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County Schools Set Stage for Graduation Exercises Next Week

Students in all county schools are nearing the end of their school year and many senior students will receive their diplomas this weekend or early next week. All schools will close their doors for the summer vacation not later than Friday, May 28.

In the three interior county schools, commencement exercises are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 25 and 26. Boardman will hold its exercises May 24 and Irrigon on May 27. The Hardman grade school will hold graduation Friday, May 21.

Heppner Graduates 28
Heppner high school will hold its Baccalaureate services Sunday, evening at 8 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Francis McCormack as the speaker. Commencement exercises for 28 seniors will be held Wednesday, May 26 at 8 p. m. at the school auditorium with Kip Taylor, Oregon State College coach as the main speaker.

The graduating seniors (most of whom are pictured elsewhere in today's paper) include Russell Taylor, Adelia Anderson, Lynn Wright, June Privett, Ivan McDaniel, Rene Griffith, Don Griffith, Audine Bergstrom, Jerry Buschke, Colleen Bailey, Donna Hudson, Larry Lovgren, Pat Cutsforth, Nancy Eberhardt, Jim Wightman, Terry Thompson, Jim Green, Loreta Stark, Delores Duran, Sharon Beckel, Glenn Walker, Bob Buschke, Stacy Lovgren, Bill Hughes, Edna Morris, Ron Currin, Dick Williamson, Albert Parent.

Lex Graduation Tuesday
Lexington high school will graduate six seniors at their commencement activities to be held Tuesday, May 25 at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Dr. Alvin Kaiser, professor of speech at EOCE in La Grande, will deliver the address. Jo An Breeding, Betty Messenger, Beverly Nolan, Robert Steagall, Wilbur Steagall, and Asa Way will receive their diplomas.

Two County Schools Are Granted New Standard Ratings
The county school superintendent's office received word Wednesday that two county elementary schools, Lexington and Ione, have been given a "standard" rating by the state board of education. Lexington was rated standard as of May 17, and Ione the following day. Only one other grade school in the county, Hardman, already holds such a rating.

In the advice received from the state department over the signature of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, the ratings were granted following a supervisory inspection made of the two schools late in April by Walter O. Shold, supervisor of elementary education.

He credited the schools with bringing their facilities, curriculum, etc., up to recommended standards suggested by the state board that they may continue to receive their share of state aid money. Both the Lexington and Ione high schools had previously been given a standard rating. According to reports, all other county schools are rated as "conditionally-standard," but because of improvements made to the Boardman and Irrigon schools during the year, another inspection will be made later with the prospects that these two plants will also receive standard ratings.

Both the Heppner schools, high and grade, are classified as conditionally-standard, due largely to the crowded conditions and the temporary units in use here. Should a school district allow its facilities or program to fall below the conditional rating, it can be classified as sub-standard and state aid funds withheld.

Local Judging Team Places 4th in Contest
The Heppner high school vocational agriculture livestock judging team and their instructor, James Allen, went to Milton-Freewater Saturday to compete in a livestock judging contest. The local team placed 4th among the ten teams competing.

The team composed of Jim Wightman, John Brosnan, Steven Green and alternate Roy Hughes, were in competition with teams from both Oregon and Washington. The top team was from Walla Walla with Mac H. Dayton, Heppner, Enterprise, Pendleton, Prescott, Elgin, McEwan and Stanfield following in that order.

Rev. J. Gilliam to Be Guest Preacher
The Rev. Jackson Gilliam will be the guest preacher in All Saints Episcopal church at the Morning Prayer at 11:00 a. m. Sunday May 23.

The Rev. Mr. Gilliam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam and went into the Episcopal priesthood from All Saints church. A coffee hour and reception will follow in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and John were in Portland Wednesday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dick and Diane left Wednesday for a business and pleasure trip to Portland, they were accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Pieper and Rickey.

Primary Polls Open Friday

Small Turnout of Voters Expected in Most Areas

Voters will go to the polls tomorrow (Friday) to choose party nominees for 13 congressional, state, district and county offices to be filled at the fall general election. Voting will be from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the seven county polling places.

There is no competition for any office among the democrats, but republican voters will have two or more candidates to choose from for four offices. Those are for governor, commissioner of the bureau of labor, county judge, and county assessor. No measures appear on the Morrow county primary ballot.

