

Spring Concert Date Moved to Wednesday

Parents and friends of music students, who have given much time through the year to improve in band and chorus work, will have the opportunity to hear the 125 young people in a spring concert Wednesday evening, May 23, in the gymnasium auditorium at 8 p. m.

The concert, previously scheduled for this Friday evening, was postponed until Wednesday, due to the illness this week of the music director, Arnold Melby, and his inability to attend rehearsals.

Opening the program will be the seventh and eighth grade honor band. Besides the band members two soloists will be featured, Steve Warren on the sousaphone and Martha Peck with an alto saxophone solo.

The high school chorus has chosen four vocal numbers, with student accompanists, Carol Burkenbine, Kathy Melby and Judy Schmidt at the piano.

A varied group of numbers will be played by the high school band, made up of several outstanding and capable students in each instrument division.

Varsity-Faculty To Vie In Night Baseball Game

The Heppner High school varsity baseball team will seek to break a 3 to 3 tie in games with the faculty and senior baseball experts when they meet Thursday evening under the lights at the rodeo field.

The seventh annual duel will test each team over a span of five innings to see if youth can triumph over age and experience.

Stated for starting pitcher for the varsity is this year's veteran, Kenny Smith. The faculty will adopt two high school seniors, Larry Green and Laddie Dick, to do their pitching.

Graduation Programs Set For May 27, 29

Graduating seniors will get final examinations out of the way May 24 and 25 and don cap and gown for baccalaureate services in the school gymnasium Sunday, May 27.

Guest commencement speaker will be Hester Turner, dean of women at Lewis and Clark college, Portland.

Girls Inspire First Public Flower Show Here May 26

Heppner has in prospect, as far as is known, its first public spring flower show, which will be staged in the showroom of Heppner Auto Sales on Saturday, May 26.

- 1. All amateur gardeners are invited to exhibit, with one entry allowed in each class or class subdivision.
2. Entries will be received from 8 to 10 a. m. Saturday, May 26.
3. Containers for the horticulture classes will be furnished by the show.

General chairman is Jeanne Stockard, club president, assisted by the leader, Mrs. William Rawlins. Other committee chairmen are Lynn Burkenbine, staging; Judy Smith, publicity; Joan Stockard, judges; Jean Stewart, entries, and Janis Baker, hospitality.

The following general rules are made for exhibitors: 1. All amateur gardeners are invited to exhibit...

Several of the band and chorus students took part in the "Music in May" festival in Forest Grove this past week-end. Money received from sale of tickets for the concert is added to the scholarship fund, used to send deserving students to summer music schools and to aid others in entering college study this fall, according to Mr. Melby.

Al Lamb Writes From Chad; Sees Native Dances

Mayor Al Lamb of Heppner has arrived in Africa with the Trade Mission of which he is a member and wrote to the Gazette-Times on May 7 of his trip to date.

Writing from Ft. Lamy, he said, "I arrived here yesterday morning about 7 a. m. It wasn't overly hot here then but certainly warmed by noon. Stopped a day in Paris, Nice day in London, but it rained all day in Paris."

"Went to the native market and native quarters yesterday. There are almost 4000 Europeans and 96,000 Chadians here in this city. My visit in the native city and with them was really something. The people here (Chads) are very friendly. Saw a native spear dance and heard the bongo drums. Was alone there part of the time but felt perfectly safe."

"Visited the foreign minister, the minister of agriculture and commerce, and the president of Chad. The Chad Chamber of Commerce and mayors are giving us a reception tonight. Will have our first conferences with business men and plain Chadians this afternoon. This is an agricultural nation. Am in a very nice hotel here with air conditioning. Hotel overlooks the river and I can see a Cameroon native village across it. So long for now. Sincerely, Al Lamb."

Annual Poppy Sales To Get Underway

Mrs. Frank Hamlin, American Legion auxiliary president, announced the annual Poppy Day on Friday, May 25. The poppy committee, headed by Mrs. Oma Cox, has been busy making corsages and readying the poppies for the event.

Sales will be conducted from the entrance to the J. C. Penney store and auxiliary members' daughters will assist in the house-to-house campaign.

These poppies, worn in honor of more than a half-million American war dead and nearly one million wounded during both World Wars and the Korean conflict, are made by veterans in hospitals and workshops in states. Disabled servicemen are paid for each hand-made red crepe paper poppy, and the materials are furnished free by the American Legion auxiliary in the states where the hospitals are located. All proceeds from the poppy sales go directly to aid disabled veterans or members of their families.

