

# Heppner Player Named On East All-Star Team

Two Morrow county high school football stars were chosen this week to play on next fall's East-West Shrine All-Star football game in Pendleton. They are Len Ray Schwarz, Heppner high school senior who will play a tackle spot, and Robert Parson of Irrigon high school, a backfield man.

Len Ray was one of the bulldozers of the 1957 Mustang squad which started out the past season as one of the strongest in the league but fell by the wayside later because of such heavy casualties due to the flu epidemic that the final game had to be cancelled. He has played four years of football for Heppner.

The Heppner All-Star candidate is the son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Schwarz. He is active in many school activities in addition to sports. Only recently he was named Heppner high senior citizen of the month and he serves as student body vice president, FBLA vice president, president of the student council and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was a co-captain of this year's Mustang football team.

Other boys from this area who were chosen on the East All-Star team include Verlyn Schulz, Echo; Dean Whiteley, McEwen; Gary Porter, Pilot Rock; Dick Connor, Weston; Mike Remillard, Umatilla; and Carl Reeder, Helix. Stanfield, last season's state B champion also placed three players on the East squad. They are Norman Evans, Paul Forrey and John Houk.

## School Class Aids Care Food Crusade

Students of the fourth grade of Heppner grade school have provided themselves active international good neighbors by joining CARE's Food Crusade.

Their contribution has sent 110 pounds of food overseas to hungry children and adults. Twelve countries of the free world are receiving the Food Crusade packages, through CARE, the foreign relief agency. These are the \$1 surplus food parcels containing 22 pounds of nourishing surplus foods given to CARE by the United States government for distribution to the needy in foreign countries.

Each package goes in the name of the donor, the one dollar helping to cover costs of packaging and delivery. Many orphans, refugee families escaped from Iron Curtain areas, and others who are victims of floods and droughts and other disasters, benefit from the campaign.

Each package also contains a message of friendship from America in the language of the recipient country, serving as an important phase of America's people-to-people program of good will and friendship.

## P-TA STUDY OF JUVENILE PROBLEMS MAKES SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Heppner Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday, January 8 in the multi-purpose room of the grade school. The business meeting was opened by president Mrs Kemp Dick. Mrs Harlan McCurdy reported a profit of \$65 from the serving of an Elks dinner on December 19. The typing study group is to begin soon and will consist of 24 hours of instruction at a cost of about 25 cents per hour to each member of the group. Mrs Paul Warren announced that there were 138 paid-up memberships, somewhat less than the goal of 240. Cards will be sent out to lagging members. Mrs Bechtoldt's room won the room contest.

Immediately following the business meeting the program on juvenile problems began. A discussion panel under moderator Bill Labhart was made up of these students and adults: Doug Grib-



LEN RAY SCHWARZ, Heppner this week was picked for East All-Star Shrine football team.

## Attack Claims Earle A Bryant

Earl A Bryant, 44 was found dead in his car late Saturday afternoon by his wife and a friend Cecil Hicks who were investigating his "absence from home. The car was parked in front of the office of Dr Wallace Wolf in Heppner and he apparently had died from a heart attack approximately an hour before he was discovered.

Earl Allen Bryant was born Nov 23, 1913 in Independence, Virginia and came to Heppner with his family in 1917. He attended schools in Heppner and was a member of the Christian church and the Heppner Elks lodge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan 14 at the Heppner Christian church with the Rev Charles Knox and the Rev Lester Boulden officiating. Elks graveside rites were conducted at the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mary; one son Robert and one daughter, Mrs Sharon Cutsforth; his mother Mrs Madge Bryant, Heppner; a brother Howard of Heppner; two step-sons, John and Jim Cason, and one grandchild.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

## WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	41	24	--
Friday	39	28	--
Saturday	46	30	.02
Sunday	54	42	.14
Monday	48	35	.45
Tuesday	49	35	.03
Wednesday	53	41	.10

Rainfall for the week 7.4; for January .80 inch.

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## Increase Seen In Number of Concerns in County

"There are more business concerns in Morrow county today than in 1956" states J Harry White, district manager of Dun & Bradstreet in Portland. Figures obtained from a physical count of the Dun & Bradstreet reference book for November 1957 totaled 95 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in this area as compared to 92 listings in 1956.

The reference book, incidentally, lists manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. It does not include some of the service and professional businesses such as barber and beauty shops, stock and real estate brokers. Thus the figure for businesses in Morrow county actually would be higher than the number quoted above.

The credit reporting agency will mail over 3,000,000 requests for financial statements on January 1 to all businesses listed in the reference book. The Portland office will mail approximately 30,000 such requests to firms in Oregon and Wash and the financial statements received provide a basis for a credit rating. White states "more than 95 percent of all commercial transactions are made on credit terms and the rating book is a key factor in these transactions."

