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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.

Kinzu's \$500 scholarship to the student most likely 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 Curran. 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 Gertude 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. McCull.

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

Plans Shape Up For Lone 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 barbecue beef, which is put in a heated pit the night before the auction and is slowly cooked for about ten or twelve hours.

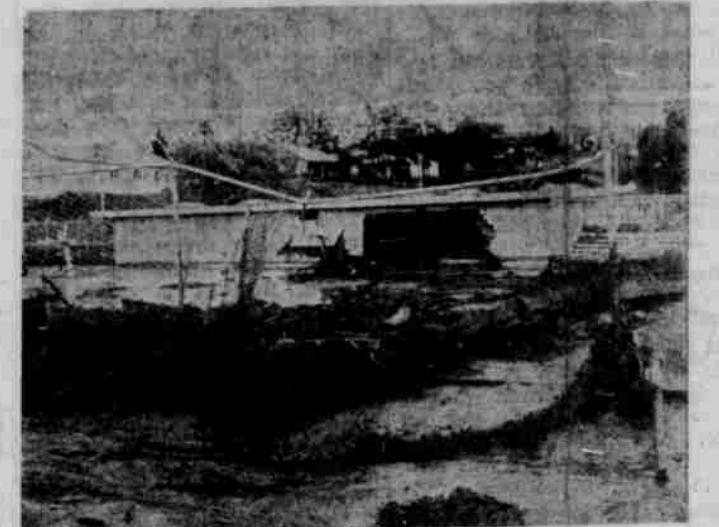
The auction committee chairmaned by Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Kincaid announced that interesting merchandise is being added daily to the items stored in Crum's warehouse. Pickup may be made by calling Eldon Tucker or Bill Rietmann, who will store any donations.

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.

Then using the Seniors own



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)

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.

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.

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.

Stock contractors for the 1971 show are Bill Schaan of Becker yearlings, B. L. Davis Ranch of Adams—roping steers, Roy Phillipi 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 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

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.

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.

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

Nancy Ellis of BMCC won the girls all-around title and BMCC's Sally Kamm scored second.

For the men, Lee Eddins of EOC won first.

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.

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

GRAIN PRICES

F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)

(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)

White wheat 1.74½

Hard Red Winter Wheat

(Ordinary) 1.72½

Barley 51.50

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.

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 13,800 - gallons per minute pumping station will serve the sprinkler irrigation systems. Construction will be completed in time for the planting season in March.

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

"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."

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."

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.

"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 5,000-acre dual-purpose water reservoir at Carty Canyon and one or two nuclear power plants.

"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."

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.

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.

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.

Mr. Grigsby said that the Boeing Company — after legal technicalities are worked out — expects an increased land tax and the tax will be paid by Boeing.

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.

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. Hail damage

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

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Shobe Money Tied to Willow Creek Project

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.

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 early start of this project.

There will be recognition of guests and acknowledgements.

Prize will be awarded for the

early start of this project.

There will be a door prize.

A one coming the farthest distance. A prize will be awarded for the oldest Morrow County pioneer present.

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 bring salads and desserts. Paper cup and paper plates and plastic tableware are furnished.

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

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

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.

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 walkways, 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.

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.

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 Sherer.

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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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 Brogoitti, 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.

Farm 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 son who is now president of the Federal Credit Assn. of Spokane; Robin Fletcher of Pendleton, Federal Land Bank.

Mr. Perry said the pertinent thing today is the availability 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.

Robin Fletcher said many 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.

He noted that his loans are