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Grade Schools Of County Meet Here For Track Events

Former Annual Meet Reactivated At Rodeo Grounds

The re-activation of the annual Morrow County grade school and track meet was a happy and successful event of last Friday. Sixty pupils, both boys and girls of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades participated and represented Irrigon, Ione, Hardman and Heppner schools.

The meet was planned and promoted by the staff of the Heppner school. Mr. Juett was chairman of the planning committee and the meet was run off under the able direction of Mr. Whitbeck.

Faculty members were happy with the enthusiasm and spirit of the contestants and visiting faculty members complimentary toward the ease and efficiency with which the meet was handled. No effort was made to rate the schools but merely pick individual winners in each event and presenting them with ribbons. The winners were as follows:

Class B Girls: 50 yard dash—Christine Swaggart, Heppner; Georgianna Econni, Irrigon; Pat Wright, Heppner; Jean Swanson, Ione. Time: 7 seconds.

70 yard dash—Sandra Lanham, Heppner; Christine Swaggart, Heppner; Judy Howton, Ione; Dixie Cosner, Irrigon. Time: 9.7 seconds.

Baseball throw—Sandra Lanham, Heppner; Viola Hughes, Irrigon; Sally Coleman, Irrigon; Shirley Peck, Heppner. Distance: 140 ft. 2 inches.

High Jump—Frances Marlatt and Sandra Lanham, Heppner, tie; two Irrigon girls (names Sylvia and Dorothy) third and fourth. Height: 7 ft. 5 1/2 inches.

Class A Girls: 50 yard dash—Darlene Madden, Ione; Frances Duran, Heppner; Nancy Eberhardt, Heppner; Janet Howton, Ione. Time: 7.7 seconds.

70 yard dash—Virginia Allstott, Heppner; June Privett, Heppner; Janet Howton, Ione; Sharon Smith, Irrigon. Distance: 149 ft. 2 inches.

High Jump—Darlene Madden, Ione; Virginia Allstott, Heppner; Nancy Eberhardt, Heppner; Barbara Gurley, Irrigon. Height: 4 ft. 1 1/2 inches.

Class B Boys: 50 yard dash—Fred Greaves, Heppner; Jack Merrill, Irrigon; Bob Grabbill, Heppner; James Kaiser, Irrigon. Time: 7.1 seconds.

70 yard low hurdles—Bob Grabbill, Heppner; Jerry Dougherty, Heppner; Ernie Drake, Ione; Jerry Wentworth, Ione. Time: 11.5 seconds.

100 yard dash—Jerry Haguewood, Heppner; Jack Merrill, Irrigon; Skip Ruhl, Heppner; Alvin McCabe, Ione. Time: 14.6 seconds.

Broad Jump—Skip Ruhl, Heppner; Fred Greaves, Heppner; James Kaiser, Irrigon; Bob Stevens, Hardman. Distance: 14 ft.

High Jump—Jack Merrill, Irrigon; Skip Ruhl, Heppner; Lawrence Jones, D. Dingledecker, Irrigon, tie. Height: 4 ft. 2 inches.

Pole Vault—Jerry Haguewood, Heppner; John Piper, Heppner; Bob Uttley, Ione; Cliff Baltard, Irrigon. Height: 6 ft. 5 inches.

Football Throw—Larry Mollahan, Heppner; Bill Doherty, Ione; John Piper, Heppner; Bill Salter, Ione. Distance: 98 ft. 6 inches.

Baseball Throw—Jerry Haguewood, Heppner; Bill Doherty, Ione; Ernie Drake, Ione; Gary Quinn, Heppner. Distance: 210 feet.

Shot Put—Larry Mollahan, Heppner; Dennis Ross, Irrigon; Raymond Gray, Heppner; Bill Doherty, Ione. Distance: 34 ft. 1 1/2 inches.

Discus—Fred Greaves, Heppner; Jerry Doherty, Heppner; Paul Wentworth, Ione; D. Dingledecker, Irrigon. Distance: 69 ft. 1 inch.

300 Yard Relay—1. Heppner: Jerry Haguewood, Skip Ruhl, Fred Greaves, Larry Mollahan. 2. Irrigon. Time: 46 seconds.

Class A Boys: 70 yard low hurdles—Bob Kenny, Irrigon; Jerry Buschke, Heppner; Jimmy Green, Heppner; H. Lassness, Irrigon. Time: 11 seconds.

