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Heppner High to Graduate 26 Seniors May 29

Twenty-six Heppner high school seniors are approaching the end of their local school career and are preparing for graduation exercises to be held at the school gymnasium Friday, May 29.

Superintendent Leonard L. Pate announced this week that Sunday May 24 has been set for the baccalaureate services to be given by J. Palmer Sorlien at the gym auditorium. It will start at 8 p. m. Professor Ernest Anderson of the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande will be the speaker at the graduation exercises.

All seniors are completing their high school work and will be excused from all classes during the last week, Pate said. Many activities still remain for them, however, with the junior-senior prom and banquet scheduled for this Friday. The banquet will be served at the Episcopal parish house, with the dance following at the school gymnasium.

The graduating seniors are Patricia Albert, Beth Ball, Fern Bidle, Ida Lee Chapel, Wendell Connor, Rita Cox, Leslie Case, Kenneth Cutsforth, Kenneth Easter, Florence Elde, Monte Fast, Michael Grant, Ronald Hague, Loyd Harshman.

Mary Ann Jensen, Wesley Marshall, John Mollahan, Betty Moyer, Roger Palmer, Patricia Peck, Billie Jean Privett, Janice Prock, Emery Settles, Meredith Ann Sorlien, John Sumner, Roland Taylor.

The Heppner graduation ends most county school activities for the summer vacation, with most other schools completing their schedules one week earlier.

C of C Hears Singers, Savings Bond Talk

Chamber of commerce members were entertained Monday noon by several selections sung by the Philander Smith college quartet which was in Heppner over the weekend to appear last Sunday at the Methodist church. The negro group, and their director, Dr. Leonard Tate, are on a good will tour of the northwest.

Speaking in behalf of the current nation-wide defense bond drive were Jeff Carter, Morrow county drive chairman, Jack Bedford and Mrs. Clara Gertson who represented the Soroptimist club which is putting on a campaign to obtain signatures for the bond-a-month plan.

Treasury department figures released this week showed that Morrow county residents purchased \$23,144 in series E and H bonds during April which is nearly three times the \$8,981 purchased in the same month last year.

Ione Student Gets Fraternity Post

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Special—John Bristow of Ione was recently elected parliamentarian of the Oregon State college chapter of Delta Chi, national social fraternity.

Delta Chi is one of 32 national fraternities at OSC which house approximately 1200 men.

Bristow, sophomore in lower division of liberal arts, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow of Ione.

SON WOUNDED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Anderson were notified that their son Cpl. Sam Schwarzin was wounded by mortar fire in Korea May 3 of this year. He went to Korea in October of last year.

ALLOTMENTS POSSIBLE—

Growers Urged to Supply PMA Wheat Data

Wheat growers were urged today to come to the county Production and Marketing Administration office at their earliest convenience. Their help is urgently needed to bring farm program records up to date, in preparation for possible acreage allotments and marketing quotas on the 1954 wheat crop.

This appeal follows a recent announcement by secretary of agriculture Ezra Taft Benson that the U. S. department of agriculture would immediately start the preliminary work necessary in case production and marketing controls are required for the next wheat crop.

According to Harold Campbell, chairman of the county PMA committee, certain information from farmers is absolutely neces-



PLUGGING FOR BONDS—Morrow county defense bond chairman, Jeff Carter, is shown visiting with Mary Pickford at the Pendleton Union Pacific station last Thursday where she stopped briefly while on a tour of Oregon to help the Women's Crusade for Security—a campaign spearheaded by 21 national women's organizations to sign up business and professional people for the savings Bond-A-Month plan. 35 years ago Miss Pickford visited Oregon on a national Liberty bond tour. Standing to the left of Miss Pickford is Mrs. A. C. McIntyre, Umatilla county woman's bond sale chairman. Heppner Soroptimists are sponsoring the drive locally.

