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Pioneer Picnic At Fairgrounds Memorial Day

The annual Pioneer Picnic will be held at the fair building at noon Tuesday, June 30, Memorial Day. Registration will begin at 11 a. m. with Mrs. Gene Ferguson, secretary, in charge.

This is the annual occasion when local people are hosts to visiting ex-residents of the county. The number attending has steadily risen and last year 275 turned out. Many old friends look forward to meeting each year at this picnic, which has been held annually for a number of years. It was originally held on the courthouse lawn, but because the weather on Memorial Day cannot be depended upon it was changed to the fair grounds building several years ago.

Garnet Barratt, chairman, has announced that the committee decided against any program this year. The picnic is held as an occasion for old friends to meet and the time will be spent in talking and visiting.

The committee is furnishing the meat, coffee, ice cream, bread and butter. Local residents attending are asked to bring vegetable dishes, salads or desserts. Those who wish can make a contribution to help defray expenses of the food provided by the committee.

The general public is cordially invited.

Administrative Cost Of Schools Reduced, P.T.A. Is Told

Reduction of costs of operating the administration of the Morrow district schools was outlined at the Heppner P.T.A. meeting last week by school district board member Fredrick Martin.

Using figures taken from the auditor's report for the last year before consolidation, 1958-59, Martin said the amount spent by the many districts in the county for clerks was \$9,933.81 and the proposed 1961-62 school budget calls for \$4,400.00 for this purpose. Administrative secretaries in the county were \$3,394.85, the new budget shows \$2,600. The travel fund was \$2,841.91; the new budget shows \$2,600. One administrative salary was taken out; the new budget shows \$11,000 for county school administration, the figure at the 1958-59 period was \$17,000.

A panel discussion of the budget was held with Bill Barratt acting as moderator. Dick Wilkinson and Fred Martin, both school board members, and Frank Anderson, budget chairman, also took part.

Mrs. Lena Kelly, who has taught in the county for 43 years, was honored and presented a traveling bag by Mrs. L. E. Dick on behalf of the P.T.A. membership. Historian, Mrs. Douglas Drake gave a resume of Mrs. Kelly's experiences as a teacher in the early days of the county.

Robert L. Hopper, newly elected president, was installed. Hopper, who moved here in December, 1957 from Spray, was a two-term president of P.T.A. there and held that position at the time he moved here. He also served on the school board at Spray. He is employed by Morrow County Creamery, and is a member of the Spray Baptist church.

Other elected officers for 1961-62 installed were Mrs. Ray Massey, vice president; Mrs. Nels Anderson, secretary; and Mrs. Lew Robbins, treasurer.

Vernon Flowers' fifth grade room won the room count.

Refreshments were served in the school cafeteria by first grade room mothers, Mrs. Clyde Allstott, Mrs. Darrel McLachlan, Mrs. Elmer Berry and Mrs. Stanley Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mahoney attended Parents' Week-end at Pacific University in Forest Grove. They were appointed on the Parents' Board for 1961-62.

TRASH PICKUP

The city crew will pick up trash at the curb May 22 and 29, as a part of the cleanup campaign.

Expect Big Crowd For Class Reunion

Class members of the Heppner high school classes of 1925 through 1930 will hold a reunion at the Terril Bengtson ranch on Rhea Creek Sunday, May 28.

A potluck dinner will be held at 1 p. m. and open house will be held after 3 for any non-class members in the area who might like to visit with old friends. Approximately 150-200 are expected to attend.

Main dishes will be furnished by classmates of the Heppner area, Harold Erwin, chairman, and Irma Keithley, secretary-treasurer, announced.

Arrangements for sleeping quarters are being made for out-of-town guests by the committee.

A check of records shows that a large number of each class remain in the Heppner vicinity. In the class of '25, six are still living here; in class of '26, 9; in class of '27, 13; class of '28, 7; class of '29, 7; and class of '30, 4.

City Zoning Discussed At C. of C.

The possibility of zoning the city of Heppner was discussed at the Monday meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber went to record as favoring the action by recommending that the chamber planning and development committee make recommendations to the mayor and city council.

Elmer Schmidt, chairman of the planning and development committee, reported that the local trailer court was full and that additional trailerhouses are coming into town with no place set up for them to park. The committee has recommended an organized effort be made toward locating trailer houses coming into the community in one location, with facilities for trailer-house living provided.

