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Weather

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	High	Low	Prec.
Tues., Sept. 11	67	40	.0
Wed., Sept. 12	70	38	.0
Thurs., Sept. 13	72	45	.0
Fri., Sept. 14	72	48	.0
Sat., Sept. 15	79	36	.0
Sun., Sept. 16	85	50	.0
Mon., Sept. 17	89	53	.0

A Morrow County Centennial feature Bunker Hill School



The land for the Bunker Hill school was deeded to John Hughes and John Iler, directors, in June of 1892 by Cy and Rhoda Thinn. When the school districts consolidated, the school plot was sold to Chris P. Brown for \$1. He moved the building about 300 yards closer to his home and used it for a bunk house. It has been kept in good repair says a spokesperson for the Morrow County Historical Society.

A ledger found in an attic in the late 1950's when Paul Brown bought the ranch from his father lists those in attendance at the school during the year 1904-1905.

John Hughes - chairman of the board, Lenna L. Reid - teacher, and pupils Leo Myers, Annie Hughes, Walter

Evans, Maggie Thinn, Byron Myers, Bert Myers, Pearl Myers, Elva Hunt, Alex Hunt, Zetha Valentine, Lester Hunt, Elmer Hunt, Dannie Myers, Lulu Myers, Stewart Valentine, Edison Valentine, Tom Hughes, Joseph Hughes, William Hughes, Ernest Clark, Nora Cumberland, and Lena Cumberland.

Paul Bown relates that 1927-28 was the last year that school was taught at Bunker Hill. The teacher was May Fryrear and there were seven pupils: Gladys Reany, Pearl and Art Parker, Norma Blahm, Norma Christia Christenson (now Mrs. Walt Edger), Chet Brown and Paul Brown.

Public works director says

County crusher is 'running full bore'

The Morrow County owned rock crusher is now "running and crushing full bore to Oregon State specification," says Morrow County Public Works Director, Otto Burden.

The unit contains five parts which must all match and fine tuning of the plant as a whole naturally takes some time until the plant will put out maximum production, explains Burden.

"Tic Eng has been doing a good job and deserves credit for getting the 'bugs worked out'," a natural process with any new machinery,

especially with so many parts which must be coordinated," he continues.

The crusher was located at a site on Little Butter Creek where the input was inadequate for maximum production. The current site of the plant is now at the Port of Morrow in Boardman where the crusher is stockpiling some rock for the Port and crushing some rock for use in Road Department projects for the North end of the county; Patterson-Ferry Road and Irrigon area roads.

The crusher is a portable unit which consists of five units and a

school bus, explains Burden. It is currently dredging rock out of ponds located at the Port of Morrow which will then be processed. "Production is good and we are making rock to specifications."

"We are at the point we planned to be at this time with the crusher producing 60 yards of oil rock per hour, which is used for paving; and 250 yards per hour of base rock," says Burden. "The crusher runs smoothly and does what it is supposed to be doing."

the basement of the courthouse, continued McBride.

Young people are reminded that to be able to purchase a hunting license and a deer or elk tag, they must have a hunters' safety certificate.

Search & Rescue to hold safety program

The Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse will be sponsoring an annual Hunters' Safety Program, just in time for hunting season, announced Dan McBride, spokesperson for the posse.

The program has been scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse. Young people age 12 to 18 may sign up at the sheriff's office in

Carlson, Schwandt travel with governor to Japan



Louis Carlson

Louis Carlson, president of the Port of Morrow left Friday, Sept. 7 with the 53-member group accompanying Governor Vic Atiyeh on his trade mission to the Far East.

The purpose of Carlson's joining the mission, says Wayne Schwandt, manager of the Port, is to promote Oregon ports and their shipping capabilities and to establish more trade and to attract investments

with China and Japan.

The governor's trade mission will also explore the possibility of setting up sister state status with Fuzhou Province in China. Schwandt was to join the governor's trade group on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Seoul, South Korea and continue on to China while Carlson would leave Japan for the return trip to Morrow County on September 18.

