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County Schools Preparing To Open Doors Sept. 8

With school days drawing near, nearly all county schools are rushing to complete building, remodeling and renovation plans before students return to the buildings on Monday, September 8.

All buildings have undergone considerable rehabilitation during the summer months, and Irigon is rushing to complete a new six-room elementary school however officials there expect it will be October 1 before the building will be ready for occupancy.

At the Heppner school, remodeling is now underway to provide one additional classroom in the building and this is expected to be completed by opening day. The large study hall has been partitioned to provide a new science laboratory. The new room will make it possible to hold all classes within the building. Last spring it was feared the expected increase in enrollment in the lower grades would necessitate holding at least one class elsewhere. The school board is now working on a bond issue plan to be presented to the voters of the district to finance the construction of a new elementary school and other remodeling of the present plant.

A general painting and renovation program has been completed at the Ione school and Lexington expects to have a similar project finished by school opening. At Lexington the installation of new type desks in all elementary grades has been completed. At the Boardman school a similar cleanup program is nearing completion and in addition that district has called for bids on the construction of a new gymnasium. This building will not be completed for the coming school year.

According to information from the county superintendent's office, most teaching positions in all county schools are now filled. Leslie Grant, county superintendent, stated only two or three remained open but applications have been received by the various superintendents for these spots.

Two new superintendents will oversee schools in Lexington and Boardman this year. James Vanover, formerly at Heppner will be superintendent at Lexington and Ray Anderson holds a similar position at Boardman. Student registration in most cases is planned for the week of September 1, with definite dates to be announced later. A county teacher's institute will be held on Thursday, September 4 at the Heppner high school.

Parents Urged To Return Student Physical Exam Reports

County health department this week said it continues to receive the physical examination reports for students who are entering the first and ninth grades.

Martha Tapanainen, health nurse, urges parents to have the examinations completed and send the reports to the department so that recording may be finished before the start of the school year. This information is helpful to the teachers in better knowing and understanding the students.

Help Asked in School Bus Routing

Leonard L. Pate, Heppner school superintendent, this week asked that any new family who has moved into the school district in the rural areas who will have children riding the school buses, to contact him prior to the start of school.

Pate stated he needs the information on the location of the children so that the bus routes may be scheduled and no children missed on the opening day of school, Monday September 8. He may be reached by calling Heppner 32.

MARKSMANSHIP SCHOOL FOR B. O. W. MEMBERS

A small arms marksmanship school for members of the B. O. W. Jr. rifle club will be conducted August 18-22 at the clubs rifle range south of Heppner.

Instruction and practice firing are scheduled each day from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Members desiring rides to and from the range are asked to be sure to contact C. W. Johnson, instructor, before 9:00 a. m. each day.

Jack Hynd of Pendleton spent Wednesday in Heppner with his brothers, David and Will Hynd.

Two Heppner Firms Soon to Occupy New Business Building

With work nearing completion on the new business building being constructed by W. C. Collins on north Main street adjacent to the Heppner Cleaners, two Heppner firms are planning moves in the near future.

Collins announced that Pacific Power and Light company will occupy the north half of the building and P. W. Mahoney will move his law office from its present location in the Heppner Hotel building into the other space.

The new building is of fireproof construction with modern brick and metal front matching the cleaners building.

D. A. Wilson, who owns the building now occupied by the Power company announced that he plans a complete modernization of that structure and that work will start on this project in the near future.

Registration Open For Kindergarten

Registration blanks for entering five-year olds in the Heppner Kindergarten are being distributed by the Jay Cee-ettes kindergarten board this week. Any parent not having received the enrollment letter is asked to contact Mrs. John Pfeiffer.

The kindergarten, which is sponsored by the Jay Cee-ettes, opens for its fourth year on Monday, September 8, at the Civic Center. Mothers are asked to bring their children at 10:00. The youngsters will enjoy supervised play while Mrs. Grace Drake, the instructor, meets with the mothers.

Mrs. Drake, who also instructed the school last year, has had special training for working with pre-school children. She attended college for five years and was home demonstration agent in Morrow County previous to her marriage to Douglas Drake, well-known local farmer. They have two children.

Kindergarten sessions will be week days from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Children who are five on or before November 15, 1952, are eligible for enrollment this fall. The registration fee this year is \$10, with monthly fees lowered to \$6.50 a month. Children living outside Heppner may be enrolled for occasional attendance; their fee is 50c a day.

Fees pay only a part of the expense of conducting the kindergarten. The balance is raised by the Jay Cee-ettes in such money-making projects as their fall and spring rummage sales, and through donations from other organizations and individuals.

The kindergarten board is Mrs. John Pfeiffer, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Barratt, secretary; and Mrs. Edwin Dick, treasurer. Any parent wishing further information before enrolling a child is requested to contact one of these women, or is invited to attend the opening session on September 8.

The services of two mothers in cleaning rooms as payment of their children's fees is sought by the board, they have announced.

New Physician To Open Office Monday

Dr. Wallace H. Wolf, physician and surgeon is in the process of moving to Heppner from White Salmon, Washington where he has practiced for the past two years.

