

# Picnic Draws More Than 200 Old Friends

More than 200 persons—perhaps the largest crowd in recent years—attended the Pioneer Union and Memorial Picnic at the fair pavilion here Sunday. Former residents came from long distances to attend and enjoyed reminiscing with long-time friends, both those still living in Heppner and those who have left the home town.

Well-filled tables, particularly in the way of desserts, provided a sumptuous potluck dinner for those assembled. The crowd took up all space at tables that had been set up and more were added to accommodate them.

Giles French of Moro was principal speaker for the occasion and stressed the need for providing an authentic Morrow county history. Oscar Peterson,

electd president of the group last year, was master of ceremonies and did such a good job that he was reelected for the coming year. He introduced many of those who had come considerable distances and who were well known as residents here in the past.

A special guest of the day was O. M. Yeager of Castle Rock, who returned for his first visit in 14 years.

Mrs. Ed Gonty, who was praised for her fine work as secretary, declined insistent urging to accept the position again, and Mrs. Claude Graham was elected to the secretary's job for next year.

Door prize, a fine clock radio, was won by Mrs. R. B. Rice. Entertainment was furnished

by "The Cheetahs," an instrumental group composed of John Pfeiffer, Mike Warren and Roger Leoning.

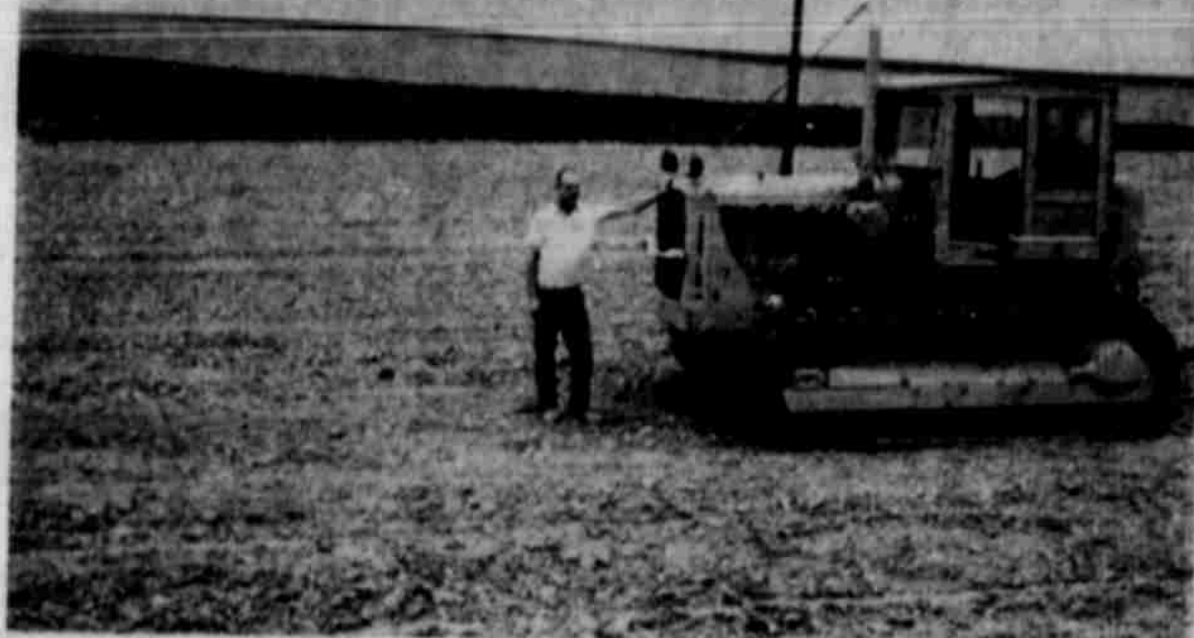
The Scorpions club was in charge of registration, and 211 signed the guest book. Many children and those who worked were not registered. Rebekeh helped with the kitchen and the Rainbow Girls assisted about the rooms. Many others helped with other work, such as setting up tables.

It was evident from the enthusiastic conversation and laughter that those present had a wonderful time recalling experiences of days gone by and divulging incidents that had occurred since their last visits.

Among those who signed the guest book from out of town were Lawrence Reaney, Vancouver, Wn.; Robert R. Reaney, Camas, Wn.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes, and Grace O. Nickerson, Hillsboro; Walter Hayes, Boardman; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clark, Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Don Boyer, Mt. Vernon; Glen Boyer, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Oma Cox, Walla Walla, Wn.; O. M. Yeager, Castle Rock, Wn.; Nettie Curran Cox, Gladstone; Violet Lualien, Francine Lualien, Jack Hynd, Buck Lualien, and Eddie Sheridan, all of Pendleton.

