

F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)  
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat	1.74 1/2
Hard Red Winter Wheat (Ordinary)	1.72 1/2
Barley	51.50

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## Shobe Creek Floods Again

### Heppner Graduates Sixty Senior Students

Awards are the highlight of graduation and the 1971 graduating class of Heppner High School and guests waited expectantly as Jim Bier began the Presentation of Awards.

Cal Sherman, Exalted Ruler of Heppner Elks Lodge presented the first group: Karla Weatherford \$300 for First in Girls; John Hall, \$300, First in Boys; and Ron Sherman, \$200, second in Boys.

Kinzua's \$500 scholarship to complete college went to a most surprised Val Boyer. The Soroptimists \$100 Academic Scholarship went to Tana Rauch and the \$50 Vo-Tech Scholarship to Darlene Warren.

The Morrow County TB and Health and March of Dimes Scholarships \$200 went to Dee Ann Pettyjohn. The Union Pacific \$400 scholarship went to John Currin. Full tuition scholarships at BMCC went to Gwen Drake and Sarah Witherrite. Gwen was also awarded the John Phillips Sousa Band Award.

The \$50 Warren Williams Technical Scholarship given in memory of their son by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams went to Glenda Kay VanWinkle.

Mary Anne O'Donnell and Mark Miller received the Gertrude Applegate Scholarship.

Trophies of Achievement were presented to both the Valedictorian, Val Boyer and Salutatorian, Bruce Marquardt. Val also received the Oregon Scholarship Award which includes a certificate and a letter from Gov. McCall.

John Hall received the Masonic Scholarship of \$100. He also received the Oregon State Dad's Club Award. Susan French received the Oregon State Dad's Club award.

Honor students named were: Susan French, Ron Sherman, Becky Doherty, Dee Ann Pettyjohn and Gwen Drake.

**Four Speakers**  
Of the four chosen to speak at Commencement, Bruce Marquardt was first with the Salutatory address. He urged his classmates to get involved, to stop pollution and inflation "before it stops us".

Rev. Don Hall gave the Baccalaureate address. He took his words from the writings of Solomon. He stressed loyalty and faithfulness and to trust in the Lord.

Valerie Boyer gave the Valedictory address. She asked her classmates in a very short talk to hang on to memories. "Memory gives confidence and security. Have pride in yourself and your community".

Most of the students had been taught by Donald Clark in the sixth grade. He is now Superintendent at Imbler. He gave the Commencement address. He suggested that the Seniors make an effort to bridge the so-called Generation gap. He offered several possibilities of reaching their parents: talk and listen, work at understanding their music, be patient with under-achievers, parents have problems, too, so try to understand them, be tolerant of their appearance and their behavior. Then using the Seniors own

motto "Give Peace a Chance... at home".

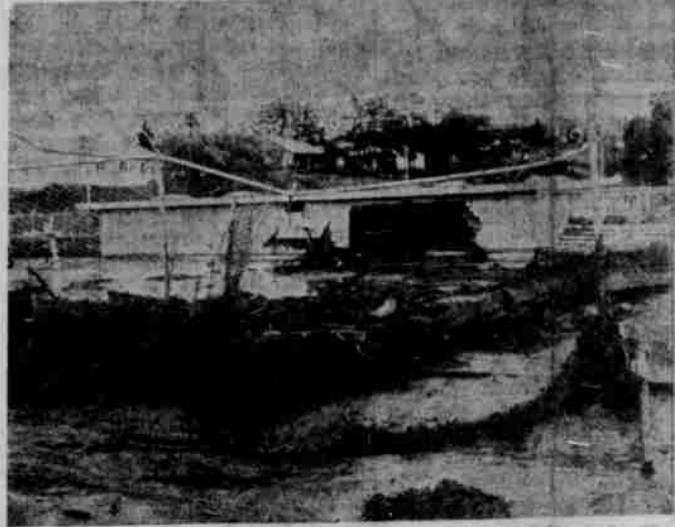
A musical reading "Let There Be Peace on Earth" was given by Kenneth Baker accompanied by Gwen Drake at the piano.

Superintendent of Morrow County Schools, Ron Daniels and Mrs. Vi Lanham presented the members of the class of 1971 to receive their diplomas. Mrs. Eddie Gunderson presented the diplomas to the 60 graduating seniors.

Rev. Rudy Mensch gave the Invocation and Benediction. The Heppner High School band played the Processional and Recessional directed by Arnie Hedman.

The stage was set in green and white, the class colors. Two baskets of white glads and greenery and a big Kelly Green bow flanked the three rows of seniors. Kelly green letters "Give Peace a Chance" were on the background curtain.

