

Second graders tour emergency vehicles



Emergency medical personnel (L-R) Carl Lauritsen, Rusty Estes, Mike Berry, Greg Sanders and Elmer Dodge.

Heppner Elementary second graders were treated to a tour of emergency vehicles Oct. 18 at the Lexington Airport.

Rusty Estes and Carl Lauritsen demonstrated the Pioneer Memorial Ambulance, Sheriff Roy Drago and Terri Denton, the Morrow County Sheriff's patrol car, Glen Anderson the Lexington fire truck and Greg Sanders, EMT-P, Elmer Dodge, EMT III and Mike Berry, pilot of Blue Mountain Aeromedical demonstrated the Cessna 421 air ambulance planes.

Blue Mt. Aeromedical, a LaGrande company providing air ambulance service to Heppner announced the dedication of a new fixed-wing air ambulance to their

fleet of aircraft. The new plane is a dual-engine Cessna 421 with a pressurized cabin that has been completely retrofitted for air ambulance operations. It has a cruising speed of 220 mph and has been outfitted with a communications system enabling the crew to have phone patch capability as well as two-way communication with ground ambulances or hospitals via the HEAR System. This plan allows Blue Mt. Aeromedical to land on the smaller rural airstrips but affords the larger cabin space and flight speed to meet time constraints for optimum patient outcome.

The flight services division of Grande Ronde Hospital (now known as Blue Mountain Aeromedical) has been providing air ambulance

transport of the critically ill and injured since 1979. The experienced crew consists of advanced life support personnel, critical care nurses or respiratory therapists as the need or request dictates. The flight team is ACLS and PHTLS trained and certified. In addition, they have received extensive training in flight physiology and assume duties in the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Room when not on flights.

Pioneer Administrator Ernest Wick stresses that Lexington and lone "First Responders" emergency treatment team is functioning. The volunteer "First Responders" are first aid and EMT trained. "We encourage the use of 911 for the fact that the response would be faster," said Wick.

Ione Garden Club meets

Ione Garden Club celebrated its 40th anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Ione United Church.

Helen Martin presented statistics about the forty years of the club. The club was organized October, 1949, at the Masonic Hall by the Blue Mountain District Director, Mrs. Harry (Veda) Andrews of the Echo-Hermiston area. The main object of the club was civic beautification, especially Woolery Park which was established in the 1890s.

Over the years there have been 107 different members. Charter members were Mrs. W.H. Wentworth, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs. E.W. Bristow, Mrs. Walter Dobyns, Mrs. Robert Seaton, Mrs. Gordon White, Mrs. Echo Palmateer, Mrs. Gordon Fletcher, Mrs. Gottfried Hermann, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom and Mrs. Fred Nicholson. Mrs. Nicholson, the longest active charter member, was honored during the anniversary celebration.

Projects of the club included conducting public flower shows for nineteen consecutive years; Christmas shows and displays; Twelfth Night burning of the Christmas trees each year on Jan. 6,

since 1954; promoting junior activities such as flower shows, sunflower growing contests, poster and essay contests and anti-litter campaigns; planting of trees along all the city streets in 1962-64; conducting an annual spring plant sale; visiting and entertaining patients at the nursing home; preparing booths for the county fair and participating in the flower show and vegetable divisions; preparing a display and flower arrangements to celebrate Oregon Garden Week in June; honoring winners of the "Yard of the Month"; making corsages and designs for community occasions and many other activities.

Special guest for the day was Mrs. Henry Grogan, Blue Mountain District #10 Director of Milton-Freewater. Other guests were Marjorie Hahn and Anna Hall of Umatilla; former members Wilma Martin of Condon, Mrs. Iva Bishop of Echo and Elsie (Huston) Elliott of Eugene.

Other former members sending greetings included Esther Anderson of Dallas, Doris and Ed Cutting of Milwaukie, Nadine Johnson of Salem, Jeanie Beeson of Kanorado,

Kansas and Elsie Jones of Athena. Former members from Ione who attended were Margaret Akers, Birdine Tullis, Katherine Lindstrom and Dianna Hams.

Special music was presented by the Rev. Caroline Zaworski on the flute who gave a medley of songs relating to gardens.

