

Portland 8th Graders Due Friday on County Visit

Board Gives School Post To Sumner

Jack Sumner, who ranches in the Eightmile district, was chosen Thursday for the Morrow county school board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Howard Cleveland.

The unanimous selection was made by the board at this special meeting after Sumner was nominated by Director L. D. Tibbles. Letter of resignation from Howard Cleveland had been read earlier in the meeting. In accepting the resignation, the board unanimously voted to send a letter of thanks to the former director.

Cleveland's resignation came too late in the year for nominees to be placed on the ballot for the May 2 school election to replace him. In such a case, a successor is elected by the board to serve until the end of the next fiscal year. The position, thus, will be up for election in the May, 1967, election.

Sumner graduated from Heppner High in 1953 and from Oregon State University in 1963. He taught on a fellowship at OSU in the agriculture department through the spring of last year. Housing, land purchasing and policies were other major items on the agenda at the meeting held in the Lexington school office.

On motion of Director Maxwell Jones the board agreed to locate two lots in Boardman and one in lone suitable as sites for teacher housing. The motion also called for a study of the district housing needs.

Committee for the purpose includes Directors Jones, Ralph Skuobo and Don McElligott, Ron Daniels, Boardman principal, and David Potter, superintendent of schools.

As to the land purchase, Director Skuobo moved that the board negotiate for 9.2 acres of land adjacent to the northwest corner of the new Riverside High site, and this was passed. Director Kenneth Batty moved

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County, College School Elections Due Monday P.M.

Elections for Morrow County School District R-1 and Blue Mountain Community College will be conducted simultaneously in this county Monday afternoon, May 2, from 2 until 8 p.m.

Two directors of the district board and several advisory committee members are to be chosen in the county election, and two directors are to be elected for the Blue Mountain district. In addition, voters will cast ballots on the college district budget for 1966-67.

All director candidates are unopposed. Running for the county district board are Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Heppner, and Maxwell Jones, Irrigon. Seeking reelection on the college district board for four-year terms are Mike Kilkenny of Echo and Russ Doran of Hermiston. It was reported through error in last week's paper that the terms are for five years. They are for four years.

Blue Mountain budget lists total estimated expenditures at \$897,102. Receipts, other than taxes are \$581,270. Amount to be raised by taxation is \$335,832, spread over Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Estimated levy to cover this amount is 2.74 mills across the 2-county district. This is an increase of some six-tenths of a mill above 1965-66.

Increased enrollment of the college and a plan to bring the college library to standard are the principal reasons for the increase. Construction of the vocational-technical building, now in progress, does not figure in the increased budget since it is financed by a serial levy and federal and state funds.

Polling places for the election are at Rhea Creek Grange hall, Heppner Elementary school, Lexington school office, Ione High school, Riverside High school and A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon. Voters will recommend two ballots — one for the college and one for the county district. All registered voters are eligible to cast ballots.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of April 21-27 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	59	38	—
Friday	65	36	—
Saturday	72	38	—
Sunday	75	36	—
Monday	66	31	—
Tuesday	56	30	—
Wednesday	61	35	—

