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Lex Group Urging Joint High School

A large group of Lexington community parents and taxpayers met Wednesday evening, March 12, at the Jack Barak ranch to organize an Educational Betterment committee. Officers elected were Kenneth Peck, chairman; Gene Cutsforth, secretary; and Tad Miller, treasurer.



VALEDICTORIAN of Ione graduating class is Mardine Baker.



IONE HIGH school Salutatorian, Grace McCabe.

Ione High School Reveals Top Honor Students

The Ione high school this week named their two top honor students among the senior graduating class. They are Mardine Baker, daughter of Mr and Mrs E Markham Baker, valedictorian, and Grace McCabe, daughter of Mr and Mrs L A McCabe, salutatorian.

In addition to her top grades, Miss Baker has been very active in school and outside activities. She is editor of the school annual, participated in the music in May festival at Pacific University, has been active in band and athletics, and was recently named a winner of an Elks scholarship. She has also been active in 4-H club work and is presently a junior 4-H leader.

She plans to attend the University of Oregon this fall where she will take a nurse's training course.

Miss McCabe has also been very active in 4-H club work, has taken an active part in school athletics and has been a cheer leader during her years in high school. Both girls have held offices in school and members of the Girls' League.

Awards will be presented at graduation late in May.

MCMURDOS HAVE GUESTS

Dr and Mrs A D McMurdo had as their guests over the weekend their sons Mr and Mrs Charles E McMurdo and three children, Peggy, Charlie and Louie of Portland and Scott McMurdo.

young people of the Lexington community.

The first report issued by the committee states that since it has been ascertained from reliable sources that school reorganization of the county will not take place for at least three years, and possibly five years, it is felt by the group that steps must be taken to fill the immediate needs for a better education until, and if, reorganization is realized.

It was expressed by members of the committee that students of Lexington high school are an exceptionally fine group of young people both mentally and morally and that they are deserving of the very best education possible.

The committee has stated that a complete report on its findings will be sent to every resident in the Lexington area and that it will outline in detail how such a betterment program might be put into effect. It also gives a comparison of courses of study offered in the Lexington, Ione and Heppner high schools during the present school year.

The report continues, "The ultimate aim of this committee is consolidation of the high schools. The present school reorganization law provides for administrative reorganization and not a physical consolidation of school plants.

"The next meeting of the Education Betterment committee will be held Monday, April 7 at 8 pm at the Lexington Grange hall. We sincerely urge you to bring your questions and constructive suggestions to this meeting. These are open meetings, and it is hoped everyone will feel free to express their thoughts on this vital question of the secondary education of our children."

Ione Rehires Teaching Staff

All Ione school teachers have been rehired for another year, except two who have resigned at the end of this year, the Ione school board has announced. Dallas Shockley, superintendent, has been rehired for two years.

The two teachers who resigned are, Mrs Charles Hudson, girls' physical education instructor, and Mrs Emma Dally, English teacher and librarian.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	44	22	—
Friday	45	30	.04
Saturday	48	33	.17
Sunday	44	26	.18
Monday	50	32	.09
Tuesday	51	31	.17
Wednesday	55	30	—

Precipitation for the week .65 rain and snow; for March .84, for the year 4.65 inches.

TUESDAY NIGHT SPAGHETTI FEED TO BENEFIT RED CROSS DRIVE

A spaghetti feed, with all proceeds to go to the Morrow county Red Cross drive has been announced for next Tuesday evening, March 25 by Dan Wagner, manager of O'Donnell's cafe.

The restaurant will start serving the spaghetti dinner at 6 pm and will keep going as long as customers come after the meal, Wagner said. No definite charge will be made for the feed, but

ASC Announces Higher Payments For Deferred Acres

A change in conservation reserve payment rates was announced this week by the Morrow county ASC office. The committee has adopted a more realistic conservation reserve annual payment rate based upon average production rather than on a flat county rate of \$12 per acre for cropland placed in the conservation reserve program.

A 10-year average wheat yield has been established for each wheat farm in the county, and the new rates are based on these acreage yields. They are: \$9 per acre for an average of 19 bushels or lower; \$10 per acre for an average of 20 and 21 bushels; \$11 per acre for a 22 bushel average; \$12 per acre for 23 bushel; \$13 for a 24 bushel yield; and \$14.25 per acre for an average yield of 25 bushels or higher.

