

8th Graders Due Friday

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Morrow County extends a warm welcome to the Portland Eighth Grade Tour this weekend. This fourth annual tour brings 33 Portland eighth graders, two students from the Oregon School for the Blind, and their two chaperones. Twenty-eight Morrow County rural families will be their hosts. These 35 students were selected from some 2,000 fellow students for this trip.

Gail McCarty, tour director, met with these students and their parents at an orientation meeting in Portland, Monday, April 17. Information concerning Morrow County and the tour itself were presented in a folder for each family to take home and study. All the details have been worked out, and these students seemed quite anxious for the final day to arrive.

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 Leader's Council, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner Branch, 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.

An exciting program is planned for the visitors when they arrive at Cecil Friday morning. They will be welcomed by Al Martin, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce youth activities committee. Then the Portland 8th graders will meet Morrow County 8th graders with whom they will stay for the next two days. Name tags will be presented to the visitors from Portland as well as the students from Heppner, Ione and A. C. Houghton grade schools.

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Army Corps Offers School Contract Up to \$1,484,000

United States Corps of Army Engineers Tuesday offered Morrow county school district R-1 a contract that would reimburse the district up to \$1,484,000 for replacement of Riverside High School, Mrs. Alice Vance, district clerk, said Tuesday night. The contract was presented at a meeting of local school officials with the Corps at Walla Walla.

Under this offer, the government would reimburse the district the amount of its costs up to, but not exceeding, the \$1,484,000 for replacing the old Riverside school.

The district has not yet decided whether to accept the offer. A special meeting of the directors is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at 9 a.m. in the district office at Lexington for official consideration of the offer.

The offer was made after Federal officials had considered the matter in Washington, D. C.

When the Corps rejected all construction bids on the proposed new high school construction last fall, it at first offered the district \$1,000,000 for a lump sum settlement. The district countered with an offer of some \$1,600,000. A second offer by the Corps was set at \$1,242,000, and this, too, was rejected by the board on advice from Sen. Wayne Morse who stated that nothing less than \$1,500,000 should be accepted by the district.

To be faced by the district is the problem of maintaining school at Riverside in the face of the rising of the Umatilla reservoir from the John Day dam. Filling of the pool is scheduled to start in April, 1968.

All but one member of the board, together with Principal Ron Daniels of Riverside, Mrs. Vance, and Attorney Bob Abrams attended the Tuesday meeting.

Lumber Workers On Strike

Workers at both Heppner and Spray plants of the Heppner Lumber Company went on strike Wednesday, citing "substandard wage scale and benefits" as the reasons. Picket lines were placed at each of the plants.

However, Bruce Malcom, general manager of the company, said that the planer was operating in the Heppner plant, and that the firm would continue to operate at least on a limited basis in the face of the strike.

A statement by IWA local 3-312 said that the company and a negotiating committee came to a final agreement on Monday at 4 p.m.

"The Heppner IWA local 3-312, who have a good contract with Kinzua Corporation, a neighboring plant, made our bargaining unit a part of IWA local 3-312," the statement said. "The low wage scale in the industry is \$2.64 per hour, we were offered a low of \$2.28 1/4 per hour. The lumber industry enjoys six paid holidays a year, we were offered only four paid holidays per year. The workers at Kinzua Corporation enjoy one week's vacation after one year's employment, two weeks after three years and three weeks after five years. Other organized workers have a good health and welfare plan, the Heppner Lumber company refused to grant us a plan similar to other plans. The organized plants have a pension plan, the company refused us any type of union plan."

The company has offered nothing that would protect seniority rights, the statement continues, and that "a management rights clause was presented (by the company) that if accepted would have cancelled

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'Double Feature' School Vote Set

There will be a 'double feature' school election in Morrow county Monday afternoon, but each end of the double bill will be a short program.

Voters will cast ballots for directors for two positions on the Morrow county school board and for advisory committee members in the precinct of the voters. The only name for director on the ballot is that of Jack Sumner, running unopposed for reelection from the Heppner rural zone. One position for the zone within the Heppner city limits has no candidates and must be filled by writen.

The Rev. Don Pederson, who last week announced that he would accept writen election, has withdrawn and asks the public not to vote for him. His letter of explanation is printed on page 2.

Second feature of the election is the vote on the budget for Blue Mountain Community College and the position of one director.

The college election will be held concurrently with the county election and voters will be given a ballot for each at the polls. The college budget will require a tax levy of \$555,031, spread across Morrow and Umatilla counties, as compared with the levy of \$455,832 last year.

Brent Horn of Hermiston is a candidate for director on the college board and is running unopposed.

Polls will be open from 2 until 8 p.m. Monday in the same six precincts as the recent Morrow county school budget election.

Boeing Lands Appraised \$2,200,790

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LOUIS CARLSON of Ione, pictured in this unusual photo treatment by Spike Pardee of the Gazette-Times, has just been named Morrow County's Conservation Man of the Year for 1967.

Carlson, in pensive mood, is framed by the old weathered logging wagon on the Carlson ranch which is located near the Valby Lutheran church. (G-T Photo by Pardee).

Carlson Named Conservation Man of the Year

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(See pictures, page 1-2, Sec. 2) Louis Carlson of the Valby district has been selected Morrow County "Conservation Man of the Year" for 1967, it was announced Friday night at the Morrow County Wheat Growers Annual spring meeting.

Carlson received this recognition, according to the selection committee, for the successful use of adapted conservation practices and wise use of land for which it is best suited on the 2760 acres under his management.

Conservation practices include trashy fallow, diversion ditches seeded to grass, sod waterways, contour farming, and rotation-deferred grazing, water developments and fencing for better range management.

Approximately 1628 acres of owned and leased land is in

crop land. Each year about 750 acres are seeded to wheat and barley. The tillage equipment used on this farm for stubble mulch fallow preparation depends upon the soil conditions. Both sweeps and points are used. The second operation in preparing the seed bed may include the use of a cultivator. A lot of straw mixed with the surface soil for a seedbed lying between diversion ditches is insuring in reducing at least

half the erosion losses, Carlson stated. The flood of 1964 emphasized the need for additional measures to control erosion. The 1967 Conservation winner says the job is only half done. But this amount of conservation work, he estimates, would have saved 80% of the soil lost in the December 1964 flood.

A tally of practices adopted show nearly eight miles of grass seeded diversion ditches, three acres of sod waterways, and 84 acres of grass seeded. Carlson reports excellent results with Topax Pubescent wheat grass and Nomad alfalfa as a soil stabilizing planting and as pastures for his 30 Hereford and Shorthorn cows and their calves.

Carlson has been a cooperater with the Heppner Soil and Wa-

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Wheat Growers Hear Talks Taxes, Markets, Insurance

Wide range of matters of concern to wheat growers was presented to members of the Morrow County Wheat League at their meeting Friday night in the Lexington Grange hall with President Kenneth Turner in charge.

Some 50 persons were present to hear George Dewey, legislative counsel of the Oregon Wheat League, discuss legislation and taxes; E. A. Redman of Pendleton, sales representative of State Workmen's Compensation, outline the plan for coverage on farm laborers beginning January 1, 1968; Bob Jepsen, state president, reporting on the international wheat market; John Welbes, executive vice president, urging more active participation by members; Gene Pierce, asking cooperation on the auction and dinner for Oregon Museum of Science and Industry; Dick McElligott outline plans for the Eighth Grade Tour; and Deane Graves tell of the forthcoming Junior Livestock Show.

A special feature of the evening was the announcement of Louis Carlson as 1967 Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year by Paul Tews, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and told of reasons for the selection.

Dewey told the growers that the state legislature is trying to devise a tax with an appeal to the voters of Oregon. He quoted the Senate tax committee chairman as saying, however, that there is not enough votes in the senate at the present time to pass the sales tax referral. He was referring to House Bill 1093, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate. Most of the money from the tax would go back to schools.

If a sales tax bill is approved by the legislature, it probably would be submitted to voters in November after they have received their property tax statements and would be more inclined to vote favorably on the sales tax, Dewey said.

"These people (the legisla-

Trucker Pinned, Escapes Uninjured In Friday Mishap

Charles Cline, son-in-law of Oris Crisp, was pinned 40 minutes in the cab of a wrecked log truck that he had been driving early Friday morning, but—almost incredibly—escaped with only minor aches and bruises.

Cline was driving a 1953 Kenworthy, bringing a load of logs to Heppner from the Crisp logging operations. After he had traveled about a mile on the surfaced portion of the Willow Creek road, some 20 miles from Heppner, a stake trailer on the bunker of his trailer, allowing the rear end of his load of logs to slip to the highway.

Cline unaware that the logs had slipped, had first knowledge of the trouble when the truck failed to turn as he attempted to round a corner. It plunged over an embankment of some 10 feet and tipped to its side.

The driver's left leg was pinned between the seat and the door of the cab which was lying on the ground.

He knew that Crisp was due out of the woods within a short time, and some 40 minutes later the father-in-law arrived to help extricate him from the cab.

Cline said that he remained very quiet for the first two or three minutes after the accident to listen for any sounds of fire breaking out. Fortunately, no fire occurred. Then he tried, without success, to free himself.

The truck driver said that he had stopped just about a mile up the road to check his cables and binders and noticed nothing wrong at that time.

The truck, covered by insurance, was heavily damaged. It was brought to the Crisp shops here.

Cline showed only a few scratches and had a grateful smile after the accident. He said that he felt "kind of stiff," but otherwise was "okay."

Autopsy Reveals Rancher's Death Of Natural Cause

Body of Lloyd Orville Rice, 58, badly burned from his chest down to his waist, was found about 9 p.m. last Thursday night, April 20, about a mile from his ranch home in the Eightmile Canyon area, some eight miles to the west of Ione.

