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Graduation Week Here for 80 Seniors

This is graduation week for seniors in Morrow county's three high schools at Heppner, Ione and Boardman, and tribute is paid to the seniors in section two of this paper, which gives details of commencement in each school. Baccalaureate and commencement programs are printed on page 6 of section 2, and pictures of all seniors are on pages 2 through 5 of section 2.

Things are going to be considerably different at Heppner High's graduation this year. The class of 1969 has chosen to have a combined baccalaureate-commencement ceremony to be held Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Heppner High school gymnasium.

Instead of having the traditional receiving line in the hall following graduation, the class members will receive their guests at a reception in the cafetorium. By doing this, the class hopes to create a more casual atmosphere where people will feel free to congratulate those whom they wish without having to go through the entire line.

Pioneer Picnic Slated Memorial Day, May 30

Pioneer residents of Morrow county and surrounding areas are invited to attend the 16th annual Pioneer Memorial picnic, planned for next Friday, May 30, at the fair pavilion.

Former residents of the area are also invited to attend and join in greeting and visiting with old friends and former neighbors.

Chairman of this year's picnic is Carl Troedson of Ione and assisting him as secretary will be Mrs. Wallace Matthews, also of Ione.

Registration will start at 10:30 a.m., with members of the Golden Age club in charge.

A potluck dinner will be served at noon with main meat courses, rolls, ice cream and beverages furnished by the Memorial Picnic Association. Others attending are asked to furnish a variety of salads and other potluck dishes.

The meal will be prepared by members of the Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge and members of the Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will assist with serving. Contributions to cover expenses of the picnic will be accepted at time of registration.

A memorial service will honor those of Morrow county who were killed in war action, or as results of action, with members of American Legion Post No. 87, Heppner, participating. Taps will be sounded by Gene Rietmann, of Ione.

Mrs. Rachel Harnett, museum curator has announced plans to open the museum during the afternoon hours for those who might wish to visit.

Chairman Troedson states that several door prizes will be awarded throughout the day's activities, with a special prize to be given to the oldest pioneer attending and a prize for the guest traveling the farthest distance to attend.

Recognition of guests and acknowledgements will be held to a minimum during the afternoon program to allow more time for visiting and reminiscing, promises chairman Troedson.

Visitors may also want to plan on attending the Northwest College Rodeo, which will begin immediately following the picnic at the fair grounds.

DICK CARPENTER

Carpenter Resigns To Take Position At Central-Linn

Richard L. Carpenter, principal of Heppner High school for the past three years, Monday night submitted his resignation to the Morrow county school board in order to accept a position as principal of Central-Linn High school north of Eugene.

The resignation was accepted by the board with expressions of regret by the directors.

Central-Linn High school serves the Halsey, Shedd and Brownsville areas. It presently has some 500 students, being a six-year school, and has prospects for considerable growth, particularly with the location of a large new industry at Halsey.

In his letter of resignation, Carpenter pointed out that he has thoroughly enjoyed his work here, likes the area and appreciates the cooperation that has been extended him.

He felt the move is advisable, however, because it is in the nature of an advancement, will also put him closer to colleges where he can pursue his goal to obtain a doctor's degree in education field and will mean that he will be located near his parents who live in Eugene. His mother underwent a heart attack some time ago and currently is convalescing from it.

Carpenter said that he and his wife and three daughters plant to move about the latter part of June.

The principal has enjoyed popularity from both students and school patrons during his time here. He has made several notable advancements in curriculum at Heppner High and other improvements.

Warm and Damp

Rainfall of .80 inch was recorded during the week while temperature was as high as 76 degrees. However, rainfall for the month of May is still below normal with only .82 inch for the first 20 days, according to Don Gilliam, official weather observer. Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	65	48	.42
Thursday	71	40	—
Friday	76	43	—
Saturday	75	47	—
Sunday	71	50	.10
Monday	58	48	.03
Tuesday	69	48	.25

Precincts Listed For June 3 Election

There will be five polling places in Morrow county for the special state sales tax referendum election on Tuesday, June 3, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, announces.

