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Expansion of BMCC told at Chamber

"Last year there were 825 full time students enrolled at Blue Mountain Community College, taking at least 15 units for the three terms, plus over 4,000 people enrolled in other classes at BMCC taking at least one class," said Ron Daniels, president of Blue Mountain Community College, speaking before the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Daniels was stating the growth increase of BMCC which originated in 1962, as a vocational-technical college. Today BMCC offers a complete two year program in liberal arts, with all units transferable to four year programs. The only courses not offered at BMCC are in the field of education. Daniels elaborated on this saying, "With the educational courses being offered at Eastern Oregon State College, LaGrande, there is no need of teaching the same courses with the two colleges so closely located, however, one course in education is taught at BMCC."

Continuing, Daniels stated, "23 per cent of all high school graduates from Morrow County attend BMCC." Combined Umatilla and Morrow County account for 78 per cent of the student enrollment. The remainder of the students come from other counties with 14 per cent coming from out of state. Many of these students come from the Tri-cities and Walla Walla area.

Many new classes are being offered for the first time this year at BMCC, among them two courses in geology and also a course in Farm Management.

While the new farm management class is set up for 17-18, there are presently 30 enrolled in the course. "I am afraid the board will have to do some screening on this class," continued Daniels.

This year, BMCC will offer 80-100 classes in both counties. Anne Doherty, Heppner, is presently responsible for the programs within Morrow County. She is presently working for the college and will answer any questions regarding any of the classes currently being taught at BMCC or any suggested courses persons might be interested in taking. Any qualified instructor wishing to teach a course is also asked to contact Anne Doherty, 676-5277.

In the past three years 61 adults have received their adult high school diploma or their GED from a program sponsored by BMCC. The age range for these evening classes has been from 25 to 70 years of age.

This year there will be five evening classes taught in the Heppner area. Two of these will be taught for the first time, they are Basic Spoken English and a Photographic Projects Workshop.

Daniels again stressed the need for contacting Doherty, as he said, "Many people in the county are unaware of the classes now being offered at the college."

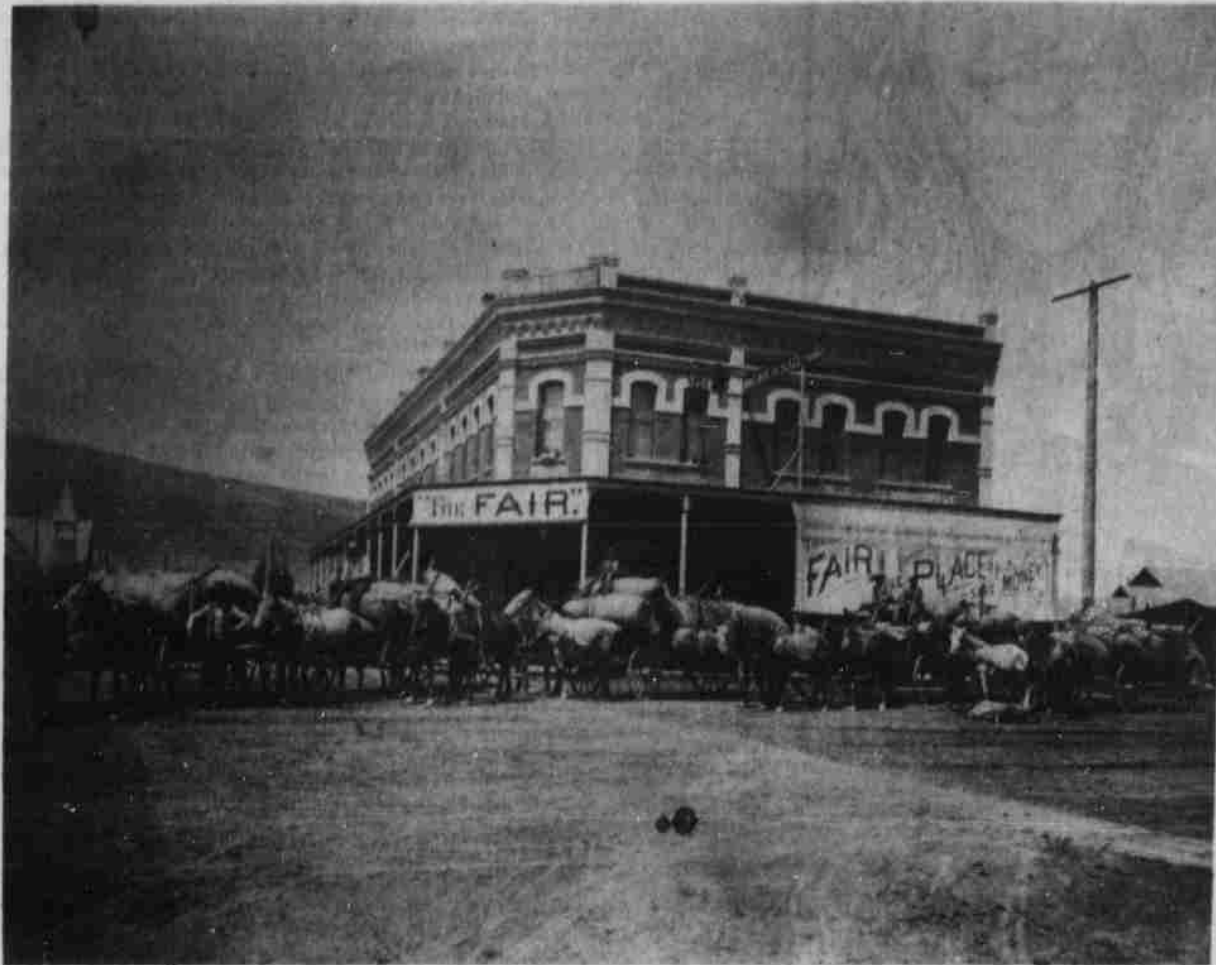
Daniels spoke of the increase in the nursing program at Blue Mountain Community College, and the need for further instruction in the course. While graduates of the present course are employable they are not licensed by the state. The addition of a pre-nursing program creates some problems for BMCC. The college must deal with the State Board of

