

Heppner Seniors Receive Diplomas, Achieve Honors

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 happiness when he said, "Know thyself."
High School 'One Step'
 Peck likened the students' education to climbing stairs.
 "Even though we negotiate one step, there are plenty ahead of us," he said.
 As high school seniors, the students have become young adults, he said, but added, "Are we actually as grown up as we'd like to be?"
 He declared that the graduates must have the intestinal fortitude to face the challenges ahead of them.
 "We are becoming active Americans," he said. "What we

do about our country will make or break us."
 Both of the students, in their talks, thanked the parents, faculty and the school administration for their contributions to the education of the class of 1969.
Awards Made
 Scholarships and recognitions given included these, all presented by Principal Carpenter unless otherwise stated:
 Valedictorian trophy, Terry Peck; salutatorian trophy, Sara Miller.
 Honors plaques from Heppner High—Patti Healy, Sue Greenup, Jill Chitty, Teresa Harshman, Sheryl Britt, Sheri Brock.
 Oregon Scholar Awards for

exceptional scholastic achievement (with certificate from Gov. Tom McCall)—Terry Peck, Sara Miller.
 Two state scholarships were announced as having been awarded but recipients were not named in accordance with a new policy of the State Scholarship Commission.
 Masonic lodge scholarship of \$100, presented by Hubert Wilson, master of the local lodge, to Jerry Healy.
 Elks scholarships, presented by Gene Orwick, exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge—First (\$200 to boy and \$200 to girl), to Patti Healy and Larry Pettyjohn; second (\$100 each) to Sara Miller and Terry Peck.
 Girls League scholarship, presented by the incoming president, Jeannine Hunt, to Sheri Brock.
 Soroptimist club scholarships, presented by Mrs. Elaine George, president of the Heppner club, to Sheri Brock, \$100 academic; and to Sue Greenup, \$50 vocational-technical. Mrs. George said that the latter was given in recognition of the club's 50th anniversary.
 Williams Memorial Scholarship to a vocational technical school, to Steve Munkers.
 Gertrude Applegate scholarship, presented by Mrs. Bill Gentry of St. Patrick's Altar Society, to Sheri Brock.
 Blue Mountain Community College scholarships (from the college), to Debby Bennett and Sheri Brock.
 Certificates of excellence from the University of Oregon Dad's club, to Sheryl Britt and Jerry Healy.
 Four-year ROTC scholarship to the college or university of his choice offering ROTC, Terry Peck.
 Reader's Digest award to valedictorian, Terry Peck.
 Kinzua Corporation scholarship, Sara Miller.
 Larry Pettyjohn, president of the senior class, presented gifts to Elmer Weitzel and Mrs. Jane Rawlins, senior class advisors, on behalf of the class of 1969.
 The two advisors presented the class to the near-capacity crowd attending, and diplomas were presented by Mrs. Eddie (Beverly) Gunderson, a director of the county school board.
 Seniors sang the vocal selection, "Make America Proud of You," with Jim Lynch, a member of the class, directing.
 Candlelighters from the junior class were John McCabe and Jody Rugg, and juniors leading the processional and recessionary were Sheila Healy and Phil Ayres.
 Heppner High's band, under the direction of Arnie Hedman, played the processional and recessionary. The Rev. Dixon delivered the invocation and pronounced the benediction.
 This was the first year that the school has combined its baccalaureate and commencement into one program. Following the ceremonies, which required only one hour and 15 minutes, the seniors were complimented by the public at a reception in the cafeteria, a departure from the assembly line in the hall from former years.

Mrs. Carey (Alice) Hastings and Mrs. Grace Buschke, owners of Miladies Apparel, were in Portland from Saturday until Tuesday attending buyers' market.

Bank Announces Two Promotions; Supple Advanced

Promotion of Patrick H. Wonsler and Mary E. Gilman at the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank of Oregon is announced by John A. Venard, manager.

Wonsler replaces Norman Supple, general loan officer at the branch, who has been transferred to the Moro Branch of the First National Bank with his promotion to manager there.
 Mrs. Gilman, who will also work in general loan office capacity is one of few women throughout First National's statewide system to attain this level, Venard said.

Wonsler is a native of Bend who joined the bank at his home town branch in 1962 as a commercial teller. He was advanced to assistant operations officer in 1965 and in 1966 transferred to the Baker branch in a similar capacity. He was promoted to operations officer here in 1967. In April of last year, he was named installment credit loan officer. Wonsler is active with the Morrow County Jaycees and is a member of the American Institute of Banking.
 Mrs. Gilman is a native of Heppner who was graduated from Heppner High school and, with the exception of three years at First National's Southeast Portland branch, has spent her entire banking career here. She joined the bank in 1942 and was named assistant operations officer in 1956.
 Supple joined First National in 1960 at the Lakeview Branch. He was promoted to assistant operations officer in 1963 and was named branch operations officer a year later. He moved to the Burns branch as installment credit loan officer in 1966 and was promoted to general loan officer at the Heppner branch in 1967. Supple has served as treasurer of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce during the two years he has been here.

