

Wheat Program Loses Despite Heavy Local Favor

Heppner, Ione Graduations Set

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Classes of 1963 will bid farewell to their high school days at Ione and Heppner High schools' commencement exercises to be held next week, following baccalaureate exercises at each school on Sunday evening, May 26.

Heppner High's class of 1963, which had planned to graduate in the new high school building on the hill, received the disappointing news this week that the new gymnasium will not be completed in time for the event to be held there. It is all finished except for the hardwood flooring which was to come from Wisconsin but has not arrived as yet. Even if it should appear, it would hardly be possible to get it laid, sanded and sealed prior to the time of commencement.

So, the Heppner commencement will be held Wednesday night, May 29, at 8 p.m. in the old high school gymnasium. About half the seating in the gym will be reserved for parents and near relatives of the graduating seniors. There are only about 500 seats in the gym, and the graduates will need approximately half of this amount for their relatives. Thus, seating for the general public will be limited, and those who wish to attend are advised to come early.

Commencement at Ione will be in the school gym there on Tuesday night, May 28, at 8 p.m. Baccalaureate exercises will be held simultaneously, that at Ione Sunday night at 8 p.m. in the Ione gym and that at Heppner at 8 p.m. in the Heppner gym.

Ann Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones, Jr., is valedictorian of the class of 1963 at Heppner high and Martha Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, is salutatorian.

Commencement address will be by Dr. Henry Teitz, professor, Oregon College of Education. Gordon Pratt, principal, will present the awards. Mrs. Violet Lanham will present the class and L. E. Dick, school director, will present diplomas. Invocation and benediction will be by the Rev. Kenneth Robinson. Principal Pratt will sing a solo, and the high school band will play the processional and recessional.

At Ione high valedictorian is Louise Pointer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer, Lexington, and salutatorian is William Akers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers of Ione. Dallas Shookley, director of Urban services, Oregon Education association, and former Ione school superintendent, will give the commencement address. Principal Gene Harryman will present awards, and Harvey Warner of Irrigon, school director, will present diplomas. Invocation will be by Father Raymond Beard and benediction will be by the Rev. Charles Knox.

Mrs. Glenn Biehl will sing the class song, "Climb Every Mountain," and a second selection, "The Lord's Prayer." Processional and recessional will be played by Gene Rietmann.

At Heppner High baccalaureate, the sermon will be by the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church; and the Rev. Charles Knox will also participate in the service. Mrs. Marion Jonasson will be vocal soloist and processional and recessional will be by Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, vocal music instructor.

Sermon at the Ione baccalaureate will be by the Rev. Walter B. Crowell, pastor of Ione Community church, and Father C. Bruce Spencer of All-Saints' Episcopal church will participate. Mrs. Glenn Biehl will sing two selections, and Gene Rietmann will play the processional and recessional.

Ione will graduate 13 seniors: William Edward Akers, Ronald Leroy Crabtree, Roland Keith Ekstrom, Sandra Lea Eubanks, Leslie Duane Madden, Evelyn Katherine Marick, James Leroy Martin, Ralph Alfred Martin, Gary Allen Morgan, Cheryl Anne Morrison, Marvin Robert Padberg, Mary Louise Pointer, and Katherine Anne Rea.

Heppner High's class of '63 includes 32 students: Daniel Anderson, Shan Applegate, Rodney Ayers, Jacquelyn Brindle, Shirley Carlson, John Cleveland, Bill Cox, Martha Doherty, Marlene Fetsch, LeRoy Gardner, Tom Gonty, Harold Gray, Bob Hager, Judy Hamilton, Fred Harneden, Frances Heath, Cecilia Ann Jones.

Leanne Joynes, Lorraine Leaning, Michael Lesser, Patricia Mahon, Shannon Mahoney, Larry Monagle, John Porter, John Privett, Mike Smith, Richard Springer, Virginia Springer, Bill Struthers, Laura Sumner, Carol Tholberg, Gene Wallace.

Two to Support Dam in Capital; Fund Drive Set

Oliver Creswick, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee, and Judge Oscar Peterson will leave next week for the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C., to support the Willow Creek Dam project and enlist support from Congressmen and governmental agencies.

Creswick is scheduled to leave Tuesday, May 28, and Judge Peterson will depart on Saturday, June 1. Both will travel by plane, going from Pendleton.

Voluntary contributions from the community are solicited to help pay for Creswick's trip, while the judge will represent the county.

As of this writing the needed \$400 is far short, and Dr. C. M. Wagner, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has appointed a committee composed of R. G. (Pete) McMurry, Orville Cutsforth and Randall Peterson to collect funds to help make the trip possible. Anyone interested in sharing may give the donation to any of these or to Bert Huff, Chamber treasurer, at the First National Bank.