DIALING MISTAKES ACCOUNT FOR TWO HEPPNER FALSE FIRE ALARMS

"Falsies" gave Heppner firemen a couple of bad moments over the weekend, the first they have had with their new alarm system.

The two false alarms, Friday morning and Monday afternoon, were classified by chief C. A. Ruggles as the inevitable result of persons getting used to using the new dial phones.

No definite trace was made of the first alarm Friday but it is thought that it was turned in through an error in dialing. The second came from a party on a rural line who had in some manner rung the fire phone, which automatically sounds the siren, while trying to reach the Arlington long distance operator. It is thought that either a mistake in dialing or a possible switch in lines in the new dial equipment caused the alarm to sound.

Ruggles again urged residents to take particular care to not dial the fire number by mistake, but

also stressed that when it is called to report a fire, that the person calling must remain on the line until the phone is answered so the location of the blaze can be determined by firemen. The siren may sound before the phone is answered, as it advises the firemen to report to the fire hall, but just because the siren is blowing does not mean that they will know where to go until given the location by the caller.

The malicious turning in of a false alarm is punishable by fine.

Heppner Senior Wins Pacific Scholarship

Wendell Connor, Heppner high school senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor of Heppner was this week awarded an \$800 scholarship by Pacific University at Forest Grove. It was granted because of his excellent high school scholastic record.

Wendell has been very active in athletics during his entire school term, having participated in nearly all forms of school sports. He is entered in the state track tournament at Corvallis this weekend, because of his placing in the recent La Grande meet.

He expects to enter Pacific this fall.

School Band To Give Concert Wednesday

The Heppner school band under the direction of James Kamrud, will give a concert at the school gym on Wednesday May 20 at 8:00 p. m.

There will be no admission charge and refreshments will be served during intermission.

ELECTION TONIGHT

Voters of school district No. 1 will vote tonight (Thursday) between 7 and 8 p. m. for authorization for the county schools to exceed the present 6 percent limitation law by \$316,386.90. The money is for the operation of the schools.

The polling place is the Heppner school.

INSTALLATION SET

The Heppner American Legion auxiliary will hold installation of new officers Tuesday evening, May 19 at the Legion hall, officials announced today. The installation will be preceded by a no-host dinner.

G.E. Chemist To Speak at Weather Research Meeting

Ralph Crum, Ione, a director of the Tri-County Weather Research said Wednesday that the organization will have Dr. Vincent Schaeffer, research chemist for General Electric company, here for the annual meeting of the group to be held June 30 at Condon.

Schaeffer is probably the best known of any of the men interested in cloud seeding, having done the original investigation and research that developed the "rainmaking" systems now used by various companies. He is not connected with any of the companies practicing weather development, still working as a chemist and an engineer for G. E. He will speak at the June meeting.

Crum said that all cloud seeding companies are being invited to submit proposals to the Tri-County organization for continuation of the experiments in weather research prior to the annual meeting.

Crum also said that Morrow county was lagging behind Sherman and Gilliam counties in collections for payment on the present research contract with the North American Weather Consultants who have the current contract with Tri-County.

Cigarette Tossing Now Unlawful

State police this week warned motorists against throwing cigarettes or other burning material from their car windows while traveling anywhere in the state.

The regulation is covered by the governor's recent proclamation closing the forest areas effective May 5 which will be operative until July 21 when a newly enacted law will make it an offense the year around, rather than just during the fire season as in the past.

State police are now making arrests under the old law which says it is unlawful to toss any lighted material from a car window or a train and a violator can be fined up to \$75.

Boardman Restaurant Loses Safe and \$400

The Hitching Post restaurant and tavern at Boardman suffered a "safenapping" last Friday night when burglars entered the building and rolled out a safe containing \$400 in cash and over \$1,000 in checks, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported this week. The business is owned by Joe Tatone.

The safe was found opened early this week by state police in an irrigation ditch near Boardman with the cash missing but the checks still inside, though well soaked.

