

Conservation Tour Planned For May 24

Hosts this year for Morrow county farmers and a group from the Central Wasco and Southern Umatilla Soil Conservation Districts, the supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation District look forward to a big event for their annual conservation tour Wednesday, May 24, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary for the district, and county extension agent.

Because of the outstanding conservation work in the district, these two neighboring districts have indicated a desire to bring a delegation of their farm people to Morrow county to see some of the work being done. The two districts expect a delegation of over 100 people which will come by chartered bus. Arrangements have been made for this same means of travel by farmers in the Heppner district who choose to attend the tour. The group will meet at the Fairgrounds in Heppner at 9:30 where buses will be loaded. The group will return at 3:30.

The tour will visit a great variety of conservation practices established in the Heppner-Lexington, and Ione areas throughout the day. While five stops are scheduled for the day, guides on each bus will explain practices as the tour progresses. Conservation practices to be seen during the day will be strip cropping, grass waterways, stubble mulch farming, grass seedings, farmstead windbreaks, diversion ditches, farm ponds, and contour seedings.

Those participating in the tour are asked to bring a sack lunch which will be eaten at the Vernon Munkers ranch at noon. Hosts, Vernon and Faye Munkers, will provide coffee and cold drinks.

Mary Ethel LaTrace Dies Monday

Services for Mary Ethel LaTrace, 58, who died May 15 at Pioneer Memorial hospital, were held at 2 p. m. today at All Saints' Episcopal church, the Rev. Bruce Spencer officiating.

Mrs. LaTrace had been a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital for 10 months prior to her death. She was born June 23, 1903 at South Sioux City, Neb. She and her husband had lived in the Heppner area for 36 years, where he had farmed until his recent retirement.

She was a member of All Saints' Episcopal church and Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Heppner; one daughter, Mrs. Beverly J. Buchanan, Hermiton; one brother, James Heath, Missoula, Mont., and three grandchildren.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Justice and Municipal Court

Charles Robert Ramsey, restricted U-turn, fined \$15.00.

Ray W. Unger, reverse U-turn, fined \$5.00.

John S. Akers, reckless driving, fined \$75.00, ten days suspended jail sentence, recommendation of suspension of driver's license.

Crowded Conditions Create Problems In Heppner Schools

By AVON MELBY

Typical of what is happening in crowded schools of the nation is the situation at Heppner Elementary School, where more than 100 children and four teachers hold classes daily in one large room originally intended as a multi-purpose room.

To meet the demand for classroom space Morrow county school district board last summer authorized the construction of four temporary rooms in the multi-purpose room. Twelve-foot-high three-quarter-inch plywood was used to divide the rooms. This is topped by a four foot canvas "to cut down on noise." Circulation is promoted by the installing of air vents above each room. Since the alternative was to hold classes in church basements or some other outside school location, or going on double shift basis, the decision seemed the best possible solution at the time.

Even the addition of these four rooms did not provide all the space necessary to care for the enlarged enrollment. Elementary singing classes are taught on the multi-purpose stage, divided from the classrooms below only by stage curtains.

Nobody is satisfied with the set-up. Teachers and students alike are doing the best they can under adverse conditions only because they know the situation could not be helped this year. There is no ceiling over the

Maxine Van Dusen Killed In Auto Wreck

Maxine Van Dusen, Monument, was killed instantly Tuesday afternoon in a head-on collision with a loaded logging truck one mile north of Monument. Her three small sons were injured.

Two of the oldest boys were flown to Blue Mountain hospital in John Day, the youngest was taken there by car. Reports Wednesday were that two were to be released today, the other suffered a head injury which would confine him to the hospital for some time though his condition was not considered serious. The boys are John, Fred and Ralph. One is 7 years old, the other two younger. Nothing could be learned here of which one was the most seriously hurt.

Mrs. Van Dusen's husband, Lyle, was killed when dragged by a horse at the family ranch home near Monument last July 25. His parents are old time pioneers here.