The gym was filled for the occasion which lasted about an hour and a half.



GAPING HOLE through the dressing room building of the Heppner Swimming Pool. Much debris is inside the building and pool is filled with silt. (Forest Service photo).



THE CHASE STREET bridge used to be here. Wall of water is shown receding. (Forest Service photo).

A sudden hard torrent of rain-fall with a brief dash of lightning struck here about 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday. The flood alarm sounded in Heppner shortly before the flood struck. Mrs. Don Bellamy who lives on Shobe Creek about a mile above town on the Condon Highway said they saw a wall of water about ten feet high. Mr. Bellamy, on his way home, saw the flood of mud and debris, slammed his car in reverse or would surely have been hit by the oncoming current.

No one was hurt.

It is believed that there was much more water than during the flood that struck about 9 p.m. on June 9, 1969.

In its familiar pattern of other storms, Shobe Creek drains a considerable area of wheat land, funnels into adjoining canyons down into the main creek channel, picks up lots of mud and debris, fences and out-buildings and many other things becoming a huge and powerful rushing wall.

Twenty-four homes and yards in the immediate area of two blocks of the swimming pool suffered dramatic damage in the flash flood. Another 24 homes have damages from flooded basements and damaged yards.

**Swimming Pool**  
The dressing room at the swimming pool can't be believed unless it is seen. The water already out of the creek bed straightened out the curve. The force of the water jammed power poles, trees and tons of debris through the wall and it protrudes out the opposite wall and the swimming pool was filled.

It was said after the 1969 flood that one more time would be the finish of this pool as the dirt was grinding the glaze from the tiles.

Some horses, cows, pigs and sheep were swept away in the flood. Some folks down at Lexington said they had seen sheep being rushed along in the torrent of the creek.

Balm Fork road was closed with a pile of rocks about five feet high at Al Osmin's place.

**Hill Damage**  
The alfalfa and grain crop up Hinton Creek were badly damaged.

## Boeing to Expand Industrial Land Use

The Boeing Company will invest \$1 million to implement phase one of a master plan to further develop its 100,000-acre Boardman industrial site for multiple land use, the company announced this week.

Agricultural-related industries could include vegetable, fruit and grain processing, feedlot operations, slaughterhouses and packinghouses, a tannery, poultry raising and processing, fertilizer production, a fish cannery and a winery.

The initial phase will provide for irrigation of 1,820 acres of pasture land to be sub-leased for grazing. Construction will begin in November of a river pumping station at Willow Creek on the John Day Dam pool. The 13,600-gallon-per-minute pumping station will serve the sprinkler irrigation systems. Construction will be completed in time for the planting season in March.

"Through 1975 we expect to provide irrigation for about 12,000 acres," Grigsby said. He emphasized, "Development beyond 1975 will be contingent upon the construction of a 5,000-acre dual-purpose, water reservoir at Carty Canyon and one or two nuclear power plants."

Project Manager Denver Grigsby, who announced the plans following a meeting with Oregon Governor Tom McCall and other Oregon officials, said that the initial phase is only the first step in what Boeing hopes will lead eventually to more intensive use of the entire site.

"The reservoir would provide cooling water for the power plants. The heated water would be used to irrigate crops, thus eliminating the thermal pollution problem."

He repeated the announcement Tuesday at Greenfield Grange Hall. Judge Paul Jones arranged the meeting.

Further phases of the master plan are being studied to determine the best methods of implementation. A Boeing review will be held in November to determine the future course of action.

"Long-term plans if fully implemented would involve irrigating nearly 51,000 acres for crops and grazing," Grigsby said. "As a natural outgrowth of the agricultural activities, we envision related industrial plants and other industry locating at Boardman."

Boeing holds a lease on the land from the State of Oregon until the year 2040. Last January, the company hired the consultant firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield/Hill of Corvallis, to assist in a study of the site. Study results are reflected in the Boeing plan.

Grigsby emphasized that whatever happens, environmental protection of the area will be a guiding factor. "The development could eventually lead to a closed ecological system which would recycle wastes back into the land."

The Boardman site has had a variety of uses including Boeing tests of rocket components and jet engines, a U. S. Navy bombing range and current sublease for livestock grazing.

## Red Cross Offers Fast Help To Heppner Flood Victims

The Regional office of the American Red Cross called Tuesday evening to ascertain the immediate needs of the flood victims. Their offer was to see that everyone had places to sleep and eat. Anyone not otherwise taken care of was to be billeted at a motel and fed at a restaurant and the Red Cross would pick up the tab.

