

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Date Set For Heppner Cemetery District Hearing

The county court has set Monday, June 8 at 10 a. m. as the date for a hearing on the formation of a Heppner cemetery district after receiving petitions requesting such a district.

The proposed district, which would be formed to take over or build necessary cemeteries within the boundaries of the district to provide proper care and upkeep, would include all land within the present borders of Heppner school district No. 1. The petitions which were circulated by members of the Heppner Soroptimist club were filed with the court on May 7.

The law governing the formation of such districts requires that any remonstrance presented at the time of the hearing shall be in the form of a petition bearing the signatures of 25 percent of the residents within the affected area. If there is no objection the court has tentatively set July 10 as date for the election of directors. The directors will then establish the amount of the necessary tax levy which will be passed by the voters at a special election. The law limits the levy to not more than 3 mills.

Boardman recently formed such a district and the court has set Monday, June 15 as the date for the election of directors to govern its operations.

## Eight to Graduate Friday at Lone

Eight Lone high school students will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises at 8 p. m. Friday, May 22, at the school. Wallace McRea, superintendent of schools at Pendleton will be the speaker.

School officials Wednesday announced that Don Bristow had been chosen Valedictorian and Mike Reininger will be Salutatorian of the class.

The graduating seniors are: Donald Bristow, Mike Reininger, James Morgan, Wilda Dalzell, Margaret Hubbard, Herbert Ekstrom, Edward Sanders and Rudolph Bergstrom.

## Lex Graduation To Be May 22

Commencement Exercises for the Lexington graduating classes will be held in the high school auditorium Friday, May 22, at 8 p. m. Mr. Edward Elliott, superintendent of schools at Umatilla Oregon will deliver the commencement address. Franklin Miles will give the valedictory address and Donald Hunt of the eighth grade class, the welcome to parents and guests. Mr. Elwyn Peck, school board chairman will award the diplomas, and Rev. Weitzel will give the invocation.

Graduating seniors are as follows: Max Breeding, Shirley McCarr, Monte McDonald, Denward McMillan, and Franklin Miles.

Eighth graders who will receive elementary certificates are as follows: Edward Botts, Paul Breeding, Maureen Groves, Donald Hunt, George Hermann, Patsy McDonald, Gerald Messenger, Vern Nolan, and Anna Marie Winters.

Formal classroom activities will close this Friday at the Lexington school. Class picnics will be held on Monday and report cards issued on Wednesday, May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. Floyd Adams spent the week end in Portland.

## COUNTY VOTERS APPROVE RURAL SCHOOL BUDGET BY WIDE MARGIN

Voters in seven county school districts approved by a wide majority the rural school budget which requested approval to exceed the 6 percent limitation law by \$316,386.90.

In only one district, Heppner No. 1, was the balloting even close and there approval was given by a vote of 33 yes to 25 no. In two districts there were no opposing votes, and in three others, only one negative ballot

## This Pint Made His First Gallon



"IT'S AN HONOR TO GIVE BLOOD", said Bill Olson, the first donor to check in during the Elks sponsored Bloodmobile visit here last week. Olson, who became a "galloner" with this pint, expressed the hope that the quota would be reached during the short visit. His wish was nearly granted, as Korean servicemen will receive 121 pints from local donors. He is shown here with the Red Cross nurse, watching the simple operation. (GT Photo)

## Even Operators Can Make Mistakes

Heppner firemen Sunday evening reported to the fire hall in answer to the siren only to find it was another "dry run." It was an obvious mistake, but couldn't be charged against any local resident.

The person on the other end of the fire phone was a telephone operator who was more surprised than the firemen when she got the answer "fire department" to her call. She was trying to reach a local physician.

Telephone officials have not yet been able to trace down the reason for the wrong number.

## Eighth Grade to Graduate 41-

The Heppner grade school will graduate 41 eighth grade pupils this year at commencement exercises to be held at the high school gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. May 27.