In the state-wide race, the only republicans doing any great amount of campaigning during the recent weeks are Paul Patterson and Earl T. Newby who both seek the governor's post. S. Eugene Allen of Multnomah county and H. E. Barker of Marion county are vying for bureau of labor job, but their campaigning has not reached into this section of the state.

Hottest local race is between Garnet Barratt, incumbent county judge who seeks reelection and Oscar Peterson, Ione rancher. Three persons are seeking the assessor's job, Olive B. Hughes, incumbent; Harry Dinges and Kenneth K. Blake.

For all other positions, republican and democrat, there is no more than one aspirant.

Polling Places Listed
Polling places in the county's seven precincts are as follows:
Ione—city hall.
Lexington—O. O. F. hall.
Hardman—Hardman school.
Boardman—Grange hall.
Irrigon—Irrigon school.
N. Heppner—Empire Machinery Co.
S. Heppner—Court house.

Mercury Climbs to 88 Here Tuesday
Old Sol bore down on Morrow county this week, along with most of the rest of the state, and temperatures here hit a new high of 88 degrees Tuesday, Len Gillingham, weather observer reported.

Tuesday's high was only two degrees above Monday's 86 and an overcast Wednesday held the mercury down to around 80. It was the first hot weather of the year.

Reports were that while in most sections of the county, little or no damage was caused to fall wheat, though most ranchers were complaining that the ground is very dry. Some worry was felt, however, for spring seeded barley, and all grains will suffer damage unless rain falls within ten days or so.

No rain has fallen here so far during May and the total for the year is only about half of last year's precipitation.

CAMP FIRE CEREMONIAL
The two Camp Fire Girls groups of Heppner will hold a ceremonial Saturday evening May 22 at 8:00 p. m. at the Masonic hall.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Heppner Youngster Injured When Struck By Car Monday

Patricia Ann Keithly, 2 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithly of Heppner, received a broken arm, rib and numerous cuts and bruises Monday evening when she was struck by a car driven by Kenneth W. Green. She is reported to be improving at the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she was taken for treatment.

Student Body Officers Named

Students of Ione, Lexington and Heppner high schools last week elected new student body officers for next year. Ione students selected Denny Swanson as their new president; Phyllis Nolan will head the Lexington group and Jack Monagle was chosen to head the student body at the Heppner school.

Other officers at Ione are Jerold Rea, vice president; Carolyn Crabtree, secretary-treasurer; Judy Howton, assistant sec.-treas; Gerry White, athletic manager; Ernie Drake, editor of Ionian; Judy Mason, editor of the Cardinal; and Judy Howton, Sue Coleman and Jean Ann Swanson were chosen cheerleaders.

Other officers at Lexington are Eugene Wardwell, vice president; Cherry Gray, secretary; and Larry Groves, treasurer.

Serving under Monagle at the Heppner high school will be Dick Kononen, vice president; Patsy Wright, secretary; Lillian Elde, treasurer; and Eddie Brosnan, Sgt. at arms.

Class officers will be elected early next year.

New Water Line Laid To Heppner Cemetery

Directors of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district announced this week that they have completed installation of a pump and water line to the Heppner Masonic cemetery and that many other improvements are currently under way.

Care and maintenance of the cemetery has always been hampered by lack of water at the grounds, and until formation of the cemetery district no funds were available for such work. The board has graded most of the roads and laid out several other new roads in addition to doing a considerable amount of cleaning and maintenance. It was hoped to be able to get all the roads graveled before Memorial day, but difficulty in getting the gravel will probably delay its hauling until sometime in June, it was said.

The new pump was installed in the new city reservoir near the base of cemetery hill, and a new pipe line has been laid to the cemetery grounds.

SPECIAL SPEAKER DUE
Rev. John Martin of Hermiston will speak at the Episcopal Auxiliary Guild meeting Monday evening at 8 p. m. at the Parish house. He will tell of his experiences in Alaska and will show slides of the area. The public is invited.

Tie Vote Stalls Re-Formation of Rural Fire District

Five Ione and Lexington men Tuesday were elected to what will probably be the softest jobs in the state. They were voted in as directors of the Ione-Lexington rural fire protection district, but at the same election the formation of the district was voted down by a tie vote.

A check of the ballots Wednesday morning following the special election held Tuesday to approve the formation of the district and choose directors to operate it, showed the final count to be 10 to 10, which according to district attorney Bradley D. Fancher, means the formation of the district was voted down.