All Heppner precincts and Hardman precincts will be combined for this one election, and voters registered in these precincts will cast ballots at the county judge's office in the courthouse.

The election will be from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on June 3, and only the one item will be on the ballot.

The list of Morrow county precincts is printed in an official notice on page 6 of this section.

Red Cross Issues Appeal for Blood Donors

Election Nearing; Public Meet Set To Discuss Tax

Special state election on the sales tax referendum in Oregon is only 12 days away, being scheduled for June 3. The public in this area will have an opportunity to become better informed about the proposals included in the "tax package" at a public meeting scheduled Friday, May 23, at 1:30 at the Morrow county fair pavilion annex, Heppner.

Marion D. Thomas, Oregon State University extension specialist in public policy education, will appear at the meeting personally to discuss the tax proposal. He has prepared a visual slide presentation to use in giving the facts to the public.

Thomas has given previews of his presentation to legislators on both sides of the question and has their stamp of approval as to its impartiality.

The public is not only invited to the meeting but is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to become better informed about the proposals embraced in the "package." The meeting is under sponsorship of the Morrow county Farm Bureau, and Herman Blettell, president, is scheduled to preside.

Thomas is respected for his knowledge and work on the tax program in this state. The local sponsors said that they were fortunate in being able to secure him for this meeting. His presentation has been taped, and other parts of the state which did not arrange for his personal appearance early enough, are using the taped program at other meetings.

He will discuss both pros and cons of the issue.

Following the tax meeting, a second part of the program will consider the matter of weed control. Harold Kerr, county extension agent, will act as moderator for the discussion, and Herman Winter will explain weed control and the law.

Gerald Swaggart is chairman of the county weed control advisory committee and is expected to be present.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the sales tax presentation at the intermission of the two-part program.

Full Program Due At Spray Rodeo Saturday, Sunday

A full schedule of events is planned for the 22nd annual Spray Rodeo to be held Saturday and Sunday at Spray with rodeo stock being furnished by Jim Gibbs of Yelm, Wash., and Bob Howard of Deer Island.

Performances start each day at 1:30 p.m. Events will include bareback riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, bulldogging, wild cow milking, bull riding and barrel racing. In addition, there will be a kids' quarter-mile race, men's quarter-mile race, women's quarter-mile race, and a three-quarter mile relay race.

Races will be post entries. All other events must be entered by 6 p.m. Friday evening, May 23.

There will be a parade both days starting at 11:30 a.m. On Friday evening the Queen's dance will be held, and a rodeo dance will be on Saturday evening with music for both dances being by the Western Gentlemen of Condon.

The rodeo queen will be announced Friday evening with the following girls as candidates: Becky Fulleton of Heppner, Vonda Hettinga of Dayville, Phyllis Linn of John Day, Debbie Tippet of Monument and Barbara Cossitt of Spray.

In conjunction with the rodeo, the 4th annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon will be held on Saturday at 8 a.m. The course of the run is from Service Creek to Spray.

Top cowboys of the Northwest Rodeo Association are expected to compete in the Spray rodeo, and the community extends a welcome to all rodeo fans to attend.

"THOUGHTS—" This is the title of the printed magazine containing original poems, short stories and prose by members of Heppner High's senior composition class. Mrs. Jane Rawlins, teacher, and Sheryl Britt, essay editor, hold copies of the 40-page magazine which are now on sale at 50c per copy. (G-T Photo).

Creative Writing Blossoms In New HHS Publication

"Huge tractor sowing
The seeds into rows
That soon will be growing
To wheat lush and low.

"A great future's ahead
For these little spears.
They will make loaves of bread
And dry nation's tears.

"Far over the sea
Where starvation prevails,
They go willingly
To mute Hunger's wails."

This poem by Valerie Boyer of the Heppner High school senior composition class is just one of 46 selections of original poetry, short stories and essays in a unique printed publication that made its debut this week.

Published as a magazine, entirely the work of the composition class, it is entitled "Thoughts" and Volume 1, Number 1, composed of 40 pages, has just been printed for the students by The Gazette-Times.

