

# Three High Schools Set Baccalaureates

Students in the classes of 1968 in Morrow county's three high schools will have their baccalaureate services almost simultaneously Sunday night, May 19.

Heppner High's baccalaureate will be in the high school gymnasium starting at 8 p.m. and Riverside High's service will be in the Boardman community church, also at 8 p.m. Ione High's program will be in the Ione High School cafeteria, starting an hour earlier, at 7 p.m.

The Rev. A. H. Hazzard, interim pastor of the Ione United Church of Christ, will give the baccalaureate address at the Ione High service, and the Rev. George Neely of the Boardman Community Church will address the Riverside seniors. Speaking to the graduating class and audience at the Heppner High service will be the Rev. Dirk Rinehart, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church.

Father Raymond Beard will participate in the Ione service with invocation and benediction. Teresa Tucker will sing "Born Free" and Darrell James will play the processional and recessional.

At the Riverside service, the Rev. Herbert E. Vaughn of the Community Baptist church of Irrigon will deliver the invocation and the Rev. John H. Kenney of the Assembly of God Church, Irrigon, will pronounce the ben-

ediction. Soloist will be Mrs. Perry Pummel, and processional and recessional will be played by Mrs. Albert Partlow, organist, and Mrs. LaVern Partlow, pianist.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon will give the invocation and pronounce the benediction at the Heppner service. Mrs. Dale Holland will be soloist and Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens will play the processional and recessional.

Commencements of the schools will be on successive nights in their respective communities, Ione's coming on Wednesday night, May 22; Heppner on Thursday night, May 23, at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium; and Riverside's on Friday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock in the A. C. Houghton cafeteria.

The public is invited to attend the baccalaureate services.

## Graduation Set For Ione Class Next Wednesday

Graduation exercises for the Senior Class of Ione High school will be held Wednesday, May 22, at 8:00 p.m., in the high school gymnasium.

William F. Maddron, speaker, is a resident of Eugene. He owns his business, Industrial Lih, and has written a book entitled "Vacation Air Mexico." He has served two terms as Chairman of the State Board of Aeronautics; is a member of Central Lane Planning Commission, which is concerned with the long-range development of Central Lane county; and has long been active in community affairs. Mr. Maddron's son is a student at Harvard and his daughter will graduate from South Eugene High school this year.

Kathy Keene is the valedictorian of Ione's Class of '68. Janice Snider will give the salutatory address.

Music for the occasion will be provided by Gene Rietmann on the organ. The Choralettes of Ione High school will provide a musical selection, and Darrell James, a piano solo.

Don McElligott, chairman of the district school board, will present diplomas to the following graduating seniors: Neal Christopherson, Willa Johnson, Kathy Keene, Chris Lovgren, Tim Loyd, Jim McElligott, Maureen McElligott, Chuck Nelson, Terrie O'Connor, Janet Palmatier, Kerry Peterson, and Janice Snider.

Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria of Ione High school.

## Jaycees' Teenage Auto Road-E-O To be Saturday

All young licensed drivers of the Morrow county area who will not be 19 years of age before August 1, 1968, are invited to participate Saturday in the Morrow county Jaycees' annual Teenage Road-E-O, which will be held at the county fairgrounds, starting at 1 p.m.

The Road-E-O is a test of driving skill for the young drivers, with prizes offered to the winners, and the top drivers here will be eligible to compete in the state finals at Milwaukie, Oregon, on June 9. All expenses are paid for the winners going to state in this Jaycee-sponsored project.

State winners go to a national contest that will be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., during the week of August 3-8.

Co-sponsoring the event with the Jaycees are Lincoln-Mercury dealers, John Privett, chairman for the Morrow Jaycees, states that entry blanks are available here at Heppner Auto Sales, Inc.; at Van Winkle's Service Station; from Jerry Holloman at Heppner Barber Shop; or from the high schools in the county.

There are categories for both boys and girls. Last year, Kathy Melby of Heppner won second in the state for girls and Jim Sherman of Heppner won tenth in the state for boys with the competition being at Baker.

Those competing here Saturday will take a simple written test to determine driving knowledge. They then will drive a car, furnished by the sponsors, over a prescribed obstacle course. Privett urges those interested to get their entry blanks at once and they may be turned in, when completed, to Privett at the service station, to the Ford garage, or to Jerry Holloman.

The public is invited to come and watch the Road-E-O.

### WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of May 8-14 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	71	35	—
Thursday	76	46	—
Friday	74	42	—
Saturday	75	50	.01
Sunday	64	42	—
Monday	58	43	—
Tuesday	61	45	—

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## Farm Land Use Reappraisal Cuts County Cash Value

Morrow county's true cash value was reduced by \$3,351,995 as a result of the farm land use reappraisal made last month, according to information from the assessor's office.

The decrease in total property valuation was not as much as some had expected it to be. At one time, it was thought that the decrease might be as much as \$8,000,000.

Total valuation of the county on the 1967-68 tax roll was \$98,339,688. This includes real property, personal property and utilities assessments. Reduction from the land reappraisal will mean a cut of 3.61% in valuation based on last year's total.

However, the total true cash value of property in the county is yet to be compiled for 1968-69, according to Bill Johnson, appraiser in the office. Assessments for public utilities in the county are expected to be up, and could go as high as \$1,000,000. This would cut the loss from the land reappraisal by approximately 30%.

Most of the land that was reappraised was grazing land, and cattle operators will receive the most benefit of the new method of evaluating farm lands.

Johnson said that the decrease in the county's true cash value will not cause a great overall tax adjustment. The difference in the valuation, figuring the \$3,351,995 decrease on last year's true cash total of \$98,339,688 would amount to a tax levy of about 35¢ per \$1000 true cash value to the property taxpayer who must make up the difference.

In Morrow county there were 144 applications for re-evaluation and 583 tax lots were reappraised.

## MCGG Open House Planned Monday

Open house at Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington is scheduled for Monday, May 20, with free lunch to be served from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Harlan McCurdy, general manager of the cooperative, announces. The lunch will be served at the machinery division.

The cooperative last year merged with Lexington Oil Co-operative and purchased Lexington Implement Co. from Mervin (Red) Leonard.

Many prizes will be given away at the open house, McCurdy said, and many special bargains in equipment and other items will be offered.



JOHN VENARD  
Manager, Heppner Branch, First National Bank of Oregon

## Bank Project Near Finish; Open House to be May 23

Customers and friends of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Oregon are invited to an all-day open house a week from today, on Thursday, May 23, to commemorate the extensively remodeled and expanded banking facility. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and refreshments will be served by the

Episcopal Church Ladies group through 5 p.m., according to John Venard, branch manager.

New banking facilities include six teller windows, a conference room, bookkeeping room, and an employee lunch room. Parking spaces are provided for 17 vehicles.

Work on the \$135,000 modernization project began in December of 1967 when the contract was awarded to McCormack Construction Company of Pendleton. Architect was Wesley V. Korman.

Venard reported that the attractive structure adds some 2,200 square feet of floor space and "is one of which all our customers and employees are very proud. We have a lot more elbow room and we plan to make our new conference room available for community meetings."

Visitors are also invited to take complete tours of the new banking office during the Thursday open house.

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is for the best interest and benefit of the residents of Heppner that their City present a clean and attractive appearance, and

WHEREAS each of us should strive to create a favorable impression upon our visitors through well cared-for homes and properties, and

WHEREAS it is necessary that ALL citizens work together in a spring-cleaning project for the beautification of the buildings and grounds of homes, business houses and vacant lots,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. C. ROSEWALL, Mayor of the City of Heppner, do hereby declare the week of May 20th through the 25th, 1968, to be Clean Up Week in Heppner and urge every citizen to join now, and in the future, in the care and maintenance of his property for the greater enjoyment of all.

W. C. ROSEWALL, Mayor.

# Same School Budget Slated for Re-vote

(Also see page 2)

Directors of the Morrow county school district last Thursday night declared the school budget election of May 6 void because five ballots were cast in the election by voters who had not registered 30 days prior to the election. The action was taken because of the close vote on the budget, which was 286 yes and 283 no.

At a meeting of the directors and other members of the budget committee Monday night, May 13, at the Lexington school office, it was decided to put the budget before voters again, without change, at an election on Monday, June 3.

The action was taken after considerable discussion. Some 30 persons, in addition to the

directors and citizen budget committee members, were present. Several spoke and asked questions about the budget, but consensus was, both from the budget members and the public, that the budget be submitted again "as is."

Chairman Elden Padberg of the budget committee and School Director Irvin Rauch said at the start of the meeting that they favored at least "token" cuts in the budget. Later, Director Jack Sumner listed a number of items that he felt might be considered for cutting.