Using the Dun & Bradstreet reference book as a guide it is interesting to note the number of names listed for the three principal communities in Morrow county: Heppner 56, Ione 16 and Lexington 9.

## Mrs Gerald Swaggart New President of County Cow Belles

The Morrow county Cow Belles held their annual meeting Jan 11 with Mrs Dave Campbell, Bly, state Cow Belles' president as the main speaker. She gave a brief history of the state organization, told of the projects that have been completed and were now being supported including meat demonstration for 4-H members at county fairs, the school meat program and Fathers' Day contest.

Mr and Mrs Campbell are Klamath county cattlemen where he was state Grassman of the year for 1957 and also one of the four district winners of state cattlemen. Other guests were Mrs Ted Hyde, publicity chairman for the state association from Klamath county, and Mrs Ewing Hynd, president of the Umatilla county Cow Belles.

Officers elected for the coming year were Mrs Gerald Swaggart, president; Mrs Raymond French, first vice president; Mrs George Rugg, second vice president and Mrs John Graves secretary-treasurer. Mrs Ralph Beamer was appointed chairman of the cook book and candy sales committee.

Mrs Claude White is the outgoing president and the latter part of March was set for the next meeting of the group.

## Lex VFW Auxiliary To Hold Mothers' March

The Lexington VFW Auxiliary, which recently took over the March of Dimes drive in the Lexington area, will hold a Mothers' March on Pollo Thursday evening Jan 30, it was announced this week by Mrs Bill Van Winkle, chairman of the Auxiliary committee.

The Mother's March will be held as it has in past years, with persons desiring to aid, asked to leave their porch lights on that night.

## March of Dimes to Benefit from HHS Senior Work Day

"Fight Polio with dimes" is the slogan for the Heppner high school seniors who are sponsoring a senior work day Saturday, Jan 18. They'll do any kind of work, they say.

The seniors offer their work to residents of Heppner on Saturday and as they get paid for their work the money will be turned over to the March of Dimes. Their slogan is, "As we sponsor a work day, we help the polio victims with our pay!"

Anyone having odd jobs, windows that need washing, yard work to be done, ironing to catch up, is asked to call a senior. To reserve the services of one of these community-minded young people call 6-9762 any time, the high school 6-9138 between 8:45 and 3:45 or the Heppner Cleaners between 3:45 and 6 p m.

## Heppner High Girl Named for Award

The Betty Crocker Homemaking of Tomorrow in Heppner high school in Joann Brosnan.

She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes given Dec 3 to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runnerup award in the state. For her achievement she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

The national winner in the fourth annual Betty Crocker search conducted among 327,000 young women in 11,800 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named in April at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City.

General Mills is sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in education for home and family living. This year's huge entry broke the four year participation over the million mark. A total of 1,071,000 girls has enrolled in this national homemaking project since it was launched in 1955. A total of \$106,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year.

Each Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an educational trip with her school advisor to Washington, D C, colonial Williamsburg, Va, and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the second ranking girl in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of Encyclopedia Britannica.

The scholarship of the young woman named All American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be raised to \$5,000. Girls who rank second, third and fourth in the nation will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively.

## Little League Ball Meeting Called

There will be a meeting Monday evening, Jan 20 at the Heppner school cafeteria for the purpose of organizing Little League baseball for next season.

It is reported that several persons have inquired about such a meeting, and all interested persons are urged to attend.

## HUNTERS AND ANGLERS TO MEET

The Morrow county Hunters and Anglers will meet Monday evening Jan 20 at the court house. Tentative fishing regulations will be discussed as will the predatory contest. Election of officers will be held.

## Need for Greater Scout Program Seen By Youth Group

Representatives from Boardman, Lexington, Ione and Heppner high schools attended a meeting Jan 6 of the Morrow county youth activities committee of the county planning conference. Mrs E M Baker of Ione is chairman of the group.

Problems of youth discipline and possible activities were discussed and the need for a community calendar was brought out. A wider Boy Scout program in the county was recommended, but it was pointed out that the reason for the lack of a bigger scouting program is due to the lack of adult leadership.

Reports were heard from the students of Heppner high school who attended the governor's committee on children and youth in Salem, and they reported that a teenage code had been drawn up there.

In other discussions it was pointed out that even youngsters thought that teachers should have the right to discipline students and that parents should back up the teachers. It was also shown that teenagers as a rule are pretty well behaved and that only a small percentage of this group causes worry.

The information gained from this and other committees will be reported later to the planning conference.

## Thompson Retires As PCA President

Ralph I Thompson, after serving as a member of the board of directors of the Pendleton Production Credit Association since 1941 and as vice president since 1944 and as president during the past year retired from the board and as president at the annual meeting of stockholders held at Pendleton.