Students formed their own staff for the publication and made their own selections of the creative material in it. Contributors include some 30 students, some of whom have more than one selection published. Ten boys and 20 girls have their work in print. Not all are seniors, but some are sophomores and juniors.

The class is taught by Mrs. Jane Rawlins who hopes that the publication may be issued

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Chairman Issues Appeal for Help

Norman Supple, chairman of the 1969 campaign for funds for the Red Cross in Morrow county, has issued another appeal to the public to send in their contributions for this cause. They should be sent to the Red Cross, in care of the First National Bank, Heppner.

He said that many have responded generously, but the county is still less than halfway to its goal of $1900. To date, about $800 has been received.

The Red Cross chapter several weeks ago mailed envelopes requesting the donations. They may be returned in the portion of the mailer that is addressed to the local office of the Red Cross.

Supple said that cooperation of the public will be appreciated and pointed out the need for funds in carrying on the water safety, first aid, service to veterans, blood program and other programs of the county chapter.

Residents Invited On Conservation Tour on June 2

All residents, including farmers, townspeople and others, are invited to attend the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District tour on Monday, June 2, 1969.

Rudy W. Bergstrom, Morrow county Conservation Man of the Year, will be honored on the tour.

Bus transportation will be furnished by the conservation district, leaving Heppner at 9:30 a.m. from the bowling alley.

Lunch will be served at noon through the courtesy of the Bergstrom family.

First stop will be at the proposed site of the Rhea Creek storage dam. The tour will then continue to the ponds at the Laurence Beckett, Wilbur Worden, Leonard Rill and John Bergstrom ranches.

Arrival at the Bergstroms' is scheduled for approximately 11 a.m. Those on the trip will be taken around the ranch to view the winner's conservation practices, both before and after lunch.

The bus will return to Heppner by way of lower Rhea Creek, Al Bunch ranch, and Paul Brown ranch.

Those planning to make the trip need only be present at the bowling alley in Heppner at 9:30 on June 2.

90 Needed At Drawing On Tuesday

Once again a call has been issued for donors to appear at the visit of the Red Cross blood bank here on Tuesday, May 27, to help meet the need for blood and blood derivatives on both the domestic level and for use by the armed forces.

Mrs. Gene (Faye) Pierce, blood program chairman, has sounded an appeal in order that the quota of 90 pints for the visit may be met. Jaycees and Jaycee Wives are assisting to secure donors and will help with the blood bank.

In the past, this area has often failed to meet its quota for the Red Cross bank, and Mrs. Pierce has asked for cooperation of the public to change this in view of the great need.

The blood drawing will be at the Elks Temple, Main street, Heppner, from 1 to 5 p.m., and all donors are asked to come sometime during the four hours.

Virtually all adults in good health are qualified to give a pint of blood each. A minimum of time and effort is involved, and there are no ill effects. None are taken who are not able to give by reasons of the fact that they have colds or other physical ailments.

Anyone wishing information or who has a question about the blood bank is invited to call or visit Will O'Harra, administrator at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

He points out that a continuous emergency supply of blood, renewed every two weeks, is kept at the hospital here.

"This gives us time to send to another bank for more blood or obtain walking donors in an emergency," O'Harra said.

Through the Red Cross blood bank, the hospital has a source of blood of types and quantity that would be obtainable in this area alone, he added.

"Some of the rare types, such as AB positive or AB negative, are almost impossible to find locally."

Donations of blood at the local drawing assures local persons of a supply of blood when they are away from home, it is emphasized. One may draw on this bank from any place in the United States merely by being a resident in the area served by the bank.

"This can mean a large monetary saving in areas not served by a Red Cross blood bank," O'Harra said. "There are many examples of blood furnished residents of this county while having major surgery in large hospitals.

Blood derivatives are also available to patients through the blood bank. This includes fractions of both plasma and cells.

"Like any bank, deposits are necessary before withdrawals," the hospital administrator said.

