

School Year Gets Off to Smooth Start

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PRINCESS SUSAN LINDSTROM of the Pendleton Round-Up court has a busy and exciting time ahead with the Round-Up starting next week. Susan is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom of Ione and was on the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court in 1966. (Howdyshell Photo)

Enrollment Down 28 from Last Year On Opening Day

First day of school for the year 1968-69 went smoothly across the county Tuesday, Supt. Ron Daniels reported. Elementary and high schools swung into the fall term without delay, and no major problems developed in any of the buildings. Enrollment was down 28 students countywide. This year's first day total was 1087 as compared with 1115 on opening day last year.

Ione schools showed an increase of nine students, with 92 registered in the six-grade elementary school and 99 in the six-year junior-senior high school for a total of 191. Last year the total enrollment there was 182.

In Heppner, total enrollment is down by 25 students, although Heppner High school shows a slight increase. A total of 392 are registered in Heppner elementary this year as compared with 421 last year. In the high school, 208 are registered as compared with 204 last year. In the Boardman-Irrigon area,

Businesses Extend Welcome to Teachers

In a full page message on page five of this section, businesses of the area extend a welcome to teachers at the start of the school year. New teachers are listed, together with their assignments and where they come from. Returning teachers, their assignments and years of service are also given.

Teachers' receptions are scheduled soon. The Heppner Elementary PTA is planning its reception for Wednesday night, Sept. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary multipurpose room. Ione reception will be on Thursday night, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Ione school cafeteria, sponsored by the Ione PTA.

Sec. Clay Myers, Aide Visit on Voter Drive

Secretary of State Clay Myers, accompanied by Jack Thompson, who last week was appointed assistant secretary of state, literally and figuratively made a flying trip to Heppner Tuesday afternoon.

They came in by air, landing at the Lexington airport in a plane piloted by Joe Eoff of Salem, and spent just over an hour here. Mrs. Eoff was also in the group.

Myers and Thompson, who has served as the state's director of elections until his promotion last week, came to promote a voter registration drive that they are conducting across the state.

The secretary of state said that they had covered 15 counties in four days in an effort to encourage greater voter participation in the general election November 5.

Appearing at a meeting of

county officials, voter registrars and others concerned with the upcoming election, the two stressed the need to get eligible non-voters on the registration rolls.

At the present time, Sec. Myers said, registration in Oregon totals 830,000 after some 70,000 names were cut from the rolls as "dead wood." He said that it is hoped that this can be brought back to 1,000,000 voters, and it is possible to reach 1,200,000.

With registration in Morrow county at about 2100, he expressed the opinion that in this county of 4800 population perhaps 700 more names could be added to the voting lists.

Myers said that every effort should be made to get absentee ballots to servicemen and urged families, wives and parents to write to them immediately and encourage them to apply for absentee ballots.

"There are 100,000 eligible voters of ages 18 to 26 in this state who have never voted in a presidential election," Sec. Myers said. He also pointed out that many new people come to an area between elections.

Some believe that they must be a resident six months before the registration deadline in order to vote, but, on the contrary, the requirement is that they be a resident in the county six months prior to the election to vote for all offices.

Certificates Available
Those who arrive here just before the registration deadline of October 5 may still vote for president by obtaining a special certificate for the county clerk.

In his informal talk, Thompson said, "If you abdicate your responsibilities, you obviously aren't interested in your government."

He stressed the importance of participating by voting and the importance of voting intelligently.

"The vote is the tool to control and manage government," he said.

Thompson highly commended Mrs. Sadie Parrish, Morrow county clerk, for the manner in which she has conducted elections in this county. He said that she has helped him very much and was thoroughly dependable in conducting elections properly and efficiently.

Thompson took responsibility (Continued on page 8)

Council Prepares City Election For November 5

Authorization of legal procedure necessary for calling the regular election of city officers was approved by the Heppner city council at its meeting Monday night. The election will be on November 5, the same date as the general election.

Positions to be filled include those of mayor, recorder, treasurer, and three councilmen. Current terms are expiring this year for the following: Mayor W. C. Rosewall, Treasurer Mary Jean McCabe, Recorder Elaine George and Councilmen David McLeod, Bill Collins and Jerry Sweeney.

The mayor, treasurer and recorder serve for two year terms and councilmen serve for four-year terms. Carryover councilmen include Carl Spaulding, Joe Balfe and Harlan McCurdy, Jr.

