

Voter List Shows Drop In County

Voter registration figures in Morrow county continued to follow a trend set four years ago, it was revealed today at the county clerk's office here. For the third consecutive election year, registration in both parties has shown a drop from the previous election.

Though the registration deadline was Tuesday night, not all last minute registrations have yet been received by the clerk, though only minor changes are expected. Republicans still hold a wide margin in the county with 1229 compared with 845 Democrats for a total of 2074 voters. This compares with 1428 Republicans and 867 Democrats (2335 total) in 1954 primaries and 1532 Republicans and 932 Democrats (2464 total) registration in 1952. Irrigon is the only precinct in the county where the Democrats hold a majority. The registration there is 150 Democrats and 95 Republicans.

Percentage Poor
The figures show a very low percentage of persons of voting age in the county have registered—only about 60 percent. Census figures give the county a population of slightly over 5,000 from which can be subtracted approximately 1,400 children below voting age, leaving 3,600 eligible. Of this total only 2,074 have registered to vote at the primary election May 18.

Below are listed the registration figures by precincts. Only the North and South Heppner precincts are final, but the other precincts will be changed only slightly by last minute signups.

	Rep.	Dem.
S. Heppner	290	186
N. Heppner	316	204
Boardman	146	77
Hardman	27	11
Ione	230	129
Lexington	125	88
Irrigon	95	150

John P. Doherty Services Held Monday

Funeral services for John Patrick Doherty, 78 years of age, were held Monday at 10 a. m. at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner. He passed away April 13 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He had made his home in that city for many years.

Mr. Doherty was born February 1878 in Cardonagh, Ireland and had been in the county for 58 years.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Margaret Creagan, Renton, Wn.; and one brother, Paul, who still lives in Ireland. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Rosary was held Sunday evening at St. Patrick's church with Rev. Patrick J. Gaire officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick Mortuary had charge of arrangements.



SPEAKERS at the dedication of the Heppner elementary school last Saturday evening included, left to right, Joe Stewart, Heppner school superintendent; Clarence Johnson, principal; A. L. Beck, director of the state department of education who gave the main address; Jack Flug, county school superintendent; Mrs. Mary Stevens, Heppner mayor; and L. E. Dick, Jr., chairman of the school board. A good crowd attended the program and later toured the 10 classroom and multipurpose room building which was open for inspection. (Wilson Photo)



VISITORS AND BOARD MEMBERS toured the new Heppner elementary school Saturday during the dedication program. Shown examining some of the work in one of the sixth grades are left to right, board members Howard Cleveland and Alvin Bunch; Mrs. Alex Green and Mrs. Herman Green. The new building has been in use all of this school year, though landscaping will be completed during the coming summer. The education plant cost \$258,000 and was built in less than a year. (Wilson Photo)

Heppner School Dedicated, State Needs Outlined

\$100,000,000 worth of school buildings will be needed in the state of Oregon in the next five years, A. L. Beck, director of school house planning for the state department of education, said Saturday night in his talk at the dedication of the new Heppner elementary school.

Beck told the audience that between 1940 and 1950 children in Oregon below the age of 14 increased 14.5 percent and that in preparing for the influx of elementary and secondary students a building cost index in 1913 set at 100 showed a pump to 611 by 1955. He continued that as education costs increase, distressed districts in the state will find themselves \$13,000,000 short of being able to take care of school building needs by 1961.

Beck told of the steps in constructing a new school building and complimented the school board and citizens on the Heppner building.

Other talks were given by L. E. Dick Jr., chairman of the Heppner board who explained that only district funds were used for construction of the building; Mrs. Mary Stevens, Heppner mayor, who urged the district to continue its planning for the future; Jack Flug, county school superintendent, who compared the changes in school construction and curriculum with changing times.

The Heppner high school band and the high and grade school chorus under the direction of Norman Peters offered musical numbers. Rev. Willis Geyer the invocation and Rev. Lester Boulden the benediction. Superintendent Joe Stewart was master of ceremonies and elementary principal Clarence Johnson explained the building tour.

Services Held Today For Mrs. Mary Kirk

Mrs. Mary Kirk, 77, a resident of Heppner for 60 years until she moved to Gresham in 1948, passed away August 15 at her home. Services were held today at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Charles Knox officiating.