Slides of the many activities of the forty years of the club were shown by Helen Martin from her collection and from the collection of Vida Heliker.

Club members acting as hostesses were Leila Palmer, Joyce Buchanan, Lorraine Ladd, Delpha Jones, Helen Martin, Phyllis Anderson, Caroline Zaworski, Loree Hubbard and president Jean Nelson. Members not present were Delta Huber and Pat Pettijohn who were out of town and Virginia Peck who was ill.

Following the program coffee and punch was served with a beautifully decorated cake. Delpha Jones served the coffee, Helen Martin cut the cake, and Jean Nelson served the punch.

Fall leaves, air crisp



Autumn is definitely here as Heppner kids, Cameron Sweeney, Frankie Ledford and Annie Clark play in fallen leaves and temperatures dipped to a crisp 28 degrees Saturday night. Low temperatures were 31 degrees on Sunday and 32 on Monday. High temperatures plummeted from 76 degrees on Oct. 10 to 56 on Oct. 15.

Steagall's have visitor

Recent guests of George and Anna Mae Steagall was Ernie Allen, who flew in from Chicago for a visit. This was Ernie's first visit to the Northwest and he had never watched a rodeo. The Steagall's treated him to Wednesday's Round-Up, barbecue and Happy Canyon.

On Thursday, they drove to Wenatchee, WA for the annual reunion of the 371st Army Engineer Battalion of W.W. II who served in Europe.

While in Wenatchee the reunion group chartered a bus tour to Levanworth Bavarian Village, which was beautiful with thousands of blooming flowers throughout. They continued their tour to Rocky Reach Dam to view the Indian artifacts museum and fish ladder with viewing windows where large salmon and steelhead and other fish swim by.

The tour then visited the apple factory (packing) and the appet-cotlet factory with lots of delicious samples.

Sunday morning the group went to Wenatchee Golf and Country Club for a buffet brunch before departing. There were three members of the reunion from the northwest, one in Wenatchee, one in San Francisco and the Steagalls from Oregon.

The following week, the Steagall's were surprised by a visit from Frank and Nancy Spahn from Hartford, Wis. who drove to Wenatchee for the army reunion. Since this was their first visit to the northwest, they decided to tour Oregon while here.

The Spahn's and Mr. Allen were both impressed with the rolling hills but was surprised to find no trees locally as they know eastern Oregon is noted for their lumber mills and logging. The Steagall's drove each party up Willow Creek into Ukiah to show them the beautiful forest. They were very impressed but surprised to see the waste left behind by clearcutting. They said Wisconsin laws would demand that every limb would be removed, so they allow people to go into the area and take the down trees and limbs for firewood.

Each year, the army reunions are hosted by different members which takes the group to different states and cities.

This year was the eleventh reunion and the Steagall's have attended nine of them: Chicago; Milwaukie, Wis.; Dixon, Mo.; Sherman, Tx; Madison, Wis; San Francisco, Ca.; Detroit, Mi; Nashville, Tn; Wenatchee, Wa. Next year it will be held in Marietta, Ohio and 1991 in Madison Wis.

These reunions have been exciting experiences for the Steagalls as they

have visited several National tourist attractions, such as the Henry Ford Museum, the home place Estate of Pres. Eisenhower. They have made the trip through the tunnel under the

Detroit River into Canada, attended Chicago Cubs baseball game at Wriggley Field, the Grand Ole Opry, Riverboat Cruise.

Highlight of the trips back east is the side trip the Steagall's take to Tulsa, Ok. to visit their daughter, Vicki before they return home.

Chaffee hired in G-T graphics department

Gail Chaffee, Boardman, has been hired in the graphics department of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Chaffee, who began working for the G-T Sept. 9, is originally from Michigan. She and her husband, Don, a Chief Petty Officer with the Navy at the Bombing Range, returned from duty in Japan in April. "We haven't lived in the States in five

years," said Chaffee. "It's good to be back." Chaffee and her husband have a 19-year-old daughter, Dana, who is a sophomore at the University of Washington at Seattle, and a seven-year-old daughter, Megan, who is a second-grader at Sam Boardman Elementary.

Chaffee attended Ferris State College in Michigan, majoring in education, and studied computer information systems at Ventura Community College at Ventura, Ca.



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