Docken Co. Tells Plans; To Hire 40

I. M. Docken, president of the I. M. Docken Corportion of Portland, announced Tuesday the start of construction of an alfalfa cubing plant in the Industrial Park being developed by the Port of Morrow at Boardman. This will be the first plant in the Park and through the cooperation of the Port Commission and its chairman, Dewey West, Jr., will be in production by the first of August.

The plant has been in the planning stages for the past two years with several local business people assisting in the location of the plant in this area, including a SBA loan to assist in the financing. The initial cost of the plant will be in excess of $300,000 and has been designed by James Bennett, design engineer of Portland. General contractors for the project are Shockman Brothers of Hermiston.

This plant will be the first of its kind in the Northwest. Principal ingredients of the cubes will be alfalfa and grain to produce a highly fortified food that practically "makes your cattle smile" but can also be used to feed horses and sheep, Docken said. This cube will eliminate much of the work required to feed hay, grain and additives separately. The new plant is capable of mixing as many ingredients together as necessary for any diet requirement in the cattle feeding industry.

The cubes will be marketed to overseas customers and will be barged down the Columbia for shipment. Capacity of the plant will be 6,000 tons per month and will employ forty people when in full production.

Port Establishes Policies, Sends Brochures to Many

The Port of Morrow Commission set in motion several new policies and projects and continued to retain Rupert Kennedy to coordinate their projects and developments.

A decision on leasing policy was made, rail lead lines and spurs were located, a waterfront service road was located with the cooperation of the Morrow County Court and roadmaster and the Boardman City Council, and a decision was reached to establish boundaries on the Port's eight small waterfront shipping and processing sites on the Columbia River immediately east of Boardman.

An orderly move of the navy, nuclear power siting and BPA bus-bar sites were also discussed by the Commission.

Dewey W. West, Jr., informed the commission that a ton of the Port's development brochures were shipped to New York last week for distribution to eastern finance and development firms. Another 200 brochures were mailed from Boardman to industries in foreign countries, mainly in the shipping, nuclear and space field of endeavor. He said the brochure is having an exceptional reception.

Talk Slated Monday

Alan L. Stuvland of Pendleton, representative of Edward D. Jones and Co., will be guest speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce on Monday, May 26.

Johnson to Leave Heppner for New Post in The Dalles

Bill Johnson, tax appraiser in Morrow county for the past eight years, will leave probably later this year to take a position with the State Tax Commission in The Dalles, County Judge Paul Jones said this week.

The change appears necessary because the Ways and Means Committee of the 1969 legislature has instructed the State Tax Commission to discontinue the practice in Douglas county and Morrow county of employing appraisers whose full-time activities are in county appraisal responsibility areas and are, in effect, paid by the counties through state payroll reimbursement.

C. H. Mack, chairman of the commission, notified Judge Jones of this in a letter dated May 15. The county and the commission had contracted on March 1, 1961, for Johnson, as a state appraiser, to be employed in the county. The contract provided that it may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement.

In view of the legislature's action, Mack said the commission desires to terminate the contract. He suggested the tentative date of January 1, 1970, for closing the agreement.

However, Judge Jones said Johnson may leave prior to that time, perhaps before school starts in the fall.

BILL JOHNSON

In his new position, Johnson will be in charge of a new state tax office serving Eastern Oregon. Bob Fielder, who also has worked in Morrow county for the State Tax Commission, may also be in the office at The Dalles.

The judge said that it may require the employment of two appraisers by the county to do the necessary work here. They will be employed directly by the county. Johnson is employed by the State Tax Commission but has been paid by the county on the reimbursement agreement.

Judge Jones, Johnson and Harry Loggan of the commission met in Portland on May 17 and mutually agreed on the January 1, 1970, termination date.

The judge said that there is no question but that the county court will have to honor the request of the Ways and Means committee.

Johnson has agreed to help recruit and train a successor, Judge Jones said, and the county currently is looking for a replacement.

The county has considered the possibility of hiring a professional firm to come in, make appraisals as needed, and leave, but this appears to be too expensive, Judge Jones said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been active in community affairs here, and Mrs. Johnson is a past president of the Soroptimist club. Both have said that they are sorry to leave Heppner and have enjoyed being here.