Following the graduation ceremony a dance will be held in honor of the students. On Monday, May 25 the eighth grade banquet will be held at the Christian church. Friends of the students are invited to attend.

Jay Sumner has been named class Valedictorian and Shirley Kononen, Salutatorian.

Members of the class are Richard Applegate, Laurel Allstott, Doe Bailey, Beverley Baker, Judy Barber, Brenda Bengtson, Phyllis Biddle, Dean Connor, Jerry Dougherty, Viola Duran, Dolores Easter, Beverly Elde, Francine Francis, Virginia Gonty, Victor Groshens, Roberta Hannon, Jay Dee Hudson, Roy Hughes, Alice Peterson, Jay Sumner, Harry Harris, Gary Jones, Janet Keithley, Shirley Kononen, Arthur Mahan, Diane McNabb, Marilyn Monagle, Edgar Olson, Marilyn Pettyjohn, Louis Sayers, Frances Slocum, Jesse Smallwood, Elaine Stone, Ida Sue Stratton, Christine Swaggart, Meredith Thomson, Janet Wright, Carol Hoffman, Norman Keenan, Richard Zigler and Larry Osborne.

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## Lanham Initiated Into OSC Honorary

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis—Michael C. Lanham of Heppner is one of the 38 recently initiated into Theta Xi, sophomore men's service honorary at Oregon State college.

Traditional duties of the organization include enforcing freshman rulings, supervising election systems and registering campus visitors at several all-school weekends. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, cooperation and service.

Lanham, freshman in business and technology, is the son of Conley Lanham of Heppner.

## Chester L. Ward Named Lone School Superintendent

Lone school officials announced Wednesday that Chester L. Ward of Prairie City had accepted the position as superintendent of the lone schools. He will replace Henry Osibov who resigned to take up his similar duties at Colton, Oregon. He will take up his duties in Lone August 1.

Ward is a graduate of Oregon College of Education, studying later at the University of California and Oregon State. He received his Masters degree from California in 1935.

He comes well experienced in school administration having been superintendent of schools at Waldport, Coquille and at Prairie City. He also spent several years as an assistant executive at a Portland Military Academy.

The school board recently interviewed six candidates for teaching positions at Lone and said that two contracts had been returned by the applicants. They announced the employment of Grand Rigby, Palouse, Washington as the new shop instructor for next year. He will arrive in Lone early in June to set up the shop program and aid in purchasing equipment for the new shop.

## Hope It Was A Good Sandwich

Last Friday night, the Heppner high school track team members who were at Corvallis taking part in the state B track meet decided to make a trip to Salem to watch the Marciano-Walcott fight on television. The idea was good but their timing was off.

Arriving in Salem during the preliminaries, they decided to run out for a sandwich expecting to get back to the TV set at about the start of the second round. They got back as planned, but the fight ended with a knockout after 2 minutes and 25 seconds of the first round.

They had made the trip to Salem for nothing but a sandwich.

## Week's Rainfall Nearly One Inch

Early week storms that dropped considerable rain over most of the state added another .79 inch to the Morrow county total, according to Len Gilliam, Heppner weather reporter. .64 inch fell on Monday and another .15 inch on Tuesday to bring the May total to 1.23 inches. The total since January 1 is now 7.47 inches.

The rainfall was general over nearly the entire county and in most sections was heavy enough to stop most farm cultivation. Wheat and range land, though, benefited from the downpour, most of it now being reported in excellent condition.

Jack Forsythe and Byron Mims of Portland were visitors in town Wednesday.

# Seriousness of Local School Problem Is Outlined in Statement by Board

## Voters To Decide Grade School Site At Tuesday Election

Voters of Heppner school district No. 1 will go to the polls next Tuesday, May 26 to pass upon the recommendation of the school board that the planned new elementary school be built on the tract of land known as the Cason property. The polling place will be the Heppner city hall and it will be open from 2 p. m. to 8 p. m.

