

Christmas Seals Arrive in Homes

One of the first harbingers of the Yule season — the 1967 Christmas Seal — will arrive in Oregon homes by mail starting November 14, 1967.

Each year there is something of a mystery about the seal design, and this year "it's something really different" says Anthony F. Haberlach, the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association's Eastern Oregon Region Program Director and urges everyone to answer their seals so they won't forget.

Mrs. Jack Loyd, representative direct from Morrow county to the state board of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association said "Ninety-three percent of the money stays right here in Morrow County and Oregon. The other 7% goes to the national TB-RD Association for important projects, including research."

Locally, the money pays for chest X-rays, materials for tuberculin testing of school children and most important health education. The tuberculin association works closely with health departments, private physicians and other medical groups throughout the year in attempts to achieve a greater decline in the number of tuberculosis cases and other respiratory diseases.

Cranberry Harvest Proves Interesting

The interesting experience of watching a cranberry harvest on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington was recounted Monday by Mrs. Millie Evans of Heppner, who with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers, went to Seaview Friday to spend the week-end with Mrs. Anna Fehmerling, sister of Mrs. Evans.

They went to a cranberry bog to see the harvest. The bog is first flooded and then machines are manned by men in hip boots to beat the bushes under the water and knock off the ripe cranberries. These float to the surface to form a mass of solid berries, after which they are gathered with other equipment, used to skim them off the water.

Weather was perfect for the trip, and the Heppner residents returned Sunday evening after a thoroughly enjoyable week-end.

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Mrs. Bran Suffers Paralytic Stroke

Mrs. Hugh (Sybil) Bran, 77, suffered a paralytic stroke in her home during the evening of Tuesday, November 7, and is now showing some improvement at Pioneer Memorial hospital, according to her brother-in-law, Dr. A. D. McMurdo.

The McMurdos telephoned her Wednesday morning but received no response and went to her home on Court street. They found the front door open but the screen was latched.

Gaining entry into the home, they found Mrs. Bran lying on the bedroom floor where she had apparently been throughout the night. She evidently was in the living room when the stroke occurred. A lamp had been tipped over, and Dr. McMurdo theorized that she had attempted to get into bed but only made it to the bedroom floor.

Her right side and arm were affected and her speech impaired.

Adventists Talk Health, Welfare At Meeting Here

Pastor R. C. Remboldt, president of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was featured speaker at a meeting in the local Adventist church on November 9 of the Adventist's federated Health and Welfare Societies of the south-central conference area. The Upper Columbia Conference territory is comprised of northeastern Oregon, eastern Washington, and western Idaho.

Represented at the meeting were Hermiston, Irrigon, Walla Walla (3 churches), Stateline, Milton, Freewater, Pendleton, and Blue Mountain societies.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock Thursday morning with Mrs. Harold Steen presiding. Pastor Leon Cornforth, conference director of Health and Welfare Services, showed a movie of the Adventist church in action during and following Hurricane Beulah in Texas and advised the group in matters of preparedness and efficient service in times of major disaster.

Mrs. Orson Field, missionary with her husband in Africa for more than 30 years, told of work being done for the needy in different parts of Africa where she has served including self-help training.

"Almost every Seventh-day Adventist church around the world maintains in constant readiness money and supplies to help victims of natural or man-made disasters," according to Pastor Cornforth. "In 1965 through their 2,826 welfare units and centers and other avenues they gave help to 8 million persons." In his report he stated that "food given to the needy was valued at \$5 million."

Mrs. Luella Preston, president of the local society, made an appeal for new and good used clothing for children to meet current demands on the church welfare society's store of clothing.

Fighting Fourteen Bow to Panthers At Prairie City

Ione's "Fighting Fourteen" bowed to the big and solid Prairie City 8-man football team in a game for the district 3-B championship on the Panthers' field Saturday, 55 to 26, but the going wasn't as easy for the winners as the basketball type score indicated.

Early in the third period, the Cardinals moved to within eight points at 27-19, even though they failed to score once after being on the Panthers' four-yard line.

The Prairie City team had stopped an Ione thrust at the four by intercepting a pass in the end zone and put the ball in play on their own 20. Two plays later, Jim Swanson intercepted a Panther pass and went the distance, bringing the Redbirds back in contention.

But Ione's hopes for an upset over the bigger team faded shortly after when Russ Ricco took the Cards' kickoff and ran 85 yards for a touchdown. With the extra point, this brought the score to 34-19.

Coach Gordon Meyers of Ione felt this was the crucial point in the game. His Redbirds took to the air in hope of catching up but Allen Periman intercepted a pass. He churned the turf for 25 yards and reached the end zone. The extra point was good, and it stood 41-19. Ione sustained another drive in the fourth quarter with Chris Lovgren going over from the one-yard line, but the Panthers added two more touchdowns of their own in the final period.

Until midway in the third quarter the game might have gone either way.

There was no denying that the Prairie City team was a powerhouse as it racked up 465 yards on 242 rushing and 223 passing, but the Cardinals rolled up enough yardage to win many a ball game with 296 on 160 rushing and 136 passing.

