

# Death Claims 'Slim' Rhoton

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KINZUA — Robert E. Rhoton, known to all his friends as Slim, was born Feb. 5, 1904, at Ferris, Wash., and passed away in The Dalles on June 15, 1968. The Kinzua Community church on Wednesday, June 19, with funeral services were held at Rev. Robert Dove officiating. After the service, officers of Condon Lodge No. 1869, BPOE, conducted their lodge of sorrow. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery in The Dalles with the graveside services conducted by Fossil Lodge No. 110, IOOF.

Surviving Slim are his wife, Marie, his mother, Mrs. Louise Rhoton of Yelm, Wash., four brothers: Harry of Southgate, Calif.; Clarence of Whittier, Calif.; Ray of Long Beach, Calif.; and George of Anchorage, Alaska. He also had three nieces and one nephew. Slim came to Oregon in 1906, living near Newberg before going to Fort Rock in 1909 where his father homesteaded a piece of the "High Desert", seven miles northeast of the Fort Rock post office. They lived there for six years and in 1915 moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where Slim attended high school and worked in the woods as team (horse) skidder and scaler.

In April, 1928, Slim and his brother came to Condon by railroad and then walked to Kinzua as the C. K. and S. railroad was being built. He went to work for Kinzua Pine Mills on April 29 turning cents in a small mill cutting timbers for the big mill. That October when they started up the big mill he went into the woods as a scaler. The crews were falling timber on Searcy Flat and then up Black Canyon. In 1940, when the company started selective logging, Slim moved into the job of bull

back of the falling crew, the job he held until his death. There was hardly a tree standing in this area that Slim didn't know personally. He was married to Marie E. Kinzella on Feb. 20, 1932, at Fossil, and they made their home at Kinzua and at Camp 5. He was a member of Condon Lodge No. 1869 BPOE, and Fossil Lodge No. 110, IOOF, being a Past Noble Grand of that lodge.

## Monagle Reunited With Irish Brother

A reunion uniting two brothers who had not seen each other for nearly 50 years was held recently in Spokane, Wn., for Charles Monagle of Heppner and his brother, Father Patrick Monagle of Maghera, Ireland. The brothers met at the home of their cousins, Mary and Cecilia Ring, Father Monagle first visited the U. S. in 1949, when he visited New York. He made this trip especially for the reunion and to attend the wedding of Bill Monagle on May 25, in Boston. Charles Monagle, the older of the two brothers, came to the United States in 1919 when he was 21 from his home in Donegal County, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Monagle traveled to Spokane to attend the reunion and brought Father Monagle to Heppner with them where he remained for several days of visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Venard recently enjoyed a two week's vacation at Dungeness, Wn., where they spent time clam digging, crabbing, and fishing in the Straits of Juan de Fuca for cod and snapper. The couple was fortunate to be at the beach at this particular time, as there was the lowest minus tide in 17 years, which makes for excellent clam digging. They were joined there for a few days by Mr. and Mrs. Red Leonard of Lexington and Marshall Cornett, from Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clark of La Grande, and formerly of Heppner, left on a trip for Germany on June 19 where they will visit their son Richard, stationed there with the U. S. Army, and his wife Shirley. They plan to visit other European countries as well. Another son, Donald, Jr., is home from army service and is attending Eastern Oregon College this summer.

# 27 Heppner High Students Attain Semester Honors

Twenty-seven Heppner High students honor roll ranking for the second semester of the 1967-68 school year with grade point averages of 3.33 or above. Principal Dick Carpenter announces. Two juniors, Sara Miller and Terry Peck, were the only students to make perfect 4.00 marks for the semester.

Twenty-nine students made the honor roll for the fourth nine weeks. Sheila Luciani, a senior, and Terry Peck made 4.00 grades for the period.

Seniors led both honor rolls with 11 on the semester roll and 12 on the nine weeks roll. Juniors followed with eight on the semester roll and seven on the nine weeks roll.

## Week's Trip Includes Variety of Sights

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons and two children of Beaverton, recently enjoyed a week's vacation trip to Washington and British Columbia. They traveled to Port Angeles, from where they took a ferry trip to Victoria, where they spent three days sightseeing. They visited the Butchart Gardens and Wooden Wonderland, a tourist attraction that delights children with its wooden story book characters. From Nanaimo the group enjoyed a three hour ferry trip to Vancouver, B. C., where they stayed overnight. The ferry they traveled on was so large that it carried railroad boxcars on it. From Vancouver, the group traveled up into Canada for a short visit before going to Grand Coulee Dam. The visitors were unable to tour the dam because of the construction at the site, but were told that it will be the world's largest power plant upon completion. The two families returned to Heppner Friday, where the Parsons remained until Sunday. Accompanying the Parson family home for a visit was Parson's niece, Miss Brenda Steagall.

