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10 Cents

Lexington Parents Petition for Activity Bus

Teachers' Reception Scheduled

All parents and patrons of the Heppner-Lexington area are invited to attend the annual PTA teachers' reception which will be Wednesday evening, September 18, at 8 p.m. in the new Heppner High school building.

"Housewarming '63" will be the theme of the reception which will also feature tours of the new building following the meeting, according to Mrs. Fred Gimbel, hospitality chairman for the PTA.

Those attending are asked to assemble in the multipurpose room (cafeteria) at 8 p.m. for the reception. Ceremonies will be made of certificates, and introduction of the teachers will comprise the bulk of the program. A short Parent-Teacher association meeting will follow with Mrs. Ed Dick, president, in charge.

Dessert and coffee will be served as refreshments after which the tours of the building will be in order.

School board members will be special guests of the evening.

The committee in charge is composed of Mrs. Gimbel, Mrs. Bob Abrams, PTA vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Eldon Padberg of Lexington; and room mothers, Mrs. Barney Malcolm, fifth through eighth grades; Mrs. George Stillman, first through fourth grades; and Mrs. Ray Massey, high school.

Memberships for the PTA will be taken during the evening from those who care to join or pay dues for the current year.

Extension Fund Drive Needs \$300

The drive to restore the county extension budget in order to retain all three agents is just \$300 short of its \$3400 goal, Kenneth Smouse, Ione, treasurer, said Thursday.

He is anxious that the campaign be completed this week and said that it would be very helpful if any who have not contributed, and who are interested in assisting, will mail checks to him as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to "Extension Emergency Fund."

Jerry Nibler, state extension agent, said that in view of the fact that it appears the drive will go over the top, the state service is proceeding on the assumption that Morrow county will retain its three agents.

Smouse said that some of the committee's list of prospects had not been contacted and others who gave said that they would give more if needed. However, voluntary donations by mail would expedite the matter.

No School Friday Due to Round-Up

Morrow county schools will have a one-day holiday Friday because of the Pendleton Round-Up. Many students in the county will participate in some of the festivities on that day, and others will have an opportunity to attend as spectators.

The Round-Up holiday is almost a traditional thing in schools here.



DR. FRANCIS B. NICKERSON, who has been assistant to the chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, has been named associate dean of students at the University of Oregon. He will assume his new position September 11.

Nickerson Named Associate Dean On U of O Staff

Dr. Francis B. Nickerson has been named associate dean of students at the University of Oregon, President Arthur S. Flemming has announced. The appointment will be effective September 11 and is subject to confirmation by the State Board of Higher Education. Dr. Nickerson, a Heppner man, is son of Mrs. Grace Nickerson.

Dr. Nickerson has been assistant to the chancellor of the State System of Higher Education and chairman of the High School-College Relations committee.

Before joining the State System, he was a social science teacher at Westfir High school from 1954 to 1955, and a statistical economist for Commodity Appraisal Service in Chicago from 1948 to 1952.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1940, and his master's degree in 1954. In 1959 he received the degree of doctor of education from the University.

He was born in California and his family moved to Heppner in 1926. He is 47 years old, is married and has four children. His wife is Margaret and one of the children, Lisa, 16, entered the University of Philadelphia this year as a sophomore in archeology under a full scholarship. Other children are Alice, 14; Eric, 12; and Patrick, 9.

During World War II he served with the U. S. Army in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines.

He is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Phi Delta Kappa education society, Psi Chi psychology society, and Phi Alpha Delta law society.

WEATHER
By LEONARD GILLIAM
Weather report for the past week is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	90	53	—
Friday	91	60	—
Saturday	96	65	.05
Sunday	92	59	—
Monday	95	57	.02
Tuesday	85	49	—
Wednesday	88	58	—

They Make the Rain Fall Cloud Seeding Group Claims Good Results

Reports that grain crops in Morrow county were especially good in the areas north of the city of Ione and around the North Lexington elevator have brought encouragement to the Weather Research association of Morrow county, Ken Kamerer of Hermiston, who ranches in the Sandhollow district, said Wednesday.