School kids, teachers, friends, brothers, sisters, every one went right to work cleaning off sidewalks, yards, porches until late in the evening.

Heppner being the kind of town it is had no call for these services as friends and relatives opened their homes to take care. C. J. D. Bauman, Morrow County Civil Defense Director, was also on the spot to see that everyone was taken care of for the night.

Ted Smith had been in the mountains, unaware of the flood, they came to their home and here were ten friends cleaning 8' of mud from their carport and yard. No water entered their house.

**Shobe Money Tied to Willow Creek Project**

School kids worked on Iva Bookers yard until 9 o'clock Tuesday night and were back again Wednesday morning before Mrs. Booker and her daughter Marlene Bergstrom with whom she stayed arrived on the scene Wednesday morning.

A call to the G-T from Sen. Packwood's office yesterday morning disclosed that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has included funds for correcting Shobe Creek controls in the Willow Creek project. Last year the Corps said they could not justify the Shobe Creek project.

**More Help**  
The activity at every damaged home was unbelievable. Pumps were set to pump water from basements filled to the level. Chain saws hummed as the trees were cut into lengths that could be handled. Shovels cleared walks, porches and drive ways. Mops and buckets washed out mud and water from inside. A jeep was used to pull a water soaked rug from a basement apartment window.

Sen. Packwood sent a telegram to the White House asking the Nixon Administration to re-evaluate the 1972 fiscal year budget for public works to include \$300,000 for pre-construction planning for Willow Creek dam. He has included a story of the flooding here of Shobe Creek on Tuesday of this week and emphasized the need for an early start of this project.

**Pioneer Picnic Coming Sunday**

The annual Morrow County Pioneer Picnic will be held Sunday, May 30 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Registration is set for 10:30 a.m.

The Morrow County Museum will be open all day. Meat, coffee, rolls and ice cream are furnished thru donations made at the registration entrance. Those attending are asked to please bring salads and desserts. Paper cup and paper plates and plastic tableware are furnished.

Furniture was moved from the severely damaged houses. The Carl McDaniels are undecided. They may salvage the contents and just leave their home. The water had pushed a partition aside, gone through the house and out the back leaving a foot of mud and debris.

**NEED VOLUNTEERS**

For the sake of safety, some more volunteer special patrolmen are needed here. Anyone wishing to do this, please contact the Chief of Police.

The county road crew had to make repairs on Little Butter Creek, just below Lena, on Clarks Canyon Rd. and on Balm Fork. Then their equipment was brought in to clear streets supervised by Doc Sherr.

Emergency foot bridge was put across where the south Main bridge was washed. Vic Groshens said at the emergency City Council meeting that the piers for the Chase St. bridge were firm and

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### Morrow Junior Rodeo Soon

Entries for the 1st Morrow County Junior Rodeo will close at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 2. As many as 150 contestants between the ages of 9 and 18 are expected to compete in this event.

acceptable to rodeo officials. The next rodeo meeting will be June 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Gail McCarty home to finalize plans for the 1971 show.

There are two shows planned for this year; at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 and at 12:30 on Sunday, June 13.

### BMCC Wins the Rodeo Titles

Last weekend's college rodeo here saw Blue Mountain Community College taking titles. The girls scored 305 points to OSU's 160, Walla Walla Community College 130 and Oregon College of Education 100.

A dance for adults and young people will be held Saturday night, June 12, in conjunction with the rodeo events. Music will be by the Western Gentlemen of Condon.

The men's team scored a whopping 525 points, EOC 340, Montana State 325, Columbia Basin College 100.

Stock contractors for the 1971 show are Bill Schaun of Beker-yearlings, B. L. Davis Ranch of Adams—roping steers, Roy Phillip of Arlington—cows and calves, and Ronnie Raymond of Prineville—bucking horses.

Mary Thompson of Adams has agreed to announce on June 12 and 13. The 4-H Empire Builders Club will be handling ticket sales and programs. All Saints' Episcopal Church ladies will be in charge of concessions for the two-day affair. The North Morrow 4-H Leaders Council will be parking cars during the 1971 show. Members of the Morrow County Rodeo Committee will be handling their usual jobs in their support of the Morrow County Junior Rodeo.

In the faculty calf tying event, Bob Kelly of Heppner and Brill Lee were the winners.

The BMCC rodeo club contenders will compete this weekend at Missoula for regional finals. BMCC President, Wallace McCrae, wrote the Gazette-Times Monday to thank everyone for their kindness and cooperation here in this area.

In addition to the three all-around awards, there will be a memorial trophy presented in memory of Jody Rugg to the high point girl. This must be won three times for permanent possession.

