



Open air classes for 6th graders

A new concept in teaching, open air classes at the U.S. Forest Service station at Tupper, was outlined for Chamber of Commerce members Monday by Don Cole, principal, Heppner Elementary School.

The outdoor program for Heppner 6th graders will commence May 6. A.C. Houghton and Irigon schools will participate the following week, with lone 6th graders the final week.

This promises to be a "funday school week" for the youngsters, with students attending open air classes rather than conventional type class for 5-6 hours of study per day. Some of the subjects to be taught are plant and animal life, water study, soil and geology, map and compass courses and survival in the outdoors. Students will also participate in recreational programs such as archery, the care and handling of rifles, fishing (including bait casting) and various arts and crafts.

The students are being encouraged to earn the \$8 tuition required to participate in the week-long session. Any business firm or individual willing to hire a 6th grader for car washing, cleaning or other work may call the school, 676-9128.

Emphasis will be placed on group living. This will be the first time for many of the 6th graders will be away from home. Students will have chores to do; setting tables, serving food, making their own beds and keeping their respective areas clean, with a daily award going to the best cleaned-up area. Table manners will also be stressed.

"One of the primary purposes of the outdoor class is to get students to express themselves, orally and by creative writing."

Accompanying the 50 students will be counselors, teachers, parents, cooks and other personnel required for supervision.

"There will be no more than five students per supervisor at any time," Cole promised, stressing the point that students will be well supervised.

In other school activities, Cole mentioned that 7th and 8th graders will participate in Natural Earth Week starting April 15.

Students will be excused from call during the last hour of school on April 16 to enable them to give the community a spring cleaning. The city will be divided into sections with four students per section collecting litter.

Students will contact merchants and businessmen in the area and ask them to act as sponsors for the event. All proceeds received by the students will be contributed to the Robin Petri and Michael Boylen funds.

Guest speakers at next Monday's Chamber meeting will be Denver Grigsby and Jack McFadden, both of the Boeing Company's Agri-Business Division at Boardman.

58 give their blood

At last week's Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Elks Club, 58 donors donated 49 pints of blood to the community.

Over 20 pints were donated in reciprocity for Bill Stewart and 9 for Doris Palmateer Strock. Other donors gave in replacement for Michele Boylen, Greg Sweek, Kevin Royen and Vickie McGill.

For their continued participation in the program, certificates were presented to Robert Abrams, Forest Burkenbine and Barbara Cutsforth, all two-gallon donors.

The Red Cross thanked those who helped make the donations a success, the Elks Club for the use of their building; The Golden Agers, Sara Adkins, Emma Keithley, Ola Ruggles, Marjorie Worden and Dorothy Heard for providing refreshments; Lone High School students Lori Bergstrom, Janice Edwards, Melanie Ball, Lea White, Mary Pat McElligott, Joan McElligott, Kathy Gilbert, Donna Waibel, Cassie Chapel, Judith Bates, and Carol Holtz; the nurses, doctors, and the volunteers, including seven FFA students.

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Rap session on drug abuse

Drug myths exploded

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A rap session on drugs and drug abuse was held Monday evening at the Heppner Elks Lodge, with 75 persons present.

The group was composed of hospital personnel, law enforcement officers and concerned citizens including some high school students.

The panel, part of the staff of the Eastern Oregon Comprehensive Mental Health Services included David Mitchum, moderator; Richard Panzer, M.D., psychologist; Betty Burnette, Ph. D., psychologist; Bea Jean Takei, R. N.; and Dick Takei, staff specialist on alcohol and drugs.

It was not the usual meeting with the panel doing all of the talking and the audience asking questions at the close of the session. It was a group participation program with the audience asking all of the questions and the panel providing answers.

One of the first questions asked was, "Are there any ill effects from using marijuana, and can one become addicted to the drug?"

Dr. Panzer answered: "As far as we know, there are no ill effects caused by smoking marijuana, for marijuana is not considered a dangerous drug." Unlike other drugs where more and more is required as one continues to smoke marijuana, less and less is needed to attain the effect of getting "high."

The panel offered other advice on marijuana (grass): "Grass seldom has the same effects on any two people. This is due partly to the various types of marijuana that can be purchased. Some

is mild, some may be cut with other drugs to produce an entirely different effect.

"The myth about being able to tell when a person has been smoking grass is far-fetched. The pupils of the eyes are not dilated, and the person has all of his faculties. This is just the opposite of alcohol indulgence."

Dr. Panzer said, "I would rather take a drink of alcohol rather than smoke a joint. I know alcohol is 86 proof, and know what the effects will be; however, I have no idea what one joint of marijuana will do to me."

Students of Heppner High School participating in the program made these statements:

"Many students in school smoke marijuana, and some take either pep pills or diet pills, but they are scared to try any of the harder drugs."

"Students have all had their share of beer and want to try something different. Strange,

but their parents didn't object to them having beer, or getting drunk, yet they are against all types of drugs."

"We can not relate to our parents or discuss any of our problems with them."

"I went out and got drunk to defy my mother, and all she did was slap my wrist and ground me from using the car for a week. Big deal."

"At one time if you went out and got drunk it was a big deal. Now smoking marijuana is the trip. I know some kids in this town have been smoking grass for the past five years. They don't want to try acid, they are scared of it."

