

Top Students Share Honors at Riverside



LINDA JO TATONE
Valedictorian

Linda Jo Tatone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tatone, has been chosen valedictorian of the graduating class of Riverside High school. She has a GPA of 3.51 during her tenure at Riverside. She has held several class offices and most recently has served as president of the Riverside chapter of the National Honor Society, and is president of the Riverside High School Pep club. She was also an active member of the school's championship volleyball team. Linda Jo has also participated in such community functions as 4-H junior leader and others, and was a princess on last year's Morrow County Rodeo court.

Co-salutatorians are Betty Eppenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Eppenbach of Irigton, and George Kenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenney, also of Irigton. Betty has a GPA of 3.4 and George also has a 3.4 average. Both are members of the National Honor Society and have been active in extra-curricular activities during their four years in high school.

Betty has been active in class government and also was a member of the championship volleyball team this winter. George has served in various class offices and also served as treasurer of the Riverside Chapter of the FFA, and was the recipient of the State Farmer award. He also received the Union Pacific scholarship for his work in the FFA organization. The three honor scholars will be recognized at graduation exercises at Riverside High school on Friday evening, May 24.



GEORGE KENNEY
Co-salutatorian

Diamondmen Face Game on Saturday

By GARY KEMP

The Mustangs' first baseball game is Saturday, March 23, when they host Umatilla at 1:00 p.m. The following Tuesday they go to Pilot Rock.

Many of the Heppner boys started their baseball season last Monday. This was the first full turnout and practice of the year.

Coach Dale Holland started with 20 participants, but will only have 19 as Mark Pointer has a knee injured, Earl Ayres, Earl Dickson, Larry Pettyjohn, Jerry Healy, Mike Smith, Bill Baker, Melvin Ashbeck, Pat Killenny, John McCabe, Lee Huson, Tom Ledford, Mark Pointer, Dave Gunderson, La Verne Van Marter, Ron Freeman, Dallas Harsin, Larry Bellenboock, and Ronnie Sherman.

Six of these are returning lettermen who played well last season.

The pitching staff will be a little behind as they all played in the state tournament at Coos Bay.



BETTY EPPENBACH
Co-salutatorian

What! Just .01?

While the Willamette Valley was being drenched in rain during the week, only .01 fell in the parched Heppner country, according to the report from Don Gilliam, weather observer. This meager moisture came Saturday. Complete report for the week of March 13 through 19 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	58	32	—
Thursday	58	38	—
Friday	62	36	—
Saturday	58	44	.01
Sunday	52	27	—
Monday	51	32	—
Tuesday	56	24	—

Programs Listed For Chamber Meets

Programs planned for coming meetings of the Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

Monday, March 25, Charles Hodde, Vancouver, Wash., chairman of the Pacific Northwest River Basin Commission, speaking on water conservation and development.

Monday, April 1, Union Pacific Railroad film, "The Inside Track."

Monday, April 8, Ron Daniels, Morrow county school district superintendent, speaking on the 1968-69 school budget.

Dam Here Would Bring Tourists, Merrill States

Central and southern Morrow county are handicapped by location and access in developing tourist trade, but construction of the Willow Creek dam would greatly magnify tourist attractions here.

So said Warren Merrill of Salem, industrial representative of Oregon's Division of Economic Development, when he spoke to members of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce on Monday, March 11.

"There is a good possibility that properly developed and managed, this new recreation center could attract tourists, not only from other areas in the State of Oregon, but also those on the mainline of travel on Highway 80-N," he said.

Merrill—the man who recently helped locate the Paramount motion picture company at Baker for the production of the major motion picture, "Faint Your Wagon"—made the remarks on the Willow Creek project in connection with his talk, "Industrial Development Begins at Home."

He emphasized that many communities seek to attract industry from outside while overlooking the development of industries and resources which they already possess.

"The promotion of industry from outside our state is a necessary part of a balanced industrial development job—but it must not be the major effort," he said.

80% Growth from 'Inside'

Merrill said that a study

made recently demonstrated that 80 percent of Oregon's growth in recent years has come either from the expansion of existing business or from new business started by people already living in Oregon.

"We need to broaden our view of industrial development and think more in terms of total development," he declared.

"New factory payrolls are only a part of the necessary programs," he pointed out. "Development of wholesaling, educational and recreational facilities, business services, and transportation, for example, brings outside money in at less cost than most industrial plants, as well as directly increasing the possibilities of industrial expansion."

"These and other types of economic activity are expendable by the same methods that are used in plant location efforts. They all require good sites, proper zoning, adequate financing, area-wide cooperation and suitable promotion. It has been said recently that 'any industrial development program that neglects these other types of economic activity is a short-sighted program, with limited prospects of success.'"

Tourism Stressed

Increases of per capita income with a corresponding decline of the work week means more tourism, more time for travel and vacations and more tourist money to be spent, Merrill said.