A large group traveled from Portland for the reunion. Those registered from Portland were Emma Evans, Lillie Curran Hapgood, Agnes Wilcox, Lyn Berg-

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STRIP CROPPING that helped bring Dave Baker, lone, the title of 1965 Conservation Man of Year is visible in this photo on the ranch. Dave stands in front of his tractor on a fallow strip. (G-T Photo).

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## Wheat Growers' Spring Meeting Set for Tonight

Annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association, scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at the Lexington Grange hall, starting at 8 p.m., has a full agenda.

One of the highlights will be the presentation of the 1965 Conservation Man of the Year in Morrow county, David Baker of Lone. Colored slides of some of his conservation practices will be shown.

A progress report on the county road program will be presented by County Judge Paul Jones, giving a summary of activities since the damaging December and January floods, as well as telling of plans for future improvements.

Wheat growers will be brought up to date on national farm program legislation and will discuss what is in store for them in terms of income for the years ahead. President Bob Jepsen states.



DAVID BAKER, rancher north of Lone holds a handful of trashy fallow on the 2100-acre ranch that he operates. Baker has been chosen as 1965 Conservation Man of the Year in Morrow county. (G-T Photo).

## Dave Baker Chosen Conservation Man

Selection of the 1965 Conservation Man of the Year changed the trend of the past few years when a north lone area rancher, David Baker, was selected as winner. The change in trend came from choosing a ranch in the wind erosion area rather than the more highly water erodable areas which have been the case in the past number of years.

According to Baker, however, this area is vulnerable to water as well as wind erosion, as was illustrated quite plainly in the December, 1964, flood when waters as high as the hood on his car came down the canyon in which their home is located. Still cleaning up from the after effects of this heavy runoff, the Bakers said most damage was done to the lawn and some short steep slopes which have as yet been left without conservation measures.

David, 46, and operator of his father-in-law's ranch since 1947, has found that wind strip cropping is the most important practice needed with a few others that fit well into the operation. The ranch, owned by Henry Gorgor, Pendleton, has been owned by that family since the early 1930's. Operating it on his own since 1956, David has established wind strip cropping on all but 275 acres of the 2100-acre ranch. He also built a silt dam or catch basin, a wildlife guzler, and is now in the process of establishing two game plantings on areas now only in wasteland.

A windbreak established in 1957 is an outstanding example of what trees will do on dry-land if moisture is conserved through frequent cultivations. The planting, only 8 years old this spring, has Ponderosa pine from 8 to 10 feet tall with Caragana somewhat taller.

The 2100-acre ranch includes 1980 in farm land with wheat and barley grown to the full extent of the allotments. This year David has planted 700 acres of wheat using the substitution clause of the present farm program. All of the land subject to wind erosion with the exception of some small corners are wind strip cropped. All summer fallow is stubble mulched.

David, who was born in Gustavus, Ohio in 1918, moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker to the Pacific Northwest at the age of 2 years and lived for a short while on a dairy farm in the Walla Walla area before moving to Morrow county in 1924. He was raised on the

## Funeral Services For Harold Laird Set for Friday

Funeral services for Harold Adra Laird, 44, will be at the Heppner Methodist church Friday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor, officiating. Concluding services will be at the Hermiston cemetery, Hermiston, with Father Raymond Beard of St. Patrick's Catholic church officiating.

Laird, who with his wife owned and operated Lairds' Variety store here since March 12, 1962, was found dead in a bedroom of his home Tuesday by his wife when she returned home from work about 5:15 p.m. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, county medical examiner, said death was from a self-inflicted gunshot wound fired from a .22 caliber rifle. Time of death was fixed at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird and family came to Heppner about 10 years ago from Echo where they operated a drug and variety store for 10 years. He was employed at Humphreys Drug here for 6 1/2 years before they purchased the variety store from Mr. and Mrs. Willard (Bill) Blake.

He was born August 2, 1920, at Enterprise, son of Floyd and Della Reece Laird. On May 28, 1942, he was married to Arolene Simon at St. Paul, Oregon.

During World War II he served as a boatswain's mate 1/c in the Navy.

Mrs. Laird said that her husband complained of a severe headache early Tuesday morning. She left for work about eight, and their son, Tom, who graduated from Heppner High school with the class of 1965, had gone to work on a ranch about 7:30. Mrs. Laird has been a teacher in the Heppner elementary school for a number of years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Arolene Laird; a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Daley of Portland; the son, Tom; the father, Floyd of Hermiston; two sisters, Mrs. Alma Allstott of Hermiston and Mrs. Leona Huson of Heppner; and two grandchildren.