"One of the students admitted that she had never used any drugs, but is allergic to cigarette smoke, which causes her eyes to become red. On many occasions she has been accused of smoking grass."

"One of the times when students really have a time is during the rodeo. Most of the kids who attend the dances are

accused of smoking pot, whether they do or not."

"Teenagers parents treat us as though we are 12-year-olds. Most of the time all they do is scream and yell at us and then won't listen to us."

Many of the statements by students surprised adult listeners. They found student's stories hard to believe. Many were unaware that drugs were so prevalent in the high school.

The hospital personnel asked the panel questions on how to recognize drug addicts admitted to the hospital, and what care should be given them. They referred to the marijuana smoker and hard core addict.

The panel answered: "Being addicted to narcotics is no more dangerous than an alcoholic with the DTs. They are both on a bad trip."

"Many hospitals do not know how to cope with a person on hard drugs, and the

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Easter services for county worshippers

The Morrow County Ministerial Association announced the following schedule for Easter services at local churches:

Ione United Church of Christ will have a potluck supper followed by communion service on Maundy Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. Easter Sunday will begin with a breakfast from 8:30 to 9 a.m., family worship at 11 a.m. and The Cathedral film, "I Beheld His Glory" at 7:30 p.m.

St. William's Catholic Church, Ione, will hold its Easter service at 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner, will have a mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and an Easter Sunday service at 11 a.m.

The Assembly of God will have its Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday, followed by the morning worship, with special music at 11 a.m.

The All Saints Episcopal Church will have the Commemoration of Passover, Thursday at 7:30 p.m. At noon on Good Friday, Meditation and Litany on the Crucifixion, Holy Communion will be served at the 7:30 and 10 a.m. services, Easter Sunday, with

an evening communion at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John's Parish House, Condon.

Valby Lutheran Church will have a potluck supper Friday night at 6:30 p.m., followed by Good Friday worship at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday at Valby will be an 8 a.m. worship, followed by breakfast at 9 a.m.

The Hope Lutheran Church will have an 11 a.m. Easter Sunday worship followed by a coffee hour at 12 p.m.

The United Methodist Church, Heppner, has Sunday School scheduled at 9:45 a.m. with Easter services at 11 a.m.

The Nazarene Church will have Good Friday service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, a family worship and communion will be held at 10 a.m.

The Lexington Church of Christ will hold its Easter Sunday Holy Baptism at 9:15 a.m. The Easter message and worship will be at 9:30 a.m., "The Seven-fold Glory of the Risen Christ." Sunday School will be at 10:45 a.m.

The Christian Church, Heppner, will hold Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Easter Sunday worship at 11 a.m.

Flood warning systems are being evaluated

Three flash-flood warning systems were discussed by representatives of local and national agencies concerned with Heppner's flood situation when they met Tuesday morning.

Local representatives of the Water Control district and Morrow County Emergency Services, along with interested citizens, heard presentations outlining plans for implementing the warning system. Providing insight for the three systems were John Olson from Oregon State Division of Emergency Services, Bill Brown of Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, Robert O'Callahan of Army Communications Command, Gerald Williams of National Weather Service, and Dave Bauman, hydrologist for the Portland River Forecast Center of the National Weather Service.

The systems presented all used the same instruments for receiving the initial warning. Sensors set up on a float system would be installed on two bridges at a flood level height. When these sensors were touched by rising water they would emit an electronic signal through existing power lines to a receiving point at the hospital. Once the signal is received at the hospital the three systems differ.

System One would present a signal to the hospital switchboard, much like the present fire department emergency messages are received. The signal would then have to be passed on manually to the present siren and airhorn systems which would alert the proper authorities. This system would be slow and confusing since it involves manual operation.

System Two would be auto-

matic. Once the signal was transmitted from the bridge-mounted sensors it would pass to the hospital and on to siren and horn which would be fired automatically. Immediate response to this type of warning could be obtained. As would be expected, System Two is budgeted at a higher price than the manually operated System One.

The third system also is automatic but offers a much broader warning system through the use of radio equipment. This system would transmit radio "tones" which could be received not only by the fire station siren and horn systems but by the police cars and home receivers of the fire chief, mayor, chief of police and others who would need immediate response to the warning. This radio system would also give instantaneous signals to points down the

flood area such as Lexington, Ione and points north on Willow Creek.

The cost for this third system would be greater than that of the first or second system. It was noted that if the second system was initially set up it would still be fairly easy to adapt that system to the third radio signal system.

County Sheriff John Mollahan told the representatives about the current radio systems used by the county. The possibility of tying the proposed flood warning system into the present courthouse system was discussed but many details would require an extensive survey of the job and apparently the local representatives felt that time was of the essence.

The possibility of having the system installed before the flood season was discussed by

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Man dies of heart attack

Birgall Earl Stephens, 58, was pronounced dead on arrival at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, about 9 p.m. April 3, after he apparently suffered a heart attack at his residence in Ione.

He was employed by Dykstra Construction Co. as an iron worker.

Stephens made his home in Everett, Wn.; and is survived by his wife, Olin. The body was forwarded by Sweeney Mortuary to Purdy and Walters Funeral Home in Everett, Wn., for interment.



Clint Agee, left, passes the gavel to Bob Mahoney, newly installed Exalted Ruler of the Heppner Elks Lodge. The installation was held Saturday night with 250 people witnessing the ceremony. Mahoney is a rancher, residing in Clark's Canyon.