"Tourism is our third largest

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District School Budget Reflects Increasing Costs

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Figures List \$164,788 Tax Climb

Budget for Morrow County School District R-1 for 1968-69, as prepared and approved by the budget committee, will require a tax levy of \$164,788 more than that for 1967-68.

The increase is due largely to substantial increases in expenditures estimated for instruction, to sharply climbing costs in fixed charges (Public Employees Retirement System and Social Security), to an increase in operation of plant, and to a substantial decline in receipts from sources other than taxes, according to Supt. Ron Daniels.

The budget is published on pages 2 and 3 of section 2 in this paper. Public hearing is scheduled at the district office in Lexington on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Election on the budget is slated to coincide with the annual school election on May 6.

The budget was prepared after several work sessions of the budget committee, which is composed of the district's board of directors and seven citizen members, Eldon Padberg of Lexington is chairman of the committee. Other citizen members are C. E. McQuarrie, Harley Young, Frank Anderson, all of Heppner; Bob Rietmann of Ione; Bob Sicard of Boardman; and Mrs. Warren McCoy of Irigton.

Members from the school board are Don McElligott of Ione; Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, and Jack Sumner, all of Heppner; Maxwell Jones, Irigton; Ralph Skoubo, Boardman; and Irvin Rauch, Lexington.

Committee Makes Cuts
Through the meetings the committee scrutinized proposed expenditures and made substantial cuts in areas where they felt cuts could be made.

However, in the category of instruction, the budget shows an increase of \$39,000, primarily due to an increase in the teacher salary schedule, consistent with those being adopted elsewhere around the state. Under the new schedule, starting salary for teachers with a bachelor degree will be \$6000 and proportionate increases are established throughout the schedule. Starting salary under the 1967-68 budget was \$5800. Total for instruction for 1968-68 is set at \$799,129 as compared with \$760,419 for the current year.

However, part of the total goes for supplies, textbooks, materials and other needs incidental to instruction. The total for salaries in the upcoming budget is set at \$747,379 as compared with \$718,509 for 1967-68.

Estimated expenditures for fixed charges show an increase of approximately \$28,000, going to \$100,500 from \$72,675 for the present year. Social security hikes account for \$6,500 of the increase and the amount for Public Employees Retirement over neither of which the directors nor budget committee have any control—requires an increase of \$19,800. Operations of plant category is also up, going to \$126,790 from \$104,200. Salary increases account for a sizeable portion of this, but the increase appears exaggerated because an insufficient sum was budgeted last year to cover the salaries, Daniels said. Thus, while the increase in the salary section of operation of plant shows as \$13,900, the actual increase in salaries to be paid here will be but \$7000 to \$8000, he said.

Plant Work Necessary
Maintenance of plant section shows an increase of some \$8600

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Only 2 Local Contests Set For Primary

Candidates' filing deadline for the May primary election passed Tuesday, and only two contests are to be on the ballots for county offices, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said.

One contest is that for sheriff on the Democratic ballot. John Mollahan and Bert Corbin, both now Heppner city police officers, are candidates for the Democratic nomination. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, incumbent, will run unopposed on the Republican ballot.

The other contest is for a non-partisan office, justice of the peace, fifth district (Irigton). Ernest Jorgensen, incumbent, will be opposed by Zearl Gillespie who filed recently as a candidate.

Lowell Gribble, justice of the peace, sixth district (Heppner), is a candidate for election after being appointed to the office last year. He is unopposed.

Interest in local offices is unusually light for a presidential election year, which normally seems to stimulate interest in local politics, Mrs. Parrish said.

Mrs. Parrish herself is the only candidate on the Democratic ballot for county office, other than the two candidates for sheriff. She is seeking nomination and reelection to the position of county clerk after serving in the office for many years.

Candidates will be similarly sparse on the Republican ballot. Besides Bauman for sheriff, Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel is up for nomination as county treasurer, a position she has held for a number of years, and Walter Hayes of Boardman is a candidate to succeed himself as county commissioner.

This year, for the first time, the positions of port commissioner are to be on the non-partisan ballot rather than on party ballots. All present incumbents are seeking election, but no other candidates have filed to oppose them.

Those filing include Oscar Peterson, John (Dick) Krebs, and Dewey West, all for 4-year terms; and Larry Lindsay, for a 2-year term.

While there are few county candidates on the primary ballots, it is expected that the national, district and state contests will make the party ballots rather lengthy. There will be a number of candidates for president on both Democratic and Republican sides; vice-presidential candidates will be included on the ballots for the first time in Oregon; there will be many candidates for delegates to the party conventions; and there will be a considerable number for such offices as attorney-general, secretary of state, and others.

Heppner city offices are not on the primary ballot but will be elected at the general election.

