

Local history A period when no football was played

(This is part one of a two part
letter.)

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guest feature

I now have my ducks nailed
down concerning the boy who
was killed in the football game.

This all started one day when
I was talkin' to Ralph Jensen
here in Castle Dale- you know
how it is when two old farmers
start talkin' about the old days.

One thing led to another and
we came to football. Well, Ralph
told me he was on the team for
Central High School. George
Judah was the coach, and he
was grooming Ralph to be the
quarterback the next year. But
that was the year football was
banned in the Emery County
School District, and Ralph and
his teammates didn't get to
play their senior year. The
school board put the kibosh to
er on account of the boy that
was killed in a game over to
Ferron. (Keep in mind that at
this time, there were three high

schoools, Huntington, Ferron
and Central.) Ralph couldn't
remember the details of the
death, so that set me off onto a
campaign to find out the facts
of the matter.

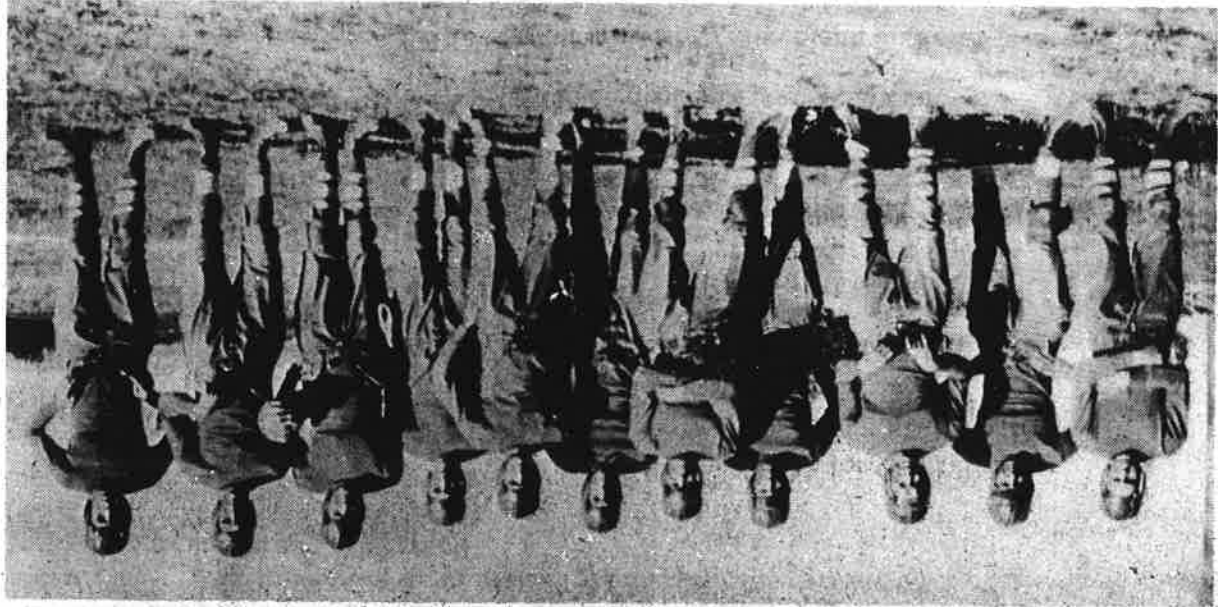
Ralph thought maybe
Newell and Ione Kofford could
shed some light on the matter
so I gave them a call. Newell
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Ephraim and Sarah Jane
Hancock Henrie. Reva, now 85,
is the last one of that family
still living. I hit the jackpot
because Reva had the newspa-
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accident. Following is the ar-
ticle, verbatim:

I got a hold of Dennis Nelson.
but nothing materialized until
I got a hold of Dennis Nelson.

He said it was his uncle, Orvel
Henrie, but if I wanted to get to
the heart of the story to call his
Aunt Reva Hunter.
A few days later I went over
and had a nice visit with Reva,
and sure enough, I got to the
real story. It was her brother
who was killed. Orvel was the
youngest of 10 children born to
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1930
CASTLE DALE, UTAH

Orville Henrie is pictured here with teammates
from his glory days at South Emery High School.
Emery. Photos courtesy Reva Hunter.
Henrie died playing the sport he loved in October.



