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Gerald Bergstrom Top Awards Winner Of Class of 1950

Rose Pierson and
Norman Ruhl Also
High With Honors

Thirteen awards were made at the commencement exercises Friday evening at the school gymnasium-auditorium marking the close of activities for the class of 1950, Heppner high school. Of these 13 awards, Gerald Bergstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom, received three on his own account and shared one with Norman Ruhl. Gerald was valedictorian of his class; he received the citizenship award and the faculty honor plaque, besides the FFA award given to him and Ruhl.

Rose Marie Pierson, class salutatorian, received the \$100 scholarship award given by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner and the Eastern Oregon College of Education scholarship award carrying a \$90 benefit. Norman Ruhl received the honors in leadership and athletics and the FFA award shared with Gerald Bergstrom.

Jim Orwick, who plans to be a teacher, received the activities award and the P-TA scholarship. Colleen Connor, for her activities in the band throughout her high school career, received the newly-created music award, while the Carl Gray scholarships awarded annually by the Union Pacific System for home economics and agriculture, went to Lorene Mitchell and Betty Graves. A crowd that completely filled the gymnasium heard a fine address by Lyle Johnson, registrar and counselor for men at Eastern Oregon College of Education. He stressed several good points with funny stories, bringing to the front the value of higher education and the necessity for being prepared to cope with conditions in this rapidly changing world.

Chapel Services Held Monday for Myra I. Noble

Final rites were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Monday at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Mrs. Eugene G. Noble, whose death occurred Saturday, May 27 as the result of heart failure induced by a blood clot. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Noble's death came just three days prior to the date of her 56th wedding anniversary. In the anticipation of the event she had baked a cake and made other plans for observing the day.

Myra I. Smith, daughter of R. M. and Irene Smith, was born December 22, 1875 at Monmouth, Oregon. She grew up in Monmouth, attended the local schools and entered the Monmouth Normal school, where in 1891 she met Eugene G. Noble of Heppner. They were married May 30, 1894 in Monmouth and came to Heppner to make their home, residing here continuously for the past 56 years.

Surviving besides the husband are a sister, Mrs. Ida M. Good-knight and a niece, Mrs. Loren H. Galbraith, both of Vancouver, Washington. Mrs. Noble was a prominent member of the Rebekah lodge for many years and was a member of the Christian church.

JoJean Dix returned to Heppner Wednesday to spend the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix. She attended school in Seattle the past year.

FIFTEEN STUDENTS ON LAST PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Fifteen students made the honor roll at Heppner high school the last six weeks period. These include Roger Palmer, Mae Pinner, John Mollahan, Jack Sumner, Ronald Taylor, Joanne Bothwell, Sally Cohn, Eleanor Rice, James Smith, Marion Green, Mary Gunderson, Patricia Healy, Juanita Matteson, Jim Orwick and Loren Piper.

Supt. Pate announced the scholastic leaders for the year. Freshmen were Roger Palmer, Jack Sumner and Ronald Taylor. Sophomores—Joanne Bothwell, James Smith, Eleanor Rice, Juniors—Marion Green, Mary Gunderson, Patricia Healy. Seniors—Gerald Bergstrom, Jim Orwick, Loren Piper.

Many Farmers Of County On SC-Ag Tour of Projects

Fifty-two farmers and 14 members of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce met at the Rhea Creek grange hall at noon today where the C-C served luncheon for the farm folk on tour of the soil conservation projects under auspices of the Heppner Soil Conservation district. The touring guests had started at the Orville Cutsforth ranch north of Lexington at 9:30 and after viewing the irrigation system and other practices of this well-conducted property moved on to the Bechold ranch near Hardman view conservation practices in vogue there.

Following the luncheon, the group remained at the hall for a showing of motion pictures on conservation and for a lecture on the subject by Art King, soil conservation specialist from Oregon State college. The afternoon itinerary called for visits at the Elmer Palmer and former Clive Huston ranches where projects to curb erosion are underway.

