

R-I Board Eyes Plan to Move School Office to Lexington

Moving of the office of the county school superintendent to a more central location in the county was considered by directors of Morrow county school district R-1 at their regular meeting in the courthouse Monday night. Location receiving most attention as a possibility is that of the second floor of the Lexington school. Supt. Robert Van Houte said that this would furnish more room than the present quarters in the county courthouse and would utilize space that is not being used in the school. Room for storage of books and other needs would be ample.

and directors agreed that this location would be more central to patrons of the district. The board asked the superintendent to check on costs for this use before making a decision on the matter. In the "routine" session that considered a wide variety of business and extended until midnight, the board elected D. O. Nelson of Lexington as chairman and Harvey Warner of Irrigon vice chairman for the coming year. Nelson succeeds L. E. Dick, of Heppner as chairman. Directors sworn in: Two re-elected directors, War-

ner and Dick Wilkinson of Heppner, each of whom were previously appointed to serve out terms of resigned members, were sworn in, and a third, Robert Fucard of Boardman, who was elected at the annual school election and replaces Harold Baker, also took the oath as a director. In other items of business, the board considered the opening of bids on construction of a new high school at Lone, set for July 25; heard a report from Attorney Bob Abrams on an opinion from Attorney General Bob Thornton regarding districts which fail to approve budgets for a fiscal year;

re-appointed Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, clerk, at a salary of \$400 per year and Mrs. Shirley Loyd as secretary of the district at a salary of \$200; authorized clerk's bond of \$25,000; accepted the resignation of Richard Waymire as 7th and 8th grade teacher at Boardman; tendered contracts to five new teachers; heard of six vacancies yet remaining on the county's school staff; considered adding a teacher to the Boardman school staff; heard a report from Supt. Van Houte on the progress of the new school building at Heppner; considered problems concerning

water presented to the district by the city council relative to the new building; talked of improvements to be made to the school at Irrigon this summer; discussed opening of school bus bids set for Friday at 2 p. m.; called a special meeting for Friday night to review the bids and considered the non-certified staff of the district; discussed possible replacement of some of the district's smaller and "older vintage" vehicles; approved call for bids for a car for the superintendent's office; appointed Dick as contact man to represent the board in transactions with

the State Planning and Development Commission; considered the matter of transporting students to the new school at Heppner; and decided to call the new building "Unit-A" temporarily while it serves as a grade school. State Opinion Given Attorney Abrams said that under the opinion of the attorney-general which was sought relative to the plight of the district earlier this year when the budget was twice defeated before being approved, a district might be placed in the position of not being able to operate its schools because of failure to ap-

prove a budget and yet being liable for payment of teacher contracts which, under law, must be tendered earlier in the spring. These must be paid even though the teachers do not teach in the hypothetical situation considered. Teachers who will be extended contracts include James Sutherland now of Montana as social studies teacher, football coach and Jayvee basketball coach at Heppner high school; Donald McClure, who has taught in Douglas county and in California, who will teach biology (Continued on Page 6)

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Rodeo Kickoff Hop Set for Saturday

Queen Joan Moe and her court attended the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday and issued a special invitation to chamber members to attend their dances, beginning with the kickoff dance Saturday night in the fair pavilion.

The girls are introduced to the public at the kickoff dance and then each is honored at her own dance in ensuing weeks.

The queen and princesses were introduced to chamber members by their official chaperone, Mrs. John Eubanks, lone. Each girl named her sponsor and the date of her dance.

Princess Marlene Fetsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, Lexington, will be honored at the July 22 dance at the fairgrounds. She is sponsored by Lexington Grange.

Princess Ronnie Belisma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon O'Brien, Heppner, is sponsored by the Lena community. Her dance will be July 29 at the fairgrounds.

Princess Pat Partlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Partlow, Boardman, will reign at her dance August 5, at the fairgrounds. She is sponsored by the Boardman Tillicum club.

