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At the Beginning

Senior high school students of Morrow county, like those across the country, will be in the limelight next week at commencement exercises. As the name implies, this is the time of beginning for them.

Thanks to the Losers

With the primary election over, the public at large might take a moment to doff hats to the losers. This was an election of some lopsided contests.

Mighty Midgets Win Another Meet

Heppner's little track stars showed their mettle again Thursday, May 12, as they won the 4th, 5th and 6th grade track meet at Pilot Rock. Coaches Lee Winters and Richard McIntyre were lavish with their praise of the youngsters and enthusiastic over the possibilities these young Heppner stars displayed at the meet.

NO MATTER how dull an election shapes up to be on the ballot, it always seems to generate excitement before it is over.

She'll work all day and far into the night and never slow down a bit. In the 1964 election she was going until 4 a.m. and was just as lively at that time as she was at 8 a.m. the previous morning.

THIS ELECTION was one of the easiest to cover that we have ever experienced.

Locally the Butch Laughlin-Haskell Sharrard race on the Democratic ticket for assessor was the one which captured the public. Quite a few came to the Gazette-Times during the course of election night for returns, and the telephone was ringing well before opening time Thursday to get the results.

ELECTION BOARDS deserve votes of thanks from the public, and this includes the counting boards.

It was a pretty good race with Laughlin coming out on top, 296 to 215. We recall some counts in other parts of the state that went as long as 60 hours before being complete—one with "bedsheet" ballots in a presidential election year primary.

Harnett Gets Degree From Clark College

Melvin J. Harnett, son of Mrs. Rachel Harnett, will receive an associate college degree at graduation exercises at Clark College, Vancouver, Wn., on Thursday, June 9. Also completing requirements in registered nursing, Harnett will be pinned in ceremonies at the school Sunday, June 5.

TO THE EDITOR...

The petition now circulating to place a 1 1/2 percent limit on property taxes is a serious attempt to undermine the Oregon tax structure. It deserves no place on the election ballot.

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The last of the point-counting Play Days was held by the Wranglers at the Wrangler grounds, Sunday, May 1. Chairman Floyd Jones and a committee of John Eubanks, Pat O'Brien and Frank Anderson provided plenty of food, competition and games.

TO THE EDITOR:

Your newspaper recently reported on a talk given by marina owner Frank Garred before the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. As a gillnetter who has fished the Columbia River for 35 years, I take exception to his attack on commercial fishermen as being responsible for the declining salmon runs.

TO THE EDITOR:

During the same year, based on Washington State Department of Fisheries estimates, over 400,000 fall silvers alone were taken by sportsmen. These figures do not include the tremendous offshore commercial troll catch, nor the sizeable upriver Indian take.

TO THE EDITOR:

THIS WEEK we welcome to our staff Mrs. Bob (Marion) Abrams who will assist with local and society items around Heppner as well as perform other tasks unique to the weekly newspaper business.

Church to Sponsor Lab Training School For Teachers, Parents

The Christian Education and Worship committee of the Heppner-Lexington Christian Church will hold a Lab Training School for teachers and parents Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. Featured will be Mrs. Lois Graybeal, pastor's wife from Tappanish, Wn., (the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Heppner) and Mrs. Leona Harleman, a parish worker at the White Swan Indian Mission, White Swan, Wn.

Wranglers Score Points on Final Play Day Events

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Two Elks Appointed To Committees At State Conclave

Two Heppner Elks were appointed to state committees at the Elks' state summer convention held at Seaside by the week-end. La Verne Van Marter was chosen a member of the nominating committee and Glen Ward was selected for the auditing committee.

Methodists Plan Monday School

Beginning with the first Sunday in June there will not be Sunday morning church school for grades kindergarten through the sixth grade at the Methodist church. It is announced.

Visiting last week with Mrs. Olive Hughes were her grand daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts of Corvallis.

Gerald Booher of La Grande was in Heppner to attend the funeral of his mother, Maud Robison on Monday.

Two go rounds of calf roping were held with Bob Steagall winning first in both go rounds, Jim Steagall winning second in one and Charlie Daly winning second in the other.

Preschool Physical Exams Required

Oregon School Law requires all incoming first and ninth grade students to have a preschool physical and dental examination and to present the completed forms at school at the beginning of the school year, according to Mrs. Lowell Chally, R. N., of the Morrow County Health Department.

Coming Events

- ELKS PARTY 7th, 8th Grade Students, Heppner and lone Elks Temple, Friday, May 27, 8:30-11:00 p.m.
PIONEER PICNIC Pioneer Memorial Day Picnic, Monday, May 30, Fair Pavilion, Heppner Registration from 11:00 a.m., potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m.
BACCALAUREATE—Sunday, May 29, 8 p.m. High school multipurpose room.
COMMENCEMENT—Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m., high school gym.
BLOOD DRAWING Mark the date! Monday, June 6, Place, time to be announced
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