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## 81st Year County Saddened By Unexpected Death Of Esther Kirmis

residents through her work here during the past six years, died unexpectedly early Tuesday morning in St. Vincent's hos-pital. Portland following surgery Monday.

She had entered the hospital Saturday for the scheduled op-eration but many of her friends and associates did not realize the seriousness of her condition. The operation was for the removal of a brain tumor.

Miss Kirmis had told friends that she was bothered with eye trouble and had been having trouble with her equilibrium, leading some to believe that the operation was to be to the inner ear. She had told some close friends, however, that she had the tumor.

Death occurred at 1 a.m. Tues-day. Two of her sisters had come from North Dakota to be with

her during the operation. Memorial services will be held at Hope Lutheran church, Heppner, Friday. May 29, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Kenneth Robinson, pastor, officiating, Arrangements are being made for funeral ser-vices in her native town of Lis-bon, N. D., in Redeemer Lutheran church.

Miss Kirmis lived in Heppner since June, 1958, when she came to Oregon from North Dakota to accept appointment as Morrow county extension agent by the Oregon State University cooperative extension service. She had planned to be on sabbatical leave for the next fiscal year, starting in June, 1964, to work towards an advanced degree in journalism.

Journalism. She was born in Lisbon, N. D., December 31, 1918, and was rais-ed on a farm in Island Park township in Ransom county, N. D., and attended State Normal and Industrial School at Ellen-dale, N. D., earning a teaching certificate there.

rural school teacher in the Is-rural school teacher in the Island Park school district, and in 1940 she accepted a position as chief clerk with the Ransom

county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service with office in Lisbon. There she also worked with N. C. Anderson, now Morrow county agent who National forest in several years.

at the time was assistant Ran-som county agent. She served at the ASCS there until 1955 when she returned to North Dakota Agricultural Col-lege to complete her degree in home economics to meet require-ments for home extension work

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, May 28, 1964

onomics committee, headed by Mrs. Weldon Witherrite of Echo \$3950 in Scholarships Won a student taking home econom

**By Heppner Class of 1964** Mrs. Ida Kirmis, Lisbon, N. D.; brother, Carl of Milnor, N. D.; three sisters, Adelheid Kirmis, Mrs. Gertrude Huether and Mrs. Wallace Shelver, all of Lisbon.

ESTHER KIRMIS

Kinzua Buys

**US Timber** 

**County and City Budgets 'Hold Line'** 

Both Morrow county and Heppner city budgets are pub-lished in section two of this paper, the first of two required publications. Each budget is within the 6% limitation and will require no vote.

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Also, in each case, the bud-gets pretty much "hold the line" with levies not climbing significantly over those of the current year.

Public hearing date for each of the two taxing districts is the same—June 15.

More complete stories on the budgets will be printed next

Vocational Shops Kinzua Corporation was successful bidder last week on the largest timber sale in Heppner For High Schools **Discussed at Meet** 

Almost unanimous agreement was expressed on the vocational home economics to meet require-ments for home extension work. She had become interested in extension work while working in the Lisbon office. Hanger of the Reppier district, was expressed on the vocational million feet of Ponderosa pine, 14.8 million feet of Douglas fir and western larch and two mil-

Thirty-nine Heppner High school seniors received their dip-lomas as the first class to grad-in commencement ceremonies in the high school gymnasium Wednesday night. It was an all student and fer-values of the number, occupied in arge and welcome portion of the program. Wednesday night. It was an all student and fer-values of the number, occupied in arge and welcome portion of the program. Wednesday night. It was an all student and fer-values of the transmission and he scholarship for girls of Scholarship Commission and he will use it at the University of Oregon where he will enter a large crowd that occupied all chairs on the main floor and belacher space. The class received \$3950 in scholarships and cash awards, being divided among 13 stu-dents. Presentation of the awards by Principal Gordon Pratt be-

students of the class, received the \$500 scholarship from Kinzua Corporation and a \$100 scholarship from the Band Parents.

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In memory of the late Mrs. Lucille Weatherford, dedicated mathematics teacher at the school until her death, the Lu-cile Weatherford Memorial scholarship was started this year, offering \$50 scholarship to the one showing the greatest interest in mathematics. Don Majeske received this scholarship.

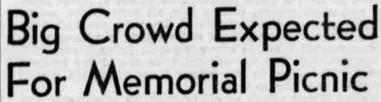
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A Girls' League award of \$50 was received by Martha Peter-

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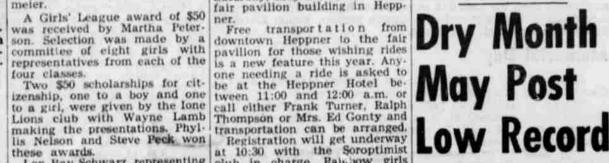
HEPPNER



Committees are busy this week making plans to greet a large turnout of present residents and those of yesteryears at the an-nual Morrow County Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic and Reunion, Saturday, May 30, at the county fair pavillon building in Hepp-ner.