Princess Sandra Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, lone, will be honored at a dance at the lone Legion hall August 12. She is sponsored by Willows Grange.

The Queen's dance, honoring

Winners Claim 41 Lucky Bucks

Mrs. C. N. Jones was the Lucky winner of \$25 in the Lucky Buck drawing Saturday in downtown Heppner. Others who were present when their names were called and the prizes they received were: Snoda Blake, \$10; Mrs. Edgar Morris, \$5.00 and Grace Nickerson, \$1.00.

A total of \$55.00 was listed for claiming in this drawing. Those who would have won had they been present in any of the 61 participating business establishments at 2:30 p. m. were: Jim McGhee, The Dalles, \$5.00; Roberta Evans, \$5.00; Edith Munkers, \$1.00; Lawrence Williams, \$1.00; Kathryn Webb, \$1.00 and Fred Hoskins, Sr., \$1.00.

Hospital Room Rates Increased

Room rates at the Pioneer Memorial hospital will be increased effective July 15. Will O'Hara, administrator, announces. Rate in a 2-bed ward will be \$20 per day, as compared with the previous \$18, and a private room will cost \$21.50 per day as compared with \$19.50. The increase was ordered by the hospital board of directors.

Portland hospital rates were raised to \$22.50 on July 1, for a semi-private room (2-bed ward), O'Hara said.

The raise here was necessitated by a general wage increase requested by the Oregon Nurses' association.

At the present time no raise in rates is contemplated in the Pioneer hospital nursing home.

the 1961 queen, Joan Moe, will be held August 19 at the Heppner fairgrounds. Queen Joan, sponsored by the Rodeo Association, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe, Heppner.

Because of the Shrine Game in Pendleton on August 26 there will be no dance here that night.

The Rodeo starts with a horse show Friday, Sept. 1. The big parade will be held Saturday, Sept. 2. There will also be an afternoon show and an evening show at the rodeo arena. A Rodeo dance will be held at the fairgrounds following the evening show.

Sunday afternoon the final rodeo show will be held.

City's 2-Way Police Radio Speeds Emergency Calls

A two-way radio system which ties in the city police car, the county sheriff's car, a deputy sheriff's car and the ambulance went into effect here this week. The cars can talk to operators either at the city hall or the courthouse.

A day and night operation from the city hall is now in effect. An emergency number,



REV. KENNETH ROBINSON, new pastor of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches, arrived in Heppner with his family June 30 to begin serving the churches.

Loyal R. Parker Dies at Home

Loyal R. Parker, 66, died Wednesday morning at his home following a long illness. Parker was owner of Heppner Hardware and Electric store.

He was born Jan. 26, 1895, at Gold Hill, the son of Curtis P. and Matilda A. Parker. They moved to a homestead near Lexington when he was five. Parker graduated from Lexington high school and worked on his father's ranch. He was a fireman first class in the U. S. Navy in World War I.

On June 1, 1929, he married Etta Devin, at Heppner and soon after worked for the U. S. Forest Service for about five years. He later was manager of Lexington Oil Co-op until 1945 when he went into the hardware and electric business in Heppner.

Parker was a member of the First Christian church of Heppner, past master of Heppner lodge No. 69, A.F. & A.M. and at the time of his death, was secretary of Heppner Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, past exalted ruler of Heppner Lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E., a member of American Legion Post No. 87 at Heppner, and of the Lexington Grange.

He is survived by his wife, Etta, Heppner; three brothers, Frank E., Heppner; Lester C., Gold Hill, and O. C. Parker, Santa Rosa, Calif.; one sister, Imogene Harris, Pendleton; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Christian church with the Rev. Charles Knox officiating. Military commitment will be at Heppner Masonic cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contribution may be made to the Christian Church Memorial Scholarship fund.

Friends are invited to call at the mortuary.

Ranger Declares Fire Danger High

Due to the extreme hot, dry weather, safety precautions are necessary by those going into the woods, Sam Miller, U. S. Forest Service ranger, says.