The site election is called to clear away legal difficulties regarding the purchase of the property, and at a later election the voters will be asked to approve a special bond issue to provide funds for the construction of a building upon the site, if it is approved. No authority to bond is being asked at this time.

If the Cason site is approved the school board will order the architects to prepare plans and cost figures for a building, so that the amount of necessary bonds can be ascertained.

A complete description of the property appears elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times in a legal announcing the election.

## Highway Worker Killed at Junction

Bradford M. Long, 36, a cat driver for the Goodfellow Bros. Construction company, contractors for the New Heppner Junction highway approach, died in Pioneer Memorial hospital at Heppner at noon Wednesday from injuries received when his tractor rolled down an embankment, according to reports.

According to available information, Long's home address was Kennewick, Washington, but he had been living at Boardman while working on the Heppner Junction project. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long, Folsom, Calif.

He was brought to Heppner by the Condon ambulance, but died shortly after reaching here.

## Twelve From Area Leave For Army

Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler tri-county Local Board No. 31 has announced the names of twelve registrants including five volunteers, who will depart from Condon at 2:30 p. m. Thursday May 21, for the Armed Forces Induction station at Portland. After a final screening at Portland, the group will continue to Fort Lewis, Washington, for army assignment.

Included in the May quota are the following: Billy Joe Riermann, Lone; Harlan Paul Crawford, Lone; Eugene Anthony Doherly, Lone; William Clyde Hubbard, Lone; William Russell Keys, Fossil; Charles Thomas White, Cecil; Armond Earl Britt, Spray; William Harvey Booher, (V), Condon; Franklin Glen Adams, (V), Spray; Clyde Roland Harrison, (V), Kinzua; Norman Guy Williams, (V), Fossil; Carson Henry Vehrs, Jr., (V), Condon; and one transfer from Missouri, Loyd Merle Hudson, Kinzua.

In addition, five registrants and two transfers will accompany the group to Portland for physicals. Enlistments in various branches of the armed forces during the past month include Robert Keith Connor (Army), Heppner; Robert Lyle Riddle, (Army), Lexington; Paul George Rinehart (Air force), Condon; George Wesley Russell (Air Force), Irrigon; Donald Keenan (Navy), Heppner; and Paul Victor Barnett (Army), Lone.

Only volunteer inductees will be forwarded from local board No. 31 during the month of June, states Mrs. Florence L. Morgan, clerk.

The court issued an order early this month holding up the funds of the district now in the county treasurer's hands until new petitions can be circulated and an order issued by the court to give it a legal base. A tax of 1.5 mills was levied last year, but due to the lack of time, the court indicated it would be impossible to hold a hearing and reform the district in time to get a levy on the tax rolls for the coming year.

## Kid Anglers Warned About Toolnapping

Kids who have been fishing in the three mile restricted children's fishing area above Heppner are asked by a resident of that strip to be a little more careful about picking up stray tools that might be lying around. He reported that some fence repairing tools had turned up missing during the past few days.

The resident didn't want to make any threats toward the young fishermen, but just wanted to remind them that they are on private property while there, and consequently any equipment in the fields probably belongs to the owner of the land.

## POPPY DAYS HERE

American Legion and Auxiliary members will again sell the well-known poppies in county towns this Friday and Saturday. The proceeds will go to disabled Oregon veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles are in Salem where she is a patient at the Salem Memorial Hospital.

## Heavy Enrollment Figures Show Need for Classrooms

Following a meeting Monday evening at which time the Heppner school board met with Howard C. Reed, new superintendent, and Stewart Tuft, of Freeman, Hayslip and Tuft, Portland architects, to lay plans for the coming school year, the board issued a statement explaining in detail the problems to be faced next fall and told of the serious need for additional facilities.

The statement stresses the urgency of reaching a decision on the location for a new building, the first step in getting an improvement plan started, and points out that it will take nearly a full year to prepare plans, obtain bonding approval, call for bids and construct a building. Residents of school district No. 1 are asked to express their approval of a site at a special election next Tuesday. Tuft was present to give the board more information on building costs and space requirements demanded by the state board of education. He expressed the opinion that the Cason site selected by the board was adequate to meet state standards.

