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Mass School Band Festival to Follow Exchange Concert Series

All County Schools To Participate

Following a series of school band exchange programs held during recent weeks, bands from all schools in the county and two groups from Umatilla will present a county band festival Friday, March 14 in the Umatilla school gymnasium.

Bands from Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and both a junior and a high school band from Umatilla will participate in the mass performance. Umatilla was chosen as the site because of the size and seating capacity of its new gym.

Each of the seven participating musical groups will play a 10 to 12 minute program and then will present a mass concert of six selections.

The Heppner school band, consisting of 44 members, only two of which are above the ninth grade has just completed a series of exchange concerts with other county schools having played at Lexington and Ione February 14, Boardman and Umatilla, February 21 and Irrigon on February 26. They will present a special program for the public at the local school gym on April 10.

Also a part of the Heppner band are two accomplished solo groups, a saxophone quartet and a woodwind quintet. Members of the quartet are Nancy Davis, Frances Slocum, Peggy Wightman and Jay Sumner. The quintet includes Marilyn Munkers, Edith Morris, Linda Borman, Darlene Connor and Diane Grant. Robert Collins is band instructor in the Heppner schools.

The idea of a county-wide band festival was the outgrowth of a meeting of music directors and school principals held early in February. Also planned at this meeting was the school exchange idea which has been well received in all schools. Directors in charge of the mass band festival stated there would be no charge for the program.

Collins pointed out that the Heppner band was eligible to participate in a competition festival to be held at LaGrande on April 18 and 19 as a grade school band if the two high school members were dropped from the rolls, but he stated they preferred to compete as a class C high school. The ensembles and solo groups will also be entered in the LaGrande competition.

Last year Heppner received a II rating at the LaGrande festival, and the year prior to that were given a I rating.

BARGERS HAVE SON

The chance for a city record went by the board early this week when Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barger became the parents of a boy—their first son. The Barger's already have five girls who will undoubtedly be happy to babysit with the young man.

The baby, named Walter Jr., was born February 25 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonie Ritchie motored to Portland and Scappoose Friday to spend the weekend visiting relatives.



MISS JESSALEE MALLOWAY, recreation specialist who will conduct square dance sessions at Ione, March 5 at 8:00 p. m. at the Legion hall. The evening program will include a brief review of calls given last year and special emphasis placed on new calls for square dance callers. According to County Agents Maud C. Casswell and Nels C. Anderson, each organization in the county may send delegates to the training session.

Mustangs End Highly Successful Basketball Year; Playoffs Next

The well-balanced Mustangs, one of the best at Heppner high school in many years, finished the regularly scheduled league basketball season last weekend with victories over Fossil and Ione. Their record for the season shows 18 wins against only three losses.

The smooth working Mustangs have averaged better than 57 points per game while limiting the opposition to just 38 points in fashioning their record.

In defeating the Fossil Falcons for a clean six-game sweep of league games, the sharp-shooting Heppner five connected with over 50% of their shots as they hum-

bled the Wheeler county boys by a score of 80 to 27.

The Ione game was close only during the final quarter as the Heppner squad continually dominated the backboards giving Ione but one shot at a time. The final score was 57 to 49 for the Mustangs.

Gary Connor grabbed many rebounds from the Ione defense and cashed in with 21 points for the evening to take home game honors.

Heppner is now preparing for the district 6-B tournament which will be held at The Dalles March 3, 4, 5 and 6.

HENRY PETERSON NOT TO RUN; FRENCH TO GET COMPETITION FOR HOUSE SEAT

Henry E. Peterson, Ione rancher, early this week announced in a letter to the Gazette Times that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself as a state representative.

The letter states, "As a matter of announcement to the voters of the 22nd district of the Oregon Legislative assembly, I do not intend to be a candidate for the office. I have served five sessions and it has been a pleasure to serve the voters of the district and I hope I have merited their support."

Peterson wrote a letter from Walla Walla where he is now a patient in the Veterans hospital in the Washington city. His decision not to run for reelection leaves both representative positions in the 22nd district open to new men. Giles French, Moro publisher had already announced himself as a candidate for Congress for the seat now held by Lowell Stockman of Pendleton.

