

College Progress Noted at Board Meet Last Week

Discussion of progress made in remodeling the technical school and O.G.W. building to house the automotive shop work was one of the matters on the agenda at a meeting of the board of directors of the Blue Mountain Community college in Pendleton last Wednesday night.

Also present were S. E. Brogitt of the State Board of Education, of Helix; William Loomis of the state department from Salem; and Ronald Kiser, superintendent of industrial education for the state.

Directors discussed enrollment trends and Loomis presented material and statistics projecting possible enrollment for future years.

Long range planning was considered, and Supt. Wallace McCrae and Bob Hawk were authorized to prepare figures on future financing to submit to the State Board of Higher Education and the legislature.

Timing and priority of various programs to be offered by the college were talked by the directors, including college preparatory courses and the technical school program. It was decided to stay with the policy in the past for the time being, although this does not offer as wide a variety of college courses as the board would like to have.

Director Robert Abrams of Heppner attended the meeting.

Ex-Resident Injured

Mrs. Verna I. Sanders, 68, of Portland, formerly a resident of Heppner, was seriously hurt in an auto accident in Portland Saturday night. Her car collided with a truck and she was taken to Emanuel hospital for treatment, according to a report of the accident. No information was available this week on her condition. Mrs. Sanders is the widow of George Sanders. The couple operated a bakery here for six or seven years, leaving about 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Mink Hougren and two children, Klamath Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl and Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray over the week-end. Mrs. Hougren is the former Zelma Bundy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Wright and Deanna, Seattle, Wn., arrived Sunday to attend the funeral of Bert Kane and returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, Aztec, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Ben West, Montrose, Colo., visited during the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heath and family. Mrs. Heath is a sister to Mr. McLaughlin.

Mrs. B. A. Crawford, Jr. and children, Portland, are visiting this week with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Healy.

Mrs. Annie Healy is back in her home following a several weeks convalescing from a broken heel at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmer, Ione. She is able to get around in a wheel chair.

Silver Anniversary Is Happy Occasion For Jones Open House

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones of Lexington was observed Sunday August 12, with an open house at their ranch home, arranged by their daughter, Miss Charlene Jones of Portland, and their son, Kenneth. Assisting with the arrangements were Mrs. Lonnie Henderson, Mrs. A. F. Majeske and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth.

The couple was greeted throughout the afternoon by a host of friends and relatives, many coming from out-of-town. About 110 signed the guest book, passed about by Mrs. Vic Groshens, Jr.

Centering the refreshment table was a four-tiered anniversary cake decorated by Mrs. Patricia Sawyer, sister of Mrs. Jones, in white and silver bells with pink roses. A circle of lily of the valley with small bells above a silver numeral "25" created by Audrey Mounts topped the beautifully tiered cake. Placed around the cake was a ring of pink flowers flanked by silver service and lighted tapers in silver holders, all on a lovely linen cloth which was a gift to the honored couple by friends. On separate table was the punch bowl and accessory dishes.

Pouring during the day were Mrs. W. I. Miller of La Grande, sister of Mrs. Jones; Mrs. George Irvin of Idleyld Park, sister of Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Florence McMullan, mother of Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Merle Cornelson and Mrs. Earl Warner. Serving cake were Mrs. Byres Deardorff of Prairie City, aunt of Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Jack Mounts of Bear Springs. In charge of the gifts were Mrs. Mounts and Mrs. Irvin, assisted by Mrs. Armin Wihlon and Valda Irvin.

Mrs. Jones greeted their guests wearing a dark brown afternoon dress with pink corsage. An informal musical number was presented by Mrs. Carl Marquardt and Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt when they sang for the honored couple, "A fightin', a fussin' and a feudin'."

Coming from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Byres Deardorff and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colley of Prairie City; Mr. and Mrs. Max Breeding of Portland; Mrs. Hendrickson and daughter of Tulace Lake, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin and children of Idleyld Park; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson and daughters of Olex; Mrs. Patricia Sawyer and children of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Miller of La Grande and granddaughters Debbie and Corleen Smith of Portland, and many from Ione and Heppner.

Youngs Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young of Grants Pass were visitors in Heppner on Wednesday, and for Mrs. Young it was a return to her native country. She was born in Heppner and many of her relatives were in the 1903 flood. Friends may remember her better as Lucille Hart Young. This was her first visit in 15 years, and she and her husband went to the cemetery to tend the graves of some of her relatives. Mrs. Young is a second cousin of Ed Gonty.