"These enrollment figures call for 13 rooms in the elementary department, and in the present plan there are only 10 rooms available. This being bad enough in the elementary grades, there still is the high school problem to face, and to make it more forceful, there must be three rooms made available due to large classes.

"The board of education, recognizing these factors of the needs of the children of Heppner, and with considerable study and consultation with architects and state consultants, picked the Cason property which, in the opinion of Mr. Tuft, of the architectural firm of Freeman, Hayslip and Tuft, is adequate for a 10 room elementary school with a multipurpose room. There is also enough area around the proposed building to meet state standards required for outdoor activities." Secondly, "The expense of developing the site for building construction and outdoor activities would be a minimum."

"The actual enrollment of youngsters will be as follows: first grade, 60; second, 30; third, 48; fourth, 40; fifth, 40; sixth, 30; seventh, 30; eighth, 30. The state standards call for 24 pupils per room in the primary grades so we must make every effort to meet these standards or we face the possibility of losing our state support which amounts to \$12,000 (approximately 8 mills tax levy). Since the district has no bonded indebtedness the state could take the attitude that little effort has been made to remedy the situation up to this time. The state, though, would probably still be inclined to be lenient with our school problems.

"The grade and room assignment for next year would be set up somewhat in this manner: Room 1—24 first graders; Room 2—24 first; Room 3—12 first, 6 second; Room 4—24 second; Room 5—24 third; Room 6—24 third; Room 7—28 fourth; Room 8—12 fourth, 12 fifth; Room 9—28 fifth.

"The 6th, 7th and 8th grades would be departmentalized in order to give a more adequate program, providing music, art, P. E. etc. Also these youngsters are reaching the stage in their physical development where the demand for physical activity must be met by providing the opportunity to move at given periods. This calls for four available rooms for the upper grades.

"In the high school classes, because of the large incoming freshman class, there will be need for a division of this group, the same as the present freshman class, which means that next year's freshman and sophomore classes will require six more class periods added to the schedule. This will require three more class rooms. However, in combining physical education, music and Ag., some room space can be saved. In planning for three temporary units for grade students in the primary department, those three rooms made available in the present building

