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Class of 1945 to Receive Diplomas 'Friday Evening

Commencement Only Remaining Activity of Year

School days for the seniors are about over at Heppner high school with only Commencement left on the list of the week's activities. This crowning event is scheduled for 8 p. m. at the gymnasium. Frisate department of education, will day, May 25. Dr. Ray Hawk, of the deliver the message of the evening. The high school girls chorus will sing, awards be announced, then the Class of '45 will step forth, diploma in hand, ready for the next scene in life's drama. Two members of the Class of '45 have already moved up into the armed service so will be present tomorrow evening in spirit only. We refer to Joe McLaughlin and Din Knowles.

The chief social function of the spring activities for upper classmen was the junior fete for the seniors. This gayest of evenings opened with a banquet prepared and served by the mothers of the juniors in the dining room of the Church of Christ. Sixty guests, students, faculty and school board, surrounded the festive board. The diners adjourned to the school where all was in readiness for the long-anticipated Prom. The gymnasium, with a generous use of crepe paper, pines and flowers, had been transformed into the Pleasant Pine Gardens. Here Jean Turner and Jack Pickens were crowned as royalty for the evening. Dancing held sway until midnight.

Baccalaureate service was conducted Sunday night at the gymnasium with Rev. O. Wendell Herison delivering the sermon.

Came Monday. And grim reality was the order with examinations causing student to wonder what had happened to those winter study hours.

The final issue of the Hehisch is off the press. The Mustang left the hands of the printer Monday night. Thus one by one the various activities are tapering off. Teachers are busy with grades and last minute reports; grade schoolers are awaiting the distribution of report cards Friday, so with the last strains of the Recessional dying away Friday evening, another school year closes.

Forces Organize to Boost School Fund

Organization of the Oregon State college branch of the United Citizens Committee, Inc., in Morrow county has been effected and the local group is preparing to open an active campaign in behalf of educational measures to be balloted on June 22.

Mrs. Joe Hughes is chairman of the OSC group and has named the following alumni to serve several districts: R. I. Thompson, Heppner; Mrs. C. E. Fisk, east side of county and in the Echo territory; Noel K. Dobyms, Ione, and Harry Dinges, Lexington.

Groups of buildings needed have been listed by each of the state operated schools. Plans are based on expected attendance of returned service people and include numerous enlargements as well as some new structures. Each state school will have committees in the field, all cooperating for the one objective of obtaining passage of the measures.

Joe Westhoff, proprietor of the Heppner Laundry has returned from San Francisco where he was visiting relatives.

CLASS OF 1945



Jean Turner

Raymond French

Opal Shannon



Joseph Hughes



Marylou Ferguson



Jack Pickens



Betty Marie Coxon



Ted Ferguson



Kathleen Sherman



Joe McLaughlin



Melba Burnside



Don Knowles



Midge Provo



Alfred Rugg



Kathryn Howell

Rodeo Directors Choose Date for 1945 Exhibition

Three-day Event To Be Run Off September 7, 8, 9

Definite date for the Heppner Rodeo was set Monday evening by the directors of the Heppner Rodeo association who met for that purpose and to discuss tentative plans for revival of the big western exhibition in 1945. A three-day show will be held Sept. 7, 8 and 9, and already a move is on foot to have it underwritten by business houses of Heppner and citizens of town and county who are interested.

Committee appointments were made Monday evening and these include Eb Hughes, in charge of the stock division; Bob Runnion and Bob Grabill, dances and carnival, they to choose assistants; Arnold Ebert, 4-H club and county fair; Ralph Jackson, parade; O. G. Crawford, advertising; Cliff Doherty, grounds, and F. W. Turner, track.

Three granges of the county, Rhea Creek, Lexington and Willows, will be asked to supply queen's attendants. Selection of the queen is left in the hands of the directors and their choice will be announced at a later date.

Eating establishments of the town have indicated that they will cooperate to the best of their ability with a growing scarcity of meat and other restaurant staples. Announcement of easing up on gasoline rationing has bolstered Rodeo association morale somewhat as it will have a tendency to swell attendance at the show.

Early Pioneer Laid To Rest Wednesday

Funeral services for Charles Riley Johnson, 71, who passed away early Tuesday morning, were held at 3 o'clock p. m. Wednesday from the chapel of the Phelps Funeral Home, with Rev. Bennie Howe of the First Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery beside the graves of other members of his family.