Mrs. Van Dusen has a mother and father and married sister living in California. She also has a small daughter.

Her body was taken to Driscoll Mortuary, John Day. Services will be held at the Monument Community church at 2 p. m. Friday with the Rev. Kenneth Thomas officiating.

Gayle James Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox has been elected secretary for Kappa Kappa Psi, a National Honorary music fraternity organization on the Oregon State University campus. Gayle is a sophomore majoring in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek and boys were in Portland Saturday and returned home Sunday.

A group of the town team of Ione are in the process of organizing a baseball team and wish to let everyone interested know that on Sunday, May 21 they will meet at the Ione School turf at 2:00 p. m. to get things underway. Anyone interested in playing baseball is urged to attend.

rooms to cut noise of the adjacent classes and visiting there is reminiscent of the old-fashioned one-room schools where several students were reciting to monitors on different subjects at once. Each class attempts to keep its disturbance of others at a minimum but in many cases students simply cannot hear their teachers. No physical solution can be provided because adding a ceiling to each room would cut down further on ventilation, which is already had with no outside windows to help the air vents. There are two sixth grade classes, one fifth, and one remedial reading class, as well as the stage singing classes, all using the one room with mixed air at the top. This is a long way from the air conditioning recommended for modern classrooms by health authorities.

The children attending these classes are not the only ones affected. The multi-purpose room was originally meant for indoor play in inclement weather; no such area now exists and when weather is bad children all must play in the high school gym or be returned to their classrooms immediately following lunch. There is no recess, because there is no play area. The high school gym must also serve 184 high school students as their only covered area for active play during the noon hours, and is occupied with physical education classes during school hours, so is not available for recess use for lower grades.

Thus the health of all children in the Heppner schools is adversely affected by the lack of use of the multi-purpose room as originally intended.

The crowded conditions in Heppner are the result of increased pupil load, though it may have been aggravated by consolidation. The children are here now, and there is no letup in sight; expectations are for more first graders next year than this year. The increase, according to school authorities, can be expected to continue.

Heppner elementary school was completed in 1956 at a cost of \$258,000 and was thought at that time to provide ample classroom space for many years to come. That such has not been the case is the fault of no one, as contributing factors could not be determined at the time of construction. The present school board has started construction of an eight-room unit at a new school site west of Heppner, to take care of students next year. Eight rooms are considered necessary as the seventh and eighth grades have been using part of the high school building for the past several years and will no longer be able to do so because the large number of students in high school next year will prohibit that use of the building. A six room unit was planned out of the \$130,000 included as the first year of a special four-year levy for building purposes passed last year. By this spring, school authorities realized that six rooms would not provide the necessary space, and they arranged to complete the six rooms and build the shell of two more rooms for the budgeted \$130,000. The 1961-62 school budget included \$20,000 to finish the inside of these two rooms, making the eight-room unit complete. The budget was rejected at the polls by county taxpayers and has been revised to include \$15,000 for completion of these two rooms. Construction has already started.

Voting on the budget will take place throughout the county-wide district Friday, May 19. Whether or not students of Heppner elementary school will again be using the multi-purpose room for classes, or whether it will be available for its original purpose, will be determined by the vote of the people.

Mrs. Robert Pfeiffer and her mother, Mrs. James Murray of Portland, visited Mrs. Pfeiffer's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howard, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson and family, Condon, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French over the week-end. They spent Mother's Day at the home of Mrs. Edgar Denton, Heppner, mother of both Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. French.

Some from Heppner who attended Mother's Week-end festivities at Eastern Oregon college were Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Brown, Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie, Mrs. Earl Soward, Mrs. J. R. Huffman, and Mrs. Alma Morgan.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

County Court met in regular session on April 5, 1961. The minutes of the previous term were read and approved. The Morrow County Budget Committee will meet on May 18, 1961. An agreement was made between the County of Morrow and Gar Leyva as to the Lexington Airport. The Court ordered the bond posted by L. D. Lindsay, in the matter of the vacation of certain roads, returned to him. An agreement was made between the County of Morrow, by and through its County Court, and the State Tax Commission, as to a property appraiser for the appraisal maintenance program.