No High School Classes Monday; Grades as Usual

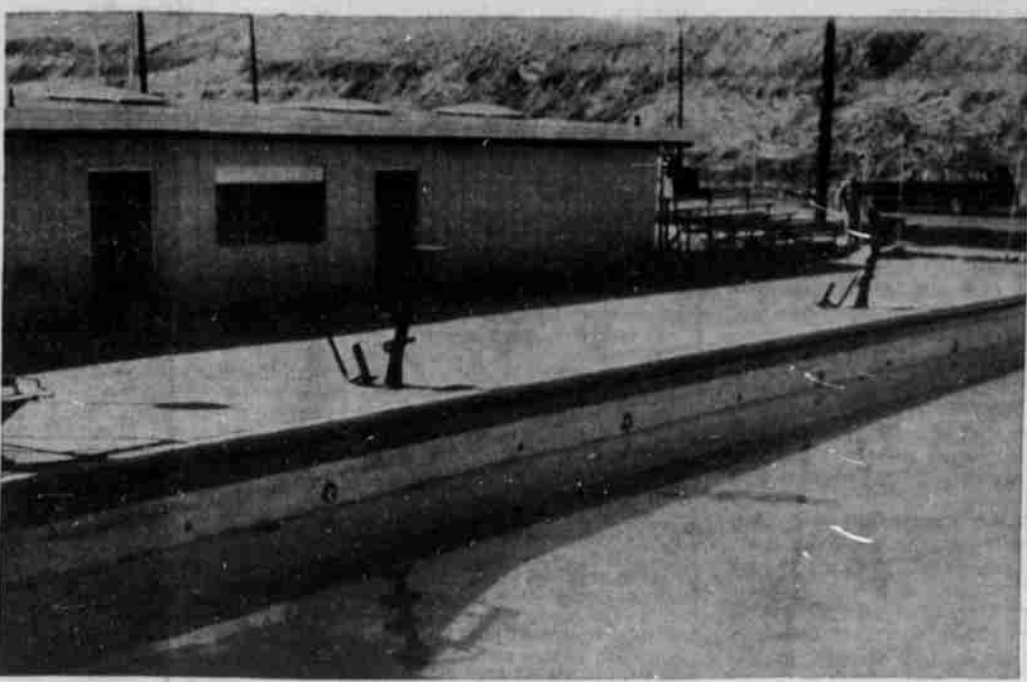
High school students in Morrow county will have a day off on Monday, March 25, but elementary pupils will go to school as usual throughout the county.

Reason for the high school respite is that teachers of Riverside, Heppner and Ione High schools will participate in an inservice program at Condon sponsored by the Small Schools Program of the state.

Joining in the workshop will be high schools in Gilliam county and part of Umatilla county. This will be a spring regional conference, and the morning session will feature a presentation by Julius Bialostosky, head of the social studies department of the State Department of Education. Following his presentation, teachers will convene in smaller groups for subject-centered sessions.

During the afternoon, new developments in the field of audio-visual aids will be presented.

Two student representatives from each high school will attend and participate, attending the general session in the morning and convening in a workshop of their own during the afternoon.



HEPPNER'S "New" swimming pool was filled with water when this picture was taken. The March day was warm, the pool with its new marble tile was inviting, and the water was crystal clear—all an invitation to jump right in! But maybe it wasn't that warm. Men were starting to install fence around the pool. New bath house is at left. Stands that will hold seats for life-guarders are at pool's side. Note the wide concrete deck and the bleachers for spectators (upper right). (See story page 8)

College Vote April 2; Levy to 'Hold Line'

(See notice page 3, section 2) Blue Mountain Community College board of directors last Wednesday night recommended the college's operating levy for the coming year be established at almost the level of amount approved by the voters last year and placed the question on the ballot to be voted on April 2. Also on the ballot is a proposal to approve a \$1,250,000 bond issue to construct a multi-purpose building on the college campus.

The budget levy would be \$389,921 to operate the college for the next year, an increase of only \$9,640 according to President Wallace McCrae.

In Morrow county, polling places will be as follows: A. C. Houghton Elementary school for voters of the Irigton area; city hall, Boardman; Ione High School gymnasium, Ione; school district office, Lexington; Heppner Elementary school multipurpose room, Heppner; and Rhea Creek Grange hall, Ruggs.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, April 2.

If property valuations determined by the assessors' offices for Umatilla and Morrow counties remain constant, the budget levy would amount to only 75 cents per \$1000 true cash value, President McCrae said. He added, however, that the tax deferral law passed by the last legislature has clouded the picture somewhat and may result in reductions in valuations subject to taxation. The board of directors, anticipating the possibility of such reductions in valuations, voted to establish the levy at 90 cents per \$1000 true cash value.

The tax that will actually be levied, McCrae explained, will be the lesser of two figures: (1) The levy divided by the true cash value as finally established for the two county areas, or (2) 90 cents per \$1000 true cash value.