Paul Hiler, 49 years old, prominent livestock operator located in Morrow county, was elected on the board of directors to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Thompson's retirement. He is a former member of the National Farm Loan Association and one of the original stockholders of the Pendleton Production Credit Association. He is married and has two daughters and one son.

At the organization meeting of the board, Charles F Litch, a stockman of Enterprise, and a member of the board of directors for the past 15 years was elected president. He is also president of the La Grande National Farm Loan Association.

Myron C Hug, a farmer of Summerville, Oregon and a member of the board for the past 10 years was elected vice president.

Other officers re-elected were: W E Moore, secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer Barbara Short and James Southern all of Pendleton.

Attendance at the meeting was 225 members and guests. 25 members and guests attended from Morrow county.

Other members of the board include: Ralph G Saylor of Echo and Frank Duff of Adams.

Otto F Allgaier, vice president of the Federal Intermediary Credit Bank of Spokane and Bradford Lightly of the firm of Yergen and Meyere were guest speakers at the meeting.

## Christmas Seal Sale Returns Slightly Below 1956 Amount

\$1150 has been turned in to date on the 1957 TB and Health Association Christmas Seal sale, according to Mrs L E Dick, J county seal sale chairman. The amount is slightly below the collection at this time last year. The 1956 sale totalled \$1384 when the books were closed.

Reminders have been mailed in Heppner and in Lexington to those who have not made their contributions. The Community seal chairman to whom money may be sent are Mrs Bernice Lott, Lexington; Mrs Noel Dobyns, Ione; Mrs Ruth Coy, Irrigon; Mrs Russell Miller, Boardman; and Mrs Dick, Heppner.

Christmas seal donations have purchased a \$3000 X-ray machine used at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner for chest X-rays. The program finances free X-rays once a month (the first Wednesday), the cost of having the X-rays read by Dr Goehling, and other county health services. 94% of the money received from the seal sale remains in Morrow county; the remaining 6% is used for national research on TB, prevention and cure.

## Stockholders and Officers Relected At Bank of EO Meet

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Eastern Oregon was held at Arlington Jan 9 with over 75 percent of the more than 100 stockholders present.

Main business was the election of directors and all who had been serving were reelected. They were Marion T Weatherford, Earl P Hoag, John W Krebs, D L Lemon and L C Buchner, all of Arlington; Arthur A Allen, Boardman; Garland Swanson, Ione; Howard Bryant and Frank Anderson, Heppner. M L Brady was reelected associate director.

Following the stockholders meeting, the directors met and reelected the following officers: Marion T Weatherford, president; Earl P Hoag, vice president; L C Buchner, vice president and cashier; H D Wright, assistant cashier; Gene Pierce and Wm F Siwert, manager and assistant manager respectively of the Heppner branch.

Reports of the very satisfactory progress of the bank during the past year were given, also estimates of what might be expected during 1958. Total deposits of the bank were \$2,336,159.33 and loans were \$1,147,657.94 at the end of the year.

President Weatherford stated that 1957 was perhaps the most outstanding since the bank was originally organized as the Gilliam County Bank in early 1945. The name of the bank was changed, additional stock was sold to increase the capital structure which would enable the bank to serve many more customers because of increased loan and other limits, and a branch was established in Heppner with an attractive new building constructed for it.

A social hour was held after the meeting with coffee and cake served by wives of the directors.

## Heppner Chess Club To Meet Mondays

The Heppner chess club has reorganized and will meet in the city hall on Monday evenings at 7:30.

Everyone interested in chess is urged to attend. If you want to learn and know nothing about the game, come and take some lessons.

As soon as possible there will be chess matches arranged with other clubs.

## Morrow Only County With No '57 Traffic Deaths

Morrow county holds the distinction of being the only county in the state of Oregon to get through the year of 1957 without a single traffic fatality, it was revealed this week by the state department of motor vehicles.

The record is even more impressive inasmuch as the year went down in the records as the second worst "traffic death-wise" in the state's history.

Several counties ended the year with only one traffic death-Grant, Lake, Sherman and Wall-owa, but none other than Morrow kept their record clean for the year.

The most traffic deaths (87) occurred in Multnomah county and others high up on the list were Lane with 29, Douglas with 28, Clackamas, Marion and Linn with 26 each, and Jackson and Klamath with 25 each.

The department of motor vehicles records show a total of 462 persons died in the state in traffic during 1957. News service tallies run even higher with the Associated Press report finding 489 killed.

Several spectacular accidents occurred during the year. One near Bend in June killed five members of one family and on June 3 five others died in a head-on crash south of Huntington.

During the last several weeks of 1957, all state agencies and law officers concentrated on controlling traffic accidents.