To file for any of the positions a person must obtain 15 names of registered voters of Heppner on a petition and submit them to the city recorder 20 days or more prior to the election.

Little else of importance occurred at the Monday meeting, one of the shortest in recent years. It lasted only about a half-hour.

Permits Granted

A building permit was granted to Bill Siewert to install a new shingle roof on his home at a cost of \$213, and a permit was also granted to Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Elmer Knes, pastor, to convert a garage into a bedroom at the parsonage, corner of Quaid and Elder Sts., and to add a room to the house. The latter permit was granted on condition the work complies with the ordinance. The applicant asked to build an 8 ft. room addition to the house, but this would put the house four feet from the lot line. A minimum of five feet is required, which means that the room must be constructed one foot less in width to comply.

At the request of a Heppner property owner, the council discussed her recommendation that the city pass a law limiting ownership of dogs to one per family, but it received no support from the city dads.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens reported that the city crew is now starting to winterize the municipal swimming pool, which was closed after Saturday's swimming.

Engineers are expected to come and inspect it soon after the summer's use to see if any said that a few things need corrections are needed, Groshens mentioned.

Some complaint of rough spots on the deck has been received, and Groshens said that it may need buffing.

Infectious Horse Sickness Hits Area; Precautions Given

Causing concern to horse owners in this area, as well as in other parts of Oregon and Washington, is an occurrence of the highly contagious "sleeping sickness" or, scientifically named, equine encephalomyelitis.

Announcement was made Tuesday by Dr. Jim Norene, Heppner veterinarian, that one case of the near-fatal disease has been definitely identified in this area. This is the first case which has shown here within the past ten years, he said. Other cases have very recently been found in Yakima and in central and southern Oregon.

The highly contagious, viral disease has a mortality rate of between 30 to 50%. It affects only horses, but is transferable to man. It is estimated that 10% of those exposed to the disease will become affected.

Symptoms, according to Dr. Norene, show the horse maintaining a high fever with rapid pulse, showing a jaundiced appearance, and eventually becoming uncoordinated and in weakened condition.

Transmission of the sickness is by bloodsucking insects which have had contact with migratory birds, the host carrier, and have passed a 6-day time lapse.

Precautions recommended by Dr. Norene include immediate vaccinations and keeping horses sprayed with an insect control insecticide.



ROBERT ABRAMS, chairman of the board of directors of Blue Mountain Community College, takes first shovelful of dirt in breaking ground for the third BMCC building in Pendleton. Taking part with him are Tom Rugg, Pilot Rock, student body president; Ford Green of Jensen-Green, Inc., general contractor; and President Wallace McCrae of the college.

August Rain Short Of Setting Record

Rains in August fell .32 inch short of setting a record as the wettest August in the history of Heppner, according to the week's report from Don Gilliam, official weather observer.

Total for the month, however, brought it to second place among wettest Augusts with 1.86 inches of rain. The month of August, 1941, had 2.18 inches which still stands as the record.

The last week of the month brought .07 inch on Wednesday, August 28, but skies cleared and weather warmed at that point. The first day of September—Sunday—brought .01 inch of rain.

Temperature climbed back as high as 90 degrees during the week, more nearly the normal for the month.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	72	47	.07
Thursday	79	47	—
Friday	85	49	—
Saturday	90	53	—
Sunday	80	58	.01
Monday	73	47	—
Tuesday	78	47	—

(Total precipitation in August, 1.86 inches.)

Chamber Announces Ensuing Programs

Schedule of programs coming up for the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce is announced by Wes Sherman, president.

At the luncheon meeting on Monday, September 9, Coach Ed Hiestra will talk on the coming football season for Heppner High.

On September 16, Marv Root of Madras, Republican candidate for Congress, Oregon's second district, will speak.

On September 23 there will be no luncheon meeting here, but the Chamber will join the Ione Lions club at Ione for a tour of the Pacific Gas Transmission compressor plant, after which the two groups will meet for a supper and films. Pacific Gas will show one film and another will be on football.

Scheduled for October 7 at the luncheon meeting here is George Van Hoomissen, Portland Democratic candidate for secretary of state.

Bruce Cowan, executive vice-president of Inland Empire Waterways association, will speak on Monday, October 28.