Nursing on the courses offered and not the State Board of Education. Hiring qualified instructors to teach the courses and being able to retain them after the pre-nursing program is put into effect, could present a problem, as there is a lack of qualified instructors at the present time.

Another question frequently asked of Daniels is "Why doesn't BMCC offer more courses in carpentry, plumbing and electrical work?" Daniels replied, "The college cannot compete with the unions and their on the job training programs. In these programs they offer apprentices \$5-11 per hour while they learn the trade on the job. "In college courses all we can offer are the fundamentals of the course, so what apprentice wants to spend his time on campus when he can receive on the job training?"

Daniels was asked if BMCC had any plans for student housing at the present time? He replied, "The college has no thought of getting into the housing program, although this year many students have sought other colleges to attend because of the lack of housing in the area. Some students

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Heppner's Fair Building once stood on the corners of Main and Center St. The building was constructed in 1890 and later torn down in 1965. This picture shows members of the Hynd Bros. Ranch taking part of their wool to the Fair Building, 1899.

4-H Teenager Says;

Five Week Visit Enjoyable

By Janette Piper

July 25, our 4-H exchange group took a bus from Portland to Seattle and then a plane from Seattle to Japan. We flew on N.W. Orient.

When we arrived in Japan, Misako and Masato, two of my Labo friends were there to meet me.

We took a bus from the airport to the "Tokyo Olympic Youth Center", where we stayed for 3 days. Fumi, a 4-H exchange student who stayed with me 2 years ago, met me there. We had a 2-day orientation.

This was the beginning of my 5-week stay in Japan. I stayed with the Hirose family. They live in a city called Kofu. Its population is 160,963. My father, (Kunio), is a P.E. teacher. My mother, (Michiko), is a housewife, Labo tutor, and an English teacher. My brother (Kuniko) is 7; my sister, (Kaori), is 12.

Kofu is famous for grapes, crystal and Mt. Fuji, which is 12,388 feet high. I climbed halfway up Mt. Fuji. It is the highest mountain in Japan.

The Hirose home was small, but very cozy.

In most homes they don't have hot water faucets. They have to heat the water by lighting a gas water heater.

We had two different types of beds in my house. My parents bed was on a tatami mat. My sister and I slept in

bunk beds.

I visited a Japanese school with my sister. They have a TV in every classroom. Before you enter school you must take off your shoes and put on some green slippers.

Many students play kick-ball, a game similar to softball; you run from base to base. I enjoyed the game very much. They gave me a shirt with a number to bring home.