The two men visited with Herb West, executive vice president of Inland Empire Waterways association, and W. E. Sively of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers early this week on plans and strategy for their appearance in Washington, D. C. The Engineers provided a pictorial brochure to be used in making presentations. It shows pictures of Heppner before and after the 1903 flood and as it is today.

They expect to appear before innumerable committees and to contact many governmental officials and agencies on the trip.

Creswick expects to go by way of Salt Lake City, New York City and Providence, R. I., where he will spend a few days visiting relatives before continuing to Washington.

Judge Peterson will go via Omaha, where he hopes to see a sister, and then on to the nation's capital.

Rummage Sale Due To Open Friday

Civic League members sorted rummage at the Old Bakery building Monday night and report a good assortment of items and all are in excellent condition.

The doors will open Friday and Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 4:00 p.m. Some of the things available are: upholstered club chair, glassware-bud vases, relish dishes, and figurines, new and good used dresses, bathinet and bassinet, shoes, pictures, stainless steel cookware, childrens clothing, records and books, just to name a few. Anyone still having items they wish to donate may bring them to the sale Friday or Saturday.

The members will sort and price the rummage Thursday evening in preparation for the opening day, Friday.

Director Candidates File; Budget Meeting Called

In the wake of the turmoil that has beset Morrow County School District R-1, resulting in the recalling of Director Fredrick Martin, resignation of four directors and of Supt. Robert Van Houte, the district during the week started the job of fitting the pieces together and to prepare for a new administration.

Names of six candidates for director positions were filed with Beverly Gunderson, clerk, by the deadline date, Tuesday, for the special election to be June 22. Those to be on the ballot are as follows: Boardman (one to be elected), Roy Partlow and Ralph Skoubo; Heppner (inside city limits—one to be elected), Kenneth Batty and Elmer Heath; Heppner (outside city limits—

one to be elected), Howard Cleveland; and Lexington (one to be elected), Irvin Rauch.

A director to replace Martin must be appointed by the school board, and petitions have been filed with the clerk recommending Milton Morgan of Ione for the position.

Resigning directors include D. O. Nelson, Lexington; Mrs. Esther Anderson, Heppner; Bob Sicard, Boardman; and Dick Wilkinson, Heppner, (outside city limits).

Mrs. Gunderson reported that there had been "two or three" inquiries about the county administrator's position but only one formal application, that from Idaho. No further resignations have been received from teachers or administrators. Several vacancies that were expected

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Campaign Started for Bowling Lanes



FIRST POPPY to be sold in Heppner for the 1963 Poppy Days, conducted by the American Legion auxiliary, was to Roy Stamps, a veteran, who is undergoing treatment in Pioneer Memorial hospital. Making the sale are (left) Mrs. Richard Wells, poppy chairman of the local auxiliary, and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, president of the group. Sale to the public will be Friday and Saturday. (G-T Photo)

Big Crowd Expected At Memorial Picnic

Morrow county's annual Memorial Day picnic, to be held at the fair pavilion on Thursday, May 30, with potluck dinner at noon, is expected to draw a bumper crowd this year.

Ham, rolls, coffee and punch will be furnished by the picnic organization, and those attending are asked to bring vegetable dishes, desserts, salads, or casseroles.

There will be prizes for those coming the farthest distance and for the eldest person attending. Don Turner, general chairman, announces. He and members of his committee have been working for weeks making arrangements for the picnic.

Pictures of Morrow county pioneers will be displayed by Mrs. Jim Hager.

Among organizations assisting to make this event a success are Soroptimists club, helping at the registration table; Three Links club members and Rhea Creek Grange, both helping in the kitchen; Odd Fellows lodge and American Legion post, assisting with tables and chairs; Rainbow Girls, who will serve punch and coffee and assist about the dining room.

Early Paper Slated For Memorial Week

Because of the fact that Memorial Day falls on Thursday, the Gazette-Times will be published a day early next week in order that subscribers may receive it on or prior to the usual time, and also to give the staff a holiday.

Those wishing to submit news or place advertising are kindly asked to bear the earlier publication date in mind. It would be appreciated if material is received in the office not later than Monday in all possible cases.

Registration will start at 10:30 and the potluck will be at noon. Donation jars will be placed around the dining room to help pay for food at coming picnics.

Helping Turner with advance plans has been Mrs. E. E. Gonty, secretary-treasurer.

Visiting and reminiscing will be highlights of the afternoon as old friends from far and near meet again at the picnic.