Neighbors went to look for him after he had failed to return for supper after going out to work on a fence. Ray Heim-bigner and Clarence Holz found the body near the fence with tools used in the fence work still in his hands.

Circumstances of his death, with the cause of the burns unknown, mystified both friends and authorities. However, an autopsy conducted Friday at Sweeney Mortuary here by a registered pathologist from Pendleton revealed that death was from a coronary occlusion and apparently was instantaneous.

It was theorized that the fire came about when Rice, struck in the heart attack, fell into embers still smoldering from a fire that had been set in burning weeds in the fence row. His denim jacket had some diesel oil on it from work that he had done around farm machinery.

Until the autopsy was performed, it was speculated that a bolt of lightning may have struck the fence while Rice was engaged in his work.

Funeral services were at The Dalles Monday, and the chapel was filled to capacity with relatives and friends. Complete obituary is on page 1, section 2.

Equalization Board Accepts Johnson Report

Morrow county's board of equalization Tuesday formally adopted the appraisal figure of \$2,200,790 as the value of 96,265.04 acres of land leased to the Boeing Company by the State of Oregon in the north end of the county.

In doing so, the board accepted appraisal figures compiled by Bill Johnson, county appraiser, who works for the state of Oregon through the office of Rod Thomson, Morrow county assessor. Johnson's thorough appraisal was one of two made at the direction of the county to establish market value of the lands.

The other appraisal was made by Glenn A. Gilbert, Pendleton, an independent appraiser, who fixed the value of the Boeing lands at \$2,623,170.

The lands currently are on the rolls at \$1,111,980. Thus, the new value is almost double the current valuation. The Department of Veterans' Affairs of the State of Oregon paid the taxes on the land last year under the terms of the state lease at \$12,696.92.

The new assessment will not necessarily mean that taxes for the 1967-68 fiscal year will be double those paid last year. Additional assessed valuation in the county would tend to decrease the taxes on the property, but increased budgets by some of the county's various taxing bodies would increase the taxes. Net effect cannot be determined until the assessor's office compiles the county valuation figures and requirements of the local taxing agencies are known.

Crass Cover Exempted
Johnson's appraisal figure allows for a \$4 per acre grass exemption on 94,507.74 acres of the Boeing tract. Under Oregon law (ORS 307.320) the state provides this exemption for the grass cover. The exemption, which totals \$376,830, applies to all but 2,058.30 acres in the Boeing tract. The latter is classified as sand blow land with no grass cover.

Johnson's total figure for the area was \$2,577,619, rounded to \$2,577,500. The grass exemption was deducted from this total to get the true cash value.

Gilbert's appraisal was rounded at \$3,000,000. With the grass exemption of \$376,830 deducted, his appraisal as to true cash value was \$2,623,170.

The independent appraisal was contracted by the county as a double check on the county's appraisal. Earlier this year the county was criticized by some members of the legislature who said that Morrow county was "gouging" the state on taxes on the Boeing lands. County Judge Paul Jones and the county commissioners maintained that the county was only trying to keep its land values at true cash value.

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Daylight Saving To Start Sunday

It seems hardly possible, but it's that time of the year again.

Daylight saving time will start throughout Oregon on Sunday, April 30. The official change takes place at 2 a.m. Sunday, but most residents will want to set their clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.

The "lost" hour will be regained at the end of October when the time reverts to standard. Days will suddenly get longer, starting Sunday, but it will be a little darker when one gets up in the morning.

Blood Bank Due Monday; Students Give Big Assist

Because of the advance contact work of students of Heppner High school, outlook is promising for meeting the 90-pint quota of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, due here at the Elks Lodge hall on Monday, May 1, from 2 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, blood program chairman for the county chapter, announces.

"We are very happy for the work done so far by the high school classes, under the general direction of Student Body President Jim Jacobs, and for the help which they will give Monday," Mrs. Cutsforth said.

Except for the nurses and doctors, the blood drawing will be completely staffed by high school students, from the registration through the consent. Donor recruitment is on a competitive basis between the classes. The class which gets the most donors out for the drawing will be awarded a free afternoon away from school.

The chairman asks that all those who have made appointments with the students are encouraged to appear at the designated time. There will be transportation provided for anyone needing it, either to or

from the bloodmobile, by call-tact Mrs. Cutsforth at 676-9436, the high school at 676-9138, or the Elks Lodge, 676-8993, after 12:00 p.m. Any housewife who would need a babysitter so she may be a donor is also asked to call, and girls will be available to help.

Increasing need and demand for blood for men in service, for the sick and injured, victims of major disasters and others, brings a larger than ever need for whole blood and blood products.

Both male and female donors are needed, and ages may range from 18 to 59 years inclusive. Single minors, 18 to 21, must have written consent of parent or guardian. Those who would donate should eat and drink as usual before donating; must not have had surgery in the past six months; one year after pregnancy, full term or miscarriage, and two weeks after common cold, flu, sore throat or fever.

It is emphasized that appointments made in advance are helpful but are not essential. Donors will be accepted at any time, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.