

MUSIC FESTIVAL HEADS MAY FETE

County Schools Slate Big Day Here May 1; Many Pupils to Take Part.

SPELLERS WILL VIE

Combined Bands, Chorus Big Attraction; Track Meet Set; Entertainment Arranged.

May Day, Friday, May 1, will be a red letter day for Heppner when most of the school children and teachers in the county assemble here for the annual spelling contest, track meet and music festival. Special emphasis is being placed on the music fete, to be presented free of charge in the evening. Mrs. E. F. Bloom is directing the event, and has personally visited all schools participating, and had one practice with each.

All schools of the county but one will take part, and the high schools especially are evidencing much interest, announces Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. Included on the program will be chorus numbers by combined choruses from all schools. The grade schools are split into three sections, primary, intermediate and upper, and from the high school will be combined boys', combined girls' and mixed choruses. A grand finale chorus will be the combined grade and high school choruses.

Another big attraction will be the combined playing of the Heppner and Irigoin school bands with a total of 90 pieces, with Star Atkin, Irigoin director, and Harold W. Buhman, Heppner director, alternating in the direction. Special numbers will include folk dancing from the Boardman grade school, tap dancing from Lexington school, rhythm band and fairy dance from the Heppner school.

Chorus numbers include "Marching Star," Yosan, "Piggie Wig and Piggie Wee," by primary division; "Sea Song from the Shore," "Which Is the Way to Somewhere Town," "Lady Bird," by intermediates; "The Nightingale," "Dawn at Carmel," "Music in the Air," upper grades; "The Weaver," "Happy Song," "The Old Refrain," high school girls; "Ragged Vagabond," "The Heart of You," high school boys; "The Owl and the Pussy Cat," "The Brownies," "Thanks be to God," high school mixed chorus; "Home on the Range," "Oregon, My Oregon," combined high school and grade choruses.

The band numbers will be "Japanese Sunset," "Harmony King," and a selected march. The bands will appear between the grade and high school divisions of the program.

Committees of teachers have been appointed to see that the children are in their places at the proper time, and to take care of the ushering. Teachers with usher badges will have authority to preserve quiet throughout.

The day's activities will begin with ensemble band rehearsal from 9 to 10 a. m. High school choruses will rehearse from 10 to 11, and the grade choruses from 11 to 12.

Beginning at 9 in the morning all will be the spelling contest, with the lower division assembling in Miss Doherty's room, and the upper division in Mr. Buhman's room on the lower floor of the school. The Lions and Phelps cups will be awarded respectively to schools winning the upper and lower divisions, and third place winners. Both cups are now held by Lexington. Each must be won three times by one school for permanent possession.

For the luncheon hour, children are requested to bring their own lunches to the school where hot chocolate will be served. For the dinner hour Mrs. Tenney has arranged a special 25-cent dinner at Hotel Heppner for the school children. A special entertainment feature of the afternoon following the track meet will be the matinee showing of "Gentle Julia," popular Footh Tarkington play, at the Star theater.

ACTION NOT EXPECTED.

The Pettlingill bill which would knock out the long and short haul clause for railroad transportation will not come before this session of congress, according to telegraphic word received this week by Bert Johnson, transportation committee chairman for the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, from Senator McNary. The league committee requested congressmen from this district to ask for a roll call vote in case the bill came up, so that home folk might know how each voted. Mr. Johnson was in the city yesterday.

PRESIDENT TO BE GUEST.

Mrs. Ira Staggs of Keating, president Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary, will be guest of honor at the local auxiliary meeting, Friday, May 1. Luncheon is slated at 12:30 sharp at the Lucas Place, and it is requested that members make guests by 10 o'clock that morning. Reservations should be phoned to either Mrs. Glenn Jones or Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson.

LOCALS TROUNCE INDIANS, 10 TO 3

Blankenship Holds Down Mound Nicely; Turner, Massey Swing Heavy Bats for Leaguers.

