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Lexington Slates Centennial Party

"Country Fair" To Be Theme of Celebration

Lexington will provide Morrow county with its only celebration to observe the 100th birthday of the state of Oregon.

The Lexington celebration which is being sponsored by the P-T-A, will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, the day on which many celebrations throughout the state are being held to observe the birthday. It will mark the formal start of Oregon's Centennial year celebration.

The Lex party will be on the order of an old-time country fair and will be held in the Lexington Odd Fellows hall beginning at 6:30 and a full evening of fun is promised all who attend. There will be a basket social, contests for the best Centennial costumes in all age groups, fun booths, food booths and dancing all evening to an old-time orchestra.

Many Lexington area organizations are joining with the P-T-A to make the celebration a success. Among those preparing booths for the party are: the Thespians, VFW, Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, Lexington high school, the Altar Society, and the Women's Fellowship group.

Out of town judges have been obtained to judge the baskets for the basket social and they will also judge the contest for the best old-time costumes. The costume judging will be held at 8 o'clock, and anyone having a Centennial costume is urged to take part in the contest. There will be divisions for all ages, it was announced.

Music for the dance, which will follow the judging, will be furnished by Roy Quackenbush's orchestra.

The whole affair is open to the public and a sizeable crowd is anticipated by the sponsors.

Heart Fund Dance Slated for Feb 14

Teenagers and adults of the county are invited to fight heart disease and have fun at the King and Queen of Hearts dance to be held Saturday night, Feb. 14 at the fair pavilion in Heppner. Live music will be provided by the Heppner high school dance band under the direction of Arnold Melby. The band is volunteering its services, it was announced.

Dancing will be from 9 until 1 o'clock and admission is \$1.00 per person. All proceeds along with profits from refreshments sold will go to the Oregon Heart association.

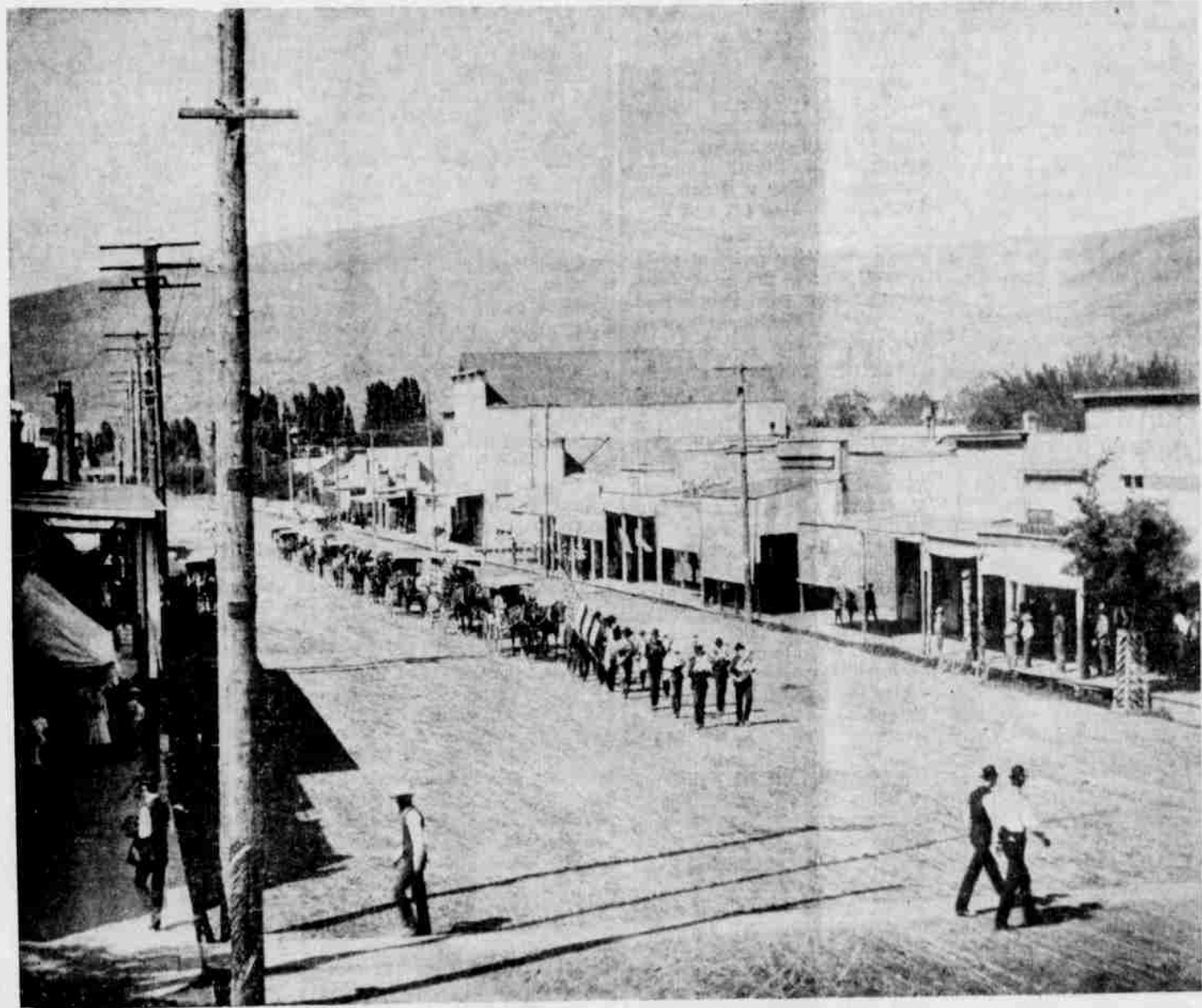
Fifty cents of every dollar collected in the current Heart Fund goes to research, it was announced by Rev. John Rydgren, county drive chairman. New drugs, new methods of surgery, new and highly accurate diagnostic techniques are saving hearts and lives each day. Heart diseases are still the nation's leading cause of death and one of every two known causes of death in Oregon last year was attributed to heart or blood vessel diseases. The county chairman cited these facts in urging support for the drive.