City Water Users Urged to Conserve

City water users this week were urged to use care with water because of the warm weather and demands on the water system.

Vic Groshens, superintendent of the water department, said, "We are approaching a critical period in our water supply, and all users are asked to use water wisely. Please do not waste it."

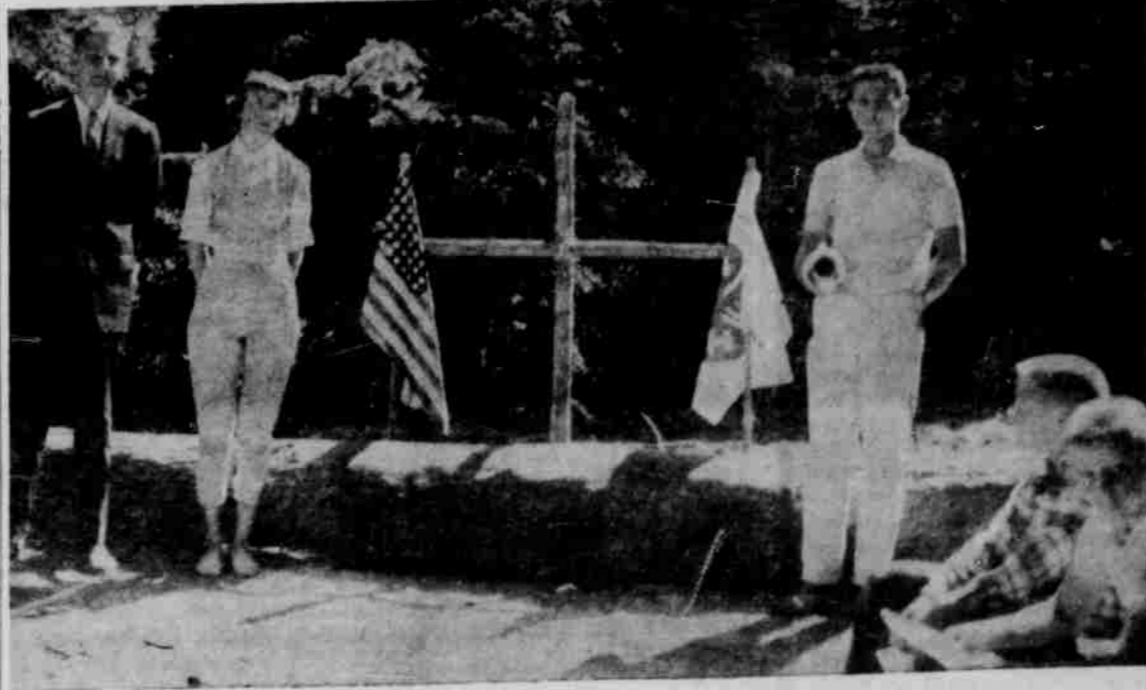
"Individuals who wish to remove firewood, posts, poles, or other forest products from the national forest lands must have a written permit from the Heppner district ranger," he pointed out.

The fire danger is now critical and will be extreme if the present hot weather continues. Regulations require that anyone operating a power saw or any power equipment in woods must carry a fire extinguisher, an axe and a shovel. People camping overnight must carry an axe, a shovel and a water bucket.

Miller said he would greatly appreciate cooperation in abiding by these regulations. They are made to protect the woods and for the safety of the people involved.

Swim Team to Meet

Members of the Heppner swimming team are asked to meet with instructor Mrs. Bill Leebhart at the pool on Monday, July 17, at 1:00 p. m.



PASTOR DAVID BAUER, Heppner; Jean Martin, and Bob Rice, lone, conducted a special 4-H Sunday service at the Morrow county 4-H camp held July 6 through 9 at Cutsforth Park. The service was conducted for the 54 campers in the newly-erected log council ring on the camp grounds.

