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## Council Decides To Purchase Grader For Street Work

### Lack of Rentable Equipment Makes Move Necessary

Lack of rentable equipment prompted the city council to make a move Monday night that had been under contemplation from time to time but always deferred by the expectation that something would show up, and that was to pass a motion that the city purchase a grader with loader attachment. Members of the council present voted unanimously for acquiring the equipment, funds for which may be used out of the sinking fund.

The type of grader to be purchased will be smaller than similar equipment used by the county and road building contractors. However, heavy grading is not required on the streets and the smaller unit will suffice. Some of the neighboring towns have this kind of machine and are getting good results. At least it will not be necessary to sit and wait until the county has a piece of machinery to rent for a day or two or in lieu of county machinery, some contracting firm's equipment, the councilmen concluded in voting for the grader.

Another motion passed by the council provides for a resolution to be presented to the U. S. Army Engineers and others concerned asking that the Heppner flood control dam project be transferred from the Portland district to the Walla Walla district, and furthermore, that for the safeguarding of life and property the dam should be built at the earliest possible date. A similar resolution was passed Monday noon at the chamber of commerce luncheon.

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## Band Rates Two In Competitive Meet At La Grande

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Playing in Class C, the local musicians upheld the Heppner tradition very well, rating a 2, which means excellent. One of the bands in all groups were judged on tone, intonation, interpretation, technique, general effect, stage deportment and instrumentation. Judges were Arthur S. Haynes, D. B. Schaub, and Donald P. Sites. Approximately 500 boys girls took part in the festival.

Following the competitive playing a massed band composed of selected students from the various schools rehearsed in the afternoon and played in the concert in the evening. Jimmie Smith and Joan Bothwell, clarinets, Mickey Lanham, cornet and Keith Connor, bass were chosen from the Heppner band.

Orchestras and choruses were also participating. Neighboring bands in Class C received the following rating: Umatilla 1; Weston, 2; Union, 3; Enterprise, 3; Stanfield, 3; Ukiah, 3; and Elgin, 4.

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## County Unit Of Education Assn. Elects For Year

Officers chosen at the last regular meeting of the Morrow county unit of the Oregon Education Association were: President, Mrs. Bessie Hayes, Irrigon; vice president, J. S. Feathers, Lexington; secretary, Mrs. LaVern Partlow, Boardman; and treasurer, Miss Mary Brackett, Ione.

The Irrigon school was the host school to a combined meeting of games, dinner, entertainment and business.

The north end of the county challenged the south end with Jordan the dividing line, to a game of softball. The players as well as the ball showed evidences of "softness" which undoubtedly later turned to stiffness in the former. Some good play was frequently interspersed with the other variety resulting in score similar to that of a basketball game with both sides claiming victory. The only decisions that could be relied upon were those of the umpire Mrs. Lucy Rodgers—the only impartial ones, too.

The cooperative feeling was "reinvigorated" at the dinner table at a delicious dinner served by the newly organized P.T.A. of Irrigon. A recording of one of the main speeches of the State Teachers convention, presented by Mr. Hamilton of Ione school proved novel, interesting and stimulating.

A short program given by talented students of the Irrigon school proved highly entertaining and elicited the enthusiastic applause of the teachers.

A business session under the direction of Leonard Pate, president, concluded the meeting.

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Charles Buchanan returned last week from a check-up at the veterans hospital in Portland.

## Oddfellows From Over Eastern Oregon Gather In Heppner to Observe 130th Anniversary

Representatives of lodges from Baker, La Grande, Echo, Morgan, Lexington and Hardman attended the party in observance of the 130th anniversary of Oddfellowship for which Willows Lodge No. 66 was host Friday evening at the local hall. Lee Howell was master of ceremonies and introduced the guest speaker John Young of Echo, whose topic was "The Meaning of Oddfellowship—Its Future Aims and Objectives." During the course of his speech, Mr. Young gave the history of the organization from its beginning in 1819 until the present time and especially stressed the importance of younger membership to the lodge. Oliver Creswick sang three numbers, Smoke Gets in our Eyes, Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life and Because, accompanied by Mrs. Tom Wells at the piano. Following the program, pinocle and bridge were enjoyed in the card room. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Robert Dobbs, S. J. Devine, Durward Tash Adelle Hannan, Blanche Brown.