The following warrants were issued on the General Fund:

E. O. Ferguson, County Court	5.00
Milton Biegel, County Ct.	33.92
Pub. Emp. Ret. Bd., Soc. Sec. 405.11, Sal. 157.10	
State Tax Comm., Sal.	361.70
St. Ind. Acc. Comm., Sal.	24.82
First Nat'l Bk., Sal.	655.25
N. W. Hosp. Serv., Sal. 100.30, DA 9.50, Ins. 52.00	161.80
Heppner Auto Sales, Sher. Car	4.49
Texaco, Inc., Sher. Car	40.22
Standard Oil Co., Sher. Car	55.14
Heppner Gazette-Times, Off. Pub. 25.74, Sher. Inc. 15.53, Tax Coll. 27.75	69.04

HOSPITAL NEWS

Clarence Leonard, Drain, dismissed; Vivian Haguewood, Heppner; Kenneth Blake, Heppner; Eddie Thorpe, Sr., Heppner; Beulah Shook, Kinzua; Mary Umphrey, Condon; Mildred Wright, Heppner, dismissed; Roger Asher, Spray; Tacie Parker, Heppner; Ronnie Sherman, Heppner, dismissed; David Hynd, Heppner; Nettie Denton, Heppner; Matthew Mueller, Heppner, dismissed; Richard Struckmeyer, Heppner, dismissed; Maude Robison, Heppner; Henry Happold, Heppner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson, Heppner, a 7 pound, 5 ounce son, Robert Dean, born May 12.

C. J. D. Bauman, Sher. Inc.	8.00
Phil's Pharmacy, Sher. Inc.	2.95
Haloid Xerox Inc., Sher. Inc.	11.25
Cik's Inc.	2.10
Sadie Parrish, Co. Cik, Cik's Inc.	5.00
Roderick Thomson, Assess. Inc.	19.58
Phil's Pharmacy, Assess. Inc.	28.17
Wm. Labhart, Assess. Fid. Work	18.00
Humphreys Drug, Assess. Inc.	2.94
R. B. Rands, Just. Ct.	25.00
J. O. Turner, Cir. Ct.	30.00
Thomson Bros., Jail Exp.	12.38
Union Oil Co., Nurse's Car	3.35
J. K. Gill Co., H. Nurse	11.63
Ford's Tire Serv., H. Nurse's Car	3.95
Standard Oil Co., H. Nurse's Car	34.50
Humphreys Drug Co., H. Nurse	12.07
Pacific Power & Light, Cthse.	109.41
Verd-A-Ray Corp., Cthse. Repairs	82.51
Central Mkt. & Groc., Jail Exp. 1.14, Cthse. 1.78	2.92
City Water Department, Cthse.	7.50
Case Furn. Co., Cthse. Repairs	11.72
Herman Green, Cthse. Tumb-A-Lum Lbr. Co., Cthse. Rep.	3.00
Bruce Bothwell, Cthse. Rep.	78.00
Packer-Scott Co., Cthse. Inc.	23.84
Oregon St. Bur. of Labor, Cthse. Inc.	4.00
Mahoney & Abrams, D. A.	15.03
Mahoney & Abrams, D. A.	46.50
Wallace H. Wolff, M.D. Mentally Ill	7.50
Turner, Van Marter & Bryant, Ins.	2085.17
Ore. Blue Print Co., Cur. Exp.	12.53
Vernon C. Pethers, Treas. Inc.	42.50
Roy Johnson, Sher., Jail Exp.	33.75
Economy Mkt. & Lockers, Jail Exp.	5.26
Velma R. Glass, R.N., H. Nurse	21.50
Herbert W. White, Jr., Cir. Ct.	20.21
Turner, Van Marter & Bryant, Bonds	25.00
H. J. Stroeber, Cthse. Rep.	10.00
Richfield Oil Corp., Sher. Car	6.66
Pac. Tel. N.W., Civ. Def.	15.00
Oscar E. Peterson, Co. Ct.	4.00

