

## Continuation of Lexington High School Aim of Signers

During the past week to 10 days 70 residents of the Lexington school district have signed a statement that they desire that the Lexington high school be maintained as in the past. Their statement was made public this week in opposition to the effort of another group within the district, the Educational Betterment Committee, which is seeking immediate improvement in the opportunity for the young people of the Lexington community.

Both groups, according to their statements, are interested in the formation of a Union high school among the three adjacent school districts of Lexington, Heppner and Ione, but they are in disagreement over the method of obtaining such a union school and the timing of such action.

The statement signed by the 70 residents recently states: "We, the undersigned, being parents and friends of pupils in the Lexington school system feel that we have a right to express our views concerning transportation of Lexington high school students to another school. Feeling that a union high school is by far the best solution to the problem—for all communities, and not just Lexington—we fear that a merger would endanger chances for a union high school in the foreseeable future.

"We further feel that the curriculum offered at Lexington high school is sufficient for the needs of the great majority of our students. Even if there are deficiencies, members of the faculty at Lexington high school are fully qualified to teach many more subjects if there is desire among the students. It is our contention that the advantages in curriculum offered at either Heppner or Ione are not sufficient to justify transporting Lexington students.

"The necessity for transportation of our students would, we feel, seriously hinder any opportunity for participation in extracurricular activities. This difficulty would itself overrule many of the apparent advantages of another school. Many of the students at Lexington high school are working for scholarships—in many cases a scholarship being the only way they could go to college—and if they were forced to enter another school, would automatically lose any chance at a scholarship.

"Moreover, the fact must be faced that, in the case of transportation, Lexington would have no voice in school affairs. Lexington parents would, in effect, lose all control of their children's school environment. A rift would, we believe, inevitably grow between parent and child, destroying the close companionship with our children which we value highly.

"Having considered all these factors, we wish to go on record as being opposed to transportation of Lexington students at this time."

(The names of the signers of the above statement are given below)

**Unionization Desired**

Both Groups have publicly stated that they desire a union high school. The Education Betterment Committee is urging immediate action be taken to place Lexington high school students in nearby larger schools because of their feeling that district reorganization and possible unionization will take several years, and that present students are being deprived of equal educational opportunities which could be obtained in Ione and Heppner schools. The latter group, whose statement appears above, feels that eventual unionization could be hindered if the Lexington high school was to be (in effect) made inoperative immediately through transportation of its pupils to other schools.

Signing the last statement were, Mr and Mrs B J Doherty, Mrs Delpha K Jones, Florence McMillan, W E McMillan, George Irvin, Jo Irvin, Dona E Barnett, Trannie B Parker, Edith Munkers, Robert H Davidson, Mildred L Davidson, Eileen Padberg, Mrs William Nichols, Ina B Nichols, Lulu Merle Cornelison, Joseph H Cornelison, Leonard Munkers, K K Marshall, Myrtle Marshall.

Al Winkleman, Kay Winkleman, O G Breeding, Lola Breeding, Cora Warner, Marie Steagall, Gladys Van Winkle, Oris Padberg, Archie Nichols, Catie Padberg, Mrs Eugene Wardwell, Alonzo Henderson, LaVerne Henderson, Burt Darnielle, Elmer E Padberg, George Hermann, Cheryl Hermann, Alice Majeske, Norma L Marquardt, Iris Miller, Gena Leonard, Frances McMillan, Clarice McFadden, E E McFadden, Ruth M Robinson, Cora B Allyn, Lewis W Allyn.

Mr and Mrs Carl M Marquardt, Mr and Mrs Homer W Hughes, Annetta B Klinger, Charles C Jones, R B Shoun, Henry M Breeding, Mrs A F Majeske, Asa L Way, June Cooper, William H Nichols, Ray I Papineau, Gae Papineau, Dorothy Edwards, John Edwards, Alex Hunt, Elwood E Hunt, Mr and Mrs Franklin Messenger, Eunice Darnielle.