These areas are included in the large strip of land whose owners for the past eight years have been cooperating in cloud seeding projects through Water Resources Development Corporation of Denver, Colo., headed by Irving P. Krick.

Thousands of acres of land are encompassed in the block which extends roughly 10 miles north and south and 20 miles east and west. It follows Willow Creek from Lexington approximately to Cecil, then goes easterly to Butter creek and backing south to a point east of Lexington, then over to the place of beginning.

The association, formed in 1955, has been engaged in cloud seeding since then and has had projects each year during the crop season but desisting during the summer months when rain might be damaging to hay, Kamerer said.

At a meeting Tuesday night at Lexington, a program calling for an expenditure of several thousand dollars for the ensuing year was approved and officers were elected. The program will be started when collections are made. Harry Proudfoot is chairman, Kamerer is secretary-treasurer, and Harold Beach, Norman Nelson and Glen Campbell are directors.

Assessment among the members is made on the basis of 10¢ per acre for the ground under production.

Contrary to some popular belief, cloud seeding is no longer done by airplane, but by generators located on the ground at strategic points. In non-technical language, these generators precipitate silver iodide into the air in the form of millions of particles. The particles are caught by prevailing winds and accumulate, under proper weather conditions, so that moisture clings to them. When they become heavier than air, the moisture falls to the ground.

"We do not contend that we can make it rain," Kamerer said. "The purpose is to get the clouds to drop moisture."

This year, Krick, whose development corporation has blossomed into a tremendous venture across the county, has introduced a new type generator that may be started instantly. Formerly, it was necessary to ignite coke fires in the generators to get them functioning. The new type may be activated by a farmer pushing a button after he receives a call—which may come any time—that conditions are right for "planting" the silver iodide particles. Particles emanating from one generator can cover a large area. It may be located at a farm place, a country store, or any other location. Each is placed strategically so that the prevailing

winds will carry the particles to the desired location.

Leaders of the association in Morrow county definitely believe that the program has helped them and point to increases in yields since the start in 1955. One effect, Kamerer declares, is that the rains that come, when cloud seeding is done, are those of the more gradual and steady type, as contrasted with the sudden or cloudburst variety.

"We have actually seen the good results," Kamerer said and told of good crops that have been taken from soil that is of marginal quality.

As a part of the benefits of the association, the members enjoy a weather forecasting service that they find invaluable to them. They are advised what temperatures to expect, when freezes will hit and other pertinent information.

Kamerer said that he held off planting barley in a recent season on the basis of the prediction that a freeze would come on a certain date. Some of his farm neighbors had gone ahead with their planting. The freeze came exactly on the predicted date. Others lost their plantings, but he didn't.

While leaders of the association recognize that there is a tendency by some to scoff at cloud seeding as a "phony idea," they have become believers by watching the results and expect to continue for even greater results in the future.

'Full House' Out For Rink Opening

"We couldn't have held any more."

This was the statement of Glen Ward following the opening of the Morrow County Roller Rink at the fair pavilion over the weekend.

On Friday night, the floor was jammed with skaters. On Saturday night, the crowd tapered down some, but on the very warm Sunday afternoon it was back to "standing room only" status, despite the heat.

Ward, who operates the rink with D. E. (Shorty) Hudson, said that they were highly pleased with the response and said that everyone seemed to enjoy the new recreational facility.

Close supervision was maintained on the floor with a floor man on the job to prevent any rowdiness or stunting that might cause accidents. Mike Whitesmith, who formerly operated a skating rink for a number of years, offered assistance in helping the management get started and Ward said that he gave them appreciated advice and tips.

It was found that some sizes of shoe skates were in short supply and it is expected that this situation will be rectified by ordering perhaps 75 more pairs of skates, Ward said.