Junior Mustangs Have Good Season

A fine prospective group of basketballers consisting mainly of Freshmen and Sophomores have proved themselves very adept at the game of basketball and fashioned a 23 win and 3 loss record in games including practice and Frosh games.

The reserves averaged 45 points per game with a total of 1190 points while holding the opposition to a meager 28 points and a 736 point total for the season.

Leading Scorers—Jerry Haguewood, 186; Bill Hughes, 172; Dick Kononen, 169; Al Parent, 157; Mike Grant, 125; Jim Hayes, 85; W. Connor, 74; Ray Taylor, 49; L. Mollohan, 31; Jim Green, 21; Roger Palmer, 18; Dean Groves, 13; Bob Grabill, 6; J. Mollohan, 4; Fred Luyen, 4; Jim Sayers, 4; Pete Andresen, 4; Ralph Marlatt, 1.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Merle Kirk suffered a broken rib and severe bruises in an auto accident in Salem the first of the week. Mrs. Kirk was riding with her daughter, Mrs. Don Robinson in the Robinson car when it was struck by another auto which reportedly was traveling at an excessive speed in a 25-mile zone. The car was so badly damaged that the Robinsons were forced to purchase another in order to make the trip home from Salem.

Returning with them were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk. The party had been attending the Polled Hereford Sale in Salem during the weekend. The Robinsons accompanied by Dallas Craber departed Thursday for Ellensburg, Wn., to attend another sale. They expect to return to Heppner Monday.

Mrs. Mary Van Stevens motored to Portland Sunday to spend a few days in the city attending the gift show and buyers market.

Tom Cornett and Frank Davis, a former local manager of Tum-A-Lum lumber company, both of Walla Walla were business visitors in Heppner Monday.



HOLLIS C. HULL, Albany, Oregon department commander of the American Legion.



MRS. W. E. WILKENS, LaGrande, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, who with Commander Hull will be in Heppner Thursday for district meeting.

District Legion Conference to be Held in Heppner

The Heppner post of the American Legion and its auxiliary will be host to department officers and visiting Legionnaires who are to convene here Thursday, March 6 for the annual district conference. The district includes Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hollis C. Hull of Albany, department commander, will lead a group of department officers which includes Karl L. Wagner, Eugene, department vice-commander, Tom Collins, department adjutant and various chairmen of standing committees. Commander Hull said the conference, which is to start at 2:00 p. m., is for the purpose of discussing problems, programs and policies of the Legion to acquaint the membership of the actions taken at department convention held at Seaside and the national convention held at Miami. Proposed national legislation and state developments will also be discussed at the meeting.

Mrs. Marie Wilkins, LaGrande, department president of the Auxiliary, will head her group in a separate conference during the afternoon. The sessions will close with a banquet at 6:30 at the Legion hall.

Local Legion officers who are in charge of the arrangements for the day-long conference are Jack Edmondson, Heppner, district president, Anna Lee Kennedy, Pendleton, women's district president, Bob Corthell, Heppner post commander and Mabel Heath, Heppner, Auxiliary head.

National 4-H Week To Be Observed Here

Members of the 4-H club council has been at work preparing a window at the Pacific Power and Light office in Heppner depicting the work of the county 4-H clubs during the past year.

The project is a part of the planned events for national 4-H club recognition week which will be observed next week.

There will also be window displays in downtown Ione and in Lexington.

State Tax Men to Offer Local Aid

State income tax representatives will visit Morrow and Gilliam county towns in the near future to assist taxpayers in preparing their forms.

They will be in Heppner at the court house from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. March 4; at the Gilliam county bank in Arlington from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m., March 4; and at the courthouse in Condon from 9:00 to 11:00 a. m., March 5.

