

IHS students set up & run profit oriented company



Andy Roberts (left) and Scott Barnett work on note box.

What comes after Last Chance Manufacturing? Why, Take Another Chance Manufacturing, of course.

Although the names sound a bit humorous, there is nothing funny about the way students at Ione High School have taken on the task of setting up and running their own company to manufacture and sell goods to the public.

The students set up Last Chance last year, and this year have chosen Take Another Chance as the name of their company, which so far has mass produced spirit buttons, "fandanas," a game and fold up footstools.

From top to bottom the students handle all aspects of running a profit oriented company. "They have brainstorming sessions to come up with possible new products, then do market research to determine if the product is feasible and then if it is they go on to design and production," says industrial arts teacher Marv Peter-

son, who oversees the company.

Take Another Chance started out this year when the students went out into the community and sold shares of stock for \$1 apiece to the public.

With the \$210 raised from stock the students invested in materials to build their products.

The first project of the company was a spirit button sold at high school football games. "We needed something quick to turn a profit to finance our future products," says Peterson.

From there Take Another Chance sold "Fandanas" (red bandanas) which it hired the home economics class to work on, and then went on to make note boxes which were sold at the Heppner Artillery.

Making total use of resources, the students took wood scraps from the boxes and made a game called End-O. With printed rules the game

proved so popular a tournament was even held at the school.

Probably the most ambitious project undertaken to date has been a fold up foot stool of which they have sold 50 so far.

"We are into our second production now and we will try wholesaling them this time," says Peterson. He points out that the students improved on the original design of the stool, which has made it a better product. Peterson says the company hopes to one day possibly even apply for a patent on a product.

As with any company, however, the job doesn't stop with production. There is the inevitable paper work to take care of.

Anna Morford is the business teacher at Ione, and she has been working with the students on bookkeeping and other aspects of financial control.

The students use computers in Morford's class to enter figures on a general ledger, and take care of payroll. The students pay themselves 25 cents per hour and must take care of deductions and other payroll problems.

The students also put out a mid-year report to stockholders and have a checking account at the Bank of Eastern Oregon to handle funds.

And what have the students learned from all of this?

"Besides finding out how a real business operates, they also learn how to get along with people," says Peterson. "If one person doesn't work they all have to pick up."

"It keeps them on their toes, too. They have to learn economics or they will lose money."

Peterson says the company has had failures. One product was sold at too low a price, and when spirit buttons were sold during basketball season, "the product was inferior and we learned the market had been saturated," he says.

School bus transportation a big business in

School bus transportation in Morrow County is big business; each student day 26 buses are driven a total of 1,925 miles to transport students to and from school throughout the entire county, reports the Morrow Co. School District. Adding miles driven for activity buses puts the total annual mileage for school buses at 350,674 miles. The number of students transported daily to and from school is 1,083.

Each year new buses are purchased to replace old buses currently used to transport students, said a spokesperson from the district office. According to a long range plan developed by the District Transportation Committee, which is comprised of 14 people throughout the county, the plan calls for replacing buses after 10 years or when mileage is above 150,000 miles. Older high-mileage buses are used as spares in case one of the regular route

buses should suffer a breakdown or an additional bus is needed. Three of the buses that are currently held as spares have been approved by the board to be sold. Bids will be taken for the sale of those buses and accepted by the board at its regular March meeting, the spokesperson said.

The school district will be purchasing two new 65 passenger diesel school buses as replacements if the proposed budget passes March 27. A total of \$74,600 has been included by the budget committee for the purchase of the buses in the 1984-85 proposed budget, the spokesperson said.

Contracting with a private firm to operate the daily transportation of students has been considered in the past, but has always been found to be a more expensive and less desirable option for Morrow County schools, according to Matt Doherty, district superintendent.

Theater offers comedy

Blue Mountain College Community Theater in Pendleton will present "George Washington Slept Here" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

The play, directed by Bill Manny and Assistant Director Jon Pellerin will include a cast of 17.