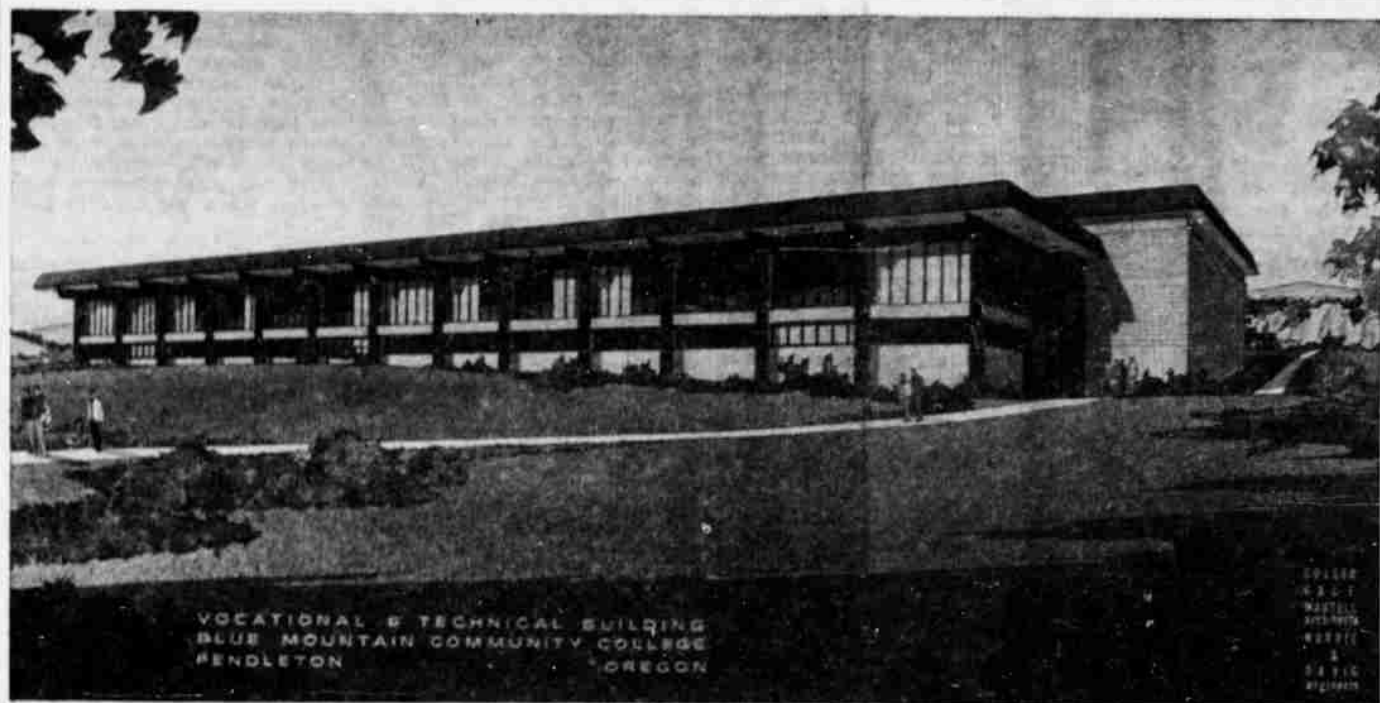
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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH shows new vocational-technical building under construction at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton. This is the second building on the new campus across from the state hospital. Enrollment at Blue Mountain

has more than tripled since it was started four years ago. Construction cost of the voc-tech building, including parking lots, sewer system and equipment, is figured at \$15 per square foot, a low figure for educational buildings.



MARK BROWN
SALUTATORIAN



KAREN FRENCH
VALEDICTORIAN

Boy and Girl Share Senior Class Honor

Named as valedictorian and salutatorian for Heppner High schools' June graduating class are Karen French and Mark Brown.

Valedictorian, Karen Yvonne French, has a grade point average of 3.95 for the first seven semesters of her high school career. During her years at HHS she has received only one semester grade lower than an A.

Karen has participated in FHA, Pep Club, Girls' League, Science Club, and National Honor Society. She held several offices in these clubs and was student body business manager when a junior. As a freshman she was secretary of her class.

Karen was March of Dimes queen her freshman year and as a junior was named an alternate to Girls' State. She has sung in the chorus this year. She was winner of the local American Legion essay contest this year and also of the Betty Crocker contest for girls in Home-making.

Karen, who has a younger sister, Verina, a junior, and Susan, in grade school, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French.

She plans to continue her education at Oregon State University. Mark Christian Brown, salutatorian has a grade point average to date of 3.83.

Mark has placed first in several local speech contests including the Soil Conservation and the United Nations Pilgrimage competitions. He won fourth place in the state Soil Conservation Speech contest last year. He has represented the school in track, football, and basketball and was given honorable mention as an all-conference end in football this year.

He has been class president as a freshman and again this year, and is senior class representative to the student body. Last year he was student body sergeant-at-arms.

Mark belongs to the National Honor Society and is vice-president of the H-Club. He has also participated in the science club and in 4-H.

Last year Mark was chosen to attend Boys' State and the Student Council Workshop. He also received a band scholarship to Washington State. He appeared in two school plays and was master of ceremonies at the Junior-Senior banquet last year.

Mark has one brother, Chris, a Heppner graduate last year who is now attending Oregon State University. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown.

In the fall, Mark plans to enroll at the University of Oregon where he will study speech and law.

College Seeks Program Balance, Says Palmberg

Rapidly-growing Blue Mountain Community College is studiously seeking to maintain a balance between its vocational-technical and liberal arts programs, Dr. Walter Palmberg, dean of instruction at the college, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce here Monday.