Among those from Heppner in Lexington Saturday to attend the Umatilla-Morrow District Odd-fellows convention were J. C. Payne, Tom Allen, Emory Settles, Duward Tash and Al Troedson. Lodge dignitaries attending the convention were George M. Lyons, Oswego, Grand Master and Earl L. Shank, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Allen Case returned Thursday from Portland where she attended the buyers' market. Mrs. Case was present at the birthday observance honoring her mother, Mrs. Ida J. Grimes on Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. Carl Leathers. Allen Case drove home Wednesday to bring her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson made a business trip to Echo Sunday afternoon.

Political Views Aired at Meeting

At the first political meeting held in the county three aspirants for public office presented their views at a gathering at the court house Wednesday evening.

Among those present were state representative Giles French who is running for representative in Congress and C. A. Tom, Rufus and J. P. "Jack" Steiwer of Fossil, who are running for the legislature.

French and Tom in particular, expressed their views regarding taxation and the necessity for government economy. Both men called for continued expansion of the Columbia river development especially in connection with the John Day dam. Both men pointed out what development would be made in Morrow county through irrigation and reclamation from this project.

The matter of government owned lands came in for considerable discussion with both pledging their efforts to return as much of it as possible to the tax rolls. It was pointed out that approximately 70% of the land in Oregon east of the Cascades is owned by the government, depriving the local governments of taxes from such land.

French stated the only way to reduce taxes in the nation was to get enough men in public office who know how to say "no".

The meeting was sponsored by the Morrow county Republican central committee.

Defense Bond Sales Soar In County

State-wide purchases of defense bonds during January were over three million dollars, which reflects one of the highest sales volumes in months.

A total of \$3,026,525 was purchased in all series. Of this amount 83 per cent were in Series E bonds. Purchases in Morrow county amounted to \$77,775 in all series.

"Aside from the increase in E bond sales, the redemptions throughout the county during January show an encouraging trend", James H. Driscoll, county defense bond chairman, stated. "Purchases of E bonds exceeded redemptions by 21 million dollars.

"In addition to this," Driscoll emphasized, "only 12 per cent of matured E defense bonds, those issued in January, 1942, were presented for payment. Since the first E bonds began maturing in May of last year, close to 75 per cent of bond holders have elected to hold on to their bonds."

Red Cross Drive to Start on Saturday

Saturday, March 1 will mark the opening in Morrow county of the 1952 Red Cross fund drive which this year is under the direction of Mrs. Tom Wilson, Heppner.

Jack Bailey, chapter president, announced this year's drive quota as \$2,225, up slightly from last year, and expressed the hope that Morrow county could do as well as it has during recent years. For the past 11 years the county has exceeded its quota, and last year was the second county in the state to go over the top. Crook

county reported in only about one and one half hours ahead of the local committee.

Fund drive chairmen for the various areas are Heppner, Mrs. Tress McClintock; Lexington, Mrs. John Ledbetter; Ione, Mrs. Earl McCabe; Boardman, Mrs. Huston Lesley; Boardman, Mrs. Alta Russell; Irrigon, Mrs. Dawn Small; Morgan, Mrs. Zoe Bauer-nfeldt and Mrs. Frederick McClintock is in charge at Cecll.

Chairmen and solicitors for the rural communities are Mrs. Floyd Jones, Upper Rhea creek; Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Willow creek; Mrs. Nora Tanner, Sand Hollow; Mrs. Jerry Broeman, Lena; Mrs. Harry Duval, Black Horse; Mrs. Don Bennett, and Mrs. Bill Barratt, Hinton creek; Mrs. Harold Wright, Ruggs; Mrs. Pete Lennon and Mrs. Dick Meador, Balmfork; Mrs. Ben Anderson, Eightmile; Mrs. Frances Carlson, Gooseberry; and Mrs. Earl Evans, for the highway between Lexington and Heppner.

The drive is carried on for the entire month throughout the nation.

Lex. IOOF Meeting Attracts Many

The Lexington Oddfellows lodge last Saturday played host to many visiting officers and members when the district convention of the lodge was held there.

A full day's program had been prepared by the host lodge with proceedings starting at 1:30. Committee reports and general business were handled during the afternoon and this was followed by a banquet at the Lexington hall served by the Three Links club. The Grand Lodge was convened at 5 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge degree. The meeting was opened to the public later in the evening.