Bauman said there were no clues to the identity of the burglars, but that the job was similar to one pulled a few days previously at Stanfield where around \$1,000 was taken.

Former Heppner Man Dies In Hermiston

Word has been received from Mrs. Lee Sprinkel of Portland that her father Adam Blahm, 74, passed away May 4 at the family home near Hermiston.

Blahm was a former Heppner resident. He died of a sudden heart attack and services were held May 9 at Hermiston.

Donors Give 121 Pints To RC Bloodmobile

Heppner and Morrow county residents kept the Red Cross doctors and nurses well occupied Wednesday during their four-hour stay with the Bloodmobile, giving them 121 pints of blood for Korean servicemen and civilian defense use.

Though the hoped-for quota of 135 pints was not quite reached Heppner Elks, local sponsors of the blood giving program, and Red Cross officials, expressed complete satisfaction with the turnout of interested persons, and indicated that they had about all the donors they could handle in the four-hour period.

128 persons from Ione, Lexington, Heppner and surrounding area offered their blood and only seven were rejected due to illness or other causes. This was classified as a very low percentage, as rejections normally average about 15 per 100 persons, doctors said.

The Red Cross crew was assisted by many local volunteer workers who aided in registering, typing and caring for the donors.

Elks officers said they hoped to bring the Bloodmobile back to Heppner within six months or a year, but no definite schedule has yet been arranged.

Sheep Sales Heavy At Hermiston

HERMISTON—A heavy volume of sheep consigned at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, 780 in contrast to 68 last week, found ready buyers among packers, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. A 1620 pound bull brought the unusually high rate of \$18.60 per cwt. Volume was 296 cattle, ten over last week, 103 hogs, 75 under last week, and the 780 sheep. Demand was broad and prices were steady on veal, steers and sows, down somewhat on top hogs, commercial, utility, canner and cutter cows and baby calves.

Calves—Baby calves 8.00-29.00 hd.; weaner calves 18.75-21.25; feeder calves 78.00-83.00; veal, 27.00-28.00.

Steers—Stocker steers 16.10-17.50; feeder steers 17.35-18.80; fat slaughter steers 19.60 up; fat heifers 18.90-20.90.

Bulls—16.80-18.60.

Cows—Dairy cows 137.50-162.50; dairy heifers 50.00-92.50; stock cows 159.00-171.00 pr.

Slaughter cows—Commercial 14.00-15.25; utility 12.50-1400; canner/cutter 10.20-11.75; shells 6.50-8.60.

Hogs—Weaner pigs 8.50-12.50; feeder pigs 15.00-19.00 hd.; fat hogs 21.00-24.50; sows 21.90.

Sheep—Feeder lambs 15.00 pr. cwt.; old ewes 5.40 cwt.; ewes, 18.75-24.50 pr.; dry ewes 11.25-12.25 hd.

Local Marine In California Operation

3D MARINE DIVISION (Camp Pendleton, Calif.)—Taking part in Sea Jump, the largest Navy and Marine Corps training exercise ever staged on the West Coast, April 20 to May 17, is Staff Sergeant James A. Wagner, 25, of Dayville, Ore.

Sgt. Wagner, a chief cook, is the son of Della M. Wagner of Dayville. He resides with his wife, the former Mary Lou Hauge-wood of Heppner, and two sons, Michael, 3½, and Stephen, 1½, in Homaja Housing at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Serving in the 9th Marines, a unit of the 3d Marine Division, the local Leatherneck joined 24,000 Marines in an amphibious assault on Aliso Beach near Oceanside, Calif., on D-day, May 5.

Sea Jump, a graduation exercise for the division, completes a rugged 14-month curriculum of beach, resort, snow and atomic training.

City Adds Second Police Officer

The City of Heppner last week added a second police officer with the hiring of Robert Cooper, of Portland. He will serve as night marshal.