**EASTER LILIES** are being pinned on Heppner chief of police Dean Gilman by Helen Graham, left and Joann Brosnan, members of the Heppner chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, who are aiding in the sale of the flowers to assist the Easter Seal drive for crippled children. The lily sale is sponsored by the Heppner Soroptimist club and is being aided by the Camp Fire Girls as well as the FBLA members. The sale will continue this weekend. (GT Photo)

## Lexington Graduate Named Foreign Exchange Student

Word has been received that Don Casteel, a graduate of Lexington high school and now a student at the University of Oregon, has been selected by the U of O as their foreign exchange student for the 1958-59 college year. He was selected from a large group of applicants for the honor.

Casteel will attend college in the Netherlands and while there will have an opportunity to attend the World's Fair in Brussels.

He is a brother of Mrs Bernard Doherty.

## Holy Week, Easter Services Planned By Area Churches

All churches in the Heppner Lexington and Ione areas are planning special services for the remainder of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

A community Good Friday service will be held at 1 o'clock at All Saints' Episcopal church with Heppner churches participating. St Patrick's Catholic church has scheduled Good Friday services for 2:30 that afternoon.

At Ione Easter Sunday sunrise services are planned for 6 a m in the city park to be followed by a breakfast at the Community church. A program will be held there at 10 am with services at 11 am. The same time schedule will be observed at the Ione church of the Nazarene. Way of the Cross will be observed at St. Williams Catholic church at 8 pm Friday and low mass will be said Sunday at 9 am.

Holy Saturday services at St Patrick's in Heppner include Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Holy Water Font at 6 pm with High mass at 6:45. Low mass is set for 7:30 am. Sunday and High mass at 10:30.

The Heppner Methodist church will join with the Christian church for a Youth Fellowship sunrise service at the Christian church Sunday at 6 am and worship services are scheduled for 8:30 and 11 o'clock Easter Sunday.

Sunday services will be at 11 am at Hope Lutheran church with an Easter egg hunt planned for the children following.

All Saints' Episcopal will have Holy Communion and a youth breakfast at 8 am Sunday followed at 10:30 with Festival Eucharist and sermon.

Other area churches are planning special Easter observances at regular times or as announced to the congregations.

## Special Election Slated April 14 In Heppner District

Voters of Heppner school district No 1 will be asked to approve a special levy for completion of the improvement fund to modernize and remodel the high school science laboratory, commercial department and library. The special election will be held Monday, April 14 from 2 to 8 pm in the multipurpose room of the grade school.

The special levy will be for one year only and will raise \$25,000 to complete a fund of \$50,000 needed for the project. Last year a like amount was approved by the voters and has been held in the special fund until the total amount could be collected over the two-year period.

If approved, the money will make possible a major step in the long-range program to modernize the local school plant. Two years ago the cafeteria and lunch room facilities were enlarged and brought up to date, and the school's homemaking department has been completed. The laboratory and commercial department remodeling is a part of the overall improvement plan recommended by a former planning committee and approved by the school board some time ago.

The necessary tax levy to raise the \$25,000 will run for only one year, the 1958-59 fiscal year.

## Elks Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt Set For Saturday

Local youngsters are invited to join in an Easter egg hunt to be held Saturday morning at the court house park and the fair grounds. The hunt is being sponsored by the Heppner Elks Lodge, exalted ruler John Hartman announces, with William Labhart as general chairman for the event.

All children up to and including five years of age will have the run of the court house lawn where 500 eggs will be awaiting them. Boys and girls from 6 through 10 years are to have their hunt at the fair grounds and they, too, will have 500 colored eggs hidden in the area.

Both hunts will start promptly at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and the chairman stated that there will be many, many prizes awaiting lucky youngsters in both groups.

The two age groups were separated this year to provide more room for the popular event, and to keep the smaller youngsters from getting run over by the older ones in their search for prize eggs.

## County Red Cross Drive Lagging Badly

Only slightly more than 50 percent of the 1958 county Red Cross quota has been received to date, Robert Abrams, county drive head revealed this week, in making a plea to residents to send in their contributions quickly.

The county goal was set at \$1800, and by early this week only \$993.43 had been collected by volunteer workers and mail solicitation. A breakdown of collections shows \$548.53 from Heppner, \$202.30 from Lexington and \$242.60 from Ione.

## Cancer Crusade Opens in County

April marks the launching of the 1958 Cancer Crusade which will continue throughout the month which has been designated Cancer Control month by an act of congress.

Envelopes have been mailed by Mrs Harlan McCurdy Jr, Cancer Crusade chairman, to all Morrow county residents for the convenience of those who wish to contribute to the drive. A personal contact will be made of the business houses in Heppner and Ione, it was announced.

