



ART CRAWFORD (right) congratulates Harold Cohn following the Pioneer Memorial picnic Sunday when Cohn was elected chairman of next year's picnic. The chairman is a grand nephew of Henry Heppner after whom the city of Heppner was named. Crawford, of the well-known Heppner family who operated the Gazette-Times for years, attends the picnic annually from his home in San Jose, Calif. He missed being the one coming the longest distance this year by two miles, the honor going to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of Santa Cruz. (G-T Photo).



MIRA MINOR POTTER of Portland, who will be 94 years of age in October, was recognized as being the oldest person at the Pioneer Memorial picnic Sunday. (G-T Photo).

Pioneer Picnic Attracts More Than 200 Persons

If a person received a nickel a word for all the old stories and reminiscences at the Pioneer Memorial Picnic at the fairgrounds Sunday, he'd probably be a millionaire. For the pavilion was well filled with many returning for the occasion, and, joined by the home guard, all had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances and swapping tales. Don Turner, chairman, said that some 200 persons were in attendance. Most of them signed the guest book but some were missed. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright of Santa Cruz, Calif., were recognized as those coming the longest distance. They traveled just two miles farther than Art Crawford who lives at San Jose. Lou Bisbee of Heppner was found to be the oldest man present, at 86, and he is just two

Fun and Bargains Promised Public At Lone Auction

An exciting day is planned for the entire family at the fifth annual Lone United Church of Christ Auction and Barbecue at the Willows Grange Hall in Lone on Saturday, June 3. Bidding, called by auctioneer, Don Wink of Hermiston, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the pit-cooked beef barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 12:30. A Snack Shack will also serve goodies all day. In charge will be the high school young people of the church. At a committee meeting of the chairman of the auction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan on Friday evening, final plans were made. Mrs. Pete Cannon, chairman of the Antique Alley, has received some lovely antiques to sell. Among them is a 100-year-old compote; three old trunks; a writing desk; many old lamps of all sizes and shapes, some of them purpling; wooden tools; and an 1865 issue of a Civil War newspaper. Mrs. Garry Tullis, chairman of the Country store, has a large selection of handmade clothing and fancy work plus many items handcrafted by members of the church. Homecanned foods and pastries will also be for sale. Some of the local fishermen are also offering their canned salmon. A more complete list of auction items appears in advertisement on page 8, section 1.

MCGG Purchases Lex Implement

An agreement for the purchase of Lexington Implement Company by Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., has been reached, Harlan McCurdy, manager of the Grain Growers, and Mervin (Red) Leonard, owner of Lexington Implement Co., announce. The papers have been signed but other matters are in the process before the transaction is finalized. Audit was being made and inventory was being taken this week. McCurdy said that full announcement of the purchase will be made later. The transaction has been approved by the board of directors of the cooperative. This will complete an expansion program of the cooperative which recently took steps to merge with Lexington Oil Co-op. The merger was approved by directors of both cooperatives but still is awaiting final approval by the state corporation commissioner.

Rupert Kennedy Due For Chamber Talk

Rupert Kennedy of The Dalles, executive secretary of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, will be guest speaker at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Avon Melby, program chairman, announces. Kennedy will speak on a recent survey on anticipated future development along the Columbia River in the six-county area of the Mid-Columbia Council.



A HIGHLIGHT for Province Advisor Mike Bengé, (center), during duties in the central highland village of Ban Me Thout in Vietnam was the opportunity to personally escort Richard M. Nixon (right) on his recent goodwill tour there. The two were closely covered by TV cameras and were seen in news films here on major television networks, including Portland, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé, and other relatives and friends. Mike, under the USAID program, has had a great influence in improving the standard of living among the Montagnards with whom he serves, especially teaching new agricultural techniques and developing co-operatives. He has lived with the villagers four years and is expected home in September on leave.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of May 24-31 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	65	40	—
Thursday	67	32	—
Friday	73	34	—
Saturday	75	42	—
Sunday	73	46	.18
Monday	64	39	.06
Tuesday	60	35	—
Wednesday	65	35	—

Total precipitation for the month of May was .67", compared with a normal of 1.29".

