

R-I School Board Offers Contracts, Awards Bus Bids

Contracts for six new teachers were authorized by the Morrow county school board at its regular meeting on May 19, and resignations of two teachers and of Dick Carpenter, Heppner High principal, were accepted.

Carpenter resigned to accept a position as principal of Central-Linn High school. Miss Terry Linecum, Heppner art teacher, resigned because of her forthcoming marriage, and Bob Chlman, band and chorus instructor at Riverside, resigned to accept a position at Pocatello, Idaho.

Contracts will be offered to the following:

Dale M. Conklin, to teach social studies at Heppner High. He has a bachelor degree from Eastern Oregon College and two years experience at Klickitat, Wash.

Linda Hopkins Riley, to teach

second grade at Heppner or Ione. She has a B. A. degree from Western Montana College and one year experience at Polaris, Mont.

Ronald Darrell Riley, English at Heppner High. He has a B. A. from western Montana College.

Ronald Young, math at Heppner High. He has a B. A. from Boise State College.

Mrs. Audrey Botti, second grade, A. C. Houghton school. She has a degree from Eastern Oregon College and three years experience.

Esther L. Putman, second grade at Ione. She has a B. A. from Eastern Oregon College. Supt. Daniels said that although the contract has been offered her, this was done with the understanding that she may not accept because her husband will be teaching in Echo.

Vacancies Remain
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district are counsellor at Heppner Elementary, art teacher at Heppner High and Elementary, band instructor at Riverside, home economics position at Ione High (although two contracts are out for this position), and the possible vacancy in second grade at Ione.

Supt. Daniels said that five more resignations are possible in the district, and one is certain, having been given to him verbally but not in written form as yet.

Applications for the Heppner High principal position will be accepted until May 29, according to a scheduled proposal by Supt. Daniels and confirmed by the board. As of June 2, the number of applicants will be reduced to three and interviews will be conducted until June 11. Contract offer should be formally made at the June 16 board meeting.

Bus Contract Awarded
The board agreed to award contracts on bus bids as follows: Chassis for 66-passenger bus to Morrow County Grain Growers at total price of \$4,509, low bid.

Body for 66-passenger bus to Columbia Body and Equipment for a Thomas Safety Liner chassis, \$4,093, second low bid. Low bid was for a Wayne body at \$4,008, and the board did not accept this bid because of lack of experience with this make of body.

Chassis for 30-passenger bus, Heppner Auto Sales, at total price of \$3,266.28, low bid.

Body for 30-passenger bus, Schetky Equipment Corp., Superior 69-1049 body, \$2,895, second low bid. The board again accepted this bid over the low for a Wayne body at \$2,827.70.

It was pointed out that the district has both Superior and Thomas bodies in operation on buses here, and they have been proven in the transportation system.

A committee of 14 persons was named to a Heppner vocational advisory study committee to consider vocational curriculum and other matters in connection with the vocational program.

On the committee are Gene Pierce, Dick Wilkinson, Hubert Wilson, Everett Keithley, Randy Lott, Joel Engleman, David McLeod, Gene Orwick, William Rill, Ron Currin, John Wood, LeRoy Gardner, Marvin Chitty and Bruce Malcom.

Architects Discussed
The board considered proposed contracts offered by Architects Don Erickson of Spokane and Bob Smith of Ontario for long range planning of building and remodeling needs in the district.

Purpose would be to find out the feasibility of remodeling buildings currently not up to state standards, determining what the life expectancy would be, whether replacing the structures would be necessary within a short period despite remodeling and therefore possibly making it uneconomical to remodel, and planning a course for the future.

Erickson offered a contract of \$7,300 for a study of the district's needs, and Smith offered a contract of \$500 for a 3-year period, contingent on being re-

tained if a bond issue were passed for building. If it were not, he would be retained for another three years for \$500, also anticipating a building program within that time.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the district does not have \$7300 budgeted for this purpose. The proposed contracts were submitted to Attorney Bob Abrams for study.