Mrs. Alex Thompson and daughter, Linda Marie, came home Monday from the hospital at Pendleton where the baby was born April 23.

Mrs. Minnie B. Furlong of Portland is visiting here with her daughters, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Ms. Lena Brown and their families in the Eightmile district.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. LeGrand returned Thursday from Emmett, Idaho where they spent the past fortnight visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge Jr. moved their household effects to Pendleton Saturday, having disposed of their property on South Court street. Mr. Hodge has been working in Pendleton for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bergstrom have purchased the house.

Leslie L. Matlock is in Portland, called by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Bertha Richardson, who is a patient at St. Vincent's hospital. He accompanied Robert V. Turner down the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel of the Hood Canyon district stopped briefly in Heppner Monday enroute to Pendleton where they visited with Mrs. Chapel's sister, Mrs. Walter Farrens, who is seriously ill in St. Anthony's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken motored to Portland Thursday taking Mrs. Aiken's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Her, who have been visiting here for some time.

Among those motoring to La Grande taking band members to the music festival were Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, Mr. and Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. Ted Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Smith of Condon were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson at their country home in the Eightmile section.

Manuel Easter made a business trip to Spray Friday.

Mrs. Dixon T. Smith of Ione was a Sunday visitor in Heppner, to Heppner Sunday.

Over-Sunday guests of Mrs. Cordia Saling were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

Walter Scott and family of Stanfield. The Scotts, who have been living in California for the past several years, returned to Oregon in March. Mr. Scott will be employed at McNary dam during its construction period.

Virgil Fisher is enjoying a week's leave of absence from his duties as janitor at the First National bank. Mr. Fisher will spend part of his vacation in Monument and elsewhere in the John Day country visiting with relatives and friends.

Elwood Hastings of Stanfield was a week-end guest at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings. The Hastings were among the luckier fishermen who opened the season Sunday on upper Rhea Creek, Carey catching his limit and Elwood half the number.

Mr. and Mrs. Orve Rasmus returned the last of the week from Portland where they spent several days looking after business matters.

Mesdames Henry Peterson, Leonard Carlson, Henry Baker, Oscar Peterson and Claud Huston entertained with a double stork shower, complimenting Mrs. Alfred Bergstrom of Heppner and Mrs. Arthur Stefani Jr. of Ione, at the parish house of Valley Lutheran church in the Liberty district Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments were served from lace covered tea tables decorated with lilies and apple blossoms. Guests present included Mesdames, C. W. Swanson, Carl Bergstrom, Jesse Warfield, Art Stefani Sr., Garland Swanson, Wallace Matthews, William Bergstrom, Ben Anderson, Walter Becket, Harley Anderson, Algott Lundell, Raymond Lundell, Hilma Anderson, James Farley, Frank Anderson, Dale Brown, Floyd Worden, Leonard Hill, Noel Dobyns, Burl Aker, Lawrence Becket and Cecil Lutkins. Gifts were many and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin W. Furlong of Portland visited the first of the week in Heppner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong, prior to their departure Wednesday for Toluca, Ill. where they will make their home. Their son, Michael, who has been here with his grandparents for the past several months, accompanied them. They are motoring through to Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Dooley Fisher of the Kahler Basin district were business visitors in Heppner Wednesday. Mr. Fisher reports the Heppner-Spray highway to be in fair condition considering the amount of rain in that vicinity during the past week.

Frank Fraters left Monday for Ritter Springs where he will remain the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson returned home Wednesday from White Salmon, Wash. where they were called by the death of Mr. Pierson's brother, James William Pierson. Funeral services were held Monday at White Salmon.

Tom Helseth of Pendleton was in Heppner Monday to attend the meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district. Mr. Helseth is district conservationist.

