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For a Better Highway to the North

When a delegation represents Morrow county at the State Highway Commission meeting in Salem Friday, they will carry resolutions from several towns and interested organizations, urging improvement of the Willow Creek highway from Heppner to Morgan, and at the same time asking for a survey of a route over the hill from Morgan to Arlington.

Their appearance before the commission will not be a surprise to the highway officials for Morrow county has been there often. Judge Oscar Peterson has made five appearances, requesting better highways, and Gene Pierce, who will be spokesman for the local group Friday, has represented the county there at least five times.

However, the appeal for a better highway is becoming a unanimous one in the county, and the clamor is growing louder and louder. At a recent meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce development committee, Mayor Mervin (Red) Leonard said with truth that this is one matter upon which all towns and organizations in the county are in agreement.

Neighboring Gilliam county, with representatives from Arlington and Condon, are joining to speak up for the better route.

Sam Mallicoat, director of the State Department of Planning and Development, said upon his recent visit here that his department is on record as favoring the shortcut route to Arlington, and when he was contacted Monday evening by the Chamber of Commerce development committee, he said that he or a member of his staff would be at the highway hearing Friday to back the county in its efforts for the improved route.

Longtime residents who have lived on the highway for many years cannot recall when any major improvements were undertaken on the route. Some say nothing has been done, except maintenance, for 40 years. As Herb Hynd pointed out the other day, the roadbed seems unusually good, for it has held up very well, but narrowness of the highway (16 feet for most of its distance) and its many curves, some of the hairpin variety, make it unsafe for modern day travel.

When a school bus meets a big livestock truck on one of those curves, there is barely room to squeeze by. Supt. Robert Van Houtte said that one bus driver had reported some 20 "near misses" this year.

This is a matter of real concern for all residents of the county, and it is no wonder that there is near unanimous agreement on the need for a better highway.

Another important aspect to consider is the need for having a better access to reach the developing recreational areas in the Umatilla Forest. If Boeing brings in added population, these people will seek out recreational spots. The increased traffic will put added stress on the present highway that was constructed in model-T Ford days for model-T widths and speeds.

The campaign for an improved route will not quit with the meeting Friday. The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce expects to attend every commission meeting at which it can be granted a hearing until some results are attained. Support, in the form of letters, resolutions and petitions, from individuals and organizations are needed and will be welcomed.

They should be addressed to the highway commission and may be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce to be submitted to the state body.

Congratulations to the Graduates of 1962

It seems only a short time since school opened last fall, but behold! Here it is graduation time again, and the classes of 1962 at Heppner, Ione and Riverside in Morrow county will receive their diplomas in ceremonies within the coming week. Riverside commencement is Friday, May 25; Heppner's follows on Tuesday, May 20; and Ione's will be on Thursday, May 31.

In all, there are 64 seniors on the class rolls, 42 at Heppner, 11 at Ione and 13 at Riverside.

Despite the seeming shortness of the school year, these students have turned in many fine achievements in the past nine months. Their scholastic work has been high, and they have taken many honors in competition with other schools. It has been a pleasure to chronicle these achievements through the paper, but there have been so many that we realize that we haven't been able to report all of them adequately.

It may be that students of today are acquiring a renewed seriousness of purpose as they realize the opportunities of the incredible space age and at the same time recognize the increasing pressure and competition that faces them when they continue in higher education.

This was brought out at Awards Night at Heppner High Tuesday night by Principal Gordon Pratt, who expressed the feeling that the school has had its best year within his memory and at the same time the students have manifested a greater seriousness towards their studies.

While we congratulate those in Morrow county's senior classes for the honors they have attained, we reserve a special affection for the young men and women who have worked to their capacities but have attained no special distinctions. From their ranks will come some of our best citizens.

As the graduates of 1962 end their high school days, we extend our best wishes and know that we will hear more from them as they make good records in various colleges and fields of endeavor.

Schick is Chosen Parks Director

The Oregon State Highway Commission announced today that the new superintendent of the Oregon State Parks system will be Harold Schick, present director of parks for Salem, Marion and Polk Counties.

Schick, 40, a career man in the parks systems of Oregon and Michigan, will assume his new duties about June 1. He replaces Mark H. Astrup, who now heads the new landscape section in the construction division of the State Highway Department.

Schick, who lives at 1888 Wiessner Drive NE, Salem, is married and has two children. He is a veteran of the armed services and a native of Michigan.

He has a bachelor's degree in forestry and a master's degree in park management, both from Michigan State University. He has been regional director of parks in Salem, Marion and Polk counties since October, 1959. Before that he was with the Resource Development Department of Michigan State University.