Lions Club Offers Auto Seat Belts To Public at Cost

Ione Lions club will install seat belts on autos on a near-cost basis at Jack Van Winkle's Chevron Service Station here all day Saturday, May 25, Ray Boyce and Bert Huff, chairmen, announce.

Seat belts for one person will be sold and installed for \$6, making a total of \$12 for the two in the front seat.

Legislation passed by the Oregon legislature will require seat belts on all new cars sold in the state beginning next year. Those without them on their present cars, while not required to install them, may wish to do so because of the safety factor. Statistics have shown that many lives could have been saved and many serious injuries could have been averted if occupants of autos involved in accidents had been using seat belts.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Lions' low cost offer may bring his car to the station any time during the day Saturday.

Recently the Lions staged a seat belt day in Ione, and the response was excellent.

Poppy Days Sale Due on May 24-25

Poppies will bloom again on Heppner streets Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25, as the American Legion auxiliary conducts its annual sale for benefit of hospitalized and disabled veterans and for needy children of veterans.

Mrs. Richard (Sib) Wells is chairman of the local poppy committee, and those on assisting committees are Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Harry Tamblin, Mrs. Clarence Bauman, Mrs. Jack Flug, Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. J. O. Rasmus, Mrs. Riley Munkers and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, chapter president.

Junior members who will help with the sale are Jennifer Blake, Karen Blake, Kathy Blake, Lynn Sawyer, Kathy Melby, Sue Melby, Janet McCurdy, Karen McCurdy and Linda Heath.

A stand will be set up on Main street, and everyone is asked to stop and buy a crepe paper poppy.

Mrs. Wells said that poppy making gives beneficial employment to hundreds of veterans unable to do other work. Earnings of the poppy makers in Oregon last year amounted to \$8,596.00.

In addition to the earnings of the disabled veterans, the poppies brought \$24,546 into the Rehabilitation and Child Welfare funds of the auxiliary last year, helping make possible the auxiliary's vast program of activities for the disabled veterans and needy children of veterans.

The poppies are a replica of the wild European poppies which grow in such profusion on the World War I battlefield and cemeteries in France and Belgium.

Poppy Days traditionally are observed nationally on the Friday and Saturday before Memorial Day.

Governor Closes Forested Areas

State of Oregon's fire season has been proclaimed by Governor Mark Hatfield to become effective May 23 under the new state law (HB 1112) and ORS 477.352, the Heppner Ranger district office announces.

The closure will cover all land within the protective boundary of the Heppner Ranger district. Fire permits will be required on all land within this area.

Harold E. Williamson, assistant district warden at Fossil, adds that permits are in order for debris burning and other open fires outside established camp sites but in organized protective units and districts. All woods operations must have fire tools and equipment as required by the fire laws of Oregon. Areas affected by the closure include the Central Oregon fire district, and Umatilla, Malheur, Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests, Williamson said.

Advance Sale Of Tickets Underway

With the possibility of bowling lanes for Heppner coming closer to realization, a campaign to subscribe \$10,000 in advance ticket sales for play was initiated this week.

This development followed after Joy, Higgins and Henderson, a Spokane firm specializing in the building of bowling alleys, reported that it was ready to come to Heppner and construct a building for bowling lanes as soon as the community showed sufficient interest to support it.

An indication of this support, they said, would be the subscription of \$10,000 in advance ticket sales. However, no money would be turned over to the firm for these sales, but it would be held in escrow in a local bank, until, as Hank Higgins of the firm put it, "the balls start to roll down the alleys."

An informational meeting Tuesday night at St. Patrick's parish hall brought out about 40 interested persons who heard details of the company's proposal from Higgins. Art Dyke, operator of one of their alleys in Cheney, Wn., was introduced as the man who would come to Heppner to operate the lanes, and he spoke on his plans.

As of early Wednesday, \$2450 had been subscribed for the tickets, of which \$1525 had come in from the Lexington-Ione area, sparked by the interest of ardent bowlers and headed by Mrs. Vera Kilkenny. An additional \$925 came out of the Tuesday meeting.

Joy, Higgins and Henderson, whose references have been checked by local banks and have been found to be excellent, have been instrumental in bringing into existence more than 20 bowling establishments in the last five years, Higgins said.

As proposed for Heppner, the alleys would be a modern eight-lane establishment, with the building including air conditioning, acoustical tile, carpeted foyer, and a modern block building of approximately 30 ft. by 140 ft.

They would seek a downtown location for the structure, possibly the site behind the Hotel Heppner which was the choice of the community committee that had planned to ask for a

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Town Team Baseball To Organize Sunday

A call goes out to all men and boys interested in playing baseball for the Town Team of Heppner. The first practice is scheduled for Sunday, May 26, at the Rodeo field starting at 2:00 p.m.