1961-62 P.T.A. Committees Named

Robert L. Hopper, newly installed president of Heppner Parent-Teacher Association, has announced the committee groups for next year's program. They are:

Parliamentarians, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick. Historians, Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Brown. Scholarship, Gordon Pratt, chairman, Mrs. Roy Kirk, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Mrs. Charles Knox and Dr. E. K. Schaffitz. Legislation, Robert Van Houte. School board representative, Andy Van Scholack. Program, Mrs. Arnold Melby, chairman, Mrs. Marshall Lovgren. Hospitality, Mrs. Robert Abrams, chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Worden, Mrs. Calvin Sherman and Mrs. Gene Hall. Study group, Mrs. Bill Barratt, chairman, and Mrs. Dick Wilkinson. Room mother representatives, Mrs. Robert Hopper, chairman, and Mrs. William Brinda. Public relations, Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn. Ways and means, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, and Mrs. Toussent Dubuque. Health and safety, Velma Glass. Membership, Mrs. Glenn Smith, chairman, and Mrs. Bill Olson.

The first meeting of P.T.A. in the fall will be the reception held for teachers, which has been set for September 13.

Methodist Minister In Auto Wreck

The Rev. Austin McGhee lost control of his car in gravel Friday afternoon and the auto went over a bluff, turned over and headed back in the opposite direction before coming to a halt.

Rev. McGhee was shaken up and slightly bruised.

The accident occurred on highway 74 about 11 miles south of Heppner. The car was extensively damaged.

\$50 First Prize For Next Lucky Buck Drawing

Twenty dollars was won in Lucky Bucks at the Lucky Buck day last Saturday in Heppner. Sara Adkins won \$10, the second prize; Blanche Barlow won third prize of \$5.00; and Vivian Hague-wood won fifth prize of \$5.00. Mrs. Hague-wood was in the hospital so her prize was delivered to her by members of the committee.

First and fourth prize winners were not present to claim their money. Joan Moe, first prize winner with \$25.00, was out of town being fitted for her Morrow County Fair and Rodeo queen's outfit. Her prize will be added to the first prize in the next drawing, making a total first prize of \$50.00 on May 27.

Fourth prize winner, Keithley L. Blake, was also not present for his \$5.00 prize.

Lucky Buck days are the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Anyone who has not signed up for them may do so in any of the 61 participating business houses of the city.

4-H Livestock Field Day Saturday, May 20

4-H livestock leaders of Morrow county have set Saturday, May 20, as the annual 4-H livestock field day, according to Joe Hay, county agent. The field day will again be held at the Alfred and Norman Nelson farm north of Lexington. All 4-H members, leaders and parents are invited.

A big program for the day is scheduled to start at 9:00 a. m. with weighing of livestock. Demonstrations on fitting and grooming animals for show demonstrations will be given by several members. At 10:30, 4-H leaders will help club members with grooming of their animals in preparation for the Junior Livestock Show sponsored by the Oregon Wheatgrowers League at The Dalles, June 4-7.

All who attend are asked to bring a sack lunch. The Nelsons will furnish the refreshments.

The afternoon program will start at 1:00 p. m. sharp with a movie titled, "Your Lamb Goes to the Fair." Following the movie, 4-H members will be given instructions on showmanship and judging of each class of livestock. The program is expected to wind up about 3:30 p. m.

Champion Coach Resigns At Ione

Coach Chuck Hudson, Ione, has resigned his position at the Ione high school to accept a position at Bend high school, where he will be head basketball coach and assistant football coach in the A-1 school.

It had earlier been reported that Hudson was going to Battleground, Wash., but he said the Bend offer was received while he was considering the Battleground contract and since it was a better position he accepted it.

Hudson has been coach at Ione for four years. He coached the Cardinals football team to a state championship last fall and won the district hoop championship this year. His teams have won the district football title the last two years, won two division basketball championships and tied for another.

He is a Pendleton high school and Lewis and Clark College graduate. He taught at Milton-Freewater five years before going to Ione.

BREAKS WRIST

Mrs. Walter Wright slipped and fell while fishing Sunday breaking her right wrist.

She was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital where she was kept as a patient until Tuesday.

Karen French Wins Science Fair Medal

Karen French, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French, Heppner, received a silver medal for her Science Fair exhibit at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. This is part of the Northwest Science Fair being held in Portland from May 6 through May 27.

Karen's winning exhibit was The Body, including free hand drawings of the body and the organs and glands. It will be on display at the Fair until May 27.

100 Growers Attend Striped Rust Meeting Here

Approximately 100 wheat growers attended a meeting last night at the fair annex to determine the extent of damage from striped rust to the 1961 wheat crop.

Striped rust in the county is not as prevalent as at first thought. Last night's meeting showed that though some fields are badly infested, others are in better condition. It is thought that this spotty infestation may indicate a difference in susceptibility to the rust spores due to wheat varieties. N. C. Anderson, county agent, said that this possibility will be investigated and plans are to watch carefully those fields which show less infestation. A record of wheat varieties will be made, showing both those which are most susceptible and those with greatest resistance.

Anderson said that with the continuation of warm weather, which arrests the rust, only about a 25 per cent loss would be shown in those fields most affected.