ONE LITTLE BOY is surrounded by five girls in this "America's Future" picture. At top left is Margaret Louise Viall, 22 mo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Viall, Lexington. Top center is Patti Lott, 3, and at right is the only boy, Mike Lott, 1, children of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lott. Bottom left is Cheryl Ann Turner, 3 1/2, and center is Lori Marie Turner, 2, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Rt. 2, Heppner. At right is Geri Agee, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Agee, Heppner.



ONE OF the youngest girls taken in the America's Future pictures is Rhonda Kaye Cochenour (top left), one month at the time the photo was taken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cochenour, Heppner. In the center of the top row is Susan Van Houte, 1 1/2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Houte, Heppner, and at top right is Brett Buschke, 2 1/2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Buschke, Heppner. In bottom row from left are Bryan Buschke, 6 mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buschke, Heppner, and in the center is Lorrie Marie Olson, 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olson, Heppner. At bottom right is Dena Renae Struthers, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Struthers, Heppner.

Final Rites Tuesday For 'Bert' Kane, 65, Long-time Resident

Funeral services for Charles Albert (Bert) Kane, age 65, were held Tuesday, August 14, at 2 p. m. at All Saint's Episcopal church. The Rev. Father C. Bruce Spencer officiated, with interment in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Although in poor health with a heart condition for some time, Mr. Kane's death came after a brief five-day illness in the Pioneer Memorial hospital. He was very well known in this area, having lived here for the past 42 years, operating a small farm. His primary occupation was that of a mechanic, operating a garage at the lumber mill here for several years.

Mr. Kane was born in Gresham April 5, 1897, the son of Henry R. and Ida Ann (Griffis) Kane. He attended the Powell Valley school in Gresham and lived for sometime on ranches in Sherman county. He was married September 16, 1923, in Heppner to Vivian H. Yocom, who preceded him in death in 1958.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member of American Legion Post No. 87; member of BPOE Lodge 358, and of All Saint's Episcopal church.

Survivors include one brother, Henry, of Forest Grove; an uncle, Bert Stedman, Seattle; two aunts, Ethel Brown and Florence Smith, both of Seattle; and one nephew, Michael Kane in naval air service, Guam.

Relatives visiting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Florence were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zimmerman of San Jose, Calif., and Harley Hall of Portland.

Death Takes Native Lexington Resident, Hiram 'Bus' Vinson

Hiram Ebridge (Buster) Vinson, 59, life-long resident of the Lexington area, died Sunday, August 12, at St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton. He was admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital Thursday but transferred to Pendleton for surgery on Friday, following complications.

Mr. Vinson was well-known as a rancher and operator of the Lexington second-hand store, and helped in operation of the Newt O'Harra ranch. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born in Lexington September 16, 1902, the son of Elza and Emma (Ferguson) Vinson, and grew up in the Lexington community.

Services were held Wednesday, August 15, at 2 p. m. at the Lexington Christian church. Rev. Walter Smith officiated, with military committal following in the Lexington IOOF cemetery. The family asked that donations be made to the cancer or heart funds in lieu of floral remembrances.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline; four brothers, L. D. of Monument, Darrell of Heppner, Delbert of Lexington, and Lee of Walnut Creek, Calif.; three sisters, Elba Breeding of Hermiston, Flossie Breeding of Grants Pass, and Emma Cecil of Hardman, and several nieces and nephews.

Irrigon Almost Gets School But Site Choice Still Open

Irrigon came within one vote of being selected as a new site for Riverside High school at a meeting of the directors of Morrow County School district R-1 Wednesday night. But Chairman Dick Wilkinson, on the spot to break a 3-to-3 deadlock, declared lost a motion by Director Harvey Warner that would have moved the school from Boardman to a site within the Irrigon city limits.

The school must be moved from its present location and be rebuilt because of the impending John Day dam reservoir, and for months a controversy, emphasized by uncertainty, has held sway between Boardman and Irrigon interests on where the school should be placed.

Director Warner's motion came at the climax of a 2 1/2 hour discussion before a sizeable delegation of interested persons from the North Morrow county towns. Some 40 of those present were from Irrigon and five or six represented Boardman. Many opinions and ideas were heard from the audience in time allotted for open discussion.

After eleven motions had been presented, most of them by Directors Bob Sicard of Boardman and Warner—and most of them declared dead for lack of a second, the board approved a motion by Director Fred Martin that the board appoint a committee of five, including all directors but Sicard and Warner, to study the sites, consider them at a meeting on September 4 and bring a report to the board on September 10. And that is where the matter stood at the end of the evening.

Both Irrigon and Boardman made strong pleas for their choice of sites. Irrigon supporters backed a 20-acre tract known as the Robbins property on the south side of their town and the Patterson Ferry road site as a second choice. Boardman residents spoke for a location within the new Boardman townsite—yet to be selected—or for "Site B" which is located about 1/2 mile south of the new interchange at the junction of the bomb range road from North Lexington with Interstate 80.