Schick's new duties will include supervising the development, acquisition and maintenance of the widespread Oregon

Episcopal Youth To Attend Meet

Opportunity for members in good standing of St. Albans Guild and Servers Society of the Episcopal church to attend the national NCAA track meet in Eugene next month will be made available, according to present plans of the group, and Father C. Bruce Spencer.

Dates for the national track meet are set for June 15 and 16. Fathers of members are also invited to attend.

The following Lexingtonites and guests attended the Bowling banquet at the Pendleton Country club recently: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. Achle Munkeers, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munnigan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kilkenny, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Viall, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Devins, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Healy, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hermann.

State Parks and Recreation Division, which includes nearly 200 parks and waysides.

Arlington Woman Cited for Service To State Forests

Oregon's forest industries on May 9 presented a citation for outstanding service in advancing forestry and forest conservation to Mrs. Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington.

The presentation was made in Portland by Irvin H. Luiten of Weyerhaeuser Co., chairman of the Oregon Committee of American Forest Products Industries, before delegates assembled for the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

As president of the Oregon Federation from 1952 to 1954, Mrs. Weatherford was instrumental in having several hundred acres of land in the Tillamook burn planted and dedicated as the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Memorial Forest.

Luiten said that as national conservation chairman of the Federation from 1954 to 1958, Mrs. Weatherford led women's clubs in many states to promote forest conservation projects. Additional memorial forest projects, "youth forests" and "grow a tree" clubs were started under her leadership.

Luiten also referred to a program developed by Mrs. Weatherford which helped to popularize the Tree Farm program of growing trees as a renewable crop on privately owned forest land.

AFPI is a forestry education organization of the forest industries.

Morrow County Social Security Payments \$31,414

Social security benefits in the amount of \$151.6 million were paid to Oregonians in 1961, Senator Neuberger disclosed, based on a report she had received from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Oregonians numbering 188,696 were receiving social security benefits as of December 31, 1961. 179,090 were receiving regular retirement or survivors benefits, while 9,606 were receiving disability benefits. For the month of December, 1961, these benefits amounted to \$12 million, 758 thousand. In Morrow county social security benefits were received by 462 people; and these benefits for the month of December, 1961 totaled \$31,414.

Social security retirement benefits are paid to men and women upon reaching age 62. Social security disability benefits for totally and permanently disabled are paid regardless of age. Survivors benefits are paid to widows upon reaching 62, minor or disabled children and their mothers, and dependent parents. Social Security also pays a small death benefit on covered employees. The maximum is \$255, the minimum \$120.

The average monthly social security benefit paid to a retired worker in 1961 was \$75.65, and it is estimated that a retired worker and his wife received \$126.00.

Funeral services for Harvey Young, 68, son of a Morrow county pioneer family, were held Tuesday morning in Eugene. He died Saturday, May 19, following a heart attack.

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The observance of June as national dairy month will be featured as theme of the program planned for the next meeting of the Lexington Grange at the hall on June 9.

A dairy film will be shown following the regular 8 p. m. business meeting. For the refreshment hour the ladies are asked to bring a dessert made of dairy products, and each will be entered in a contest. Prizes will be awarded the best entries.

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Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr.

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

FOR AN election that wasn't supposed to have much interest, the primary did pretty well here. The telephone rang every few minutes until about 1:30 a. m. Saturday, either with some of the election boards giving results or with anxious inquiries about the count to that time.

Counting boards had the job pretty well done around the county by 10 p. m., and due to the kind cooperation of Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, all but two of the boards telephoned us promptly with results so that we could get them off to the Associated Press and United Press as they compiled returns from all over the state.

We didn't get a call from Ione, but our correspondent, Mrs. Lorraine Ball was "on the ball" and at a late hour went to the polling place and took the results from the posted notice. We had hoped for a call from Hardman, too, but there was a slip there, and so we hopped in the car at 12:30 and went out and got them so that we could sleep with the easy feeling that the job was done.

Bright and early after sunrise Saturday the phone started ringing again and kept it up pretty much through the days as voters sought to find out the results.

We appreciate the kindness of the election boards in calling us and thank Mrs. Parrish for her cooperation.

FROM THIS day forward we will always associate Poppy Days with delicious berry pie. It came about this way. Mrs. Frank (Hazel) Hamlin needed a sign to go with the American Legion and auxiliary's Poppy Day display in Wilson's Men's Wear.

She came to us for help. We had the boys print the sign and then decided that we wouldn't charge her for it. She insisted on a new attack. "I'll bake you a pie!" she declared. It proved to be no false promise. A day or two later the luscious pie arrived. All the Sherman children must have figured that they had a hand in making the sign, too, because they only left one piece for their dad.

