

# Friday's Election Expected to Draw Heavy Vote

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# Second Bank Planned at Heppner

## Arlington Bank Seeks Charter for Heppner Branch

The stockholders of the Gilliam County Bank at Arlington have authorized the board of directors to make application to the state superintendent of banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to establish a branch bank at Heppner, it was announced today by members of the board.

It is contemplated that if a branch is eventually authorized for Heppner by the state banking superintendent and the FDIC, that the capital structure of the existing bank will be increased and local interested parties will be given a chance to subscribe to additional stock to be authorized. It is also planned that the board of directors will be increased to include four residents of Morrow county, and the name of the bank changed to one more applicable to the communities to be served.

The Gilliam County Bank was established at Arlington 11 years ago and the current capital, surplus and undivided profits is approximately \$90,000. L. C. Buchner, vice-president and cashier revealed. Deposits are now one and one-half million dollars and dividends have been paid to the stockholders for the past eight years.

Officers of the bank are Marion Weatherford, president; Earl Hoag, vice-president; L. C. Buchner, vice president and cashier; John Krebs, and D. L. Lemon, directors.

Krebs, Buchner and Hoag were in Heppner Wednesday discussing the proposal with local residents and surveying the area.

No location has been chosen for the planned bank, but the officers expressed the hope that the branch could be in operation shortly after September 1.

At the present time the only bank in Morrow county is the Heppner branch of the First National bank of Portland.

## Funeral Services For Joseph Clark Set For Saturday

Joseph S. Clark of Lexington, passed away Wednesday at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a long illness. He was 86 years of age.

Mr. Clark was born August 22, 1869 at Cincinnati, Ohio and came west when he was 16 years of age. He was building custodian at the Arlington school for 15 years and had made his home in Lexington for the past ten years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 19 at 2 p. m. at the Lexington Christian church with Rev. Norman Northrup officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington cemetery.

Mr. Clark leaves no immediate relatives, though he is survived by two step-children, John Spence and Mrs. Ted McMillan both of Lexington.

Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## Attempts Made to Derail Trains Near Boardman

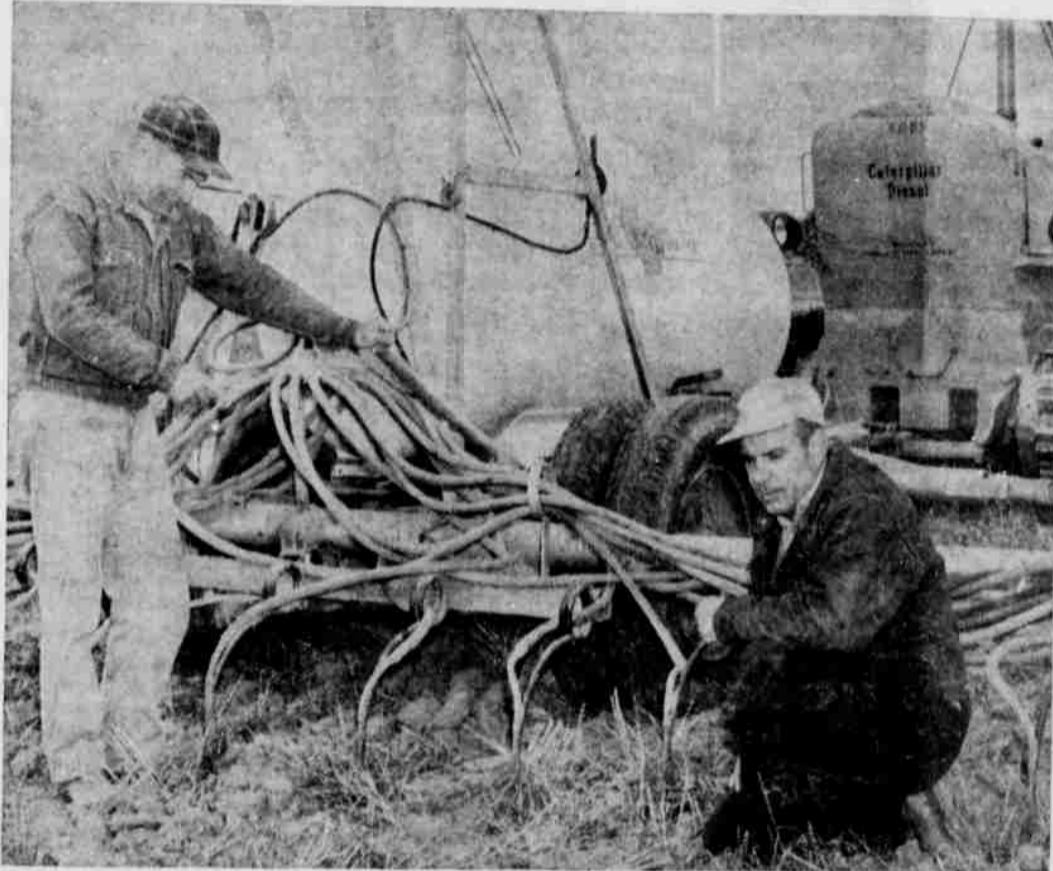
Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, state police and special railroad agents are investigating three attempts during the past week to derail mainline Union Pacific trains in the vicinity of Boardman.