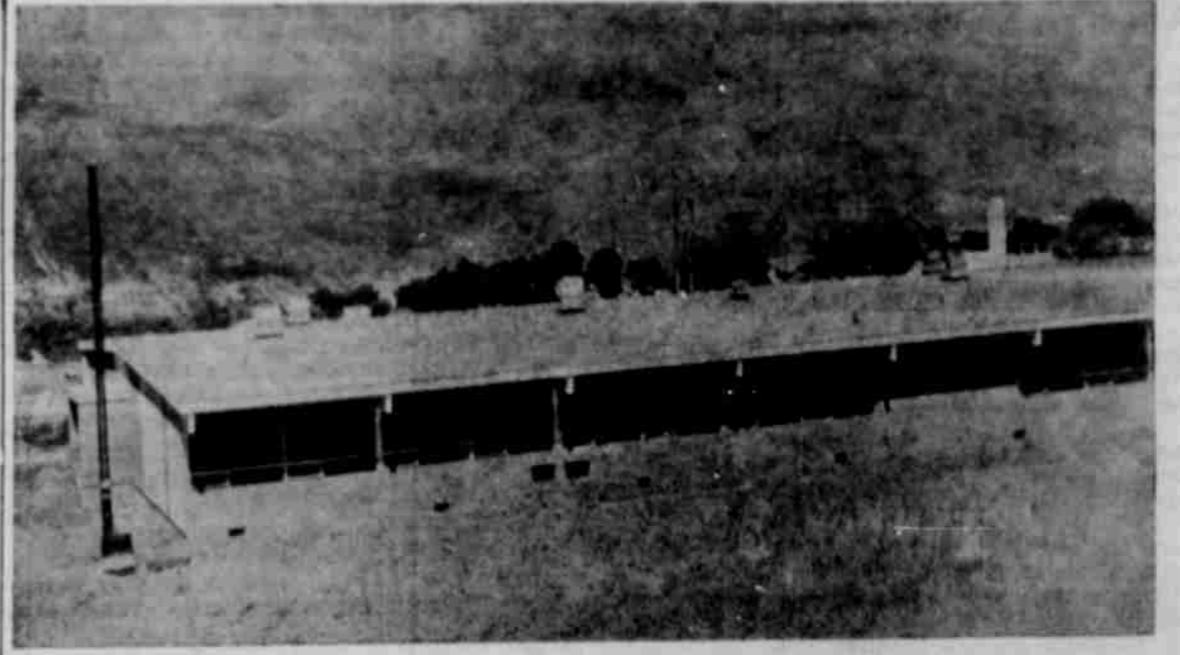
Memorial Flag Ceremony Impresses

A large delegation of friends, relatives and 4-H campers attended a service in memory of former 4-H member, Bernard Doherty were impressed by the ceremony dedicating a flag pole, American and 4-H flags and a memorial plaque Sunday. The service was held at the conclusion of the 11th annual 4-H Summer Camp at Herron Creek.

The flag pole-plaque memorial was provided by friends of Bernard an active 4-H member who was killed in an auto accident in February, 1960. An eight-

year member he was active in all 4-H activities and carried beef, sheep, swine and saddle horse projects. Participating in 4-H and many other school, church and community activities he left a host of friends who wished to erect this memorial. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doherty, Lexington.

Participating in the ceremony, Father H. Raymond Beard emphasized that some people live a simple, satisfying life leaving a host of friends to be remembered by. Bernard, while



NEARING FINISH earlier than expected is the new school at Heppner which gave this appearance from the south side this week. Started April 10 by Bechtel Bros. contractors, the school now points towards an August 15 completion date. A total of 180 6th, 7th and 8th graders will start classes in the 8-room unit this fall. (Melby Photo)

New Building Ahead of Schedule; Completion May Be August 15

Construction of the new school at Heppner is proceeding ahead of schedule and it now appears that it will be completed before the previous expected date and will be finished by August 15, Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent, reports.