Coach Alden Blankenship of the high school turned in a nice pitching performance for Heppner's Wheatland leaguers at Rodeo field Sunday afternoon, when the locals trimmed the Umatilla Indians, 10-3, in their only appearance before the opener next Sunday. Blankenship allowed but one hit in each inning except the second, when he gave two unresilient bingles. The Indians scored twice in the third on a hot drive into center field that took a bad hop and hit Al Massey, its protector, in the face. Their other run came in the sixth on a home run by Cy Webb.

The locals scored in each inning except the second and fourth, hitting both M. Webb and Cy Webb freely. Lowell Turner, who hit safely in three out of five trips to bat, poled out a double and a triple for the longest hits by the locals. Al Massey singled thrice in five trips. Some nice fielding plays were turned in, with Gordon Bucknum looking especially good on a hard chance at short which he handled in professional style. John Miller and Jackson umpired.

Box score and summary:

Heppner	AB	R	H
McRoberts, 3	4	3	2
Bucknum, 4	1	2	
R. Massey, r	5	1	1
A. Massey, m	5	2	3
Thomson, l	4	2	3
Turner, 1	5	1	3
Farley, 2	3	0	0
Akers, c	3	0	0
Blankenship, p	4	0	0
Totals	37	10	12

Indians	AB	R	H
Hadger, c	4	1	1
Bettles, m	4	0	0
M. Webb, r	4	0	2
Makay, s	4	0	1
Wahsie, l	4	0	2
Cy Webb, p	4	1	2
James, 3	3	0	0
Shenpelt, 2	4	0	0
Hodgson, 1	4	1	1
Hodgson, 1	1	0	1
Hodgson, 1	1	0	1
Dempsey, 1	1	0	0
Totals	37	3	10

Home run, Cy Webb; three base hit, Turner; two base hit, Turner; struck out by Blankenship, 10, by Cy Webb 5, by M. Webb 7. Umpires Miller and Jackson.

Morrow Farmers Make Large Interest Saving

Refinancing debts through the Farm Credit administration has saved Morrow county farmers more than \$12,000 a year on interest alone, according to figures from the central office of the Farm Credit administration in Washington.

Over \$508,000 of farm debts with interest rates that averaged 6.7 per cent a year have been refinanced with long-term mortgage loans carrying interest rates of 5 per cent a year or less.

The figures show that the local National Farm Loan association has been a big factor in making these long-term mortgages available at low interest rates. The association guarantees loans to the Federal land bank.

From May 1933, when the Farm Credit administration was organized, to the end of last year, 80 Morrow county farmers obtained \$441,000 for the specific purpose of refinancing old debts.

The Federal Land bank made 51 first mortgage loans and the Land Bank Commission 67 loans. Many of the Commissioner's loans were made on second mortgage security to farmers who also obtained first mortgage loans. Most land bank loans are endorsed by associations and advanced from funds obtained by selling farm loan bonds. The Commissioner lends from funds provided by the Federal government.

Legion Post Entertains Dist. Commander Todd

Accompanied by four members of his post, Jas. D. Todd of Hermiston, district commander for the 6th district, American Legion, attended the regular meeting of Heppner post Monday evening. A large number of local post members turned out to greet the visitors. During the course of the evening Commander Todd enlightened the group regarding recent developments in the organization, stressing particularly the joint meeting of the 6th and 7th districts to be held in La Grande April 30. At this meeting Oscar W. Worthwine of Boise, Idaho, national vice-commander, will be the principal speaker, and the program calls for conference meetings in the afternoon, a banquet at the Saca Jawa Inn, and a large evening meeting. Geo. L. Koehn, state department commander, will be present, as will be other department officials of the Legion and auxiliary. Following Monday evening's meeting, refreshments were served, with C. J. D. Bauman and E. L. Cox presiding as cooks.

O. E. S. TO MEET.

Regular meeting of Ruth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at Masonic hall tomorrow (Friday) evening.

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COMMUNITY FETES BAND AT BANQUET

E. L. Morton, Chairman Mayor's Committee Is Toastmaster.

LAUDATION GIVEN

Mahoney Speaks for Mayor; Buhman, Bloom, Crawford Talk; Musical Numbers Enjoyed.

