

Bicentennial Forum

HISTORIC LOOK AT MORROW'S SCHOOLS

By Justine Weatherford

Very early schools in this county were operated only part of the year, were not compulsory and thus irregularly attended. They had pupils from 4 to 20 years old in a single room where one teacher struggled with up to 40 or 50 pupils. At first classes were held in homes, then often in abandoned cabins and as soon as possible in school buildings.

At one time there were as many as 59 school districts, about one to a township, and the residents of each district assumed heavy responsibilities for its school. The school was the community center—pre-dating the Granges, and often church services, special speakers, holiday programs and parties were held there. The district residents erected their buildings, kept them up, furnished the wood to heat them, served on the board that made all decisions, and provided low-cost room and board to the teachers who served the schools at salaries from \$18 to over \$50 per month.

Parents substituted for teachers who were ill or called away by family emergencies; they monitored during state examinations (some for subject areas in the three upper grades and especially for the most important state testing of 8th graders.) Parents helped with inter-school and inter-county spelling bees and always assisted with programs and parties. Teachers were usually the janitors of their buildings.

The typical school was painted white (it is doubtful that any in the county were any other color) as white lead paint was the best and cheapest paint available. Heppner had a school in 1873 and bachelor Henry Heppner gave very generously to provide the first building and persuaded others to join him in equipping it. This building is still in use on Center St. as the home of Rachel Harnett. As ranchers prospered they often bought homes in town where they families stayed during the school year. A three-year high school opened in Heppner in 1888.

The little school that has been moved to Heppner City Park is typical. It is No. 22 Democrat Gulch School, which replaced an older school, Idea School, Morrow No. 22 and Gilliam No. 27 which stood very close to the county line and served families from both counties. Two of District No. 22's teachers Della Scrivner and Marguerite Glavey are able to tell about early years there.

Schools nearest to No. 22 over in the southwest part of the county were No. 21 Missouri Ridge and No. 36 Gooseberry a little to the north. No. 29 Rocky Bluff and No. 31 Eight Mile Center were to the east, and east-by-south were No. 59 Hale Ridge and No. 19 Rood Canyon.

Higher in the mountains were No. 40 Hardman, No. 51 Burton Valley, No. 56 Parkers Mill, No. 7 Camas Prairie and No. 39 Dee Cox schools. In the area west of No. 1 Heppner and No. 12 Lexington districts were No. 15 Clark's Canyon, No. 38 Bunker Hill, No. 11 Liberty, No. 54 Social Ridge, No. 32 Rhea Creek, No. 30 Shiloh, and even further west, No. 4 Davis and No. 14 Pleasant Vale.

The two closest districts south of Heppner were No. 6 Golden West at Ruggs, and No. 3 Willow Way. East of these were No. 13 Coplinger, No. 42 Twin Pines and Balm Fork, No. 34 Upper Willow Creek, No. 2 Lena and No. 33 Gurdane. Three schools east of Lexington were No. 17 Blackhorse, and out near Little Butter Creek, No. 48 Pleasant Point and No. 24 McDonald Canyon.

Ione was No. 35 and to its east were No. 23 Devine, No. 50 Hodsdon, and No. 26 Pine City, where Little and Big Butter Creeks join. The schools north of these, from west to east were No. 52 Hardesty, No. 28 Four Mile, No. 18 Strawberry. Still further north were eight districts, again from west to east, No. 37 Fairview, No. 41 Morgan, earlier Saddle, No. 8 Cecil, No. 16 Ella, No. 9 Lone Tree, No. 20 Juniper, No. 27 Alpine, and to Alpine's northeast, No. 54 Matteson. The most northerly schools in the county were No. 39 Willows, No. 25 Boardman and No. 10 Irrigon. Other district schools are mentioned in various accounts including Galloway, Pettysville, Juniper, Sand Hollow, Wilmot, and Green Cottage.

By 1889 there were 29 teachers and the school cost was \$11,892. In 1892 the county superintendent received \$40 per month. There were 53 schools reporting an average of 4 and four-fifth months of teaching; 12 of them reported having a Webster's dictionary.

In Oregon's Centennial year, 1959, Morrow County was the first county in the state to come under the County Unit Administrative system.