100 Yard Dash—Gene Douglas, Irrigon; Larry Lovgren, Heppner; Ronald Reid, Heppner; Jerry Ross, Irrigon. Time: 13.3 seconds.

300 Yard Dash—Gene Douglas, Irrigon; Larry Lovgren, Heppner; Bob Buschke, Heppner; Bill Kelley, Irrigon. Time: 38.8 seconds.

Broad Jump—Gene Douglas, Irrigon; Pat Cutsforth, Heppner; Jerry Buschke, Heppner; Ken Edwards, Irrigon. Distance: 16 ft. 5 inches.

High Jump—Jimmy Hayes, Heppner; Lee Palmer, Ione; Jimmy Green, Heppner; Bill Kelley, Bob Kenny, Irrigon, tie. Height: 4 ft. 6 1/2 inches.

Pole Vault—Bob Kenny, Irrigon; Bob Buschke, Heppner; Lyle Jensen, Heppner; Sam Barnett, Ione; Paul Barnett, Ione; Wm. Steagall, Irrigon, tie. Height: 7 feet 9 inches.

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Building, Repairs Add Up to Nice Sum in Past Month

Permits issued by O. M. Yeager, city building inspector, during the month of April and up to May 15 totaled \$46,682.18, according to figures given the press this week. The permits covered both new building and repairs or alterations.

In April, Yeager issued eight permits, including two new houses and six repair and remodel jobs. Bruce Bothwell took out a permit to do an \$800 remodel job.

Floyd Borman, Akin Hill, new house, 28x31, \$5,000.

C. W. Barlow, West Willow, new house, 28x30, \$5,000.

Anderson's Builders Supply, storage room, \$100.

David Hynd, Gale street, new range wiring and service, \$35.

R. G. McMurry, Main street, repairs to store, \$45.

Anna McNamee, North Main, remodel house, \$1,000.

Heppner Motors, North Main, wiring at garage, \$95.

May Orville Smith, 10 North Gilmore, guest house and garage, \$3,500.

Whitmer G. Wright, South Chase, new house, \$6,000.

Robert and Jeanne Dobbs, remodel store on Main street, \$1,000.

Ivan Cox, remodel house North Gale street, \$1,000.

B. D. Fancher, new house, Barratt Hill, \$5,000.

Allen and Jean Case, 304 S. Court, remodel home, \$4,000.

Interior Warehouse Co., three metal storage bins, \$5,000.

Approximately one-fourth of the voters of Morrow County turned out and voted in the Rural School District budget election Monday afternoon, with 226 favoring the budget and 309 voting against it.

Boardman and Lexington were almost unanimously in favor of the set-up but the rest of the county was divided in opinion.

A summary of the vote as turned in at the office of the county school administrator shows the following results:

High school districts: Heppner, yes 70, no 128 for a total of 198. Irrigon, 22 yes, Lexington, 22 yes, 2 no. Boardman, 100 yes, 3 no. Ione, 6 yes, 154 no.

Only 47 votes were counted in the non-high school districts. Of the nine districts, Balm Fork had not reported up to this morning and it is probable that there was no voting.

District 2, Lena, gave two votes for, none against; No. 3, Willoway, none for, 6 against; 5J Morgan, none for, 11 against; Rood Canyon, none for, 4 against; 23, Devine, 4 for, 5 against; 24, Willows, none for, 3 against; 40, Hardman, 3 for, 4 against; 41, Sand Hollow, 1 for, 4 against.

Total, 10 for, 37 against, which added to the high school districts makes a total of 226 for and 309 against.

Highway Commission Grants \$75,000 For Wasco Heppner Road

Possibility that travel to central Oregon may be shortened by the coming winter is seen in the highway commission's action in setting aside \$75,000 for improving 11.5 miles of unimproved dirt road on the Wasco-Heppner secondary highway.

The commission directed that this stretch be graded and gravelled during the current year.

People traveling to and from Sherman county points from over this way have been using the route some and are looking forward to completion of the work which will enable motorists to save many miles between this section and central Oregon points.

