

Diplomas, Awards Presented Seniors At Commencement

An overflow crowd filled the Heppner high school auditorium last night to watch 28 senior students receive their diplomas at an impressive commencement exercises. The main address entitled "Don't Die on Third" was delivered by LaVerne H. (Kip) Taylor, head football coach at Oregon State College.

Music for the program was furnished by the high school band and the school chorus under the direction of James Wilson and valedictory and salutatory addresses were given by Adelia Anderson and Ronald Currin. Diplomas were presented to the graduating seniors by H. C. Reed, superintendent of schools.

Numerous awards and scholarships were presented to many of the students during the program with the class valedictorian, Adelia Anderson receiving three of the coveted grants. She was presented with the state Parent-Teachers 4 year college scholarship which covers tuition costs of approximately \$500, one of the two Heppner P-TA scholarships of \$120 and the Heppner Soroptimist club scholarship of \$100. She was also presented with the Manyana award given by Mrs. H. J. Benson of Pendleton, a \$50 bond. In addition Miss Anderson received a Valedictorian trophy presented by the school.

Other scholarships and awards went to the following students: One of the Heppner Elks scholarships to Ronald Currin (the other being awarded Tuesday night to Phyllis Nolan of Lexington). Currin also received the Salutatorian plaque presented by the school and an activities award. A one-year scholarship to Eastern Oregon College of Education, given by OECE, was won by June Privett; James Wightman and June Privett were awarded the two Heppner Lumber Company two-year scholarships; and Lynn Wright the second Heppner P-TA award.

Colleen Bailey and Russell Taylor won the Danforth Foundation award for leadership; the Lions Club trophy for the outstanding boy in agriculture went to Ronald Currin; the citizenship award to Colleen Bailey and the annual editor award to Nancy Eberhardt.

Four other part scholarships were announced at the same time, presented by the Heppner P-TA to students from here already attending schools of higher education. They went to Patricia Peck, Billie Jean Privett, Gary Connor and Rose Pierson.

Overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Jordan last week were his folks, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan of La Grande.

Heppner Stanford Student Named to Head Campus Group

Jim Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith, a sophomore at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., has been chosen for Cardinals, a campus organization, and also has been named president of the group.

The organization is a group of 12 students, three boys and two girls from each of the coming junior and senior classes, as well as the student body president and student manager. The group sponsors all the big activities during the school year and is very influential in school affairs. It is the only body, other than the executive committee, which can originate revisions and additions to the student body constitution.

During the past year, Jim has served as sophomore representative on the executive committee and also assistant chairman of the convalescent home drive, which is the big project of the university each year.

Pictures of Jim, representing Stanford university, will appear along with a story, in one of the August issues of Collier's magazine.

He is a member of Theta Chi fraternity where he is rushing chairman.

Al Lamb Named New Lions Prexy

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow county Grain Growers and a former district governor of Lions clubs, was named new president of the Heppner Lions club last Thursday night. He will take over from Lowell Gribble, who has served as head of the organization since it was organized early this year.

Other officers chosen to lead the group include Loyal Parker, first vice-president; Robert Penland, second vice-president; Pirl Howell, third vice-president; Lion Tamer, Bill Farra; Tail Twister, John Ernsdorff; and secretary-treasurer, La Verne Van Marter Jr.

New directors chosen are Paul Jones, for a 2-year term and C. J. D. Bauman for a one-year term.

Year's First Grass Fire Quickly Stopped

The first grass fire of the season called Heppner firemen to the south city limits last Thursday afternoon to aid in keeping the blaze from spreading up cemetery hill. The fire covered about an acre and burned nothing but grass. The cause was undetermined.

This year's blaze occurred nearly two weeks ahead of last year's first grass fire, which flared up during the Memorial day holiday.

Many Improvements Made At Heppner Cemetery



NEW SECTION of Heppner's Masonic cemetery which has recently been leveled and seeded to grass. Photo shows only a small part of the area which runs the entire width of the cemetery and adjoins the old section on the south. All roads have been graded and will be graveled and given a hard surface in the future, and the whole area given a general cleaning. (GT Photo)

Memorial day visitors to Heppner's Masonic cemetery will find many changes have taken place in the area since last year, though only a start on the planned program has been made so far.

