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Lexington School Closure Proposed

Mailers Out For March Of Dimes

March of Dimes campaign in Morrow county will actively get underway tomorrow (Friday) with the distribution of mailers to boxholders throughout the county, Pete Glennie, campaign chairman, announces.

Recipients of the mailers are asked to make their contributions in them and place them back in the mails. About 700 will be sent through the Heppner office, 250 in Ione, and 250 in the Irrigon and Boardman areas, he said.

An event that is scheduled to raise funds for the March of Dimes is the basketball game between the Blue Mountain College team and Morrow County Grain Growers squad on the night of January 30 in Heppner. Fifth and sixth grade teams will play the same night, prior to and during halftime of the main attraction.

Another event planned for the campaign is a skating party at the Morrow county roller rink, Shorty Hudson and Glen Ward, operators, are donating use of the rink that night for the party.

High school classes will be involved in competition to see which one can bring the most participants to the skating party for the March of Dimes benefit. Regular admission will be charged, and those attending will credit their presence to the class of their choice.

There is no definite goal for the March of Dimes campaign in the county, but all are urged to give generously.

Sen. Musa Coming For Tax Talk Here

Senator Ben Musa of The Dalles, president of the State Senate, will speak at a meeting in the Lexington Grange hall Tuesday, January 21, following a potluck supper there at 6:15. The session is under the sponsorship of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, according to Hermna Blettell, president.

Sen. Musa, who represents district 18, including Morrow county in the senate, will speak on taxation, including the property and sales taxes, and will also discuss the proposed cigarette tax, Blettell said.

The public is invited. The talk by Sen. Musa is scheduled at 8 p.m. and a question and answer period will follow. His wife, Katherine Musa, representative in the state legislature from Hood River and Wasco counties, will accompany him.

Two Give Clues, Shed Light On Mayan Stone Sepulcher

Some light was shed on the "ancient Mayan sepulcher," said to be located near Lexington, by two persons during the week who responded to an item printed in this paper last week.

A woman representing a San Francisco firm, which is engaged in printing a booklet on Mystery Spots in the West, inquired about the sepulcher through the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, but none of the members present at a recent meeting could supply any information.

A letter arrived at the Gazette-Times office Tuesday from Sam McMillan, formerly of Lexington, and now of the history department at Centennial High school, Gresham. He writes: "The 'ancient Mayan sepulcher' should be known to the old timers around Lexington. I am surprised that no one recalled the old burial mound which is about one mile downstream from Lexington where Clark's Canyon empties into Willow Creek.

Jos. J. Nys, Attorney More Than 50 Years, Dies Monday

Joseph John Nys, 81, a practicing attorney in Heppner for 50 years and city attorney through most of that time, died at his home Sunday after being in failing health over a period of many months.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church with Father Raymond Beard officiating. Members of the Heppner city council attended in a group, including LeRoy Gardner, Ed Gonty, John Pfeiffer, Earl Ayres, and Carl Spaulding. Mayor Al Lamb, now in Texas, was unable to attend and Councilman Clarence Rosewall was among the honorary pallbearers.

Other honorary pallbearers were County Judge Oscar Peterson, Henry Baker of Ione, Fred Parrish, Frank Parker, John Wightman, Frank Turner and Ted Smith.

Active pallbearers were Herman Winter, Victor Groshens, Harley Young, Harry O'Donnell, Roy Quaekenbush, and Howard Bryant.

Recitation of the rosary was Tuesday evening at Creswick Mortuary. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Nys, though in failing health, continued active in his law practice until October and also maintained his work as city attorney until submitting his resignation recently. Although confined to his home most of the time, he would make periodic trips to the office.

He was born near St. Paul on February 25, 1882, the second youngest of 14 children of Florence (Garrow) and Joseph Nys. He grew to young manhood in the Salem area and attended Mount Angel College and Pacific College at Newberg (now George Fox) before entering Willamette University where he took his law degree in 1910.

He was entirely self-educated.

Electric Shock Fatal to Girl, 15

Bob Eggers, U. S. Forest Service employee here, was stunned last week to hear of the death of his daughter, Kathy Eggers, 15, at Yakima, Wn., last Tuesday.

She was electrocuted in the bathroom at the home of her mother, with whom she was living. The girl was apparently taking a bath and reached out and touched an electric heater.

Funeral services were Monday in Yakima. Eggers, a crew foreman for the Forest Service here, was back at work Wednesday. Kathy was a twin, and her sister is the only other child of Eggers.