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
1975-76
BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 26	Scottie-Rocket	Pilot Rock, 12:30
March 27	Invitational	
March 30	Riverside	There, 4:00
April 1	Adrian	Here, 4:00
April 2	Riverside	Here, 4:00
April 5	Echo	Here, 4:00
April 6	Umatilla	Here, 4:00
April 9	Umatilla	There, 4:00
April 10	Umatilla	Here, 1:00
April 13	Sherman	Here, 4:00
April 15	Echo	There, 4:00
April 20	Ione	Here, 4:00
April 23	Wasco	There, 4:00
April 24	Stanfield	There, 1:00
April 27	Condon	There, 4:00
April 30	Sherman	There, 4:00
May 1	Stanfield	Here, 1:00
May 7	Ione	There, 4:00
May 11	Wasco	Here, 4:00
May 4	Condon	Here, 4:00

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF SCHEDULE

April 8	Wahtonka	Heppner, 2:00
April 15	Riverside	There, 2:00
April 22	Umatilla	Here, 1:00
April 29	Wahtonka	There, 2:00
May 6	Hermiston	There, 2:00
May 10	John Day (Boys)	There, 1:00
May 13	Hermiston, Riverside	Here, 2:00
May 17	District (Boys)	John Day
May 17-18	State (Girls)	Glendover
May 24	State (Boys)	Glendover
May 25	State (Boys)	Glendover

IONE HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL

March 26	Echo	There, 3p.m.
March 31	Arlington	Here, 2:30
April 2	Adrian	Here, 4p.m.
April 5	Riverside	There, 4p.m.
April 6	Arlington	There, 2:30
April 8	Riverside	Here, 4p.m.
April 13	Condon	Here, 4p.m.
April 16	Sherman Co.	There, 4p.m.
April 20	Heppner	There, 4p.m.
April 27	Wasco Co.	Here, 4p.m.
April 30	Condon	There, 4p.m.
May 4	Sherman Co.	Here, 4p.m.
May 7	Heppner	Here, 4p.m.
May 13	Wasco Co.	There, 4p.m.

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RESULTS OF HEPPNER WOMENS CITY TOURNAMENT

TEAM:

1st Place—Merry Makers
2nd Place—Peterson's Jewelry
3rd Place—Fiesta Bowl
4th Place—Gardner's Mens Wear

SINGLES

1st—Hazel Kandle
2nd—Barbara Morris
3rd—Jo Pettyjohn
4th—Roberta Klaus
5th—Darlene Klingner
6th—Floss Watkins
7th—Evelyn Coulter
8th—Darlene Arington
9th—Jean Ball
10th—Susan Johnston

DOUBLES

1st—Hazel Kandle
2nd—Pat Hyatt
3rd—Barbara Morris
4th—Ann Schwarzin
4th—Roberta Klaus
6th—Jo Pettyjohn
7th—Dorris Graves
8th—Darlene Klingner
9th—Darlene Arington
10th—Faye Ruhl

DOUBLES

1st—Ann Schwarzin & Susan Johnston
2nd—Millie Hanna & Sue Greenup
3rd—Jackie Alstott & Ann Melland
4th—Melba Quakenbush & Faye Ruhl
5th—Betty Galbraith & Marie Turner
6th—Jo Pettyjohn & Dorris Graves
7th—Delores Stewart & Barbara Morris
8th—Doll Campbell & Evelyn Coulter
9th—Marg Eckman & June Bellenbrock
10th—Pat Hyatt & Janice Paustian

Fiesta Bowl won 3 games from Morrow County Grain Growers. Central Market lost 3 games to Gardner's Men's Wear and Peterson's Jewelers defeated Coast to Coast in their 3 games. Janice Paustian, Fiesta Bowl took high honors with a 196 for individual high game. Inetia Canton, Petersons took high honors with a 507 for individual high series, with Jo Pettyjohn with a close 500 series. Fiesta Bowl rolled an 897 to take high team games and 2539 was rolled by Gard-

ner's to take high team series.

Team	W L
Petersons	30 17 1/2
Central Market	27 21
MCGG	26 1/2 21 1/2
Gardners	22 26
Coast to Coast	22 26
Fiesta Bowl	16 32

There will be a Hermiston Women's Bowling Association meeting April 7, Hermiston at the Caravan Broiler. There will be a no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Please attend.

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HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
1976 GIRLS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 3	John Day Invite.	There, 10:30
April 6	Ione, Umatilla Riverside	Riverside, 4:00
April 9	Pilot Rock	Here, 4:00
April 13	Wahtonka, Ione Wasco Co., Condon	Condon, 4:00
April 20	Pilot Rock, Condon Ione, Wahtonka	Here, 4:00
April 24	JFK Invite	Mt. Angel, 11:00
April 27	Sherman, Wasco Co., Condon, Wahtonka	Condon, 4:00
April 30	Pilot Rock Relays	There, 1:00
May 7	Pendleton Invite.	There, 1:00
May 15	District	Pendleton
May 21-22	State	Portland

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
1976 BOYS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 3	Willamette Relays	Salem, 12:00
April 6	Ione, Umatilla, Riverside	Riverside, 4:00
April 9	Carnival of Speed	Milton-Freewater, 12:00
April 10	Condon Invite	There, 11:00
April 13	Wahtonka, Ione Wasco Co., Condon	Condon, 4:00
April 17	Morrow Co. Invite	Riverside, 12:00
April 20	Pilot Rock, Condon Ione, Wahtonka	Here, 4:00
April 24	JFK Invite	Mt. Angel, 11:00
April 27	Sherman, Wasco Co., Condon, Wahtonka	Condon, 4:00
May 1	Umatilla Invite.	Umatilla, 12:00
May 4	Pendleton Invite	Pendleton, 4:30
May 10	Pendleton JVs	There, 4:30
May 15	District	Pendleton
May 21	State	Portland
May 22	State	Portland

MONUMENT NEWS

Mrs. Bud Engle

A panel discussion in regards to volunteer fire department will be held Saturday night at the school cafe. Fire chiefs from different fire departments will attend to help answer questions pertaining to a volunteer department. A potluck supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the public invited. The fire truck which the city recently purchased is in Salem for a paint job.

