Students Display Talent in First Speech Festival

(Contributed)
On last Friday, afternoon and evening, the Morrow county speech festival was held at Lexington, with students from Boardman, Lexington, Ione and Heppner participating.

At 2:30, three panels were conducted simultaneously with Miss Barbara Lever, H. G. Holcomb and George Linn as moderators. Panel members were Aloha Painter, Marilyn Holcomb, Louis Carlson and Gene Rietmann of Ione; Audrey Wilson, Melvin Carlson and Edward McClellen of Boardman; Majo Marquardt, Wanda Grant, Louise Hunt and Estelle Ledbetter of Lexington; Marylou Ferguson, Marian Miller, Edda Mae Thorpe and Bob Van Schoiack of Heppner.

Grade school pupils taking part in the poetry reading were Ingrid Herman, Shirley Peck, Bob Bennett, Charles Buchanan, Ronald Baker and Franklyn Messenger.

In the extemporaneous speaking section, Rena June Messenger of Lexington spoke on "U. S. Postwar Housing Needs;" Alton Yarnell of Ione on "Voting Procedure in World Peace Council;" Joe French of Heppner on "The United Mine Workers and Their Demands", and Ed McClellen of Boardman on "The Softcoal Mine Striker."

In the evening the Boardman high school gave Linsday's "The Congo" as a chorale production with these students reading: Hoyt Brown, Norman Nelson, Reba Falconer, Rozella Meinen, Gerald Seeber, Mildred Miller, Fay Anderson and Grady Beaver.

Lexington students, Robert Mc-Loughlin, Audrey Majeske, Rena June Messenger and Louise Hunt gave poetry readings.

Ione high school gave "The Boor" by Anton Tchekov with the following cast: Eunice Peterson, Alton Yarnell, Tom Doherty, Matt Doherty and Gaylord Salter.

Heppner high school cast consisting of Ramona McDaniel, Shirley Wilkinson, Carolyn Bauman, Colleen Miller, Don Du Bois, Gladwin Hudson and Morgan Connor gave "The Man from Heppner." Edda Mae Thorpe was announcer, and Lavina Sunquist was in charge of properties.

Much of the credit for a successful day goes to Mrs. Bethel Taylor the Lexington school and the mothers. Students had charge of registration and ushering. The mothers were hostesses at a delicious dinner. Everyone hereby says "thank you" to Lexington.

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