High school boys may participate following the completion of the school year. They are invited to take part in the baseball program. Games will be scheduled with teams in the surrounding areas and enter league competition.

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County Polls 91% Yes To Top State

Morrow county ranchers approved the 1964 Wheat Program by the largest margin of any county in the state Tuesday, but despite the affirmative votes by principal wheat-producing counties, the referendum bowed to defeat.

Neither on the state or national levels did the referendum carry. Nationally, the affirmative vote was only 47.9% and in the state it was 47.5%, both less than a majority and far less than the two-thirds required for passage.

Morrow county's early unofficial tabulation showed 437 in favor and 39 opposed, giving the county a 91% affirmative vote, highest in the state and probably among the highest in the nation.

This does not include absentee ballots which had not been counted by Wednesday afternoon. David McLeod of the ASCS office said that there were about 30 absentee ballots to be tabulated.

Of the 39 "no" votes, 26 were tallied in the Alpine and Ione districts, McLeod said. Lexington recorded four in the negative, Heppner area eight and Boardman one.

Other Columbia Basin and Eastern Oregon counties voted as follows: Wasco, 307 yes, 131 no; Sherman, 384 yes, 95 no; Gilliam 207 yes, 110 no; Umatilla 685 yes, 216 no; Baker 92 yes, 119 no; Grant 10 yes, 7 no; Harney 10 yes, 26 no; Malheur 133 yes, 660 no; Union 282 yes, 276 no; Wallowa, 164 yes, 104 no; Crook 25 yes, 49 no; Deschutes, 24 yes, 25 no; Jefferson 101 yes, 188 no.

Indications were that small-acreage growers in the state sounded the death knell of the wheat program with their no votes. This can be seen in the count in counties of the Willamette Valley and elsewhere around the state where large wheat ranches are non-existent: Polk, 198 yes, 477 no; Washington, 211 yes, 374 no; Yamhill, 225 yes, 494 no; Benton, 51 yes, 163 no; Douglas 17 yes, 38 no.

Klamath county voted 24 yes and 190 no; Douglas 17 yes, 38 no; Jackson 25 yes, 9 no; Josephine, 3 yes, none no; Lane, 50 yes and 74 no. Total early unofficial vote in the state was 5,032 yes and 4,637 no.

Defeat of the referendum was a crushing blow to many ranchers in Morrow county, most of whom had strongly supported the administration's proposal.

While results will not be reflected until next year, one of the principal effects this year will be a decline in available money to borrow for purchases and operations, McLeod said.

Speaking of the Morrow county vote, McLeod said, "The result reflects that they knew what they were voting on. Apparently in the rest of the country they didn't."

He said that if the county has a bumper crop this year it would "help a lot" by giving ranchers an opportunity to "clear up" and get on a sounder basis for next year's financing when the price of wheat is scheduled to drop because of the defeat of the program.

Now that the defeat has come, another point will be determined. The Farm Bureau, opponents of the 1964 program, have contended that Congress would develop a new and better program if the referendum met defeat. On the other hand, proponents of the administration's plan have contended that there is little likelihood of another program being submitted in Congress. Sen. Allen Ellender of Louisiana, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said Wednesday that there definitely would be no "bail-out" legislation.

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Russell O'Donnell, Mother Die Suddenly 2 Days Apart

Death came twice in the O'Donnell family here this week to sadden surviving relatives, friends and the entire community.

First was the unexpected death of Russell O'Donnell, 38, in his sleep early Monday morning. This was followed by the death of his hospitalized mother, Mrs. Claire E. O'Donnell, 71, who passed away in Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday within minutes after the funeral services for her son were held at St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Russell O'Donnell's death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. He had come home Sunday evening and said that he did not feel well. A doctor was summoned later in the evening and medication was given, but he died early the following morning.

Mrs. O'Donnell had been in the hospital about 2 1/2 weeks after suffering a heart attack. Her death followed another attack which Wednesday, Mrs. O'Donnell apparently had been rallying

and seemed to be making progress towards recovery when the fatal attack came.

An overflow crowd attended requiem mass for Russell O'Donnell at St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning. Father Raymond Beard officiated and interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery. Recitation of the rosary was Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the church.

Recitation of the rosary for Mrs. O'Donnell will be tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in St. Patrick's church and requiem mass will be Friday, May 24, at 10 a.m. in the church with Father Beard officiating. Interment will be in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Members of a well-known family that had engaged in the restaurant business here for many years, both Mrs. O'Donnell and Russell were active and popular in the community.

Mrs. O'Donnell was born in Lone Pine, Calif., December 12, 1891, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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