Mrs. Mike Corley accompanied Mrs. Carl Cox to Walla Walla Monday to bring Mrs. Corley's brother Johnny Cox home from the Veterans Hospital where he has been for two weeks. He is visiting at the Corley home in Hamilton at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nickols spent Saturday at Nampa, ID where they visited his mother.

Miss LaVelle Boyer and Miss Lorie Guerricogottia of LaGrande spent the weekend at the Stanley Boyer home. They spent last week at Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Stanley Boyer spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of her son and family, the Jerry Boyers, in Arlington.

Floyd and Mark Peterman, Mill City, visited last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Katie Hinton, Hamilton. Mrs. Hinton returned home with her grandsons.

Mrs. Robert Cox and children and Mrs. Darrell Farrans spent Tuesday at The Dalles.

Mark and Michael Price, Hermiston spent last week at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dahill. The Dahills took the boys home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis spent the weekend at the home of their daughter and family, the Aaron Harris's in Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jewel

and daughters returned home Saturday after spending several days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavender went to Bend Friday where Mr. Cavender had a medical checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Helms returned to their home in Jefferson Saturday after spending nearly two weeks at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stubblefield spent Friday in Heppner, where Mr. Stubblefield had a dental appointment.

Vera Gardner, John Day is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mattie Stubblefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell returned home Saturday after a week's trip to Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Griffel and family moved to town last week in the house where the Arnold Beamer family lived. The Griffels recently sold the ranch, the former Don Norden place on the river, to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Powell of Cheshire who moved last week. The Powells have three small children. The Griffels plan to move to Halfway when school is out, where they purchased a ranch.

Mrs. Bernard Fitze, Mrs. Mickey Cox, Mrs. Marvin Nickols and Mrs. Bud Engle tied three quilts for the M.M.M. Club at the home of Mrs. Henry Dahill.

Miss Sherri Warren spent last week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Gayle Engle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Engle and children returned home Sunday evening after spending 10 days in Portland, Molalla, Bay City, Waldport and Corvallis.

Mrs. Wanda Taylor recently left for Reno, NV to be with her father, Fred Miller.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ruboun Patzer returned home Wednesday after spending three days at the home of Mrs. Patzer's mother at Mosier. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright, Heppner, spent Sunday at the Patzer home.

Mrs. Carl Cox and Allen spent Saturday in Walla Walla and enroute home they stayed all night at Dale.

Gwen Geil, Weston, is visiting at the Grace Rice home. The women visited Sunday at the Bud Engle home.

The M.M.M. Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ruben Patzer with 7 members present. Absent were Doris Tippet, Loiselle Dahill and Flo Fitch. Members approved to donate \$150 for the fund toward obtaining two more TV channels. Refreshments were served and the rest of the afternoon was spent playing bingo. The next meeting will be April 15, at the home of Mrs. Bud Engle.

Mrs. Jack Cavender, Mrs. Paul Jewel, Mrs. Bill Gienger, Mrs. Bob Cox, Mrs. Bob Cockerel, Mrs. Phil Murphy and Mrs. Gary Engle attended the Home Extension Achievement Day at Long Creek, Thursday.

Fifty-nine persons attended the potluck dinner at the Grange Hall in honor of Mae McWillis' 86th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gienger and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gienger, Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gienger and Mrs. Sophie Leasy, Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Lilburn Hunt and children, Halsey; Mrs. Will Martin and Leslie; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spivey and Heather, John Day, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Leasy, Fox; Mrs. Lester Gienger and infant son, Fossil; Brenda and Joanie Gienger, John Day; Mrs. Janet Lewis, Pendleton; Mrs. Rick Benson and son, Kinzua; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gienger and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gienger and children; Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Engle and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nichols; Gene Hunt, Long Creek; Mrs. Reeta Hinton, Grace Rice, Mrs. Freda Tubbs and Ricky and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Engle attended.

A large crowd attended the dance at the Cottonwood School house Saturday night. The music was furnished by Gene Vaughan, Fox and Dallas McDaniels.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schiek recently returned from

The Spring Cotillion

April 3, 1976

Ione American Legion Hall

Dancing to
Rod Esselstyn
9:30-1:30 a.m.

Admission:
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