Solicitation Scheduled

The Rev. Charles Knox announced at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting that beginning Monday, Feb. 16, the business men of Heppner will be given an opportunity to support the drive. Those giving at that time will not be solicited again at their homes. Feb. 22 is the official day for the city-wide gathering.

Lexington chairman Gene Majeske, reported that the businessmen of Lexington will be contacted during the week of Feb. 16 and Ione, under the direction of Mrs. Markham Baker will have a business district collection next week. Gerald Bergstrom is planning a similar drive in the Boardman-Irrigon area.

Mrs. Eva Jean Cowdry left for Boise, Idaho for a week's visit. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans were in Portland the first of last week.



WAY BACK WHEN—With Oregon celebrating its 100th birthday next Saturday, and nearly everybody very much interested in history, the Gazette-Times this week came up with this old-time picture of Heppner which will give some of the "new-comers" a little idea of what the town was like back in the good old days. This photo, taken from the corner of Main and May streets at the approximate location of the present Fullerton Chevrolet Co. shows what is thought probably to be a fourth of July parade. The exact date of the picture is not known, but it is thought to be about 1890. The tall two story building in about the center is not the present Heppner Garage

building (it wasn't yet built) but is on the corner of Main and Willow streets where O'Donnell's Cafe is now located. A big share of the stores on the far side of the street in the foreground block were saloons, though two millinery stores, a feed store and a farm implement store belonging to S. P. Garri-gues can be identified by their signs. According to one resident's memory, electricity had only recently come to Heppner when this photo was taken and the poles down Main street were nearly new. This photograph belongs to Ralph I. Thompson of Heppner.

1958 Farm Income in County Holds High

By N. C. ANDERSON

Even though 1958 appeared to be one of the best years for our farmer's production wise, a recent study of farm income made by N. C. Anderson, County Extension Agent revealed income from Morrow County farm commodity marketings totaled approximately \$13,111,136.00 in 1957 the year compared to 1957. Mainly responsible for the decrease was a poor potato crop in the North Morrow Irrigation area and a 21 plus cent per bushel decrease in wheat prices.

While income was down to \$12,741,250.00 in 1958 compared to \$13,111,136.00 in 1957 the year might be classed as very successful. One of the main reasons for the success was a good crop of grain and hay which is given the most credit for holding income at the high level. Coupled with this was a good beef calf crop with increased prices for all classes of beef and a increase in swine production, marketings throughout the year.

Wheat continued to be the number one crop in agricultural income. Farmers continued this year in a price-cost squeeze making this the fourth consecutive year where high yields have been the salvation of profit rather than loss. Total income from grain amounted to eight and three quarters million compared to over nine and one quarter million a year ago. Heavy rain-

Ione High Names Honor Roll Students

The Ione high school this week released the names of its students whose grades placed them on the honor roll for the second nine week's period. One student, Karen Lundell, received a perfect 4.00 grade average. Seniors—Leann Padberg, 3.40; Juniors—Karen Lundell, 4.00; Linda Helmbigner, 3.50. Sophomores—Jean Martin, 3.83; Evelyn Jepsen, 3.50. Freshmen—Dalene McDonald, 3.83; Linda Halvorsen, 3.33. Receiving honorable mention were: Paula Barak, 3.17; Kenneth Smouse, 3.17; Melvin Martin, 3.00; and Michelle Morrison, 3.00.

fall in the fall and winter of 1957-58 provided excellent growing conditions for not only grain and hay crops but pasture and range. A cold wet spring hindered early grazing and production which, however, was stimulated by a warm summer. While the heat was welcome for irrigated crops, continued heat caused a reduction in yields in grain in the later season areas and dried up pastures earlier than usual in the summer. A mild winter was helpful to the livestock men in saving feed and a large percentage of their lamb and calf crop, however, insect pests were more numerous because of the mild weather. A

Lex Oil Co-op Sees Sales Gain

The Lexington Oil Co-op reported sales for 1958 in the amount of \$203,193, a gain of almost \$10,000 over the previous year. The report was made at the co-op's annual meeting held Monday at the Lexington Grange hall.