Auxiliary volunteers and Rainbow girls will work Friday and Saturday to help make the Poppy Day program a success and help the veterans of the wars. Mrs. Hamlin asks each citizen to do his part by wearing a poppy May 25 and 26.



LOOKING LIKE a man from MARS as he surveys the Elks club building after the fire was brought under control Friday is Fire Chief Charles Ruggles (left). Conferring with him is LeRoy Gardner, past exalted ruler of the Elks. (G-T Photo)

Reisch Accepts Post as Special Services Director

Darrel Reisch, administrative principal at lone for the past year, Wednesday accepted the position of director of special services of Morrow County School District R-1. He was recently offered contract for the new position that was created at the April meeting of the school board.

Robert Van Houte, county school administrator, said that as special services director, Reisch will have broad duties. He will be in charge of the program for the mentally retarded, he will supervise the district-wide program of testing, he will be in charge of student and parent counseling except in the personal relationship between faculty and students, he will be in charge of transportation in the district, he will supervise a program of summer education, he will develop a program for the "educationally able and gifted," and he will handle the Future Teacher program.

Reisch will also operate a school district public relations program. In the area of transportation, he will act in a supervisory capacity and will supervise bus servicing and repairs. He will review and revise bus routes, keep transportation records, schedule the activity bus, handle bus bid specifications and bus bid information, and work on improvement of safety. Bus drivers will be under his supervision, but pupil discipline will remain the responsibility of the local administrator.

In the area of student and parent counseling, with special emphasis at lone and Riverside, he will analyze test results at the high school level, give occupational, personality and achievement tests, counsel students and parents about vocational training and college opportunities, and maintain records.

The new director will work in the area of evaluating and ordering tests. Van Houte said, and when requested by the administrator, will develop and supervise a local testing program. He will develop district-wide reports on the program, and develop forms so that staff members can interpret test results.

In his public relations capacity, he will be liaison for news media for the district, and he will edit the monthly school district newsletter. He will also organize preparation of brochures when needed, and when called upon, will organize speakers and programs for community meetings.

As advisor to Future Teacher organization, Reisch will meet with student groups of Future Teachers and he will assist in organization of a chapter in this county.

Salary for the position has been fixed at \$8354 per year.

Awards Assembly Set For Tuesday Evening

A full evening will be given to the recognition of outstanding student achievements in Heppner High school the past year at the annual Awards Assembly, 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, in the high school gymnasium.

In previous years, the assembly has been held during school hours and for students only. The change to an evening hour will make it possible for parents and interested friends, as well as students, to attend the assembly, and is open to the public.

Honors which students have earned throughout the year will be recognized and letters in sports and awards in other departments will be given. Scholarship awards will not be announced until the night of senior graduation.

School Board Defers Action On Riverside Site Selection

Morrow county's school board at its regular meeting Monday night turned back proposals from both Boardman and Irrigon to select their respective recommended sites for relocation of Riverside High school.

A motion by Director Harvey Warner of Irrigon that the Patterson Ferry site be selected, midway between Irrigon and the interchange on the relocated stretch of the Columbia River highway now under construction, died for lack of a second.

Similarly, a motion by Director Robert Sicard of Boardman that the first six grades of the elementary school and Riverside High school be located at "site B" about a half mile south of the interchange at the junction of the bomb range road with

U. S. 30 (Interstate 80) also died for lack of a second.

Director Sicard made another attempt with the same fate. He moved that the seventh and eighth grades from the two towns be combined with the high school on site B and the first six grades go to the Houghton school at Irrigon. This, too, died for lack of a second.

Some 25 interested persons from Irrigon were present to back their position.

In the end, however, the only motion that carried on the matter—and this without a dissenting vote—was that action on the site selection be deferred until the August meeting of the board.

Members of the board, other than Warner and Sicard, took the position that too many ques-

Hearing Presents Views Of Boardman and Irrigon

A hearing was held by the Morrow County school board at Boardman May 7 for the purpose of obtaining all the facts pertaining to the relocation of the Riverside High school. Since the two towns of Boardman and Irrigon have not been able to agree on a site for the school, the board felt that the two communities should be given a chance to present each side, and then the board will decide which site will be the more suitable for the school.

Delwin Nelson, chairman of the board, was in charge of the hearing. Each town was given 45 minutes to present its facts.

Ralph Skoubo, chairman of the local advisory committee in Boardman, was the first speaker. He read a letter which had been drawn up by the committee, stating that it felt the school should be located in the city of Boardman.