Performances will be held at Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Theater. Showtimes

are scheduled for 8 p.m. on March 1, 2, and 3.

Also scheduled is a matinee on Sunday, February 26, at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices will be \$4 for Adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. For reservations, call 276-1260 ext. 400, Monday through Friday between the hours of 12 and 3, until March 1.

February is Scouting Anniversary Month and the Cub Scouts from Heppner, Lexington and Ione have been very busy, according to LaRae Kindle, a spokesperson for the Scouts.

This year Tiger Cubs, a new phase in Scouting, has been added, Kindle said. This phase is for boys ages seven and eight. Martha Munkers of Lexington is the coordinator of the group of eight boys. They meet once a month for an activity, Kindle said the pur-

pose of the new group is to prepare the boys for Cub Scouts.

The Cub Scouts have been busy with money making projects and earning awards, Kindle said. At the present, 35 boys are active in Cub Scouts, and more are ready if a den leader can be found. Recently the Scouts held drawings for two boxes of Valentine candy. The winners were Sally Marlatt and Millie Rauch. The Scouts are looking forward to

pine wood derby races on March 26 and a week of day camp in July.

The Boy Scouts are also busy, working on merit badges. Under the leadership of Perry Cooper they are quite active, Kindle said. They are looking forward to a Scout jamboree in April.

Willow Creek Dam article author honored



Ernest K. Schrader

Ernest K. Schrader, an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, received a top award last week from the American Society of Civil Engineers (A.S.C.E.) in recognition of an article he authored about the Willow Creek Dam for that organization's magazine "Civil Engineering."

The article, "World's First Roller Compacted Concrete Dam," described the design and construction methods used by the Corps in raising Willow Creek Dam at Heppner, which was dedicated last July. The flood control project is the first large dam in the United States to be constructed using this innovative and less expensive method of placing concrete, says O.C. Dugger, public affairs officer for the Walla Walla District.

Each year, the A.S.C.E. selects the best engineering or scientific article used by their magazine and provides the author the "A.P. Greensfelder Construction Prize" which consists of a plaque, certificate and a cash award.

The award was presented to Schrader at a joint luncheon meeting of A.S.C.E. and the Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) held in Walla Walla as part of National Engineers Week activities of the two societies.

Schrader has received a number of awards for his work in concrete construction methods. These include being named the Corps' Engineer of the Year in 1983, the Ralph A. Tudor Medal in 1979 and the U.S. Army Research and Development Award in 1976. The Tudor Medal is presented annually to a distinguished young engineer by S.A.M.E.

Schrader, 36, is a graduate of Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N.Y., and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering. He has been employed at the Corps' Walla Walla District since 1974, Dugger said.

Surplus cheese to be given out March 7

Local residents are reminded that government surplus cheese will be given out to those who qualify at the Heppner Neighborhood Center on Wednesday, Mar. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those who aren't able to pick up their cheese at the center may call and have it reserved, or may have some-

one pick it up for them. If someone other than the client is to pick up the cheese, a note with the client's name, complete address and a declaration of their gross income must be presented at the center when the cheese is picked up, said Pat Brindle, center coordinator.

Obituaries

Ernest Frederick Ertz

HEPPNER — Ernest Frederick Ertz of Hermiston, formerly of Heppner, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 1984, at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. He was 58.

He was born at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Dec. 1, 1925.

He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

In 1960, he married Ruth Davies in California.

Mr. Ertz worked at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner before coming to Hermiston in 1978. He was employed by Kasari Trucking.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial was at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Ertz, in Hermiston; three sons: Tim and Keith of Hermiston, and Mike is Kookia, Idaho; daughter Tina Taylor, in Germany; stepsons David Coplan, Bremerton, Wash., and George in Ohio; six sisters: Mary Perry of Dover, Idaho, Dee Hamrick of Loon Lake, Wash., Helen Harris and Ann Judy of Spokane, Jo Reynolds of Chattanooga, Wash., and Jean Quist of Mapleton, Utah; and 16 grandchildren.