Members reelected Edwin H. Miller and W. A. Munkers, and elected Paul Jones to the board of directors. Jones will replace Bryce Keene, and holdover directors are M. V. Nolan and Karl Miller. Named to head the organization were Miller as president; Nolan vice president; and Munkers as secretary.

The main discussion during the meeting centered on the growth of the business and it was decided to further extend sales and service in present lines rather than branch into new departments.

A report from the wholesale level was given by Bruce B. Strachan, organization representative for Pacific Cooperatives, who stated that the tank farm for the projected refinery at Vancouver, Wash. will be in operation in about 60 days. He also said that further progress has been made in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizer in the Georgetown, Idaho area and that production is expected by April.

heavy infestation of aphids caused some damage to scattered fields and undoubtedly reduced yields below what would have resulted from their influence.

Livestock men were given a new lease on life when cattle prices increased substantially over 1957. Weaning calves, the main source of income of the beef operator, brought as high as ten cents a pound over the last marketing season. While many calves were contracted early for \$26 to \$28 per hundred weight, those who were patient and sold cattle at weaning time received as high as \$32 for top steer calves. Some averaged \$32 per hundred weight on mixed steers and heifers. Lamb and wool prices were low, discouraging sheep operators. One of our sheep operators in the business since the 1880's liquidated their herds in favor of cattle. Hog numbers increased by several hundred per cent mainly because of the continued high hog prices and the need for utilizing surplus local grains as livestock feed. Five commercial hog production "factories" were established during the year.

While income from grain, hay and livestock continued good, the

total income from potatoes in the north Morrow county irrigated section dropped drastically due to the hot weather which intensified a virus disease condition causing some fields of potatoes to be plowed under and yields to be reduced considerably. Melons took up much of the slack in this decreased income with a hot summer favorable to melon growth and the appetite of melon connoisseurs.

1958 estimated income from various sources tabulated by the county agent's office are grain—\$8,693,750.00; hay and silage—\$950,000; livestock—\$2,100,000; dairy—\$250,000; eggs and poultry—\$100,000; potatoes and truck crops—\$295,000; fruit—\$250,000; and farm timber products—\$350,000.

Port Commission Names Officers

The recently formed Morrow county port commission met for a dinner meeting, Feb. 5 at Boardman and completed election of officers for the commission.

Garland Swanson of Ione was elected treasurer, and Dewey West of Boardman was chosen vice president. The commission had previously selected George Wiess of Boardman as president and Al Lamb, Heppner, secretary.

Prior to the meeting, the group, along with county judge Oscar Peterson visited the Umatilla port district offices and facilities.

The group began work on efforts to get the bombing range released by the government, and members felt that if such could be accomplished the area would be valuable industrial property. Mahoney and Abrams of Heppner were appointed attorneys for the commission.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Heppner Civic League will meet Monday, Feb. 16 at the home of Mrs. L. E. Dick. Mrs. Harry Bongers will talk on her recent trip to Holland.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dean Whybark were in Walla Walla for the weekend, attending a musical revue at the college.

Heppner Voters OK Water Bonds By Wide Margin

A grand total of only 75 persons bothered to go to the polls Tuesday to decide on a \$160,000 water bond issue for the city of Heppner, but those who did make it voted overwhelmingly in favor of the issue. The vote was 67 yes to only 8 no.

The city council some weeks ago decided to take the city's

water line problems directly to the people and ask approval of a bond issue which would provide money for the replacement of about six miles of main feed-line down Willow creek. A part of the line was replaced two years ago, but the remainder of the old concrete line was causing considerable trouble and loss of needed water. The new line will be relocated along the right-of-way of the new Willow creek road.

The council will proceed immediately to call for bids on the bonds and will then seek bids on the purchase of more than 30,000 feet of 8 inch steel pipe and necessary valves.

In asking for the \$160,000 the council took its engineer's estimate of the cost of the project, but council members expressed the belief that the job can be done for much less. If savings can be made, only the necessary amount of bonds will be sold, not the total amount.

County-Wide School Administrative District Approved

The Morrow county school reorganization committee has voted unanimously to adopt a comprehensive plan for a single administrative district, including all of Morrow county, it was announced this week by Frederick T. Martin, Ione, chairman of the reorganization committee.