Ricco and Periman each scored four touchdowns for the winners. Eddie Sherman was first to count for the Cardinals when he took a 25-yard pass from Quarterback Bob Ball in the second quarter. Frank Halvorsen, later in the same period, tallied on a 35-yard pass and run with Lovgren pitching. Meanwhile the Panthers had scored two touchdowns in each the first and second periods and picked up three extra points, so the halftime score was 27 to 12.

Ball was out for a portion of the game when he was injured on a clip. He was able to return to play later, but his loss from the lineup was a temporary setback for the Cards, who with only 14 on the roster, have been hard put for reserve manpower through the season.

Coach Meyers, whose team took their league crown on four straight wins, had praise for his plucky players who lived up to their reputation as spirited fighters by never quitting against the big opponents.

Having finished their season three weeks earlier, the Cardinals had tried to keep in trim through the period of inactivity, but they found themselves "pretty rusty," as the coach put it, in the first half.

Leukemia Claims First Hope Pastor, Rev. Merlin Zier

The Rev. Merlin W. Zier age 39, former pastor of Hope Lutheran church, Heppner, died early Sunday morning, November 12, in Denver, Colo., of leukemia.

Word was telephoned to Sunday Orval Matheny family on Sunday morning, stating that Mrs. Zier had given birth to their fourth child, a daughter, on November 5, and that Pastor Zier had baptized his daughter on Saturday evening, immediately before his death.

Rev. Zier was the first pastor of Hope Lutheran church, serving from June, 1955, through May, 1958. While serving at Hope, he occasionally served at Valby Lutheran church, too, which is now part of the joint parish.

After leaving Heppner, he attended Boston University, where he received his master's degree. He then became director and chaplain of the State Home and Training school at Wheat Ridge, Colo. There are 1,019 mentally retarded on the 400-acre campus of this home. Under Director Zier's leadership, construction totaling \$5 million has taken place since 1962.

Funeral services were held at Holy Shepherd Lutheran church, Lakewood, Colo., on Tuesday, November 14, at 1 p.m., where the Zier family were members. It was the request of Rev. Zier that he be buried in the Valby Lutheran church cemetery. A brief graveside service has been tentatively set for 10 a.m. on Friday, November 17, according to Pastor Donald R. Pederson, current minister of the two churches.

Graveside services will be held at Valby cemetery at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, November 20, with Rev. Donald Pederson, local pastor presiding.

Survivors include his wife, Sally, 5133 Kipling St., Wheatridge, Colo., and four children, Sandra, Stephen, Sharon and Lora, all at home; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. George Zier of Davenport, Wash.; and brothers Virgil, Reardon, Wash.; Harold, Huntsville, Ala.; William, Seattle, Wash.; George, Dayton, Wash.; Theodore, Olympia, Wash.; and Allen, Spokane, Wash.

Friends who wish to donate are invited to in the name of Mrs. Zier as an educational fund for their children, to Mrs. Orval Matheny, Heppner, or Mrs. Herb Peterson, Ione.

Varsity Hoopers Start Practice With 24 Boys Out

The 1967-68 basketball season is on its way. Mustang coach Bob Clough rolled out the red carpet to 24 varsity prospects Thursday, November 9.

All 24 prospects will be paced by four returning lettermen. Dave Hall, Russ Kilkenny, Steve Pettyjohn, and Bill McLeod, all seniors, will be providing the nucleus for the Mustang attack this year.

Cal Ashbeck, Mel Ashbeck, Jim Bloodsworth, Bob Dobbs, Earl Dickson, Jerry Healy, Gary Kemp, Dean Kindle, Larry Pettyjohn, Jon O'Donnell, Mike Smith, Hal Bergstrom, Lee Huson, Pat Kilkenny, John Harris, Mark Lovgren, Rick Marquardt, John McCabe, Pat Sweeney, and Matt Murray make up the remainder of varsity hopefuls. These boys include one senior, ten juniors, and nine sophomores.

Coach Clough reports some "outstanding guard prospects" in Dave Hall and Bill McLeod, who are both back from last year's squad. Junior Jon O'Donnell and sophomore John McCabe have also been showing the right kind of ability in the pre-season workouts.

Russ Kilkenny and Steve Pettyjohn lead the field of forward-center candidates. Russ and Steve are both senior lettermen and have a great deal of experience.

Cal Ashbeck, Bob Dobbs, and Jerry Healy are also "showing promise in the early season practice," according to Coach Clough. These boys are also being considered for the forward and center assignments.

The Greater Oregon League is divided into two new divisions for this season. The Eastern Division will include Burns, Grant Union, Enterprise, Vale, and Nyssa. The Western "Half" will be composed of Madras, Sherman, Wahtonka, Pilot Rock and Heppner.

The 67-68 season will be kicked off on December 8. The tilt

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will be with the Grant Union Prospectors in Heppner. Grant Union is the pre-season favorite to win the conference title. The Prospectors will have some real competition in the Eastern Division, especially from the Burns and Enterprise clubs. Heppner will go under severe attack when they clash with the Wahtonka "Eagles" and the Madras "White Buffs."

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