Dr. Robert Powelson, Oregon State University, reported that the infestation was worse than usual this year all over the Pacific Northwest. It appears to be most prevalent in Washington, where much loss is anticipated to the crops, and in Morrow County is heaviest in the north end. He said that normally the rust spore is killed by the cold winter weather, but the past mild winter enabled the spores to live on stubble and wild grasses. It is known that about 10,000 spores develop in one bushel, which creates quick infestation.

There is no chemical control known, except sulphur, which is prohibitive because of the expense involved. It would cost about \$60 to treat one acre for the whole season with sulphur. Research is being carried on and a meeting of research men from Oregon State University, University of Idaho, and Washington State University is planned for later this week at Pullman. They will speed up the program at the three schools to find a chemical control and to develop new wheat varieties which it is hoped will be more resistant to the spores.

Following Dr. Powelson's talk the evening was spent in informal discussion and a question and answer period. No further meetings are anticipated at this time. The county agent's office will keep ranchers of the area informed on developments.

"All we can do right now is hope the sun shines brightly," Anderson said.

CONCERT AT IONE

A combined concert by the Ione grade and high schools has been announced for Friday, May 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the Ione gym. No admission will be charged. Refreshments will be served by the band mothers.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Smith are living in Ione where he is working for Gus Jannsen. Mrs. Terrel Bengtson is the daughter of Mrs. Smith.

Bill Healy and his mother, Mrs. Annie Healy, were in Portland over the week-end to visit his daughter, Susan, in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Blakney took Mrs. George Blakney to Adams Sunday to stay with her sister, Mrs. Lee Carlson, for a few days.

BUDGET EXPLAINED

Outmoded School Tax Base No Longer Realistic; Needs Revision

Morrow County School District budget, which will be voted on Friday, May 19, was discussed at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday, noon.

L. E. Dick, Jr., school board chairman, presided at the discussion and told the members that the teacher-pupil ratio in the county-wide district was good. In the Heppner schools there is one teacher for each 20 students; in the rest of the county there is one for each 12 students.

"The kind of schools you want, the kind of program you provide, is up to you," Robert Van Houte, administrator, said. "The people should be aware of their responsibilities. It is impossible for the schools to operate without a budget. People should know where they stand and what the choice is," he added.

In outlining the alternatives if the budget is turned down again, Van Houte stated that a budget must be approved by July 15 in order for the money to be included on the tax rolls.

"No tax for school purposes above the 6 percent limitation can be on the tax rolls unless it is in the assessor's hands by July 15," he stated. He explained that warrants cannot be issued until a budget has been approved by the voters, and stated that there would be enough money within the 6 percent limitation, plus income from other sources, to operate the schools only until the middle of November. A warrant can be issued only when the money is borrowed, and money cannot be borrowed until a budget has been approved, he said.

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Preliminary Zoning Plans Presented

Preliminary plans for zoning the county north of the Base Line were presented the county court and the county planning commission by Lloyd Anderson, chief planner for the State Department of Planning and Development at a meeting here last week.

Members of the court and the county planners went over the suggested uses in each zone, reviewed the limitations on uses allowed, and looked into the procedures for variances, conditions of use, and zone changes. Agreement was reached on the preliminary report. Final plans for the interim zoning ordinance will be drawn up by Anderson and presented to the group within two weeks. This is to be followed by a public hearing and the zoning is expected to go into effect immediately after.

Poppy Day Will Be Observed Here May 26 and 27

The American Legion Auxiliary announced today that 1961 Poppy Days will be observed here May 26 and 27.

Auxiliary Poppy chairman, Mrs. Loyal Parker said the annual observance is held to honor the more than 500,000 Americans who died, and the nearly 1,000,000 Americans who were wounded, in both world wars and the Korean conflict.

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Dennis Ferguson Wins \$500 Scholarship

Allen Dennis Ferguson, age 18, senior student at Heppner high school, has won a \$500 National Honor Society Regional Scholarship, provided by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Washington, D. C. It was announced today by Gordon R. Pratt, high school principal.

This scholarship was won in a national scholarship competition of 65,000 high ranking senior members of the National Honor Society in over 8,700 schools throughout the nation.

The scholarship winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ferguson. He plans to enter Oregon State University, majoring in civil engineering. Dennis is tied for first in his class of 48 members.

Lutheran Pastor Suffers Mild Heart Attack

The Rev. Joseph Groschupf, Spokane, who has been acting as interim minister at Hope and Valby Lutheran churches, suffered a heart attack last week. He is recuperating at his Spokane home and is expected to be able to resume his duties here in about a week.

There were no Sunday morning services at Hope Lutheran last Sunday. Services next Sunday, May 21, will be held at the usual hour with John Hartman acting as lay leader.

Kenneth Robinson has been chosen by the congregations as the new minister for the two churches. He will be graduated in June from the seminary at St. Paul, Minn., and will report for his duties here about the first of July following his ordination at his home church in California.