The first attempt was made last Thursday and two subsequent attempts in recent days. Springs, stacks of railroad ties and heavy chain have been used in the attempt, it was said.

In every case the trains either knocked the obstructions from the track or rode over them without accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Cole, former Heppner residents, now of Bayview, Idaho were visiting here the first of the week.

## County Conservation Man Title To be Shared by Nelson Brothers



CONSERVATION MAN OF THE YEAR award winners are Norman (left) and Alfred Nelson, Lexington ranchers. Judges last week determined that the conservation practices carried on by the two brothers earned them the county honor for 1956. See story below.

By Irene Wilson

Stubble mulching, sodded waterways, contour seeding and grass rotations are among the conservation practices of Nelson Bros. which won for them the Morrow county "Conservation Men of the Year" award, announced Tuesday night at the Morrow County Wheatgrowers association annual spring meeting.

Norman and Alfred H. Nelson, Jr. started mulching on their 3600 acre ranch six miles north of Lexington in 1934 and since 1948 have used only sub-surface tillage with spikes to control their soil from wind and water erosion. An average of 1600 acres is cropped yearly.

Firm believers in the benefit of grass rotations with wheat for improving soil structure, Nelson Bros. have had as much as 400 acres in grass at one time and at present have 160 acres in grass. In 1950 they began nitrogen fertilizer application to augment soil fertility.

Grasses used in 20 acres of sodded waterways, seeded grass pastures and over six miles of field borders, ditches and slopes are Crested wheat, bulbous bluegrass, pubescent wheatgrass and sheep fescue. In addition they have seeded crested wheatgrass on about 2 miles of highway right-of-ways adjoining their property as a weed control measure.

Listing the control of annual weeds as one of the biggest financial gains for wheatgrowers, Nelson Bros. began working with Morrow county agent N. C. Anderson, on the program in 1948. Liquid spray has been applied yearly since the initiatory program of dusting with 2-4-D the first two years.

Early fall seeding when the moisture permits is followed by the Nelsons who seed out field corners first and practice contour tillage with as much rough, trashy fallow as possible.

With their wheat operation Nelson Bros. run 29 head of Herefords on over 200 acres of native grass and Crested wheatgrass pastures and stubble. Registered bulls are used and a regular testing program followed. Farm buildings are in top shape and a complete ranch shop is maintained.

About one-third of the ranch is owned by Nelson Bros. and the remainder leased from their father, A. H. Nelson, Sr., who was born in Sweden and began operation of the ranch in 1913. Norman and Fred Nelson, who have worked on the ranch all their lives, began their partnership in the thirties and assumed full time operation in 1946. They give

credit to their father for his example in the practical and progressive care of the land. Nelson, Sr. was one of the sponsors of the Lexington blow control district of which Fred Jr. is presently secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sr., retired in 1938 and now live at Oak Grove, Oregon.

Both brothers are active in farm organizations including the Oregon Wheat League, Morrow County Cattle Growers associa-

tion, Farm Bureau and Lexington Grange, of which both are past masters. Norman is county agricultural and stabilization committee chairman, a member of the Wranglers riding club and the Elks. Fred is a member of the Lone school board, a 4-H leader and a member of the South Morrow county 4-H council and the Masons. Both attended Oregon State college.

In addition they are cooperators in the Heppner Soil Conservation district and expressed appreciation for assistance from both the district and the county extension service.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson have two children, Charles 6, and Kristin 4. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson are the parents of three, Kenneth 12, Karen 7 and Keith 5.

## Memorial Picnic Planned May 30

Plans are being completed this week for the third annual pioneer Memorial picnic to be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner on Memorial day, May 30.

A potluck noon picnic is planned with meat and coffee being furnished for all visitors. Everyone is invited to come and bring potluck and visit during the day.

According to reports a large number of out-of-town visitors have indicated their intention to be present.

## 37 Seniors Will Graduate at Heppner

Heppner high school will graduate 37 senior students next Tuesday at commencement exercises. This is the largest class in many years.

Pictures of the students are usually run in the Gazette Times just prior to graduation, but the photos were not yet available. If they arrive they will be run next week.

