

27 Graduates Get Diplomas; Awards Made At Rites

High School Commencement Addressed by Dean Jewell

Twenty-seven seniors were graduated by Heppner high school at Commencement exercises in the gym-auditorium, and the class and large audience heard an inspiring address by Dean J. R. Jewell, dean of the University of Oregon school of education, last Friday evening.

Diplomas were presented by Chas. W. Barlow, chairman of the board of education. Supt. Alden H. Blankenship presented the graduates, and a feature of the evening was the presentation of awards.

The high school scholarship plaque was awarded to Kathryn Thompson by Robert Knox, high school principal. Laura Warfield received the Jane Mitchell trophy from Mrs. Lillian Turner, and Hugh Crawford was awarded the Norton Winnard cup in a presentation by Mrs. Loa Taylor, member of the class of 1918. Class medals went to Joene Brown for the freshmen; Patty O'Harra for the sophomores; Wanda Howell for the juniors, and Frances Wilkinson for the seniors.

The graduates were Henry Aiken, Lowell Ashbaugh, Clarence E. Baker, Don Bennett, Mary Kay Blake, Warren Blakely, Lorraine Bothwell, Agatha Butterfield, Irl Clary, Hugh Crawford, Mary Emma Curran, Douglas Drake, Donald Evans, Mary Eleanor Florence, Anna Marie Johnston, Isobel McFerrin, Jean Hays, Jack O'Harra, Harry T. O'Donnell, Jr., Norval Osborn, Roy Pettyjohn, Rita Robinson, Lura Stephens, Kathryn Thompson, Laura Warfield, Beatrice Wilkins and Frances Wilkinson.

Prelude "Simple Aveu," Francis Thome, processional, "Grand March" from Aida by Verdi, both played by Norbert E. Peavy; invocation by Martin B. Clark; "without A Song" by Youmans, sung by Patty O'Harra, Margaret Tamblin and Dorothea Wilson; "Moonlight Madonna" by Fibich, a violin solo by Laura Warfield, completed the program numbers.

Wool About Gone at Prices of 30c to 36c

One of the finest wool clips taken from Morrow county flocks has about all passed into hands of buyers at prices ranging from 30 to 36 cents, buyers who have been active in the local market report.

An outstanding feature of the market has been the exceptionally strong demand for the "sand," or lower country clip, which has brought generally higher prices than the clip in the upper hill country this year, contrary to history of former years, due to its exceptional cleanliness.

Movement of lambs has also been strong, and a feature of the sheep market this week was movement of the Frank Wilkinson yearlings, taken by John O'Conner of Klamath Falls. Mr. O'Conner was in the city yesterday to receive them, and shipment is being made to Klamath Falls to augment the half dozen bands already operated by Mr. O'Conner.

WALTER DEPUY RESIGNS

Walter Depuy has resigned his position as manager of Dickson's Variety store. He has in mind an offer made him recently which he feels will better himself by taking. He and wife, Carol, regret that his new offer will probably take him out of town, regretting to leave the many friends they have made here. Mr. Depuy has been convalescing for two weeks following an appendicitis operation, and is now well on the road to recovery.

Animal Variety, Fine Horses May be Seen At French Ranch

"About the only things lacking are peacocks," admitted W. H. French to the editor who viewed the livestock in Mr. French's barnyard at Blue Mountain ranch last Sunday. Through courtesy of Mr. French the pet deer, Nick the buck, and Minnie the doe, were fed lumps of sugar and nice fresh head lettuce. Guinea hens squawked some disapproval at invasion of their domain, while the geese strutted and honked in more belligerent style. Ducks, turkeys, chickens and pigs intermingled to give the scene real variety.

The editor and family were also introduced to some of Mr. French's fine horses and mules, and saw his white faced cattle out on the meadow. All were sleek and mild tempered.

All the animals on Mr. French's ranch are accustomed to lumps of sugar and similar kindly treatment, and most will respond immediately to his call. He admitted to a heavy outlay for stock salt, as a large portion of that placed for his cattle is taken by the wild elk and deer. Only a few days before several deer had invaded the premises to within a few yards of the house in the middle of the morning.

Condon Annual Rodeo Week End Event

Condon's fifth annual spring rodeo, is in action this week end, to open there tomorrow morning, with two days yet to go—Saturday and Sunday—according to word from the rodeo management, which is headed by Ray M. Dukek, as president. Afternoon shows start at 2 o'clock and the evening dances about 9:30. Clarence Warren, owner of the stock, has returned again this year with some of the hardest and meanest acting animals found anywhere and from all indications the show will be plenty "salty" in rodeo language, according to those on the grounds.

Condon's show always attracts leading performers from over the northwest and many were on hand today for the opening tomorrow. This year the association's prize list shows guaranteed purses for the riders, whereas during the past few years they have ridden on a percentage basis. The Condon high school band is providing music for the occasion. The Browning Amusement company with its carnival has been set up and in action since Wednesday morning. Music for the dances Friday and Saturday nights is being furnished by Paul Heulett's dance band of Hood River.

