

Kites and kids: Windy Friday combination

A little too much wind was ordered for last Friday's Kite-Flying Contest, as Heppner Elementary and Junior High youngsters struggled to get their home-made kites into the gusty air—in one piece.

The Morrow County Fairgrounds swarmed with young kite-flyers sporting kites of all sizes, shapes and colors. Some, like Earl Hammond who won the prize for highest flying kite, finally succeeded in getting their creations aloft, while other tussled unsuccessfully with tangled string, fragile designs and general frustration.

Despite the obstacle presented with the high wind, all of the young contestants appeared to be enjoying their struggle with the elements and their participation in one of the traditional rites of spring.

Winners for the best designs in the contest included: Junior high, Earl Hammond, first; Harry Groshens, second; and

Bill Campbell, third. Fifth and sixth grade, Wanda Riley, first; Danny Fortenberry, second; and Karla Crane, third. Elementary grades, Greg Anderson, first; Tanya Powell, second; and Teresa Lindsay, third.

Eric Thompson and Duane Ball tied for the award for the smallest kite, and Bill Campbell won the prize for constructing the largest kite.

Riverside drama presentation today

The Riverside High School Drama Department will perform three one-act plays, Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the RHS auditorium.

Included will be "There's a Sandburr in Grandpa's Stocking," a satire on the hero in the desert story; "Who's on First" in the great Abbott and Costello tradition; and "Quiet Home Wedding" which ends up anything but quiet.

Admission is \$1 for adults, .75 for students and .50 for children and senior citizens.

New Zealander visits Ione

Ione High School hosted a visitor from "down under" this week when Ross Gersto of Tauranga, New Zealand attended classes for several days with Ione senior Rick Gilbert.

Through the American Field Service exchange program, Gersto, 18, has spent the year at Sherwood High School in Sherwood, a suburb of Portland.

While in the United States he is being hosted by the Hugh Jackson family, Sherwood. Jackson is the brother of Mrs. Harold Wright, Heppner.

The New Zealander expressed the desire to visit a small eastern Oregon school and has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Montgomery in Ione since Saturday. He was due to return to the Portland area

today (Thursday) because of speaking obligations.

Gersto talked to several Ione classes about some of the differences between school in New Zealand and in the United States. In his own country he would be in his fifth year of high school, a pre-college year. About 1,500 students attend his school in Tauranga, located on the coast of North Island.



Sixth-grader Bobby McEwen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don McEwen, of Heppner, sailed his bat-shaped kite high above the fairgrounds last Friday. He wasn't eligible for any prizes in the contest since his high-flyer was a commercial kite instead of homemade.

Tom McCall, one of Roger's Republican opponents endorsed the present governor, under whose 3 yr. administration the state budget has doubled.

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