Another piece of work ordered by the commission calls for resurfacing of the Willow Creek highway from Heppner Junction to the Gilliam county line.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M. SUNDAY

Baccalaureate services for the class of 1950, Heppner high school, will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. Sunday in the school gymnasium-auditorium. Rev. Francis McCormack will deliver the address and the school music department will provide the musical numbers.

This year's class comprises 20 girls and nine boys.

Career Closes For Oregon's Oldest Elected Official

Death came to Leon W. Briggs, 90-year-old treasurer of Morrow county, at 9:55 this morning at the family residence in Heppner. He had been failing for several months and in recent weeks had been confined at home most of the time.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist church, with the pastor, J. Palmer Sorlien officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. It was his wish that flowers not be sent but that money be given to the church for missionary work as a memorial to him.

Although not a life-long resident of Heppner, Mr. Briggs was one of the oldest members of the pioneer group of which but few remain. He was connected with various commercial enterprises until becoming county treasurer, in which capacity he has served for many years. It was his hope to continue as treasurer for at least another term in the early part of the present primary campaign announced his candidacy.

He later withdrew when his health began to break.

A challenge to the other counties of the state to produce an older elected public official was never accepted and it was Mr. Briggs' belief that he was the oldest elected public official in the entire county.

(A more complete history of his life will be given next week.)

School Athletes Honored Guests At "Stag" Dinner

Lettermen of Heppner high school were honored guests at a banquet Wednesday evening at the Legion hall. The affair was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the fine ham and trimmings dinner was prepared by mothers of the athletes and served by the girls of the high school.

Bill Barratt served as emcee and introduced La Verne Van Marter, guest speaker, who inspired the parents and boys of next year's teams to do what no other Heppner team has done—to bring home a championship.

Coach Vernon Bohles presented 17 boys with a total of 28 letters in track, basketball and football. In turn, the boys of the H-club presented their coach with a gift—a Masonic ring. This was Mr. Bohles' last annual dinner with his boys, since he has been elected superintendent of the Gilliam county high school at Condon and will forego coaching. He will be succeeded as coach by Hall Whitbeck.

Captains for next year's teams were appointed, including Gary Connor, basketball and Melvin Piper, football.

Boys receiving letters included Wendall Connor, track and Jack Sumner, football, freshmen; Gary Connor, football, basketball, track, Keith Connor, football, Elwayne Bergstrom, football, track, and Don Woods, football, sophomores; Melvin Piper, football, basketball, track, Phil Smith, football, basketball, Marion Green, football, basketball, Vern Bell, football, and Lyle Peck, football, juniors, and Bob Bergstrom, football, Norman Ruhl, all three, Jim Orwick, football, basketball, Harold Manners, football, basketball, Gerald Bergstrom, manager, and Loren Piper, football and manager, seniors.



Leon W. Briggs, Oregon's oldest elected official, died this morning.

Soroptimists Give Mother's Day Tea For Senior Girls

Senior girls with their mothers were guests of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner at tea Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock in the parlor of the Heppner Church of Christ.

An attractive tea table was the center of interest with punch bowl at one end, coffee service at the other and a beautiful bouquet of tulips in the center. Mrs. W. O. George and Miss Margaret Gillis poured. Baskets of spring flowers were used about the room.

Piano solos were given by Lynda Borman, Sandra Lanham and Judy Thompson. Mrs. Tom Wells, accompanied by Mrs. C. Dunham, pleased the guests with two violin numbers.

Club members received the guests and assisted about the room. The Soroptimists plan to make the tea an annual event in honor of the graduating girls. Their next project will be the awarding of their \$100 scholarship on commencement night.

HEPPNER BOY DESIGNS GOWN AT FASHION SHOW

Joseph J. Hughes Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, recently was in charge of designing a gown in the elaborate all-student fashion show, "Fashion-Travelogue," staged by the fashion arts department of Woodbury college in Los Angeles. All gowns were exclusively designed and modeled by the students and members of their families.

Judges of the fashion show included such fashion-world celebrities as Walter Plunkett, MGM studio designer of gowns for "Gone With the Wind," Bill Travilla, former Woodbury student, now designing gowns with 20th Century Fox studios for "I'll Get By," Miss Maggie Pexton, fashion coordinator for the May Co., and Miss Muriel Barnett, fashion editor of the Los Angeles Mirror.