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having worked through all his school years in order to continue his studies. After practicing law for a short time in Madras and The Dalles, he came to Heppner in 1913. Since then he was ac-

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Harryman Resigns From Position As Lone Principal

Gene Harryman, Tuesday night submitted his resignation to the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1.

The resignation was accepted at an "executive session" that was held by the directors with Superintendent Wayne Brubacher and Clerk Beverly Gunderson attending, after the regular meeting.

At Harryman's request, Chairman Milton Morgan read a letter at the regular meeting which the resigning administrator asked to be made open to the public.

In the letter Harryman said that the chairman of the Ione advisory committee (Don McElligott) had shown him a letter on January 10, advising that "I was being rejected for the forthcoming school year."

"Several intangible and vague charges were listed as reasons for rejection," Harryman said, adding that he was told that if he would resign the letter would not be presented to the board of directors.

"I am not ashamed of my administrative record at Ione High school. I feel that the charges are insignificant, biased and unjustified, and that I could not work effectively with this committee another school year."

Harryman said that the advisory committee letter came as a shock to him. He was not given a copy of it, and the contents have not been released.

The resigning administrator said that he called a faculty meeting Wednesday morning and advised his staff of the matter.

Harryman came to Morrow county from Parma, Idaho, where he was high school principal. Previously he had served as principal at Kuna and Middleton, Idaho.

His plans for the future are indefinite, but he said Wednesday that he will be submitting his application for other positions.

Three other administrators, whose contracts expire this year, were acted upon favorably at the executive session and will be offered contracts at a later time.

They are Ronald Daniels, Riverside High administrator, eligible for a 3-year contract; Gordon Pratt, Heppner High administrator, due for a new three year renewal; and Leonard Herrick, Ione Elementary administrator, due for a one-year contract.

No salaries were stipulated at this time, Supt. Brubacher said. Discussion on administrators' and teachers' salaries will be held by the board at a later date, he said.

Board Plans To Act Later On Decision

Proposed closure of the Lexington elementary school, which was recommended by patrons who met with the Lexington advisory board Monday night, was placed in the hands of the board of directors of school district R-1 at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

The matter was not discussed by the directors with the exception that Chairman Milton Morgan acknowledged that the minutes of the patrons' meeting had been received. He said that it would be studied by the board and considered at a future meeting, probably in February.

Lack of enrollment and savings in cost to the district were the reasons behind the recommendation. Indications are that only three first grade pupils will enter school from the Lexington area next year.

However, the vote of the 32 who attended the meeting indicated that the recommendation was made with considerable reluctance. Fourteen voted for the proposal, two voted against it, but 16 did not vote.

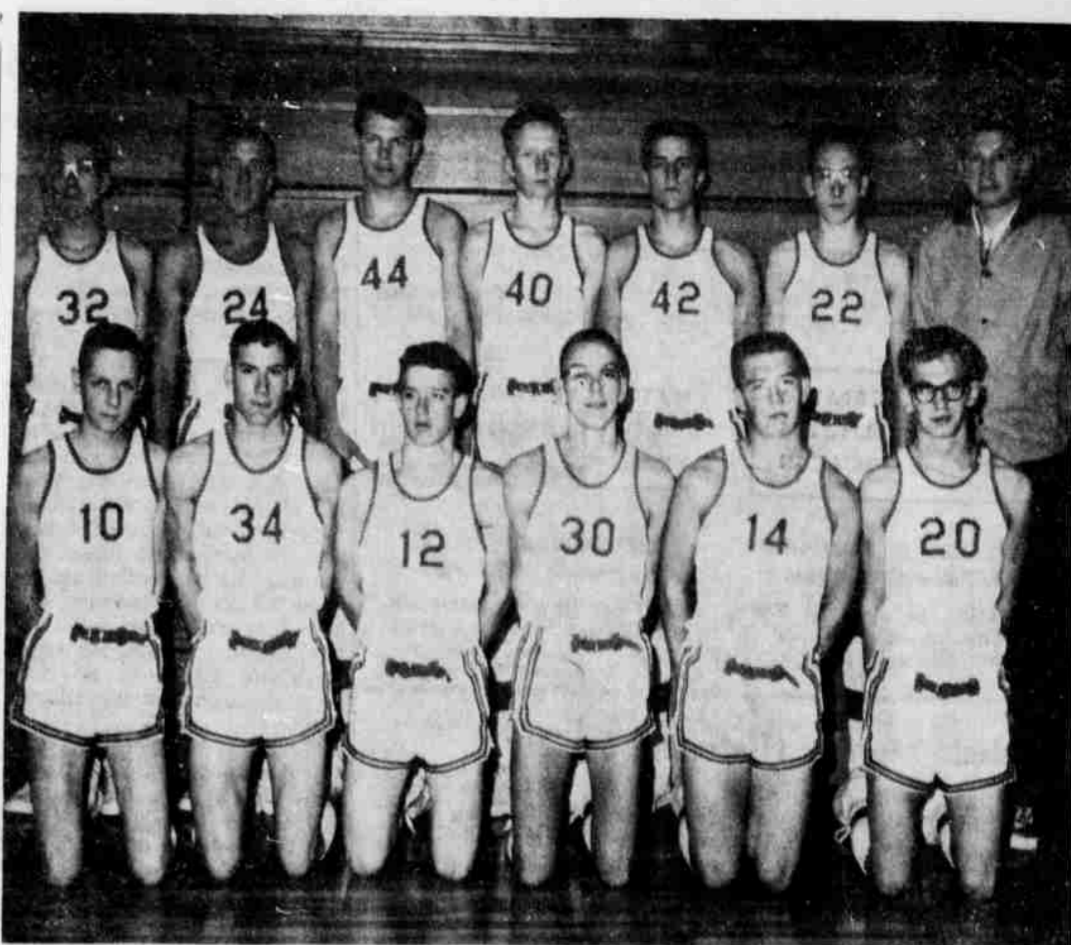
The recommendation asks that the school be closed for two years after which the situation would be reviewed. If an increase in school population seemed to warrant, the school then could be reopened.