GLIMPSES AT OREGON HIGHWAY HISTORY

The state's system of highway parks and wayside areas was inaugurated in 1925-26 under authority of the 1925 legislature. It grew from a gift by Simon Benson of Benson Park on the Columbia highway, plus additional gifts from other owners until by the close of 1928 a total of 97 park sites had been secured through gift, purchase, and in one case condemnation at Emigrant Springs, coering practically every section of the state. Mayer park of 260 acres was a gift of Mark a Mayer. A 197 acre tract as Emigrant springs was condemned for \$6,900 and \$26,550 expended on buildings.

Back in 1927 the Commission was bothered by the growth of highway advertising signs, as now. It then adopted the uniform system of road signs and highway numbers established by the American association of state highway officials. It notes that on New Years day 1928 the Columbia river highway was blocked by ice and snow through the gorge in Multnomah and Hood River counties. In 1927 it developed the "non-skid" treatment for "blacktop" pavements. In 1928, by legislative authority, it assumed Multnomah county's interest in the Interstate Bridge and made a joint ownership arrangement with the State of Washington for its operation as a "non-toll" bridge. Also, it bowed to heavier loads, faster traffic and greater wear, and started building heavier highways and adopted an 80 feet wide standard for right of way. It welcomed the advent of "balloon" tires as a partial remedy, at least for the increasing damage caused by increased weight and faster speed. It issued special permits to log-haulers and required bonds to guarantee repairs for excessive road damage by them, as a hoped for remedy for that headache.

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Marine Corps Accepting Recruits at Portland

Dispelling a current erroneous belief on the part of the general public, Captain G. E. Lawrence, officer in charge of the Portland Marine Corps recruiting office, announced that the Marine Corps is accepting applicants for immediate enlistment. Captain Lawrence further stated that as far as is now known, this policy will remain in effect for an indefinite period.

To qualify for enlistment in the Marines, a young man must be between the ages of 17 and 28, of good moral character, and must meet the required mental and physical standards. The current enlistment period is four years and accepted applicants are sent from Portland to the Marine Corps recruit depot in San Diego, where they are given a 10-week course of recruit training. On completion of this training, they receive 10 days leave prior to assignment to their first duty station.

Morrow County's School Budget Problems About Average In Counties of State

If there is a feeling among the voters and taxpayers that they are being put on by the school budgets they should give consideration to the position in which other counties of the state find themselves. There is no denying that school expenses are heavy, but it must be remembered that forces over which we have no control brought about the condition with which we are faced.

Of 22 counties responding to an inquiry sent out by Supt. Henry Tetz, eight reported higher "total budgeted per capita", 12 reported the same for the '49-'50 and '50-'51, and two were lower this year than last. Of these two, Morrow county was one. The millage last year was 17; this year it is 28.1. Lowest millage reported for this year is 19.8, in Baker county. Deschutes reports the highest, 65.0.

Ten of the reporting counties show increases in teacher salaries, and ten show the same as last year, while in one instance high school salaries remain the same and elementary school higher and in another county it shows a reversal with high school higher and elementary lower. Increased demands due to heavy growth in population has caused some of the counties to budget heavily above the 6 per cent limitation. Jackson, Lane, Linn, Multnomah and Umatilla are among those experiencing the greatest increases. In these counties, as in several others, the proportion necessary above the six per cent limitation is approximately the same as in Morrow county. The larger counties, faced with bulging populations, voted favorably on their budgets, and of the 22 counties

Morrow was the only one voting unfavorably.

The rural district board counseling with the local district boards, succeeded in paring \$43,000 from the estimates submitted. Deeper cuts could have been made but not without impairing the efficiency of the schools. The county over-all budget was submitted to the voters and was defeated. It will again be submitted on June 8. Whether the voters will have experienced a change of heart by that time remains to be seen. One thing that should be kept in mind is that this generation is charged with the responsibility of preparing oncoming generations to take over where we leave off. The extent of that preparation depends upon our willingness to provide for their proper schooling.

Awards Presented 8th Graders for Americanism Essays

At graduation exercises of the eighth grade Wednesday evening, May 24, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers presented the awards for winning essays in the Americanism contest sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary each year.

