

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Co-Valedictorians Named at Lone High

Valedictorian honors at Lone high school will be divided this year between Anna Jepsen and Ernest Drake, school officials revealed this week. The two students have identical grade averages and both have been very active in school activities.

Ernest has had the responsibility during the present school year of student body president and he served for one year on the Ionian and as Cardinal editor. He has ranked high in sports, taking part in football, basketball, baseball and track. In addition, he was a delegate to Boys' State for one year.

Both the valedictorians received first place Elks scholarship awards this year.

To win salutatorian honors, Garry, in addition to his grades, has been outstanding in dramatics, having taken part in school plays all four years he has been in high school. He was sports manager for two years and lettered in football one year. He also attended one session of Boys' State.

### Commencement May 23

Commencement exercises at Lone high school will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 8 p. m. in the school cafeteria. Francis Nickerson, executive secretary for the committee on high school-college relations under the supervision of the state system of higher education, will give the principal address. Nickerson is a native of this area having graduated from Heppner high school. He is the son of Mrs. Grace Nickerson.

## Home' Festival Ticket Deadline Is Extended

Luncheon tickets for the annual homemakers' festival to be held at the fair pavilion Tuesday, May 1, will continue to be sold up to and including the day of the festival, it was announced this week by Miss Beverly Bradshaw, county extension agent.

It had been previously announced that tickets would be sold only until April 23, but this deadline has been changed. It was also announced that there has been some misunderstanding about price and it was revealed that the ticket covers not just the luncheon, but also covers other festival expenses such as decorations, use of the building, etc.

Registration will be at 9:30 a. m. with the program beginning at 10 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 and the afternoon program will open at 1 p. m.

## Piping of Water To Lone Cemetery Nearing Completion

The Lone cemetery water project sponsored by the Beta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority is well under way, it was revealed this week.

Last Sunday the water pipe was laid from the cemetery to the city reservoir and a power pole was set on the rock bluff between town and the reservoir. David Rietsman and Don Heliker donated the use of their tractors for laying and covering the pipe and Ed Buschke donated the pole. Others assisting during the day were Ted Palmatier, Bob Reitmann, Harold Snider, Walter Corley, David McLeod, Carl Schultz, Hugh Salter, Ernest Heliker and Gene Reitmann.

A potluck dinner was served at noon for those assisting with the work and sandwiches, salad, pie and coffee was served in the evening by the members of the sorority at the grange hall.

It is hoped that those who wish to make donations to the project will do so soon so that the pump can be ordered and installed before Memorial day.

## County Budget Discussions Started

The county budget committee met Monday in a preliminary meeting for the purpose of discussing the 1956-57 county budget.

A committee consisting of Walter Hayes, Boardman; Newt O'Harra, Lexington; and Howard Bryant, Heppner, met with the court for the discussion.

The next regular meeting of the committee will be May 10 and at that time taxpayers are invited to make their budget desires known to the group.

## UNION MISSIONARY MEETING TO BE MAY 4

The Union Missionary meeting will be held Friday, May 4 at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Methodist church. The program will include pictures of the Holy Land and a talk on the Arab-Israeli question by Rev. Sconce of Hermiston. A fellowship hour will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Stockard and children returned Monday from spending the weekend at the coast and in the valley.



ONE OF IONE high school's two valedictorians, Miss Anna Jepsen. She and Ernest Drake tied for top honors with identical grade averages. A picture of Ernest failed to arrive in time for this week's paper.



SALUTATORIAN of Ione high school graduating class is Gerry White.

## Heppner HS Names Top Students

Heppner high school this week announced that top scholastic honors have been awarded to two senior girls. Nancy Anderson has been selected for the position of valedictorian and Lynda Borman Dunlap has been named salutatorian. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson and Lynda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Borman of Heppner.

Nancy completed her high school with a cumulative grade point average of 97.40. She served as secretary of the student body, is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Quill and Scroll and the National Honor Society. She was news editor on the paper staff and served on the staff of the annual. She was active in volleyball and served as a cheer leader. She was class secretary for three years.

Lynda is also a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll. She served as editor of the high school paper for part of one year and was a member of the girls' volleyball team. She completed her high school years with a grade point average of 95.15.

Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday, May 22 with Dr. Frank Bennett, President of Eastern Oregon College of Education as the graduation speaker. Baccalaureate will be May 20 at the Christian church with Rev. Charles Knox giving the sermon.

## Somebody Goofed! GT's Cuts Go Astray

Somewhere between Heppner and the engravers are three cuts that should have run in this week's paper and their failure to show up is more than a little embarrassing.

Ione high school this week named co-valedictorians, Anna Jepsen and Ernest Drake, and salutatorian Gerry White. Miss Jepsen's and Gerry's cuts arrived, but Ernest is lost somewhere apparently due to the vagaries of Uncle Sam's postal department.

He is not alone however, for lost along with his picture, are the cuts of Heppner high school's top honor students, Nancy Anderson and Lynda Dunlap. Where they are nobody seems to know.

Along with stories on these students' accomplishments, we are running the cuts we do have. The others we will run next week, along with our apologies.

## Savings Bond Sales Again Ahead of Last Year in County

Although the sale of United States treasury department E and H bonds dropped off slightly in Oregon for March when compared to those of a year ago, Morrow county was one of the fourteen in the state which showed an improvement over a year ago, according to a report released today by county chairman Jock Bedford. Sales here last month amounted to \$25,557, compared to \$22,329 in March of 1955, he said.

"A gain in sales here last month, in the face of every adverse weather conditions, indicates that many of our people must be making an unusual effort to lay aside some of Uncle Sam's very high grade securities," Bedford said. "In many areas of the state these same conditions, plus unusually heavy tax payments, have undoubtedly been responsible for a state-wide drop of sales from \$4,333,495 in March of 1955 to a total of \$3,712,789 last month. State bond dealers are concerned over the possibility that these factors may show up in April sales, but we are hopeful locally that county sales will continue at the present high rate."

## PETERSON NAMED HATFIELD CAMPAIGN HEAD

Henry Peterson of Ione has been named Morrow county campaign manager for Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for secretary of state, it was revealed this week.

Peterson was in Heppner on Wednesday distributing campaign literature.

## CONFIRMATION AND DINNER POSTPONED

Confirmation services previously set for Sunday evening at All Saints' Episcopal church with Bishop Lane W. Barton of Bend have been postponed until sometime in June, it was announced today.

Also postponed is a scheduled dinner for the Bishop planned for Saturday night.

## Mrs. Adella Duran, 81, Dies Wednesday; Services Friday

Mrs. Adella Nina Duran, 81 years of age, passed away April 25 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a long illness.

Mrs. Duran was born June 8, 1874 in Iowa and came to the Blackhorse area when she was eight years old. She was married to Edwin Duran in 1892. She was a member of the Methodist church and a charter member of the Holly Rebekah lodge No. 139 of Lexington.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 27 at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church with Rev. Charles V. Knox officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington cemetery.

Surviving are one son William, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary McMurtry, both of Heppner; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Mayor Proclaims Mental Health Week

Mayor Mary Stevens today called attention to the observance of Mental Health week in Oregon and urged local residents to take a greater interest in the program to develop additional mental hospitals and treatment aids.

She issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, mental illness is the most serious single health problem confronting the nation, and

Whereas, many mental patients are unable to get the treatment they need because mental hospitals are overcrowded, understaffed, and short of medical supplies and equipment, and

Whereas many people suffering from emotional disorders are unable to get help because there is a severe shortage of psychiatric clinics and private psychiatrists, and

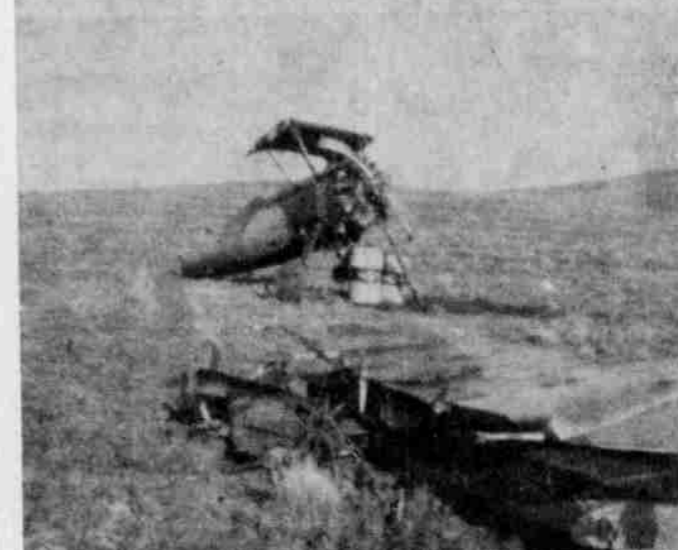
Whereas mental illness research is being hampered by a lack of funds and personnel, and

Whereas these conditions can be remedied by concerted action of the citizens of our city, state and nation.