One hundred sixty plates were laid for members, director and friends of the Heppner school band at the Christian church basement last Thursday evening in celebration of the band's victory at Corvallis when it won first place in the class D division of the state contest the week end previous. Arrangements were in charge of Mayor or Jeff Jones' committee, E. L. Morton, chairman; R. C. Phelps, D. A. Wilson, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers and Mrs. Earl W. Gordon, and ladies of the church prepared and served the meal.

Mr. Morton as toastmaster directed the program after voicing the community's appreciation of the band's good work. He introduced P. W. Mahoney, who represented Mayor Jones and the city government, in further lauding the achievement. Harold W. Buhman, director, modestly gave the members the large share of credit, commending the excellent cooperation received both from members and parents, and adding special thanks to the community for generous financial support which made attendance at the contest possible.

Speaking for the parents, and as an accompanying band to Corvallis, Spencer Crawford added commendation for Mr. Buhman's work, reflected among other ways by the fine discipline displayed by the band members on the trip. With one exception, when a group stayed in the swimming tank over the boys and girls were entirely above reproach in their conduct, he said. Edward F. Bloom, superintendent, voiced the elation of the school and faculty over the victory.

Entertainment features included an appropriate reading by Mrs. Paul M. Gemmill, accordion solo by Boyd Redding, piano solo by Mrs. Virginia Amorelli, and a trio number by Mrs. Crockett Sprouls, Mrs. John Turner and Mrs. Hubert Gally with Mrs. Amorelli accompanying. The trio number was a parody composed by Mrs. Amorelli giving special recognition for the occasion.

Gala League Opener Planned for Sunday

Plans are set for a gala opening of the Wheatland league season here Sunday when Ione comes to cross bats with the locals. A pep concert by the school band will be staged on Main street Saturday afternoon when tickets for the game will be on sale, and the band will also play at the game. A feature will be the giving away of a new Chevrolet car.

Tentative local line-up for the opening is given by Fred Hoskins, playing manager, as follows: Alden Blankenship, pitcher; Kenneth Akers, catcher; Lowell Turner, first base; James Farley or William Rodman, second base; Gordon Bucknum, short stop; Rod Thomson, left field; Al Massey, center field; Ray Massey, right field.

Heppner Has Its Own Cat and Chicken Pals

Instance of a warm friendship between a cat and a chicken was thought unusual enough recently to make Ripley's "Believe It or Not" feature in the daily press. Cats and chickens, certainly, are not usually amicable companions and the neighborhood tom cat is often blessed when a distressed housewife discovers the eggs scrambled in the hen's nest.

Ripley's report, however, was not an entirely unique instance. Heppner has its own pals of this sort, as reported by none other than the editor's wife. She espied a cat and a chicken chumming around together in a neighbor's chicken lot the other day. They playfully attacked each other, and the one would chase the other for a time, all in friendliest mien. Then they would walk around side by side. The only time any trouble was apparent was when the cat would attempt to pick up some of the chicken's food, on which occasion the feathered companion would vent displeasure in no understandable manner.

Several local Endeavorers drove to Eugene today to attend the annual State C. E. convention, which opens tonight and continues thru Sunday. The opening address will be given by Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter of the state system of higher education. Those making the trip are Irene Beamer, Marie Barlow, Kathryn Parker, William Lee McCaleb, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kleinfeldt.

Mrs. Mattie Adkins returned home Tuesday from Wallace, Idaho, where she spent the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elder.

When Spring Run-Off Began on Ditch Creek



Above—Mack Smith, kneedeep in the newly bulldozed ditch which this week brought the flow of Ditch creek into Willow creek, augmenting the latter creek's flow to provide irrigation water for lower creek farmers.

Below—George Peck, county commissioner, on the trail taken to Ditch creek last Thursday by the investigating party. There's still snow in them thar hills.

DURAN LAND SELLS FOR \$18 PER ACRE

Jos. T. Peters, Portland Financier, Makes Cash Deal for 880 Acres in Blackhorse.