Elvena Davidson Beezley

IONE — Elvena Davidson Beezley of Roseville, Calif., formerly of Ione, died February 19, 1984 at Roseville. She was 87.

She was born August 18, 1896 to Lewis and Ella Davidson of Ione.

She spent her younger years in Ione and graduated from high school there in 1914.

She married Ray Beezley in Ione.

Funeral services were held

February 22 with burial following at Roseville.

A brother, Thomas Davidson, died in November, 1983 at Hemet, Calif. He was a former teacher at Ione. A son, Jesse Beezley, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include son Lewis D. Beezley of Roseville; sister Della McCurdy of Heppner; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hortense C. Martin

LEXINGTON — Hortense C. Martin of Portland, formerly of Lexington, died Friday, Feb. 24, 1984, at Park View Nursing Home in Portland.

She was born May 15, 1890, in Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of Wallace and Clara Clark Dealman.

She moved to Oregon in 1906 and on Dec. 4, 1910, married Miles E. Martin at Moro, Ore.

The couple moved to the Lexington area in 1918. They were longtime wheat farmers in the area.

Mrs. Martin had been a charter member of the Lexington Grange.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner with the Rev. Rob Andrews-Bryant officiating. Carley Drake was organist and Ron McDonald was

Marvin R. Wightman

HEPPNER — Marvin R. Wightman, 76, formerly of Heppner, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 1984, in Mesa, Arizona.

He was born in Heppner on September 9, 1907 to John and Harriet Lynn Wightman.

On October 6, 1934, he married Claudine Humphreys in Portland. They moved from Heppner to California in 1954. In 1975 they returned to Oregon and settled at McKenzie Bridge. They spent the winter months in Arizona.

Mr. Wightman was a member of the Heppner Masonic Lodge No. 69 A.F. & A.M., the York Rite, Al Kader Shrine and All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 24, at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner with the Rev. Ed Watts officiating. Gail Hughes was organist and Ron McDonald

soloist. Casket bearers were Howard Bryant, Kenneth Smouse, Fred Nelson, Archie Munkers, Lloyd Morgan and Irvin Rauch. Concluding services and private burial were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her husband in 1955.

Survivors include sons, Willard Martin, Portland, Orlov Martin, Moro, Randall Martin, Pilot Rock, and Roy Martin, Lexington; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Those who wish may contribute to the Lesta Hoel Memorial Fund for the Needy, Terwilliger Plaza, Portland, 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Claudine Wightman, McKenzie Bridge; sons James of Greeley, Colo., and Marvin Jr. of Santa Rosa, Calif.; daughter Margaret Ciapusci, Sacramento, Calif.; sister Anna Graham of Heppner; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A daughter, Janet preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the All Saints Episcopal Church, or to a charity of the donor's choice, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Vernon Scott of Portland and son Tim of Gresham were recent callers at the L.E. Ruhl home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt were recent Ontario callers visiting Mike and Linda Sheridan there.

Erda Pieper is again at home after some time spent with relatives in Portland and Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger visited a granddaughter, Loretta Wood, who is a patient in Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Debbie Sharp was a visitor in Lexington and Heppner recently from St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla where she has been a patient for several months. She has returned there for further treatment.

Cecil and Delpha Jones were Portland business visitors Wednesday and Thursday where Mr. Jones attended an insurance seminar. Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Hilseth of Irrigon also attended.

Let's not forget the card party Saturday evening at the Rebekah Lodge Hall.

The Rhea Creek Home Extension group will meet March 6 at Ruth McCabe's home.

The Pomona Degree Team will present the Pomona Degree at Lexington Grange Hall on Sunday, Mar. 4, at 2 p.m. A potluck dinner will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schoonover have recently returned home from a trip to Disneyland and Fresno, Calif., where they visited her sister.

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