Utility Building Grand Opening Set
 The date of Tuesday, June 10, has been set for the grand opening and open house of the new electric utility building of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc., Harley Young, manager, announces.
 A short program and other special events are planned for the occasion. The public will be invited to tour the new structure, located just off the north end of Main street.
 Complete details will be published in next week's issue of The Gazette-Times.

Sales Tax Package Awaits Decision Of Voters Tuesday

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 ing school programs.
 Specialized tax relief is provided to the elderly and low income persons—the two groups that many feel are carrying a disproportionate load that often forces them to vote against school tax measures.
 The state tax base for the support of public services would be broadened.
 Disadvantages that it cites:
 1. There is no new money for schools in the package. All proceeds of the sales tax would go to reducing property taxes, not to increasing revenues for elementary and secondary schools.
 2. The 5% per year increase allowable without a vote is not sufficient to cover inflation, salary increases, and other increases in costs.
 3. The sales tax represents the last major source of tax revenue. Using it for property tax relief, as this measure will do, will eventually force local governments to turn once more to property taxes for revenues needed in the future.
Others Take Positions
 Other groups also have argued the pros and cons from other points of view—such as business from the standpoint of the cost of collection of the tax, which is at least partially offset by a 1% reimbursement to the retailer for his collection costs.
 Opponents believe the sales tax to be discriminatory in that those with large families, which require a sizable quantity of consumer goods, will pay more sales tax than smaller families

or single persons with less needs, even though the large family may have considerably less income in proportion.
 Oregon cities and towns close to the boundaries of adjacent states are generally strongly opposed to the sales tax package because they gain considerable revenue from shoppers in the other states who come across the line to trade and avoid the sales taxes they face at home.

Voted Down to Date
 The sales tax has been argued for years in Oregon but in the past voters have turned it down on every try on the ballot. However, proponents point out that it has not been placed before voters for many years and that times now are differ-

ent with a much greater burden on property.
 What the voter turnout will be is hard to determine. While there is great interest in the tax situation, there is always considerable voter lethargy when only one issue is presented.
 The public meeting held Friday with Marion D. Thomas, public policy education specialist, here to explain the matter, under sponsorship of the Farm Bureau, brought a very sparse turnout, despite the sponsors' efforts to publicize the meeting and draw a crowd. Whether this indicates a lack of interest or whether it indicates that the voters' minds are made up will be determined as of June 3.

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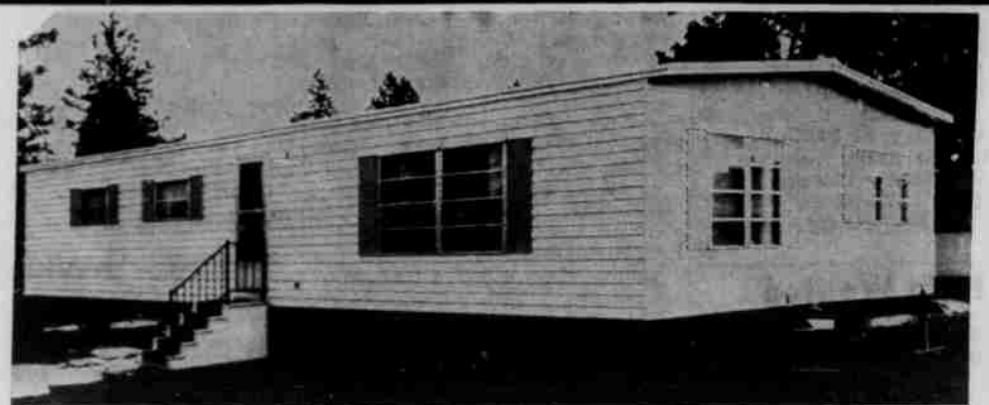
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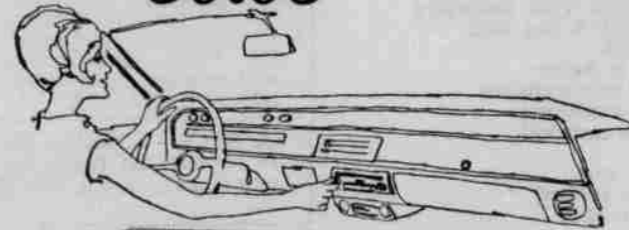
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