



# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Lex High School Closure Is Ordered

### Heart Fund Drive Now Under Way Throughout County

Morrow county is on its way to a successful Heart month, Rev John Rydgren, Heppner, county chairman, said today. Workers heading the campaign include Rev Charles Knox, Heppner chairman; Mrs Gene Majeske, Lexington; Mrs Markham Baker in Ione and Gerald Bergstrom in the Boardman and Irrigon areas. Special efforts are being made by the Beta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha of Ione in the farming sections outside of Ione and reaching into Eightmile, Morgan and Ceel.

A special program has been designed to inform the county of the progress and needs of the Oregon Heart Association. Granges, the chamber of commerce, ESA and schools will see this special feature during February. The following groups have been dated for the program: Rhea Creek Grange, Feb 8 at which time a collection will be received; Lexington Grange on Feb 14 where collections will be received and persons giving will not be solicited on Heart Sunday; Boardman Grange Feb 12; Lexington school, Feb 10; chamber of commerce, Feb 9 and the Irrigon Grange, Feb 19.

A King and Queen of Hearts will help stamp out America's number two killer, heart disease, when they reign over the King and Queen of Hearts dance scheduled for Feb 14 at the fair pavilion. Live dance music by the Heppner high dance band under the direction of Arnold Melby will be featured, and it was emphasized that the dance is open to the public and is not just a high school function. The \$1.00 admission will go to help Morrow county's fight against heart disease. Al Fetsch is heading the ticket committee and Mrs Fetsch is arranging for refreshments at the dance.

**Pre-Heart Sunday Collection**  
Heart Sunday is set for Feb 22, but due to distance and for the convenience of the volunteer collectors some funds will be gathered earlier. Some of the granges will make individual contributions at their meetings. February 22 is set as Heart Sunday collection day for the city areas when high school students will be in action door to door. Last year a total of \$1,035 was collected which amounts to 24 cents per person. The goal this year is \$2,000, it was announced by the county chairman.

**Mountain Water Supply Reserve 33% of Last Year**  
Water content of the Arbuckle mountain snowpack is 40 percent below average and approximately one-third of last year's water content at this time of year. Measurements taken Thursday, January 29, by Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, showed only 13 inches of snow with 4.6 inches of water. Measurements taken last year 43 inches of snow with 12.8 inches at the end of January showed ches of water. In 1957, records show 16 inches of water with only 3.4 inches of water. A water content of 7.9 inches is the longtime average for the end of January according to records of federal and state cooperative snow surveys.

**Ione Coffee Hounds To Aid Dimes Drive**  
Coffee hounds in Ione will have a chance Saturday to enjoy their usual brew and at the same time aid the March of Dimes. All coffee drinkers who get their usual cup at Stefani's Fine Food any time Saturday will have their dimes go into the March of Dimes fund. Mr and Mrs Ambrose Chapin are in Portland this week.

### Heppner Has Entry For "Meanest Man"

Heppner last week came up with its own entry for a "meanest man, or woman" of the year.

For the last two Saturdays Winn-Dee's Snack Shack deposited their coffee money in March of Dimes containers for the drive rather than paying proprietor Winn Crist. Thursday evening one "customer" walked off with one of the containers containing somewhere between \$12 and \$17.

Mighty unhappy about the whole thing, Crist said Wednesday, "That's like stealing from the church collection plate."

### Ione Residents Approve Plan at School Hearing

A public hearing of the county school reorganization committee was held at the Ione school cafeteria Monday evening with Fredrick Martin, chairman of the committee, in charge.

The comprehensive plan of county school reorganization was explained by the committee. Max Barclay of Heppner, representing a better education group, stated that the group was in favor of an administrative plan with three local members on the board.

Henry Krebs, representing the Ceel district, stated that people there would like to continue to send their children to the Arlington schools. Ray Heimbigner and Donald Linnell, both in a joint district, discussed their problems with the board.

There were about 65 persons at the meeting and 49 voted in favor of an administrative district with a local board of three members, in addition to the seven man county board.

Other members of the reorganization committee, in addition to Martin, are Robert Abrams, Heppner, vice chairman; Jack Flug, Heppner secretary; Willard Baker, Boardman, Warren McCoy, Irrigon; Bryce Keene and Donald McElligott, both of Ione, and James Keith of Boardman.