Mrs. Kirk was born August 28, 1879 at Hanover, Kansas and had lived in Heppner since she was nine years old. Her husband, James L. Kirk, died here in 1927.

Surviving are one son Charles S. Kirk, Heppner; two daughters, Alice E. Brannon, Heppner, and Mrs. John Hamner, Gresham; and eight grandchildren.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Heppner Student On OSC Honor Roll

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Mrs. Patricia L. Hardy, Heppner student at Oregon State college, has made the winter term scholastic honor roll at OSC. Students must maintain at least a B plus grade average for honor roll listing.

Mrs. Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold K. Peck of Heppner, is a junior majoring in home economics education. She is a 1953 graduate of Heppner high school.

Bids Called For Highway Work; Load Limits Off

The state highway commission will receive bids on two jobs in Morrow county at its meeting April 27 in Portland.

One job is the improvement of Arcade street between B and E streets in Lexington. The existing street has a gravel surface which is in poor condition due to the heavy grain truck traffic between outlying farms and the elevators. Plans call for grading and shaping the street to provide for a 20 foot asphaltic concrete pavement flanked by two-foot shoulders, supported by a strengthened base to better withstand the heavy loads. Work is scheduled to be completed by September.

Bids will also be received for the furnishing of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of crushed rock in stockpiles for later use by the state in connection with maintenance operations on the Rock Creek-Summit section of the Heppner-Spray highway, about six miles south of Hardman.

In connection with the above-mentioned Heppner-Spray highway, the commission Monday lifted the load limit regulations which had been imposed for nearly a month and truck hauling started over the road the same day. The Monument mill of the North Fork Timber company began operations again last week and the lumber is again being trucked to the Heppner Pine Mills.

The load limit on the Heppner-Condon highway have also been lifted during the past few days.

Population Gains Noted By Two Morrow County Towns

Two Morrow county towns, Ione and Lexington, have shown an increase in population since the 1950 census it was revealed this week when the secretary of state's office made public figures from the state census department.

Heppner remains the same as in 1950 and Boardman registered the loss of two persons. Irrigon is not an incorporated town.

Ione had the greatest increase with a present population of 333 compared with 262 in 1950. Lexington added 22 persons over the period to have 259 compared with 237 in 1950. Heppner's figure remains at 1648, the same as it was in 1950, and Boardman dropped from 120 to 118.

During the past year many towns have taken special census counts as allowed by state law, and where a gain is shown, the city or town benefits from the increased tax revenue derived. The possibility of a special census was considered here some time ago but the general feeling was that the probable slight increase would not be worth the expense.

Of the smaller county seat towns in the immediate area, Heppner still leads most. John Day gained slightly to 1625, while Condon and Fossil remained at their former size of 968 and 675.

Methodist Church Names New Officers At Annual Meeting

The Heppner Methodist church held a potluck dinner and their annual church meeting Friday, evening, April 13 with Dr. Edward Terry, Portland, district superintendent conducting the meeting.

Reports were given from the church committees on their year's work. Election of officers was held with the following elected: trustees Tom Wells, Tom Wilson, Whitmer Wright, Howard Bryant, J. R. Huffman, Oliver Creswick, Ray Bailey, Mrs. Harry Duval, Mrs. Douglas Drake; stewards, Mrs. Madge Bryant, L. E. Dick, Douglas Drake, Mrs. Charles Gomillion, Herman Green, Earl Hudson, Everett Keithley, Fred Martin, Mrs. Randall Martin, Carl McDaniel, Newt O'Hara, William Turner, Mrs. Tom Wells, Mrs. Whitmer Wright and Harley Young.

Mrs. L. E. Dick was elected treasurer; Llewellyn Robbins, lay leader; Mrs. Ray Bailey, financial secretary and Mrs. N. D. Bailey, communion steward.

Joe Jones, Mrs. Jess Hall, Lennie Lowden and Leslie Matlock returned Tuesday from Portland where they had spent the past week.

Patricia Wright Named Fair and Rodeo Queen



PATRICIA WRIGHT, Oregon State College freshman, this week was named queen of the 1956 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo.