Some of the meetings which Carlson was scheduled to attend include: a briefing at the U.S. Embassy and meeting with business representatives of Japan; a tour of wheat industry sites, a bakery and flour mill; a tour of Japanese port facilities; a meeting with the Mitsui Corp. which is a trading company possibly interested in grain, potato, alfalfa and wood products in our area; and a meeting with the Governor Atiyeh and Japanese Industrial leaders.

Schwandt says that the \$5,000 which his and Carlson's trips will cost the Port of Morrow should be more than earned back by the business which the port hopes to attract. "We have as good a chance as any site on the West Coast to attract Pacific investments," Schwandt and Carlson had only about a month to prepare for the trip after Governor Atiyeh's invitation. Schwandt is going in his capacity as President of Oregon Public Ports. Carlson, as President of the Port of Morrow, was among eight port

presidents invited for the tour, only two accepted.

Sunkyoung Ltd., the firm which operates SK Farms in Boardman,

will be hosting a side-trip to South Korea where both Carlson and Schwandt will tour port facilities and view their operation.

Japanese ports are fewer and larger than most west coast ports; the facilities are similar to those in Portland and Seattle. We expect the greatest market growth in processed vegetables and fruits; discussions with the food processing industry show the same assessment. We're not sure what the Chinese port system is like. We expect that it is slower and not as well developed as that of Japan. We will be meeting to work out a way to ship things so they can handle the cargo. China's number one import now is logs, and, of course, they're always interested in wheat, explains Schwandt.

An example of the types of industry which we're hoping to attract, says Schwandt, are the Japanese firms which have developed alternative uses for agricultural waste products. For example, a Japanese firm has built a starch recovery plant in Richland which takes starches recovered from potato wastes and converts them to fish food. The product is then shipped back to Japan for use in their domestic fish industry.

Morrow Co. School Board to hire professional contract negotiator

The Morrow County School Board Monday voted to hire a professional negotiator for up-coming contract talks with school district teachers and other employees.

Both the district teachers and the classified employees (cooks, janitors, etc.) have contracts which expire at the end of this fiscal year, and superintendent Doyle McCaslin recommended that the board hire a professional to handle the negotiations.

In the past the school board has done its own negotiating, however, McCaslin said he felt the district needs professional help on contracts this year.

"We need a good contract in this district, and an analysis of our contract has shown that we haven't gotten into the right issue or we would be in it up to our necks," he told the board.

McCaslin said the cost for the professional would range from seven to fourteen thousand dollars, depending on the amount of time and work spent on negotiations.

Opposition to hiring a professional was voiced by one school board member, and by the district's teacher's union.

"One Hermiston schoolboard member said they hired a professional negotiator and they came within two days of a strike," said boardmember Dwayne Carroll in opposition to the plan. "Hermiston went back to doing their own," he added.

The Morrow County Educational Association, which represents teachers in contract talks wrote a letter to the board in which it said: "we ask you to seriously re-consider this decision. As you know, in the past we

have successfully negotiated numerous contracts in a friendly, positive manner. We wish to continue this tradition." The letter was signed by Stephen Brownfield, Dale Conklin, Phyllis Prindle and Lisa Nelson.

McCaslin said he felt having a professional would result in a better contract for both the district and the teachers, and said the action was recommended by the school district attorney, and all administrators.

Board chairman Jerry McElligott said the contracts are getting "more technical and more technical" and that "it wouldn't hurt us to go with a professional." He said it would help the district.

McCaslin said he checked locally to see if a negotiator was available, but recommended that the board hire Jerry Martin of the Oregon School Board Association. He said he may have an interview set up between Martin and the board as early as next week. Contract talks with the teachers are scheduled to start in October.

In other business the board heard from engineer Dave Krumbien who is working on replacement of the lone school's septic tank system.

Krumbien said problems have developed which will add about \$4,790 to the cost of the project, bringing the total to \$18,863.

Apparently land originally thought available for the septic drainfield, was not available, and layout of the system had to be changed, with the additional charge.