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John Cole Given Stoo Scholarship At Lodge Dinner John Cole, graduating senior of Heppner High school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cole of Portland, was awarded a college

JOHN COLE won the first an-nual scholarship of \$100 given by the Masonic lodge of Hepp-ner to an outstanding and de-serving senior boy.

# John Cole Given

Other scholarships awarded by the Band Parents' club, each in the amount of \$100, went to Richard Clark and Dick Struck-

the Lisbon office.

After receiving her degree from NDAC in May, 1958, she was appointed to the Morrow county staff where she once again worked with N. C. Ander-To reach the site of the sale, Kinzua will improve or con-struct more than 13 miles of road, starting at Cutsforth park.

Before graduation she worked briefly as area home agent in North Dakota. In 1963 she received a Moses Foundation scholarship to attend regional extension summer school at Colorado State University.

Miss Kirmis was active in the Lutheran church and had been a member of the Business and Professional Women's club in Lisbon, serving for a time as president. She also held a state office in the BPW for two years. She was a member of the

Amercian Home Economics as-sociation, of the Oregon Home Demonstration Agents assoc-iation, and of the national Home Demonstration Agents assoc-

In Morrow county, her work with home extension units and ports. 4 H clubs was extensive, reach-ing all parts of the county. She was acquainted in many homes of the county and she took an active part in community affairs, especially those which were related to her extension

work. project in which she One project in which she played a leading role was the compiling and publishing of "Yesteryears of Morrow," a 71-page booklet on history of Mor-row county. Home extension units of the county produced the work with cooperation of the county court. The booklet is in the fire.

### Van Marter Given 50-Year Pin, Plaque At Frat Ceremony

La Verne Van Marter, Sr., was honored at a banquet given by Phi Delta Theta, national fraternity, as a 50-year member Wednesday, May 20, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel at Walla Walla, Wn. He was presented a 50-year nin and a wall plaque on the

pin and a wall plaque on the occasion. Van Marter, a grad-uate of the University of Oregon in 1916, was a member of the fraternity there but Whit-man College also has a chapter of the fraternity. He was one of two so honored at the banquet.

Alumni association at Walla Walla sponsored the banquet and the principal speaker was the president of General Electric company, a Whitman col-lege graduate. Some 250 were

present. Marter, Jr.

lion feet of other species.

Brubacher said. That going up Coal Mine hill will be made into double lane with a standard logging road proceeding from the end of the struction funds could be obtain-

2-way road to the site of the sale, Miller said. Georgia Pacific was the only other bidder on the sale.

**Fires Start Early** In Forest Areas

Drought that has been plaguing farmers in the area is also a foreboding thing to forestry land. Two fires have already broken out in the woods, W. S. (Sam) Miller, district forest ranger resaid

One occuring Wednesday night was on state lands against the forestry district boundary at the headwaters of Wilson Creek, a lork of Rhea Creek. It covered 20 acres of cutover lands and was man-caused. Report today (Thursday) was that it was under control. State crews fought

A fire broke out Saturday in Rains Canyon of the forestry district and covered seven acres Brubacher said. before it was extinguished. It

was in slash and grass. This fire, too, was man-caused. Fire closure has been ordered

early this year by Governor Mark Hatfield because of the dry conditions, Miller said. It will start as of June 1.

#### Eye Injury Still **Confines Bennett**

Don Bennett is still confined at home from an eye injury that he suffered while working for Morrow County Grain Growers on April 21. He was struck in the eye with a nail.

After a period of hospitalization and treatment at St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla, Wn., Bennett returned home two weeks ago. However, he returns to the hospital periodically for treatment, and indications are that it will be a long time before healing is complete. Appar ently rather severe damage was sustained to the inner eye, Mrs. Bennett said.

While hospitalized, the Heppner man lost 25 pounds in 20 days and both eyes were kept covered for an extensive period. Attending with Van Marter It still cannot be determined was his son, La Verne Van whether damage will be permanent and total to the eye.

bers Monday night. Supt. Wayne

It was agreed that the programs at Heppner and Ione High schools need enlargement and enrichment. The problem under consideration, however, was how and when any additional con-

It was felt that before asking patrons to support a program for new shops for Heppner and lone High schools more data would need to be secured. Information is needed on sizes of plants

of equipment in the shops. Several discussion groups would be held throughout the district after said data is ac-cumulated, the superintendent

The meeting was the largest of three preliminary discussions. An earlier meeting was attended by Leno Christensen, Cregon

State University professor and consultant for the State Department of Education, who specializes in vocational-farm shops. Director Howard Cleveland has been giving particular attention to the high school shops and at the May 11 regular meeting

of the directors urged that action be taken as soon as feasible. It is the intention to resume study and hold public discus-sions early next school year,

Portland, was awarded a college She plans to enroll scholarship for \$100 tuition fees Mountain College in the fall. at the anunal dinner given by Heppner lodge No. 69, AF&AM, Mrs. Helen Sherman,

Heppner lodge No. 69, Arakat last Thursday evening at the Heppner Masonic temple. Len Ray Schwarz, junior warden of the lodge, made the presenta-tion. The diage hoppred the men The diage hoppred the men

received special recognition for of the high school faculty and her scholastic improvement and

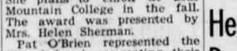
the senior boys. Supt. Wayne Brubacher, Del Norte lodge No. was awarded full membership and pin for the National Hon-orary Society. Principal Pratt said that she had raised her 105, spoke briefly, given the seniors an inspirational sendoff. Principal Gerdon Pratt Intro-duced members of the faculty, grade point average from 2.6 as a junior to 3.04 as a senior and sought, construction type, cost of and Lee Padberg, president of construction and type and cost the senior class, introduced the seniors.