The five men who were elected to the "no work" positions were Franklin Lindstrom, Norman Nelson, Berl Akers, Orville Cutsforth and Harold Evans.

The rural fire district has had rough going ever since it was first formed, about two years ago. After it had been in semi-operation for nearly a year, and had levied a tax, it was found that the boundaries of the district had included the incorporated city of Ione, which was illegal. The voters of Ione also were allowed to vote on the original measure, which also being illegal, further confused the issue. The county court subsequently ordered the district's funds held up and requested re-formation proceedings be started. The Tuesday tie vote only confuses the issue still more.

Approximately \$3,000 of the district's funds are in the hands of the county treasurer, but they cannot be used until a legal district is voted.

Should the formation of a district finally be voted down in a valid election, no one has yet been able to figure out for sure just what will be done with the money.

Police Warn Sidewalk Bicycle Riders

Heppner police chief George Reed issued a warning today to Heppner youngsters that they are not to ride bicycles on the sidewalks, as it is prohibited by city ordinance, and emphasized a previous warning that bikes should not be left lying on or parked in the middle of sidewalks, especially in the downtown area.

Reed reminded the youngsters that the sidewalks were for pedestrians, but that recently they had been nearly outnumbered by bikes. He did, also urge bike riders to use particular care in observing traffic rules while riding in the streets.

Lex Juniors Honor Senior Students With Banquet Friday

The Lexington high school juniors honored the members of the senior class with a banquet held Friday, May 14 in the school lunchroom. The theme of the banquet was Springtime, with floral decorations and an ocean view and lighthouse scene.

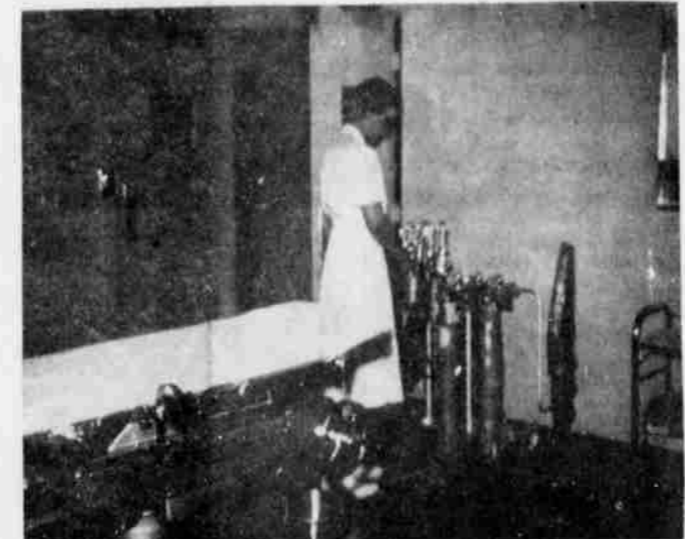
In keeping with the theme, a short after-dinner talk on springtime was given by Leslie Grant, county school superintendent.

Those attending were Jo An Breeding, Betty Messenger, Bob Steagall, Beverly Nolan, Asa Way, Bill Steagall, Keith Gray, Larry Groves, Eugene Wardwell, Phyllis Nolan and Rodney Dickenson. Faculty and guests included Mr. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Lewis Wetzel, Miss Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Vanover.

Mothers who helped with the planning and serving of the dinner were Mrs. Alex Hunt, Mrs. Millard Nolan, Mrs. Eugene Wardwell, Mrs. Nita Gray and Mrs. Art Hunt.



READY FOR THE SHOT—David White, technician and X-Ray man at Pioneer Memorial hospital, is preparing one of the more than 150 persons who had free chest X-Rays taken last week at the hospital during the institution's observance of national hospital day, for his picture. The X-Ray program was offered through the cooperation of the hospital and the county TB and health association.



MODERN SURGERY at Pioneer Memorial was inspected by more than 250 persons during the institution's open house last Wednesday. Here a staff member checks some of the intricate equipment used during surgery.



MOST POPULAR spot in hospital among regular visitors, especially the proud papas, is the glass enclosed nursery which at the time the picture was taken accommodated only four babies. Photographer was not allowed inside the room and had to take shot through the glass partition. The entire hospital was open to the public with staff members on hand to show visitors through. (GT Photos)

LOCAL SCOUT TROOP OPENS DRIVE FOR SALE OF FIRST AID KITS

If you skin your shins or burn a finger, Heppner Boy Scouts have just what you need—and, they'll be around to tell you about it within the next week or so.