The Flax Co., Cik's, Inc.	4.00
Rachel Harnett, Museum Fund	100.00
Ford's Tire Serv., Sher. Car	1.50
W. E. Finzer & Co., Cik's, Inc. 12.44, Assess. Inc.	14.18
Marshall & Stevens Co., Assess. Inc.	30.00
Oregon St. Tax Comm., Fid. Wk.	2000.00
Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op, Civ. Def.	10.55
Pac. Tel. N.W., Cur. Exp.	106.91
Underwood Corp., Sher. New Equip.	200.00

The following warrants were issued on the General Fund:

Sadie Parrish, Co. Cik	16.55
Pac. Power & Light	15.24
City Water Dept.	4.25
Pub. Emp. Ret. Bd.	248.01
St. Tax Comm.	463.50
St. Ind. Acc. Comm.	229.35
First Nat'l Bank	902.40
Piri L. Howell	181.30
Paul Pettyjohn Co.	7.92
Umatilla Elec. Co-op Assoc.	1.00
Tryco Equip. Co.	.93
Heppner Auto Parts	60.95
Gilliam & Bisbee Hdwe.	3.41
Pendleton-Heppner Fr. Lines	44.28
Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op	26.32

Union Pac. Railroad	500.42
Akers Motor Service	1.50
John A. Pfeiffer	2.20
Stone Mach. Co.	35.73
Bert Kane	4.50
Union Oil Co.	1,373.53
N.W. Ind. Ldry.	7.12
Howard Cooper Corp.	321.55
Foenaughty Mach. Co.	103.77
Oregon Motor Service	20.35
Barratt Sales Co.	16.80
Ind. Air Prod. Co.	22.79
A. W. Davis Supply Co.	55.51
English & Co.	275.00
Clyde Equip. Co.	457.17
Ford's Tire Service	772.44
Lexington Imp. Co.	500.00
State Hwy. Comm.	216.14
Standard Oil Co. of Cal.	171.79
Union Pac. Railroad	576.00
Oregon St. Hwy. Dept.	15,500.00
Columbia Basin Elec. Co-op	38.84
Pac. Tel. N.W.	10.30
Shell Oil Co.	50.74

The following warrants were issued on the Misc. Funds:

Commerce Clearing House	135.00
Law Library	22.50
Howard H. Fegert, Dog Fund	22.50
James W. Norene, D.V.M., Dog Fund	23.75
A. C. Barnekoff & Son, Alcohol Enforcement	91.80
Pioneer Mem. Hosp., Hosp. Maint. Fund	481.86



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Teacher Learns a Lesson

Fuzzy Goodwin may hold a half-dozen important positions around town—chairman of the school board included—but he's still the same modest fellow that I grew up with.

At the last PTA meeting, Fuzzy made a point of getting together with some new teachers. One of them, a lady with some strong ideas about education claimed that none of the others had gone to the right college—hers.

"Well, Miss, that isn't so bad," Fuzzy told her. "One of our board members didn't even

go to high school, let alone college." "No! Who?" she said. "Me," he said.

From where I sit, some of us want people to be carbon copies of ourselves. But that isn't the American way. Our heritage of freedom implies the right to be different, even in little things—like your choice of tea or coffee and my preference of a glass of beer. I say "be yourself" and no "studying up" to be like each other.

Joe Marsh

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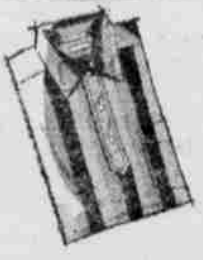
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