and Grades Record Large Increases

A total of 621 youngsters piled into every available classroom in both the Heppner grade and high schools Tuesday as the 1959-60 year got under way. This is an increase of 96 students over last year and school officials expect that there are at least another 25 who will report within the next few days.

There are 175 in the high school, an increase of 30; and 446 in the grade school, a jump of 56 students.

The lone schools also showed an increase in enrollment, but not nearly as great as at Heppner.

Heppner grade school principal Hilliard Brown reported Wednesday that the influx of students had required him to hold eight classes in the high school building. It was originally planned that seven grade classes would be housed in this building, but it was necessary to divide one large room and make it do for two separate classes.

The first and the seventh grades are the largest in the school, though the sixth is not far behind. The 64 1st graders have been divided into three classes, and three rooms are also required for the 67 students in the 7th grade. The 6th grade has 66 youngsters registered but this is being held to two classes. All other grades also have two classes. The 10 rooms in the new elementary school are full and music is being taught in the multipurpose room.

High School Gains

The senior class in the high school of 26 students is the smallest class in the school system and is the last of the small classes that can be expected for years to come. The sophomore class is the largest with 53, followed closely by the juniors with 52 and the freshmen with 44. All these figures are expected to climb during the next week, high school principal Gordon Pratt stated.

Some of the increase here can be credited to the closure of the Lexington high school and the transfer of some of the student's in the 5th through 8th grades at Lexington to Heppner and Ione. Hardman is also sending its grade school youngsters here, following closure of the grade school there. Total registration from Hardman is between 10 and 15.

Registration by Grades

Following is the first day registration by grades at Heppner, Lexington and Ione:

HEPPNER HIGH

Seniors—26
Juniors—52
Sophomores—53
Freshmen—44
HEPPNER GRADE SCHOOL
First grade—64 (3 classes)
Second grade—46 (2 classes)
Third grade—53 (2 classes)
Fourth grade—49 (2 classes)
Fifth grade—54 (2 classes)
Sixth grade—66 (2 classes)
Seventh grade—67 (3 classes)
Eighth grade—47 (2 classes)

IONE SCHOOLS

First grade—22
Second grade—21
Third grade—21
Fourth grade—15
Fifth grade—19
Sixth grade—13
Seventh grade—16
Eighth grade—15
Freshman—14
Sophomores—13
Juniors—16
Seniors—16
LEXINGTON GRADE
First grade—20
Second grade—16
Third grade—12
Fourth grade—14

Riverside high school at Boardman, which includes Irrigon students. (Continued on Page 8)



GRAND CHAMPION 4-H LAMB which brought a top price of 95 cents a pound at the 4-H fat stock auction at the Morrow county fair, was shown and raised by Dennis Doherty, left. The buyer was George Currin of Butter Creek. (Lyons Photo)

HEPPNER HIGH PAPER WINS CENTENNIAL EDITION AWARD

The Heppner high school paper, The Hehisch, was among three judged to have published the best Centennial edition during the 1958-59 school year.

Lewis Douglas, chairman of the elementary and secondary education advisory committee to the Oregon Centennial commission made the announcement early this week.

Robert McBride of the Oregon Journal, and Harold Hughes of the Oregonian judged the papers from the more than 100 entries submitted.

In a joint statement McBride and Hughes said they were impressed with the great number of special school Centennial editions and the amount of work that went into digging up historical information for the editions.

Centennial Show In Final Week

The final weekend of the Oregon Centennial exposition will not lack for excitement or activity as the state's 100-day birthday party nears its mid-September climax.

The massive dramatic musical, "The Oregon Story," will move across the seven stages of the main arena at 8:15 p m nightly and at 2:30 p m Saturday before taking a night off on Monday.

A gigantic Old Oregon Trail benefit barbecue featuring beef, buffalo and bear meat at "pioneer prices" is scheduled for Sunday from 12 noon to 6 p m on the exposition's east plaza near the modernistic mural. Sponsors of the event are the Portland Assn. for Retarded Children and White Star, Inc., an organization of handicapped workers. The two groups will receive net proceeds from the barbecue.

Finals in the "cap gun" fast draw contest for children are scheduled for Saturday afternoon in the bandstand.

Washington county day will be observed Sunday, when the Forest Grove Gleemen, a large chorus composed of businessmen and Pacific university staffers who annually sponsor the barber shop ballad contest and gay nineties festival will perform in the bandstand at 3 p m.

Mr and Mrs Jack Holt and family of Salem visited over the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs Lee Cantwell.