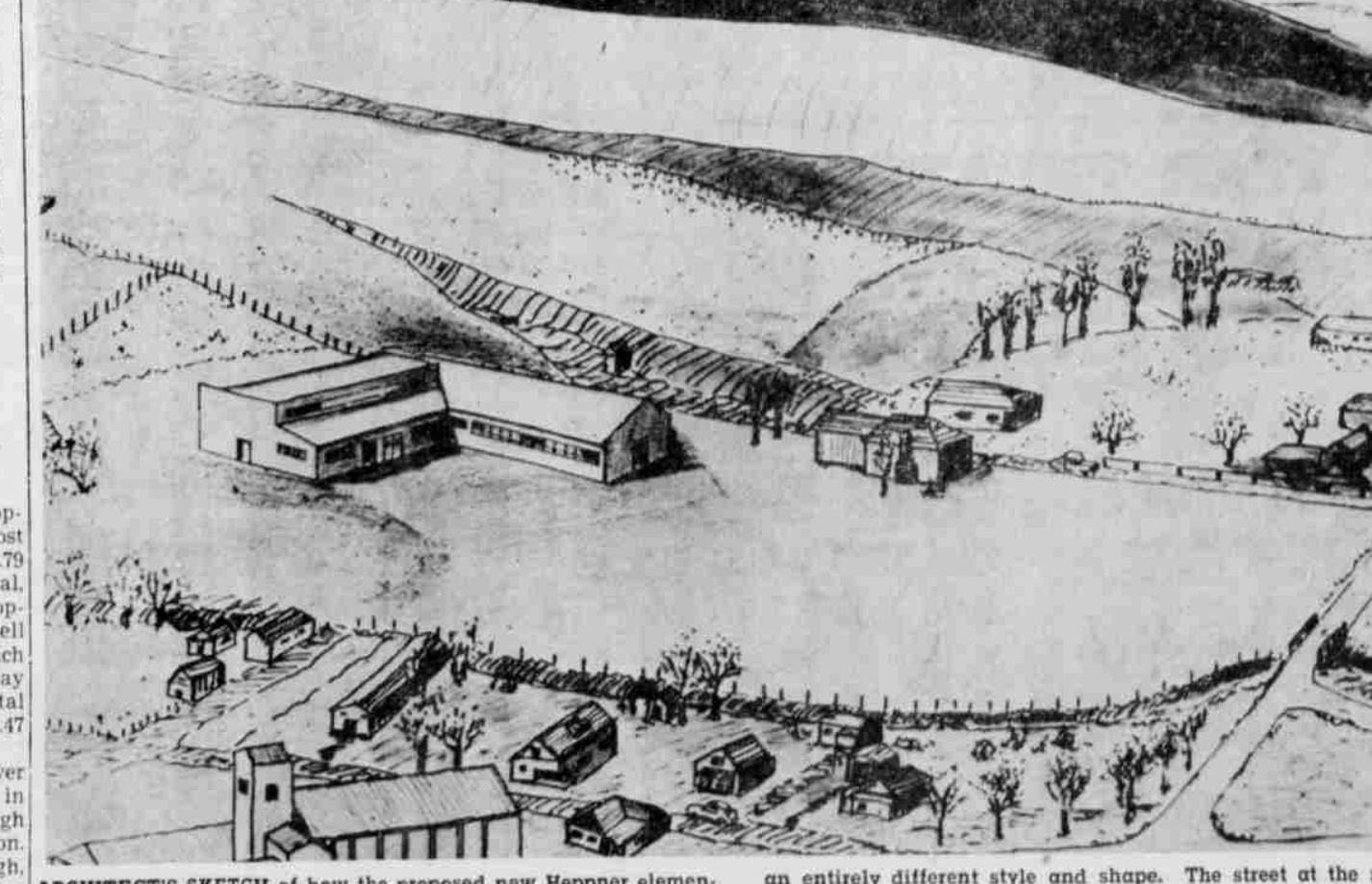
"The architects can do no work on plans for the proposed school until the site is settled upon, after which it takes 8 to 10 weeks before plans can be completed for the contractors to have anything upon which to establish their bids. Before contractors place a bid it takes another three to four weeks to gather data for them, so at the least, it would take three months before a bid would be submitted to the board. The time element must be considered as it takes 8 to 9 months to construct such a building, weather permitting. The longer the delay in getting construction started, the longer your child will have to be housed in temporary units for the primary department as well as curtailing the program for the upper elementary grades and the high school.

"The board of education has all these factors in mind as well as the very definite thought of the cost to every parent in dollars and cents which is very easily set down in black and white. But it must be remembered there is no way in which dollar and cents value can be placed on an adequate education for your child.

"Present Property Not Adequate

"In the opinion of the present local school board and the architects, the Cason site will allow the construction of additional school facilities that will meet the approval of the State Department of Education at the least cost to the taxpayers. The state department also has advised the local board that the present district-owned site and grounds

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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of how the proposed new Heppner elementary school will be situated on the Cason site property if the location is approved by voters at next Tuesday's special election, and a bond issue is voted at a later election. The above drawing was not intended to show the building as it will ultimately appear, but only to show it in relation to the property and adjacent buildings. The actual building could very possibly be of

an entirely different style and shape. The street at the right is Morgan street, and an access street would be constructed to join Water street off to the left-center of the drawing. The house shown on the property is the Cason residence. Total area in the site is approximately 32 acres, with about 6 acres or slightly less on the level. The remainder lies on the hillside behind the building, a part of which is also usable for playground area.