Blonde, blue-eyed 18 year old Patricia (Patsy) Wright of Heppner this week was named queen of the 1956 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo, the fair board has revealed. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, of Rhea Creek.

Queen Patsy, who is a freshman in home economics at Oregon State college, graduated last year from Heppner high school with high honors, being named salutatorian of her class. She was a fair and rodeo princess in 1954.

Queen Patsy's school and outside activities, both during her high school days and now at OSC make an extensive list and show that in addition to being an excellent student, she found time to take part in many school and club functions.

During her high school years she was student body secretary in her senior year; a 4-year band member serving as secretary in 1954 and president in 1955; she was on the volleyball team for two years; a member of the pep club; homecoming queen in 1954 and a class officer for two years.

Patsy has also been very active in 4-H club work. She is a 10-year member and a junior leader for two years. Last fall at the state fair she was selected as one of Oregon's four delegates to the national 4-H camp at Washington, D. C. which will be held this June. She carried a clothing project for seven years in addition to several other homemaking and livestock projects. She won several first place and championship ribbons on dairy projects also.

College Activities Many
Queen Patsy has continued her 4-H activities on into college where she is a member of the home economics club and was recently elected sergeant at arms of the group and holds several committee chairmanships. She has been active in the Campus 4-H club, especially in working with the extension service on the International Farm Youth program of which she is Campus 4-H club co-chairman.

This year's queen has lived on a ranch all of her life and horseback riding is her first-choice hobby. She has ridden ever since she was old enough to get on a horse and she says riding is still one of the things she looks forward to doing when home on vacations. She also likes to sew and makes most of her own clothes as a result of her 4-H training.

Last summer she worked as a secretary in the county agent's office.

Cancer Drive Still Short of Quota
Though \$622.75 has been collected in the Morrow county cancer drive the figure is still \$150 short of the quota of \$775 and efforts are being made by the committee to reach the figure within the next few days to again put the county as number one in the state to go over the top.

For the past several years Morrow has held the record as being the first in Oregon to attain the goal in the drive and its chairman Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn this week asked all residents who have not returned their envelopes to do so as quickly as possible.

No returns have yet been received from the north end of the county and only a few from Ione, Mrs. Pettyjohn said in urging residents there to place their donations in the mail. The drive continues throughout April.

Local P-TA Officers Attend State Meet

L. E. Dick and Mrs. Marvin Smith, president and vice-president elect of the Heppner P-TA and Mrs. Marlon Huggett left Monday to attend the 43rd annual state convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers in Eugene April 16-18. All are official voting delegates.

Mrs. Edward T. Walker of California was the national representative and gave the keynote address, "Your child in today's community," and each succeeding speaker developed a phase of that theme. Other speakers include Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, and Dr. John Foskett, professor at the University.

CANDIDATE VISITS HERE
Pat Dooley, Portland attorney and state legislator from Multnomah county, visited briefly in Heppner Tuesday. Dooley is candidate for Democratic National Committeeman.

PACK MEET DATE CHANGED
The date of the Cub Scout pack meeting has been changed from the regular meeting night to Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p. m. in the grade school multipurpose room.

THURSDAY WARMEST
The thermometer hit an unofficial 80 degrees this afternoon to bring Heppner its warmest day of the year.



ARBOR DAY was revived in Ione April 13 in celebration of the memory of an earlier Arbor Day observed at the school 52 years ago. Four trees were planted in the same area where the old trees had been planted which were recently removed. Various school grades were responsible for each tree and all students placed their names in sealed bottles to be planted with the trees. Speakers were Mrs. Jane Rawlins of the Ione Garden Club, Tom Wilson representing the extension office, Ernie Drake, student body president, and superintendent Phil G. Newitt. Shown at the planting of one of the trees are left to right; Judy Mason; Sharon Cutsforth; Mrs. Jane Rawlins; Phil Newitt; Ernie Drake; Darlene Drake; Judy Howton; Jean Ann Swanson; Carolyn Crabtree; Alyce Mason. Mrs. Rawlins and Drake are holding the bottles which contained the names of the students and many residents of the area who watched the proceedings. (Tom Wilson Photo)