Insurance Posses Question
Request of Vesta Kilkenny to share in commissions on the school's insurance posed a question that the board was unable to answer. Under the present plan, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant are insuring agents for the district and take 40% of the commission. The remaining 60% is shared among other full time insurance agents of the county, currently C. A. Ruggles Agency and Charles O'Connor.

Mrs. Kilkenny, pointing out that she is now a full time agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, asked to be considered for a share of the school insurance commission.

However, the question was posed that it is understood only Farm Bureau members are eligible for the insurance she offers, and the district is not a member of the Bureau. Thus, the board is unsure as to whether it would be legal or proper for her to share in the commission, representing a firm that may not be able to do business with the district.

The request was tabled until more information is obtained.

Lott Given Job
Lott's Electric was authorized by the board to renovate the electrical system at Heppner Elementary school to eliminate a persistent "hot fuse" problem. Estimate on the job was \$678. Supt. Daniels said Randy Lott informed him that the needed changes could be made without installing new wire. Another bid on the job, including new wiring, was \$1276.

Supt. Daniels reported that with action by the legislature within the past few days, more basic school support funds for the district may be expected during the coming year.

The board discussed a "sand blow" problem at Riverside High school and approved a committee composed of Max Jones, Jerry Peck, Dan Daltoso and Supt. Daniels to investigate fur-

Conservation Tour Planned Monday

Gene Heliker of Salem visited parents and friends in Heppner and Ione last Saturday prior to traveling to Pendleton where he and other members of his recording group performed for the annual Blue Mountain Community college spring formal dance. Accompanying him was his fiancée, Miss Nancy Kathleen Bush, of Salem.

Other and take action on the problem. Daniels said he expected cost might run to \$90-\$100 per acre to make satisfactory correction but said he believed the funds are available in the Riverside building fund.

Southern Oregon Hospital association was designated as the insurance carrier for the district's employees' health insurance plan. The association had been recommended by a committee of the district.

The board approved use of school buses for the State Conservation tour of the Wheat League on June 18. It canvassed ballots for director at the recent school election at which time Jerry Peck was elected director from Boardman, and it certified the 1969-70 budget to the county assessor.

Morrow county's annual Conservation Tour will be Monday, June 2, under sponsorship of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, and the public is invited to make the tour. Free transportation and free lunch will be furnished with the tour starting at 9:30 a.m. Buses will load at the bowling alley in Heppner.

Proposed site of the Rhea Creek storage dam will be the first stop. Others will be at the Laurence Beckett, Wilbur Worden, Leonard Rill and John Bergstrom ranches.

Principal interest, however, will center at the ranch of Rudy W. Bergstrom and Bill Bergstrom. Rudy Bergstrom has just been chosen conservation man of the year.

The Bergstroms will be hosts for lunch for those making the tour.

On the return trip the tour will go via lower Rhea Creek with stops at the Al Bunch and Paul Brown places.

Bryce Keene is chairman of the tour.

Students Receive Awards for Year

By EVA HAMLETT

IONE—Award night was held at the cafeteria on May 21 at 8:00 p.m. for the senior class and high school students.

Athletic awards were presented by Gene Docketer and Gordon Meyers for football, basketball, track and baseball; girls athletic awards by Mrs. Anna Lee James, for volleyball, basketball, tennis and track, and to the GAA officers; Band and "Choralettes" by Darrel James; typing and shorthand by Mrs. Dennis McKay, and speech by Bill Fletcher.

Eddie Sherman, student body president, acted as master of ceremonies. Teresa Tucker and David Marick furnished musical numbers on the program. The senior class history was given by Bonnie Kae Akers, class will by Teresa Tucker and the prophecy by Keith Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Scott Crabtree, Mrs. Blanche Scheelar, Jim McCabe and Timmy Gelinas met Mr. and Mrs. William Gelinas in Portland last week, then all drove to Tacoma, Seattle, and surrounding areas visiting friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree and Scott returned home Tuesday while the rest of the family drove to Colfax to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe and family for a few days.

Mrs. Mable Cotter is a patient in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston, having undergone more surgery last Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice and daughter, Kimmy, their nephew Norman Vangen of Portland, and Mrs. Bonnie Rice were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree last week. Father Raymond Beard was also a recent dinner guest.

