

Future Endeavors Of Heppner Center Discussed by Board

The advisory board of the Heppner Neighborhood Center met January 20 at the center to discuss and answer questions. Each board member was asked to talk to groups and organizations to which they belong to inform people of the work being done.

The center has been a meeting place for children for story hours, for elderly people to meet, for people to sew or to read. Programs that are hoped to be started include home service aids for elderly persons, youth work programs, and others which will qualify for funding. During the previous week, three persons had found employment through the center, and applications are available for others who wish to call for them and fill them out.

Attending the January 20 meeting were Bob Stangler, coordinator of Neighborhood Council, Pendleton; Rev. Arden Fritz, community action board chairman of Milton-Freewater; Mrs. Pat Brindle, coordinator of the Heppner center; Mrs. Bernard Doherty, chairman of the board; Mrs. Jack Loyd, representative of the county welfare board; Mrs. Barbara Jessmer, member of the CAP advisory board; Hubert Wilson and Don Bristow, board members; Mrs. Eloise Smith, center agent; Mrs. Snoda Blake, Mrs. Eva Griffith, Mrs. Conley Lanham, school counselor; Mrs. Dick Borman and Mrs. Ed Gonty, appointed by Mayor Bill Collins as city representatives at CAP meetings.

Call Unites Women After 57-Year Period

A reunion by long distance telephone delighted Mrs. O. A. Devin earlier this week, when she was able to speak with a cousin, Mrs. Lizzie McDaniel Smith, who lives in Los Angeles.

The two women had lost contact with each other through the years when Mrs. Devin moved to Oregon from Missouri in 1912, when she was 13 years old. She had lived as a child with her cousin, and the two were together in the same family. Mrs. Devin acquired the address of her relative through her sister, who lives in Medical Lake, Wn. She reported enjoying quite a nice visit with her cousin in Los Angeles, whom she hasn't seen for 57 years.

Farra Memorial Equipment Here

A new piece of equipment for the Heppner Fire Department that was purchased from donations as a memorial to the late J. W. (Bill) Farra has arrived, Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said Monday.

It is a Scott Air Pack, breathing apparatus used by firemen to enter burning buildings and offer protection against smoke and gasses.

Memorial plaque that will honor the memory of Farra, assistant chief of the fire department for many years, will be presented to the city council at its meeting Monday night, the fire chief said.

Cost of the new equipment was in excess of \$300. Donations from local organizations and individuals underwrote the cost of the memorial gift. The breathing apparatus, which was felt to be the most needed equipment in the department, may be instrumental in saving lives of volunteer firemen in the future.

Assistant Chief Farra died of a heart attack in early December immediately after battling a house fire here with other members of the department for several hours.

Burns Services Held At Newberg Chapel

Funeral services were held for Princess Harrison Burns, sister of Mrs. George (Helen) Currin of Heppner, on Thursday, January 23, at the Brown Funeral Chapel in Newberg. Interment followed at the McMinnville cemetery.

Mrs. Burns, who had been a 20-year resident of Newberg, died at the McMinnville Hospital on Monday, January 20, after an extended illness.

She was born October 16, 1902, at Pilot Rock, the daughter of Alonzo and Daisy Knotts. She resided there for many years, and attended schools in that area. In 1945 she was married to Ted Burns in Portland, and the couple has lived at Newberg since 1948.

Besides Mrs. Currin, Mrs. Burns is survived by her husband in Newberg; a son, John Harrison, Jr., Lake Oswego; two grandchildren; and two brothers, Clayton Knotts, Cresswell, and Alonzo Knotts, Jr., Eugene.

District Board Offers Contracts to Administrators

New contracts were offered to administrators in the Morrow county school system by directors of the district at the regular meeting January 20.

Ron Daniels, county superintendent, was offered a new contract for two years.

Four other administrators have qualified for three year contracts, and these have been offered to Alan Martin, Heppner Elementary principal; Dick Carpenter, Heppner High principal; Michael Tolar, A. C. Houghton school principal; and Harold Bergs, lone principal.

Dan Dalto, Riverside principal, was offered a one year con-

tract. He has not held this position long enough to qualify for a three year contract.

In another important action at the meeting, the board discussed the possibility of retaining an architect to consider long range remodeling and building needs. Some time ago, a long range planning committee was named to consider the condition of buildings and plans for the future.

Professional Study Eyed
It was reported that they now have gone as far as they can in their deliberations without the services of professional help. In the discussion Monday it was

pointed out that an architect could help "put a study together," particularly in regard to the lone grade school and Heppner the life expectancy of the buildings, consider future enrollments and to plan for the future.