Fr Raymond H Beard New Catholic Priest At Heppner, Ione

Father Raymond H Beard, pastor for the past 12 years at St Francis of Assisi church in Milton-Freewater, assumed his new duties September 1 as pastor of St Patrick's church, Heppner, and St Williams church, Ione. The installation of the new pastor was performed September 3 by the Right Reverend Msgr. M J McMahon of The Dalles.

Father Beard was born in Haines, Oregon, October 31, 1915, the son of the late H M Beard and Mrs Stella Beard who is now residing at St Anthony hospital in Pendleton.

He attended high school in Baker, and was graduated from St Edward's seminary, Seattle. He was ordained to the priesthood June 7, 1941, in the Baker cathedral by the late Bishop Joseph F McGrath, D D.

Willow Dam Funds Stay in New Appropriations Bill

The on again, off again money for the resurvey of the Willow creek dam was both "on" and "off" this week, but indications were Thursday morning that it may finally stay "on".

Following President Eisenhower's veto of the original public works appropriation last week, the house failed by one vote to override the veto. Early this week the house came right back with its revised version of the same bill which removed nothing from the measure but scaled down all appropriation by 2 1/2 percent. The measure sailed through both the house and the senate, only to have the President again veto it Wednesday. However, both houses passed the bill by a wide majority said to be more than enough to override the veto.

The latest word out of Washington said that a vote on the veto is expected in both houses either Thursday or Friday. If the measure is passed over Eisenhower's veto, the Willow creek dam will receive \$17,940 for the resurvey. This is 2 1/2 percent less than the \$18,400 asked for in the original bill.

Former Resident Dies at Salt Lake

Word was received here of the death on September 4 at Salt Lake City of Cyrus W Alken, 69. He had been in poor health for several years.

Mr Alken was born April 16, 1893 and he attended schools in Heppner. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints church.

Surviving are a daughter Bonita Dorland of Las Vegas, Nev., and one granddaughter; two sisters, Helen Gagg of Salem and Ella Corder of Portland; two brothers, Paul of Portland and Jared of Beverly Hills, Calif. His parents, Mr and Mrs George Alken and a brother, Henry preceded him in death.

LOCAL HEREFORDS WIN

Mr and Mrs Donald Robinson and Michael Healy returned Monday from the Southeastern Washington fair at Walla Walla. Nine head of Kirk and Robinson polled herefords were exhibited and shown, each receiving top ribbons in the various classes. Merlyn Robinson also showed her purebred Arabian mare, Shar Jaed which received reserve champion award.

Mrs Mary Bryant, Mrs Madge Bryant and Mrs Oma Cox spent a recent weekend at Tupper guard station with Mr and Mrs Sam McDaniel.

New Water Line Complete; Service Extension Studied

Water . . . the lack of it in some parts of town, and an abundance of it generally, took up practically all of councilmen's time at the Heppner city council meeting Tuesday evening.

The city officially accepted the recently completed pipeline installation by approving the engineer's report that the job was finished and was operating satisfactorily. City superintendent Vic Groshens reported that the new line is delivering better than 50 per cent more water at the lower end (with the same amount being pumped from the wells) than did the old concrete line which was replaced. The leakage from the old line amounted to approximately 98 gallons per minute along its six mile length.

A new 500 gpm pump is now being installed in the city's second upper well which, when placed in operation, will again more than double the available supply for the city.

The Everett Den Herder company of Medford was the contractor for the pipeline project and his crew will leave shortly for Lakeview to begin another water line project.

The lack of water in the recently annexed south section of Heppner and on cemetery hill came in for considerable discussion as the council and engineers attempted to work out a plan to provide these areas with ample water.

The engineers were instructed to work out a plan whereby the city could incorporate the Heppner cemetery water storage tank into the city system. This tank is about 100 feet higher than the large city reservoir and would provide ample pressure for those areas which are now higher than other reservoirs. As tentatively planned, the cemetery tank and distribution mains from it would have to be independent from the rest of Heppner's water system with a pump placed in the system to keep the large tank filled.

At least one home is now located above where pressure can provide water and the council is attempting to get the engineering done on the plan so it, and other areas, can be serviced. When the new system is completed it will make water available to many lots on cemetery hill where water cannot now be provided.

One building permit was issued to the Heppner I O O F lodge for remodeling of a portion of the ground floor of its building. The cost was set at \$3,000 and the building is now occupied by Norah's Dress Shop.

Mr and Mrs Earl Crismon and family, James, Florence and Ronnie of Roseburg visited over the weekend at the home of his mother, Mr and Mrs Frank Adkins. Mr Crismon travels for the Dayton Rubber Co.

Grid Opener Here Friday

The first Heppner high football game of the 1959 season will get under way at 8 p m Friday at the rodeo field with the Mustangs tackling their first A-2 school, Elgin.

The game is sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and all proceeds go to the chamber's field lighting fund.