The second speaker was Arthur Allen, representing the Boardman city council, who gave the history of what has been done to date on the problem of relocating the city when it is inundated by the John Day Dam.

Nathan Thorpe was the next speaker, mentioning the fact that the original plan was to have the high school located between the two towns, with the eighth grades staying in each town. At present the Boardman seventh and eighth grades go to Irrigon.

Earl McQuaw stated that Morrow county would miss a great opportunity in not putting the school in Boardman.

First speaker for Irrigon was Warren McCoy, who read a letter from the local advisory committee there, stating that it feels the school should be equal distance between the towns, and that the Patterson Ferry site is best.

Howard Gollyhorn, the second speaker for Irrigon, stated that more land would be available at the Patterson Ferry site, and that there would be plenty of room for teacherages, recreation, parking lots and bus terminals.

Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the facilities on base including the radar sets, computers and other complex electronic equipment used in the SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) system of national defense.

Other scheduled events include a jet formation fly-over, displays by the U. S. Army, movies, and a concert by the Condon High school band and other attractions designed to make the day informative and enjoyable for persons of all ages.

Refreshments will be available in the base dining hall throughout the day free of charge for all visitors.

Plans Taking Shape For Memorial Picnic

Registration for out-of-town and local residents attending the annual Pioneer Memorial Day reunion picnic May 30 will get underway at 11:00 a. m., according to Mrs. Gene Ferguson, secretary of the committee in charge. It will be held again at the Morrow county fair pavilion, with members of the Soroptimist club in charge of registration.

A buffet picnic dinner will be served at noon with the local Assembly of Rainbow girls assisting with the serving. Ladies from the Rhea Creek Home Economics club will be in charge of the kitchen.

Miss Leta Humphreys is general chairman and encourages local people to extend a special invitation now to out-of-town relatives and friends to be present.

Free buses will leave Hermiston every 20 minutes, beginning at 9:00 a. m., carrying visitors to and from the depot throughout the day. Buses will also run from Umatilla, Echo and Stanfield to the depot at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a. m.

Another possibility, he said, would be building an airstrip landing there in the future. He compared the school situation to other communities in the area that had worked out satisfactorily.

William Parker challenged Thorpe's statement that the original plan was to have the schools separate, and said that Irrigon went to Boardman to save the Boardman school when the two schools were consolidated three years ago.

Don Adams, the last speaker for Irrigon, stated that he thought the interchange being built at the Lexington cutoff junction was a man-made death trap for school buses and he did not approve of that site for the school.

Applegate Will Head Students For Next Year

Votes were cast by students of Heppner High school Tuesday noon for their choices for new officers of the student body for the coming year.

Final count showed that Shan Applegate was elected to lead the students in the office of president; Mike Smith, vice-president; Linda Valentine, secretary; Jennifer Brindle, assistant treasurer (with Laura Sumner moving up automatically to treasurer.) Bill Sherman, sergeant-at-arms, and Gail Hoskins, historian.

Karen McCurdy was chosen queen of the cheerleaders, along with Marlene Fetsch, Barbara Blake and Kathy Ray. Three songleaders were elected with Ginny Lou Turner, queen; Virginia Moore and Jean Siewert.

The election followed a student assembly when managers and candidates gave short campaign speeches, expressing their ideas on student government and functions of the student council.

Other students nominated for the above offices were John Cleveland, president; Ann Jones, student council president; Shirley Carlson and Marlene Fetsch, secretary; Ginny Lou Moore, assistant treasurer; David Proudfoot, sergeant-at-arms, and Phyllis Nelson, historian.

Ordnance Depot Bills Open House Saturday

The 574 civilian workers and military complement of seven officers at Umatilla Ordnance Depot will play host from Saturday, May 19, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., to an armed forces day crowd which will see a variety of exhibits and activities of "Power for Peace", theme of the national observance.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the main address at the afternoon program, starting at 3:15 p. m. with musical selections by the Hermiston High school band. Master of ceremonies will be Joseph E. Burns, president of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce. Invocation will be given by the Rev. Willard Cromwell of the First Christian church of Hermiston.

Bus and rail tours of the depot will continue most of the day, beginning at 9:00 a. m. Visitors will see the manifold activities of storage, maintenance, and demolition carried on at the 18,000 acre depot, Oregon's largest military installation, which was 20 years old last October.

Free movies will be shown continuously from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. These films will show military tactics, firepower, mobility, new weapons and equipment, and other interesting items.