DuAnn McCarty, rodeo secretary, reports that entries must be postmarked June 2 to be

### WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

Wednesday	60	44	—
Thursday	57	37	—
Friday	70	35	—
Saturday	76	40	—
Sunday	81	40	—
Monday	81	46	—
Tuesday	69	52	53

### Hospital Levy Wins

Morrow County turned out Tuesday to vote decisively for the serial tax levy for Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The tax will raise \$22,500,000 per year for three years for maintenance and improvements needed by the hospital.

718 votes were cast. 587 voted YES and 131 voted NO. Unofficial tally by precincts: Heppner—388 voted (362 yes, 26 no); Boardman—36 voted (32 yes, 4 no); Ione—120 voted (103 yes, 17 no); Irrigon—90 voted (22 yes, 68 no); Lexington—84 voted (68 yes, 16 no).

### Plans Shape Up For Ione Barbecue

The deaconesses of the Ione United Church of Christ met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. David Rietmann and made their final plans for the pit-cooked barbecue dinner, which they will serve at the ninth annual church auction and barbecue at the Willows Grange Hall on June 5. The women plan a variety of salads, French bread and desserts to be served. A committee of men take charge of the barbecued beef, which is put in a heated pit the night before the auction and is slowly cooked for about ten or twelve hours.

The auction committee chairman by Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid announce that interesting merchandise is being added daily to the items stored in Crum's warehouse. Pickup may be made by calling Eldon Tucker or Bill Rietmann, who will store any donations.

### Daylight Burglar

Gonty's Shoe Store was broken into Sunday afternoon. The "gentleman" quietly fitted himself to a pair of boots, took some small change and a new radio.

## Marcel Jones Named Top '71 Conservation Man of the Year

(See pictures page 8)

Morrow County Wheat Growers League President Ralph Crum introduced Roger Palmer to the audience Monday night at Lexington Grange Hall. Mr. Palmer, in a rousing ceremony, presented the 1971 Conservation Man of the Year winner, Marcel Jones and Mrs. Jones, and their partners, Judge and Mrs. Paul Jones. (See page 6 for feature pictures and story).

Glen Brogitt, president of the Oregon Wheat League, talked about the Transportation Act, limiting truck driving to 21 year olds. He said there had been much misinformation out and

that there is no ruling as yet. A number of farmers feel that they should go ahead with their operations as usual.

**Form Finance**  
Gene Pierce of the Bank of Eastern Oregon was moderator for the Farm Finance panel. Members of the panel were Grant Perry, senior vice president, First National Bank; Bill Barratt, a Morrow County native who is now president of the Federal Credit Assn. of Spokane; Robin Fletcher of Pendleton, Federal Land Bank.

of funds, the cost of money and the cost of the product. He said these are very indefinite times because of pressures from foreign influences. From a farm production view point he said he felt funds would be available.

For term credit, however, he felt money might be hard to come by for a new combine, wells and irrigation equipment. Money may become tight again in the fall, he said. The prime rate of interest has risen a quarter point and he thinks it will raise another quarter or half by fall.

Bill Barratt asked "what is

the big problem in farm lending?"

His answer was that every seven years they are called upon to loan twice as much money to the same operators, due to inflation, taxes, wages, rising machinery costs, and many other factors.

Therefore, he added, agriculture will need twice as much money in the next decade. The only answer, he said, seems to be to produce a quality product and much work in marketing. He thinks the solution is not simply in more production.

in a decade competition between lenders will be obsolete.

He mentioned a recent difficulty in marketing debentures to finance agricultural lending. This was because of a belief that higher earnings can be realized in other investments.

Robin Fletcher said many changes have taken place. There is now a variable interest rate plan that adjusts the interest rate to the money market. They also have blended rates to fit different situations. They offer credit life insurance to age 66 and up to \$50,000.

being refinanced on an average every seven years. He said they have new loan plans, some for 35 years and some with five year add-on plans, balloon payment plans.

He said many significant changes will be coming from legislation. An objective of the Land Bank part of a bill is improvement in flexibility for adequate financing. They expect to go in for rural home loans.

There was considerable discussion on devaluation of money and foreign challenges to the dollar.

there were two crises in farming: finances and the age of farmers (about 58). He asked "how can we interest young people in agriculture?" He said no one in the world produces per man-hour what the farmer does. Agriculture has a gross value greater than the greatest industries combined. "Why must prices remain at the 1946 level?"

Grant Perry stated he feels the economy is on the rise.

Frank Anderson, Milton Morgan and others agreed with the bankers that it appeared new sources of money will be needed in the future.

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