On the nine weeks roll are the following: Seniors—Sheila Luciani, 4.00; Frances Abrams, 3.66; Nancy Doherty, 3.66; Merri Lee Jacobs, 3.66; Vickie Robinson, 3.66; Helen Anderson, 3.50; Bonnie Kessell, 3.50; Marsha Lovgren, 3.50; Debora Young, 3.50; David Hall, 3.33; and John Rawlins, 3.33.

Juniors — Terry Peck, 4.00; Sheri Brock, 3.83; Sara Miller, 3.83; Patti Holt, 3.66; Sue Greenup, 3.50; Jill Chitty, 3.33; and Larry Pettyjohn, 3.33. Sophomores — Sheila Hughes, 3.50; Robert Peck, 3.50; Greg Sweek, 3.40; Mary Kay Hughes, 3.33; and Susan Melby, 3.33. Freshmen — Bruce Marquardt, 3.50; Valerie Boyer, 3.33; Gwen Drake, 3.33; David Gunderson, 3.33; and Ron Sherman, 3.33.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week, and still receiving medical care, are the following: William H. Padberg, Lexington; Clifford Aldrich, Ione; John Reeder, Pilot Rock; Kathleen Schwarzlin, Heppner; and Ruby Hastings, Kinzua.

Those who have been dismissed are as follows: Cosner Adams, Heppner; Omar Rietmann, Ione; Michael Ball, Heppner; George Zumwalt, Lexington; and Lawrence Matteson, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pimental, Jr., Hermiston, are parents of a son, born Saturday, June 22, weighing 7 lb., 9½ oz. He has been named John Paul, and joins four sisters, Debra Lynn, Sarah Louise, Kathryn Marie, and Patricia Jean. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Pimental, Sr., Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rood enjoyed a week's vacation trip to southern Oregon, where they spent time visiting her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gay in Ashland, and her father, Arthur Myers in Medford. They also visited Mrs. Rood's sisters and families in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. John Brewold and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson. The party enjoyed fishing in the Rogue River and while they observed other sportsmen catching large Chinook salmon, the Heppnerites came home empty handed. "But," claims Mrs. Rood, "as far as the fishing trip goes, just say we sure had a good time." Spending time this week at the Rood home is their five-year-old niece, Lea Ann Cummings, of Portland.

## Assessor Attends Special Meetings

Joyce Ritch, Morrow county's special assessor, attended two special meetings of concern to her office recently.

On June 14 she was in Bend for a conference on Eastern Oregon timber severance taxes. Other assessors and timber operators were present. She said that it was reported that timber values have not been increased, except those for white fir. More taxes have been collected from timber severance due to the fact that more timber is being harvested, she said.

At a meeting in The Dalles on June 18, she joined assessors of Sherman, Wheeler, Hood River, Wasco and Gilliam counties in a district meeting of assessors. Discussion covered several matters, including proposals for a new form of property tax summary sheets which are sent with tax statements in the fall; on making a contribution to the International Association of Assessing Officers for its educational fund; on a change by laws, if necessary, to include assessing officials who may have another title under county charters; on a change in forms for farm deferral (farm use values); and on a certified appraiser's bill that is expected to be considered by the legislature.

By request of the legislative tax study committee, the association reviewed five new bills prepared by the State Tax Commission.

## Ex-Residents' Son Dies in Accident

John Kelly O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. (Jack) O'Connor, formerly of Heppner and now of Fallon, Nev., died Thursday, June 13, in a swimming accident in a canal at Fallon, according to word received by Lavorne Van Marter, Jr., from the O'Connors.

The youth, who would have been 15 on June 20, apparently struck his head diving into a canal near Coleman Dam. His father wrote that John may have struck something floating in the canal in the dive. His body was found floating in the canal later in the day.

The O'Connors lived in Heppner when the father was manager of the J. C. Penney store here. They moved to Fallon in 1952 when he became manager of the store there, and John was born June 20, 1953 in Fallon.

Recitation of the rosary was at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the Austin Funeral Home, Fallon, and requiem mass was

celebrated at 10 a.m., Monday, June 17, at St. Patrick's church there. The youth would have entered high school in September. He was a member of the junior varsity football and track teams, loved sports and was looking forward to participating in high school athletics.

The Fallon community was saddened by the death of the promising young man, and a circus coming to town dedicated its performances to him. Beside his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connor survivors include two brothers, Dennis, of Reno, and Michael, at the University of Washington; a grandmother, Mrs. Zena Hopkins of Seattle; and an uncle, Maurice Dennis O'Connor of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lynn Clark of Cecil received word of the death of her brother on June 15 in California.

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