City Voters Approve Swim Pool Bonds

Thirty-two percent of the registered voters within the Heppner city limits went to the polls Wednesday and approved a bond issue for rebuilding the municipal swimming pool. The count was 176 yes to 38 no, better than a 4-to-1 margin in favor of the bond issue. A total of 678 were listed as registered in the poll books, and of them, 214 voted. The special election was on a charter amendment that will make it possible for the city to sell up to \$110,000 in general obligation bonds for the purposes of rebuilding the pool and building a new bath house. The matter was put to the people for their decision by the city council when the State Board of Health threatened to refuse to license the present pool as being unsanitary and in need of repairs. When the council moved on the matter and called the special election, the State Board of Health notified the city that it would permit the pool to be licensed for this coming summer only, thereby giving the city opportunity to get the job done for 1968. In so doing, the state board said that this is the last year that the present pool will be licensed. Following the favorable vote by the residents, the city council will decide on next steps to take at the June meeting Monday night, June 5. Mayor Clarence Rosewall said Wednesday night that the councilmen probably will also "talk about it" at the budget meeting scheduled Friday night. He was elated with the results of the vote. "I want to thank the people of Heppner for the confidence shown in the future of our city—and their vote has shown this confidence," he said. Mayor Rosewall said that he expects the council to move at once to ask architects to prepare plans and specifications for the work. Steps also must be taken towards preparing and selling the bonds. City Attorney Bob Abrams said that he would start work in this direction. The mayor said that he believes it will be to the city's advantage to sell them as soon as possible because indications are that a "tight money" situation may be developing again. The bonds, as specified in the election, are to be paid off over a 20-year period. Meanwhile, kids and adult swimmers look forward to the opening of the "old" pool on June 10, content in the knowledge that by 1968 a "new" pool should await them.

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JIM DOHERTY Doherty Chosen For Shrine Game

With hundreds of parents, other relatives, teachers and friends watching, 41 Heppner High school seniors were presented diplomas at commencement Wednesday night in the high school gym. The class, heralded for its accomplishments—particularly in scholarship, received many individual awards; heard the valedictory address by Maralee Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray; the salutatory by Martha Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peck of Lexington; and the principal address by Dr. Francis B. Nickerson, associate dean of students at the University of Oregon. David R. Potter, who has resigned as Morrow county school superintendent effective August 1, was recognized and honored by Principal Dick Carpenter, who presided at commencement. The principal cited work that Supt. Potter has done for the district in the three years he has been here and said, "He has done an excellent job."

Many Awards, Scholarships Presented at Graduation

In a brief response, Supt. Potter said, "Our school system does not have to take second place to any system in the state." He called upon all residents in the countywide district to work together. "The end result of dissatisfaction hurts the kids—our young men and young women," he said. Speaker's Homecoming For Francis Nickerson, the graduation exercises were both a commencement and a homecoming—and he so expressed it with exuberance. "I'm glad to be home!" he exclaimed, flinging his arms wide. In introducing him as a former "hometown boy," Principal Carpenter said that Nickerson had graduated from Heppner High 33 years ago. He grew up in Heppner. Nickerson said with a laugh that since many with whom he went to school and some of his former teachers were in the room, "I can't snow the troops in this class." He commended the salutatorian and the valedictorian, and he remarked about the "dead in earnestness" of the class. "I haven't seen much sheer joy," he said, adding that the young people should have fun in all that they do. "Some may say, 'What can you expect when you are graduating into such a mess as this today?'" Then he contrasted today's world with that of his high school graduation. "It's a well known fact, friends, that I went to college to eat!" he said. "They say today that we're facing obliteration—someone might punch the button of the bomb. But I ask you, is that any worse than slow starvation?" He told the class to "be cheerful in the knowledge that generations from the beginning of time have been surviving." Dr. Nickerson said that he doesn't do anything any more unless he finds fun in doing it. More seriously, he declared, "When you get to be 50, the only thing you get any kick out of is to point back and say, 'That is because I was.''" "Don't Rebuild World!" He advised the class, "You don't have to rebuild the world." The speaker said that at the U of O "that's what some of our hippie kids tell us they are trying to do, but you don't have to be that much." In his position, Dr. Nickerson is conduct officer at the university. "I see a few people who have 'loused up,' he said, pointing out that the number averages about 1 1/2% of the student population who will get into some trouble during their years at the university. He added that this is about one-fourth the ratio of those in trouble in the adult population, which speaks pretty well of the students. When students come to see him on a problem, they want someone to lay down a guideline, he said. Someone has told them for some stupid reason there is no longer an absolute—no absolute good nor an absolute evil. That is simply not true. "There is an absolute. Morals are based on concern for your neighbors. Whenever you are behaving to exploit someone else you are behaving immorally." Dr. Nickerson told the class that if they needed a guideline, this concern for others would be such a guideline. Asking, "What are you going to do with this life?" the speaker pointed out that 55% of all students who graduated from the University of Oregon last June are now not working in the field in which they took