Mr. Johnson was distinctly a Morrow county, or rather, Heppner pioneer. He was born in this vicinity in 1874, his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, having settled on Willow creek above the fledgling town in 1872. With the exception of about nine years spent at Salem when the family moved there in the '90's, Charley lived his whole life in Heppner where for many years he was engaged in the carpenter trade with his father, helping to build many houses now included among the residences of the town.

He was one of a family of five boys, two of whom, Harry and Percy preceded him to the grave. The remaining brothers, Tom of Heppner and Ralph of Hermiston, were present at the funeral.

Death was due to a heart attack which seized him shortly after retiring Monday night. He roomed at the rear of the Elkhorn restaurant and came to the front of the building and asked Edward Chinn to call a doctor as he was having difficulty in getting his breath. The doctor arrived shortly and the elderly man passed on shortly thereafter.

R-C YARN AVAILABLE

A new consignment of yarn has been received at local Red Cross headquarters and knitters are asked to get their quotas at the earliest possible moment.

Red Cross Given Permanent Work Quarters—Maybe

It has been suggested that anyone having a vacant store room that is rentable but finds no taker should turn it over to the Red Cross for a sewing room. As a matter of fact, the situation in Heppner has been more than a suggestion—it has been a reality.

In the early months of the war a group of patriotic women met in the dining hall of the Masonic building. That is upstairs and some of them found it difficult to negotiate the steps, so much so that some of their patriotism was lost. Rev. Bennie Howe, county Red Cross chairman, got consent of the Masons to use the vacant store room on the ground floor. He went to considerable work to prepare the room and the ladies had scarcely become familiar with their new surroundings when Conley Lanham decided the Masonic corner was just the spot for his Gamble store.

Mr. Howe then set about to fix up the former Hughes grocery room in the Oddfellows building and once more the ladies settled down to work. It looked like they might go undisturbed for the duration. But it was not to be. A new firm, Hill & Parker, cast covetous eyes on the location and took a lease on the room. This put the Red Cross chairman on the spot once more and he decided to find a location where his next move

Crowd at Theater Enjoys Unusual Entertainment

A group of young people from McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla added much interest as well as color to the Bond Premiere at Star Theatre Tuesday evening.

A large audience, admission by bond only, enjoyed the regular picture schedule which was followed by a short program with Bob Runnion acting emcee. The Heppner Women's Choral club presented a group of three songs. P. W. Mahoney talked on E Bonds, urging a generous response and the need for universal buying by all citizens. "Victory Barrel" provided much mirth and produced some startling results; a roast of beef was one of the coveted prizes, as were five pounds of Morrow County Creamery butter; a pair of hose; a pair of unprintables—with elastic in 'em too—. The grand prize was a \$25 E bond donated by the Heppner chamber of commerce.

A trio of Wacs from McCaw sang "Smoke Gets in Your Ees" and "Sylvia" and were followed by Cpl Eugene Lien. Cpl Lein saw action in Italy as a partrooper in an

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would be the last. M. L. Case came forward with an offer of the room formerly occupied by the Peterson jewelry store next to Huston's grocery. Case has promised Mr. Howe that if someone comes along to rent the room he will put a prohibitive rate on it.

Town Falls Short Of 1,500, Count Just Completed Reveals

Heppner's boundary limits were a bit too restricted to permit a population count of 1500 or more in the town census taken during the past week and tabulated Tuesday. It had been the guess of a good many interested citizens that the little city would show a count of 1500 or more people. The actual figure reveals a population of 1414.

This figure reveals a gain of 274 since the 1940 census. The count at that time was 1140, so that a gain of 24 percent has been experienced. Harold F. Phillippe, director of the census as a representative of the office of the secretary of state, explained that it was not permissible to enroll residents of the CCC camp. Although there are several families living out there on city-owned property it is outside the city limits and cannot be counted in this instance. The same rule held in other sections of the city causing a lowering of the figure as estimated prior to the taking of the census.

RETURN FROM CANADA

Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson returned last week from a trip to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The trip was made by plane and going north was pretty bad. The men were buying stock in the Canadian city and the ladies went along for the ride. They flew from Spokane.