Supt. Ron Daniels said that an Ontario architect would be willing to sign an agreement with the board for a three year period. If building is done as a result of his work, he would receive a regular fee, but if there is no construction, he would receive only a token payment of \$300 for his work for the three year period.

The board advised Daniels to arrange for a meeting with architects of the area to continue discussion on the matter.

In his superintendent's report, Daniels told of the difficulty in providing home instruction for students, who because of prolonged illness, are unable to attend school. The district is now providing instruction for two such students, and two more should have it, he said. Cost is about \$90 per week per pupil. He said that the board needs to review its policy on home instruction with the thought of setting a time limit on the instruction.

He reported that school closure on account of the weather on January 2 and 3 still leaves the district within the 175 required days of instruction. Since 177 days had been scheduled, 175 are left and it was not necessary for the district to apply for emergency approval for the closure.

Incinerator Authorized

After the superintendent reported on the intricacies of obtaining permission for installation of an incinerator to burn trash at the new Riverside school under state pollution regulations, the board approved purchase of a \$1250 incinerator from the Metz Engineering Co., with the provision that it comply with all state regulations. Regulations are now very strict on burning trash, Daniels pointed out after consulting with state authorities. Their recommendation that the trash be hauled away to a dump in lieu of burning is not feasible at

Boardman because of the infrequent pickups and the fact that there is no way to store trash in the meantime. Open burning is in violation of regulations, and if the district hauled the trash to a dump, it would cost considerably more than the approved incinerator, Daniels said.

He also reported on checking into the costs of power consumption at the new school and outlined ways in which the electricity cost can be reduced. Action will be taken to implement these steps. The power cost has been running about \$550 per month for heating and \$350 per month for lights, according to figures arrived at after consultation with the Umatilla Electric Cooperative.

Reading Program Reviewed

Principal Tolar of Houghton school reported on a reading program in progress at the school where students of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades are combined, then separated into groups according to reading ability rather than by grade for the reading instruction. The program is now in its 10th week and it appears to be working very successfully, he said.

At a special board meeting on January 13, the board agreed to budget funds for an additional primary teacher at Heppner Elementary and for one at A. C. Houghton because of increasing enrollments in lower grades. Directors also approved hiring a counselor for Heppner Elementary for the coming year. The board also adopted a policy on determining what students qualify for free lunches in the schools.

Reading Program Started at lone

By JOYCE HOWTON

A student reading improvement program for grades 7 to 9 began on January 20 at lone High school. The purpose of the program is to improve the reading abilities of the student. Students were given the opportunity to drop out, but they all agreed to stay in the program. Fifteen students have been selected to participate in the program at this time. These students will not be graded on their work, but each student will be encouraged to do his best work. The program will run from 1:30 to 3:30 each day. Each student will participate from two to five hours per week.

Money for the program was provided by the Federal Government through the Public Law 89-10. The program will begin January 20 and run through

May 23. The instructor for this reading program in lone will be Mrs. Diana Kincaid.

This program is designed to improve the reading speed, comprehension and vocabulary of the participants. Several new types of materials and methods will be used in the program.

A similar program will begin at Riverside High school on January 27.

Harold Bergs, principal of lone schools, is the PL 89-10 program coordinator for the Morrow county schools.

Some of the materials to be used in this program will be controlled readers for individual use along with tape recorders with earphones. The tapes used for the recorders are called skill tapes which help improve the readers skill for reading.

PTA Congress Sets Two-Day Conference

The Oregon Congress of Parents and Teacher's Board of Managers will hold a two day conference January 31 and February 1 at the Mallory Hotel in Portland. Mrs. Jesse E. Herbert will conduct the meetings which will be in the Crystal Room. The training session on Children's Emotional Health will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 1. This session will be led by Mrs. Jennelle Moorehead, immediate past president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Paul Marlow, Baker council president; Mrs. Lester Cleaver, Nyssa; Mrs. Charles Heard, Pilot Rock; Mrs. Keith L. Young, La Grande; Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., Heppner; and Mrs. James Conroy of Haines will attend.

Concert Cancelled Because of Snow

The scheduled concert by the 70-piece band of Pacific Lutheran University, planned for Sunday evening, January 26, was cancelled due to the bad weather conditions, Paul Tews, of the sponsoring Hope and Valley Lutheran churches, said.

The band was at Battleground, Wash., on Saturday and had planned to come to Heppner Sunday morning. Church leaders here, however, after checking road conditions, felt that it should be cancelled in the interests of safety for all concerned.

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