The rink will maintain its schedule of skating from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Directors Accept Bids On Gas, Oil

To run or not to run activity buses—a familiar but difficult problem—was confronted by directors of the Morrow county school district once again at their meeting Monday night.

The matter came to their attention in the form of a petition presented by Mrs. Bob (Vesta) Kilkenny of Lexington, asking that an activity bus be run from Heppner to Lexington to carry those of the Lexington area participating in football at Heppner High school.

Twenty-one names (counting husbands and wives in the same family in some cases) were on the petition. Each of the signers had at least one son participating in the sport, Mrs. Kilkenny said.

Milton Morgan, chairman of the board, pointed out that to allow the bus would once again open up the whole matter for the rest of the county, and if one is furnished for Lexington, it would be necessary to furnish another for those going to Ione High and taking part in the football program there.

Mrs. Kilkenny replied that the Lexington people believe they are entitled to the bus in view of the fact that the Lexington high school was closed and the district should have the responsibility of bringing them to the point where they would otherwise be attending school.

Principal Gordon Pratt of Heppner High school also said that he felt the district should be responsible for taking the students to Lexington in view of the fact that the high school there had been closed.

The petitioners, Mrs. Kilkenny said, understand that the students would not be delivered to the rural areas.

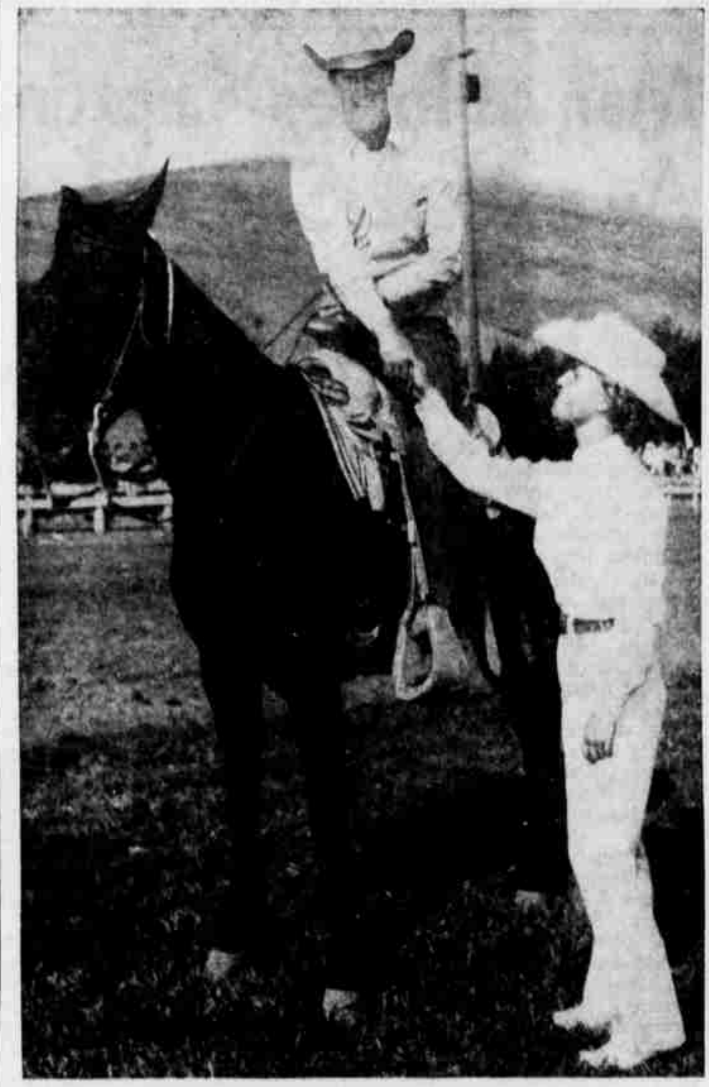
Allowance for activity buses generally had been cut from the 1963-64 budget, although one operates between Boardman and Irigoin. Principal Ron Daniels of Riverside remarked at the meeting that the football program at that school could not be undertaken without the activity bus.