For the evening's entertainment the officers' club is sponsoring a dance for all employees and their guests at 8:30 p. m. The dance will be held in the UOD officers' mess, and music will be furnished by "The Candle Lighters".

The post restaurant will be open from 9:00 to 3:00, and luncheon will be served from 11:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Exhibits will include the Corporal, Hercules and Ajax missiles; a sea survival display; dental prosthetic laboratory; Air Force survival gear; Naval Electronics display; small business booth; and equipment, hand tools and weapon display by Company "C" of the 379th Engineering Battalion (Amphibious/USAR) plus many other displays and attractions.

The Walla Walla Skydivers, Inc., of Walla Walla, Washington, will put on a parachute jumping exhibition during the Open House festivities, starting at 1:30 p. m.

At 2 p. m. Company "B" of the 18th Infantry of the Oregon National Guard unit in Penafonte, will give a field tactical demonstration.

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tions are yet to be answered in the north end of the county and the center of development is yet too uncertain because of the failure to choose a definite relocated town site for Boardman and because of the lack of knowledge about the Boeing development, to make an intelligent decision on site selection for the school at this time.

Chairman D. O. Nelson said, "We can't make a decision until we know all the facts. We can't pick a site and then after it is chosen, wish we had placed it somewhere else."

Director L. E. Dick declared that schools should be built for the children who attend them. "They should be located as near to the greatest number as possible," he said. "We know the geographical center there but not the center of population."

The board had met with advisory committees of Boardman and Irrigon to hear their recommendations, and it had been hoped that a decision could be reached soon thereafter. However, the committees could not reach a common agreement.

In stating the case for Irrigon, Director Warner pointed out that the school should be located some distance from the Boeing development because of expected noises and vibrations there. The Patterson Ferry site would be in the center between the towns, he pointed out.

Warren McCoy, former school board member, an member of the Irrigon committee, acted as a spokesman for the delegation from that town. When it was evident that a choice would not be made Monday night, he advised the board to pick out "two or three sites" and take options on them. Robert Van Houte, school administrator, said that 80 acres are available at Patterson Ferry site and 80 acres are also available at site B.

Director Fred Martin stated opposition to having the junior high and senior high students in one building.

William Parker of Irrigon declared that site B is located near a flyway corridor for navy planes and said that the noise would be an objection.

The question of the Army Engineers' attitude towards the relocation site came up. No one knew for certain whether it could be moved as far away as Irrigon. School District Attorney Robert Abrams said that in his attempts to find out, he was advised that the governing principle was "the continuation of service for the group being served."

The school board voted in favor of allowing school employees to apply for tax-sheltered annuities under a law passed recently by Congress. By electing to put part of their income in the annuities, the employees avoid a high tax bracket. Taxes are paid on the annuities after retirement age. The arrangement involves no cost to the district except for some additional book-keeping, it was pointed out.

Fred Nelson of lone, in the audience, spoke against the matter and asked the board to forget these "matters of tax exemptions." He felt it wrong that some school employees who are in a position to set aside funds for the annuities benefit by lower rates in the tax-sheltered plan.

Director Martin replied that if the other districts permit such benefits as provided under the law, teachers will go where they can obtain them. Gordon Pratt, Heppner administrative principal, said that teachers here had voted unanimously in favor of the plan.

Matter of a new school district office was discussed but no action was taken. Considered, but informally tabled, was an office in the George property in Heppner. Also discussed was the proposal to move the office to the Lexington elementary school but nothing was decided. Director Dick suggested that the board explore the possibility of paying rent for an office.

Mrs. Fordyce Hills of Monument was offered a contract as a first grade teacher at Lexington.

FFA Varsity Team Takes Top Honors In Stock Judging

The varsity team of Heppner High school FFA Chapter came home from an FFA Livestock Judging contest in Milton-Freewater Friday with first place honors over all teams entered in the Blue Mt. district.

The team is made up of three senior boys, Archie Ball, Gary Van Bloklund and William Rill, with Bob Fetsch and Merlin Hughes also entered in preliminary tryouts.

Kenny Wright, an alternate, placed second highest in individual scoring, with Archie taking fourth and Gary placing sixth of all boys entered in individual judging.

A freshman team also entered in competition, composed of John Wagenblast, Tony Doherty and Dean Robinson.

The boys were accompanied by their instructor, Gerald Jonsson. The varsity team will also judge at the junior livestock show in The Dalles early in June.

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