## Oldsters, Youngsters Eat Fine Dinner, Make Merry at Annual Athletic Recognition Party

If any of the 125 or so citizens, young, middle age or elderly, had worries on their minds when they arrived at the Legion hall Wednesday evening to participate in the annual athletic awards banquet sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce, they certainly must have gotten rid of them during the two and one-half hours the party was in session. Anyone desiring to get rid of a case of the blues would do well to spend a buck and a half just for the privilege of sitting in and enjoying a round of hearty laughter.

The dinner is given to honor the young athletes who figure prominently in the school's activities throughout the year. The fathers, school patrons, business men of the town and all interested in the athletic program give it their backing and it is one of the outstanding events of the year.

In last night's affair, making the presentation of the awards was the only serious note of the program and Coach Vernon Bohls took time to commend his boys and to give his views on the importance of athletics with relation to education. He presented the following awards:

Football: Mert Pieper, Norman Ruhl, Bob Bergstrom, Jerry Waters, Jim Sumner, Carl Gabler, Phil Smith, Jim Orwick, Bob Gammell, Eddie Gunderson, and Bob Bennett.

Basketball: Norman Ruhl, Jim Sumner, Eddie Gunderson, Jerry Waters, Bob Bennett, Bobby Jones and Harold Manners.

Track: Norman Ruhl, hurdles and jumping; Bob Bennett, dashes; Gary Connor, pole vault; Bob Jones, high jump; Marion Green, high jump; Jerry Waters, distance running.

Managers: Football, Harold Manners, Carl Thorpe; basketball, Loren Pieper; track, Albert Burkenbine.

In making up the program of the evening, the sponsors followed an athletic vein. Henry Tetz was referee; Floyd Tolleson, cheer

leader; Tress McClintock, water boy; Jack O'Connor, time keeper, and Edwin Diek, coach. Speeches were limited to five minutes maximum, two minutes minimum. There was a timepiece on hand, supplemented by a seltzer bottle, but it was not learned whether or not there was any water in the bottle.

Speakers included P. W. Mahoney, who told a good court story. Leonard Pate devoted his time to a description of the typical boy, using Jerry Waters as the example. Sheriff Bauman was made to stand on one foot while he talked, the referee fearing he might get strung out too long if permitted to talk unhampered. The idea was that he could talk as long as he could stand on one foot. The idea worked, for the sheriff abided mindedly six six helpings of salad and was short of breath. Tress McClintock was called upon to give a center's version of football, speaking from the stance the center takes when waiting for the signal to throw the ball. It was hard work killing two minutes but he made the grade. Doc Palmer spoke for almost two minutes and called for the seltzer bottle.

Bob Bennett and Jerry Waters made responses in behalf of the athletes; Jack O'Connor spoke for the athletes and their mothers, and Don Bennett wound up the speaking with a few trite remarks, one of which was to the effect that it had been a marvelous ham dinner and not all of the ham was served on the plates.

Henry Tetz and Bill Barratt as the emcee team kept things going in a lively manner—a sort of Bob Hope-Bing Crosby combination when it came to passing out the bouquets—especially to each other.

Mothers of the athletes prepared the dinner which was served by Miss Marylou George and a group of her home economics girls.

## LOCAL PEOPLE ATTEND RAINBOW GIRLS CHAPTER AT CONDON MONDAY

Dr. A. D. McMurdo returned Saturday night from Portland where he spent a portion of last week attending the ninth series of Sommer Memorial lectures.

Several Heppner people drove to Condon Monday evening to attend a meeting of the Rainbow Girls. Those going were Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mrs. Harold Becket, Mrs. Howard Keithley, Mrs. La Verne Van Marter, Miss Connie Fuggles and Harry Van Horn.

Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S. is completing plans for instituting a Rainbow chapter here May 13.

Mrs. Art Hunt, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Rev. and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien motored to Irrigon taking the students who were participating in the spelling contest.

Mrs. Eldon Padberg and small son were lone visitors Monday.