Heppner and Morrow county people are especially invited to attend this show, says the management, which feels the show to be more snappy even than in past years and with two hours of thrilling events for those who enjoy such entertainment. The Dalles expects to send 25 cars and its band for the Sunday show.

ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, president, and Mrs. Harold Cohn, secretary of National Woolgrowers association, both of this city, who departed Sunday for New York and other eastern points as guests of Botany Woolen mills, were expected to arrive in New York yesterday, according to Mr. Thompson. The ladies will enjoy a two-week stay in the east.

ALBEE-GAINES

A wedding of interest to their many friends was that of Miss Mary Albee, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Albee of this city, to Bruce R. Gaines, son of Mrs. J. B. Parrish of Freewater. The ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening last week at the Pentecostal mission, with Sterl D. Spiesz, pastor, reading the ceremony.

Robert A. Thompson Paid Tribute At End Of Active Career

Was Large Farming, Livestock Operator For Last 35 Years

Friends and relatives from over a wide area assembled at Masonic hall here Tuesday afternoon to pay tribute at last rites for Robert A. Thompson, 59, widely known livestock and grain operator and prominent in farm organization circles, who passed away at the ranch home last Sunday following an illness of several months duration. Martin B. Clark, Christian minister, officiated at services at the hall, and interment in Masonic cemetery was under auspices of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks.

Both funeral oration and the large floral offering paid tribute to the successful life Mr. Thompson had lived in this community for the last 35 years. Honorary pallbearers were W. Y. Ball, Walter Moore, Cleve Van Schoiack, M. D. Clark, Ralph Thompson and C. W. McNamer, all close friends and former business associates of the deceased. Active pallbearers were J. O. Rasmus, L. E. Bisbee, John Wightmn, F. S. Parker, Garnet Barratt and Harold Cohn.

An active life which followed the ups and downs of the farming and livestock industries in this section for the last three decades marked the career of Robert A. Thompson, which began with birth at Jamistown, Kansas, on September 5, 1881. Coming to Oregon at 14 years of age, his boyhood days were spent in the vicinity of Wasco, where, as a young man, he participated in athletics and is still remembered by old-timers of the section as one of the best football players of his day.

When his friendship with W. T. Hislop, early-day dry goods salesman, brought him to Heppner first in 1906, he clerked at the old Minor & Co. store where he was associated with M. D. Clark and W. Y. Ball. Mr. Thompson's rigorous nature soon led him to seek his fortunes in the great out-of-doors as livestock man and farmer. In the operations that he later conducted he was at various times in partnership with W. O. Minor, a pioneer in both the mercantile and livestock industries; Continued on Page Four

FSA Office Will Be Located at Heppner

Definite word was given this week by Rep. Walter M. Pierce that a Farm Security administration office will be located in Heppner, reported Chas. B. Cox to the Monday Lions luncheon, at which he was a guest.

Principal luncheon speaker was Henry Baker, chairman of the county ACA committee, who explained importance of the wheat quota election to be held next Saturday.

Main club business consisted of nomination of officers, with nominees named by the nominating committee as follows: J. O. Turner, president; Alden Blankenship, first vice president; Clarence Rosewall, second vice president; Chas. W. Barlow, third vice president; Russell McNeill, secretary; Kenneth House, lion tamer, and C. J. D. Bauman, tightrope walker.

A committee was named to select the club's representative at Beaver Boy State camp to be held in Corvallis in July.

FINEST PEAS EVER

Mrs. Frank Rumble reports an exceptionally fine growth of garden peas in her garden at Morrow General hospital. Of the telephone variety, they have attained a height of four feet, of dense growth and simply packed with pods. Other similar reports are received from vegetable gardeners about town.

CITY HOMAGE TO BE PAID TOMORROW

Memorial Day Observance to See City of Departed Wreathed With Warm Floral Tribute

Without public program, but with a deep reverence in its heart, Heppner will observe Memorial day tomorrow mainly in quiet visitation to the city of the departed, and leave it wreathed in a floral tribute of affection warmed by memories of those who have labored and gone.

Special tribute will be paid the soldier citizens of the revered city by members of Heppner post of the American Legion who will decorate graves of departed buddies as well as of former wearers of the blue and the grey in whose honor Memorial day was first conceived.

As in many years gone by, the city on the hill will again be the meeting place of former residents and friends still residing here, as the trek will be joined by those who have moved away and who will return to rekindle memories of dear ones left in the hallowed ground.

It is again for the living to catch the torch of faith and hope thrown from the hands of those who have gone before, and to hold it high to guide those who still must follow along the pathway of peace, happiness and friendship. That is the message and the spirit that pervades the morrow for those who now are troubled by effects of a newly war-torn world.