The family has announced that friends who wish to honor his memory may make donations to the American Cancer Society, Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



TIM DRISCOLL brought six points to Heppner High in the state track meet at Corvallis Saturday when he won third in the half-mile. (G-T Photo).

## Driscoll Takes Third in State

Tim Driscoll, Heppner High school junior for the year just ended, brought credit to his school when he won a third place in the state track meet at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Saturday.

Driscoll ran the half-mile in a time of 1:59.7 for the third place and thereby gained six points for Heppner High school. He was the only entrant from the school here.

He was fourth in the preliminaries, running in a time of 1:59.8.

Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, was accompanied to the state meet by Coach Don McClure.

## Diplomas and Awards Go to lone Class of '65

Ten seniors received their diplomas at commencement exercises at the lone High school gymnasium Thursday evening, May 27. They were preceded into the hall by members of the junior class, who then formed two rows at the foot of the stage through which the seniors passed to their places on the platform.

Dr. Frank E. Bennett, president emeritus of Eastern Oregon College, presented the commencement address. He stressed to the seniors the importance of knowing what to do with their time, what to do with criticism, and how to use self-discipline.

The processional and recessional marches were played by Gene Rietmann. The high school chorus sang, "Halls of Ivy," directed by Carol Miller and accompanied by Cheryl Lundell.

Sid Zinter, salutatorian, welcomed the large number of guests and thanked them for the help given the class during the past four years.

As valedictorian, Cheryl Lundell used the class motto, "We Have Crossed the River, the Ocean Lies Ahead," as the basis for her interesting talk. The Rev. Walter B. Crowell of the United Church of Christ delivered the invocation and pronounced the benediction.

Everett Holstein, principal, presented the class to Milton Morgan, lone member of the District R-1 board, who presented the seniors their diplomas.

Cheryl Lundell and Sid Zinter received the University of Oregon Dads club citation for leadership, scholarship, and citizenship and Cheryl was awarded the Oregon State University Dad's club citation for outstanding scholarship, leadership and citizenship and the Reader's Digest award as the valedictorian of the class. Cheryl won a part tuition 4-year scholarship at the University of Oregon and Cheryl and Joe Halvorsen received the Lion's club citizenship awards of \$50 each. Shirley Hicks received a tuition scholarship to Blue Mountain College, and Connie Christopherson was awarded the PTA scholarship for \$75.

Members of the graduating class are Connie Christopherson, Robert Emert, Joe Halvorsen, Shirley Hicks, Sandra Holstein, Kenneth Jones, Cheryl Lundell, Lee O'Connor, Frank Wiley and Sidney Zinter.

The graduating class, families, and friends were served punch and cookies following the exercises in the cafeteria. The table was beautifully arranged in red and white by the social committee of PTA with Mrs. Norman Nelson as chairman.

## Flatt Takes New Mail Service Job

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flatt and family, Connie, Neils and Keili, moved Saturday to The Dalles to make their home at 409 E. 7th Street. Flatt will be employed in the rural mail service, serving the route between Antelope and Shaniko.

Mr. and Mrs. Flatt have made their home in Heppner the past 14 years, where he has been associated with Flatt's Truck Service. The family has been active in community affairs, and the couple has been especially active members of Elks Lodge No. 358. He is a past exalted ruler and has held many other important offices.

Flatt's Truck Service in Heppner, owned by Bill Flatt, Condon, will continue its services and will be under the management of Gene Orwick, former owner of Gene's Chevron in Lexington.

## Heppner Budget Accepted Tuesday Without Change

Budget for the city of Heppner for the year 1965-66 was approved without change following the scheduled hearing in the city hall Tuesday night.

No one came to remonstrate or to appear on behalf of the budget.

Present were Clarence Rosewall, president of the council, who acted in the absence of Mayor Al Lamb, Councilmen Dave McLeod, Haskell Sharrard, Bill Collins and LeRoy Gardner and Mrs. Elaine George, recorder.

They spent nearly an hour discussing some parts of the budget and city matters while awaiting any citizens who might appear. None came, and the budget was accepted unanimously after a motion was made to that effect.

The budget, which is within the six percent limitation, has total requirements of \$209,991.27 as compared with \$194,765.31 for the fiscal year now ending. Budget resources are listed at \$185,377.23 as compared with \$171,567.31 for the current year. Amount to be levied from taxes is \$185,377.23, as compared with \$171,567.31 for the year 1964-65.