The seniors are: Nancy Kay Anderson, Charles L. Bailey, Darrell Jack Blake, Edward M. Brosnan, Margaret Sharon Bryant, Levi Nelson Connor, David Larry Cox, Lynda Borman Dunlap, Virginia Dale Edwards, Jerry Edward Green, Stephen William Green, Mac William Griffith, Robert John Hare, Everett Laverne Keithley, Jo Anne Keithley, George Fisher Little, Freddie Raymond Lynch, James Dominic Monahan, Michael Francis Monahan, Edith Mae Morris, Marilyn Faye Munkers, Shirley Peck Palmer, Delbert Allen Piper, John Lyman Piper, Audie Joe Privett, Karen Ann Prock, Elizabeth Mae Rose, Otto Eugene Ruhl, Virginia Claire Schwarzin, Wayne LeRoy Soward, Robert Lowell Stevens, Warren Lance Tibbles, Lowell L. Turner, Jr., Barbara Beth Warren, Carolyn Calvin Willard, Thomas Ray Wilson, Judith Ann Wright.

## Voters Approve School Budget By Wide Margin

Voters Monday gave their approval to the county school budget by more than a two to one majority. The vote was 341 yes to 154 no. It carried in all precincts except Lone.

The total budget for the operation of the county's schools was \$635,959.18, down slightly from last year, and the amount to be raised by taxation will be \$68,958.16 below the 1955-56 figure due to a large cash carryover in some districts from the current year. The resulting tax needed to support the schools will be about four and one-half mills less than the present year.

The budget passed by a wide margin despite the pre-election circulation of anonymous post cards in parts of the county urging voters to defeat the budget. In the opinion of district attorney Bradley Fancher such election material is illegal and violates the Oregon corrupt practices act which requires all partisan election propaganda to carry the names of the author and the publisher. The cards carried no signature.

Fancher said this week that the case will be presented to the grand jury in June for investigation.

The vote on the budget by school districts showed the following vote:

	Yes	No
Heppner	142	51
Hardman	5	0
Lexington	19	13
Ione	44	70
Boardman	53	17
Irrigon	78	3

## Lexington Grange Gives OK to State Sales Tax Proposal

The taxation picture in Oregon was discussed by representative C. A. Tom Saturday at the regular meeting of the Lexington Grange.

Following the talk, the Grange went on record as favoring a state sales tax to allow income tax relief and a 20 percent property tax relief. They also requested that the state withdraw from the property tax field except for debt service.

The Grange voted two \$25 4-H scholarships for the 1956 summer school and Mrs. Karl Miller, HEC chairman, announced the group had sufficient money to purchase a new oil stove. It was also announced that the next HEC meeting would be May 17 at the home of Mrs. Harold Beach.

Norman Nelson, chairman of a special committee on painting the hall, reported the cost would be about \$150 and members voted to take donations for paint.

A building committee was announced as Karl Miller, Lyle Cox and Alfred Nelson Jr.

## County Polling Places Listed

Polling places for Friday's primary election are listed this week by county clerk Bruce Lindsay.

North Heppner—Empire Machinery.

South Heppner—Courthouse.

Hardman—School House.

Lexington—I. O. O. F. hall.

Ione—City hall.

Boardman—Grange hall.

Irrigon—School house.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

## County Schools List Dates For Closing Programs

All county schools will conclude their school year next week with baccalaureate programs scheduled to start Sunday. Graduation exercises will be held later in the week.

Following is a list of dates and times for the various services, Heppner—

Baccalaureate, Sunday, May 20 at 8 p. m. at the Christian church with the sermon to be given by Rev. Charles Knox.

Commencement, Tuesday, May 22 at 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium with Dr. Frank Bennett, president of E. O. C. E. as speaker.

Baccalaureate, Sunday at 8 p. m. at the Lexington Christian church.

Commencement, Thursday, May 24 in the school auditorium. John M. Miller, professor of education at E. O. C. E. will be the speaker.

Baccalaureate, Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Lone Community church with Rev. A. Shirley delivering the sermon.

Commencement, Wednesday, May 23 at 8 p. m. at the school cafeteria. Francis B. Nickerson of Eugene, will deliver the address.

The county school superintendent's office did not have the dates of Boardman and Irrigon services, but they too, will be held sometime next week.

Hardman will have no graduation services this year as there are no eighth grade students.

## Lexington P-TA Installs Officers

New officers were installed by the Lexington P-TA at its regular meeting May 8. President is Lloyd Forshee; vice president, Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth; secretary, Mrs. John Ledbetter; and treasurer, Mrs. Bill Parsons.

The new president presented Mrs. Millard Nolan with a past presidents pin and Mrs. Nolan gave a card and handkerchief to all her outgoing officers and committee heads.