The nation-wide target of the Cancer Society is \$30 million which is needed to sustain the momentum of the war against the number two killer in the United States. It is being waged on three fronts, education, research and service.

The slogan again this year, as in the past two years, is "Fight cancer with a checkup and a check." Regular health checkups are proven to be the best protection against needless death from cancer.

Morrow county has been the first county in Oregon for the past seven years to reach its quota in the drive and the drive committee expresses the hope that public response will again put the county over the top quickly.

## Mrs Lula Rumble Buried Wednesday

Mrs Lula G Rumble, who died March 22 at Pendleton was buried March 26 in the family plot at the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs Rumble was an early day resident of Heppner and was the former Mrs Willard Herren. She at one time owned and operated a hospital in the building on Water street now owned by E W Moyer, but illness has kept her confined to the state hospital in Pendleton for many years. Her second husband, Frank Rumble, passed away about two years ago in Montana.

The only information available about her is that she was born in 1870 in Alabama and she leaves one daughter who lives in New York City.

## Education Committee Meeting Changed

The meeting of the Lexington Education Betterment committee scheduled for Monday evening, April 7 has been changed to Friday evening, April 11 at the Lexington grange hall at 8:00 pm.

An interesting program planned around a panel discussion has been arranged and all residents of the Lexington community are especially urged to attend.

## Gain Stuart of Arvin, Calif, and his son and daughter, Mr and Mrs Richard Stuart of Stayton, Ore visited his sister, Mrs Ealor Huston last weekend.

Mr and Mrs Lester Doolittle returned home Thursday from Tempe, Arizona where they have spent the past 4½ months.



**A SEVEN WEEKS OLD KOREAN ORPHAN** boy last week arrived in Heppner to make his home with his new parents, Mr and Mrs Hubert Wilson. The young man arrived in Portland last Thursday aboard the Harry Holt "Babylift" plane and was met by his new parents and sister. The boy has been named Clayton and will soon be joined by another Korean orphan youngster, a six-months old girl who would have made the trip across the ocean last week except that she came down with the chickenpox just before flight time. Holding the youngster is Mrs Wilson; beside her is her husband and their daughter Renegia. The Wilsons recently met a Holt plane in San Francisco to get another Korean baby, but it had died on the trip across the Pacific. (GT Photo)

## PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN TAX STRUCTURE

The tax committee, one of several studying and making recommendations at the recent town and country planning conference in Morrow county, gave the following amended report to the conference. The committee was headed by W W Weatherford.

"In reviewing the tax structure and tax mechanics of the county and of the state it has been our endeavor to stay as close to our own problems as possible. We have arrived at the following conclusions and recommendations:

"1—That, inasmuch as the taxes are controlled and voted by the majority of the population and that a greater proportion of these people do not bear the tax load of this voted indebtedness; it has been agreed that the state find a broader base for taxing purposes, reducing the property taxes for the exclusive use of the cities, towns and counties. It is recommended that a modified form of sales tax be enacted to be used exclusively for schools thereby relieving some of the pressure from property and income taxes (this tax to be distributed as a direct income tax offset.)

"2—We recommend that a study be made of the capital gains tax in regards to timber, mining and oils, and that steps be taken if necessary to reduce the usurping of laws intent or eliminate the law entirely.

"3—Since the useful economic life of a cow is from two to seven years, it is recommended that the assessed value be cut 50% on cattle eight years and older. This would conform to the same tax pattern now existent in the sheep industry.

"4—We strongly urge that the state allow farmers to make yearly withholding tax returns rather than the present quarterly returns. It is felt that since we make one yearly tax return, that farmers are financially responsible enough so that the state would not be jeopardized financially by allowing annual payment of withholding tax.

"5—The opinion of the committee is, that while there might be injustices in the county appraisal system, these seeming injustices can be ironed out when brought to light. However the general feeling that we are not receiving proper economic value for our tax dollar is extremely high. This feeling is not directed at any one level, but includes all: state and local."

The conference also moved adoption of an amendment asking that distribution formula of the basic school fund be based on population, valuation, income, school costs, etc.

Continued study on all subjects was also urged.