By the way, don't forget to buy your poppy this week-end.

WE HASTEN to report that Maurice Groves did not have anything to do with the making of the stage sets for "The Little Dog Laughed," 3-act comedy recently produced at Heppner High school under the direction of Mrs. Groves.

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The set was so well done that we expressed the thought in print last week that Mrs. Groves' contractor husband must have had a hand in it. We were wrong. The talent all came from boys involved with the play, including Nat Webb, Gary Van Blokland, Merlin Hughes, Mike Smith and Bill Cox.

The writer isn't what you'd call a drama critic, but the set these young men produced is about the neatest job we've seen on the stage anywhere.

AFTER DRIVING by the gates of the Umatilla Ordnance depot periodically and wondering about it ever since it was established years ago, we enjoyed the opportunity of going in and viewing the installation at open house there Saturday. Rain did its best to spoil the event, but it proved a very interesting day nevertheless. Fred Gimbel and the writer magnanimously agreed to take the small children in the two families so their mothers could get a day off from "baby sitting."

We managed to keep Tracy Allen and Cathy Jo from exploding any bombs and devastating the place. Highlight of the day was a train trip through the vast installation. We were crammed in one of the two passenger cars like sardines and the windows were fogged like glass in a shower stall, but we managed to see enough to get a pretty good idea of the magnitude of the depot.

Displays of various missiles, bombs, air force pressure suits, naval gear, and all types of military paraphernalia were in exhibits on the grounds.

Probably the most thoughtful attraction was the concessions stands where pop and hotdogs were available. It doesn't seem to matter to the kids whether rain is running down their wet and matted hair or whether it is bright sunshine, a bottle of soda pop makes the day.

In viewing the depot, we got a new conception of the importance of the installation and a better perspective on the magnitude of it. It remains as one of Eastern Oregon's biggest industries.

AFTER DROPPING in at Bill Farra's shop the other day, we're convinced that Heppner has two museums—right across the street from each other. Bill has quite a remarkable collection of old lanterns and antiques that he has gathered. Lanterns seem to be a specialty, and some of the old timers go a long way back. Bill has made some of them over into electric lamps, but most of them retain their original dignity. One thing about it, in case of a power failure, the Farras shouldn't suffer from lack of light.

Bill also has quite a collection of things on loan to the county museum across the street.

Friends Surprise Newly-wed Couple; Snow Recorded

By CHARLOTTE WALKER

HARDMAN—Emma White and Percy Cecil of Spray were married in Lewiston, Ida., on Monday, May 14. Buster Vinson and Pauline Toons of Lexington, accompanied them. A group of friends and relatives gave them a surprise chivari Wednesday evening, included were Mr. and Mrs. John Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mrs. Huston Lesley, Mrs. Jim Dunbar, Mrs. Charles Colley, Mrs. Pauline Toons, Mrs. Ike Shank, Buster Vinson, Clayton Ayres and Mr. and Mrs. Eslie Walker.

There was three inches of snow on the ground in Hardman Sunday morning.

Mrs. Maxine Mahon and family and Linda Kennedy of Elgin visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel recently. Other guests calling were Mrs. Maude Robison and Mrs. Joe Mahon of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk and family moved to Prineville on Saturday.

Sidney Britt is home after spending a few days in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss and family of Moro spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens. Mrs. DeMoss and Mrs. Stevens are sisters.

Mrs. Velva Becholdt went to Pendleton to attend a meeting of the National Honorary Society for teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Medlock are parents of a son, Samuel Oran, who arrived at the hospital in Prineville May 17. He weighed about six and one-half pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Pendleton were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley on Friday, May 18. Mrs. Ike Shank of Mt. Vernon were also visitors there on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin McDaniel of Pendleton were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chapin and family of Pilot Rock spent Sunday with Guy Chapin and Jess Coats, to help Guy celebrate his 77th birthday.

A shower and house warming party was held Saturday night at the home of M. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson. Refreshments were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, Raymond, Roberta and Melba, Mrs. Lydia Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Steers, Wayne and Nola, Clayton Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Eslie Walker, Fran Heath, Bonnie Kessell, Lois Wilson, Jim Cason, Ladd Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson.

Due to the snow, the clean-up day at the cemetery was postponed, but a potluck dinner was held at noon in the hall. A business meeting of the Hardman Cemetery association followed.

Lt. Lindsay Assigned To Portland Airport

Second Lieutenant Lawrence E. Lindsay of Lexington, is being assigned to Portland International Airport following his graduation from the United States Air Force training course for accounting and finance officers at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

Lieutenant Lindsay studied Air Force financial policies and procedures and learned to supervise the preparation of financial records and reports.