If farmers fail to apply for tax deferrals under the new law the levy would be very close to 75 cents per \$1000 true cash value, McCrae said. If, however, farmers do apply for tax deferrals, 90 cents per \$1000 true cash value is expected to be adequate to raise the \$389,921 needed.

The second proposal on the ballot at the April 2 election is that for a \$1,250,000 bond issue to construct a multi-purpose building on the college campus. Facilities to be included in the new building include a library, agriculture wing, student center, lecture hall, art-crafts area and administrative offices. Several teaching stations are also included.

The bond issue would not raise local taxes, President McCrae explained. "As a matter of fact," he added, "building taxes would be reduced by about 20 percent for the first three years."

The college has been allocated \$250,000 in state construction funds, the president said, but the local levy is required in order to qualify for the state funds. If the levy is approved, the state funds would be added to the amount and, under present state school financing formulas, Blue Mountain College would qualify for enough funds to fill all foreseeable building needs.

"Under these conditions," McCrae added, "we can't foresee any need to ask for any more construction funds from our district taxpayers. As we see it now, the bond issue presently proposed should be the only one we will need."

Farley Motors Marks 20th Year

Farley Motor Co. of Heppner this week is marking its 20th anniversary in business here, James J. (Jim) Farley announced. The firm started as Pontiac dealer in March, 1948.

In November, 1949, the company became dealer for Jeep, and this association has continued now for more than 18 years. Two more automotive lines were added in August, 1952—Buick and GMC—and Farley will soon complete 16 years as dealer for them. In November, 1960, the Rambler line was added, and so on the anniversary date, Farley Motor Co. has been dealer for Rambler for more than seven years.

Farley expressed appreciation to customers on the occasion of his anniversary and said that he is looking forward to serving the community in the future.

David Hall Wins U. P. Scholarship

David Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall, has been chosen for a Union Pacific scholarship in agriculture, according to Ruth Brasher, Oregon State University 4-H Extension specialist.

Hall, senior at Heppner High school, will receive \$200 towards a course of study in agriculture at a state college or university designated as eligible by Union Pacific. The railroad offers a college scholarship annually to one 4-H club member and one vocational agriculture student in selected counties. The award to Hall was one of 12 announced from as many counties.



JIM BARCLAY

Barclay Chosen For Study in Madrid

Jim Barclay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barclay of Lexington, was informed last week that he had been selected for entrance at the Marquette University Study Center, at the University of Madrid, Spain, for study there during the coming year. He was one of 50 students chosen from the United States for this honor.

Jim is completing his second year at the University of Portland, where he is majoring in foreign languages. He will start his study at the University of Madrid on August 28, taking first a four-week intensive language course in Spanish conversation.

Requirements for admission to the university include an above average academic record, two years college level Spanish in which a "B" or better average is achieved, and upon high recommendation by the dean of the University of Portland.

Participants are selected on the basis of scholarship and character, as well as the indicated likelihood that they will prove worthy representatives of their schools and their country.

At the completion of his studies in Madrid next June 10, he expects to return and reenter the University of Portland to complete his college requirements. Planned tours in Europe are expected during the Christmas and Easter vacations.

Jim graduated from Heppner High school with the class of 1966.

Reclamation Men Tell Of Feasibility Studies

(Also see story page 6)

It was Bureau of Reclamation Day at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, March 18.

Two speakers told of projects underway in Morrow county in which the Bureau of Reclamation is participating, and two other Bureau officials were also guests at the meeting.

Walt Draper, soil scientist from the Spokane office, told of work he is doing on the feasibility study on the Willow Creek project, and John F. Mangano, area engineer of the Lower Columbia Development Office of the Bureau, Salem, told of the Columbia Southside study, now getting started.

Rupert Spearman of the Spokane office was to speak, but he was called to a meeting in Boise and could not be present. Draper told of the soil studies he is making in connection with the irrigation feature of the Willow Creek project and said that it will be early in 1969 before the entire feasibility study is completed.

Economic gains that could be expected from irrigation by the project are being determined, and this will be followed by a water requirements study, Draper said.

He pointed out that landowners participating in the study do not obligate themselves and that he is seeking cooperation of all to determine how the project might benefit the area.

Those who choose to irrigate under the project would pay according to their payment capacity on the cost of the project. Balance of the cost would come from federal power revenues, he said.

Landowners do not obligate themselves for any repayment costs until after contracts are signed, he said. A contract with the Bureau must be negotiated however, before construction starts.

Payment starts from the first year water is delivered. "I'm not here to sell an irrigation project," Draper said, emphasizing again that the purpose of his study is to determine the feasibility of the irrigation feature.

Mangano said that the Southside project would include an area from as far east as Butte Creek and as far west as the confluence of the John Day river with the Columbia. It would extend as far south as irrigation could reach.

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