Present for the convention were several grand officers and past grand officials in addition to many other visiting officers from lodges throughout the entire state. Nearly 100 persons were served at the banquet.

March of Dimes "Kid" Nets \$80 For Drive

The March of Dimes drive was \$80 richer Tuesday when Ralph Beamer put up a kid goat for sale at the Heppner Sales Yard.

Beamer donated the goat for a Dimes drive benefit auction and before it was over 17 persons had bid it in and redonated it for sale, "Red" White, an out of town buyer, finally wound up owner of the "March of Dimes Kid".

Temporary owners of the goat were Ray Ferguson, Heppner Sales Yard, Everett Snyder, John Hanna, Paul Jones, F. Jacobs, Luke Bibby, Don Greenup, Cliff Doherty, Ken West, Herman Betelli, Gene Ferguson, Sam Turner, Eb Hughes, Rendell Martin, Harold Erwin and Rodney White.

Yard owners E. W. Wells and W. D. Wanzor turned the checks over to the Heppner drive chairman James Driscoll Wednesday.

Van Winkle DeSoto Plymouth Dealer

Jack Van Winkle, owner of Jack's Chevron station in Heppner this week announced his appointment as local dealer for DeSoto and Plymouth cars. Neither of the Chrysler motor company products have had a county outlet for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Winkle of Lexington will leave next Monday by plane for Detroit, Mich., to pick up a new car for display. He expects to have both cars available within a short time.



DEDICATION ceremonies for the new Ione city hall building will be held on March 15. A special program is planned which will be announced later. The building houses the city offices, public library, fire department and shops, and is expected to be entirely completed by that time.

Heppner Schools to Participate in Tests

The Heppner school has been selected by the World Book company as one of the schools the company will use in establishing national norms for a new series of Stanford achievement tests.

The tests, written by leading educators, are made up in all subject matter fields for all grades and are then given to pupils in selected schools in all parts of the nation. By the tabulation of results they arrive at the scores for various percentage rankings.

When other schools give the tests to their pupils they are able to tell how their students rank with pupils in other parts of the nation.

The tests will be given in April.

Organist to Present Varied Program

Members of the Christian Woman's Fellowship of the Christian church who are sponsoring the appearance here of John McDon- and Lyon, well known organist, this week announced the program which he will present at his concert at the church on Tuesday, March 4.

Mr. Lyon will present the following selections: Prelude—Alexandre Guilmant Andante—Cesar Franck Komm, süsser Tod—Johann Sebastian Bach Gesu Bambino—Pietro A. Yon Cristo Trionfante—Pietro A. Yon Sunrise—Sigfrid Karg-Elert Pastorale—Maurice Ravel Dreams—Hugh McAnis Mountain Sketches: Jagged Peaks in the Starlight Wind in the Pine Trees Cannon Walls

Joseph W. Closkey Tickets are available at Humphrey's drug company in Heppner and from Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Lexington.

A reception for Mr. Lyon will be held in the church basement following the concert.

Heppner F. A. Boys Feeding Livestock

The Heppner chapter of the Future Farmers of America now has ten boys feeding livestock for The Dalles show to be held in June.

Jerry Haguewood, Jim Hayes, Larry Mollahan, Peter Slocum, Oliver Devin and Neil Beamer are feeding pigs. Ronald Currin and Jim Wightman are feeding lambs. Kenneth Turner and Ronald Haguewood are each feeding out a pen of three steers and a single.

Omitted from last week's story about local chapter members attending a public speaking and parliamentary contest at The Dalles were the names of Elwayne Bergstrom who entered in the speaking division and Jim Wightman in parliamentary. Ronald Currin also made the trip as an observer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill were in Kennebec last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Neil Knighten who broke her elbow in a recent accident.

Mrs. Blanche Brown returned Friday evening from a two week's shopping and pleasure trip to Portland. During her stay in the city she was the guest of Mrs. Venice Stiles.