The lieutenant, son of Mrs. A. C. Lindsay of Lexington, received his BBA degree from the University of Portland. He entered the service in October 1961.

Club Showers Leader

The Ione Cottonettes met at the Matthews' home May 5. We had finished our beach robes so made alterations on dress patterns. A cradle shower was given for our leader, Mrs. Keith Rea.

An all day meeting will be at Mrs. Rea's home May 31 at 9:30 a. m. We will cut out our dresses. Berniece Matthews, reporter



Coming Events

GRADE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT
Friday, May 25
8:00 p. m.
High School Gymnasium

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION
Classmates of 1931-34
Sunday, May 27
County Fair Pavilion
Dinner 12:30; Public 3-5 p. m.

BACCALAUREATE
Sunday, May 27

COMMENCEMENT
Tuesday, May 29
8:00 p. m.
High School Gymnasium

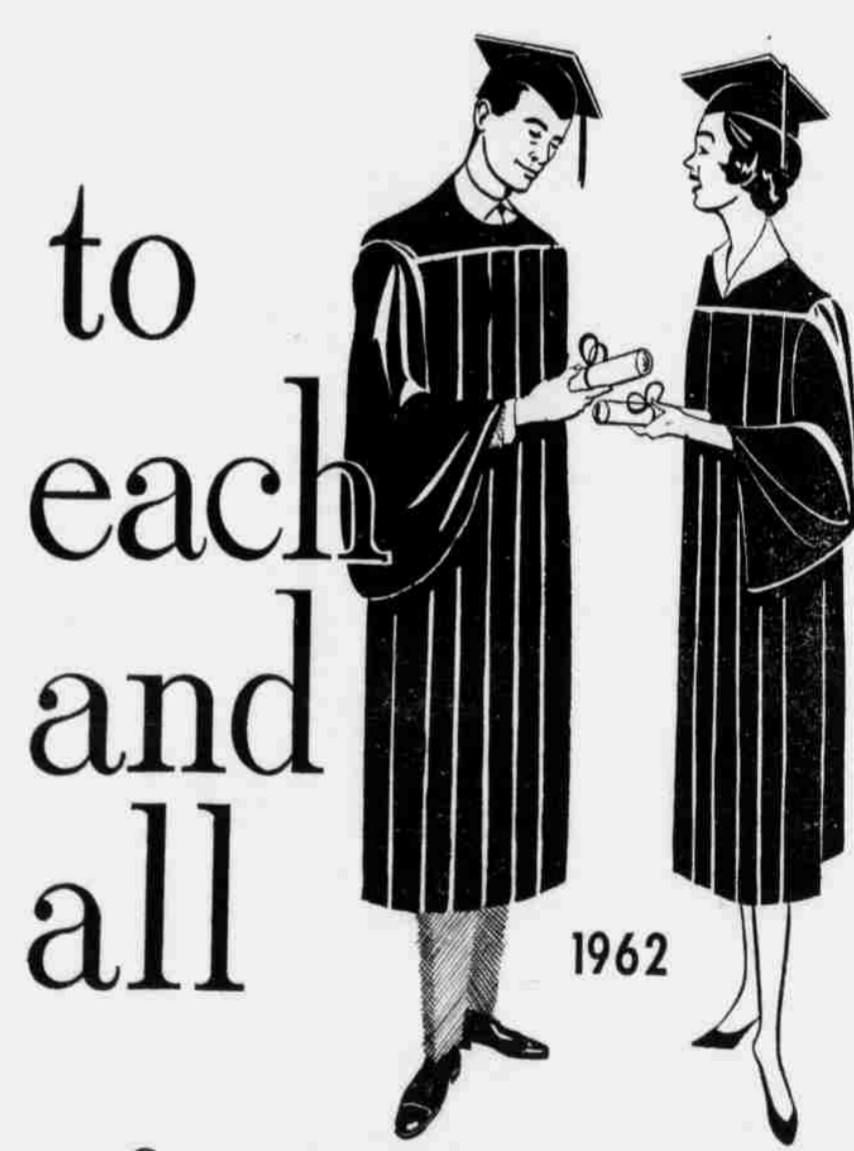
MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC
Registration, 11:00 a. m.
Buffet picnic dinner, noon
County Fair Pavilion
Wednesday, May 30

This space will be used each week to announce coming events of a public service nature at no charge.

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to each and all

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Since we can't congratulate each of our graduating seniors in person, we take this means of wishing you well. Good luck.

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