The cemetery, taken over earlier this year by the Heppner cemetery maintenance district, is in the process of getting a general facelift, though the short period of time the district has had to work has prevented much of the planned improvement to be completed prior to the influx of relatives and friends to decorate graves on Memorial day.

All streets in the plot have been graded and several new ones laid out, which will ultimately be graveled and blacktopped. A pump and sprinkling system has recently been installed to provide water at the cemetery for the first time. During the past few weeks a large new area immediately south of the present mainly-used area has been leveled and seeded to grass and plans call for the

Admitted Forger Gives Self Up

Gene Dillard Howell, who had been in Heppner about a month and whose home is in Bolivar, Missouri, is in the county jail charged with forgery, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reports.

Howell, passed two checks in Heppner and Monument, and then turned himself over to city police at Arlington, admitting the forgery.

The Arlington police had the man in custody before it was known here that the checks were no good, the sheriff said. The case will come before the circuit court on June 14.

U of W Scientist Weather Research Meeting Speaker

Phil Church, head of the meteorological department of the University of Washington, will be the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Tri-County Weather Research which will be held next Thursday, June 3, at the Lexington Grange hall. The meeting will open with a free lunch at noon.

Church is well known in weather research operations, having been active in research and study of the subject for several years. He was formerly associated with Vince Schaffer, well known scientist who spoke at the annual meeting last year, and he also worked on the famous Priest River project in an attempt to prevent hail and lightning damage. He will speak during the afternoon meeting.

Other highlights of the program will be a report by Russell Lincoln, OSC rainfall evaluator, and a report of the year's activities of the three county organization during the past year. It is also reported that the Weather Modification Company, holder of the present research contract with Tri-county, will have its mobile radar unit on display at the meeting. This unit, similar in operation to the permanent radar installation now in use at the Condon office of the company, was pictured recently in this paper.

Charles A. Tom, state representative for this district will also speak on proposed legislative program which he is developing in connection with weather research in Oregon, and George Wilson, Kent, president of the Tri-county organization, will give his report.

Election of new directors for the coming year will conclude the day's program.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, and Ralph Crum, a director of the Morrow county Weather Research, a unit of the Tri-County organization, said Wednesday that two chemical companies, Inland Chemical of Heppner and Condon, and Farm Chemical Service of The Dalles, Wasco and Moro will provide the free lunch to be served at noon by ladies of the grange.

"Poppy Days" To Be Friday and Saturday

Members of the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary will sell the well known memorial poppies again this Friday and Saturday, auxiliary officers said this week.

All money received from the sale of the red flowers, which are made by disabled veterans, stays in Oregon and "all persons who wear the Memorial poppy during Poppy week are helping these men salute their fallen comrades of World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict.

A special Poppy display has been placed in Humphreys Drug company window by the local Auxiliary members.

DATE CHANGED FOR FARM BUREAU MEETING

The regular meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau which was to be held May 25 was postponed due to graduation exercises. It will be held at the Lexington Oddfellows hall Monday evening, May 31 at 8 p. m. There will be committee reports and there will be films shown. A good turnout is urged for this meeting. There will be a door prize.

Following completion of the classes, a program will be presented at the Christian church Sunday evening, June 6.



HEPPNER CAMP FIRE GIRLS who took part in the Camp Fire Ceremonial last Saturday evening at the Masonic hall. The girls are members of the two Heppner groups, the Oki Wa Nita group led by Mrs. James Thomson and the Wa Can Te Kas led by Mrs. Ervin Anderson. Many of the girls received awards for their year's work. (See story on page 5) (Photo by Alex Thompson)

General Closure to Be Observed Monday

In observance of the Memorial day holiday, Monday, May 31, all Heppner stores and offices will be closed.

No mail will be received or dispatched on either Sunday or Monday from the Heppner post office and all county offices will observe the national holiday.

Week's Rainfall Encouraging News

Though they didn't bring nearly as much moisture as Morrow county farmers hoped for, spring showers this week brightened the wheat prospects considerably in the county and gave hope that more clouds would be forthcoming in the near future.

The Heppner area received more rain during the early part of the week, Leonard Gilliam reporting .05 inches Tuesday and .24 on Wednesday. This constituted almost the total amount to fall during May however, as only traces were reported earlier in the month.

Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry recorder checked in 20 inches on Tuesday and Wednesday and had measured only .15 earlier to bring May's total to .35. Rainfall was not general over the county, however, with only .03 falling at the Crum Brothers ranch north of Lone.

This month's total in Heppner compares unfavorably with the 2.33 inches which fell during the same month last year and follows a dry April which had only .97 inches.

Good Crowd Hoped For at Sunday's Pioneer Meeting

Plans are completed for the previously announced Pioneer Decoration day meeting and potluck dinner to be held Sunday, May 30 on the court house park. The time for the dinner has been changed from noon to 1 o'clock, however, it was said this week.

The meeting and dinner, the idea for which originated with Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day herself a long-time resident of Heppner, was picked up by local residents and talked up. No one person is actual head of the proposal here, but it is hoped that many of the former (and present) residents of the area who are planning on returning here to place flowers on the graves of members of their families on Memorial day will take part in the meeting.

It is planned that ice cream, cookies and coffee will be furnished and hoped that visitors will bring picnic lunches or potluck dishes for the event. No formal program is planned as the meeting is proposed as just a general get-together of old-time residents of Heppner and Morrow county.

The list of names carried in last week's Gazette Times was not intended to be a complete list of old-time residents, but was only given as an invitation for them to be present if possible. All other pioneer residents and friends are also invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake spent the weekend in Seattle where they visited their son Don, and attended parents weekend at the University of Washington.

Conservation Tour Of County Farms Set For June 1

Morrow county farmers will have the opportunity on June 1st to observe conservation practices that are setting the pace for better and more economical farm production for years to come, says N. C. Anderson, Morrow county agent. The tour, an annual event, will begin at 9:30 a. m. with school buses loaded at the fair grounds for the day's trip.

First farm to be visited will be the William Barratt farm on Hinton Creek, where tall wheatgrass will be observed growing in alkali soil which is predominant on many of our creek bottoms. A new alfalfa grass seeding established this spring will also be seen at this stop. From here the tour will continue to the Paul Brown and Alvin Bunch ranches where sod waterways, strip cropping, wildlife planting, wildlife guzzlers, windbreaks and established stands of grass and alfalfa will be seen. Many of these practices won Alvin Bunch the title of Conservation Man of the Year in 1952.

Next stop will be at the 1953 "Conservation Man of the Year" farm, Kenneth Peck. Observed there will be strip cropping, grass-alfalfa nursery and seedlings that have been made over the farm. Last stop before lunch will be the Newt O'Hara ranch to see the excellent grass development program Mr. O'Hara carried out in which won him the title of "Grassman of the Year" in 1953.

Showing their interest in furthering conservation work in Morrow county, the Heppner Morrow county chamber of commerce will provide lunch at noon at the Oddfellows hall in Lexington. Guests of the day will be introduced at this time.

The tour will proceed during the afternoon to the North Lexington and Lone communities, visiting the Nelson Brothers ranch on Baseline, John Proudfoot ranch at North Lone, to the Delbert Emert and Herb Ekstrom ranches and end at the Donald Peterson ranch at Eightmile. Sod waterways, fertilizers trials, stubble mulch with Noble sweeps, 1951 windbreaks will be observed at the Nelson Bros. and Proudfoot ranches. At the Delbert Emert ranch the group will get to see a trench silt being filled with grass-alfalfa ensilage. Irrigated and dryland pastures, reservoir developments, stubble mulch and sod waterways will complete the tour for the afternoon.

Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Funeral Services For Minnie E. Hunnicutt Held Here Wednesday

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the Heppner Assembly of God church for Minnie Eliza Hunnicutt, 89, years of age, who passed away May 24. Rev. S. D. Spiez of Stanfield officiated.

Mrs. Hunnicutt was born July 4, 1864 in Michigan, the daughter of Nathaniel and Emily Thayer. She lived in Heppner for over 20 years.

She is survived by two sons, Levi Morris, Vale; and Robert Morris, Basin, Wyoming; three daughters, Bertha Dungan, Hermiston; Cora Mae Wilson, Heppner; and Wilma Gerard of Hood River. She also leaves 37 grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Seven children and two husbands, William Morris and B. J. Hunnicutt preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were Lester Dungan, Melvin Morris, Walter Gerard, Edgar Morris, Harold and Hubert Wilson.

