

Board Approves Senior Field Trip For Heppner High

School district policy on Sneak Days for seniors was not altered, but the district board approved a field trip request for Heppner High school seniors a special meeting of the board May 6 at the district office in Lexington.

The board expressed the general feeling that the seniors' request for a change of policy was not necessary as the present field trip policy would permit the board to approve a trip of the nature requested, providing it was presented two weeks prior to a regular meeting.

In view of the fact that it would be difficult for the seniors to present a field trip request two weeks prior to a regular meeting, the board agreed to waive this requirement for the Heppner seniors and authorized the school administrator to approve the details of the one day field trip.

Students Appear

Approximately 20 juniors and seniors from Heppner High were present at the meeting, together with Elmer Weitzel and Mrs. Jane Rawlins, senior class advisors.

Several seniors presented statements asking for the one day trip and pointing out the fact that the cost would not be borne by the district, that it would be well chaperoned, and that the trip would cover the single day only. The advisors supported their request.

The seniors had made their request at the regular April meeting, but action was deferred to this special meeting.

In other business, the board reviewed proposals and cost figures of architects who have been making a study of future building needs in the district. No action was taken and additional information will be obtained before any decision on future plans is made.

Sand Blow Problem Eyed

A sand blow problem, which has developed at Riverside High site at Boardman, was discussed. Supt. Ron Daniels was requested to obtain some alternative plans for stopping the blow.

The board approved limited extra pay for Darrell Wilson, science teacher at lone, on the basis that he will assume some of the administrative duties at lone in order to release Harold Beggs, principal, to devote time to the special education programs in Morrow county.

An adjustment was made in the agreement with the Morrow County Fair Board concerning school use of the rodeo grounds. Under the adjustment the board will provide for mowing and watering the grounds during the summer months.

WEDDING, PARTY and ANNIVERSARY napkins with names imprinted; monogrammed playing cards; wedding invitations and announcements, all available at The Gazette-Times.

Kellogg Due Home From Vietnam Duty

Sgt. Neil Kellogg, who has been serving with the Marines in Vietnam since last July as a gunnery sergeant, is due to arrive home from service "at any time," according to information from his wife, the former Marilyn Pettyjohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellie Pettyjohn.

Mrs. Kellogg and three children have been making their home in Heppner while he is on overseas duty.

Sgt. Kellogg expects to be assigned to duty in Scotland, and the family expects to accompany him there. Tentative plans are that they will move there about the second week in June.

He had three months' previous service in Vietnam prior to the latest tour.

Boardman Native Wins High Award For Vietnam Valor

First Sgt. Melvin Hewitt, who was born in Boardman, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal for valor. The award ceremonies were conducted at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Hewitt was first sergeant of the 2nd Battalion, 186th Infantry Regiment, at La Grande, when he was discharged in 1966 upon volunteering for 15 months' active duty in Vietnam.

Assigned to the 4th Infantry Division, Sgt. Hewitt was cited for an action on May 25, 1968, in which his company's camp was attacked by a regiment-sized North Vietnamese army force, supported by rockets, mortars and artillery.

He immediately took command of a recoilless rifle position, directed devastating fire against the enemy. His gun pit took a direct hit, wounding all the occupants of the pit, including Sgt. Hewitt. Although wounded, he continued to load and fire the weapon himself until it became inoperable.

He then led a small force against the main enemy assault elements, deploying his men inside a sump and directing rifle fire and grenades at the onrushing attackers.

Suddenly an enemy grenade landed amid the sergeant's group. Without regard for his own life, Sgt. Hewitt smothered the blast of the grenade with his legs to protect his comrades, sustaining further severe wounds. Despite excruciating pain he insisted on staying in his position until the last enemy attack was driven off.

Sgt. Hewitt attended Meacham grade school and graduated from Union High school at Union. He also attended Eastern Oregon College at La Grande and Multnomah College in Portland. His wife, Genevieve, is a native of Huntington.

Sgt. Hewitt first enlisted in the Army in 1953 and served in the Korean War. Upon his discharge he enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard and served with the 186th Infantry while stationed in La Grande as a State Police officer.

Top Bucking Stock Billed for Rodeo

Big Bend Rodeo Company of Wilbur, Wash., will furnish stock for the forthcoming inter-collegiate regional rodeo at Heppner, Blue Mountain Community College, host school for the event, announces.

Rodeo dates are May 30, 31, and June 1 at the Morrow county rodeo grounds. Grand entry will be at 3 p.m. on May 30 and at 1 p.m. on May 31 and June 1.

Included in the bucking stock are the three highest priced bucking horses of today, "Trails End," which sold for \$3,500; "Trade Winds," which sold for \$4,000; and the fabulous "Tijuana Dolly," which sold for \$2,000. All three are world famous.



THIS IS HOW PLOWING was done in the "old days" on the Bergstrom ranch at Gooseberry. In the picture on page 4, Bill Bergstrom is pointing to himself in the center of this picture. His brothers Carl and Oscar are manning the other plows. The two 8-horse hitches, left and center, are attached to three bottom

plows, and the 6-horse hitch at the right is attached to a two bottom plow. The boys' father, Erik Bergstrom, is barely discernible between the first plow and the white building in the background.

Heppner Students Visit Marine Center

Ten Heppner High school advanced biology students visited the Oregon State University Marine Science Center in Newport on Wednesday, May 7. Together with their teacher, Miss Pat Cassidy, the students explored the field of marine biology.

Hal Crawford, aquarist, told them the mission of the center and explained current work being carried out by the various scientists.

They studied such topics as marine explorations, the continental shelf of Oregon, coastal geology, tides and tidal forces, estuary system energy cycles in the sea, circulation of ocean currents and Oregon's marine resources.

In the 11,000 gallon aquarium they observed more than 100 different species of animals common to the central Oregon shore.

At the end of the tour the group gathered around the large open pool where they handled such animals as sea anemones, sea urchins, starfish, snails, crabs and a few managed the courage to shake hands with the center's pet octopus.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and still receiving medical care, are Jessie Hoff, Heppner, and Eva DeMeritt, Kinzua.

Those dismissed, after receiving medical care, were the following: Frank Robinson, Lexington; Steve Wagenblast, Lexington; Robert Medlock, Spray, and Rosetta Swift, lone.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Struthers of Lexington became parents of a daughter, weighing 8 lb., 12 oz., on Wednesday, May 7. She has been named Sophia Marie, and joins a brother and sister at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Morris of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Struthers of French Glenn. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reilly of Herford, and Burton Hargz of Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Emery of Heppner are announcing the birth of a son, their second child, on Friday, May 9. He weighed 8 lb., 13 oz., and has been named Barry Dean E.



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