25 Selectees Quizzed As Rating Continues

Continuing classification of registrants under the selective service act, the Morrow county board this week mailed questionnaires to 25 more selectees, with order numbers, names and addresses as follows:

288 Harold Wilkins, Echo; 289 William Edward Rawlins, Ione; 290 Francis Joseph Doherty, Heppner; 291 Clell B. Rea, Ione; 292 Lester Wayland Ritchie, Ione; 293 Ray Holten Long, Heppner; 294 George Delbert Smith, Heppner; 295 Delbert George Robison, Hardman; 296 Clifford Daiel McCabe, Ione; 297 Donald Earl Heliker, c-o W. E. Tompkins, King Hill, Idaho; 298 George Loyd Medlock, Heppner; 299 Gilbert Walker, Bordman; 300 Howard Walter Eubanks, Ione; 301 Herman James Green, Heppner; 302 Justin Ernest Vrana, Boardman; 303 Fred Fonston Allred, Heppner; 304 Virgil Franklin Gentry, R. F. D. Star, Heppner; 305 Gerald LaMar Cason, Heppner; 307 Neal Frederick Knighten, Hardman; 308 Milton Riley Morgan, Ione; 309 Russell Myllymaki, 9663 N. Kellogg, Portland; 310 Harold Elbert Armstrong, Heppner; 311 Willard Albert Baker, Boardman; 312 Robert Frederick Campbell, General Delivery, Pendleton; 313 Thomas Jesse Wells, Heppner.

CORRECTION

In reporting the tax collections to date last week the Gazette Times inadvertently transposed the amount collected and the amount to be collected, making the record to appear not as good as it actually is. Collected on the current roll, according to the clerk's report which was quoted, is the sum of \$160,995.52, leaving a balance of \$109,664.89 yet to be collected.

SALE WELL ATTENDED

A large crowd attended the auction sale at the Alva Casecer farm in Sand Hollow yesterday, and lively bidding resulted in fair prices for all articles and livestock offered, report attendants. V. R. Runion was auctioneer and Harvey Miller, clerk.

LYLE COX ENLISTS

Lyle Cox, son of Elbert Cox, went to Portland this week to enlist in the navy. If he is accepted he will be Mr. Cox's third son in this branch of the service, two older brothers, LeMoyné and Nalbro being already enlisted.

Saturday Vote Will Determine Wheat Market Fate

Pierce Outlines Plan, Urges 'Yes' Ballot; Heavy Poll Predicted

Interest in Morrow county has reached a white heat as voting nears the coming Saturday on the AAA wheat quotas. Almost unanimous approval is being expressed and a very heavy vote is forecast by the considerable number of absentee ballots already filed.

Following upon the rally meeting at the courthouse Monday, addressed by Bob Tylor of Athena, vice president of Eastern Oregon Wheat league, comes a last-minute summary of the proposed marketing plan and hearty endorsement from Representative Walter M. Pierce. The release received yesterday states:

Methods by which a supply of wheat big enough to last for nearly two years will be marketed will be decided by wheat farmers of the nation on Saturday, May 31, when growers in 40 states vote in the first wheat referendum to be held since the passage of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. The vote will determine whether marketing quotas for the year 1941 shall become effective as provided by law.

Whenever the estimated wheat supply exceeds a normal year's domestic consumption and exports by more than 35 percent, according to terms of the statute, a referendum must be held. This is the situation this year for the first time since passage of the law.

In Oregon it is expected more than 6,500 wheat producers will vote, and of this number department officials expect more than 90 percent to vote for quotas.

In the nation approximately 700,000 wheat producers are expected to vote. If two-thirds of those voting approve, marketing quotas will become effective. If quotas are disapproved, farmers will face the probability of greatly-decreased prices of their wheat, because the AAA wheat program—particularly the loan—is holding the domestic wheat price above the world level. Under the law, government loans on wheat are prohibited whenever supplies become excessive and a quota is not approved; and should farmers vote adversely, the 85 percent of parity loan recently authorized by congress will become ineffective.

Many wheat farmers do not realize, perhaps, how much they have been sheltered by the wheat program from the depressed world wheat situation. We can no longer ignore the seriousness of the situation. For years our export wheat market has been growing smaller. Now the war blockades are finishing the job, at least temporarily. American wheat farmers cannot afford to leave themselves at the mercy of a world market that will take only one bushel of wheat for every three offered. Full application of the farm program is the only thing that stands between us and the kind of emergency that exists in other western hemisphere countries that have suffered heavy losses in agricultural exports.

Approval of the quota will enable farmers to keep part of the surplus in storage and off the market. The quota makes it possible to use the government loan as a price support. In 1940 the loan and compliance payments gave program cooperators an average return twice as high as they would have received if they had been forced to sell in the world market.

Under the quota all farmers will be able to sell, as they always have, all they raise on their acreage allotments. Farmers who seed within their allotments may sell or feed all their wheat and are eligible for Continued on Page Four