Ray Williamson, master of Heppner lodge, acted as master Glennie Appointed of ceremonies and Don Turner, Athletic Director lodge secretary, gave a short resume on Masonic history and purposse.

The dinner, which served 75, was prepared by the Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Lowell the Gribble, worthy matron, was as-sisted by Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mrs. Floyd Worden, Mrs. James Prock, Mrs. Don Turner and Mrs. Charles Stout.

Nine lovely members of Rainbow for Girls handled table service

This was the first year that the lodge has given the scholar-ship, and it is planned to make it an annual event. mond squad to a second place finish in the western division of the Greater Oregon league. it an annual event.



## Heppner Stores, Post Office Set Memorial Closure

Most Heppner stores and busi-nesses will be closed on Satur-

Jim Driscoll, Heppner post master, said that the post office will be closed all day because of the holiday.

The courthouse will be closed half-day tomorrow (Friday) Pete Glennie, head baseball coach and assistant mentor for football, has been named atha half-day tomorrow (Friday) in observance of the holiday which falls on a day when the public offices are normally closed—Saturday. This is upon order of Governor Mark Hatfield. letic director at Heppner High, it was announced this week. Glennie, who has served for three years on the Heppner staff, Banks will maintain their norwill succeed Bob Cantonwine in the director's job. Cantonwine will coach in Dallas next year.

mal Friday schedule and will be closed Saturday as usual. Employees of the Gazette-Times will have a holiday Fri-Glennie, a graduate of Western Montana College, also teaches commercial and social studies classes at the school. This year, he coached the Mustang dia-mond sound to a social place day because Memorial Day is a normal paid holiday and falls on a non working day this year. However, the office will be open Friday as usual.



STATE HIGHWAY Department workmen are shown straightening a curve on the Willow Creek highway (74). The curve, near the Jordan elevator, has been the scene of a number of accidents in years past and the widening of the road should greatly enhance the safety of motorists traveling the route

**Swim Tickets** On Sale by City

dent Vic Groshens states that a city crew has completed caulking

Tom Hughes again will be in building a new bridge over lifeguard and Sharon Dixon and Willow Creek and making alter-Beverly Blake will be casheirs ations to the Hinton Creek

First day's swim will be a free day. Cost of tickets is as follows: Season family ticket, \$18; adult

Leonard Gilliam, official weather observer

Driest May on record here was in 1924 when precipitation totaled .03 inch.

District Forest Ranger Sam Miller reported Thursday morn-ing that the Dale District reported that a good rain was falling there, but as of noon it had avoided the Heppner district. At this point, the lack of mois-ture for the five months of the

nesses will be closed on Satur-day. Memorial Day, they have announced. However, some ser-vice establishments and others will remain open. A list of those who have announced closure for the day is on page 3 of this section. Jim Driscoll, Heppner post-dim Driscoll, Heppner post-

piled since 1910, Gilliam round the following dry years for the 5-months period: 1939 - 3.78; 1935 - 3.79; 1929 - 4.54; 1928 - 3.82; and 1924 - 3.52.

During the first five months of last year, rainfall totaled 8.56 here. The 50-year average for the five months period is 6.29 inches with May averaging 1.29 inches

April of 1963 recorded 3.78 inches, which topped the total for five months this year.

The drought continues to cast discouragement on prospects for this season's grain crops and is wreaking havoc on range lands. However, some ranchers main-tained some optimism despite the lack of moisture, stating that

their crops appeared to be sur-prisingly good in proportion to the lack of rain. Prec. Hi

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With school out, many fam-illes are planning outings for the first holiday week-end of the season. Many more will stay at home and attend the Memorial Day picnic at the fair pavilion. Thursday Friday Saturday

Low 34 29 37 30 35 41 52 62 58 74 67 65 73 75 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Traffic to Detour** 

**Around Bridge** 

Beginning Monday, the Main street bridge over Willow Creek will be barricaded and traffic will be detoured around the bridge via other streets, Willard Schlegel, for e m a n for Schrader Construction Co., states. The company is contractor for the State Highway Commission

bridge

Schlegel said that one-way traffic would be afforded over

the Hinton Creek bridge. The Willow Creek bridge will season ticket, \$9; high school season, \$6; grade school season, \$4; daily swims—adults, 50c, high school, 25c, children, 15c. months, the foreman said. be closed until new construction is complete-approximately 3%

Tickets for swimming in the Heppner municipal pool are now on sale for the summer season, Recorder Ted Smith states. Those planning to buy tickets should get them at the city hall before the pool opens. It is planned to open the pool on either Saturday, June 6, or Sunday, June 7. City Superinten-

and will have painting done soon.

at the pool.