Cooper, who has served with the Portland police, and as a deputy sheriff in both Oregon and California comes well experienced in law enforcement work.

Wranglers to Ride Again This Sunday

Wranglers who are planning to join in the "Butter Creek Ambush" ride next Sunday at the Martin ranch are asked to have their horses at Don Greenup's ranch on Hinton creek by 10 a. m. Lunch will be served at the Martin ranch at noon and events will start at 1:30.

DANCE TO HONOR ARMY DRAFTTEES

A free dance at the Ione Legion hall this Saturday night is being given in honor of four Ione men who are leaving May 21 to enter the armed forces. Music will be furnished by Gene Rietmann's orchestra.

The four who are entering the army are Bill Hubbard, Gene Doherty, Harlan Crawford and Bill Rietmann.

Market Quotas To Be Discussed At Wheat League

Meeting Monday evening, the executive committee of Morrow County's Wheat League made plans for an interesting annual spring meeting of this organization. The date will be Monday, May 25, 8:00 p. m.

Problems facing the wheat farmers at this time, with price supports in jeopardy, is expected to bring out a large number of growers at this meeting, states Alvin Bunch, county chairman. Acreage allotments and marketing quotas are being discussed, with exports decreasing steadily. Interest in the wheat situation is evident with the successful membership drive just completed. All new and old members alike are expected to attend.

The program of the evening will feature a brief summary of last year's accomplishments by chairmen of each of the five standing committees. Emphasis will be placed on the Federal agricultural programs committee as it affects a new wheat program. R. B. Taylor, Athena wheat-grower, who is representing the Pacific Northwest as a member of Secretary of Agriculture Benson's wheat committee, and Jens Terjesen, Pendleton, chairman, National Association of Wheat Growers, have been invited to discuss last minute wheat program aspects at the meeting.

A social gathering is planned after the meeting with refreshments to be served. The meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall.

Attending the planning meeting Monday evening were: Kenneth Smouse, Ione, 2nd vice president, Oregon Wheat Growers League; Henry Peterson, Henry Baker, and Raymond Lundell, committee chairmen; Alvin Bunch, county chairman; and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Governor Advances Fire Season Start

A proclamation issued last week by acting governor, Eugene E. Marsh, advanced the closed fire season in the entire state of Oregon from May 15 to June 5. Assistant district warden Bob Madsen for the Central Oregon district, Kinzua, explained this means all existing fires and all burning to be done inside, or within one-eighth mile of state forest land must be covered by permit.

Fire fighting tools and equipment requirements are now in effect in all logging operations as a result of the order.

Persons in this area wishing to obtain burning permits on privately owned land outside the national forest boundary, or information concerning requirements, are asked to contact the Kinzua guard station.

Oregon City League Sets District Meets

City officials, committee members, department heads and civic leaders of the city of Heppner have been invited to attend regional meetings of the League of Oregon Cities in Condon Monday noon, May 18 at the Condon hotel or in Pendleton Friday evening, May 22 at 6:30 p. m. in the Hotel Pendleton. Mayor J. O. Turner has been asked to organize a delegation from Heppner to join with the representatives of other cities in the area to discuss common municipal problems.

A similar program has been planned for both meetings. League activities and current municipal developments of interest to the city officials will be reported on by Mayor V. Edwin Johnson of Eugene, League president. Raymond C. Coulter, field consultant and legislative representative of the League, will outline enactments of the 1953 Oregon Legislature of direct interest to city government. Arnold M. Westling, planning and public works consultant of the Bureau of Municipal Research and service, University of Oregon, will advise the group on planning and public works developments.

A special feature of the meetings, which has proven to be popular in the past, will be a discussion period, led by Mayor Johnson, in which city officials may solicit help in their own current problems or reports on procedures they have employed that have proven helpful in their solution of municipal problems. Retirement, city budgeting and liquor control as it affects city administration will probably be discussed, as well as a variety of other subjects.