The tendency in community colleges, he said, is to drift heavily towards liberal arts, but Blue Mountain, realizing the need in technical-vocational fields, is working to avoid an over-concentration on the college transfer field.

Enrollment at the college for this spring term shows that the program is in balance with the number in each field, coincidentally, the same at 253 in vocational-technical. Another 111 are in government-sponsored manpower training.

Nationwide, some two-thirds of those enrolled in community colleges are in liberal arts, he said.

Growth Rate High
Growth of the college since its first year was pointed out in enrollment statistics given by Dr. Palmberg. In 1962-63, when the vocational-technical program only was offered, 231 were enrolled. In 1963-64, total enrollment was 273 with 161 in vocational and 112 in liberal arts program. Its first year, in 1964-65, enrollment jumped to 451, of whom 206 were in the vocational program, 204 in liberal arts and 41 in other departments. In the fall term of 1965-66, the current year, the total reached a new high at 733 with

319 in vocational-technical, 302 in liberal arts and 112 in other fields.

Projected enrollment under the current building program is an eventual 1000 full time equivalent students, Dr. Palmberg said.

One of the problems faced by the college is to find qualified staff members. Standard of a master's degree for all instructors has been set.

"Competition is real stiff, and it is hard to find quality qualified personnel," the dean said. At the present time Blue Mountain has 36 fulltime instructors and a half-dozen part time instructors.

Expansion in the fields of art, chemistry, social sciences (adding anthropology), and science (adding botany) is planned for the near future. At present, vocational-technical courses include those of automotive, business, electronics, civil engineering, technology, agriculture, nursing and police science.

Some of the students coming to the college in Pendleton need considerable guidance, Dr. Palmberg said.

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CowBelles Choose Abrams As Morrow Father of Year

Robert B. (Bob) Abrams, father of five children, has been selected by Morrow County CowBelles as Father of the Year, it was announced today by the organization.

A practicing attorney here for a number of years, Abrams is a partner in the law firm of Mahoney and Abrams and in this capacity serves as attorney for the Morrow County School district and for the City of Heppner.

He is a director of the Boy Scouts and has worked for years for the development of scouting here. Abrams is a director of Blue Mt. Community college, and is a lay leader and lay vicar of All Saints' Episcopal church.

With mountain climbing as his hobby, Abrams has climbed 16 of the highest peaks in the northwest.

He was selected from other nominees for the honor because of the job that he and Mrs. Abrams (Marion) have done in rearing their children, because he is highly respected, and because he gives unselfishly of his time in community activities, with particular attention to youth projects. Typical of these activities is that of serving as

Youthful Driver Unhurt in Wreck

Stan Rauch, Heppner High school junior, was able to perform in a track meet at the school Wednesday afternoon after emerging from a car wreck that brought a total loss to the vehicle earlier in the day.

Rauch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rauch of Lexington, apparently lost control of the car on curves about a mile south of Lexington as he was driving to school. The car rolled over probably twice and was demolished, according to State Police Officer Curtis Culp who investigated. Rauch apparently was thrown from the car, a 1955 Chrysler.

He was the only occupant of the car, and his injuries were superficial. He attended school during the day and was in the track meet.

Students to Write 'Best Mom' Letters For Mothers' Day

All school pupils from grades one through eight are invited to write letters telling why their mothers are the "best mom" in a contest sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Randall Peterson, chairman of the Mother's Day promotion, said that the winning letters will receive free meal tickets to take the family out for dinner on Mother's Day, May 8.

Entries are to be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, Box 161, by May 5.

Tour of Ranches To Highlight Trip

By GENE WINTERS
County Extension Agent

All Morrow County extends a welcome to the Portland 8th graders this week-end for the third annual visit of outstanding boys and girls from the Portland city schools. This year for the first time students from the Oregon School for the Blind of Salem will accompany the Portland group.

Final details for the tour were worked out in Heppner and Portland last Monday night. Thirty-two Portland 8th grade boys and girls representing 17 different schools, their two chaperones and two boys from the Oregon School for the Blind will be guests of 22 Morrow County host families. These 34 students are a part of a contingent of 130 Portland students and 8 students from the Blind School to visit farms and ranches in the Columbia Basin counties of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Morrow.

