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School Closing to Start Next Week In Some Districts

Lexington Class Baccalaureate Set For Sunday Night

That day dignified seniors look forward to as soon as school opens in the fall as their commencement day is not far off for some of the graduates of Morrow county. Three high schools and one rural grade school are scheduled to close their doors next week and the balance of the schools will wind up the year's work on or by May 25.

Lexington, Boardman, Irrigon and Eightmile are due to close next week. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday and class activities are being run off, as it were, this week. At Lexington the following program has been arranged for baccalaureate to be held in the Church of Christ beginning at 8:15 p. m.: Prelude; processional, June O'Connor; invocation; hymn, girls' chorus; baccalaureate sermon, O. Wendell Herbison, Heppner; "The Lord is My Shepherd," girls' chorus; recessional, June O'Connor.

At Ione, the junior-senior banquet and prom will be held the evening of May 11. Heppner's prom is scheduled for May 18 and baccalaureate the following day.

Some changes in teaching staffs will be noted when school opens in the fall. At Irrigon, Principal Ed Elliott resigned to take a similar place at Umatilla. He will be succeeded by Leroy Darling of La Grande who has been assistant music supervisor this year. B. C. Forsythe has been engaged as superintendent of the Ione school and is faced with the task of staffing the high school and perhaps one grade room. George Linn remains at Boardman and Mrs. Bethel Taylor will not return to Lexington.

Supt. George Corwin is feeling quite well satisfied with his teacher problem for next year, although he may start feeling uneasy any moment. At present most of the grade and high school positions are filled but this situation can change and the "soop" isn't trying to fool himself.

CORA ALICE MUNKERS

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Lexington for Mrs. Harry Munkers who passed away May 7 at The Dalles following a lingering illness. O. Wendell Herbison officiated and Phelps Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Interment was made in the Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery. Pallbearers were George N. Peck, Burl Coxen, W. C. Seehafer, Ernest Heliker, John Bryson and Marion Palmer.

Born in Moscow, Ida., Aug. 10, 1883, Mrs. Munkers came to Morrow county in 1910. She married Harry Munkers Dec. 24, 1916 at Lexington. Two sons, Riley and Donald Munkers, were born to this union. Two sons by a former marriage, Glenn Sherer, Portland and Harold Sherer, Heppner, her father, Charles Gilman of Ione, and three brothers, Miles Gilman, Monument, Walt Gilman, Heppner, and Pete Gilman, Heppner, two grandchildren, Kay and Dick Sherer survive her.

Mrs. Munkers was a member of the Church of Christ and the Willows grange.

DON'T GIVE UP, JOE

A letter dated April 25 from Joe Gilleese reads in part: "I want to thank you for arranging to have the 'Gazette' sent to me and I assure you I enjoy it very much. It is getting here regularly and I do look forward to its arrival. In reading the paper I notice many changes have taken place in the old town so guess I'll feel sort of out of place if and when I return. Tomorrow completes two and one half years of exile for me and I'm afraid I won't be home for a long time to come."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Pendleton were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown.

More Recreational Facilities Needed, Speaker Declares

More entertainment and more recreational facilities in this vicinity were cited as possible activities for the chamber of commerce and the community in looking forward to postwar development. This was the viewpoint taken by B. C. Forsythe as he spoke to the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday. Mr. Forsythe, a resident of the county the past two years, compared this section to other parts of the state where recreational facilities have been stressed and expressed the opinion that more attention should be given them here.

Lack of auto courts may be affecting travel through this section and should be given consideration now to prepare for peace time travel. More use of the mountains for recreation should be fostered, he stated. Locally, there is room for more tennis courts, a city park (maybe) and other facilities for entertaining visitors as well as our own people. He gave number one spot to those things which will have a tendency to help keep our young people interested in their home community. He even stuck his chin out and plugged for a rodeo as a drawing card for the people of the surrounding countryside, stating that many people are anxious for a revival of the show and that unless we give them what they want they will seek their recreation elsewhere.

Members present expressed the belief that a V-E day celebration would be out of order. In anticipation of the day, President K. A. House called upon Rev. Bennie Howe for prayer, which was followed by singing of the Doxology.

Ione to Join in Service of Prayer

The proclamation of President Harry S. Truman has designated Sunday May 13 as a day for thanksgiving and prayer by all people of the United States.

In respect to the proclamation of our President I hereby invite all residents of the Ione community to meet at Ione high school auditorium at 2 p. m. on above date where everyone will be free to join in the service of thanksgiving through prayer, singing and speaking.

The lunch rooms will be open and I will supply coffee and sugar to those who may bring lunches. Bert Mason, Mayor.

Council Has Busy Session Monday

Monday evening was a busy time for the mayor and city council, there being several matters of importance to take up and dispose of as far as possible.