Kinzua Wins Base Running Marathon In Sunday's Game

Heppner Errors Prove Costly as Pitcher Tires

It takes quite a bit of sprinting to run 28 tallies across the home plate, but the Kinzua and Heppner members of the Wheat-Timber league did just that in Sunday's game, with Kinzua accounting for 17 of the runs and Heppner 11. It was a field day for the batters, and anything but that for the pitchers.

Ye scribe arrived up at the game about the beginning of the fifth canto. From what information that could be gathered by grapevine we learned that the score was 7-5, with Kinzua in the lead. The Heppner batters began to find the offerings of the Kinzua pitcher and took on a couple of runs. This seemed to make the visiting firemen a little bit nettled and they set about to put themselves in a safe position.

This was tough on Drake, Heppner's standby hurler, who had to go the entire route, especially with his teammates making errors that increased his work instead of relieving him.

One Kinzua batter put one over into the bucking horse corral for a complete circuit, but when the fly hits came within the range of the Heppner fielders they were generally taken care of. Manners, youngest of the Heppner players, made the star catch of the day on a center field fly, grabbing it with his gloved hand on a last chance.

Fossil will be on hand at Rodeo field Sunday afternoon to take the measure of the local team, maybe. A little revamping of the Heppner lineup will serve to make the job more difficult.

"Judge" Carmichael officiated behind the plate and Bob Wagner was field umpire. Randy Peterson did the umpiring.

Bank Will Remain Open Election Day

The Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland will be open during its regular banking hours on Primary Election Day, Friday, May 19, according to an announcement by Merle Becket, local manager.

"Election Day affords each of us an opportunity to exercise our fundamental democratic right, and we urge everyone to go to the polls," said Becket. "At the same time, we consider it our obligation to provide the public with banking services at times that suit its convenience. Therefore, if you need banking facilities on Election Day, you'll find us at work and ready to serve you."

JUNIORS HAVE SKIP DAY

Heppner high school juniors attended to their annual skip day Tuesday. The class and their chaperones, Mrs. C. A. Ruggles, Mrs. T. L. Juett and James Erickson, sojourned to Joaquin Miller state park in Grant county for the day's festivities.

Hermiston Farmer Catches Too Many Fish; Loses Them

Perry James Reid, Hermiston farmer, went a bit too far in his fishing activities Sunday and wound up in Justice J. O. Hager's court Monday morning. Reid was caught with 73 trout in his possession, several of which were under the prescribed length, resulting in two counts being filed against him by Officer Bill Labhart.

Reid was fishing in the Sickle Bar Camp area on Little Wall creek when apprehended.

After weighing the evidence, Justice Hager levied a fine of \$50 and costs of \$4.50 for exceeding the bag limit and \$25.00 and costs of \$4.50 for having in his possession fish under the legal size. In addition, he was given a 30-day jail sentence which was suspended upon payment of the fines. Not alone were the fines imposed, Reid lost the fish, and his rod, reel and creel, all of which have been turned over to the state game commission.

PROPOSALS FOR POSTOFFICE HEADQUARTERS INVITED

Proposals are invited to be received at the office of Post Office Inspector E. L. Mochel at Spokane 6, Wash., up to and including June 14, 1950, to furnish quarters suitable for post office purposes at Heppner, announces James H. Driscoll, Heppner postmaster.

The lease for such quarters will be subject to the provisions of the standard form of lease used by the Post Office department, at a stated price per annum, including heat, light, power, water, toilet facilities, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures, for a term of five or ten years from December 1, 1950. About 2200 square feet of floor space is desired.

Forms on which to submit bids may be obtained at the post office in Heppner, Driscoll states.

SOROPTIMIST CLUB MEETS AT LETA HUMPHREYS HOME

Miss Leta Humphreys was hostess to the Soroptimist Club of Heppner at the regular luncheon meeting today. At this meeting the May birthdays were honored with a cake topped with a Maypole.

Several members who attended the guest night of the Soroptimist Club of The Dalles recently reported on that meeting.

Mrs. William Rawlins, a former member of the local club and Mrs. W. C. Collins were guests. Mrs. Paul Brown was welcomed as a new member. Nineteen were present.