This decision was reached after a study of the minutes obtained at hearings held recently throughout the county.

At each hearing, a resolution was voted by a 100 percent vote recommending an administrative district which would include a seven-man school administrative board and local school advisory committees. However, only a minority favored waiting for action of the legislature to provide for the advisory committees, the reorganization group said.

It was pointed out at the hearings that the advantages gained by adequate representation for natural communities on the seven-man board and the stabilization of the school governing body, more than offset the advantages of local advisory committees.

The reorganization committee announced that it will be necessary to elect a new county school board in May and then, should the administrative district be adopted later, another new board would be elected. This was considered detrimental to the interests of education in the county. The advisory committees could be provided for by the county school board should they not be included in an amendment to the law by the present legislature.

The county administrative district plan will be presented within 10 days to D. W. Patch, state director of school district reorganization. The state is then expected to hold a hearing here later.

Lex Youth Receives Army Nomination

Congressman Al Ullman last week announced his nominations for the service academies and among them was Karl L. Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach of Lexington.

As in past years, all applicants were authorized to take a civil service screening exam and the results of this test were used as a basis for making appointments for all the academies were made on a competitive basis. The final selection of the one boy who will enter each academy will be determined by rigid mental and physical tests.

Lenten Series Set At Ione Church

The Rev. Floyd Bailey of the Ione Community church announces that the church is sponsoring a series of weekly Lenten services beginning Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7 p. m. and continuing until Easter.

The services will deal mainly with the life of Christ and will be portrayed by colored movies and will include discussion and a song service.

The meetings will be held at the Ione church each Sunday evening and there will be a special meeting Thursday, Feb. 26 which will feature a film on "The meaning of Lent."

The senior Pilgrim Fellowship group will view the film at 7 o'clock and then hold its regular meeting at 7:30.

All members and friends of the church are invited to attend the meetings.

CALLED TO CENTRALIA BY DEATH

Mrs. James Hager left today (Thursday) for Centralia, Washington where her father, Alonzo V. Wright, passed away this morning. No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

Heaviest Snow Blankets County

Heppner, and most of the higher sections of Morrow county received its heaviest layer of snow of the winter Tuesday night and Wednesday, though areas at lower elevations got only rain or a very thin coating of snow.

The heavy wet snow began to fall Tuesday evening and by Wednesday morning two and one-half inches was measured in Heppner. It continued snowing nearly all day Wednesday here, but added only little to the pack as the temperature at ground level was nearly 40 degrees.

Ione and other communities down Willow creek reported less than an inch, but it was thought that the fall was heavy in the mountains where it is welcome.

Services Held Monday For Margaret Madsen

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Creswick Chapel for Mrs. Margaret Madsen, 82, who passed away February 7 at Pioneer Memorial hospital, after a short illness.

She was born November 23, 1876 in Roscommon county, Ireland and came to the United States at the age of 16 and settled in Wisconsin. She was in institutional work for many years.

She had lived here with her daughter, Mrs. Lucile Weatherford for the past 12 years.

Survivors include her daughter and two grandchildren, W. W. Weatherford III and Karla Kristin Weatherford.

Interment was at Reedburg, Wisconsin.

Centennial Stamp Soon to be Seen

By MARY LEE MARLOW
Mrs. Flossie Coats, postmaster, has announced that supplies of the new Oregon Centennial 4-cent stamp printed in blue-green have been received at the Boardman post office but will not be placed on sale until Feb. 16. The stamp shows a covered wagon scene.

Four other stamps will be on sale soon also. The Lincoln Birth Sesqui centennial 1-cent stamp, printed in green, which is the second in a series of four stamps, will go on sale, Feb. 13. The Lincoln Birth 3-cent stamp, purple in color, and the third in a series of four stamps, will be on sale Feb. 27.

The 4 and 8-cent Jose de San Martin stamps are to be put on sale Feb. 25. This is the fourth in the Champions of Liberty series. Both feature a medallion with a three-quarter portrait of San Martin reproduced from a print provided by the Liberty Congress. Known as the "Hero of the Andes," San Martin helped liberate Chile and Argentina from the Spaniards. The 4-cent stamp will be blue in color, and the 8-cent in red, blue and golden ochre.

LADIES DAY POSTPONED

Ladies day at the Willow Creek Country Club which was scheduled for next Tuesday, has been postponed until sometime in March.

Dr. and Mrs. Bob Bliss formerly of Heppner and now of Golden-dale were in Heppner Sunday visiting friends.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	47	31	—
Friday	49	35	.02
Saturday	48	24	—
Sunday	40	28	—
Monday	41	28	.04
Tuesday	41	32	—
Wednesday	45	29	.21

Moisture for the week .27 (2.9 inches of snow) for February .29; for the year, 2.91 inches.