Following the routine business period, complaints of gardeners were heard relative to the running at large of dogs. The council passed a dog ordinance earlier in the year which was easier to pass than to enforce. With but one policeman to cover the town day or night there is little likelihood that the ordinance can be as effective as intended.

An appeal has been made to the state highway commission to have the local crew patch all streets of the town prior to a proposed surfacing of one and one-half miles of streets. The commission's reply has not been received.

With the arrival of 6,000 feet of new pipe, an effort is being made to contract with a concern whose specialty is laying pipe lines. If a contract is made it is hoped to get the pipe laid this summer.

D. E. MITCHELL PASSES

Word was received Wednesday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker that their son-in-law, D. E. Mitchell, passed away that morning the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, in Joseph. Mr. Mitchell had been ill since late last summer, his condition becoming serious shortly after he moved his family to Heppner. Funeral services will be held at Joseph Friday afternoon. Mrs. Frank S. Parker and Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr. left for Joseph Wednesday evening and other members of the family will drive over in the morning.

Emotion Lacking In Observance of V-E Day Locally

Attention Centers On Taking Nippos Out of Struggle

There was no lack of rejoicing and calm meditation over the news that Germany had capitulated but outward expressions were confined for the most part to quiet discussion of the prospects for a permanent peace and to how long it will take to bring Japan to her knees. That was the situation here in Heppner and elsewhere in the west where the Japanese problem is more apparent than to those on the Atlantic seaboard.

With the liquor store closed and a ban placed on sales of lighter beverages, there was little evidence of exuberance. There was one exception, when a young woman hurled a monkey wrench through a window on the south side of the First National bank, but aside from that nothing occurred to remind one that there was even cause for a celebration.

A prayer service was held Tuesday evening at All Saints Episcopal church which attracted a goodly number of devout people who wished to thank a kind providence for directing the Allied nations to a victory in Europe and to ask for continued guidance in bringing the Japanese war to a successful conclusion.

At Ione, Mayor Bert Mason has called the citizens of that community at a special service at the high school Sunday afternoon for a period of prayer, singing and speaking. Contrasted with the armistice of 1918, the second fall of Germany scarcely created a ripple upon the placid waters of every-day American life.

Choral Club Adds New Laurels With 2nd Annual Concert

Greeted with a house comparable to the one attending the first concert, the Heppner Women's Choral club added new laurels Monday evening in the second annual concert at the school gymnasium-auditorium. Many of the audience considered the 15 numbers on the program all too brief.

This year's concert was given entirely by the chorus members. Special numbers included a group of three songs by a trio, Miss Rose Hoosier, first soprano, Mrs. Orville Smith, second soprano and Mrs. Don Romine, alto, and two duet numbers by Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Mrs. Ture Peterson. These features were delightful and elicited much favorable comment.

The high plane of musical excellence established in the first concert, was maintained throughout this season's performance. The ensemble work exhibited good tone quality, clean diction and understandable interpretation. With but one or two exceptions the program was made up of songs new to this community and was of a serious nature.

During an intermission, Terry Thompson approached the director's stand and presented Mrs. O. G. Crawford with a bouquet of red roses, a gift from the chorus. Mrs. J. O. Turner, accompanist, was remembered in the same manner.

A reception to the choral club, their husbands and a few friends was held at the Orville Smith home following the concert. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, tea and coffee were served. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers presiding at the coffee urn and Mrs. George Corwin pouring tea at the beautifully appointed tea table.

Kingman, Ariz.—Recent graduate of the Kingman Army Air Field flexible gunnery school situated a few miles outside of Kingman was 23-year old Donald W. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva W. Jones of Heppner. Cpl Jones entered the army at Sheppard Field on March 29, 1943.

1945 Precipitation Ahead of First Quarter in 1944

It's a strange phenomenon (if it may be called a phenomenon), that when there is a season of rain some of our citizens view the situation with alarm and may be heard to remark that we need more sunshine. The weather changes and we have a few days of sunshine—bright, clear growing weather and all nature takes on a ruddy hue—and the cry goes up that we need rain. It is a well known fact that nature takes care of the weather in her own wise way and the only thing left for man to do is to take advantage of weather conditions to the best of his ability.

Figures on the chart kept by Len Gilliam bring to light that total precipitation for this area does not vary too greatly year after year, except in times of extreme drought. Ten-year averages hold fairly close to an inch per month. The difference arises through the distribution of moisture and thereby affects the crop situation.

Since January 1, 1945, a total of 6.10 inches has been recorded in Heppner. This almost doubles the 1944 moisture for the same period, 3.78, and is slightly less than the 6.87 mark in 1943. April precipitation was low until last Thursday evening when 23 of an inch fell in a thunder shower. There may be repetitions of this nature during the summer to raise the year's recording above the average, and on the other hand there may be a long season without rain, but in the main the average will be somewhere near the same.