The Portland 8th Grade Tour program was initiated by Gilliam county in 1962 in an effort to acquaint young city people with a first-hand look at the industry furnishing their food and a substantial amount of the fiber needed in their clothing and shelter. This successful program encouraged by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and others was expanded into the three counties in 1964.

In an undertaking such as this there is urgent need for sponsors and supporters. Sponsoring this event in cooperation with the Portland city school system are the Morrow County Schools, Morrow county Wheat-growers Association and the Morrow County Extension Service. Cooperators are the Morrow County Grain Growers, Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District, South Morrow 4-H Leaders Council, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Branch First National Bank of Oregon, Morrow County Farm Bureau, Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner Gazette-Times, Jordan Elevator, and Morrow County Granges. Other groups and individuals, including the host families will be called upon for support during this tour period.

To Arrive at Cecil
An exciting program is planned for the visitors when they arrive at Cecil Friday morning about 11 o'clock. They will be welcomed by Al Boschee, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce youth activities committee. Then for the first time Portland 8th graders will meet Morrow County 8th graders with whom they will stay for the next two days. Name tags prepared by Mrs. H. R. Krebs will be presented to the visitors from Portland as well as students from Heppner, Ione and A. C. Houghton grade schools.

Before lunch an outline of activities for Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be given. The afternoon program will be centered in the Cecil area. The Krebs Bros. sheep operation will be seen through the use of slides presented by Mrs. H. R. Krebs. The slides will be viewed in the upstairs room of the Cecil store through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Thomas. The next stop on the tour will be the Hynd Bros. ranch. There the boys and girls will see what makes up a beef operation, including the irrigating and production of hay and pasture as well as the actual working with cattle. Saturday morning the visitors will visit the D. O. Nelson wheat ranch operation on the Bombing Range Road. There an inspection will be made of the equipment necessary for the operation of the ranch. A visit will also be made to the windstrips, bird guzzlers and wild life plantings to show the results of such conservation practices.

At the North Lexington Elevator the tourists will watch the unloading of a wheat truck. Loading a truck may also be shown at the elevator.

To See Combines
Just before noon Pat Cutsforth will demonstrate a combine harvester and a large four-wheel tractor. Students will be given a cut-away sheet showing the working of a combine at the demonstration.

Luncheon will be served at the Lexington Grange Hall. During the lunch period boys and girls will see a wheat spraying demonstration.

The afternoon portion of the tour will be at the Lindsay ranch. Larry Lindsay will describe the feedlot operation and show the different lots of animals fattening for market. No organized activities have been scheduled for Saturday evening. This time is being left for host families and visitors to become better acquainted with each other and farm life.

After church and starting at 1:00 p.m. in Heppner the Portland boys and girls will load

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DR. ED SHANNON, 4-H club extension agent of Portland, is coordinator of the annual 8th grade tour to eastern Oregon. Four counties, including Morrow, will be visited by the students, some 35 going to each county April 29-May 1. Gene Winters, Morrow county extension agent, is tour director here.

Get Trash Out! School Students Will Pick it Up

Here's your golden opportunity to get rid of all that trash around your house or yard.

Heppner High school students, doing the major function of Clean-up, Fix-up week in Heppner, will pick up all trash around the city that they can find Friday afternoon.

All you need do is to put your debris on the sidewalk or curb and they will do the rest.

Students will start their clean-up activity with a lunch Friday at school with pop furnished by the Chamber of Commerce. The clean-up will begin at 12:30 with the town to be divided into sections for seniors, juniors and sophomores to work. Freshmen will clean up around the high school.

Seniors will take the section from May street south; juniors will work east of Main from May north; and sophomores will work west of Main from May north.

Class judged to have done the best job will receive a plaque, according to Tim Tullis, student body president, who is helping to organize the activity.

Demos Lead County In Registration With 1094 Signed

Democrats lead registration in Morrow county by a margin of 105, report from Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, shows. Registration deadline for the primary election May 24 was Saturday.

A total of 1094 Democrats are registered as compared with 989 Republicans. Thirty-three are registered as independents or in other parties, making a grand total of 2116 eligible to vote in the county.

	Dem.	Rep.
Boardman	165	90
Hardman	10	21
Ione	148	204
Irrigon	204	85
Lexington	126	105
Northeast Heppner	102	114
Northwest Heppner	149	150
Southeast Heppner	68	96
Southwest Heppner	122	124
TOTAL	1094	989