Dr. Wolf, who has taken over the building on North Main street formerly occupied by Dr. Richard J. O'Shea, plans to open his office to the public Monday, August 25.

Jack Sumner To Tell Of Recent UN Trip

Jack Sumner, delegate to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth held in New York City in mid-July, will give a report of his trip at a special meeting of Willows Lodge No. 66, L. O. F., on Friday, August 29, according to an announcement this week by Ralph Taylor, Noble Grand. This will be open to the public and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Sumner was sponsored by the local lodge and made the trip along with many young people from the Pacific Northwest. Movies of the trip will also be shown at this meeting.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Jessie (Arthur) Hansen at Helena, Montana Monday evening following a long illness. Hansen was called to Montana last week.



Fred Mankin (left) and Alvin Bunch of Heppner, father-in-law, son-in-law team, have been named winners of Morrow county's conservation man of the year contest.

Morrow County Picks Conservation Family

(This article, pre-released to the Gazette Times will appear in the Farm, Home and Garden section of The Oregonian next Sunday, August 24).

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Morrow county's 1952 "Conservation Man of the Year" award has been won by the father-in-law and son-in-law team of Fred Mankin and Alvin Bunch, Heppner.

The Morrow county winners are practicing big-scale conservation on a 5000-acre wheat and cattle operation that is split into several ranches, each with its special problems. To meet this situation, they are using just about every anti-erosion tool in the book and are trying a few new ones.

They have what is believed to be the largest strip-cropping operation in the region. A total of 1000 acres of wheat land is being strip farmed. About 300 acres are leached with permanent sod strips of alfalfa and crested wheatgrass, all on the contour.

Another 700 acres are in alternate strips of wheat and fallow, also on the contour. On the entire 2200 acres of wheat land, every pound of straw is utilized in a stubble mulch system. The straw both helps to prevent soil washing and blowing, and builds up organic matter to improve soil tilth so that it will soak up the water.

Extensive use is made of sod waterways to prevent gullies and channel the water safely down slopes where the erosion hazard is high. About three miles of such waterways have been installed and more are planned.

Mankin and Bunch are seeking to improve on the traditional dryland area favorite, crested wheatgrass, for planting sod waterways, and are trying several new grasses and legumes that will make a better sod and produce more forage if they will grow in relatively low-rainfall areas. Trials so far include pubescent and intermediate wheat-grasses and big blue. Ladak alfalfa results have been spotty, and the new dryland Nomad will be tried.



This is a closeup of the Oregonian trophy awarded each year to the winner of the Oregon Wheat Growers league contest for conservation man of the year.

Tri-County Draft Board to Call 24 For Examinations

Reflecting a sharp increase in Selective Service calls, the Wheeler-Gilliam-Morrow tri-county board this week mailed out 24 notices for pre induction physical examinations to be held in Portland on September 17. Those who pass the physical test will probably be inducted into the army in October and November, states Mrs. Florence L. Morgan, board clerk.

According to state headquarters the main reason for the imminent heavy calls is to replace veterans who will be eligible for discharge upon completing twenty-four months service since the outbreak of the Korean conflict.

The board also announced that Elmer J. Kennedy, Condon, who was inducted into the army on August 14 has been sent to Fort Lewis for army assignment.

Mrs. Elbert Cox has returned from The Dalles where she spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Mullins. Mrs. Cox went to The Dalles with her sister, Mrs. Ellis Irwin who was en route to her home in Sherwood after a brief stay in Heppner.

Albert Bennett Gay Buried Here Thursday

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) for Albert Bennett Gay, 77, in the Methodist church at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiating.

He died August 18, after spending 74 years of his life in Heppner.

Gay was born in Sacramento, California November 14, 1874. He was never married and is survived by two brothers Walter, Heppner and Leo of Pendleton; one sister, Mrs. Mabel French, Heppner; one nephew and two nieces.

Interment was at the Masonic cemetery in Heppner.

BAND PRACTICE STARTS

James Kamprud, new Heppner school band instructor this week called band members together for the start of practice to prepare the band for fair and rodeo appearances.

A good turnout was reported at the first meeting Tuesday night. The group will make several appearances during the fair week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Edward LeTrace have returned from a motor trip to Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

Fair and Rodeo Program Nearly Complete, Exhibit Space Taken

Lightning Starts 11 Fires in Heppner Forest District

Dry lightning plagued the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest for the second week in a row as scores of strikes lashed the forested area last Wednesday evening. Within a few minutes of the storm blazes began to appear.

In the 24 hour period following the storm 11 fires had been reported by the lookouts and the Kinzua Pine Mills patrol plane. Wayne West, district ranger said all the blazes were controlled within a few hours following their discovery and that none of them exceeded one-fifth of an acre in size.

John G. Jones Speaks to C of C

Chamber of commerce members Monday noon heard John G. Jones former La Grande radio station manager tell them why they should be "dissatisfied but happy." Jones is seeking the position of representative in Congress from this district on the Congress from this district on the Jones' talk explained why America has become such a great nation because it is typically American to be happy with what we have but not satisfied to stop where we are. He said it is the thing that gives business men and organizations such as chambers of commerce and service clubs the desire to create something a little better for their community.

