

Daniels 'Dismayed' By Minear Article

Supt. Ron Daniels of the Morrow county school system said Tuesday that he read Dr. Leon Minear's report, which included this county's system as one of 152 listed as "substandard," with "considerable dismay."

The August 9 issue of the Oregonian carried on its front page a story quoting Dr. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, that 152 districts were substandard. Morrow county district R-1 was among those listed.

"My initial reaction was that any blanket statement lumping 152 school districts as 'substandard' was, in effect, placing all of these districts in the same category," Daniels said.

"This is to say that the residents of those school districts would all have the same initial reaction, a feeling that something is badly wrong with their schools and that their school teachers and officials are not doing their job.

"This impression is natural but unfortunate," he continued, "especially when you read the list of school districts referred to as 'substandard' and see that some of the more outstanding school districts in Oregon are listed there."

The Morrow county school superintendent noted that Dr. Minear did not give any reasons for the substandard ratings for the 152 districts.

"I personally feel that this method was very poor judgment on his part and that it

created many false impressions in the State of Oregon."

Daniels added that the subsequent release by the State Department of Education that the list was inaccurate and outdated further compounded the harm caused by Dr. Minear's statement.

"Since the original news article appeared in the paper the State Department has released a list of the deficiencies existing in each individual school district," he said. "While this helps to clear the picture, it seems to me that this should have accompanied the initial press release.

"I assume the intent was to convince the State Board of Education and the Legislature that Oregon school districts need more state aid to help them maintain a standard program. In my estimation, his method was wrong and will do more harm than good in this respect."

The Morrow superintendent said that the deficiency in Morrow county was listed as substandard school buildings in Lone, Boardman and Heppner.

"The evaluation took place in 1961 and prior to the opening of the new high schools at Lone and Heppner," Daniels added.

"In my opinion, Morrow county has been working steadily to correct its building deficiencies and we know that more needs to be done. However, this work cannot be done all at once as available funds will just not permit immediate correction."

School Head To Seek Tighter Control

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Young Discusses Power Cost

After learning of discussion at a recent meeting on the power bill of the district, Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, appeared voluntarily to present figures on power costs and to offer the company's help in conducting engineering surveys that might result in better efficiency, especially on the heating plant at Heppner High.

Young had a complete tabulation of figures for each school for the past three years. Total power bill for the district in 1964-65 was \$15,234, he pointed out; in 1965-66, it was only slightly higher; and the 1966-67 bill was \$15,858.71. Thus, it remained fairly consistent each year.

Directors Beverly Gunderson and Irvin Rauch were appointed by Chairman McElligott as a committee to seek candidates for appointment to single vacancies from North Lexington and Heppner on the advisory committee.

Car Agreement Reached

Daniels announced that an agreement had been reached with Farley Motor Co. to furnish a driver training car for Heppner at \$40 per month for the coming school year, but mileage on the car will be restricted to 8000 for the year.

Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High gave a report on transportation and listed all the buses and planned bus runs.

Daniels presented to the board a field trip policy designed to give better control of field trips in the district. Each school is to submit a list of annual trips that he plans at the beginning of the school year for the board's consideration. Not more than two are to be permitted for each grade in an elementary school. No specific limit is placed on those for high schools but all are subject to board approval. Emphasis is placed on trips of "educational or recreational significance." Trips other than those planned as annual events must be submitted to the board at specified times in advance of the trips. The policy was adopted as written.

Regular board meeting date was changed to the third Monday of each month as the permanent time from now on.

'Chores' Done

In "housekeeping chores," the board approved membership in the Northwest Regional Laboratory; designated Mahoney and Abrams as attorneys for the district for the year; approved the Bank of Eastern Oregon and First National Bank as depositories for school funds; authorized a contract with the auditors, Witherell, Witherell and Morrison of Pendleton; authorized Mrs. Alice Vance as clerk to sign the district's checks; established the last workday of each month as salary payment date for personnel; and named Daniels as budget officer.

In a progress report on Riverside school, Daniels said that much of the foundation has been poured and that a bricklayer was to start Tuesday. All excavation is done.

Three applications for clerk of works at Riverside were reviewed. The board accepted the application of Howard Sims of Hermiston, who was currently on the job on a temporary basis.

In a final action, just before the meeting concluded at nearly midnight, the board entered a resolution to the county court to improve the road to the Bob Van Schoick place in Rock Creek Canyon.

Two From Heppner Get U of O Degrees

Two students from Heppner received Master of Education degrees at the University of Oregon's summer commencement Saturday, August 12, in Eugene.

They are James Michael Healy, son of James P. Healy; and Dennis D. Donerty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty and husband of Anne Lindsell Doherty.

More than a thousand candidates were present for degrees at the university's largest summer commencement, held in the School of Music outdoor amphitheatre. Rep. Edith Green, Oregon congresswoman, was featured speaker and President Arthur Fleming conferred degrees. Of the degrees, 397 were for baccalaureate degrees, 510 for master's and 94 for doctorates.

Lengthy Illness Takes Mrs. Neill, 67-Year Resident

Death came to Mrs. Nora Alena Neill, 67, at Pioneer Memorial hospital on Tuesday, August 8, after a lingering illness of several months.

She was born August 24, 1885, at Adrian, Mo., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwell P. Crawford. She came west with her parents when a child, and had made her home in the Heppner area since 1900. Her father was one of the pioneer ranchers and for several years engaged in hauling freight to the outlying areas.