Carl Troedson attended the funeral of Mrs. Kenneth Humphrey in Portland last week. Mrs. Humphrey, age 53, passed away with a sudden heart attack on May 19. She was neighbor of Mrs. Howard Nottage, and was recent visitor at the Carl Troedson home, having accompanied Mrs. Nottage here for Mr. Nottage's graveside services.

Richard Hamlett was initiated into the Order of DeMolay last Wednesday evening at the Masonic Hall. The Degree team from Hermiston came over and put on the work, and was attended by the members of the Ione Masonic Lodge.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 20, the 2nd grade pupils and their mothers held a party in honor of Mrs. Beth Hynd, who is retiring from the school system this year. Mrs. Hynd was presented with a corsage and a silver engraved dish by the group.

Jay Ball enlisted in the army and left for Fort Lewis, Wn., on May 4. After eight weeks' basic training he will be sent to post school at Ft. Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind. Another young man known in the area is Jim Doherty, son of Paul Doherty of Heppner, now stationed at San Diego with the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Charles Carlson is a patient in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland after having surgery last week. She will be dismissed in a few days and will spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Perl Bye, Rt. 2, Box 290A, Silverton, Ore. 97381.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rea are the proud parents of twin girls born May 22 in Portland. They have been named Kelly Sue and Kim Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea, grandparents, drove to Portland Monday to visit the family. The twins were quite small and will have to remain in the hospital for awhile, but so far are doing nicely.

Miss Terri O'Connor spent the week-end away from her studies at Eugene, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McMillan were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adon Hamlett and family. Mr. McMillan returned to Salem, and Mrs. McMillan remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer returned from a fishing trip Sunday near White Salmon, Wn. Mrs. Mattie Ray of Lyle, Wn., returned home with them for a week's visit.

The senior class of Ione High school drove to Boardman Monday evening and had dinner at Dodge City Restaurant, then continued into Pendleton and attended a show.

Frank Halvorsen and Eddie Sherman participated in the State Track meet at Pleasant Hill last Friday and Saturday, to again bring home the honors. Frank placed first in high jump and Eddie, the 100-yard dash and furlong. In the final results, they tied with Wasco County for third place in the meet.

The Ione swimming pool will open to the public on May 30, and remain open until September 1, with the exception of Mondays when it will be closed. Hours will be 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It would be appreciated if season tickets would be purchased by May 29 at the school office. Family tickets of the season are \$20; adults, \$10; students, 7th thru 12th grade, \$6.00; pre-school thru 6th grade, \$4.00, wading pool free. Laurel Cannon and Marge Sherer will be pool managers. Dates and time of swimming instructions will be announced later. There will be a ladies swim every Saturday morning at 9:30, beginning this Saturday, May 31.

Student report cards may be picked up June 2 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any cards not picked up will be mailed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lundell and Cheryl, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stack and family, all of Eugene, spent Saturday in Ione. Mrs. Lundell, Cheryl, and Mrs. Stack attended the shower for Linda Heimbigner.

A buffet dinner and dance were held at the Ione school on Friday evening, May 23, honoring the eighth grade class. The dinner was planned and served by the mothers, with Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, room mother, as chairman. The tables were attractively decorated in shades of blue and yellow, with bouquets of irises in the same colors centered on card tables. Mrs. Darrel James, advisor of the eighth grade class, and Mr. William Fletcher, advisor of the seventh grade class, were presented gifts of appreciation from the classes. Eighth grade class members are D-Ann Barnett, Nancy Ashurst, Karen Creswell, Cindy Ekstrom, Ann Hoskins, Christina Lindstrom, Kathleen McElligott, Melissa McElligott, Doug Beggs, Steven Kessler, Dick Snider, Jerry Pettyjohn, David Warren, Greg Wilson, Eddie Winkelman, and John Rietmann.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heimbigner were Mrs. H. G. Heimbigner, Mrs. Ralph Heimbigner and Sharon and Celia, of Odessa, Wn., Cathi Hattersly and James Framborough, Andrew Vinson, Jr., Linda and Tom Heimbigner of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Vangen of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rice, having come for their son, Norman, who has been visiting here.

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