Transfer of 880 acres of Morrow county farm land this week at \$18 an acre, cash, was recorded when Jos. T. Peters, Portland financier, purchased holdings of Mose and William Duran in Blackhorse. Both the Mose Duran place of 720 acres and the Wm. Duran place of 160 acres moved at the \$18 cash price. The newly acquired land will be farmed by H. L. Duvall, the deal being reported by Mrs. Duvall when in the city yesterday. Duvall will operate it in connection with adjacent land which he is already farming.

Peters is a large holder of Morrow county lands, having recently purchased other farming land in the Ione and Lexington districts as an investment. In addition to the farm land, he recently purchased the business property of the Fannie O. Rood estate at the corner of Main and Willow streets in this city, on which he expects to start building operations May 1.

LOCAL NIMROLS GAIN.

With a perfect three-man score of 75, Heppner won four and tied two of its matches in Sunday's round of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament, putting it in fifth or sixth place among the teams competing. Individual scores for the day included L. Van Marter 25, Earl Warner 25, Dr. A. D. McMurdy 25, Dr. J. H. McCrady 24, Phil Mahoney 24, Luke Bibby 23, Lester Doolittle 23, Chas. Vaughn 23, Rod Thomson 21, Ambrose Chapin 21, Judge Carmichael 21.

Miss Teresa Breslin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Breslin, is reported as doing nicely after undergoing an operation in a Portland hospital last week.

2 1/2 Million Gallons Daily Added to Willow Creek

By JOSEPH BELANGER
Two and one-half million gallons of water per day are pouring into Willow creek for Morrow county farmers that would formerly have gone down Ditch creek into the North Fork of the John Day as a result of the newly bulldozed ditch. This measurement was taken yesterday by Earl Fulkerson, soil conservation service engineer.

The Ditch creek diversion canal is the realization of the twenty-year-old dream of Oscar Minor, who died before its fulfillment. Visioning the possibilities of pouring the waters of Ditch creek into the Willow creek watershed, Mr. Minor plowed a small ditch 4800 feet long which did carry a small stream of water. Later the city of Heppner laid an eight-inch pipe along the course of this old furrow to replace the water taken out of Willow creek for city use.

In the spring of 1935 the ranchers along the creek were again faced with a severe water shortage. Many creek ranchers were forced to haul

HOSKINS VIEWS GOOD PROSPECT

Lions Told Baseball Boys to Go Strong; Support for Team Asked.

DONKEY GAMES SET

To Appear June 2-3; Morton Reports Banquet; Will H. Dutton of Portland is Guest.

About this time every year the baseball fever begins to rise, emphasized Fred Hoskins, playing manager and coach of the town team, in an appeal for support of the community, made before the Monday Lions luncheon. Hoskins announced the prospect of a good ball club in Heppner this year, one that should be in the running strong when the season ends. He hoped that purchase of tickets for the opening game with Ione Sunday would provide sufficient funds to see the team comfortably through the season.

The club gave the manager its good will, and announced dates here June 2-3, arrangements for which were made by the club with proceeds to be given the baseball team.

Introduced to the club by M. L. Case was John Franzen, who Mr. Case announced, would take over active management of the Case business enterprises along with Gustaf Nikander. Mr. Case announced that Mrs. Case's health was such as to necessitate spending much time in another climate, and that he was retiring from active management of the business, though he expected a considerable part of his time would be spent here. He voiced appreciation of the many friendships made in his long business career here, and bespoke a bright future for the young men succeeding to the management. Mr. Franzen expressed appreciation of the opportunity afforded, and asked the good will of the community toward the new management.

Will H. Dutton, another guest, brought greetings to the club as a resident of the city in by-gone days, and amused with a story. He accompanied John Wightman, at whose home he is a guest. Recalled were the days when Garfield Crawford, Percy Garrigues, Heppner Blackman and Mr. Dutton, along with some others still residing here were young men about town.

Estes L. Morton, chairman of the band benefit banquet, gave a financial report on the event, which showed receipts of \$71.65, and expenses: 160 plates at 40c, \$64; flowers, \$150; tickets, \$150; paper dollars, 20c; a total of \$67.20, leaving a balance of \$4.45. He extended thanks for the cooperation received by the committee.