This year's theme was "The U. S. Means Us."

Winners among the girls entering the contest were Betty Lou Meadows first; Adelia Anderson second. First in the boys' division was Ronald Currin; second, Larry Lovgren.

The auxiliary has chosen Patricia Healy, daughter of Mrs. Patrick Healy, to attend Girls State at Willamette University, Salem, June 12-18. Girls are elected on a basis of their qualities of character and leadership.

A memorial program was given in Legion hall Monday evening.

A memorial service was conducted by Commander Jack Bailey and officers, after which Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien delivered the address of the evening. There were songs by Mrs. Sorlien, Donna Hudson and Oliver Creswick, accompanied by Mrs. A. Hult; Gettysburg address by Meredith Ann Sorlien, and a reading, "Unknown Soldier" by Mrs. William Labhart. Present at this meeting was the newly elected district commander of No. 6 who presented a membership award to the post. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Next meeting of the auxiliary will be in the hall at 8 o'clock the evening of June 6, at which time there will be installation of officers.

Farmers Go Into Action on Rain Making Program

Ralph Crum, Ione, Alvin Bunch and Frank Anderson Heppner, were appointed as directors to represent Morrow county in a tri-county rain making and hail depression experimental trial that will include Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Directors were elected at a meeting held Monday evening at the court house in Heppner attended by 43 interested farmers. Those farmers present, after hearing County Agent N. C. Anderson outline experimental work and results carried out in other states forwarding the proposal made by farmers attending a tri-county meeting in Arlington last week, agreed to raise one thousand dollars for experimental cloud seeding this year. Gilliam and Sherman counties are to be included in the experimental area and will likewise contribute to the fund.

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Lexington Grange To Feature Holland

Featuring typical Dutch dishes and decorations, a potluck dinner will be served at the Lexington grange hall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 9. A program will start around 8 o'clock with the theme being "A Day in the Life of a Dutch Family—Their Customs and Costumes."

Names of Holland women were secured through letter-friends of the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). A group of Lexington women have been corresponding with a club at Assendelft, Holland. These include Mrs. Kenneth Peck, Mrs. Harold Peck, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Myles Martin, Mrs. Newt O'Hara, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mrs. William Van Winkle, Mrs. Armin Whilon and Mrs. Norman Nelson.

John Nooy of Pendleton who visited Holland last fall will be present at the meeting to which the public is invited.

The HEC will meet at the grange hall at 1:30 June 8 to plan for the Holland program.

Support for 4-H, FFA Show Sought By Wheat League

With only a few days remaining until the fourth annual Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA show and sale of wheat-fed livestock in The Dalles, June 5-7, an effort is being made to obtain market support for the show from citizens of Portland and the wheat growing counties of eastern Oregon.

Manager Eugene Courtney said 207 boys and girls will exhibit about 158 baby beaves, 112 sheep and 80 swine, well over double the number of animals shown last year. With a larger sale in prospect the final night of the show, Wednesday, June 7th, special effort was ordered to hold prices for the choice and good animals to be sold well above prevailing market levels.

The show and sale will be held at Wink's Auction yards, one mile west of The Dalles on Highway 30. Delmar Martin is chairman of the sales committee.

Special show features will include a dinner the opening night for exhibitors, followed by a picture show at the Grandada theater. Tuesday night, there will be a combined banquet for exhibitors, leaders, parents and wheat league officials, followed by a program of fireworks over the Columbia river at 9:45 p.m. (DST).

Wednesday afternoon exhibitors and parents will be taken for a boat ride on the river, courtesy of the Inland Navigation Company, on the yacht, Frances.

Blue Mt. Council To Meet Sunday PM

The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America, will be held this coming Sunday, June 4, in the Walla Walla high school cafeteria beginning at 2:00 p.m. (PST) with a basket pot luck dinner.

All Scouters from all districts of the council are invited to this annual council meeting which will feature the annual election of officers, a pageant, "40 Years of Scouting", presentation of Silver Beaver awards, and special recognition of Unit Leaders including Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Explorer Leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox of Wenatchee, Washington stopped over in Heppner to visit relatives and friends Saturday enroute to San Francisco for a 10-day vacation from his duties at North Central Chevrolet Co.