As Sumner presented the items, however, Supt. Ron Daniels explained why the items were in the budget. Sumner also said that he realized that cutting them would only make a few cents difference in tax levy on each \$1000 true cash value of property.

### Most Favor No Cuts

Most of the members of the committee, which includes the directors and an equivalent number of lay members, felt that the budget should be submitted again in its entirety. It was reiterated that there is "no fat" in the budget and no place where a major cut may be made without taking out something important to the school program.

Bob Sicard of Boardman, committee member, said that he felt taking anything out of the budget would bring additional "no" votes because it might eliminate something that is of special significance to children of some of the voters.

Bryce Keene, a spectator at the meeting, said that he felt that it should be resubmitted in its entirety because of the fact that the number voting was only about 25% of the county's registered voters. This, he said, was not a true expression of the wishes of all the people in the county.

If, after the budget is resubmitted, it gets a negative vote, then stiff cuts of major items should be made, Keene said, although they may hurt the school program.

Bob Rietmann, another committee member, said, "We can't afford not to offer subjects that our children need to compete in areas outside of Morrow county." This came when it was proposed that teaching loads be combined and teacher cuts be made.

Program Said Improving  
Chairman Don McElligott of the school board pointed to the fact that the school program here has been making steady progress and that students are receiving better education than in the past.

"We have fewer student dropouts in the county, and more students are going to college than ever before," he said.

Supt. Daniels gave a review of the budget and some facts on taxes and the budget's effect on taxes at the start of the meeting. He pointed out that a cut of \$1000 in the budget would mean a reduction of 1¢ per \$1000 of true cash value in the levy to the taxpayer. Hence, a reduction of \$35,000 to \$40,000 in the budget which totals \$1,333,000 in the general fund would save only 35¢ to 40¢ per \$1000 of property at true cash value. Consequently, a person with a home or business assessed at \$10,000 would save \$3.50 to \$4.00 per year on such a cut.

He also pointed out how the budget committee and board had diligently labored to offer a budget that was "tight" and declared that a conscientious attempt has been made to hold it to necessities.

The superintendent told of the committee's attempts to propose a realistic budget which would correct deficiencies in the receipts section and accrue to the good of the district in future years. For various reasons, receipts have not met expectations in the past two years with the result that deficits have occurred. The 1968-69 budget seeks to correct this situation and put the district back on a "solid footing," Daniels said.

While the 1967-68 budget year will end with a deficit, this is not due to overexpending the budget, the superintendent said. It is due to the fact that receipts have not held up as anticipated. The certified personnel around the system have been admonished to keep costs to a minimum, with the result that this year's budget is expected to be \$10,000 to \$15,000 underexpended, but the deficit will still occur because of the shortage of receipts and the fact that the year started with a deficit.

School Aid Drops  
Daniels said that state basic school support has dropped to a low of 27% of the cost of educating the children after once being at 37%.

When it came to a vote of the budget committee on the re-submission of the budget in its present form, only Sumner voted in the negative on the voice vote, apparently feeling that "token" cuts might be made.

In his statement following the school board meeting last Thursday night, when it was decided to call for another election, Supt. Daniels said:

"This decision was made because five ballots were cast in the election by voters who had not registered 30 days prior to the election. Since the law requires that voters must be registered at least 30 days prior to election, these five votes were

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## Memorial Day Pioneer Picnic To Draw Crowd

Plans are well underway for the annual Pioneer Memorial Picnic, to be held on Memorial Day, May 30, at the fair pavilion, according to announcement by Harold Cohn, this year's chairman.

Pioneer residents of Morrow county, who are now living in either district or nearby areas are urged to make plans now to attend, and enjoy a time of reminiscing and visiting.

Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., with members of the Soroptimist club in charge. Assisting Chairman Cohn with advance arrangements and contacts are Mrs. Claude Graham, secretary, and Mrs. Cohn.

A potluck dinner will be served at noon, with members of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge in charge of the kitchen. The Memorial Picnic Association will furnish the meat course, rolls, ice cream and beverages with those attending asked to complete the dinner with varieties of potluck dishes. Contributions will be accepted at the time of registration to help take care of the day's expenses. Members of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls, will help with serving the tables.

Chairman Cohn promises to keep the program of introductions and acknowledgements to a minimum following the dinner to allow plenty of time for visiting among the old-timers present. Recognition will be given to the oldest pioneer attending and the one coming the farthest distance. Door prizes are also planned.