People are Japan's greatest resource. They are very clever in making use of every piece of soil. They have small rice fields by some homes.

I visited many of my families relatives. Some of them had many grape vines.

During my stay I became familiar with some of the Japanese language and customs. I enjoyed the tea ceremonies, flower arranging and paper folding.

For my 13th birthday, my mother spent two days baking my birthday cake. She invited several friends. I invited one of my American friends and her host sister. My birthday present from my family was a phone call to my parents in America.

The cities were very crowded with people running every which way. There are only a few walking streets with no cars allowed.

My visit in Japan was very enjoyable and my family made me feel at home.

Oregonians Lose Drivers Licenses

Oregonians continue to lose their privilege to drive in near-record numbers, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

By the end of August, 45,428 Oregon drivers had had their licenses suspended during 1975, compared with 43,428 license suspensions for the same period of 1974.

Mandatory suspensions for Driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor increased 20.4 per cent over 1974. Suspensions for first convictions were up 20.1 per cent from 6,218 in the first eight months of 1974 to 7,467 in the same period of this year.

Suspensions following a second conviction also jumped 20 per cent, from 1,699 in 1974 to 1,931 in 1975, and suspensions for a third or subsequent conviction climbed 23 per cent, from 714 in 1974 to 888 this year.

Mandatory suspensions for violation of Oregon's financial responsibility law also increased 20 per cent, while a 53 per cent increase was noted in suspensions following conviction for eluding a police officer. Those suspensions increased from 253 in the first eight months of 1974 to 400 this year.

In all, the division received 348,278 conviction notices from courts throughout the state, a 10.5 per cent increase over 1974. In addition to the suspensions, 244 drivers had their licenses revoked following conviction for violation of Oregon's Habitual Traffic Offender Act. Another 5,223 have been notified in writing that their driving records place

them in jeopardy of prosecution as habitual offenders should they receive additional convictions.

On the positive side, the division's new approach toward errant drivers is showing in a drastic 79 per cent decrease in the number of discretionary license suspensions initiated by DMV on the basis of a driver's poor driving record. The division now counsels the errant drivers, issuing a probationary driver's license or suggesting the individual attend a defensive driving course or both. Discretionary license suspensions based on an individual's driving record plunged from 2,444 during the first eight months of 1974 to 512 for the same period of this year.

Historical Society to meet

The first annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m., Lexington Grange Hall.

Officers and members will gather at noon for a potluck dinner in the basement of the Grange building.

Along with the annual business meeting, a program has been arranged by Louise Keene, Ione, and Hazel Lewis, Irrigon. It will feature Larry Smitten, Pendleton, who will show slides of the Oregon Trail. He will also speak about Oregon Trail tours. Several county people will be included in the program.

A table will be available for display of old photographs. Persons who wish to be charter members will have a final chance to join and pay their dues.

Fall from pickup injures

Lori Wilson

Lori Wilson, Ione, sustained minor injuries when she fell from a pickup truck early Sunday evening. She received lacerations about the head and was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment and later released.

The driver of the vehicle, David Cox, Heppner, was cited by the Sheriff's department for driving while intoxicated and for driving with a suspended operators license. He is scheduled to appear in Justice Court today.

OWGL to hold workshop

The Oregon Wheat Growers League Fall Workshop will be held in Pendleton, Oct. 1-2. The meeting will be held at the Indian Hills Motor Inn. The agenda starts at 10 a.m., Oct. 1 with work sessions all day.

Entertainment in the evening with work sessions starting at 8 a.m., Oct. 2. Plans are to adjourn at noon on Oct. 2. This is the annual work session of your Oregon Wheat Growers League.

School Board approves lights

The Morrow County School Board approved a request from the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee to add additional outside lighting at Riverside High School. Board member Kenneth Broadbent and Principal Dan Daltoso told the board several complaints had been received about the dark parking lots and the advisory committee was concerned about the danger involved.

The board voted to approve 3 new outside lights, two 400 watts and one of 1,000 watts. Principal Dan Daltoso was instructed to determine whether district ownership or leasing lights from Umatilla Electric Coop. would be the less expensive.

In other business the board voted to advertise an older 66 passenger school bus for sale and to call for bids for 3 buses currently included in the budget as replacements.

