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## 26 Graders Given Diplomas; 25 H. S. Grads to Make Bow

### Commencement Rites Tomorrow Mark School End

With both grade and high schools enjoying picnics today and tomorrow, eighth grade graduation last night, and high school commencement slated for tomorrow evening, Heppner schools are at the year's close.

Rev. Martin B. Clark brought the farewell message to 26 eighth grade graduates yesterday evening who received diplomas from A. H. Blankenship, superintendent. Featuring the exercises were American Legion auxiliary Americanism awards made by Mrs. Chas. B. Cox, unit president, to Patty O'Hara, first, and Dorothea Wilson, second for the girls, and James Barratt, first, and James Kenny, second for the boys. James Kenny sang the class song of his own composition, while the entire class sang, "The Old Schoolhouse," written by Wilma Beymer. The class prom followed with the gym appropriately decorated in class colors of blue and white. Harold Buhman was class instructor and graduates were:

Wilma Beymer, Nita Rae Bleakman, Marjorie Cantwell, Kingsley Chapin, Claudine Drake, Shirley Hamrick, Colleen Kilkenny, Helen Knowles, Patricia O'Hara, Eunice Osmin, Dorothea Wilson, James G. Barratt, Jr., Wade Bothwell, Billy Bucknum, Alton Christenson, Philip Cohn, Lyle Cox, Claude Drake, Dick Edmondson, Glenn Fell, Robert Grockett, James Kenny, Leon McClintock, Albert Schunk, Billy Snow.

Dr. Dan V. Poling, representative of Oregon's higher institutions of learning, will address the high school graduates tomorrow evening. The program includes:

Prelude, "Scarf Dance," Charminade; Processional, "Grand March," Verdi—Accompanist, Dorothy Howell; invocation, Rev. R. C. Young; vocal duet, "Barcarole" (from the opera, "Les Contes d' Hoffman") J. Offenbuch—Helen Lundell, Jack Merrill; trio, "Neapolitan Nights," Kerr-Zamecnik—Carolyn Vaughn, Jeanette Blakely, Helen Lundell; presentation of Jane Mitchell trophy, Jane Boyer; presentation of honor plaque, Robert Knox, high school principal; presentation of Norton Winnard cup, Earl W. Gordon, member of class of 1918; presentation of class of 1939, Alden H. Blankenship, superintendent; presentation of diplomas, C. N. Jones, chairman of board of education.

The class motto is "Forward, come what may;" the colors, purple and gold, and flower, white rose. List of the 25 graduates with activities will be found in another column.

## John Day District Dissolution Started

The beginning of the end of the John Day Irrigation district, paper organization of long standing which originally intended to make north Morrow county blossom from waters of the John Day river, was started Monday.

David Hynd, John Krebs and Leon Logan, elected new directors at a meeting of district directors earlier in the day, that day met with the county court and instigated dissolution proceedings. It was expected the dissolution would be a lengthy process requiring considerable litigation before final court order could be obtained. Indebtedness of the district was recently adjusted on the basis of paying off face of warrants fifty cents on the dollar, and has been largely liquidated.

## Lightning Too Close for Comfort Say Maidments

Coming across the hills from Condon Monday, J. W. Maidment and son, John, Jr., heard lightning strike on the road a short distance behind them. It made a big flash and cracked like a rifle shot.

The lightning was part of an electrical storm that was accompanied by a light shower. While the rain was most welcome, the lightning struck much too close for comfort, they averred.

Mr. Maidment is a pioneer sheep raiser of Lone Rock, and for many years hauled his wool into Heppner. He was checking up on the wool and lamb market while in the city, and expected to start shearing soon after his return home. They returned home Monday evening.

## Leland Edmondson Named 'State Farmer'

As one of 24 out of 2400 "green farmers" in FFA work in the state, Leland Edmondson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edmondson of Lexington and local chapter member, was raised to the degree of "state farmer" at the recent FFA convention at Corvallis. Young Edmondson and Omer McCaleb appeared before the Monday Lions luncheon and told of requirements for individual and chapter advancement in FFA work. Edmondson told of the three degrees into which FFA membership is divided, green, state and American farmers. All Future Farmers are in the first degree when they start, and advancement to the higher degrees is based upon high scholarship and project management. Among requirements for state farmer is attainment of grade average in upper 40 per cent of class and investment of at least \$250 in member's own project. Edmondson cited that his project of sheep and hogs represented a \$400 investment.

McCaleb told of requirements for a chapter to obtain "keystone" rating, the highest rating for local chapters. Heppner had not yet attained these requirements, but he gave it as the plan of Guy Moore, next year's president who was unable to attend the luncheon, that every effort would be expended to attain keystone rating next year.

F. W. Turner, Lions president who accompanied the band to Portland last week end complimented the Heppner youths for their excellent behavior, and general good reports were brought from the trip. Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, a guest, commended the boys representing the FFA for the excellent manner in which they presented their subjects, attributing credit to public speaking work of the Future Farmers. Little Miss Yvonne Bleakman pleased with tap dancing accompanied at the piano by her instructor, Mrs. Robert Knox.

## INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Miss Ellen Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Morgan, sustained painful abrasions and bruises last Sunday afternoon when the Harold Evans car in which she was riding with Mr. and Mrs. Evans collided with the car driven by Miss Ilene Kilkenny on the Ditch creek grade. Both cars were considerably damaged though other occupants escaped serious injury. Miss Morgan was treated at a local physician's office, and several stitches were taken to close a scalp wound.

## POSTOFFICE RATES HIGH

R. C. Sheldon of Portland, postal inspector, announced a rating of 95 per cent for the local postoffice following an inspection last Thursday. The good rating was pleasantly received by Chas. B. Cox, postmaster.

L. G. Voight of Spokane, who owns timber at the head of Rhea creek, was a business visitor in the city Saturday investigating the possibility of making sale of his timber.

## Eugene Matteson, Long Resident, is Accident Victim

### Injuries From Horse Fatal; Funeral Rites Largely Attended

Tragedy struck the Matteson community early Sunday morning when one of its leading citizens and long-time resident of the county, Eugene Matteson, 69, was fatally injured. Mr. Matteson had just left the mountain schoolhouse where a program and dinner had been held, to ride home horseback. Shortly after he had left, other members of his party heard him yell, "Whoa!" and then, "Help!" His son, Lyle, and Louis Cason were among those responding immediately to his cries.

Finding his father on the ground, Lyle asked him if he were injured, to which Mr. Matteson replied something about his back, then fainted away. He was immediately placed in the son's car and they started for town, but death arrived when they had gone only a few miles. Later examination revealed a large bruise on the abdomen, believed to have been the result of a kick from the horse, and one hand was badly injured, indicating that he had been dragged. The young horse was said to have been quite frisky, and Mr. Matteson had not yet fully recovered from three broken ribs received when he had been thrown from it some time before.

Funeral services, held from Phelps Funeral Home chapel here Tuesday afternoon, were largely attended by residents of the Matteson community and many relatives, friends and neighbors from over the county. Rev. Martin B. Clark officiated, and interment was in Masonic cemetery.

A large bank of beautiful flowers gave added tribute to the esteem held for the deceased. Pallbearers were all long-time friends of the deceased, including Tim Rippee, Louis Cason, Tom Harris, L. E. Bisbee, Glenn Hayes and Walter Luckman.

Eugene Matteson was born in Umatilla, May 11, 1870, being aged 69 years and 3 days at death. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matteson, pioneer residents of the mountain district that took the family name. Coming to the county with his parents at an early age, Mr. Matteson was nearly a life-long resident, following ranching. He was a leader in the affairs of the community, and respected by all who knew him. A veteran of the woods, he was numbered among the county's best game shots and many times played host for hunting parties. He married Sarah McFerrin, who with five children survive, Mrs. E. A. Bennett, Loren, Larrence, Lyle and Delvin, all of Heppner. He is also survived by four sisters and three brothers, namely Mrs. John Mulvaney, Anchorage, Alaska; Mrs. E. L. Matteson, Gaston, Ore.; Mrs. Geo. Cason and Mrs. Geo. Kirk of Heppner; Adrain of Susanville, and Harley and Elmer of Monument, besides six grandchildren.

## PEDDLERS WARNED

"Peddlers Beware—Heppner has adopted the Green River Ordinance," is the wording of three signs that have been made for placement at three approaches to the city. Individual contributors of the signs are J. Logie Richardson, George Howard and Humphreys Drug Co.

## ALVIN STRADER DIES

Alvin Strader, 46, of Boardman was found dead in the field on his farm where he had been irrigating, Tuesday morning, according to report given the coroner's office. Death was believed to have been from natural causes.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slocum of Rhea creek at Heppner hospital Saturday, an 8½ pound girl.

## CCC BUILDING RAZED BY FIRE

### Mysterious Blaze Hits Early in Morning, Taking Camp Heppner Educational Building

A mysterious fire of undetermined origin completely razed the Camp Heppner educational building and all contents shortly after 4 o'clock Tuesday morning and called out most of the citizens and all the camp inhabitants to witness the conflagration that for a time threatened to wipe out the entire camp.

Had it not been for the well-engineered hard work of the CCC boys and the city fire department the blaze would surely have spread to adjacent buildings.

Lt. Marius P. Hanford, camp commandant, credited the city fire department with saving the "A" barracks. If this barracks had caught, there would have been no saving the camp, he said. Sincere thanks of the camp were extended the city for its help.

CCC boys themselves lined up in bucket brigades, and with some of their members standing on apexes of the roofs to receive them, passed along buckets of water that doused several starts. A line-up was also made to empty barracks, and as articles were passed along heaps of clothing and bedding grew in the road nearby as if by magic.

The fire was the first to visit the local camp in its several years of existence, but the fire-fighting training of the enrollees told in the way it was handled. Camp Heppner before stood high in rating of district camps for fire prevention.