An entertainment feature on the program was a trombone solo by Norton King, accompanied by Mrs. J. V. Crawford.

2160 Voters Eligible To Ballot at Primary

At the close of registration books in the clerk's office last week, an increase of 49 registrations had been recorded over the number that had been listed for the last primary election in 1934. The total number of voters eligible to participate in the May 15 primary is 2160.

Republicans lead the democrats almost three to one, totalling 1502 against 589 for the democrats. Other registration includes 2 progressives, 6 prohibitionists, 15 socialists and 28 all others. Copy for the ballots was placed in the hands of the printer yesterday by Clerk Barlow.

Nat Kimball, salesman for Federal Land bank, was in the city this morning from Pendleton.

W. H. French was in the city yesterday from his Blue Mountain farm south of Hardman.

MEETINGS ON FOR NEW FARM SET-UP

Lexington and North Heppner Committees Named; Jackman Explains New Control Act.

The first community meeting for discussion of the soil conservation and domestic allotment plan was held at the Lexington grange hall last night. E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in crops, explained the workings of the new program. Inevitably, with a program so wide in scope many details will require clarification. Enough information is available, however, so that each man may get a fairly clear picture of what the program aims to accomplish and how he can take advantage of the act on his own farm. Even though we still lack definite information on several essential points, the program is probably more complete at this time than was the old AAA set-up at the time the original applications were signed. Even though conditions may be such that it is impractical for a man to participate in the program for 1936, it is still important that each farmer understand just what the program is.

At last night's meeting the North Heppner and Lexington districts elected their community committees. For North Heppner, E. H. Miller, Lexington, was elected chairman with Harry Turner as vice-chairman. Sam Turner was elected the third committeeman, with F. S. Parker, Heppner, as alternate.

For Lexington, George N. Peck was elected chairman, with L. A. Palmer, vice-chairman. Orville Cutsforth was the third committeeman, with Harvey Bauman alternate.

The next community meeting will be held this evening at Ione with the Ione and Morgan districts meeting jointly. On Friday night at 7:30 the South Heppner and Hardman districts will meet at the Rhea Creek grange hall. On Monday, April 27, at 7:30 the Eightmile district will meet at the Eightmile school house. On Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 the Alpine district will meet at the Alpine school house.

On Wednesday, April 29, at 2:00 p. m., Boardman will meet at the Boardman grange hall, and at 7:30 the same day Irigoin will meet at the Irigoin high school.

The same districts into which the county was divided for the old AAA program will be maintained under the new set-up except that Boardman and Irigoin will be added as separate districts.

District Librarians Coming Here April 29

Heppner will be host Wednesday, April 29, to the district library conference comprising Arlington, Condon, Fossil, Grass Valley, Ione, Moro, The Dalles and Heppner librarians. Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian, is on the staff of instructors for the event which starts at 9:30 in the morning. All persons interested in library work are invited to attend.

At 9:30 sharp will be held a two-minute roll call, to which each librarian will respond by telling the outstanding achievement of the year. The librarian will then introduce the members of the library board who have accompanied her. Other numbers on the morning program will be "John Citizen Looks at the Public Library," Spencer Crawford, of the Gazette Times; "The Library Looks to the Future," Miss J. Elizabeth Olson, librarian, Umatilla county library, Pendleton, and question box.

Luncheon will be served at Hotel Heppner at 12:15, with Chester A. Fee of Pendleton as speaker. Mr. Fee's book on Chief Joseph will be published in the spring. At 2 o'clock "Reading for the Teen Age" will be discussed by Miss Jean Sim, Wasco county library. The Dalles, to be followed by "Recent Books for Public Libraries" by Miss Long, the state librarian. Adjournment is set for 4 o'clock sharp.

QUICK ACTION SHOWN.