Archie Nickols worked in the Lexington Red & White store Monday.

## Miss Jo McMillan Weds George Irvin In Home Ceremony

In the presence of 35 relatives and close friends Miss Jo McMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan, became the bride of George Irvin, son of Mrs. Flossie Breeding and the late Harry Irvin of Monument. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a white nylon dress covered with pastel colored sequins, wear a finger-tip veil fastened with a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a white bible covered with stephanotis and lilies of the valley, with white satin streamers on which were tied baby pink rosebuds. She wore a 3-strand string of pearls, a gift from the groom. The wedding vows were taken between two white baskets of white stocks and snapdragons which were placed under the trees on the lawn of their ranch home. The matron of honor, the bride's sister, Mrs. Cecil Jones, wore an old rose colored chambray suit with a hat of white flowers and wearing a corsage of yellow rosebuds. The flower girl, Charlene Jones, niece of the bride, wore a blue broadcloth and satin dress covered with blue net, and came from the house down the steps to the altar scattering sweet peas and rose petals just before the bride to the accompaniment of the wedding march played by Miss Louise Hunt of La Grande. Incidental music played preceding the ceremony were three violin solos, Ah Sweet Mystery of Life, Kiss Me Again, and Ave Maria, favorites of the bride, by Miss Joy Gerhartz of Park City, Mont. Mrs. Trina Parker sang "Because" and "Always". The double ring ceremony was used by the Rev. Z. Franklin Cantrell. Best man was Cecil Jones and ushers were Bud Marshall and Charles Padberg. Immediately following the wedding ceremony was the reception in the dining room of the home, with the bride and groom cutting the first piece of cake, which was a lovely three-tiered creation decorated with silver and white with a wedding bell on the top of which stood a tiny bride and groom. The bride's sister, Patty McMillan, was in charge of the gift book. In charge of the gifts were Mrs. James Bloodworth and Iris Bloodworth, both lovely in pastel colored suits with corsages of pink rosebuds. Cutting the cake was Mrs. Earl Warner, aunt of the bride. Pouring was Mrs. Burt Breeding, aunt of the groom, and Betty Griffin. Assisting about the room was Mrs. Dan Way. The bride's mother wore a light blue eyelet jersey dress, white hat and wore a white rose corsage. The groom's mother wore a dark blue floral print dress, dark blue hat and red rose corsage. For going away the bride wore a black suit with white accessories and wore a white lily of the valley corsage. The bride is a member of the graduating class of 1949 and the groom is a returned veteran from four years service in the navy. After a week-end trip to eastern Oregon they will be at home in their apartment in Lexington.

A large crowd attended the bridal shower at the Aid rooms honoring Miss Louise Hunt of La Grande, Friday. The hostess was Mrs. Harry Duvall. Door prize was won by Mrs. Worden of Heppner. The tables were beautifully decorated with bridal tablecloths and red roses. The bride-to-be received many lovely and useful gifts. After the opening of the gifts, dainty refreshments of ice cream and Mrs. Art Hunt and children were week-end visitors in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Way were week-end visitors in Lexington.

The streets of Lexington are badly torn up with many detours due to the fact that a new drainage system is being laid.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Feathers motored to Arlington Sunday where they met Mrs. Feathers' sister who will visit in Lexington.

A doctor was called from Heppner to attend Mrs. Nettie Davis who is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara are visiting their son Jack at Klamath Falls where he is employed.

Tuesday evening of last week the first meeting of the Lillian Turner Memorial Fund committee was held with Orville Cutsforth presiding. The meeting decided to hold their first alumni get-together at the local school house May 14. The main event of the evening will be a dance with music furnished by the Rimrock Serenaders. Immediately before the dance, at 8 o'clock p. m. there will be a business meeting and it is hoped that as many students as possible will attend this get-together. Plans are made for a meeting such as this every year with the Saturday preceding Mother's Day as the date. Proceeds from this dance will be placed in a fund started by Mrs. Turner for a loan for educational purposes for the children of the Lexington community.