One dead, Others injured in
EMERY COUNTY
SCHOOLS MAY DISCON-
TINUE GAME

Orville Henrie, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Eph. Henrie of Fer-
ron, is dead. Drexel Killpack,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse
Killpack of Ferron has a bro-
ken leg, Grover Moffitt, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moffitt
of Castle Dale has three bro-
ken ribs, and two or three oth-
ers received minor injuries in
football over the past week-
end, in Emery County, which
may cause the game to be elimi-
nated from the schools of the

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county.

According to statements,

Henrie received a terrific knock

on the head, just after the half,

during the Ferron-Huntington

game last Friday, at Ferron,

causing him so much pain that

he was ordered from the field

by Coach Dahle and was sub-

stituted by Killpack. Henrie

walked to the side lines, after

which he fainted and was taken

home. He lived only a few

hours.

Funeral services were held

Monday in Ferron and athletes

from over the county attended.

His substitute, Killpack, was

in the game only a short time

when he was removed with a

broken leg.

Moffitt received his broken

ribs in the Central-Vernal

game, at Vernal, the same day.

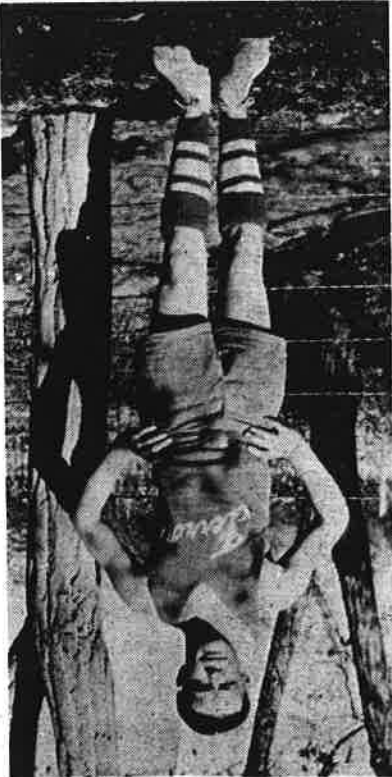
Henrie was the outstanding

athlete of the county, having

won the highest honors on the



Orville Henrie



field last spring, on high school day in Castle Dale, and made a name for himself in the state events immediately following, and the loss of him will be felt for some time to come.

He was well liked throughout the county and the Progress

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A member of the Ferron hoop joins his many friends and relatives in mourning his untimely departure.

These accidents are creating considerable talk of dis-continuing the game in the school, especially in Ferron, where another one of their young men lost his life in the same way some two years ago.

(End of Article)
Reva also gave me a copy of the "Tribute to Orvel," which was written at the time by Lorie Miner Beach, one of his teachers. It is excellent. The tribute follows:

He was to each member of the class a friend and a pal at all times. During his school life he has always been found most faithful, loyal, and true, even to the end he proved that his life meant nothing to him compared with the winning of the game. This truth brings home a lesson to each of us as a member of his class—That we, to be true to his example, need to forget self and play the game of life to the winning end.

Orvel shall indeed be greatly missed by us, his classmates. Our friend and pal has left

us
To dwell in another land,
We'll miss his cheerful coun-

tenance
And the friendly clasp of his hand.

He was the pride of all our seniors,
The captain of his team;
No other one can take his place

Of honor and high esteem.
He was clean in all his habits
And a worker in every way,
His goal was always upward,
From right he never would stray.

His life stands as a monument
Of courage and work well done,
It stands as a worthy example
To follow for everyone.

His mission on earth is ended
He'll work in another sphere
But the memory of his noble-

ness,
Will always live with us here.

In my library search I found
a copy of Orvel's obituary and
details of the funeral. It fol-

lows:
Funeral services were held
Monday for Orville Henrie who
died at 1 a.m. Saturday follow-

ing an injury received from
playing football Friday after-

noon. It is reported that he
died of Hemorrhage of the
brain. He was 18 years of age,
and a senior in the high school.

His classmates, Harold Cook,
Dee Christensen, Orson Duncan,
Stringham, Orson Duncan,
Neal Wilcox and Durward
Olsen, acted as pall bearers.
One hundred seventy students
of the high school marched be-

hind the casket, from the home
to the church, some being from
C.H.S., and H.S., as well as
local students, including the
football teams from both
schools. The faculties of these
schools were also in atten-

dance. Following is the pro-
gram: