

School District to Join in City Swimming Pool Study

Two File for Mayor, Joe Balfe for Council

Petitions for two candidates for mayor of the City of Heppner have been completed and returned to Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder. The candidates, incumbent W. C. (Clarence) Rosewall and W. C. (Bill) Collins, have both signed their acceptances. Therefore, there will be a race between them for the post at the general election November 8.



ROBERT STRAUB

Straub to Speak On Monday Night

Robert (Bob) Straub, Democratic candidate for governor, will be in Heppner Monday night for a dinner meeting and a public address following, Orville Cutsforth, his Morrow county campaign chairman, announced.

Arrival by plane in Lexington is expected about 4 p.m., coming from Pasco where the candidate is making an appearance. Mrs. Straub is expected to be with him.

Dinner is planned at the Waggoner Wheel banquet room here at 6 p.m. Members of the Democratic Central committee will be in attendance, and others are invited to the dinner as long as room is available. Those interested in attending are requested to inform Mrs. Clarence Rosewall well in advance in order that the committee will know how many to prepare for.

The public is invited to the meeting at 8 p.m. to hear his address.

Following his visit here, Straub will go to Pendleton in the interests of his campaign. He is due to be there at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Rosewall, Democratic Central committee chairman for Morrow county, will preside at the dinner and meeting here, Cutsforth said.

Smorgasbord to Serve Communities Sunday At St. Patrick's Hall

Final plans are underway this week for the serving of the annual Harvest Smorgasbord at St. Patrick's parish hall, Heppner, on Sunday afternoon, October 16. A wide variety of delicious foods, including turkey, baked salmon, varieties of salads, vegetables, desserts, rolls and beverages are on the menu. Serving will be from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., with Altar Societies from Heppner, Lone and Lexington sharing in the responsibilities of the buffet-style dinner. Hunters and others visiting in the area are extended a special invitation to "come as you are." Tickets will be on sale at the door. A nursery will be provided for small children.

Jean) McCabe for reelection as treasurer. LeRoy Gardner, who is now serving as councilman, has indicated that he will not be a candidate for reelection. Three other councilmen, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., W. L. (Bill) Cox, and Carl Spaulding, have not announced whether they will seek reelection, but petitions have gone out for each of them.

In all, four council positions are up for election. Deadline for filing petitions is nearing, being set at Wednesday, October 19. Anyone interested in filing may obtain petition blanks from Mrs. George at the city hall. Mayor Rosewall, who was appointed mayor from his council position at the time of the death of Al Lamb, had indicated at the time of his appointment that he would serve only until the end of the year. However, he said last week that he was interested in continuing in the position in order to see fulfillment of several major projects now underway, including the Willow Creek dam, the proposed new city swimming pool, and a new or remodeled jail. A joint county-city committee is currently working on proposals for the jail problem, and a committee is also working on the swimming pool.

Collins, also a veteran in city government, is currently a councilman and previously served as mayor of Heppner. He is one of two councilmen whose terms do not expire this year. Dave McLeod is the other.

Soil Conservation Speech Contest To Be Wednesday

An exceptional group of high school speakers will compete for district honors Wednesday night, October 19, at the Heppner High school multipurpose room starting at 8 p.m.

This is the annual Soil and Water Conservation speech contest with the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district as local sponsor. Winner of the contest will advance to area contests with a chance to compete in the state finals. Local speakers have done well at the state level, having won it in 1963 and placed high on other occasions.

Jack Fielder, speech instructor, is enthused about students who will participate.

Ken Turner, contest chairman, states, "We think we have several entries good enough to go to state again."

The Morrow County Grain Growers have given three first trophies to be presented here, second and third place winners. The public is encouraged to attend to hear the students' good talks on this subject of importance.

Heart Failure Takes Ray Drake

Raymond K. (Ray) Drake, 75, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening at his home from heart failure. He had been a resident of the Heppner area since 1914, coming here to engage in ranching. He had been troubled with a heart ailment for years, but his son, Douglas Drake, had lunch with his father and mother in their home and had visited with them in the afternoon. The elder Mr. Drake was feeling fine at that time, he said. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church here. Complete obituary will be printed next week.

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GENE PIERCE

Independent Banks Name Gene Pierce As New President

Independent Banks of Oregon Saturday elected Gene Pierce, Heppner, president of the organization at their annual meeting in Portland. Pierce is president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, a position he has held since 1962.

He succeeds Henry Shelton, of the Forest Grove National Bank, as head of the organization. Other new officers are Charles Tressler, executive vice president of the Western Bank of Coos Bay, vice president; H. W. Berger, executive vice president of the Clackamas County Bank, Sandy, secretary-treasurer; and John Steelhammer, a Salem attorney, reelected as executive secretary.

Pierce served as vice president of the Independent Bankers during the past year.

He started work in banking 31 years ago, but was in the armed forces for 46 months during World War II and was in a private grocery business with his brother in Pendleton for about five years after the war. His 21 years in banking include work in banks in Pendleton and La Grande before he came to Heppner as manager of the Bank of Heppner branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon when it was opened here in August, 1957. His promotion to president of the bank came five years later.

Pierce was in the infantry in World War II, entering as a private and going overseas with the 41st division. He was commissioned while overseas and advanced to the rank of major. His service included that at Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines.

His wife, Fay, was a nurse during the war and also served in the South Pacific. They were married in Sydney, Australia.

Free Breakfast Set At Central Sale

Free pancake breakfast is offered by Central Market Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in its annual October Standby Harvest Sale. The breakfast features pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Special buys are offered in the sale, which includes both Friday and Saturday. Full information may be found on page 3 of this section.

John F. Kenny, Heppner Native, Dies Here Monday

John Francis Kenny, 81, native son of pioneer parents and lifetime rancher of the Heppner area, died at his home here Monday, October 10, after being in failing health for the past month.

His father, Michael Kenny, came here in 1875 and homesteaded a ranch at the head of Sandholow, northeast of Heppner. The son spent his entire life within a few miles of the original homestead, engaging in wheat and cattle ranching. He also raised sheep for a time but quit during World War II.

Kenny was 18 years of age at the time of the Heppner flood in June, 1903. He was sent to town from the ranch to assist in the cleanup work, and acted as a messenger between Heppner and Lexington during the emergency, riding horseback. A horse trainer in his young days, Kenny was among those who started the Morrow county Rodeo. He served as a field judge of the event for about 12 years.

This year, he was chosen to be grand marshal of the 1966 Rodeo Parade but was unable to serve when he became ill. He had won a prize some three years ago as the oldest mounted cowboy in the parade.

Kenny was born October 3, 1885, in Heppner, son of Michael and Mary Doherty Kenny. There was no Catholic church here at the time, and his parents took him to St. Andrew's Mission on the other side of Pendleton to be baptized.

His wife, Bridget, died April 20, 1966. They had observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1963.

Kenny's death came just one day following his 81st birthday.

Recitation of the rosary was Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic church and requiem mass was Thursday (today), October 13, at 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's church with Father Raymond Board celebrant. Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ellen Richard of Arcata, Calif., and Mrs. Patricia Erwin of Pendleton; five sons, Edward M. Kenny of Spokane, Wn., Matthew J. Kenny of Portland, Emmett F. Kenny of Pendleton, James P. Kenny of Lake Oswego, and William J. Kenny of Heppner; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Healy, Mrs. Sara Farley and Mrs. Bill (Cecilia) Buekum; 27 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Registration Total 2092 in County

Registration in the county for the general election November 8 totals 2092, according to Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk. Democrats now total 1064 as compared with 992 Republicans. Registered as independents or in other parties are 36. They are scattered in various precincts throughout the county. By precincts, registration is as follows:

	Demo.	Rep.
Boardman	132	85
Irrigon	207	85
Hardman	10	21
Lone	145	203
Lexington	125	103
N. E. Heppner	105	116
S. E. Heppner	69	104
N. W. Heppner	155	143
S. W. Heppner	116	132
	1064	992

Registration closed Saturday for this year's general election.

No School Friday, 'Professional Day'

There will be no school Friday in Morrow county as teachers and administrators participate in "Professional Day." Most teachers throughout the state will take part in meetings and activities on the day that is the modern version of what used to be called "teachers institute." While the teachers further their professional training, children throughout the county will take a holiday. (See School Bells column elsewhere in this paper for details.)



STEVE PETTYJOHN, junior end for the Heppner High football team, will be in action Friday night when the Mustangs play the Sherman County Huskies at Moro. Steve is 6-1 and weighs 175 pounds. The Mustangs, fresh from a 31-13 win over Burns here Friday, hope to continue their winning streak at Moro. (See Sports, Page 6) (G-T Photo by Spike Pardee).

Crazy Days Coming Here Next Week; Prizes are Offered

Some odd things probably will be happening in Heppner on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, for these will be "Crazy Days" in the downtown district. But shoppers will find that bargains they will receive will make real good sense. One example of the sort of thing to expect: One business firm will offer a \$10 prize to the first person coming to the business dressed in a barrel and a \$5 prize for the one with the closest guess of the combined weight of the staff. Bob Henry, chairman of the merchants committee, said that a prize will be given to the craziest-dressed man and one to the craziest-dressed woman among business people and clerks. They will be \$5 each.

There will be all sorts of "crazy" and "out of this world" bargains, many of which will be advertised in next week's Gazette-Times.

Those who wish to advertise Crazy Days bargains are asked to have their advertising ready earlier because of the large paper expected. Spike Pardee of the Gazette-Times staff will be making contacts Friday.

Two Are Injured In Auto Accident

In Pioneer Memorial hospital with injuries sustained in a one-car auto accident at Spray Monday night are Terry Grindstaff, 21, of Spray, on leave from the navy, and Mrs. Robert (Marsha) Nichols, 17, Lexington. Grindstaff suffered lacerations and loss of his right thumb in the accident, and Mrs. Nichols, who was the driver, has a concussion and multiple bruises. Grindstaff had been visiting in Heppner, and Mrs. Nichols was driving him home when the accident occurred at the outskirts of Spray. She said the accelerator stuck to cause the mishap. Grindstaff's brother, Jerry, 16, also was injured in a bad auto accident near John Day last week and underwent an operation in Bend Tuesday.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	45	—
Friday	73	51	.01
Saturday	68	45	—
Sunday	67	31	—
Monday	71	34	—
Tuesday	59	41	—
Wednesday	57	32	.06

Board Mulls High Schools' Athletic Costs

Morrow county's school district directors agreed at their regular meeting Monday night to participate with the City of Heppner and a citizens' committee in a study towards a new swimming pool for Heppner.

Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High was appointed to represent the schools on the joint study committee.

Mrs. Clyde Aistott, elementary PTA president and a member of the committee appointed by Mayor Clarence Rosewall, asked that the schools be represented in order to determine if it would be feasible to plan for a pool that could be used in connection with the schools.

Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, president of the Heppner High PTA, also discussed the proposal briefly. They said that it is hoped that a pool of Olympic size, approximately 75 ft. by 164 ft., can be constructed. There is a possibility of obtaining government aid, but plans must be submitted by June 30, 1967.

Inclusion of the schools might make it possible to provide a pool that could be used the year-around rather than for only three months, they said. This would mean that the structure would be covered.

Bob Rietmann said that there has been considerable interest, too, in covering the lone pool, which is a part of the lone high school plant, but little had been done because of costs involved.

Supt. David Potter concurred that a year-around pool could be used to advantage in the schools' physical education and activity programs.

Scouting Costs Eyed
The matter of covering costs of scouting football games at other schools came up for discussion when two bills for scouting by Heppner High coaches appeared in the list of district bills submitted for consideration of the board.

Several on the board expressed the opinion that such costs should be borne through student body funds. This led to a review of the financial difficulties of high school student bodies.

Principal Carpenter told the board that Heppner High could expect total revenue of about \$2000 from its athletic program — \$1200 from football and \$800 from basketball. Overnight trips cost the student body approximately \$100. Some \$600 is provided by the district for cost of officiating games, but this does not cover the needs, he said. When all costs are paid, only about \$1000 will remain for purchase of athletic equipment, and this is far less than is needed, he said.

The scouting bills were not allowed for payment. The consensus seemed to be that student bodies should pay such bills, and then if it is determined that they are insolvent at the end of the year, the district might subsidize the deficiency.

Ed Dick, from the audience, said that under present-day standards, scouting is an essential need for schools participating in A-2 athletics.

Corps Holds Up Plans
Supt. Potter reported on trouble being experienced with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers office in Walla Walla on receiving approval of various items in the plans and specifications for the new Riverside High school.

The officials there question a number of items which were in the design memo and which were approved in Washington, D. C., he said. One major item is the clay tile roofing. Some of the items are considered as "betterment" rather than as "standard" by the Engineers, despite the Washington, D. C., approval, he said.

The superintendent said that he is working with the office of Sen. Wayne Morse in the hope of getting the matters worked out.

Field Trip Good
Attorney Bob Abrams reported to the board that he went on a biology field trip with the class of Kirk Horn of Heppner High school recently, and said that it was "well worth the time and effort."

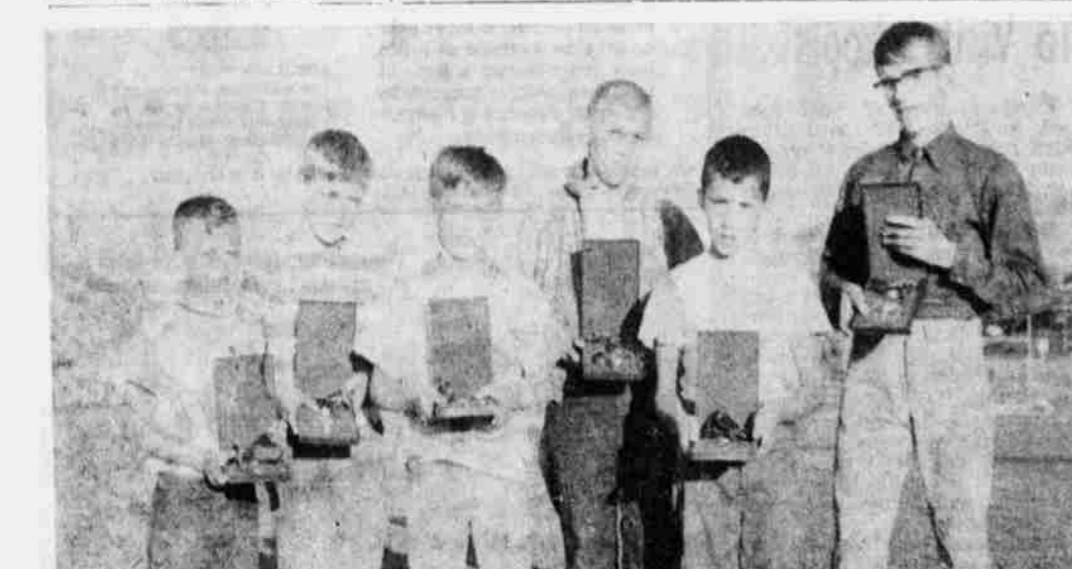
He said that it proved to be a fine learning experience. The students got a great deal from it, and so did I," he reported.

Water Bill Problem
Another knotty little problem came to the board's attention in the form of an \$108 bill for watering the playground across the highway from the Lexington school office.

It was reported that a men's church group had leased the playground for \$1 per year with the plan of maintaining it for community use and expecting the city to contribute the water.

The church group has kept it mowed and maintained, but the city has not accepted responsibility for furnishing the water. It was agreed by the board that the district should not con-

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TOP PERFORMERS in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick contest held at the rodeo grounds Saturday are the boys above. From left are Joe Rietmann, lone, winner of the 8-year-old division with 108 points; Dick Snyder, lone, 11-year-old, 180 points; Jerry Gentry, Heppner, 9-year-old, 159 points; Mike Hughes, Heppner, 12-year-old, 236 points; Mike Stephens, Heppner, 10-year-old, 186 points; and Tom Hughes, Heppner, 13-year-old, 203 points. (G-T Photo by Spike Pardee).