## Many Planning Groups Meeting

Committees of the Morrow county Town and Country planning conference continued active during the past week studying and reporting their findings in readiness for the planning conference which will be held early in February. General chairman Kenneth Peck has called a meeting of his planning council for Thursday, Jan 16 at which time the date will be set and arrangements planned for this important event. The council is made up of the six major committee chairmen and presidents of major commodity groups in Morrow county.

In addition to the six major committees, over 20 sub-committees are gathering information and investigating problems and opportunities for consideration by all county people. Meeting last week were sub-committees on roads, livestock marketing and management, sheep production and livestock disease control, the youth activities, farm crops, and conservation and land use committees. Holding meetings early this week were the livestock and home and community living committees.

The livestock committee meeting Tuesday night had reports from their livestock insecticides and chemicals, commercial and purebred livestock, roads, livestock marketing and management, sheep production and feeds and feeding sub-committees. These sub-committees presented over 40 recommendations for consideration by the livestock committee.

The home and community living committee this week mailed a survey form to over 1000 families in the county asking them for information which will be used in making comparisons of the progress in the county over the past 20 years in housing and nutrition. Also included in the survey is needed information on the Morrow county museum project undertaken by that committee.

Sub-committees of the farm crops committee are investigating possibilities of marketing surplus grains through livestock; cost phase of wheat production and farm programs.

# Panel Develops Many Facts On Reorganization of County Schools

The first phase in a Lexington P-TA study on possible school reorganization plans for this section of Morrow county was held Tuesday evening at the Lexington school. The program was a panel discussion on what could and should be done to improve high school facilities in Heppner, Lexington and Ione in line with the new state school reorganization law.

Taking the affirmative side was Gordon Pratt, Heppner high school principal; the negative was argued by Ray Heimbigner, Ione; discussing transportation problems was Oren Felthouse, Hermiston, who has held the transportation contract for the Hermiston schools for 34 years; and taking the taxpayers angle

was Kenneth Peck, Lexington rancher. O W Cutsforth was moderator. About 55 persons attended the meeting.

Pratt told of four surveys made in the 1930's when it was found that structural changes were necessary here. He said curriculum and personnel are the most important and that smaller schools are not usually able to give advanced mathematics, sciences, languages, ect. He said a unified school would eliminate duplication of teachers, library facilities, school plants ect, and that classes which now have five or six pupils are expensive.

In taking the negative side of the debate, Heimbigner said the choice of a unified school site would probably be in Heppner

because of teacher's needs, hospital ect and that Ione children are already riding as far as time will permit. He said that Morrow county now graduates 14 times more children from college than the national average.

He also said that the state department of education doesn't know what it wants and emphasized that an act of consolidation is permanent and that he did not want to turn the education of Ione's children and purse strings over to Heppner. He recommended the establishment of a junior college in the area.

## Transportation is Problem

Mr Felthouse pointed out that the duplication of bus routes is expensive but admitted that some is necessary because of

geographical conditions. Looking at the problems of the area from a transportation standpoint, he felt a high school should be built between Heppner and Lexington, possibly about six miles below Heppner. One big bus could transport all Ione and Lexington youngsters and two could handle students from Heppner.

Felthouse said large buses cost about 55 cents a mile to operate, but with care such buses should last 10 years.

## Large School More Expensive

Kenneth Peck compared the costs of operating three high schools here with that of the North Marion high school near Woodburn which is a combination of three former small schools and has about the same attend-

ance as Heppner, Lexington and Ione. At N Marion 13 teachers costing \$70,500 a year serve the school. Total plant operation and transportation cost is \$129,234. By comparison to handle the 215 students in the three schools here it requires 21 teachers at a cost of \$101,724, and plant operation of \$175,327. A comparison of per-pupil costs was made by Peck with Portland at \$243, N Marion \$540 and the average of Heppner, Lexington and Ione at \$815.

Peck also emphasized that in a unified school teachers could teach their specialty and that overall it appeared that the taxpayer would get more for his money.

In a question and answer period which followed the prepar-

ed talks Pratt reiterated that in a larger school teachers would be hired to teach in their field. Heimbigner said that small schools can improve if the people want them to.

Felthouse said that, "We are trying to teach our children to make a living. Our foundations are good."

In reviewing figures, Peck said it is costing \$38,000 to \$40,000 a year more to run our three schools than it would a single school and he showed how with this saving, and the \$39,000 in county school taxes annually paid to the Echo district, and \$10,500 to Arlington (which he felt would stay in the county by changing district boundaries to the agreement of residents of

those areas if a unified school were built) that a new high school could be built at no additional tax cost.

## Study to Continue

Only the consolation of high schools was considered in the plan for it was felt that elementary schools should remain as they are and by relieving the pressure of high school students, grade facilities would then be adequate.

It was voted 52 to 3 to continue the study which was started at this meeting.

The study has no actual legal standing, but it was felt the information presented can be of help to the appointed county school reorganization committee in future decisions.