The group asked that school grounds, buildings and playground equipment be maintained, that supervision be furnished if the Lexington school is used as a bus loading zone, and that an activity bus be scheduled with a 2:30 bus to return pupils to Lexington.

Mrs. Bob (Vesta) Kilkenny said that closure of the school would save the district about \$11,500. The 36 now attending school at Lexington would attend in Ione or Heppner.

The recommendation also asked that the Lexington advisory board continue as an active unit. The three teachers in the school could be placed in other schools of the district, Hillard Brown, who is administrator of both Heppner and Lexington elementary schools, said.

Director Howard Cleveland reported to the board Tuesday night on a meeting that he had with Architect Stewart Tuft concerning the completion of the Heppner High school music room. Bids that were called for on the project recently were all rejected (Continued on page 8)



FIRMLY ENTRENCHED among the Top Ten A-2 teams in the state are the Heppner Mustangs who downed Sherman County here Friday, 55-51. They are rated fifth in the Oregon Journal poll this week, sixth in the Oregonian and ninth in the A. P. poll. The squad has two tests at home this week-end, against Grant Union and Burns. Back row, from left, are Ken Wright (32), Lee Padberg (24), Bruce Spencer (44), David George (40), Doug Dubuque (42), Carl Bauman (22), Coach Bob Cantonwine. Front row—Wayne Evans (10), David Anderson (34), Stuart Dick (12), Sam Strait (30), Bill Snyder (14), Ken Smith (20). Richard Clark was not present when the picture was taken. (G-T Photo)

Carnegie Course Meeting Slated Tuesday Night

Demonstration meeting of the Dale Carnegie Course, sponsored here by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, will be Tuesday evening, January 21, at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Heppner Elementary school.

At the meeting a memory demonstration will be given by Bob Marsh of Parkdale, associate sponsor for Blanche Pettit and Associates, Portland. He will explain the purpose of the course and what it seeks to accomplish. Both men and women are invited to attend the Tuesday meeting, and no cost or obligation is involved.

Marsh several weeks ago presented a portion of the memory demonstration at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and at that time the organization voted to sponsor the course here.

Since then, Marsh has been making plans for the demonstration meeting and the ensuing class with a Chamber of Commerce committee composed of Wayne Brubacher, Harley Young, Ralph Richards, Ed Dick, Herman Winter and Wes Sherman.

The course is licensed by the State Department of Education and is approved for Oregon Korean veterans.

Those wishing further information on the demonstration meeting or the course are invited to call any of the committee members. The Tuesday meeting is open to the public, and all will find it worthwhile to attend whether they have any intention of taking the course or not, Marsh states.

Cagers Face Another Big Week-end Here

Basketball fans will love this week-end in the Heppner High school gym.

They have the chance to see two topnotch ball games, since the Mustangs are hosts to Grant Union of John Day Friday night and to the Burns Hillanders Saturday night.