Jones was accompanied to Heppner by his wife, Inez.

Chamber members also received quantities of Morrow county Fair buttons which are now on sale in many Heppner stores. The buttons sell for \$1.00 and give the wearer admission to all three days of the fair.

The chamber is sponsoring the sale of the buttons.

Masonic Services Held Wednesday For Cleve H. Van Schoiack

Funeral services were held at the Heppner Masonic lodge, Wednesday, August 20 for Cleve H. Van Schoiack who died at his home here August 17. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Van Schoiack was born at Dorena, Oregon April 17, 1890 and had lived in Morrow county for the past 36 years. At the time of his death he resided in Heppner, but he operated a ranch in the Rhea Creek area for many years.

Surviving besides his wife, Martha are four sons, Andy and Robert, Heppner; Cecil, Portland and Sidney, Pilot Rock; two daughters, Mrs. Erma Darrin, and Mrs. Helen Karlson, both of Portland. He also leaves two brothers, Otho and Glen Van Schoiack, and a sister, May. There are 13 grandchildren.

Pallbearers at the Masonic service under the direction of Master Frank E. Parker, were Claude Graham, Floyd Worden, James Hayes, Frank E. Parker, Dick Wilkinson and Stephen Thompson. Rev. Earl L. Soward officiated. Burial was in the Olney cemetery in Pendleton.

Phelps funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Morrow Represented On Committee To Retain Fair Fund

Stephen Thompson of Heppner has been named to the newly-organized Taxpayer's Committee to retain pari-mutuel revenues, according to an announcement by acting chairman Henry W. Collins of Portland.

Thompson, in accepting the position for Morrow county, said, "Should pari-mutuel revenues be lost it would cost Oregon a total of \$392,812 a year. Morrow county alone would lose next year an estimated \$12,500 in fair money. Our organization feels we cannot afford to lose that revenue."

Executive-Secretary of the committee is G. Irvin Hess of Union county. Nearly all counties have representatives on the committee.

Guests last week at the Harry Duvall home at Blackhorse were Duvall's cousins and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Corrington of Nickerson, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norton of Baker, Oregon.

Dressup Parade To Be September 1

With only two weeks to go much activity will be found at the office of the secretary and at the fair grounds in preparation for what now appears to be the best Morrow County Fair and Rodeo yet staged. The 1952 dates are September 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Entries for fair exhibits are beginning to come in with indications that there will be more than last year. In the Community booth division entries are being received so rapidly that it now appears last minute applications will have to be turned down. More interest is being shown by local businesses in putting up commercial booths this year. Booths at the fair pavilion are being moved back from the center arrangement, as last year, to the walls.

Much competition is developing in the special home economics awards being offered again this year. These are the National Needlecraft Crochet contest, the Betty Crocker chiffon cake and C & H sugar awards. These contests offer awards in all of the needlecraft, baking, jelly, canned fruits and preserves divisions.

Quite a variety of special awards have been offered by local people that promise to add considerable competition in livestock, horse and rodeo events. Ready to announce at this time are awards being made by Walter Corley, of Salem, gold and silver prize bit for winner of the amateur cow cutting class of the horse show to be held on Friday afternoon, September 5; Hotel Heppner's annual award will vary from the flag race trophy awarded in past years to an engraved belt buckle for the best all-round cowboy of the Rodeo. Jim Farley Pontiac company will award the trophy.

The Dress-up parade, usually held two weeks prior to the fair weekend, has been changed this year and will be held on Monday, evening September 1 and will be followed by the Queen's dance later the same night. The change was necessitated by the Labor day holiday and the board felt it would be wiser to hold the events the evening of Labor day rather than the Saturday preceding as it is expected that many persons will take advantage of the two-day holiday for short trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harmon of Walla Walla were in Heppner on Wednesday.

Final Princess Dance Honors Shirley Myers



Shirley Myers, 5 foot 2, inch hazel eyed brunette is the Lena community's princess of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo royal court for 1952. A princess dance to be held this Saturday night at the Heppner fair pavilion will be given in her honor and to present her to her subjects.

Princess Shirley, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers and is a junior at Echo high school where she has been active in school affairs. She is a member of the school band and has been elected president of the Pep club for the coming year. She is active in 4-H work too, particularly in sewing and makes a good share of her own clothes.

Princess Shirley was born in Heppner and is a member of one of the oldest families in this sec-

tion of Oregon. Her great-grandfather, A. G. Bartholomew was county judge at the time of the Heppner flood having held that office from 1896. Her other great-grandfather, O. F. Thomson, came to Oregon in 1865 and settled on Butter creek in 1872. He was Umatilla county sheriff for several years.

Shirley's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew, came to Butter creek in 1905 and her parents bought the ranch from them, so she is living on the same ranch her mother was born on.

Princess Shirley's horse, Cludy, is just a colt that only she, her two brothers and sister have ridden. She will be seen on her during the fair and rodeo. Her Saturday dance is the final Princess dance for the year and is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock.