

150 School Musicians Coming Friday for All-Day Band Festival

More than 150 band students will gather in Heppner Friday to take part in the second annual band festival sponsored by the Heppner high school music department and the chamber of commerce.

Students will come from Pilot Rock, Riverside high school, Echo, Ione and Heppner for the day-long instruction sessions and concert. During the afternoon (4:15) the bands will parade in downtown Heppner and the chamber will present a trophy to the best marching band.

Jewett G. Kepley, supervisor of music in the Pendleton schools

will be the guest conductor for the massed concert to be presented at the high school gym at 8 p. m. He received his bachelor of music and master of music degrees from Illinois Wesleyan University. His music experience includes 12 years of professional work in dance bands and theater circuits; 11 years of teaching in high schools where his bands won many state and national contests, and 12 years at Pendleton where his musicians have been first division winners for 11 of those years.

Guest soloists for the concert will be John Strall of Tacoma, and Richard Hahn of Spokane. Both are outstanding flutists and are members of the band and orchestra at Washington State University where they are music majors.

Arnold Melby, Heppner music director and supervisor of the festival said this week, "We are fortunate to be able to obtain these outstanding soloists and our guest conductor."

Special instruction sessions will be held during the day and the public is invited to attend the evening concert.



GUEST CONDUCTOR—J. G. Kepley, music supervisor for Pendleton schools, will conduct massed bands Friday at the band festival.

Electric Co-op Schedules Annual Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, Nov. 14 at the fair pavilion in Heppner with registration of members slated to start at 10:30 a. m. and the business meeting at 1 p. m.

Gus Norwood, Vancouver, Wn, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Association, will be the guest speaker and will talk on "Getting the most out of the Columbia."

Following the registration period, a film, "The Voice Beneath the Sea," which shows the laying of the Transatlantic telephone cable. This is expected to be a very interesting film as some of the scenes were taken during a hurricane. A free lunch, prepared by women of the Rhea Creek Grange, will be served starting at 11:30 and will be preceded by musical entertainment by the Leonnig family of Heppner.

At the business meeting, three directors are to be elected for terms of three years. Those whose terms have expired are Walter Jaeger, Condon; Walter Wright, Hardman and J. I. Hanna, Heppner. Mr. Hanna is retiring from the board after having served continuously since 1947. Nominated to fill these posts are Walter Jaeger, Walter Wright, Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Virgil West, Blackock; and Raymond French, Heppner.

Harley Young, co-op manager, states that the treasurer's report will show that the company has total assets of \$2,091,534, of which \$1,732,914 is invested in utility plant, transmission and distribution lines. A total of \$2,067,289 has been borrowed from the Rural Electrification Administration. Of this amount \$332,826 in principal and \$191,446 in interest has been repaid.

Operating revenues for the year ending June 1, 1959 show income from sales of electric energy amounted to \$184,326, which is an increase of 7 percent over the previous year. At present the cooperative has 55 miles of 69,000 volt transmission line and 881 miles of distribution line in service. It serves 881 consumers in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties and the average farm consumption is 1377 kilowatt hours at a cost of \$23.84 per month.

All members are urged to attend the meeting, and Young announced that numerous electrical appliances will be given away as door prizes. There will also be a grand prize.

Mr and Mrs Tress McClintock and son Gale of Monmouth, former Heppner residents, were visiting here over the weekend.

William L. McCaleb Taken by Death; Rites Held Wednesday

William L. McCaleb, 83 passed away November 9 at Pioneer Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for several weeks. He had been a resident of this area for many years.

William Lee McCaleb was born in Frederick county, Virginia, Oct. 29, 1876. He came with his family to San Francisco when he was seven years old and soon moved to Oswego, Ore. They later settled on a farm near Monmouth. He graduated in 1894 from what is now Oregon College of Education in Monmouth.

As a young man he was engaged in business in Turner, Ore and later came to Eastern Oregon for his health. He was engineer for the city power plant in Condon before he became roadmaster for that area and also was connected with early-day telephone installation in Gilliam, Morrow and Grant counties.

Many of the roads still used in Morrow county were surveyed and constructed under the supervision of Mr. McCaleb while he was roadmaster from 1919 to 1934.

In 1917 he married Mary Elizabeth Morgan and to them was born two sons, who survive, and one daughter who died in infancy. Mrs. McCaleb died in 1942. In 1948 he was married to Mary A. Hyde who died in 1951.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church with the Rev. Charles Knox officiating.

Survivors are his sons William L. Jr. of Roseburg, and Omer K. of Portland.

Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge.

Barn Blaze Causes Only Small Damage

Heppner firemen controlled a set fire Friday evening in an old barn on the Casebeer property on Linden Way before it had caused more than about \$60 damage.

Firemen answered the call at about 6:15 p. m. and found a fire burning in paper and straw on the second floor of the barn. It is surmised by chief C. A. Ruggles that it was set by youngsters. Two other small fires had been started, but had gone out before causing any damage.

Annual MCGG Meeting Monday

The Morrow County Grain Growers annual meeting will be held Monday evening, Nov. 16 at the fair pavilion in Heppner with the dinner slated to start at 6 p. m. Al Lamb, co-op manager announces.

A business meeting will follow the dinner with reports to be given by various officers and the manager. There will also be an election to name two directors and seven associate directors.

A short program of musical entertainment will be presented by the Leonnig family of Heppner and several door prizes of packages of Morrow county fair 4-H grand champion steer will be given away. The top beef will also be served at the dinner which is to be put on by the women of the Rhea Creek Grange.

The annual report, to be given at the meeting, will show that the co-op handled a total of 4,115,000 bushels of grain during the 1958 harvest year. During the same period the company had a gross income of \$3,300,000. It operates elevators at seven locations in the county in addition to dock facilities at Pater Ferry on the Columbia.

The MCGG also recently announced that it is now redeeming all class A series 3 capital reserve certificates which were issued as patronage earnings on the 1943 crop. This will amount to \$55,000 and is the second patronage refund made this year. This call will remain open until December 31.

Public to Hear UN Pilgrimage Delegates Wednesday at IOOF

The public is invited to hear Miss Leslie Keller and Ted Thornstad, the United Nations Pilgrimage tour winners for this year, who will give a report and show pictures of their trip at the Heppner Oddfellows hall Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 8 p. m. Some persons have heard the reports, but previously time did not permit the showing of their pictures. There will also be time for questions and answers.

The Pendleton and Morrow county districts met in Pendleton Sunday to plan for the coming contest. Mrs. Altha Kirk was re-elected chairman and Pete McMurry was again named secretary-treasurer.

"Will the U. N. be able to solve the problems of the world?" was chosen as the topic for the essay for the coming contest, and all eligible students are urged to participate. Contest details will be in the hands of all area school instructors in the near future, it was stated.

Heppner Soil District Winner

Two directors of the Heppner Soil Conservation District, John Wightman, and Alvin Wagenblast, and conservationist Ralph Richards have returned from Salem where they attended the annual meeting of the Oregon State Soil Conservation Service. Heppner district, a second place award Goodyear plaque for their excellent work among Oregon soil districts. Four years ago the Heppner district won first place award marks the first time any Oregon district has won two excellence plaques.

The district was formed in 1941 and Mr. Wightman has been a supervisor since the beginning. While at the meeting, the men took part in a soil judging contest and toured a small watershed project on the Little Pudding river in Marion county. Speakers included Governor Mark Hatfield, and Don Williams, Washington, D. C. chief of the Soil Conservation Service.

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Ione High Slaughters Mt Vernon To Win Way Into State Semifinals



CARDINAL GRIDDERS—Members of the Ione high school football squad who last week won the district title and will meet Sisters Saturday in the state semifinals are No. 40, Joe Palmer, 31, Ken Nelson, 29, Bob Akers, 33, Wayne Hams, 39, Steve Riley, Bruce Rigby, assistant manager, (no number) 22, Melvin Martin, 34, Gary Morgan, 38, Jim Martin, 27, Marvin Padberg, 26.

John Johnson, 35, Roland Ekstrom, Tom Harris, manager (no number), 28, John Swanson, 41, Greg Leyva, 25, Grant Rigby, Jr., 23, Francis Rea, 30, Jack Crum, 36, Tom Martin, 32, Russell Dolven. Not shown are Chuck Hudson, coach, and Don Olscheld, assistant coach. (Photo by Grant Rigby)

The Mt Vernon Bears threatened to run the Ione Cardinals right off the field in the opening minutes of their district 6 man football playoff game Saturday afternoon at Heppner, but the Cardinals withstood the opening shock and roared back to win 57 to 12 to clinch the district 3 championship.

The victory moved the Ione squad into the state semi-finals and they will meet Sisters next Saturday at 2 p. m. on the Sisters field.

In the Mt Vernon game, Jay Smith, Bear quarterback, took the opening kickoff and ran 73 yards for a touchdown to put Mt Vernon in front 6 to 0. Jack Crum came back for Ione on their second play to go 50 yards for the tying touchdown. Francis Rea kicked the conversion to put Ione in front 8 to 6. After an exchange of fumbles, Ken

Delano scored for Mt Vernon on a beautifully executed reverse play to again put the Bears in front 12 to 8.

At that point the Cardinals took command and Crum, who during the game made 238 yards

on 11 carries, scored three quick touchdowns on runs of 60, 16 and 32 yards. Rea picked up a fumble which resulted from a jarring tackle by Tom Martin, and rambled 22 yards for a score. Greg Leyva streaked 8 yards to score

Ione's last touchdown of the first half behind a booming block by Ken Nelson that took out two Mt Vernon defenders. During this surge Rea added two conversions and the half ended with Ione in front 42 to 12.