The Mustangs will have nearly three weeks of practice sessions under their belt before the game and the squad working out

Two Boardman Classes Refuse To Transfer; Second Suit Filed

Eighteen 7th and 8th grade Boardman students who were to have attended school in Irrigon Tuesday, attempted to register for classes at Boardman, but were told that no such classes were being held at Boardman, so were returned to their homes by parents. Later in the day three of the 18 did register at Irrigon, but their parents indicated that they would not attend school there today (Thursday).

Attempts have been made by a group of Boardman residents to prevent the school board from transferring the 7th and 8th grades to Irrigon, and a second request for a restraining order was filed Tuesday in Morrow county circuit court which seeks to force the school board to show cause within 10 days why an injunction should not be issued by the court. A previous restraining order was voided last week by circuit judge William W Wells because an undertaking, or bond, was not posted at the time of filing. A bond of \$5,000 has been posted by the Boardman plaintiffs, however, at the time of the latest filing.

An attempt was made Wednesday to obtain the use of a classroom in the Boardman school where a private class could be taught for the students involved, but this request was refused by school officials on the grounds that it was contrary to board order and also that it could not allow such action in view of the pending restraining order suit.

Dewey West Jr, one of the members of the Boardman group seeking to keep the students in the Boardman school, told the Gazette-Times late Wednesday that a meeting of parents and the group's attorney, John Kottkamp of Pendleton, has been set for this evening (Thursday) where the whole problem will be discussed. West said that Kottkamp had advised the parents against any attempt to hold private classes in the school, or elsewhere, so that in all probability none of the 18 students will attend classes at least until after next Monday night when the group will meet with the county school board at its regular meeting in Heppner.

Superintendent Robert Van Houte met with about 35 or 40 parents Wednesday morning at Boardman in an effort to explain the board's position. An attempt was made Tuesday to use one of the available school rooms for a privately taught class, but they were ordered out. West said Wednesday that no further attempt would be made to hold private classes.

The whole difficulty is the result of the defeat by county voters of the special supplemental school levy which would have provided funds for a teacher for the two grades at Boardman, and other school facilities in the county which, as a result were either discontinued or classes were combined.

The school board previously had told the Boardman residents that it had no time, money or available teacher with which to conduct a 7th and 8th grade class at Boardman, but West stated that the group had made arrangements to overcome all these difficulties.

West said Wednesday that Mrs Roy Partlow, a qualified teacher who taught in the Boardman schools from 1942 until last year, had sent a letter to the school board offering to teach for the duration of the current law suit, or for a maximum of one year, for a sum of \$1,000 or whatever minimum amount would be necessary to make a legal contract. Mrs Partlow had been obtained

as a private teacher if that were proved necessary.

The Gazette-Times was told that it is not the desire of the people of Boardman to cause difficulty in the schools or be unreasonable in their demands, but that they base their request that the 7th and 8th grades be taught in the Boardman school on the fact that the people of the area bonded themselves to the limit a few years ago to construct a modern gymnasium and remodel the school plant. A spokesman said, "we alone will still be taxed to meet those bond payments this year and in the future, and we feel that our children have the right to enjoy the use of those facilities." He continued that full homemaking and shop facilities are available in the Boardman schools, as well as a full size standard gym, and that there is ample room in the building to house the 7th and 8th grade so these students can have the advantage of these programs. The group claims that Mrs Partlow's offer to teach the class for \$1,000 for the year eliminates the money problem faced by the school board.

No special school board meeting has been slated to discuss the question, though the entire difficulty is expected to receive full treatment at next Monday night's meeting.

The first step is for each farmer who wishes to offer cropland under the program to ask the county ASC committee to set a basic annual rate per acre for the land offered.

The period for filing such requests is from Aug 24 through Sept 30 and no requests will be accepted after the end of this month.

It was explained that after the basic rate has been established for the land offered, the farmer will then have an opportunity to apply for a contract at any figure below the basic rate. If the offer is accepted by the committee, the farmer will be notified of the date by which he must return the signed conservation reserve contract to the county ASC office.

Growers who participate in the program receive the cost-sharing help in establishing approved conservation practices on the reserved land and annual rental payments for the life of the contract.

Farmers who wish additional information about participation in the 1960 conservation reserve are urged to get in touch with the county ASC office as soon as possible, and before Sept 30.

NAMED TO COMMISSION

Governor Mark Hatfield Tuesday announced the reappointment of Mrs Faye Munkers of Lexington to the Morrow county welfare commission.

Mr and Mrs Orville Cutsforth Jr and son Mark, and Mrs Herb Peterson and Todd spent the past week vacationing at Portland and Seaside. Mrs E R Prock accompanied them and from Portland where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Jack Merrill.