On February 24, 1901, she was married to George W. Moore, who passed away September 16, 1932. To this union were born five children, all surviving. They are Mrs. Elma Scott, Lexington; Clarence Moore, Longcreek; Ralph Moore, Salem; Ethel Knighten, Kennewick, Wn.; and Guy Moore, Athena.

On December 1, 1933, she was married to Leroy D. Neill, a prominent Heppner resident. He preceded her in death on November 4, 1966.

Also surviving are one step-daughter, Mrs. Eldon Kinton, Salem, 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Alvin Wade of Cheyenne, Wyo., and a brother, Emory Crawford of Clarkston, Wn., as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Neill was a devoted member of the First Christian church, of the Degree of Honor Protective Association, and of Sante Souci Rebekah Lodge.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Heppner Christian church. The Rev. Al Boschee officiated, dedicating in her memory a special prayer for the advancing years of service. Vault interment followed in the family plot in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

In her memory, contributions are being accepted to the Neill Memorial Fund at the Heppner Christian church.

Close family ties have been evident through the years among the large family. Mrs. Neill, who always put her "family first" was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, was constantly visited by them and always sought to be of constant service to them. Her hands were always busy in making some token gift of handwork for them. Through the years she has made and presented each of her children and grandchildren with hand-made quilts, completing the last one only last fall for the youngest grandchild. A decorative family tree, which includes pictures of all her children, was made by Mrs. Neill, and was a prize winner at the county fair.

Only three of the 15 grandchildren were unable to attend the memorial services of their grandmother, coming from considerable distances.

Among close relatives coming from out-of-town were a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. Alvin Wade of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a brother, Emory Crawford, Clarkston, Wn.; a cousin, Mrs. George Harris, Portland, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Add Moore of Monument.

Kindergarten Hours Set for School Year; Registration Slated

Kindergarten will be in session for the new school year right along with regular school classes at Heppner Elementary school, according to Mrs. Bill Gentry, new Civic League president.

Registration for kindergarten students will be at the same time as registration for first graders at the elementary school building. Classes will be in a basement room of the upper grade building.

Fees for the kindergarten school year are a \$10 registration fee payable at the beginning of the year, plus \$8.00 tuition for each month, payable in advance. These fees go toward paying the kindergarten teacher's salary, and the rest of the money used to operate the kindergarten is raised by twice-yearly rummage sales put on by kindergarten mothers working in the Civic League.

Mrs. John Maatta will be kindergarten teacher for the coming year and will teach two morning sessions.

The first morning session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 10:45; this session will necessarily include bus children who will then be able to ride the school bus one way to school. Kindergartners who attend the late morning session will go to school at 11 a.m. and be out of school at 1:15 p.m.

Heppner's kindergarten has been in operation long enough so that some of the early classes have now been graduated from high school. It has moved from place to place, being at various times in church basements, the old George building, and now for the second year operating in a basement room of the upper grade school building. This location is available through the cooperation of the Heppner School District, but the Civic League which sponsors the kindergarten provides all the materials and equipment for kindergarten use.

750 Persons See Queen Coronation, Jaycee Program

A crowd estimated at 750 persons—virtually filling the main grandstand—was on hand at the rodeo grounds Saturday night to witness the coronation of Queen Verina French and her Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court.

Mrs. Archie (Dimple) Munkers handled the coronation ceremonies and honored Queen Verina as well as Princesses Rubianne Fullerton, Linda Tatone, Berniece Matthews and Maurine Doherty.

Queen Verina received a tiara and corsage from Mrs. Munkers, the official chaperone, and then Her Majesty, in turn, presented Mrs. Munkers with a corsage. Also each of the princesses received a corsage.

Jerry Samples was master of ceremonies for the sponsoring Jaycees.

A boxing card was a popular feature of the evening, and the Chamber of Commerce Jaycee Tug-of-War climaxed the program at the end with the Chamber regaining the coffee can trophy which they lost to the Jaycees last year.

Jaycees claimed their big treasurer and anchor man, Reggie Pascal failed them, but he protested that his fellow members failed to give him enough rope to do a proper job.

In the boxing card, the four "main events" among the bigger contestants brought the following results: Carter Hart of Pendleton defeated Eric Anderson; Bill Perkins of Pendleton defeated Roger Leongig; Carl Bauman defeated Hart of Pendleton; and Rick Johnston and Mike Alsop battled to a draw.

Among the younger boxers

all bouts were declared draws. Contestants were: David Allstott vs. Clay Benson; Terry Toll vs. C. J. Balfo; Danny Benson vs. Perry Wilson; Allan McCabe vs. Bill Jepsen; Ronnie Ward vs. Delbert Turner; Richard Walker vs. Howie Green; and Carey Harsin vs. Danny Davis.

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1. When is the proper time to turn headlights on?

ANSWER: Lights on moving vehicles must be on from a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise. They must also be on at any time when visibility is less than 500 feet. Use your headlights when driving at dusk even if you can see clearly. Other drivers may be facing the setting sun and it's important that they see you.

2. Keeping to the right is one of the oldest rules of the road. There are, however, three exceptions. What are they?

ANSWER: 1. When there are two or more clearly marked lanes for travel in the same direction. (A new law which will go into effect September, 1967, will require slow moving vehicles to use the right lane only.) 2. When preparing to turn left. 3. When passing another vehicle.

3. How many feet must a signal be given before a turn is made?

ANSWER: At least 100 feet. Mechanized electrical turn signals should be in good working condition so that they are plainly visible either day or night.

(If you would like further information, contact your Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.)

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