Therefore, I, Mary Stevens, mayor of Heppner, do hereby proclaim the week of April 29 to May 5 as Mental Health week, and call upon the citizens of Heppner to help the mentally ill by working in behalf of the improved and expanded treatment facilities, and in behalf of increased research to improve the methods for treatment and prevention of mental illness."

## PAST MATRONS TO MEET

The Past Matrons club will meet Monday evening April 30 at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Davidson.



SPRAY PLANE CRASHES—This Stearman spray plane owned and piloted by John Moberg of Astoria, crashed near the top of Jones hill last Thursday noon, but the pilot walked away unhurt. The wings and tail assembly had been removed and stacked in the foreground by the time this photo was taken. Sometime after the crash, vandals caused even more damage by shooting up gas and spray tanks and the motor. (GT Photo)

## Spray Plane Crashes Near Here Thursday; Pilot Uninjured

A 450 Stearman spray plane crashed just after takeoff last Thursday east of Heppner, severely damaging the plane but the pilot John Moberg, of Astoria escaped unharmed.

Moberg, who is flying for Paul Hansen, operator of Ranch aero local spraying concern, was flying from a flight strip near the top of Jones hill about 7 miles east of Heppner. Just after takeoff the motor of the big biplane quit and Moberg set the plane down on rough rocky ground only a few hundred yards from the highway. The plane struck on one wing and then nosed over twice Hansen, who was just coming in for a landing, saw the accident. The plane was fully loaded, but it did not burn.

The wings and tail assembly was demolished in the crash, but even more damage was done by vandals sometime within the next two days as the gasoline and spray tanks and numerous engine parts were riddled with gunshots. The engine and the tanks had not been seriously damaged in the crash.

## Wranglers Slate Events Sunday At Beamer Ranch

The Wranglers will hold their first spring ride, Beamer's Balm Fork Brawl, at the Ralph Beamer ranch Sunday, April 29. The ride to the ranch is scheduled to leave the rodeo grounds at 10:30, dinner will be at noon and events will start at 1 p. m.

Scheduled for the afternoon are 10 events which include classes for children as well as adults.

Co-hosts and hostesses for the event will be Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Cornett Greens, Howard Bryants, Floyd Joneses, Herman Greens, Paul Webbs and Homer Hagers.



MISS MEREDITH THOMSON, Heppner high school junior, who this week was named Girls' State delegate.

## Meredith Thomson Named Delegate To Girls' State

Miss Meredith Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson of Heppner, was selected from the junior class at Heppner high school to attend Girls' State at Willamette University from June 11 to 17. She is being sponsored by the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary.

Meredith was selected on the following qualifications: leadership, character, courage, honesty, cooperation, physical fitness and scholarship. Miss Shirley Kononen was named as alternate.

## Education Tax Cut Seen For 1956-7

A reduction of \$68,958.16, or approximately four and one-half mills, in the amount of tax Morrow county taxpayers will have to pay for the operation of the county schools, is shown in figures released this week by the rural school board.

The actual budget for the schools of the county shows a reduction of only approximately \$8,500 from last year's figure, but an increase in estimated revenues and cash carryover brought the large reduction in the amount of tax necessary within the county. Next year's budget is \$635,959.18 compared with a total of \$644,515.54 for 1955-56. Total receipts and available cash balance will amount to \$217,354.35 for next year compared with a figure of \$156,592.50 for this year.

Estimated expenditures by districts showed Heppner \$224,904.18; Lexington \$68,350; Ione \$120,615; Boardman \$86,839; Irrigon \$101,306; Hardman \$9,655; Non-hi \$7,840; rural district \$16,450.

Increases in estimated receipts were from the basic school fund, \$6,250; rentals etc., \$23,854; irreducible school fund \$105.70 and the estimated cash balances \$31,589.45.