School Requires Round-Up Excuses

Heppner High school students who plan to attend Family Day at the Pendleton Round-Up on Wednesday, September 11, may do so by submitting excuses in advance, Principal Dick Carpenter states.

Only those who bring a note from parents in advance will be excused, he said. Several years ago the Morrow county district discontinued the practice of dismissing school for a day in order that students might go to the Round-Up.

Peck Visits Notson In Taiwan After Reading G-T Letter

Steve Peck, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peck of Lexington, has found that one is never too far away to meet a new friend who knows something of the "old home town."

The August 8 issue of The Gazette-Times carried a letter from Charles E. Notson, missionary in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China, written to Dr. Archie McCurdo.

Peck, serving on the USS Piedmont, received his copy of The G-T while the ship was off the coast of Taiwan. He read the letter in the paper and managed to obtain shore leave to visit Notson at the latter's book store.

The missionary, in his letter, had recalled some of his family's experiences during his "growing-up" years in Heppner. Steve responded to his invitation for servicemen to visit him, and reports that he thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

In connection with his missionary work with the Chinese people, Notson is also working hard to establish a Christian Servicemen's Center here.

Steve has been serving on the Piedmont in overseas waters since February and is expected to return to his base at San Diego soon. He has the official rating of Optical Man 3/c.

Ground Broken For New Building On College Campus

Work on Blue Mountain Community College's new library-student union building got underway August 27 following ground breaking ceremonies.

Robert Abrams of Heppner, chairman of the college board of directors, turned the first shovel of dirt for the building, third to be authorized on the campus.

The building, to be put up by Jensen-Green, Inc., general contractors from Spokane, Wn., will house a lecture hall, little theater, agriculture and art wing, classrooms, faculty offices and administrative offices, in addition to the library and student center.

Mechanical contractor for the work is P. S. Cook Co., Pendleton, and electrical contractor is W. R. Gracie Co., Portland. Construction is expected to be completed within one year.

Taking part in the ground breaking were College President Wallace W. McCrae, Student Body President Tom Rugg, Pilot Rock, and Ford O. Green, of Jensen-Green, Inc. Also present were Michael J. Kilkenny, Echo, Russell Dorran, Hermiston, and Oren Allison, Pendleton, all members of the College Board.

Punt, Pass and Kick Contest Plans Start

Boys of ages 8 through 13 in the Heppner and Ione areas may register now for the eighth annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition which will be held on Saturday, October 12. Everett Keithley of Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., announces.

As in past years here, Heppner Auto Sales and the Ione Lions club join with Ford Dealers and the National Professional Football League in sponsorship of the contest.

Trophies will be awarded local winners and trips are offered to regional winners of the football-minded youths for their skill in punting, passing and kicking. Registration headquarters in Heppner is at Heppner Auto Sales and in Ione it is at Bristol's Market.

Registration remains open until October 4, Keithley said. Entrants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no charge. The entire competition is free to all entrants, and all equipment such as footballs and kicking tees are provided. No body contact is involved in PP&K competitions.

At the time of registering each boy will receive a free booklet of tips written by Green Bay's star passer, Bert Starr; the Atlanta Falcon's punting specialist, Billy Lofthridge; and St. Louis Cardinal's kicking leader, Jim Bakken. Each registrant al-

so receives an attractive PP&K lapel pin.

The competition pits boys against others their own age in the football skills, and eighteen handsome trophies will be awarded locally. Gold trophies go to first place finishers, silver to second and bronze to third.

Besides winning trophies, zone winners will move to district competition. District winners move to the area championships, and the area champs will travel to division events in NFL stadiums in St. Louis or Atlanta where 12 finalists will be chosen.

John M. McElligott Gets Silver Wings
John M. McElligott, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. McElligott, Ione, received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed a warrant officer July 16 upon graduation from the Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

During the 16-week course, he was taught various fire techniques and tactical maneuvers for helicopters supporting ground troops in combat. He also received instruction in helicopter maintenance and survival techniques.

total registration is down by 12, the first day reaching 296 as compared with 308 last year. Registration in the six elementary grades at A. C. Houghton, Irrigon, totals 151, and that at Riverside Junior-Senior High school totals 145. Last year the eight grades at Houghton totaled 151, Boardman elementary (no longer in existence) had 45, and Riverside High (then only a four-year school) had 91.