Also, to compensate for the additional land laid out to balance land in the conservation reserve on summer-fallow farms, a non-diversion payment of 30 percent of the annual rate is also available. Under the new rates a producer with a 25 bushel average or up may receive as high as \$18.50 an acre for diverting barley acres into grass and legumes for a five or 10 year contract under the program.

The county committee has adopted the changes in hope of increasing participation of the higher producing areas in the conservation reserve for 1958 and future years.

The deadline date for signing up in the program for the 1958 year is April 15, and the ASC office urges anyone interested to take advantage of this change for the 1958 year or to plan ahead for 1959.

Two-County Meeting Held Here Tuesday On Civil Defense

Over 40 interested residents of Morrow and Wasco counties met Tuesday evening at the court house in Heppner to learn of their part in State Civil Defense and what they will be asked to do during the nationwide "Operation Alert 1958" to be held May 6 and 7 as a test of civil defense preparations.

Six members of the State Civil Defense agency presented the Operation Alert plan and explained how each division of the county organization could use the alert to test its own preparedness.

Speakers were Col Maylon E Scott, state operations officer; Leo White, state communications officer; Jack Bartlett, engineering and rescue; Franklin Witherall, medical; Anthony Cardello, emergency welfare officer; and Don Dill, state public information officer.

The meeting was held under the direction of Norman Nelson, Boardman, county CD chairman. The group of state officers are currently covering the state explaining the Alert program and also the overall state Civil Defense plan.

each diner may pay whatever he desires with all the money to go to the Red Cross.

Preparations will be made for serving a large number of persons.

Robert Abrams, county Red Cross drive chairman, also announced today that only \$447.50 has been reported to date by volunteer workers. This year's goal is \$1800.

SPECIAL CITY PARKING FUND GETTING SHORT; BETTER 'GIVE BACK' NEEDED

The chamber of commerce this week gave warning to car drivers who forget to deposit nickels in Heppner parking meters that unless more attention is paid to the "give-back-a-nickel" envelopes that they receive instead of overtime parking citations, it may be necessary to drop the plan and return to the old \$1 fine.

The reason for the threat is that the special fund set up to feed nickles into meters with the idea that they will be returned in the bright orange envelopes, is going in the hole each week.

The envelope-instead-of-ticket plan was started about two years ago by the chamber and for some time it held its own or gained slightly because of dime or quar-

ter repayments by overtime parkers who appreciated the service. Local police put a nickel in each meter whose time has expired and leaves an envelope on the windshield of the car asking the owner to put a nickel in the envelope and leave it at the nearest store.

Its a pretty simple program—if the nickels don't come back, the fund runs out, and no more envelopes. Parking tickets instead.

It is also asked that car owners not only return the nickel, but also the envelope to a nearby store for the envelopes are costly and are used over many times thus cutting down the chamber's cost in offering the parking service to residents and visitors.

In UN Contest



NADINE WADDILL, Lexington



LINDA HEIMBIGNER, Ione



TOM DRISCOLL, Heppner

Kenneth Keeling Heads Heppner P-TA For Coming Year

Kenneth Keeling was named president for the coming year of the Heppner P-TA at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, March 12 in the multipurpose room.

Other officers elected were Mrs William Rawlins, vice president; Mrs Harold Laird, secretary and Victor Kreimeyer, treasurer.

Mrs Boulden's sixth and seventh grade girls gave a tumbling demonstration with Jennifer Brindle, Sherron Bunch, Pamela Cochell, Diane Fullerton, Judy Groshens, Gail Hoskins, Mary Ann Johnson, Martha Peterson and Linda Stewart, the girls from the sixth grade. Those from the seventh were Jackie Brindle, Carole Burkenbine, Barbara Hutchens, Patty Mahon, Shannon Mahoney, Ginger Springer, Laura Sumner and Marie Pettyjohn. The announcer was Judy Hamilton.

Five students who were participating in the speech festival gave their pieces. These were Mike Smith, Judy Hamilton, Marie Pettyjohn, Shannon Mahoney and Teddy Turner.

Joe Stewart, superintendent of schools, concluded the program with a discussion of the proposed school budget and the building levy for improvement of high school facilities. He placed on display an architects plan showing the proposed improvements and he also presented petitions to place on the ballot a law permitting teachers to serve in the state legislature without resigning their jobs.