Elections in all school districts in the county to exceed the six percent limitation will be held May 14 starting at 2 p. m. The total tax base for all districts is \$145,353.72 and the amount to be raised above the six percent limitation is \$285,809.25.

The overall school tax levy in mills and the reduced budget is expected to drop the levy to about 33 mills for next year.

## Elks, Gun Club Take Honors at Hermiston Shoot

The Heppner Elks and the Morrow county gun club teams came away with top honors last Sunday in the second annual Sam Moore memorial shoot at the Hermiston rod and gun club range.

The Elks team, captained by Dale Brown, won the Sam Moore trophy for the highest scoring lodge team. The trophy was won for the first time last year by the Condon Elks team. The Morrow gun club came home with the gun club trophy, both of which were presented by Mrs. Anita Moore, widow of Sam Moore, well known Hermiston shooter for whom the travelling lodge trophy is named.

The Elks team included Dale Brown, Harvey Smith, Luke Bibby, George Snider and P. W. Mahoney and they won the trophy with the high score of 122 out of 125 targets.

The gun club team consisted of Brown, Smith, Bibby, Snider and John Lane. They broke 119 out of 125 for top score in their class.

## Chamber Sees Ground Observer Film, Kinzua Tour Slated

Sgt. Robert Coleman, Hermiston, Umatilla and Morrow county Ground Observer Corps officer, spoke to the chamber of commerce Monday noon on the needs of a GOC post in Heppner and asked the aid of the group in getting an active post organized here.

Sgt. Coleman showed a film on the work of the Ground Observer Corps and how the organization aids materially in national defense.

It was announced at the meeting that the chamber has accepted an invitation from Kinzua Pine Mills to visit its plant and operations on Monday, May 7. The group will leave here in the morning, tour the plant and have lunch there at noon.

Mrs. Rose A. Clifton, Walla Walla, is visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sweek, in Monument Tuesday.

Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Rydewood is a guest at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr.

## Opening Fishing Prospects Seen Just "Middling"

Fishing prospects in Morrow county's larger streams appeared rather poor today for the opening of the 1956 angling season on Saturday, but all is not lost for the ardent rod enthusiasts.

While Willow, Rhea and Rock Creeks still are quite high and muddy, reports have been received that smaller streams emptying into the three main creeks probably will be in good condition by Saturday. Butter creek has been high too, though some clearing on the upper end is seen possible.

State police and game officials report that many of the smaller side streams along the John Day river are clear and that excellent angling is expected there. The main John Day is now closed to steelhead fishing, and the stream has never offered much for trout fishermen except in the upper reaches.

There is a possibility that upper Willow creek may produce some fish by Saturday as it is reported clearing somewhat above Heppner. It is still high, however.

No fish have yet been planted in any Morrow streams, state police said Wednesday, and as far as is known no planting is scheduled until sometime in May.

## Charles S. Dane, 66 Found Dead at Ione

Charles S. Dane, 66, a resident of Ione for 50 years, was found dead at his home April 19. He had died in his sleep and death was attributed to natural causes. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Dane was born October 9, 1889 at Waseca, Minn., and came to Ione when he was 16 years of age. He had worked at various farm and other jobs there all of his life.

Funeral services were held April 24 at 10 a. m. at the Ione Community church with Rev. Alfred Shirley officiating, and interment was in the Ione I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Dane was a World War I veteran, a member of the Ione American Legion, and first commander of the Ione Legion post. He was also a member of the Ione Masonic lodge. Masonic services were held and the Legion had charge of graveside rites.

His only survivor is a half-sister, Mrs. Mary E. Rose of Portland.

## Local Teachers In Chess Tournament

John Snyder and James Popham participated in the Inland Empire open chess tournament at Spokane, Wash., over the weekend. Snyder won two and lost four games and Popham won two lost three and drew one. Results will be given in about a month. Players from California, Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho participated.

Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Popham accompanied their husbands to Spokane.

## METHODIST CHURCH TO DEDICATE ORGAN

A special service dedicating the new organ at the Heppner Methodist church will be held Sunday, April 29 during the 11 a. m. service. L. D. Boulden, minister announced this week. The Rev. Myron Hall, pastor of the Oswego Methodist church will be the guest speaker.