The Heppner hearing was held Wednesday night and one will be held at Boardman tonight.

### Two Heppner Men Charged With Theft

Two Heppner men, Buddy D Taylor and Conrad J Lesser were arrested Wednesday night in Walla Walla and charged with transporting a stolen truck across a state line. The offense is a violation of the Dyer Act and the United States attorney will prosecute the case.

According to police reports, the two were found in possession of a pickup truck belonging to Cornett Green of Heppner. The truck was stolen last Saturday night and police had been on the lookout for the vehicle.

### Teenage Luther League To Meet Here

Teenagers of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will meet at the Heppner church Sunday, Feb 8 at 7:30 for the first meeting of the Luther League.

The once-a-month meeting is designed to promote fellowship, fun and spiritual growth and to help understand 20th century Christianity and its relation to the youth of today. A color motion picture called "Mid Century Crusade" will reveal the early days of Billy Graham's evangelistic efforts climaxing with the crusade in Portland, Oregon. The young people will discuss the film and practices of the crusade group to better determine if Graham's teaching policies are in harmony with the Bible.

Karen Lundell and Linda Heimbigner are in charge of refreshments. Bobby Fetsch is game chairman, Lewis Carlson is sponsor of the joint league and Rev Rydgren will conduct the discussion. Teenagers from Heppner, Lexington and Ione are welcome.

### Water Bond Election Set For Next Tuesday

Heppner residents will vote next Tuesday, Feb 10 on the question of authorizing the issuance of \$160,000 in bonds to be used for the replacement of about six miles of the city's main water feeder line. The election will be held at the Heppner city hall from 8 a m to 5 p m.

The council ordered the special election after it had determined that it could not replace the present leaky line on a year-to-year budget basis due to the necessity of relocating the entire section of line. The present line runs up and down hill and through creek-bottom fields making it extremely hard to repair, and the new line, if approved, will be laid along the right-of-way of the new Willow creek

road giving a constant grade. Eight inch pipe is planned to replace the old concrete line which will give adequate water supply for many years.

The council feels that it can probably complete the entire project for something around \$120,000, but the new engineer's estimate for the project was the \$160,000 that is being asked. Should favorable bids bring the cost below that figure, the council plans to sell only enough bonds to cover the cost.

The bonds will be retired probably through a combination special tax levy and an increase in water rates. The exact proportion of each will be determined later, if voters approve the bond issue.

### Transportation of Students to Other Schools Planned

The Morrow county school board decided Monday night to discontinue operation of the Lexington high school at the end of the present school year. The grade school will be maintained as in the past.

The decision was made at a meeting of the county board held after the county reorganization committee hearing at Ione.

Plans will be made to transport the Lexington high students to other nearby schools, but no decision was reached on whether all would be sent to Heppner, all to Ione, or part to each. This will be determined later, it was announced.

According to the county school superintendent's records there are 20 high school students and 86 grade school pupils at Lexington.

The board also revealed its plan to transport students in the Ceel area to the Ione schools. They have been going to Arlington because the area was in a joint school district with Arlington. The voters' approval of the county unit school plan at the November election brought all areas within the county back into a county school district and the board felt the area would be better served by the Ione school. There are about 10 students involved in the Ceel community.

Ceel residents had previously expressed a desire that their children remain in the Arlington school.

Lexington district residents last year voted against discontinuing their school, but a recent poll taken by the P-TA showed a big majority there favored future consolidation of the area schools into one school. The county school board does, however, have the power to order consolidation or other changes which it deems advisable for better operation of all county schools.

### Dimes Drive Funds Continue to Mount

March of Dimes continued to roll in this week as additional organizations and communities reported in to Mrs Keith Imus, drive treasurer.

An incomplete total compiled Wednesday showed that \$1882.50 has been turned in to date, with several areas still to report.

The Heppner school walked off with honors for collecting the most for the drive by checking in \$620. The Heppner area, not counting the schools, reported \$823.01.

Heppner's Mother March conducted last Friday night added \$191.17 to the fund, which is a sizeable increase over last year.

Other communities that have turned in money include: Ione, \$152.75; Lexington \$129.60; Boardman \$132.14 and Hardman \$25.00.