At the business meeting there was a discussion of a teenage center proposed by Dan Wagner of O'Donnell's Cafe and a committee consisting of Mr and Mrs William Labhart, Mr and Mrs C E McQuarrie, Mr and Mrs Lowell Gribble and Mr and Mrs P W Mahoney was set up to discuss the offer.

Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs Ray Massey and Mrs Oliver Creswick.

Three Students To Compete For UN Trip Chance

Three high school students from this section of Morrow county will compete Saturday evening, March 22 at Pendleton, in the finals of the Odd Fellows United Nations Youth Pilgrimage contest. The final judging will be held at the Pendleton IOOF hall starting at 8 pm.

Local winners in the UN contest are one student each from Heppner, Lexington and Ione schools and they will compete against 12 other contestants from Morrow and Umatilla schools for the chance to take the summer trip to New York City and view the United Nations in action.

Selected as winners of the local contests were Tom Driscoll, Heppner; Nadine Waddill, Lexington; and Linda Heimbigner, Ione.

Driscoll is the son of Mr and Mrs James H Driscoll and is a sophomore in Heppner high. He is an honor roll student, a member of the National Honor Society and the Science club, has played football and basketball and is a member of the H club.

Miss Waddill, a junior at Lexington high, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Dale Waddill. She is also an honor student, a member of the GAA and school Pep squad, has been assistant editor and editor of the annual, feature editor of her school paper and has held class offices.

Miss Heimbigner, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Heimbigner of Ione, is also a sophomore and an honor student. She has been a member of the school annual staff, a class officer, a member of the school band, and is active in volleyball, tumbling and trampolines.

The Morrow-Umatilla county district will be allowed one delegate for the national trip which last year was won locally by Miss Joann Brosnan. The tour lasts nearly a month and is made by special bus carrying winners from this section of the United States.

HHS Student Paper Wins Top Award

The Heppner high school paper, The Hehisch, late last week received word that it was awarded a Medalist top honor rating by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. It is the first year the paper has received the award, and was one of only six student publications in Oregon and Washington to be honored.

The other two Oregon papers to get the top rating were the Pendleton High school Lantern and the Madras White Buffalo. The Hehisch is the only mimeographed paper of the three.

Co-editors of the Hehisch issues which were used in the judging were Judie Spaulding and Jim Morris.

Additional information on the award can be found in the High School Scoop column elsewhere in today's paper.

Results Given For March of Dimes Drive; Officers Named

A total of \$2277.91 was collected in the Morrow county March of Dimes drive which was recently completed, chapter officers announced this week.

Of the total donations, \$569.48 was sent to the National Foundation for its regular fund, and a like amount has remained in the county treasurer's hands for local needs.

A breakdown of receipts shows the following amounts were received from the several county communities: Heppner, \$1431.80; Boardman, \$144.96; Hardman, \$20; Cecil, \$70.97; Lexington, \$183.87; Ione, \$413.46; and Irrigon, \$53.11.

New officers for the Morrow county chapter were elected at a meeting held last Thursday night. They are Mrs Jack Lloyd, president; Gordon Pratt, vice president; Mrs Earle Bryant, secretary; and Gerald O'Malley, treasurer.

NEW STOP SIGN UP

Motorists are warned that a new stop sign has recently been installed at the junction of highways 206 and 207 at Ruggs and violators run the risk of apprehension by state patrolmen. A "Prepare to Stop" sign has also been placed some distance back of the intersection.

Port Development to Be Subject of C of C Banquet Speaker

A program of special interest to residents of all sections of Morrow county is scheduled for Monday evening, March 24 at the annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Herbert G West, Walla Walla, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways Association, and manager of the port of Walla Walla.

Mr West will speak on port development and how it can aid a county or an area in developing a greater business and industrial potential. His talk will be a step in carrying out the recommendations of the recent town and country planning conference that a port commission be established in Morrow county with an eye toward greater development of the north end of the county.

The speaker has been associated with the Inland Empire Waterways Association since its formation over 25 years ago and recently saw his work in behalf of the Walla Walla port commission materialize in the form of a new paper plant now being constructed on port property on the Columbia river near Wallula.

In addition to the main speaker, the program will include a drawing for the repayment of

another group of rodeo field lighting bonds, special awards and a report of activities of the chamber for the past year.

The special committee in charge of the banquet has announced that an excellent prime ribs of beef dinner will be served to all visitors. The banquet will start at 6:30 with a social hour. The entire affair will be held at the Heppner Legion hall and is open to the general public. Tickets are now on sale for \$2.50 per person and may be obtained at the First National Bank, the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Phil's Pharmacy or Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance.