Reports given included those by Mrs. Cutsforth of the White House conference meeting at Ione; Forshee on the P-TA convention at Eugene; and Mrs. Kenneth Peek gave an outline on the school picnic which will be a community gathering at the school this year.

The lunch will be a basket potluck and everyone is asked to bring their own paper plates and cups. Ice cream, punch and coffee will be furnished by the P-TA. There will be games and prizes given, it was announced.

The picnic will be held Thursday, May 24 starting at 10 a. m. with lunch at noon and continuing until about 3 p. m.

## 2-Price Wheat Plan Hitchcock Choice

Phil Hitchcock, Republican candidate for the nomination for U. S. Senator told a group in Heppner last Saturday that he favored the two-price domestic parity system for wheat which would allow 100 percent subsidy for wheat used for food with the balance competing on the open market. He expressed opposition to rigid price supports.

Hitchcock spoke before about 50 persons Saturday morning in the multipurpose room of the Heppner grade school.

Speaking on power, he said he would favor federal construction of the John Day dam, but if enough federal funds weren't allowed he would favor a combination of public and private financing to do the job. He stressed the need to develop power supply.

Hitchcock touched on his business and legislative qualifications as a senator and on his objective in defeating senator Wayne Morse.

## Giant Sized Ballots Await County Voters

Oregon's "war of words" is drawing to a close today and voters will start trooping to the polls tomorrow (Friday), May 18 to make their decisions. The Republicans will have to choose among 81 candidates and the Democrats 52 for the various offices.

The ballots will be the largest the voters have had to wrestle with since the general election four years ago. The Republican is largest, there being nearly 30 more aspirants for offices than on the Democratic ticket.

The race which has caused the most interest in the state is for the Republican nomination for United States senator. Seeking the chance to run against Democrat Wayne Morse in the fall are Doug McKay, former governor and secretary of the interior; Phil Hitchcock, former state senator; Elmer Deetz, the Canby Milkman; and George Altwater of Multnomah county. Deetz and Altwater aren't given much chance by most experts and the race is expected to be largely between McKay and Hitchcock.

Another tight contest is expected between Mark Hatfield and William E. Healy for Republican nomination for secretary of state, and Robert T. Mautz and John Merrifield, both of Multnomah county, are seeking the post of Republican national committeeman.

Governor Elmo Smith of John Day is running against Earl L. Dickson of Albany for the nomination for governor. Smith is expected to have an easy race.

Voters will have a long list of candidates to choose from for delegates to the Republican national convention and electors.

**Demo List Long, Too**  
The Democratic race which is expected to create the most interest will be a write-in vote for the nomination for president of the United States. Both Adlai Stevenson and Estes Keefauver have waged a strong campaign in the state. Neither name will appear on the Democratic primary ballot and voters will have to write in their choice, being sure to place an "X" before the name written in.

Other Democratic contests are between Wayne Morse and Woody Smith of Hood River for the nomination of U. S. senator; Al Ulman is running against A. E. Glidewell of Hermiston for representative in congress from the second district; Al M. Richardson and Wiley W. Smith are after the nomination for state treasurer. There will also be a long list for delegates to the Democratic national convention and electors of president and vice-president. There is also a Democratic contest for national committeeman and committeewoman.

Voters will also have to mark a non-partisan judicial ballot. There are no county or city contests on either ballot.

**Early Voting Urged**  
Election boards are hoping that as many voters as possible will vote early in the day as the length of the ballot will make the counting boards' jobs extremely heavy. The new voting laws may also slow down voting somewhat as all voters must sign the pollbook twice. County polling places are listed in an adjoining story.

The county clerk announced this week, in answer to inquiries, that it is allowable for voters to take a pre-marked ballot into the voting booth with them to aid in marking the official ballot. Samples will be available at all voting places.

## Pat Steagall Named Lexington Princess

Miss Pat Steagall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall of Lexington, this week was named 1956 Morrow county fair and rodeo princess by the Lexington Grange, her sponsors.

More information on Princess Pat will be published later.

## Mercury Climbs to 83 Degrees Wednesday

Heppner enjoyed its warmest day of the year Wednesday when the mercury climbed to 83 degrees.

The forecast called for continued warm weather with even slightly higher temperatures for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney returned Monday from Portland where they spent the weekend.



THE HEPPNER MASONIC CEMETERY last week received a check for \$100 from Hynd Brothers company to be used in beautifying the cemetery grounds. Shown receiving the check is Mrs. W. O. George, right, chairman of the Heppner cemetery maintenance district. Making the presentation is David Hynd, left treasurer of the company. Center is Will G. Hynd, president. This is the first donation received by the board. (GT Photo)