## Republicans Get Democrat Pamphlets In Machine Mixup

Republicans in the Heppner area should be well versed on both tickets in the coming primary election. When the Voters' Pamphlets came out from the state last week, registered GOP voters here received Democratic Voters' Pamphlets.

This caused some to be puzzled, some were a little indignant, and still others probably never noticed the error, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said.

The error can be blamed on the machine age. Lists of registered voters to be sent to the state are compiled from plates that are run through an Addressograph machine. Republicans are sorted from Democrats automatically as the trays are inserted, but a small pin must be placed in a proper position to sort out the Republicans.

Mrs. Parrish said that operation of the machine in the courthouse is a "new wrinkle" for her. She waited for a representative of the Addressograph firm to come and give proper instructions, but he didn't arrive before deadline to send in the lists.

The confusion came when she sent through the lists without the pin in the proper place, and the Republicans were not properly sorted.

Mrs. Parrish, upon discovering the error, called the state office and announced this week that Republicans will receive their Pamphlets within the next few days. With the Demo pamphlets in their hands, they can also become well informed on the opposition, even though they can't vote on that ticket.

"Most everyone was real nice about it," said Mrs. Parrish, who has been "snowed" with work during hectic budget and election time.



MISS TERESA HARSHMAN



MISS SARA MILLER

## Delegates Chosen For Girls' State

Two Heppner High school junior girls, Teresa Harshman and Sara Miller, have been selected by the local unit of American Legion Auxiliary as delegates to attend the 27th annual session of Girls' State. The state youth convention will be held on the Willamette University campus in Salem from June 9 to June 14.

Teresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, and Sara's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Miller, all of Heppner.

Alternates selected are Sheryl Britt and Patti Holt. The young ladies are rated highly by faculty members on citizenship and various character traits. Qualifications set up by the sponsoring organization include character, leadership, scholarship, courage, honesty, cooperativeness and physical fitness, displayed in school, at home, and in the community.

Active in many student affairs, and at the same time an honor student, Miss Miller is kept busy. She has been vice-president of the junior class, is a varsity cheerleader, member

of the Honor Society, active in Girls League and Pep Club, and in her sophomore year was chosen Girl of the Year for qualities of leadership. Active in the Methodist church, she is a leader in the United Youth Fellowship, and is presently serving as worthy advisor of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Miss Harshman, also an honor student, has been active outside school in the Christian church, in 4-H livestock clubs, in Rainbow Girls and in other community groups. Her school offices have been treasurer of Future Homemakers of America, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America, treasurer and vice-president of her class, as well as active in Girls League, Pep Club, Honor Society, speech and dramatics. Teresa was this year's winner of the local speech contest for the Conservation District and placed second in the area contest.

Girls State expenses for Sara will be paid by the auxiliary, and those for Teresa will be taken care of by the Soroptimist club.

## 9 Polling Places Listed For Primary Election

Polling places for the primary election on Tuesday, May 28, in Morrow county will be the same as at the last election with one exception, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, announces.

Voters of the Northwest Heppner precinct will cast their ballots in the Assembly of God church. They formerly voted in the Case Building which has been razed.

Other polling places are as follows: Hardman — Hardman Community Hall; Boardman — Greenfield Grange building; Irrigon — Old Irrigon school; Ione — Ione city hall; Lexington — Lexington city hall; Northeast Heppner — Old city library (next to city hall); Southeast Heppner — county courthouse; Southwest Heppner — county courthouse.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day.

Mrs. Parrish also points out that those who do not expect to be in the county on election day or who may be physically unable to go to the polls — are entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Application must be made for these ballots at least five days prior to election and the requests should be made in the voter's own handwriting. The absentee voter, of course, must be a duly registered voter.

The completed absentee ballots must be returned by the voter in time to be counted on election day. If they are not, they will not be counted, Mrs. Parrish said.

## Portlander Dies In I-80N Mishap

A Portland man, Naim H. Mitchell Teeny, 36, died in a Hiramston hospital Monday from injuries received when his auto went out of control on Highway I-80N in Morrow county about 14 miles east of Arlington.

The Associated Press quoted State Police Officer Gary Sheridan as saying that Teeny's auto went out of control as he was driving east. Witnesses said a tire on his vehicle apparently blew out. He was driving alone.