The bids will specify an option of either new 1976 models or new or used 1975 models with less than 10,000 miles. The board also authorized calling for bids for a pickup to replace an older pickup currently at Irrigon school.

The date of the school district budget election was set for April 20, in order to conform with the new election law which requires school board members be elected on the third Tuesday in April. Previously Morrow County School District budget elections have been held in March.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Public Library Board will hold a regular meeting, Thursday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the library and the public is invited to attend.



RON DANIELS

Blackhorse Canyon

Flood Protection for Lexington

The 14,000 acre Blackhorse Watershed land treatment and flood protection project was completed in late August according to David McLeod, executive director of local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) office. The project treatment began early in 1974 under the 1973 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) cost-share funding.

The land treatment in Blackhorse provides Lexington residents and downstream areas the same protection as the Shobe Canyon project provides Heppner and lower areas.

The project pooling agreement was a neighborhood joint effort of cooperation, spearheaded by Elden Padberg, chairman of the County ASC Committee and a participating farmer in the project area. More than a dozen farmers shared the cost with the public through the ACP to treat the 8990 acres of cropland with conservation practices. These practices included 386,844 feet of diversion ditches, 13 special erosion control dams, and several acres of seeded grass.

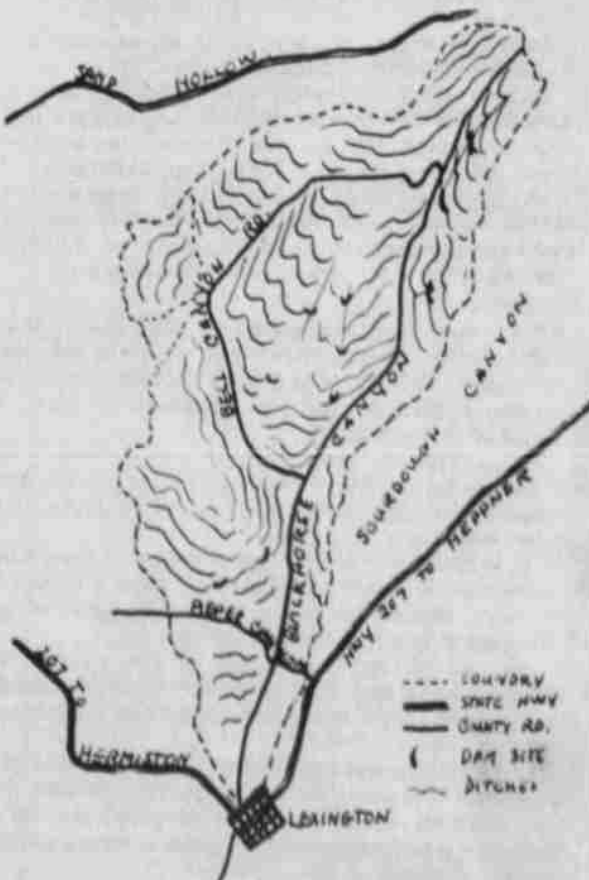
The ACP cost-share program is administered by the ASC county committee. The program reimburses the Soil Conservation Service for providing engineering and technical assistance.

Total cost of the project slightly exceeded \$50,000 with

the Agricultural Conservation Program sharing the cost in the amount of some \$34,500. This is the public's share of the cost of flood protection and resource conservation. This project area is nearly twice the size of the Shobe Canyon area above Heppner. Funds for pooling agreements, such as this project, are additional

monies over and above the regular conservation funding for the year. The 1973 program regular allocation was \$32,800, which, if all was used for this project, it wouldn't have been enough.

Other areas of Morrow County may qualify for a similar project as carried out in the Blackhorse Watershed.



BLACKHORSE FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

Packwood calls for aerosol ban

In testimony before the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Upper Atmosphere of the Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, Sen. Packwood, Sept. 15, urged action to ban a majority of aerosol spray products which are deteriorating the protective ozone shield which surrounds the earth.

In June of this year, Sen. Packwood introduced a bill which would prohibit the sale and distribution of fluorocarbons 11 and 12 in aerosol spray cans. These two fluorocarbon

gases are used principally as aerosol propellants. Packwood's bill also deals with the problems of fluorocarbon leakage from disposed refrigerators such as air conditioning units and refrigerators, a major source of freon gas leakage.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will hear testimony from 26 witnesses in hearings continuing through Sept. 19, including representatives from the scientific community and from government and industry.