Currently the Mustangs are kingpins in the western division of the Greater Oregon league, undefeated in conference games to date. However, both teams on the agenda this week will be gunning for them, and the home five will not be able to let down if they hope to maintain their good record.

Coffee, Soda Pop Verboten in Gym

School rule at the new Heppner High forbids taking of pop or coffee into the new gymnasium, Principal Gordon Pratt states.

A number of persons have either failed to notice signs calling attention to this fact or have disregarded them at recent basketball games. This has irritated others who feel that if one is allowed to drink pop or coffee inside, all should be allowed to do so.

The rule was made, Principal Pratt states, because liquids are often spilled on the floor, and they are hard to clean up. Also, there is some hazard of accidents to players who may slip on liquids spilled on the playing floor.

The high school sells these items at the concessions stand but requests the public to respect the rule. They may be consumed in the hallway outside the gym.

Only losses for both of the visiting teams, each of whom has 1-1 marks in league play, were to Sherman. Burns shellacked Wahtonka of Chenoweth, league newcomer, while the Mustangs, it is to be recalled, had a close squeak in gaining a victory over the newcomers.

Burns is rated as a snappy, fast-passing ball club. Grant Union lost heavily by graduation and has only three seniors on its squad.

Neither team is tall. Grant Union has two standing 6-0 and one at 6-1. Jim Iler, center, Burns has four seniors, and only two men that reach or top the 6-foot mark. Doug Berg, junior center is 6-3, and Larry Kessl, junior forward, is 6-1.

Jayvee games start at 6:15 with varsity contests to follow. Good crowds are expected both nights, and programs will be furnished by Heppner merchants, as they will for all the rest of the home games this year.

Cards Face Games At Home and Away

Now standing fifth in the Umattilla-Morrow B league Ione High's basketball team has a good chance to climb higher in the standings in two games on the upcoming week-end.

Coach Dick Strait's team will entertain Echo at Ione Friday night, and then go to play winless Umattilla Saturday night. Echo currently has a 1-3 mark in league play while Ione is a notch above at 2-3.

After a slow start this year, the Cardinals have been coming on strong and have been getting some good scoring out of the starting five. The team is showing balance and has a good chance of racking up a pair this week-end.

Jayvee games will be played prior to each contest.

Rep. Jack Smith Declines to Run

State Representative Jack L. Smith, Democrat, Condon, announced today that he will not seek reelection from the 28th district. Smith served as vice-chairman of the agriculture committee and was a member of the education and taxation committees for the 1963 session. He is currently on the taxation interim committee.

Smith, who serves on Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman's advisory committee on wheat and feed grains, and who has wide experience in Latin American affairs and market development, stated that other interests and commitments do not afford him the time necessary to campaign and serve in the 1965 session. He forecasts the 1965 session as being a critical legislative year, especially for education and welfare in view of the tax crisis facing the state. "I am appreciative of the advice and counsel given me by the constituents of the district. I will continue to work for the Democratic Party and I pledge my support of the Democratic nominee."

Martin Buchanan to Run for House

Martin Buchanan, a native of Eastern Oregon and a man long active in public affairs in Umattilla county announced today he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative from the 28th district. The district includes Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Morrow and Umattilla counties. Its current representative is Jack Smith of Condon, also a Democrat.

This will be Buchanan's first bid for elective public office. He said he is making it "because I believe the 1965 session of the Oregon Legislature will be one of the most important in the state's history and I would like to participate in the solution of the problems that legislature will face."

Buchanan resigned last month from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, to which he was appointed in 1957, in order to make the race for the legislature, he said.

Expanding on his view of problems facing the next legislature, Buchanan said, "Oregon must overhaul its tax system. There must be a broader tax base so that the tax burden is more equitably distributed and so that some of the burden on property is reduced."

"The legislature must find ways to properly take care of the flood of boys and girls who will



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want education after high school. Room must be found in the community colleges and four-year colleges for all who can profit from education after high school—in vocational and technical training and in formal education. "The legislature should do all it can to encourage the Boeing Co. to use the Space Age Industrial Park near Boardman to the fullest advantage."

"The district which I seek to represent is unique in that all

County Officers File for Posts

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said that she has filed as a candidate for county clerk for another term. She completed her petition this week and will seek nomination on the Democratic ballot in the May 15 election.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Republican, said Wednesday that he expected to file his candidacy for sheriff this week also. He has the longest tenure of any Morrow county official.