JayC-ettes Adopt Kindergarten Rules

By-laws governing the kindergarten were adopted by the JayC-ettes in regular meeting Wednesday evening. It was decided that the directors hold office for three years. In the draw that followed, Mrs. Jack Estberg will serve another year and Mrs. Bill Barratt two more years. Mrs. Edwin Dick, Mrs. Don Walker and Mrs. R. J. O'Shea were nominated for the first three year term. Election will be run off at the June meeting.

At the potluck joint meeting with the Jaycees next Wednesday evening, delegates to the recent state convention at Eugene will give their reports. Hostesses last evening were Mrs. Bill Labhart and Mrs. Bill Farra.

Masonic District Meeting Scheduled

Masons of the 28th Oregon district will assemble in Heppner Saturday evening for a district meeting at the Masonic hall. Supper will be served in the dining room at 6:30, followed by the meeting.

Andrew Staig of Fossil, district deputy grand master, will be present and it is anticipated that other Masonic notables will attend. District 28 includes Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

John G. Parker of Pendleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker of Heppner, is recuperating following major throat surgery last week. He has been released from the St. Anthony's hospital and is at home.

Rural School District Board Calls Second Budget Election For Afternoon of June 8

Faced with making a decision on whether to call a second election on the budget which was defeated in Monday's election, the Rural School Board met at the office of the superintendent in the court house Tuesday evening and after discussing the situation passed a motion that a second election be held at the earliest possible date, which will be June 8.

The decision was made after receiving requests from the Irrigon and Boardman school boards and semi-official action of the Heppner board.

In making the decision the board wanted it understood that the facilities of the superintendent's office would be used to announce the election and to prepare the ballots and such other material pertaining to taking the vote, but that there will be no campaigning unless the individual districts wish to accept that responsibility on their own account. The board feels that its obligation was discharged in preparing the budget and conducting the regular election, that a good job had been done and that the only interest it has in a second election is to carry out the wishes of the individual districts.

Should the second election be on the negative side, the separate districts have the privilege of calling their own budget elections, provided they are held prior to July 15.

Members of the board feel that a lack of understanding regarding the budget was responsible in a measure for its defeat. Efforts were made to clarify the several items, especially the fact that the 1950 expense account was pared something like \$43,000 below that of 1949. This apparently did not appeal to many of the voters and the conclusion is that Monday's vote was more a protest against the rural school board set-up than against the budget itself.

In case a proposed levy in excess of the constitutional limitation is not approved by the legal voters of the Rural School District the board has a choice of two alternates: First—shall levy the maximum permitted by law, namely \$103,214.23. After deducting the estimated expenses provided in the budget of the rural school board (\$15,600 — \$10,240 and \$5,600 special emergency) said board shall apportion the remainder of the levy (\$87,614.23) extended in proportion that the original levy as determined and included by the rural school board for each district is the total of all such levies in the rural school district. (Chapter 345, O.L. 1945 as amended by Chapter 591 O.L. 1947—Section 16).

Second—May call a second election whenever said board deems it advisable. The second election, if the rural board deems it advisable and necessary, may be called after proper notice on a date fixed by the board. (Chapter 543, Section 15, Laws of 1949, Second Supplement Oregon School Laws 1946).

Calling for a second election on the budget is deemed advisable in that, (1) the rural board in cooperation with the local boards followed good financial practice

both in the procedure and in the preparation. That the budget was prepared to provide an adequate yet necessary financial basis to maintain the school program to which Morrow county children are entitled and which it can support. That each local district presented its budget to its voters for confirmation or to its citizens for a hearing. In all cases these budgets were adopted and in those cases where hearings were held few, if any voters appeared to discuss or question the budgets, indicating that they were satisfied with the budget, it would seem. (2) That there was a lack of understanding of the budget and the financial problems of the schools. That some misinformation was given out which influenced an adverse vote on other basis than the merit of the budget itself. (3) That there was a request from the boards of three of the major districts for a second election.

On this basis and not any attempt to dictate to the districts what they should or should not do, the board leaves it up to the voters to decide whether the schools shall keep pace with the growth and development of the county. That is the sole interest of the rural school board whose members have devoted many hours of their own time without one cent of remuneration to the cause of putting into operation the machinery of the rural school law in an effort to give all of the schools the support to which they are entitled in their efforts to educate the "citizens of tomorrow."

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