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

TWO-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER DIES AT WALLA WALLA

Ann, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker of Heppner died Sunday, May 16 at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla. Graveside services were held at Umatilla.

Walker is night marshal in Heppner, having taken over the position less than a month ago.

ALLEN RESIGNS AS HEPPNER AG TEACHER

James Allen, agriculture instructor at Heppner high school for the past four years, has resigned the position effective at the end of the present school year.

He made no statement concerning his future plans.

Barratt Retained as County Judge; Harry Dinges Named for Assessor

Morrow county voters last Friday returned to office for another term, county judge Garnet Barratt, but elected to change assessors, voting in Harry Dinges to replace incumbent, Mrs. Olive B. Hughes. Barratt defeated his republican opponent Oscar Peterson by a vote of 440 to 396, while Dinges outdistanced two opponents.

Only on the Republican ballot were there any contests, though in the fall general election Harold Becket, unopposed on the republican ballot for clerk, will face Bruce M. Lindsay who was unopposed on the democratic ballot.

Barratt won over Peterson by a 44 vote majority, though Peterson carried his own precinct, Lone; Lexington and Hardman, but Barratt's lead in the other county precincts gave him a majority.

Dinges polled 340 votes to defeat incumbent Mrs. Hughes who received 295 and Kenneth K. Blake with 171. There was no democratic candidate so his victory is tantamount to election in the fall.

With the exception of the office of commissioner of the bureau of labor, county voters followed the pattern set by the rest of the state's voters. They chose H. E. Barker over A. Eugene Allen, contrary to the state choice, but they gave governor Paul Patterson a two-to-one majority over his opponent, Earl T. Newberry. Barker polled 345 votes to Allen's 235, which was just about the opposite of the way the state voted for the two men.

Republican: U. S. Senator, Guy Cordon 671. Representative second district, Sam Coon 677. Governor, Newberry 283. Patterson 535. Commissioner of bureau of labor, Allen 235, Barker 345. State representative, Charles A. Tom 693. District attorney, Fancher 729.

County judge, Barratt 440, Peterson 396. County commissioner, Ralph I. Thompson 667, Assessor, Blake 171, Dinges 340, Olive B. Hughes 295. County clerk, Becket 701. Treasurer, Lucy E. Rodgers, 725.

The county vote on the Democratic ballot showed: For U. S. senator, Neuberger 262. U. S. Representative, Albert C. Ullman, 237. Governor, Joseph K. Carson, 237. State representative, Gladys M. Zell, 235. County clerk, Bruce M. Lindsay, 222.

Total vote in the county was 1198 which was about 48 percent of the total registration. The republicans, however, turned out nearly 53 percent strong.

A precinct breakdown in the four competitive republican races gave the following:

S. Heppner— Governor, Newberry 60, Patterson 131. Labor commissioner, Allen 61, Barker 69. County judge, Barratt 124, Peterson 71. Assessor, Blake 26, Dinges 98, Hughes 68. N. Heppner— Governor, Newberry 67, Patterson 159. Labor commissioner, Allen 76, Barker 89. County judge, Barratt 121, Pet-

erson 107. Assessor, Blake 41, Dinges 93, Hughes 88. Lone— Governor, Newberry 47, Patterson 119. Labor comm., Allen 48, Barker 70. County judge, Barratt 64, Peterson 108. Assessor, Blake 39, Dinges 78, Hughes 58. Lexington— Governor, Newberry 34, Patterson 54. Labor Comm., Allen 18, Barker 53. County judge, Barratt 44, Peterson 49. Assessor, Blake 9, Dinges 50, Hughes 35. Boardman— Governor, Newberry 46, Patterson 43. Labor comm., Allen 20, Barker 35. County judge, Barratt 55, Peterson 33. Assessor, Blake 34, Dinges 8, Hughes 33. Irrigon— Governor, Newberry 18, Patterson 24. Labor comm., Allen 10, Barker 21. County judge, Barratt 25, Peterson 19. Assessor, Blake 15, Dinges 8, Hughes 14. Hardman— Governor, Newberry 11, Patterson 5. Labor comm., Allen 2, Barker 8. County judge, Barratt 7, Peterson 9. Assessor, Blake 7, Dinges, 5, Hughes 4.