However, in view of the implications involved the board tabled the matter for further study.

Oil Bids Received
Fuel oil and gasoline bids for the district and lubrication and tire repair bids for district vehicles were received at the meeting. Awards were made as follows: Oil, lubrication and tire repair for vehicles at Ione, Independent Garage; for the bus at Lexington, Lexington Implement Co.; and for vehicles at Irigoin, Don Adams.

Gasoline: Standard Oil Company, 2127 per gallon at Ione, 2127 at Heppner, 2097 at Boardman, and 2097 at Irigoin.
Fuel Oil: Guy Jeppe, Hermiston, 3.68 per gal. barrel, F.O.B. Umatilla.

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NOTHING COULD please a Morrow county cowboy more than winning the handmade saddle presented by Kinzua Corporation to the champion Morrow county calf ropers each year. This is evident by the smile on Bill Heady's face as he receives congratulations from Queen Sandra Eubanks September 1. Bill wanted no time getting the new saddle on his horse and is shown mounted on it immediately after the presentation. Bill topped the field this year in a close and exciting contest. (G-T Photo)

Mustangs Face First Test at Enterprise

Coach Jim Sutherland's 1963 football team will take to the field against Enterprise High school there Friday night in the season's debut for the Heppner High Mustangs.

After a full scale scrimmage Saturday night under the lights on the rodeo grounds here, the coach commented, "We appear to be behind last year in our progress."

However, he was able to find some reasons for optimism as he pointed to the upcoming season.

The game at Enterprise will start at 8 p.m. under the lights, and a good-sized contingent of Heppner fans is expected to follow the team on the long trek to the Wallowa county school.

After drilling for the past two weeks, the team had its first stroke of ill fortune when Lee Padberg, senior, suffered a pulled muscle in practice. Padberg, who has been an athletic star for Heppner High in his first three years, shows great strength this

year as he will be ready to go Friday night.

On the optimistic side, Coach Sutherland points out that he has a good-sized turnout of 43 men, including freshmen. However, many lack experience.

He said that Richard Clark, senior, has been showing up well as a defensive and offensive end, and Greg Pierce appears to be a hard tackler.

At the quarterback position, the coach states that Don Munkers seems to be adapting to the job and is passing well.

Other backs show promise. Larry Muesig, a veteran gridder, is running hard this year, as is Stuart Dick and Padberg. Tim Driscoll is showing well as a defensive halfback and is also doing a good job running.

Bruce Spencer, one of the squad's big boys, has been snuffed from end to tackle to help solve the manpower problem here.

Paul Swaggart has been hampered by a cut knee that he hurt before the season started but should be ready for the first game at his guard position.

The coach could not announce a starting lineup for the opener against Enterprise, saying that he expects to "look at them all" in the game to determine their qualifications under fire.

Second games on the schedule is another non-league contest, that against Condon there at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 20.

Special Election Signup Deadline Set

September 14 will be the final date to register for the special election on the income tax referral, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, advises.

The special election is scheduled for October 15. All those who have changed addresses or did not vote here in recent elections should check their voting status at the county clerk's office.

To accommodate late registrants, the clerk's office in the courthouse will be open until 8 p.m. on the deadline day, September 14.

Firemen Called

Heppner firemen received a call just before 8 a.m. Wednesday to the Charles Phegley home where grease had ignited on the kitchen range. A general alarm was sounded, but the Phegleys succeeded in putting out the blaze within a minute or two, before the firemen reached the home.

Leonnigs to Play Again at Round-Up

When the Ron Leonnig family goes to the Pendleton Round-Up to play for street shows Friday and Saturday nights, it will be the 10th year in succession that they have been invited and played.

They will perform as a part of the shows staged by the Main Street Cowboys and will be heard from 7 to 8 and from 9 until 10 each of the nights.

The six Leonnig children and their father form the orchestra that is so popular here and has gained attention over a wide area.