Plans are near completion for the benefit tea and antique show to be held at the Legion hall May 14, from 3 to 5 p. m. This promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the season and an invitation is extended to the public to attend.

A. C. L. Jetley motored over from Monument Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week in Heppner in connection with his work in the soil conservation service.

## Broadfoot Mill At Monument Set To Start Sawing May 9

Heppner Citizens Planning Trek on Monday Afternoon

Everything is in readiness for new mill at Monument to "toot the whistle" Monday, May 9 announce the Broadfoot Bros., comprising the Big Four Lumber Co. formerly operators on the east fork of Willow creek for two years. The machinery is set up and has been undergoing tests this week to be ready for the official opening which will take place about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Because of the interest Heppner has in the mill, arising from a high regard for the "Big Four" and the fact that the plant's output will be run through the dry kiln and at least part of it processed at the plant of the Heppner Lumber company, numerous Heppner citizens are planning to drive to the new industrial community of Monument Monday afternoon and watch the mill swing into action.

The Heppner chamber of commerce is sponsoring the trek and it is planned to take the high school band along to enliven the occasion. Upwards of a dozen CC members indicated they will take their cars and help transport the musicians and it is hoped that many others will take a few hours off to make the trip. The Monday luncheon will not be dispensed with but the usual half hour or so of program will be omitted to permit those taking cars to load up and get away before 1 o'clock.

Matters pertaining to the proposed flood control dam were presented at Monday's luncheon which resulted in a re-awakening of interest in the project. The chamber of commerce went on record as favoring transfer of the project from the Portland office of the U. S. Army Engineers to the Walla Walla office. Such a move would bring the project site into closer contact with the engineers and could result in getting the work under way at an earlier date if a more lively interest were manifested by the people of the community.

Frank Turner spoke briefly on behalf of the Lexington airport and stated that he had been delegated to raise a sum of money needed to bring the port up to the standard desired. If local funds can be obtained there will be federal assistance forthcoming, he said.

## Lone High School To Give Operetta

Under the direction of Mrs. Keith M. Hendrickson, the students of the Lone high school are preparing for presentation the romantic musical comedy "The Gypsy Rover," by May Hewes Dodge and John Wilson Dodge. The operetta will be presented on the evening of May 12.

The story centers around the character of Rob, who was stolen as a baby by gypsies, and brot up to believe he was the son of Meg and Marto. After Rob reaches manhood he meets Constance Mariendale and they fall in love only to be separated by a jealous suitor. Ultimately Rob comes into his own when Meg reveals his true identity and the future looks rosy for Rob and Constance. There are other romantic scenes plus many comedy scenes to make for a pleasant evening's entertainment.

"The Gypsy Rover" is the first presentation of it skid at Lone for a number of years, the last one being directed by Rachel Farsythe, now Mrs. Edwin Diek of Heppner.

## Music Week, Mother's Day Auxiliary Theme

National Music week and Mother's Day were the program theme Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary, when Mrs. Darrel Hudson, music chairman presented an enjoyable program consisting of several selections.

Kenneth Turner played a piano solo; the origination of Mother's Day was given by Nancy Eberhardt; Carol Anderson played and sang True Blue Lady and concluding the program was "Mother," sung by Donna Hudson.

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## Scenes at Annual "Rhea Creek Riot"



Louis Lyons and his faithful camera were on hand at the "Rhea Creek Riot," annual rodeo party of the Wranglers, and snapped several pictures. In the top picture the boys are giving Harold Erwin a bit of rough housing on the "conditioner". From left to right: Carley Burns of Pendleton; Al Fetsch, Erwin, Mrs. Ambrose Chapin, Ralph Beamer and Archie Murchison.



Second from top: Wranglers like to eat as this "chow line" proves. Third down it was dry and dusty in the big corral and Katherine Monahan had to moisten her tonsils a little before proceeding with the whatever event was being run. From left to right: Bill Beck assumed a real rodeo pose as he rode the bouncing white face across the field.