

## Lexington High's Last Graduating Class



RECEIVING DIPLOMAS at Lexington high school's final graduating class because the school has been discontinued at the end of the present year, are top row from left, Hank Pointer, Dora Sue Davidson, Lee Cornelison. Second row, Barbara Steagall, Laddie Henderson, Judy Darnielle. Bottom row, Earl Papineau, Steven Klinger, Keith Peck.

## 26 Seniors Receive Awards, Diplomas At Commencement

"Nothing better mirrors the community than this class here tonight. What we think is important as a community reflects in what the class thinks is important." These were the words spoken by Wallace McCrea, superintendent of the Pendleton schools, to the 1959 graduating class of Heppner high school last night at the gymnasium.

McCrea said that education which met the needs of the pioneers 100 years ago is not sufficient for today. Guide posts of one generation often become road blocks for another generation.

Diplomas were presented to the 26 graduating seniors by Alvin Bunch, chairman of the Morrow county school board, and other awards were presented to the following by superintendent Joe H Stewart:

Valedictorian, Janice Martin; salutatorian, Renn Harris; student body officer pins to Renn Harris, Robert Mahoney, Celia Boulden, Susan McQuarrie.

School spirit awards went to Dick Ruhl and Kay Keithley Reed and outstanding athlete awards to Dick Ruhl and Marilyn Calvin. Outstanding citizens awards were given Renn Harris and Janice Martin.

University of Oregon, Eric Allen certificate for outstanding work as a newspaper writer, Janice Martin; University of Oregon Turnbull yearbook award, Renn Harris and the Hehisch service plaque went to Janice Martin.

The John Phillip Sousa award for the best student in music was received by Renn Harris.

The local P-TA year tuition scholarship went to Marilyn Calvin.

Soroptimist \$100 scholarship, Joan Spencer.

Elks scholarships, Janice Martin and Renn Harris, \$200 each; Stevan Flug, \$100.

Heppner Ping Mills, Renn Harris, \$500; Stevan Flug, \$250.

FBLA scholarship for best student in business, Janice Driscoll.

A state tuition scholarship, Stevan Flug; Willamette University scholarship, Renn Harris, \$250.

Raymond Gray 4-H scholarships, Carole Anne Anderson and Janice Martin.

The Fagan Beauty School scholarship, Nancy Slocum.

The class citizenship and school spirit plaque went to the senior class and Kay Keithley Reed, senior class president, presented the remainder of the class treasury to the Mustang, yearbook, treasury.

Gordon Pratt and Vic Kreimeyer sang a duet from "Crucifixion," accompanied by Mrs Kreimeyer at the piano.

Musical selections for the exercises were provided by the high school band under the direction of Arnold Melby, and the class colors, lavender and pink were used in the decorations.

## Kenneth Jones Wins Three Championships At Portland Shoot

Kenneth Jones, son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Jones and a senior at Ione high school, won the junior singles championship, the men's doubles and the all-around championship at the state trap shoot in Portland Sunday. In the all-around his score was 380 out of 400.

Kenneth will go to the national shoot in Ohio in August. His father accompanied him to Portland.

## Centennial Tickets On Sale Here at Pre-Opening Rate

Residents of Morrow county who wish to avail themselves of the chance to purchase reduced-rate admission tickets to the Oregon Centennial exposition may get them at both Heppner banks.

The special offer of a book of six adult tickets for \$500 and six children's (ages 6 to 17) tickets for \$250 will remain open only until the exposition opens in Portland, June 10. After that time admission prices will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Both the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the First National Bank of Oregon now have the tickets for sale.

## Highway Foreman Plans Retirement

Frank Davidson, foreman of the Heppner division of the state highway department for the past 20 years, will retire June 1 and move to Baker to make his home.

Davidson joined the state highway department in 1926 and first worked on the Baker-Unity road. He has been a foreman with the department for 30 years and was transferred to Heppner from Seneca.

He and Mrs Davidson will leave next week for their new home.

Taking Davidson's place as foreman of the Heppner division will be Ed Wilson of Ukiah, who formerly worked out of this district.

## Businesses to Observe Holiday

Practically all stores, businesses and offices, including the post office, will be closed Saturday in observance of the Memorial day holiday.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	47	.01
Friday	59	41	—
Saturday	72	49	—
Sunday	72	49	—
Monday	77	43	—
Tuesday	61	36	—
Wednesday	62	40	—

Rainfall for the week .01; for May .73; for the year 6.61 inches.