CAUSE OF MONDAY'S 'SHAKE' REMAINS UNANSWERED

An earthquake? A sonic boom? A blast from the bombing range? Nobody seems to know what caused the earth to shake and windows to rattle at 1:10 p. m. Monday.

The disturbance caused a definite up-and-down movement in Heppner which shook windows and dishes in various places and even moved a chair several inches, but it was not accompanied by any "boom" such as normally is experienced when a jet plane breaks the sound barrier. Several persons in Lexington reported the same sensation, adding that it was accompanied by a rumble, but not a boom; and at Ione the janitor of the Ione school said the shock was

so great he thought the boiler in the heating plant had blown up. According to other reports, there was more sound at Ione.

At the time of the shake, there were no jet planes visible in the sky from Heppner, though several persons in other sections of the county reported that several planes were seen in the air at about that time and that there was a very loud boom about 1:10 or 1:15 over the Condon area.

As far as is known, there was no damage. The Gazette-Times reported the incident to the Associated Press office in Portland and a check was to be made of the University of Washington sismograph at Seattle. It apparently did not register there.

Sonic booms are getting to be common in the Morrow county area, and according to reports, even more of them can be expected during the next few days because of a special air force test alert.

But, what caused Monday's commotion remains a mystery.

Census to Bring Farm Statistics Up to Date

The 1959 census of agriculture, now under way in Morrow county, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1954, when the farm census revealed the following facts:

The value of all products sold in 1954 by farm operators was \$9,436,927.

The value of all crops sold was \$7,266,084 and included \$7,237,419 for field crops, \$26,495 for vegetables, \$1,774 for fruits and nuts, and \$396 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$2,101,343 and included \$136,801 for dairy products, \$91,441 for poultry and poultry products and \$1,823,101 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$69,500.

Overnight guests Wednesday at the Dick Meador home were Mr and Mrs Merald Buhler of Shoshone, Idaho, Mrs Meador and daughter Tami accompanied them to Portland Thursday to visit relatives.

Mr and Mrs Carl Spaulding and daughter Janice returned Sunday from Eugene and Coos Bay where they had been visiting for several days.

Farm-City Banquet Tickets go on Sale

Tickets went on sale this week for the annual Farm-City Week banquet which will be held Monday evening, Nov. 23 at the Heppner Legion hall. It is sponsored jointly by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Soil Conservation District.

The tickets may be obtained from any director of the district or at either Heppner bar.

A program of interest to both farm and city dwellers has been developed and a good speaker is promised.

WEATHER

	HI	LOW
Thursday	45	17
Friday	45	20
Saturday	48	21
Sunday	49	23
Monday	51	26
Tuesday	62	27
Wednesday	57	30

Rainfall for the week, none; for November .08; for the year, 10.03 inches.

Ione took the kickoff at the start of the second half and scored in six plays. Wayne Hams arched a long aerial to John Swanson as he raced into the Mt Vernon end zone. The play started on the Mt Vernon 28 yard line and pass traveled 45 yards in the air. Rea again kicked the conversion and Ione led 50 to 12.

The Cardinals stopped a Mt Vernon drive on the Ione 3 and needing only 7 points to end the game (which is stopped when any team is 45 points in the lead) went to work. Swanson took a short pass from Hams and went 35 yards, Crum carried to 18 and Tom Martin galloped for 14 more. Hams then fired a pass over the middle on which Nelson made a leaping catch for the touchdown. Rea passed to Swanson for the conversion to give Ione a 45 point lead and the game.

A sizeable crowd watched the contest which was played in nearly perfect football weather.

Taxes Roll In; Deadline Near

The sheriff's office this week is receiving checks from three of the county's largest taxpayers, the Union Pacific Railroad, Morrow County Grain Growers and Pacific Power and Light. The deadline for payment of taxes, either to get the full discount, or to make first quarter payment is Monday, Nov. 16.

The largest check came from Union Pacific which added \$61,355 to the county's coffers. The company also paid \$56,133 to Gilliam and \$286,408 to Umatilla county. Its total property tax in Oregon is \$1,362,663.

Morrow County Grain Growers has sent its check for \$19,784.98, to make it the third largest taxpayer in the county, and Pacific Power and Light is paying a bill of \$13,076.11, according to J. R. Huffman, Heppner PP&L manager. PP&L will pay a total of \$2,626,015.42 in property taxes to 28 Oregon counties in which it operates.

Sheriff Bauman announced this week that inasmuch as the usual tax-paying deadline of Nov. 15 falls on Sunday, payments will be accepted on Monday, Nov. 16 without penalty.



SOIL DISTRICT WINS PLAQUE—John Wightman, center, holds the Goodyear plaque presented to the Heppner Soil Conservation District last week at the state conservation service annual meeting in Salem. The local district won second place in the state. With Mr. Wightman, is another supervisor, Alvin Wagenblast, left, and district conservationist, Ralph Richards. (GT Photo)