## Free Swim Set At Pool Opening Monday, June 7

Swimming will be free on opening afternoon, Monday, June 7, at the Heppner municipal pool, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. But that will be the only free swim of the year, and so all are advised to come and enjoy the opportunity.

Starting Tuesday, the pool will be open on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 until 4 and from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Regular Sunday schedule will be from 1 until 5 p.m. with no evening swims, and it will be closed each Monday after the opening day.

Ron Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray and an Oregon State University student, will be lifeguard for the season. He is a qualified national YMCA senior lifesaver and Red Cross senior in lifesaving and water safety.

Season tickets are now available at the city hall, but single day's admission tickets may be purchased at the pool. Family season tickets are \$18; adult season tickets \$9; high school and grade school and under \$4. Daily tickets are adults, 50c; high school, 25c; and children, 15c.

## WEATHER

Official weather report for the week of May 27-June 2 is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	84	48	—
Friday	85	52	.12
Saturday	77	39	—
Sunday	68	38	—
Monday	68	38	—
Tuesday	76	44	—
Wednesday	83	49	—

## McCarty to Serve Nazarene Church

The Rev. D. W. McCarty of Pasadena, Calif., has been secured as new pastor of the Church of the Nazarene of Heppner, replacing the Rev. J. G. Weller who resigned last month to accept a pastorate of the Filer, Idaho, church.

The Rev. and Mrs. McCarty have three small boys and plan to arrive here between June 28 and July 1, with his first service here on Sunday, July 4.

During the month of June regular services will be held, with Evangelist Lloyd Northup of Seattle, Wn., as interim pastor and occupying the church pastorage. The usual schedule of services is planned, starting at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

## Busload of Young Athletes To Go to Junior Olympics

With Clint Agee as driver and coach, a busload of Morrow county youngsters will go to Portland Saturday to participate in the Junior Olympics after qualifying for the competition in Pendleton Saturday.

Agee said that the bus will leave the Heppner Grade school promptly at 6 a.m. Lexington participants will be picked up at the school there at 6:10 a.m., and those from the lone area will be picked up at the lone school at 6:25 a.m. The bus is scheduled to arrive at the Willow Creek Junction at Highway 80N at 6:45, and participants from Irrigon and Boardman are asked to meet the bus there at that time.

The competition in Portland will be at the Franklin High school field, 5405 S. E. Woodward, starting at 11 a.m.

Those making the trip are advised to bring their own sack lunches, because meals are not provided. The youngsters will be back Saturday evening. Participants are also advised to be sure to bring their own running togs, trunks, jerseys, shoes and so on.

The following are those who qualified from Heppner, Lexington and lone (names of those from Boardman and Irrigon were not available at press time):

- Dean Wright—50 yard dash, standing broad jump.
- Bruce Marquardt—100 yard dash, standing broad jump, running broad jump.
- John McCabe—softball throw.
- John Hall—high jump, standing broad jump.
- Dave Hall—120-yard low hurdles, 100-yard dash.
- Ken Morgan—180-yard low hurdles.
- Jim Jacobs—100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, shotput.
- Morgan, Doherty, Perkins, Jacobs—mile relay.
- Campbell, O'Donnell, Schubert, Duffy—220-yard relay.
- Mary Williams—standing broad jump.
- Eckman, Malcom, Steagall, Rugg—220-yard relay.
- Robinson, Roark, Jacobs, Heath—220-yard relay.
- Brenda Steagall—softball throw.
- Leslie Meador—softball throw.
- Jim Doherty—running broad jump.
- Nelson, Ball, Miller, Sherman—440-yard relay.
- Jim Swanson—high jump.
- Janet Palmateer—50-yard low hurdles, 75-yard dash, high jump.
- S. Gaede—high jump.

In order to qualify for the Portland meet, the contestants had to win first or second in their events for their age groups at Pendleton. Prior to that a county junior Olympics was held to qualify for Pendleton.

## Glider Goes Down On Canyon Field; Pilot is Unhurt

When the glider that he was flying on a scheduled trip from Richland, Wn., to Ontario was unable to clear the mountains, Richard Delafield of Vancouver, Wash., brought the ship down on a field of the Van Schoiack ranch in Sanford canyon last Thursday night. State Police Officer Curt Culp reported.

The pilot was unhurt and the ship was undamaged. Delafield, a West Coast Airlines pilot who flies gliders as a hobby, was on a practice hop to Ontario, preparing for a competitive event coming up. But he lost too much altitude to clear the mountains.

Delafield hitched a ride to Heppner, called friends and they came with a special trailer to haul the glider back to the Tri-Cities. The help arrived about 9 p.m. The glider is said to be valued at \$6000.