Mrs E A Vaughan of Portland and Mrs Guy Boyer of John Day will be Memorial weekend guests of Mrs Josie Jones.

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## Boardman Objects to Any Change in Status of School

About 70 residents of the Boardman area last night indicated strongly that they did not favor the elimination of the 7th and 8th grade class in the Boardman school which would mean that those students would be transported to Irrigon, and they made it plain that they did not want to see the county school budget reduced if it meant reducing their school facilities.

The big group met last night in a two and one-half hour mass meeting to discuss the school budget and to protest sending their students to Irrigon. A five man steering committee was

named to work on the problem and to contact the county school board to make their feelings known. The members of this committee are Gene Taylor, Dewey West, Ralph Skoubo, Earl McQuaw and Roy Partlow.

Many persons present at the meeting felt that the Boardman school offered better educational facilities because of shop equipment, etc, than did the Irrigon plant.

## Rev Willis Geyer Takes Pastorate at Milton-Freewater

Rev Willis Geyer, minister of the Heppner Assembly of God church, left today for Milton-Freewater where he will take over the pastorate of the Assembly of God church. Mr and Mrs Geyer and family are moving this week.

Rev Geyer came to Heppner six years ago from Colton, Oregon. He has served as president and secretary-treasurer of the Heppner Ministerial association and as safety chairman for the P-TA. He will retain his sectional office as church Sunday school representative, and during the past six years he has been buyer for the church's camp at Brooks, in the Willamette valley.

Rev Homer Wolfington of Vancouver, Washington has been named to the pastorate of the Heppner church to replace Rev Geyer. Mr and Mrs Wolfington will move to Heppner by June 7.

## House Committee OK's Dam Funds

A story out of Washington D C late last week reported that Representative Al Ullman's request for \$18,400 for a survey of the Willow creek dam had been approved by a house sub-committee.

Ullman had asked that the money be included in the Army Engineer's budget for the coming year.

Many local organizations and individuals have been seeking approval of the funds by Congress.

## Karl Beach Gets West Point Nod

Karl L Beach, 17, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Beach of Lexington recently received Congressman Al Ullman's principal appointment to West Point.

He will graduate from Hermiton high school this week and while a student there has been active in school activities. He was a senior class president, secretary-treasurer of the National Honor Society, a member of the Letterman's club, president of the Booster club and was on the track and basketball teams.

Besides his school activities, he has been active in 4-H club work and is president of the Lexington livestock club and the Hermiton junior leaders club.



TWO HURT IN SUNDAY WRECK—Ronald McCreery, 20 of Pendleton suffered a broken rib, concussion, internal injuries and lacerations when this car in which he was riding went out of control about two miles south of Heppner and went over a 30 foot bank. The driver was Floyd Larikin, 21, also of Pendleton who was not seriously hurt. The car landed wrong side up in the canyon below the R R Fullerton residence. (GT Photo)

## Ask Original Budget

The main purpose of the meeting was to inform the people as to why the budget had to be reduced as has been proposed by the school board following its defeat at the May 18 election. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that they would like to see the budget re-submitted to the voters in the original form.

(The new school budget plan calls for combining Irrigon and Boardman 7th and 8th grade classes in the Irrigon school, closing the Hardman grade school, and eliminating the 5th through 8th grades at Lexington. This plan would eliminate three teachers from the county school system and save about \$25,000.)

In the first budget election Boardman voters defeated the budget 36 to 14. Heppner, Lexington and Hardman voters voted "No."

Henry Gantenbine a school board member, answered questions on the budget and Willard Baker presided at the meeting.

## Fire District Gets Unanimous OK From Voters

The formation of the Heppner rural fire district received overwhelming approval of voters last Friday—in fact it was so overwhelming that not a single person voted against it. The vote was 21 to 0.

The voters at the same time elected five directors to operate the new district and all were chosen unanimously with no write-in candidates being recorded. They are Dick Wilkinson, Thomas J Wells, Robert Lowe, Harold Evans and Ralph Beamer.

The county court will canvass the vote Friday and announce the official results which are not expected to show any change from the original count.

After being officially notified of their election, the new board is expected to meet immediately to formulate a budget and arrange for fire protection for residents within the new district. This can be done either by forming its own department or contracting for protection with the Heppner fire department.

## Fishing Prospects Should be Bright

The state fish commission Monday released 3000 legal size rainbow trout in Willow and Rhea creeks which should give local anglers added encouragement over the coming holiday weekend. All were planted in the upper areas of both streams.

State police also reported that catfishing in the sloughs of the Boardman area has been excellent in recent days. The fish are much larger than usual and there have been lots of them caught.

Mrs Alma Gilliam of Portland is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs Charles Barlow.

## Centennial Year Historical Feature —



FIRST HEPPNER HIGH GRADUATES—Here is the first class to ever receive diplomas from Heppner High school. They received them in 1893. The five graduates, who are now all dead, were, back row, Roy Glasscock, Jay Shipley, Frank Jones. Front row, Effie Fields (Rhea) and Ben Patterson. This picture is the property of Mrs Charlotte Scherzinger who graduated from Heppner High just 60 years ago last Tuesday. Also of interest is the list of those who composed the second graduating class from the school. The class of 1894 included Osmun Hager, Joe Hayes, Walter Van Duyn, Lutie Farnsworth, Maud Rush and John Horner.

## Memorial Day Picnic Crowd is Expected

One of the year's most popular events, the Memorial day picnic, is expected to again attract one of its largest crowds, Mrs Sam Turner, secretary, said today. The affair will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner starting with a potluck dinner at noon.

Local residents as well as former residents and visitors are invited to attend the picnic and an interesting program has been arranged for the afternoon. Former county judge Garnet Barratt will be the guest speaker and he will talk on Morrow county history in keeping with the state's Centennial. Musical selections will be offered by a Heppner high school girls trio composed of Judy Cochell, Fern Albert and Janice Martin. Another vocalist will be Gordon Pratt, Heppner high school principal.

The picnic committee has announced that the affair is planned as a potluck dinner, but that it will provide meat, rolls, ice cream and coffee. Inasmuch as there is no dues to the organization, money for the food has been contributed by local residents.

The annual picnic, which was started about five years ago, has attracted an increasing number of persons each year. Last year

## Heppner Pool To Open on June 8

The Heppner swimming pool will open on Monday, June 8, if this spring's fickle weather finally decides to warm up enough to make it worth while, it was revealed this week.

Regular swimming hours will be from 1 to 5 and 6 to 8 o'clock daily except Monday. Tom Hughes will again be life-guard and swimming instructor. Season tickets will be available and the city has asked that these be purchased at the city hall prior to the opening of the pool. The prices will be \$9 for adult, \$6 for high school students and \$4 for grade school students. Individual swim charts, 25 cents for high school and 15 cents for grade school students.

Swimming lessons will start later in June.

## WATER TO BE OFF

The Heppner water department has announced that all city water will be shut off between 5 and 7 a m Saturday, May 30 to allow for some valve changes in the supply line.

about 180 persons attended. The committee which handles the arrangements is composed of Karl Miller, chairman, Mrs Claud White, vice chairman, and Mrs Sam Turner, secretary.

It is open to the public.

## City Awards Water Pipe and Laying Contracts

The Heppner city council Monday night awarded contracts for the purchase of six miles of steel pipe and the laying of the pipe. The contracts went to Beall Pipe and Tank Corp of Portland to supply the pipe, and to Everett Den Herder of Medford for the laying.

Den Herder's bid, which was the lowest of 14 bidders, was \$38,564.45 for the laying of the entire pipeline project, and subsequent checking of all bids by the city's engineers confirmed the original belief of the council that his bid was the best.

The council discussed at length the pipe bid before deciding to accept a higher priced pipe than was originally planned. Beall Pipe and Tank, and all other bidders, submitted bids on asphalt coated and coal tar coated pipe and the council Monday approved the purchase of the coal tar coated pipe at a cost of about \$15,000 more than the asphalt coated pipe.

The engineers explained that the coal tar coating could normally be expected to outlast the asphalt coated pipe by as much as 20 or more years. The cost of the pipe finally decided upon will be \$85,248.71. Beall's bid for supplying asphalt coated pipe was \$69,939.06.

The council also authorized a revision of the size couplings for the line which resulted in a saving of \$2,233.95.

The total cost of the renewal of the six miles of pipeline, and the other small amount of pipe replacement within the city limits called for in the bids is expected to run about \$131,806.50. This is well below the \$140,000 which the city has available from the sale of its water bond issue.

Den Herder told the council Monday that if the pipe is received on the job in time, he hopes to have the project completed by August 1, though his bid provision allowed another 30 days.