The lone schools have had problems with the septic system not draining and new tanks, pumps and pipes will correct this, Krumbien

said. In other action, the board:

- voted to add a fulltime aid to kindergarten classes at Heppner Elementary. The afternoon and morning sessions had a combined total of 52 students and parents had complained that this was overloading the teacher.

The district polled nine Lexington parents with children in Kindergarten but found none willing to send their students to lone to relieve the pressure at Heppner. Ginger Bowman will be hired as the fulltime aid for the kindergarten.

- denied an appeal from Glen Grigsby that his daughter Yvette not be held back in the eighth grade at Columbia Junior High. The student had missed 60 days of school, violating an attendance policy requiring that a student missing over 25 percent of school days be held back. The board recommended that Yvette enter a special program aimed at keeping students in school.

- appointed Keith Nelson and Tyler Hansell to the district budget committee.

- learned that Portland General Electric in Boardman had donated five tables and 16 benches to the district.

- heard that ballot measure two, the property tax limitation measure, would cut district income by \$1.3 million. The board went on record against the measure by a vote of four yes, two abstained.

- heard a report from assistant Superintendent John Edmundson showing that Morrow County students are generally above average on testing grades across the nation.

Pioneer Memorial announces

Temporary doctors to be on hand Sept. 22-24

During the absence of Dr. Wallace Wolff and Dr. Clare Koznek on September 22, 23 and 24, Pioneer Memorial Hospital has arranged for two physicians to be available in the community for emergency and in-

patient services, announced John Ochsner, hospital administrator.

Joseph H. Diehl, M.D. will be available from 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

Kenneth H. Coleman, M.D. will be on duty from 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23

until 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"Pioneer Memorial Hospital wants to assure the community that they are taking what ever steps necessary to assure appropriate medical care for our community," concluded Ochsner.

Organizations invited to participate in Centennial celebration

Many clubs and civic groups have indicated they will join in the fall fun festival, October 13 when Heppner celebrates the Morrow County Cen-

tennial.

Any representatives of various clubs or lodges planning to have booths or schedule activities for the

festival are invited to join LaRae Kindle and her committee at noon today, Sept. 20, in the conference room of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building.

Van Winkle begins as Co. weed supervisor

Morrow County has a new weed supervisor. The position is part of the Soil and Water Conservation District and is a combination of jobs which were done formerly by Bob Adelman of the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Agents Bob Costa and Steve Campbell. Because weed control was estimated to consume too much of the time they needed to be working with other things, the new position came about.

Jim VanWinkle, a Heppner native has been hired for the position which he began September 1. He has a wife, Georgia, a four-year-old daughter, Jessica, and a one and one-half year old son, Scott.

VanWinkle says that he considers his new job a challenge which will allow him to use his education, a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University. He says that he doesn't expect to run out of work because there are always weeds; if your neighbors don't control weeds, your own control is worthless because the neighbor's weeds will drift down onto your land.

He is now involved in inventorying Yellow Star Thistle, an "A List" weed which means that it is being introduced into the area and is not well established yet. VanWinkle says that the SWCD board and area ranchers seem most concerned with Yellow Star Thistle and that is why he has started with this particular weed.

Morrow County established a weed control district on March 10, 1982 with the purpose to prevent the establishment and spread of noxious weeds; to implement the eradication of designated noxious weeds; encourage and assist in organizing noxious weed control programs on private and public lands; and to cooperate with cities, county, state

and federal agencies including the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture and Oregon State University to develop chemical and biological weed control measures, conduct weed surveys, and develop educational programs.

He has already begun the Yellow Star Thistle inventory at the Morrow county line near Cecil and through the winter will continue the

inventory along Rhea Creek working towards Ruggs. It is first important to determine the perimeter of the infestation and then go in and check areas where the weed is the most dense. Farmers may expect a call from him before he arrives in their area to map the weed. Those who have discovered spots of Yellow Star Thistle can call him at 676-5452. His office hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 9 a.m.



Jim Van Winkle