City Council Works on School Water Supply

An unusually busy agenda faced city councilmen September 3 at their regular meeting, and they ran the gamut of a number of problems, foremost perhaps being the matter of water supply to the new Heppner High school.

The school at present is served off a four-inch main with a two-inch line to the nearby and only one fire hydrant is nearby. This is not considered adequate for fire protection nor for irrigation needs at the school.

Among proposals offered was one that would run a 6-inch main from two four-inch mains to the school.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens said, "Our mains are far behind the growth of the town. Sooner or later we are going to have to come to a main from the reservoir to serve the lower end of town." It was his thinking that an 8-inch main should be laid along the hill on the west side of town from the reservoir to the new school, thereby also serving residences below.

However, the question of financing the mains came up, and councilmen agreed that they could find little place in the budget from which to get the funds.

Mayor Al Lamb requested the water committee to study the matter, come up with plans and costs, after which the council will ask for a joint meeting with the school board in the hope of working out a financial agreement that would provide for the needed water service.

School Superintendent Wayne Brubacher was present throughout the meeting. He expressed appreciation to the council for its cooperation on the water problem and for other help with the schools. He especially commended Superintendent Groshens and the city work crew.

Attorneys Named
Because of the fact that Jos. Nys, city attorney, has been unable to work for several months, the city agreed to a contract with Mahoney and Abrams to act as city attorneys while Nys is convalescing. He has served the city for many years in this capacity.

Odors Bring Complaint
Mrs. Carl (Sylvia) McDaniel appeared to point out that odors from the sewage treatment plant are so offensive that they are almost intolerable to residents living near the plant. She is concerned because she has rental properties near the plant, and she asked the city to consider purchasing her properties if they are unable to quell the odors.

Councilmen were at a loss to propose a solution, but Recorder Ted Smith was instructed to write the League of Oregon Cities for a possible answer, drawing on similar experiences by other cities in the state.

Petition Presented
A petition for formation of an improvement district, growing out of action taken at the August council meeting in connection with damage done by flood waters, was presented on behalf of William M. Mahon, Verle Green and Iva Booker. The wall would prevent flooding across other places. The matter was turned over to the city attorneys for advice.

Building Sued Hazard
The council passed a resolution declaring the old metal building behind the Heppner Hotel to be a hazard and a nuisance. This was done on advice of the attorneys as the first step towards removal of the structure.

The council also acted on side-walks left to be in need of repair. Maintenance of the sidewalks is the responsibility of property owners. When walks are found to be in a state of disrepair, the owners have 10 days after being notified by the chief of police to start repairs. If this is not done, the city may proceed with the work and cost is entered in the lien docket against the property. A motion was passed that Jack W. Cox be notified to repair curbs in front of the City Center Motel building.

Library Report Given
Marion Green, president of the library association, presented the annual library report to the city council and support of the library. He pointed out that li-

brary users are gaining in number and some problems are looming in the future.

At the present time the library lists 1179 borrowers as compared with 1137 at the start of the year. Total circulation for the year was 9327 books borrowed. Volumes in the library now total 5063 as compared with 4845 at the start of the year. Receipts totaled \$1235, of which \$800 was contributed by the city.

Firemen Covered
Councilmen acted to put volunteer firemen under State Industrial Accident coverage on a monthly basis, which will cover them both at fires and on drills. Fire Chief Ruggles recommended that with this step the present insurance carried by the city on the firemen be cancelled upon its expiration. The council agreed to this action.

Permits Approved
Building permits were approved as follows: R. J. Flaiz, 340 Union Ave., storage room on house, \$200; J. G. Barratt, 990 Fairview Way, utility and storage room, (Continued on page 8)

FRIDAY

THE 13TH

Your Lucky Day!

Heppner Merchants offer bargain days that will make your Friday the 13th your lucky day this week. Let it even luckier, their special prices will prevail on Saturday, September 14.

Check their advertising in this paper and shop in Heppner Friday and Saturday for Lucky Days bargains.

FREE PARKING on SATURDAY. Meters will be hooded on that day!