One of the largest groups in years took part in the Heppner Mothers' March held under the co-chairmanship of Mrs Elmer Schmidt and Mrs N C Anderson. Volunteering their collecting services were Mesdames William Labhart, Jerry Daggett, Dean Shaver, Louis Ball, Bud Peck, William Heath, Andy Van Schoick, Clarence Warren, John Venard, Everett Harshman, Elmer Moe, Jim Angell, Jack Van Winkle, William Glennie, Harry O'Donnell, William Cox, Charles Knox, Jack Loyd, William Turner, Fred Prussing, Edward Schaffitz, Bob Platt, L L Robbins, Alex Thompson, Marion Green, Bruce Lindsay, Herb Hamilton, C E Lynch, Jim Norene, Nels Anderson, Elmer Schmidt, Bob Jones, Rod Murray, John Hartman and Glen Ward.

### PANCAKE LUNCHEON TO BE TUESDAY

All Saints' Episcopal auxiliary has planned the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake luncheon for Tuesday, February 10 at the parish house. Serving will be from 11:30 a m until 2:00 p m.

### ANNUAL IMMUNIZATION CLINICS DUE TO START IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

The annual immunization clinics conducted by the Morrow county health department in all county schools will begin February 10, it was announced this week by Mrs Velma Glass, health nurse.

Vaccines being offered without charge are smallpox, DPT and typhoid for children over 12 years of age and for adults, the state board of health recommends the combination vaccine of DT (diphtheria-tetanus). Cases of whooping cough and diphtheria are on the upswing in Oregon because of the failure of parents to realize the continued need for precautionary measures against these diseases.

The health department is also offering polio vaccine along with the other immunizing agents. However, a minimal fee of \$1.00 per dose is being charged to cover the higher cost and handling of the vaccine.

The Oregon board of health reports that three shots of Salk polio vaccine are enough for most persons but a fourth injection may be advisable in a few cases. The board said four shots should be obtained by persons whose physicians think they are special polio risks.

Disease control specialists at the board of health reached the conclusion after an exchange of telegrams and letters with the office of Dr Jonas Salk, discoverer of the famed polio vaccine, and the office of the United States surgeon general. The surgeon general repeated a declaration first made last March that three shots are enough for most persons "at this time."

The Oregon committee agreed that physicians may decide to make exceptions under such circumstances as the beginning of a local polio outbreak or a person's departure for an area where polio incidence is high. Even under such circumstances, the committee said, there is no need for a fourth shot until a year after the third shot.

The answer from Dr Salk's office said, in effect, that fourth shots would do no harm and that they would be helpful for a few people who might have re-

ceived vaccine of questionable potency.

The clinics will be held in the schools of each area with volunteer workers from the local P-TA's assisting with the public health nurse and health officer. Adults and pre-school age children are invited to attend. The dates are:

Heppner—Feb 10, March 10, April 7 at 9 a m in health room of the Heppner grade school.

Ione—Feb 17, March 14 at 9 a m at the cafeteria.

Lexington—Feb 17, March 14 at 10:30 a m (or as soon as possible after the Ione clinic.)

Boardman—Feb 24, March 24, April 21 at 9 a m.

Irrigon—Feb 24, March 24, April 21 at 10:30 a m (or as soon as possible after the Boardman clinic.)

### Episcopal Church Elects New Officers

All Saints' Episcopal church members held a potluck dinner and the annual meeting at the parish house Sunday afternoon. All organizations of the church gave yearly reports and election was held.

Jack Loyd was elected senior warden, Clarence Rosewall, junior warden and Robert Jones was reelected treasurer. James Mallon is the new clerk, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Charles O'Connor.

Convocation delegates are Jack Loyd, Clarence Rosewall, Earle Gilliam and Robert Penland; alternates are Dr A D McMurdo, James Driscoll, Lowell Gribble and Robert Abrams.

### WEATHER

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	32	—
Friday	49	27	.03
Saturday	39	32	.17
Sunday	38	30	—
Monday	34	22	—
Tuesday	45	30	—
Wednesday	52	35	.02

Rainfall for the week .22; for January, 2.60; for February .02; for the year 2.62 inches.