The city fire department responded quickly to the alarm Tuesday morning when someone inadvertently dropped a match into the waste gasoline at John Skuzeski's cleaning establishment. Luckily the flames were extinguished before the building caught, and no damage was done. John Keyes and a few others were on the job with shovels before the fire department arrived, and are also entitled to credit for allaying the flames next to the building.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent and vice-president Oregon State Teachers' association, was in Portland Saturday to attend an executive committee meeting of the association. Plans were discussed for the annual meeting to be held in the Christmas holidays, and reports were heard on the American Education association convention to be held in Portland June 28-July 3.

E. R. Jackman, extension specialist from Oregon State college, arrived in the city yesterday to assist in staging the series of organization meetings under the new soil conservation crop adjustment act, being held this week end. First of the meetings was held at Lexington last night.

George Schwartz was up from Portland yesterday looking after local business interests.

NW FARM LEADERS ASK SURPLUS AID

Spokane Meeting Seeks Action from Wallace on Wheat Supply.

PRICE DROP SEEN

Decline to World Level Cited by Secretary; Growers Want Sound Export Policy.

Taking exception to a recently published statement of Secretary Wallace that northwest wheat prices "slide as smoothly as possible" to a world basis, to which he said they are destined, leaders of northwest farm organizations meeting in Spokane Tuesday asked Mr. Wallace if something cannot be done about this section's exportable surplus.

Harvey Miller, president Eastern Oregon Wheat league, was among those in attendance. He returned home that night. Other organizations represented were North Pacific Grain Growers, Farmers Educational Cooperative Union of Washington and Idaho, and Washington State grange.

Government statistics show a large exportable wheat surplus imminent in the United States this year, in the face of which the group cited Mr. Wallace as being quoted "Considering the present relative strength of the world wheat market, it is to be expected that Pacific Northwest wheat prices will trend toward an export level during 1936-37. It is important therefore, that this transition from the domestic basis of the last few years be made as smoothly as possible, and it is believed this program may facilitate such transition." The program referred to is the new soil conservation act for production control.

Addressing themselves to Mr. Wallace, the group said: "Being representative of all of the wheat growers of the Pacific Northwest states, we are concerned as to the implication contained in the statement that you are reported to have made. The wheat growers are naturally alarmed as to the inescapable results of such transition."

"All other principal wheat exporting countries provide, by government regulation, large measures of protection for the producer, and American agriculture would be forced to compete because of such measures at price disadvantage, to say nothing of its higher labor and other costs of production. If American agriculture by such transition is compelled to sell on what is commonly referred to as a 'world market,' the farmer will be subject to conditions far more serious than those faced by the growers in competing countries, which will greatly lessen his purchasing power, lower his living standards and materially retard national economic recovery.

Forcing uncontrolled exportation of the American wheat surplus into world market channels, through numerous export agencies, would as invariably has been the case, result in further depression of the price level in both foreign and domestic markets.

"Therefore, as we approach the problem of American wheat exports, consideration must be given a plan that will assure distribution of our wheat exports in such manner as to give the maximum support to the world market and have a stabilizing influence on the domestic price level, resulting in a fair profit to the American producer."

"All agricultural legislation since the enactment of the Agricultural Marketing act has been designed to reflect profitable prices for the commodities raised by the American farmer. Moreover, the wheat producers have cooperated to the fullest degree in making effective the purpose of each and every legislative act. The large majority are no less determined in their support of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment act.

"The wisdom of the conservation of American soil is fully approved by the wheat producers of the Pacific Northwest. However, they are unable to see in its application any possibility of price support on a level that will reflect a reasonable remuneration unless the wheat surplus is controlled and marketed through measures that will materially advance and support the American price level considerably above the present indicated world level, all of which is provided for under the Soil Conservation act. The various agricultural acts passed by Congress empower the Department of Agriculture to improve the prices of farm commodities and we believe such legislation to be economically sound. The administration, under its policy of reciprocal trade agreements, and its desire to promote foreign commerce, must realize the imperative necessity of orderly removal of normal surpluses of wheat from the Pacific Northwest area, which is an event crop production section. It produces a valuable export variety of wheat and its removal into export channels, under favorable conditions to the farmer, comes within the intent of the law. Such removal is as necessary in the protection of the price structure.

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