## FBLA Sets Public Initiation Program

The Heppner high school chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America will hold a talent show and public initiation Tuesday evening, April 8 in the multipurpose room of the grade school.

The program will include the FBLA initiation and conferring of degrees which will be followed by a one act play and other extra entertainment. Proceeds from the admission charge will be used to send members to the state convention in Corvallis April 11 and 12.

The public initiation is being held to give townspeople a better understanding of the organization and its work.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	55	29	—
Friday	56	37	—
Saturday	56	32	.12
Sunday	53	32	.06
Monday	55	39	.09
Tuesday	55	38	.06
Wednesday	57	34	.26

Rainfall for the week .61; for March 1.59; for April .32; for the year 5.72 inches.

## TO SHOW PICTURES

Judge Oscar Peterson will show his pictures of Europe and the Holy Land at the Pomona grange meeting at Irrigon April 12. The meeting will start at 10 am.

## Fair, Rodeo Dates Set; Royal Court Revealed

The complete 1958 Morrow county fair and rodeo royal court was named this week and planning work is currently under way for the big annual county-wide event which will be held August 27 through the 31st.

As previously announced, Patricia Steagall of Lexington will rule over the fair and rodeo. Princesses who will make up her royal court will be Ann Belle Coleman, sponsored by the Ione Grange; Karen Valentine, sponsored by the Rhea Creek Grange; Joann Brosnan, the representative of the Lena community; and Wanda Forthman, Boardman, who will be sponsored by the Tillicum club.

Fair events will follow a pattern similar to those of last year, it was revealed. Most of the judges who have served previously have been invited for this fall, and the announcement will be made shortly of superintendents for the various divisions.

The fair will be August 27, 28 and 29 and the rodeo Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31. There will be three performances including a Saturday night show.

**New Chutes Being Built**

An improvement to the rodeo grounds will be the construction of new chutes which are now being built. The fair board authorized funds up to \$5,000 for the project and it is hoped that out of that amount it may be possible to add some seating capacity on that side of the field.

An added event for the 1958 show will be bull riding, which was dropped several years ago. The ever-popular chariot race is again planned and there are already indications that interest in this event will bring considerable competition. Ed Ring of Wilbur, Washington has been signed to provide the rodeo stock.

The Saturday night rodeo performance is again scheduled this year, rather than Friday night which was made necessary last year because of a conflict with the Shrine B All Star football game in Pendleton. This year the Shrine game is set for Saturday, August 23.

Of particular interest to the youngsters is the word that Knight Amusement company car-

## Mountain Water Supply Now Nearly Double Last Year

Water content of the Arbuckle mountain snowpack is 36 percent above average and almost twice as much as last year at this time. Measurements taken Thursday, March 27, by Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, and Vic Kreimeyer, Forest Service, showed 35 inches of snow with 14.7 inches of water.

Last year's snow survey at the end of March measured a snow depth of 19 inches with 7.8 inches of water. Snow depth in March 1956 was 36 inches with 15.5 inches of water and in 1955 snow depth was 43 inches with 14.2 inches of water.

A water content of 10.8 inches is the longtime average for this time of year according to federal state cooperative snow survey records. Soils are wet and unfrozen beneath the snow pack.

Water supply forecasts are made for water users by the Soil Conservation Service each year from data secured by snow survey measurements. Snow survey data, taken over a period of years, related to stream flow history, soil moisture, and rainfall records, make forecasting possible. These forecasts will be made public at a series of meetings throughout Oregon sponsored by the SCS, Oregon agricultural experiment station, Oregon Extension Service, and other cooperators.

## Wranglers Planning Auction Sale

The Wranglers Riding club has announced plans to hold a special benefit auction sale Saturday, April 19 to raise funds for the completion of the club's new corrals west of Heppner.

Club members are now soliciting all types of donations for the sale and officers state that they already have promise of a great many useful articles. Anyone having items they want to donate are asked to call either Herman Green or Roice Fulleton in Heppner; Archie Munkers at Lexington, or John Eubanks at Ione. All donations will be picked up whenever convenient.

## Calendar of Events



**BIG CALENDAR** is being hung in a prominent place in the lobby of the Bank of Eastern Oregon by Gene Pierce, manager. The calendar will be available to all organizations, clubs, etc. who wish to schedule coming events, or check future dates for conflicts. (GT Photo)