By classes countywide, the first, eighth, tenth and eleventh grades show increases but all the rest are down. This year's figures, with last year's in parentheses, are as follows: First 95 (86), second 78 (86), third 81 (88), fourth 89 (101), fifth 89 (90), sixth 93 (107), seventh 103 (109), eighth 104 (93), ninth 91 (104), tenth 98 (87), eleventh 90 (83), twelfth 76 (78).

Heppner Elementary school had a good crop of first graders with 51 entering. Only about 40 had been expected. Nineteen first graders entered Ione Elementary.

At Heppner High school the freshman class is 16 below last year with 50 entering as compared with 66 on the first day last year. At Ione High, 15 entered as freshmen as compared with 12 last year. Both senior classes are somewhat larger with 44 at Heppner as compared with 41 on opening day last year, and 19 at Ione as compared with 11 last year.

By schools, first day registration is as follows with last year's comparison in parentheses:

Ione Elementary—First grade 19 (15), second 13 (12), third 12 (12), fourth 11 (21), fifth 19 (17), sixth 18 (20). Total 92 (97).

Ione High—Seventh 21 (14), eighth 16 (14), ninth 15 (12), tenth 13 (15), eleventh 15 (19), twelfth 19 (11). Total 99 (85).

A. C. Houghton Elementary—(now includes pupils who formerly attended Boardman Elementary in first four grades, and totals for both schools are added for last year's statistics)—First 25 (27), second 25 (22), third 23 (25), fourth 27 (32), fifth 26 (24), sixth 25 (29). Total 151 (159).

Riverside Junior-Senior High—Seventh 29 (35), eighth 31 (25), ninth 26 (26), tenth 21 (24), eleventh 25 (15), twelfth 13 (26). Total 145 (149).

Heppner Elementary—First 51 (44), second 40 (53), third 46 (51), fourth 51 (48), fifth 44 (49), sixth 50 (58), seventh 53 (60), eighth 57 (56). Total 392 (415). (Last year's total of 415 included three special education students.)

Heppner High—Ninth 50 (66), tenth 64 (48), eleventh 50 (49), twelfth 44 (41). Total 208 (204).

Ione Resuscitator Available to Public

The City of Ione has obtained a resuscitator to have for emergency, and it is available for anyone in the Ione area who may need it. Mrs. Howard (June) Crowell, city recorder, announces.

The equipment is kept in the city hall and may be obtained there when needed, she said. Several, including members of the fire department, have learned to operate it in case of emergency.

Jaycees Sponsor Blood Drawing; Response Urged

Morrow county Jaycees are issuing a plea to residents of the community to help make their scheduled blood drawing a success by turning out to donate blood next Monday, September 9, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the First Christian church.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will set up its facilities in the basement rooms of the church, and local doctors and nurses have donated their time and services for the afternoon drawing. Jaycee wives will be on hand to serve refreshments to those attending, announces Forrest Burkenbine, chairman.

This is the first time Jaycees have undertaken the blood drawing project, and they have high hopes of reaching a goal of 80 pints.

The public is urged to respond to this drawing, as the need for blood continues to be urgent, and blood donated next Monday will help replace supplies used by several Morrow county residents in the past.

Moonlight Sale Slated Sept. 20

Moonlight Sale is scheduled in Heppner on Friday night, September 20. Merchants set the date at a meeting in the Wagon Wheel Cafe on Tuesday with Mrs. Marge Gardner, chairman, presiding.

Stores will be open from 7 until 10 p.m. on the night of the sale. Further details will be announced in the next two issues of The Gazette-Times.

Merchants also set the dates of October 18 and 19 for Crazy Days with a merchants' dress-up planned for the Friday, and a Kids' Parade for the Saturday.

Christmas Opening will be on the weekend immediately following Thanksgiving. Jaycees also plan to have their second annual Fiddlers' contest here on that weekend.

Clark is Elected MCGG President

Barton Clark of Ruggs has been elected president of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., by the board of directors, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., general manager, announces.

Directors met to choose a successor for Walter Jacobs, former president, who resigned when he moved recently to Moses Lake.

Clark has been serving as a director of the cooperative. A committee will make nominations for a new director, now that Clark has been chosen president.

Al Bunch continues as vice president of MCGG, Larry Lindsay is secretary and McCurdy treasurer and general manager.