Mrs. Loren H. Galbraith of Vancouver was in Heppner Monday to attend funeral services for her aunt, Mrs. E. G. Noble. Returning to Vancouver early Tuesday morning she was accompanied by Mr. Noble who will spend some time there.

June Month For Rededication Of Principles Of Liberty and Justice, Our Nation's Foundation

June will be observed as a month of rededication of "our faith in the ideals of liberty and justice upon which this nation was founded" in a nationwide program sponsored by the National Editorial Association of which this newspaper, along with over 5,300 daily and weekly newspapers, is a member.

Governor Douglas McKay has signed a statement setting aside the month for rededication "to the principles of freedom we inherited from our founding fathers."

Editors of America are going to Plymouth Rock on June 25 following the NEA convention and, along with other leaders, are asking "the rest of the nation to join with them "in spirit" in the pilgrimage.

Principal speaker at the rededication ceremonies at Plymouth Rock on Sunday afternoon, June 25 will be Alan C. McIntosh, publisher of the Rock County Star-Herald at Luverne, Minnesota. Over 500 Mutual radio stations will broadcast the program which

Wranglers Engage In Rodeo Stunts At Lena Corral

The Wranglers assembled on Sunday, May 21 for a day of events sponsored by the Harry Dinges, Gerald Swaggart, Eb Hugheses, Bill Weatherfords, Les Wyman, Don Greenups, Ambrose Chapins, Randall Martins and Harold Erwins.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed at 12:30 and the rodeo events started at 1:30. Winners of the various events were:

Junior girls bending race: Christine Swaggart. Junior boys bending race: Neil Beamer. Women's bending race: Katy Monahan. Men's bending race: Oscar George first, Cornett Green second.

Junior girls stake race: Christine Swaggart. Boys stake race: Neil Beamer.

Stake race: Oscar George first, Katy Monahan second, Cornett Green third.

Saddle race: Don Robinson first, Bob Gammell second, Bob Steagell third.

Rescue race: Merlyn and Don Robinson first.

Calf roping: Archie Murchison first, Eb Hughes second, Cornett Green third.

Cow riding: Bob Gammell.

Steer decorating: Archie Murchison first, Bob Gammell second.

Team roping: Archie Murchison and Harold Erwin first.

To top the day off a jackpot calf roping event was held with Oscar George taking first, Don Evans second and Archie Murchison third.

HEPPNER FLOWER SHOP OPENS DOORS TO PUBLIC

Heppner Flower Shop opened its doors to the public Saturday under the ownership of Mrs. Ida Grimes, with Mrs. Fay Bucknum as manager.

The new flower shop is located in the corner room of the Case building. Neither Mrs. Grimes nor Mrs. Bucknum needs an introduction to Morrow county people, as both are experienced business women.

In a short time Mrs. Grimes will add a line of needle work to the flower business and will carry a complete stock.

The ladies plan an open house in the near future when their fancy work supplies arrive. In the meantime they are enjoying meeting their customers at the Heppner Flower Shop.

Mail And Freight Service to Remain Intact on Branch

Tentative Survey
For Star Route
Here Discontinued

Any anxiety that may have been created by the report that the present truck-bus service between Arlington and Heppner was about to be discontinued was dispelled this week with receipt of letters from the postal transportation service at Seattle. The acting general superintendent wrote as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 24, 1950 protesting the proposed discontinuance of truck service operated by the Union Pacific Railroad Company to points in Morrow county south of the main line of the Union Pacific.

"You are advised that I am this date in receipt of a telegraphic message from the Omaha office of the Union Pacific, stating that the Company wishes this service to be discontinued. The survey now being conducted to provide star route service in lieu of the present Union Pacific service for the reason that the Company proposes to continue the present service.

"I assume that this action by the railroad company is satisfactory to you and I am pleased to inform you that the Department will continue the use of the railroad operated buses as at present.

Quick action by the chamber of commerce resulted from the report to that body that the postal service was about to undergo a change. This news has settled the issue for the present at least and everybody is happy once more.