**TOP FFA TEAM**—The Heppner High FFA team came home this week with first place award in the Blue Mountain parliamentary procedure contest held at Wy East high school at Odell. Team members were, from left, L L Robbins, instructor, Jerry Anderson, Ned Clark, Cliff Green, Dick Robinson, Al Osmun and Bill Monagle. Other teams taking part included McLaughlin, McEwen, Pendleton, Boardman, Sherman County High, The Dalles and Wy East. (GT Photo)



MRS MARY SWANSON, IONE

## Mrs Mary Swanson Named County's "Mother of the Year"

Mrs Mary Lundell Swanson, Ione, was chosen by the Morrow county extension units, as their nominee for Oregon's Mother-of-the-Year, according to Miss Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

Each of the eight extension units in the county were asked to submit a candidate for this honor. A committee of judges chose Mrs Swanson from this group.

Qualifications for the mother of year state (1) that she be a successful mother, as evidenced by her character and achievements of her individual children. (2) That she be an active member of a religious body. (3) That she embody those traits highly regarded in mothers—courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, kindness, understanding, and a homemaking ability. (4) That she exemplify in her life and conduct the precepts of the Golden Rule. (5) That she have a sense of responsibility in civic affairs and that she be active in service for public benefit. (6) That she be qualified to represent the Mothers of America in all responsibilities attached to her role as the national mother. (7) The youngest child of the nominee must not be less than 15 years of age. (8) She must be a legal mother, not divorced or separated from her husband.

Mrs Swanson, who was nominated by the Ione extension unit, exemplifies these many qualities. She was born at Beleta, California, May 14, 1884 and came to Oregon by covered wagon with her parents, one sister and five brothers (one, her twin) in the fall of 1887. The Lundell family homesteaded in the Gooseberry section of Morrow county. The children attended the rural school in that section, going through all eight grades. She was confirmed in the Valby Lutheran church in 1898, and has been an active member ever since. She was married to John Emil Swanson, a farmer, in May 1, 1904. Later Mr Swanson became manager of the grain warehouses at Morgan and Ione. He left these to become manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers in Ione. He remained in this position until his death in 1934. John and Mary Swanson's four children include:

Eleanor A McMillan, who attended normal school at Monmouth, is now a manager of a restaurant in Salem. Garland L Swanson, former mayor of Ione, took two years training at Eyerly's Aviation School at Salem. At present he is engaged in wheat ranching near Ione. He served on the Ione school board for a number of years and is now a member of the rural school board of Morrow county. He also holds posts on the Pioneer Memorial hospital board, Morrow county port commission, and the board of directors of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Norman E Swanson, a graduate of the University of Oregon, is now a certified public accountant with a large firm in Portland. He is also a past president of the CPA association of the state of Oregon.

Eva M Hamlett, who attended Willamette University and Oregon State College, served 14

months in the Waves during World War II. She now manages the Swanson-Hamlett Insurance agency in Ione.

The Mother-of-the-Year nominee has been a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Ione, for 40 years, having held nearly all offices. She has been treasurer of that organization for the past 19 years. Two years ago she received the degree of chivalry, which is the highest honor that that organization can bestow on its outstanding members. She is a member of the Eastern Star chapter, at present serving as chaplain.

Mrs Swanson still leads an active life in Ione. She takes care of her own home and garden and welcomes the visits of her 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Weed Enforcement, Control Meet Set

Morrow county farmers have been notified of an important meeting which has been scheduled to be held at the fair annex building at the Heppner fairgrounds on Monday, February 9.

The meeting, co-sponsored by the Morrow County Farm Bureau and the county extension service at the request of the 1958 Morrow County Town and Country Planning Conference, will deal with the control of annual and perennial weeds and weed district enforcement. Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, Oregon State College and Dean Swan, research assistant from the Pendleton branch experiment station will discuss new practices and recommendations for all types of weed control.

During the day a plan will be developed for making the county spray program through the weed district law more effective if those present take action comparable to many organizations which have submitted recommendations over the past several months. These groups ask that an intensified program be put into effect in the upper water sheds of Morrow county to control weeds and protect lower lands from constant reinfestation. If such a plan is favored at this meeting, arrangements will need to be worked out to finance the program.

With the annual weed spraying program drawing near, farmers and commercial applicators want to be brought up-to-date on recommendations for applications. Uran, oil and water as carriers will be discussed and results carried on at the Pendleton branch experiment station and in the field in eastern Oregon revealed.

Among other discussions will be recommendations for use and results of the new Benzole acid chemicals which look promising for morning glory control. All types of weed control methods will be discussed and answer and question periods allowed. Door prizes to be presented during the day are being provided by the Morrow County Farm Bureau.