Mayor Joe Tatone of Boardman urged that a professional firm be employed to make the site selection.

"We have the school and hope to keep a school," he said. "Unfortunately we can't tell what the population will be or where it will be. I think Irrigon would be a fine place; I think Boardman would be a fine place. It has to go where it will do the most good. Consulting engineers may be hired to make the choice. Irrigon may be just as satisfied if we hired professional people."

"Do you want to deplete our town by taking it (the school) away?" he asked.

Warren McCoy of Irrigon pointed out that the State Department of Education in a 1959 survey had recommended that the school be placed in Irrigon and reaffirmed this recommendation in 1961. He and other members of the delegation from that town said that they would "go alone" with another state department survey.

Speaking for the Irrigon interests, W. H. Parker declared that Site B is three or four miles farther from fire protection than the Irrigon choices; that a deep well would be needed for water while the city of Irrigon would furnish water at the location in its townsite; that an Irrigon choice would eliminate at least one bus; and that it would be farther away from any noise and odor that might come from Boeing development.

To a proposal that all elementary children be educated in Irrigon and the high school be placed on Site B or in Boardman, Parker declared, "You've got the pig on the wrong end. If anyone needs to be close to schools, the elementary children do." His inference was that this would mean transporting the Boardman children to Irrigon.

Question of Boeing's potential noise entered the discussions, some saying that this would be a major factor and others discounting noise because proposed tests would be only a "minute or two" duration and coming not more than once or twice a month. Earl McQuaw of Boardman declared, "We're in an expanding time. We'll have noise the rest of our lives. Planes fly over the school now—every day."

Both Sicard and Warner made strong pleas for their respective choices. The former said that Site B would not be within the city limits of either town and that an elementary school and high school could be placed on the same site to save money. Completion of the new highway to Irrigon would mean easy access from either direction, he said.

"The longer we sit here, the more money it will cost," Sicard said, pointing out how costs had increased over estimates on the proposed Heppner-Lexington high school.

Director D. O. Nelson pretty well explained the board's dilemma in a reply to the partial pleas.

"You can't decide where it should go, and I can't do it," he said, stressing the uncertainty of future population of the area. "We have an obligation to all the people—not just Boardman and not just Irrigon," he declared.

Administrator Robert Van Houte had compiled some of his thinking in a mimeographed message to the board in which he cited the advantages of a single elementary plant and suggested that all elementary students be educated in Irrigon with the provision for school facilities in the Boardman townsite by reserving a site for an elementary school if population growth warrants.

"If the elementary students are all in attendance at Irrigon, the high school should be built near Boardman in order to provide a central location for all high school students and to provide a community facility," he said in the paper.

"Site B" off the main highway appears to be the best site available from a point of view of access and development. Site B is adjacent to private land in the event of the need for residential development near a school location. Officials from

the State Department of Education have reviewed this proposal and they feel that it is educationally sound," he said.

However, at the meeting Van Houte said that he has "no axe to grind" for any of the proposed locations. He emphasized that he does feel that some basic questions need to be answered. The administrator pointed out that some 240 construction days will be needed to build the new school, which would be financed from funds reimbursed from the Army Corps of Engineers and from a share of proceeds of the school bond issue passed early this year. To have a school ready by the fall of 1963 would mean that contract must be let by December, and this means that a decision on site would have to be made very soon.

Sicard and Warner made a series of motions alternately favoring various sites and various combinations of schools, without receiving seconds from their colleagues. Finally Warner received support from Director L. E. Dick who seconded a motion that the Irrigon site be chosen for a high school and a grade school site be reserved in Boardman.

This motion was withdrawn after a few minutes discussion in order that the high school and grade school matters be considered separately. Warner then moved that Irrigon be chosen for the site. Sicard vainly tried to amend the motion by striking out "Irrigon" and inserting "Boardman," but this was ruled out of order. Vote on the motion was three to three. Dick, Mrs. Esther Anderson and Warner voted yes and Martin, Nelson and Sicard voted no. Chairman Wilkinson, with the deciding vote in hand, declared the motion lost, saying that he would first want to know what would be done about the grade school.

Finally Martin's motion was that the board appoint five of its members as a committee to study sites and make report on September 10 was approved without a dissenting vote. The feeling seems to be that a definite choice will be made at that time to end the long controversy. Mrs. Anderson, who had little to say throughout the evening's deliberations, offered one suggestion that brought some favorable reaction. "Why don't Irrigon and Boardman incorporate into one town?" she asked.

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