Hospital To Be Dedicated June 11; Opened 18th

Dedication of the Morrow County Memorial hospital has been set for Sunday, June 11, according to announcement by the hospital committee early this week. Opening of the institution has been set for Sunday, June 18.

Manager Waddill now has four employees besides himself working at the hospital. These include Mrs. William Richards, superintendent of nurses; Rita Kennedy, receptionist and bookkeeper; Mrs. Odessa Berkenbock, A.M.T., registered laboratory technician, and Robert Lowe, building custodian. Ten more employees have been added and will be on the job when the hospital is opened. These are the nurses and nurses aides, all of whom will be new to the community and will have to find housing.

A more authentic announcement will be given in next week's issue.

Boardman Seniors Awarded Diplomas . .

By Mrs. FLOSSIE COATS
Graduation exercises for the high school class of 1950 were held Friday evening at the school auditorium, with the following students receiving diplomas: William Califf, Betty Carlson, Dick Colelesser, Kenneth Earwood, Bobbie Eades, Delmar Hug, Darrell Marlow, Harold Marlow, Lois Miles, Marian Pearson and Mary Ann Rands. The school band played both the professional and recreational; invocation by the Rev. Charles Hawley, and the speaker was Dr. John J. Maaske of Eastern Oregon College.

The awards were presented to the following students: Outstanding boy and girl were Mary Ann Rands and Kenneth Earwood; citizenship: Bill Califf; treasurer, Marian Pearson; perfect attendance, Betty Carlson, Stanley Shattuck, and Grace Miller; dramatics, Dick Colelesser, Bobby Eades, Robert Fortner, Delores Zivney, Grace Miller, Marlene Fisk, Marian Pearson, Ora Ely, Delmar Hug, and Donald Gillespie; athletic awards, Bill Califf, Douglas Califf, Dick Colelesser, Bobby Eades, Kenneth Earwood, Donald Gillespie, Delmar Hug, Fred Knight, Darrell Marlow, Harold Marlow, Bill Palmer, Tim Robison, Easley Rogers, Bob Sicard, Stanley Shattuck and Keith Tannehill.

Out of town folks attending the exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buffington, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Healy, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Royal Rands, Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marlow and children, Mrs. Laura Hadley, Darrell Hadley, Umatilla; W. W. Hartle, Harold Hartle, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downey, Spokane; Mrs. Steinke, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Steinke and children, Arlington.

Wednesday evening May 24, Mrs. LaVern Partlow, Mrs. Henry Zivney and Mrs. Armin Hug motored to the Plamoore taking the 7th and 8th grade students for a skating party.

Thursday afternoon a short graduation was held for the 8th grade students. Mrs. Allen Billings gave a short talk, and chairman of the board of directors, Henry Zivney, presented the diplomas. Following the program the mothers served refreshments to the graduates.

Mrs. Walter Hayes motored to Heppner Thursday evening to attend the 8th grade graduation exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chapin and son, David, Pendleton, Henry and Jess Coats of Hardman were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt, Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger Jr. and daughters of Meacham were Sunday

Nomination of officers will be the order of business at the Legion meeting Monday evening, June 3. A good turnout of the membership is urged by the post commander, Jack Bailey.

Louis Lyons of the Heppner Photo Studio left this morning for Portland to be gone several days.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Friends have been invited to attend the wedding of Miss Clara Sue Ledbetter and Sergeant John L. Pickens on Sunday, the 11th of June at 8 o'clock in the evening, at the First Methodist church in Heppner. Miss Ledbetter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bergen Ledbetter of Heppner.

First U.P. Freight for Atomic City



On May 29, Union Pacific delivered at Richland, Wash., the first train load of freight to run over the Government's new 7-mile, \$2,000,000 railroad extension which now links Hanford Works with Richland Junction, a point five miles west of Kennewick on Union Pacific's Yakima branch line. Freight rates identical with those applying to and from Kennewick now apply to and from Richland and the Hanford Works of the Government's Atomic Energy Commission. Train is shown crossing Yakima River one mile from Richland.