Lieutenant Hanford was making a check yesterday to estimate the amount of loss. Plans are going ahead for the building's replacement and in the meantime recreational facilities have been installed in temporary quarters, he said.

## Faculty Named for Coming School Year

Only two changes appear in the teaching staff for the local schools next year, as contracts are now signed, reports A. H. Blankenship, who will be back again next year as superintendent. Miss Martha Mae Blair of Monmouth has been signed to succeed Mrs. Floyd Jones, resigned, as fourth grade teacher, and Miss Dorothy Gerlach, who taught last year at Aurora, will take Miss Maude King's place in the fifth grade while Miss King goes on a year's leave of absence.

Other grade teachers will be Miss Alma Neill, first; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, second; Miss Mary White, third; Miss Rachael Forsythe, sixth; Kenneth McKenzie, seventh and grade school athletics; Harold Buhman, eighth, grade school principal and band director.

The high school staff will include Mrs. Ethel Clark, part-time instructor; Miss Shirley Smith, commercial; Miss Cecelia Nordstrom, home economics and social sciences; Robert Knox, principal, science, mathematics and physical education; W. S. Bennett, Smith-Hughes; Norbert Peavy, English and public speaking, and Mr. Blankenship.

## Don Drake Named Barometer Editor

Don Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake of this city, was recently elected editor of the Oregon State college Daily Barometer, campus newspaper, recognizing previous work in responsible positions with the paper.

Drake will succeed Edward Burchell of Lexington who is serving his third year as editor, bringing the editorship to Morrow county for the fourth consecutive year.

The laughs Charlie Wininger gets in THREE SMART GIRLS GROW UP, showing at the Star Theater, Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, are worth double the price of admission.

## "Excellent" Rating Given Band at Regional Contest

### Many Townsmen, Past and Present, at Portland Event

Back from Portland and the regional contest last week end with "excellent" rating, Heppner's school band will make its final appearance of the year with a free concert at the gym-auditorium next Wednesday evening, beginning at eight o'clock. The concert is slated to last one hour.

No entry in class C of which Heppner was one, received the highest or "superior" rating at the hands of the judges in Portland. Four bands, including Heppner, received the second or "excellent" rating, while a fifth entry was given the next lowest, "good" rating.

Accompanied by a host of parents and enthusiasts from here, who were joined in the city by another host of former Heppnerites just as enthusiastic, appearance of the local band was greeted by as large a crowd of outside boosters as any band appearing, reports say. The band played in contest at the Washington high school at the morning session between 8 and 10 o'clock Saturday. Ensemble presentation of all bands, slated for Grant high school bowl that afternoon was called off, due probably to the extreme heat. Headquarters were made at the Clyde hotel.

The complete check-up on finances for the trip had not been made yesterday, but A. H. Blankenship, chairman of the committee, said those taking cars would be reimbursed for at least part of their expenses. Receipts had totalled approximately \$235 and an unexpended balance of \$75 remained from the La Grande trip, of which about \$100 had been paid out for hotel expense.

"Overture Militaire," Joseph Skornica, was the required number, Sousa's "U. S. Field Artillery March" was used for warm up, and "Lustspiel," overture by Keler Bela was played as selected number. The band was also judged in sight-reading.

Fifty-three bandsters besides Harold Buhman, made the trip. Miss Jeanette Blakely appeared as drum majorette.

Among those taking cars were: Gene Ferguson, Ed Dick, Lee Howell, Harry Tamblin, Henry Aiken, C. J. D. Bauman, D. A. Wilson, Bert Johnson, Thomas Wells, Spencer Crawford, Harold Evans, Milton Morgan, Marguerite Chapin, Cyrene Barratt, B. C. Pinckney, Harold Burman and Alva Jones.

Band members appearing were: Clarinets—Omer McCaleb, Richard Hayes, Donald Jones, Carolyn Vaughn, Clifford Faye, Laura Warfield, Elizabeth Healy, Dorothea Wilson, Kingsley Chapin, Jack O'Hara, Betty Cunningham, James Barratt, Bill Bucknum, Dick Edmondson.

Trombones—Joe Aiken, John Crawford, Bill Barratt, Don Evans, Henry Aiken, Bob Pinckney, Guy Moore.

Bass Horns—Don Bennett, Jack Vaughn.

Percussion—Milton Morgan, Warren Blakely, Shirley Wilson.

Trumpets—Jack Merrill, Don Frederickson, Thomas Gonty, Dorothy Howell, Kemp Dick, Austin McAtee, Kay Ferguson, Nelma Hanlon, Dick Ferguson, Howard Gilliam, Merle Burkenbine.

Oboe—Margaret Tamblin.

Baritone—Hugh Crawford, Calvin Crawford.

Alto Horns—Jackson Cantwell, Lowell Ashbaugh, Don Wehmeyer, Walter Skuzeski.

Saxophones, Eb—Betty Happold, Emery Coxen, Sibly Howell, Phillip Cohn, Harold Armstrong, Wilbur Worden. Flute—John Skuzeski.