Low point in precipitation since records have been kept was in 1936 when 10.54 inches fell. With 3.03 inches recorded in June 1937 the drought was broken and conditions have been favorable since.

5,000 Pounds of Clothing Shipped

Approximately 5,000 pounds of used clothing left Morrow county in the recent drive to aid our former Russian allies and other countries of Europe. This doesn't represent five pounds per capita but it is a sizeable pile of clothing for all that.

J. O. Turner, county co-ordinator under whose jurisdiction the drive was made, has asked that special credit be given the Pacific Power & Light company and K. A. House, manager, for providing warehouse space for the clothing; to the schools and churches for cooperation in the drive, and to Mrs. C. P. Brown and her committee on packing, labeling, etc., to say nothing of the many people who contributed so generously.

SEABEES EAT WELL AND TOM WELLS CAN PROVE IT

Uncle Sam's Seabees, those boys who can fix up anything that is fixable, fare a little better generally at the table than so-called combat units. That's what Tom Wells told your roving reporter and from the looks of Tom it was not hard to believe, for with the exception of the uniform he looked neither older nor poorer than the day he left to join up with this "Don't let them kid you about newest outfit of our fighting forces, this non-combat business," Tom remarked. "We have to take up a gun and fight when it is necessary, but of course we are a construction unit. As to eating, we perhaps have a little advantage over the combat units as we seldom get far removed from the supply depots. And we always work enough to maintain good appetites."

Tom arrived early Wednesday morning, being met at Arlington by Mrs. Wells. They were busy most of Wednesday greeting his friends. He has a 30-day leave.

GUESTS FROM McCRAW

Cpl Donald Robinson and Sgt Leonard Huckaby from McCraw hospital, were week-end guests of Miss Merlyn Kirk. Sgt Huckaby, formerly from Wyoming, has the purple heart with oak leaf clusters and is to be given a medical discharge soon. Both boys are wearers of unit presidential citations and served in the E. T. O.

Directors Favor Staging Rodeo In Fall of 1945

Date of Show to Be Determined At Later Meeting

Directors of the Heppner Rodeo association, in meeting at the council room in the city building Wednesday evening, voted unanimously to hold a rodeo in the early fall of 1945. The directors were not alone in expressing favorable action, as several citizens of town and county were present to give their sanction to a renewal of the big western exhibition.

There was one inharmonious note however, and this may cause some dissention. The oft-debated question of holding a Sunday show, or running over to Sunday, came up for discussion and when an expression was called for the directors favored running on Sunday, while President Lee Beckner and Secretary F. W. Turner spoke against it.

It will be recalled that when the directors voted to hold a show last year opposition arose in different quarters and after plans were laid a tentative date set and stock contracted for, an extra special meeting was held and the show was called off. Expressions of opinion at the time among the citizens in general seemed to warrant cancellation and after a few days little more was thought about the show as everybody was busy. This year, with the European war over and a prospect that there may be a little easing of wartime regulations there is a tendency to revive some of the activities put on ice when the Japs broke loose over Pearl Harbor.

In a business session the directors were reelected, the board, headed by Lee Beckner, president, including C. E. Fisk, W. E. Hughes, E. E. Dougherty, Ralph Jackson, Bob Grabill, Bob Rummion, with F. W. Turner secretary.

Date of the Rodeo will be announced later.

Program Set Up For Voluntary Aid

Mrs. Pauline Scheer, volunteer supervisor from the Portland district office of the War Price and Rationing board was in town Thursday to assist in setting up a volunteer program of help for the local office. Mrs. Pat McIntyre is the local chairman of volunteers and is listing recruits who are willing to give three hours a week or more of their time.

This augmentation of clerical help will be of great value to the general public as it will speed up output of applications for various commodities and routine work. Already signed and starting work this week are Mrs. Emma Evans, Mrs. J. F. Davis, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. Harvey Bauman, Mrs. J. L. Hamlin, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson. These women will all be entitled to volunteer service cards and pins upon the completion of the required number of hours. Additional people who wish to help with this program are urged to contact Mrs. McIntyre.

Kinzua Trying Out New Logging Unit

A new type logging machine is being tested by the Kinzua Pine Mills company in the area south of Heppner. The implement is a combined arch and tractor built as a unit and is designed to be more maneuverable in tight places than equipment now in use. It is part of a program to aid in timber conservation and was developed by the Portland office of the United States Forest service. The model is the only one constructed so far but it is hoped that general construction may be started soon.

GRANGE MEETING BILLED

Regular meeting of Lexington grange at the hall Friday evening, May 11. Members are urged to be on hand so that the meeting can open at 8 o'clock sharp. There will be initiatory work.