The name of Unit-A has been adopted for the present by the board for the new school which

will be used for elementary children until such time as it is completed as a new high school to serve students from Heppner and Lexington. A name for the high school will be chosen later.

Grain Elevators Near Rush Season; Crop Damage Seen

All Morrow County Grain Grower elevators are now operating with the harvest season nearing full swing, according to Al Lamb, manager.

Lamb said the peak in grain deliveries is expected to hit about the middle of next week. Grain is now coming in lightly at all stations except the North Lexington elevator, which is at its peak.

Damage to the golden harvest from last month's extreme dry heat has been noted at North Lexington. Barley is running a light test weight and yielding about three-fourths ton to the acre.

Wheat is also running a light test weight and is yielding not over 20 bushels to the acre.

Both yields are running considerably below last year's yields as to quality and quantity," Lamb said.

The pinched grain comes from the area most susceptible to damage at the time of the unusual heat spell, due to the stage of maturity of the crop at that time.

"We are not making estimates on the other areas and we cannot tell at this time how much damage may have been suffered to the total crop," Lamb said. He indicated that there is a good chance some areas may not have been adversely effected at all by the heat wave.

Because of the smaller crop, less employees are needed at the elevators. Ample storage is expected for the harvest at the elevators. Most government grain has been shipped and the crop is not expected to tax the space available.

The normal barley crop in the county brings in \$1,000,000. Wheat runs, in a normal year, about a \$4,000,000 crop.

Twirling to Start

Youngsters wishing to start baton twirling are reminded to report to the high school music room at 9 a. m. Saturday. Gordon Hutchins, Champion American Legion drum major, will be instructor.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	76	42	—
Saturday	78	44	—
Sunday	84	52	—
Monday	91	40	—
Tuesday	92	55	—
Wednesday	96	58	—
Thursday	100	65	—
Maximum temperature, 100.			
Minimum, 40.			
No rainfall for the week. Total for the year is 9.57 inches.			

Approximately 180 students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in Heppner will use the building for classes beginning with the new school year. Transportation for students needing it will be provided from the Heppner Elementary school building at 8:30 a. m. daily during the school year, board members decided Monday night. Buses will take students to the new building following discharging of pupils from their regular runs.

Unit-A is an eight room building of wood frame with brick veneer. It is set on the hill west of town. Two access roads are being constructed and will be in use before the beginning of the fall term. A new road west of the school will connect with the county road near the slaughter house. This is under construction by the county and is expected to be in use by the end of this week. The road from Morgan street is to be changed, as the 17 per cent grade was judged too steep. Clark and Groff, engineers, Salem, surveyed a new approach about 10 days ago, for the city. As soon as specifications and blueprints for the new roadbed are received, work is expected to begin on its construction. The old road will be extended further west, making a longer approach and a wider turn, as well as a lower grade. A one-way grid pattern for vehicles is planned with traffic routed up Morgan street and out the county road to the slaughter house.

A shorter route walk with asphalt covering will be provided for children walking to school. A feature of the new building is the heat pumps which will provide air conditioning and heat. There is no other heating plant in conjunction with the building. Auxiliary heat is provided by electric units, but is not necessary unless the temperature falls to 20 degrees. The reverse pumps are inexpensive to operate, automatically provide filtered air and steady temperature control to each room. If a room becomes overheated the individual control snaps on the air conditioning so that body heat generated by occupants of the room will not raise the temperature beyond a healthful point. Conversely, if a room is unoccupied for a time, the heating unit keeps a level temperature in that room without effecting adjacent rooms. Ed Dick, board member, said that the heat pumps are expected to add to the general educational program by providing the best possible controlled temperature.

Architects for Unit-A are Hay-slip & Tuft, Portland. Bechtel Brothers, La Grande, are contractors. The building is being constructed at an approximate cost of \$145,000. Of this \$130,000 comes from a special serial levy and \$15,000 from budgeted school funds.