HERBERT G WEST, manager of the Walla Walla Port Commission, who will be speaker at the chamber of commerce annual banquet Monday evening in Heppner.

Thomas H Lowe Taken By Death

Funeral services were held Monday, March 17 at the Gables Funeral Home in Portland for Thomas Henry Lowe, 85, who passed away March 13 in Portland following a short illness.

Mr Lowe was born April 12, 1872 in Durham, England and came to Morrow county October 20, 1913.

While a resident of Morrow county, he was employed for several years with the highway department serving as highway inspector for the road from Heppner Junction to the top of Jones hill, the first highway in the county. He was a Mason in England and helped lay the cornerstone of the Heppner Masonic building. For 12 years he owned the Cecil store and served as postmaster during that time. He moved to Portland in 1925 where he had worked until his retirement a relatively few years ago.

He is survived by two sons, Robert and T William Lowe, both of Heppner; two daughters, Mrs Henry Krebs, Arlington; and Mrs E V Lehman, Tacoma, Wn; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife predeceased him in death by seven months. Burial was in the Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland.

List of County Registrars Given

A story in last week's Gazette-Times stating that the last day to register to vote in the May 16 primary election was April 15, was slightly in error, the county clerk revealed this week. The deadline for registering actually is one day earlier, April 15.

The clerk also announced a list of registrars for all communities in the county. Persons not now eligible to vote in May can register with any of the following:

Heppner, county clerk's office, Lexington, Don Hatfield. Ione, Doris Gollyhorn. Boardman, Walter Hayes. Irrigon, Marguerite Houghton.

Mrs Rod Murray Heads TB and Health Group For Year

At a luncheon meeting Tuesday of the Morrow County TB and Health Association at the Wagon Wheel, Mrs Evelyn Harri-man, state health education assistant, was the guest speaker.

She spoke about education in tuberculosis and especially among the migrant workers in Oregon.

New officers for the association for the coming year are Mrs Rod Murray, president; Mrs Robert Abrams, vice president; Mrs Velma Glass, secretary and Mrs W W Weatherford, treasurer.

The annual meeting for Morrow county has been set for Tuesday evening, April 8, at Boardman.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Thompson and Alex Thompson are in Portland today (Thursday) to attend the funeral of Mrs Thompson's aunt.

Mr and Mrs Austin Chaffee of Spokane, Washington visited over the weekend at the Mabel Chaffee home.

Claud White is a patient in St Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Ione Grange Selects Anne Belle Coleman As Rodeo Princess

Miss Ann Belle Coleman, daughter of Mrs Ida Coleman of Ione, was chosen Morrow county fair and rodeo princess at the Willows Grange meeting Saturday evening, March 15. She is the first princess to be named to Queen Patricia Steagall's court.

Ann Belle is a senior in the Ione high school and is an excellent rider.

Elks Slate Teen-Age Party Friday Night

The Elks teen-age party, cancelled recently because of conflicts with basketball games, will be held this Friday night, March 21 starting at 8pm at the Elks temple.

Dancing will be part of the evening's entertainment with music to be furnished by Gene Rietmann's orchestra. There will also be games and prizes and special entertainment will include a floor show by Null and Void, professional entertainers.

Members of the Heppner Soroptimist club will serve refreshments during the evening.

Fertilizer Specialist To Speak At Farm Bureau Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Morrow county Farm Bureau will be held Tuesday, March 25 at 8 pm at the farm home of Jack Barak, near Lexington, it was announced today by Harold Beach, Bureau president.

Howard Cushman, extension soil specialist from OSC will be the guest speaker. Mr Cushman is in charge of the fertilizer test plots and will discuss the latest results of these tests. He will be prepared to discuss Uran and other new fertilizers and answer other questions pertaining to soils.

O'Harra To Head Conservation Week Observance in County

Newt O'Harra of Lexington this week received notice of his appointment by Governor Robert D Holmes as Morrow county chairman for the annual Conservation Week observance to be held next May. O'Harra has served in the same post in two previous years.

Mr O'Harra said that he will soon announce a special committee who will aid him in working out plans for the local observance.

FORMER RESIDENT VISITS

Oness Gibson of Yakima has been visiting this past week, with his cousin, Mrs Harry Duvall and renewing old acquaintances. He lived for several years in Morrow county, leaving here about 1925. His wife passed away recently.