As a money-raising project the Scouts of the Heppner troop are selling first-aid kits and have high hopes of placing one of the units in every home, business and car in town.

The boys are now making the rounds of Heppner taking orders for the well-known brand kits which will come complete with all the necessities for first aid treatment. Purchasers will be given a choice of several different size kits, and must make a small deposit on their purchase. They will be delivered within a few weeks and the balance of the purchase price collected at that time, scout officials said.

The kits will be sold for the regular retail price, but the normal store profit will go to the troop and the scout to aid in sending the boys to summer camp.

The kits will be supplied through Phil's Pharmacy. Considerable selling competition is anticipated as members of the winning scout patrol will be treated to banana splits at the conclusion of the drive.

C of C Invited To Swimming Party
Members of the Ione school board and superintendent Chester L. Ward attended the Monday meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce to extend an invitation to members and their wives to be guests at a swimming party at Ione Monday evening, May 24, as a pre-opening celebration of the new Ione swimming pool.

The party, set for 8 o'clock, will be for all chamber members and their wives or husbands, and the Ione group said that women of the community will provide refreshments after the swim. The town's recently completed heated pool will be opened to the public around June 1.

WILLOW CREEK DAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION—NOT A HELLS CANYON DAM, BUT PLENTY BEING RAISED OVER WORK

It finally happened—but not in the way most people had hoped for. Work was started Monday on long hoped-for dam on Willow creek.

The idea is fine, and at some time in the past, army engineers had prepared tentative plans for a dam across the creek above Heppner, but when construction started—sometime during the night—the location and the contractors didn't receive the approval of quite a few of the residents of the area. The biggest complaint on the project came from the fact that it was being located about 200 yards upstream from the May street bridge in the middle of town, and also that a couple of (or more) beavers had the contract for its construction. Another complaint came from Fred Bookler, whose property adjoins the damsite, and whose poplar trees the beavers were using for materials.

Lex School Schedules Closing Activities

All Final examinations will be completed at the Lexington schools by Wednesday, May 26, and buses will run on that date about 1 p. m. School picnic and parties will be held on Thursday, May 27 and buses will run one-hour later on that date.

The schedule will be completed next Friday, May 28 when report cards will be issued at 1 p. m. Buses will run in time to deliver students at that hour and return at 2 p. m. No student should arrive at the school before 1 p. m. on the last day it was said.

The school cafeteria will serve the last lunch on Tuesday, May 25.

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Final Rites Held For P. A. Wilson

Funeral services for Pete Austin Wilson, 67, who passed away at his home in Heppner, Sunday May 16 were held Wednesday afternoon at the Assembly of God church with Rev. S. D. Speiz of Stanfield officiating.

Mr. Wilson was born December 31, 1886 at Wilsonville, Neb., and had lived in the Heppner area for the past 19 years. He was a member of the Assembly of God church.

He is survived by his widow, Cora Mae; two sons, Hubert and Harold Wilson; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred P. Morris all of Heppner; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick and Seuell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

County Voters OK Rural School Budget

County voters last Friday approved the rural school budget at a special election and authorized a special tax levy of \$383,840 outside the six percent limitation. The total budget was \$611,883.

The total vote was 164 yes to 85 no with every district in the county except one giving the budget approval. Ione was the lone dissenter with a vote of 7 yes to 20 no.

The district tally showed:

	Yes	No
Heppner	81	60
Irrigon	37	4
Lexington	23	1
Boardman	15	0
Hardman	1	0
Ione	7	20

Lex Student Nurse To Graduate Friday

Thirty-three student nurses, including Miss Patricia Majeske of Lexington, will receive their diplomas and pins at the annual commencement exercises of the Good Samaritan hospital school of nursing, Portland, at Portland's Trinity Episcopal church Friday, May 21.

Miss Majeske is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphie Majeske of Lexington.

HOWARD CLEVELAND TO BE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE
Howard Cleveland, Heppner rancher, Thursday announced his candidacy for one of the two positions open on the Heppner school board, district No. 1.

This election, to fill the two existing vacancies, is to be held in June.