Clean-up Paint-up Results Noticeable

Many property owners in Heppner are taking advantage of Cleanup-Paintup Month of May to change the appearance of their buildings. Some are going in for bright colors, some are repainting the same color, but all look brighter and cleaner and more attractive.

Phil's Pharmacy painted the interior some time ago and the woodwork is now being finished. Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., is redecorating the showroom and the shop.

The Gazette-Times front has been remodeled and painted outside and repairs made on the interior.

The adjacent city fire hall front has also been painted. Heppner Variety Store has a new metal awning.

Wilson's Men's Wear is redecorating the inside of the store and the upper part of the outside of the building is being refurbished, with plans to paint it later.

Lott's Electric is putting new siding and trim on the outside of the building.

All Saints' Episcopal church is being painted a lighter shade of grey.

Some rooms at Pioneer Memorial hospital are being redecorated. Many alleys and vacant lots are being cleared of rubbish. The city crew will continue pickup of trash on Mondays, May 22 and 29.

Pipeline Right-of-Way Completed In Area

Charles O'Connor, mayor of Ione, has reported that the right-of-way crew clearing the roadbed for the gas pipe line finished work in the Ione area yesterday and will be leaving the location. He said he understood the right-of-way is now cleared to the Columbia River, and that the crew had completed this contract.

Approximately 10 families and five single men had lived in Ione for a short time while employed on this work.

Earlier another small crew had laid the jackets for the pipe under the roadbeds and bridge.

The pipeline is part of the Pacific Gas Transmission Company's Canada-California natural gas line. No information as to when the actual laying of the pipe will take place has been available. O'Connor said a spokesman for the right-of-way crew said they expected the following crew would be working this section "soon."

the legal basis for borrowing," Van Houte stated.

About \$509,000 will be necessary beyond the 6 percent limitation. If the budget is passed too late to get on the tax rolls this year the interest for this amount would be added to next year's taxes.

6 Percent Limitation Explained
Questions from the audience indicated that there is a widespread misunderstanding about the 6 percent limitation and what it means. Some even said that they were under the impression that this meant if the budget is not passed the schools will have the same amount of money, plus 6 percent, that they had for operation last year. This is not true, Dick stated.

Robert Abrams, attorney for the school district, explained the six per cent limitation. He said a tax base was established for districts when they were originally organized. These bases were carried on during the existence of the district. Tax law says that no tax can be levied more than 6 per cent higher than the highest tax base in the past three years. Because the original base is so much lower than the actual costs of operating the schools due to inflation, heavier student loads, and similar causes, we no longer have a realistic picture of school operational costs in the old tax base.

Some school districts in the state have raised the tax base for their schools. This is done by a vote of the people. The budget committee can then have figures within which they must build a budget. They are restricted to not going beyond the tax base plus 6 per cent. In that case the public no longer must vote on the school budget each year. However, if the budget committee wishes to go beyond the 6 per cent limitation the vote is necessary. With a realistic tax base there is more incentive to attempt to make the budget without putting the district to the expense of a vote.

Abrams suggested that it would be better for the school district and for the taxpayers to raise the tax base after the present budget has been adopted. Dick stated the board will definitely have to consider this possibility.

Van Houte said that the cost of holding a school election was kept down by using the schools as voting places, but still ran over \$350 for each election held. This year we will have two votes on the budget, last year was one, and the year before there were two. Costs of getting a budget passed could be avoided if the tax base were raised by a vote of the populace.

With the unrealistic tax base which Morrow county School District now has an item of \$509,000 is outside the 6 per cent limitation, and it is this amount on which the vote is held.

Mrs. Elaine George, a member of the school board who worked on the budget, said, "It is a good budget, there are no frills in it." She stressed that it would be necessary to pass this budget to provide an adequate education for the children of the county.

Vote on the budget will be held at schools of the county on Friday, May 19, between the hours of 2 and 8 p. m. At Heppner the voting place has been changed from the high school to the stage of the multipurpose room in the elementary school.

Heppner TV, Inc., Holds Annual Meet

Heppner TV, Inc. has 417 members and assets of \$62,351.28 according to the financial report given at the annual meeting recently. \$23,368.01 is reserved for depreciation and \$17,392.40 is held as an operating reserve. Obligations amount to \$80.67.

Conley Lanham, Heppner, was elected president with E. E. Gonty to serve as vice president. Haskell Sharrard, last year's board president, was elected to the vacant five-year term on the board of directors at the annual meeting.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	60	37	—
Saturday	62	37	—
Sunday	65	40	.04
Monday	63	43	.02
Tuesday	67	40	—
Wednesday	73	45	—
Thursday	69	41	—

Maximum temperature, 73.
Minimum, 37.
Rainfall for the week was .06 of an inch. Total for the year is 7.72 inches.