Group Inspects School As Ranch Home Site

Some 30 persons, including six of Morrow county and about 22 from Umatilla county, visited the old Alpine school site Saturday morning to discuss the possibility of making it into a ranch home for boys. It would be used in rehabilitation of boys who have shown some signs of poor adjustment to society, as Circuit Judge William Wells put it. Judge Paul Jones of Morrow county said that considerable enthusiasm was shown by the group who made the trip to the school. Glen and Larry Campbell, who own the building and other structures near it, have offered to let the two counties use them for the ranch home, together with some 117 acres of land. Judge Jones said that available buildings include a good metal farm shop building with concrete floor and others. The feeling was expressed that the school, located some 45 miles from Pendleton and probably almost that far from Heppner, would accommodate 12 boys. The plan would be to have two adults live with the boys and act as supervisors. Of the 117 acres, there would be water enough from a well so that about "20 acres could be kept green," Judge Jones said. "They could have a corn patch, some saddle horses and keep a few head of cattle," he said. Tentative plans of financing is that Umatilla county would pay \$15,720, Morrow county \$1,500, and the State of Oregon would support it at the rate of \$125 per boy per month. The plan is meeting with some hesitation in some quarters in Umatilla county. County Judge Sam Cook was concerned whether Umatilla could legally spend funds for this purpose in another county. The budget committee is also considering whether the sum should be placed in the Umatilla county budget, and this will be considered again Thursday night, June 1, when the committee meets again. Operating cost for the first year was estimated at \$32,820. Salaries of the two couples would take the largest share of the funds. Judge Cook was quoted as saying that the location is "desolate" adding that it is "25 miles from nowhere and a 90-mile round trip from the courthouse" in Pendleton. But Larry Mack, Umatilla county juvenile director, said the structured environment of a ranch home is more important than the facility itself. He said that the home should be run by the house parents so that the boys would know to whom they must answer. "The less interference the better," he said. Attending the informal gathering at the school Saturday with Judge Jones were Lowell Chalvey, welfare administrator; Don McCarty, juvenile counselor; Mrs. Verner (Margaret) Troedson; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook. Mrs. Cook is chairman of the juvenile advisory committee. Coming from Pendleton was a busload of interested persons, including the county officials and juvenile officers.

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Several of the top scholars in the class won a number of scholarships and other awards. Maralee Murray was presented the valedictory award by Principal Dick Carpenter after she had given her valedictory address. She received a state scholarship and an Elks scholarship of \$100, presented by Claude Graham, exalted ruler of Heppner lodge No. 358. Martha Peck was presented the salutatorian award by the principal. She received four scholarships, including an Elks scholarship of \$200, presented by Graham; a \$150 Band Parents scholarship, presented by Tom Hughes; a Leon A. Culbertson fee scholarship to the University of Oregon with honors at entrance by the Oregon Dads' club; and the \$500 Kinzua Corporation scholarship. Miss Peck also was named for honorable mention by the Heppner Post, American Legion, and her name will be placed on a Legion plaque to be kept at the high school. William Alsop, adjutant, announced this award. Marsha Sowell, one of two seniors whose grade point average was just below that of the salutatorian by a fraction of a percentage point, was presented an award as an honors scholar, and she also received a state scholarship, presented by the principal. Carol Rawlins, the other girl whose average was just below that of the two top scholars, also received an honors trophy. She, too, received a state scholarship. Kathy Melby won a state scholarship; a \$150 band scholarship; and the John Phillip Sousa award, both presented by Hughes; and a \$900 scholarship to Pacific University. Nonda Clark received the Linfield college Donald Parks Ward scholarship with honors at entrance and a Grange Insurance scholarship, both presented by Principal Carpenter. Jim Jacobs, student body president this year, won an Elks' \$200 scholarship, presented by Graham; the Legion's award as being the outstanding boy, accompanied by a \$25 bond; and an award from the principal for perfect attendance for four years. In presenting the Legion award, Adjutant Alsop said that selection is based on six points: courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. Erin Dick was presented an Ione Lions club \$75 scholarship; a scholarship to Blue Mountain Community College, given on recommendation of the high school faculty; and a \$150 Band Parents' scholarship. Pam McCabe received a state scholarship. Jill Schmidt was awarded the Girls' League scholarship upon being selected by girls in the league for her work during the year. Presentation was made by Rita Pettyjohn, next year's league president. Jan Hager was presented the Soroptimist club \$100 scholarship by Wavel Wilkinson, club president, as being an outstanding senior girl. Marguerite Moore and Richard (Rick) Johnston received \$50 Gertrude Applegate Memorial scholarships. These were presented by Mrs. Betty Curnutt, president of St. Patrick's Altar Society. Jim Doherty, one of the outstanding athletes of the class, was awarded a Blue Mountain College athletic tuition scholarship and a work study scholarship from the latter from the federal government. Mac Hoskins received a tuition scholarship to Blue Mountain College presented on behalf of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. John Cox received a \$75 scholarship from the Ione Lions club as a deserving boy in the class. Bobbie Harris was presented a \$100 scholarship from the

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