

# Eighth graders exchange schools/classmates for a week



Back row from left: Brandon Pedro, Scott Johnston, front row: Nikki Brisbois and Becca Wicklund



Some students from Lynch Terrace School

Eighth graders at Heppner Elementary and Lynch Terrace Middle schools traded places last week. Heppner eighth graders attended classes and lived with host families in Portland's Centennial School District. Students from the middle school came to Heppner, attended Heppner Jr. High and lived with host families here.

Heppner youths toured the Columbia River Gorge, a blueberry farm, Boeing, Reynolds Metal Co., Clackamas Town Center, OMSI, the Washington Park Zoo, old town Portland, Yamhill market, museums, Pioneer Square, and the Port of Portland, and rode MAX (the light rail system).

Portlanders were treated to a Morrow County welcome by the many organizations here. Youths toured wheat fields, made pasta and wheat arrangements, saw farm animals and a ranching operation, visited Hardman Ghost Town, toured Kinzua and Willow Creek Dam, saw a one-room school at the Morrow County museum, had a wiener roast at Anson Wright Park, and were treated to meals by the Wheat League and the county CattleWomen.

The exchange generated excitement among both groups as words tumbled out over top of one another while representatives shared their experiences. It's been a long, fun week Chris Crick, Pat Danley, Mai-

ja Muhle, and Trish Mahaffy from Lynch Terrace said last Friday. Each admitted he was tired but still not ready to go home.

Only one of the four, Chris Crick who had lived in a town about twice Heppner's size, thought he would like to live here. He wouldn't like to live in Hardman, though, he said. There's more to do in Heppner than at home, he said. He lives in a residential area of Portland. Here, you can walk downtown, he said.

Maija who was staying with the Brook Tucker family also said that she expected a smaller farm. It's really different to have your own dump, water pump, and even your gas station in the front yard, and so much

tractor stuff. She was enjoying her visit but thought she might be bored living here.

Pat Danley hadn't decided if he'd like to live in a town the size of Heppner but he did like the more relaxed curfew and friendly atmosphere. Heppner's bigger than I thought it would be, he said. "I expected to find a dirt road and a row of outhouses."

Trish was sure she wouldn't want to live here but said she would like to come for vacations. "There's more to do in Portland," she said. "It would be hard to grow up with the same kids and know that's who you're going to go to school with the rest of your life. We're used to being around lots of different people in Portland and here everybody is like a big family."

Maija noted that people have changed, if they were quiet before, they're more friendly. One kid who was super shy at home and never talked to anybody, is really outgoing here, she said.

The four Portlanders were impressed that "here everybody knows everybody." Here gossip spreads and at home it dies, Pat said. At home a clerk in a store is just someone who takes your money and here they ask how the new baby cow is doing, if you've planted your daffodils yet, or repaired damage from the kitchen fire, Maia said.

Clothes are different here, Trish added. At home girls wear dresses more and boys dress up more than here. "Kids here call what we wear 'Portland clothes,'" she said. At home you have to dress a certain way to be accepted and here it doesn't matter; everybody wears jeans.

The Heppner youths also noticed a difference in the way people dressed. There you could wear jams, mini skirts, and shorts that you can't wear at school here, Becca Wicklund, Nikki Brisbois, Scott Johnston, and Brandon Pedro agreed. Hair is different, too. They have better styles, Brandon said. Any hairdo will do, Scott agreed. And some don't even have hair Becca added.

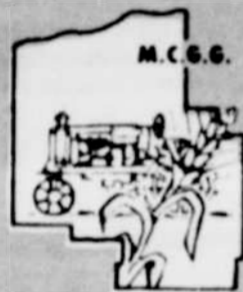
All were ready for another visit but too much crime and too much traffic were among their reasons for not wanting to live there. It was easier to get lost in a bigger school, they admitted, but said that their new schoolmates were all friendly and most tried to be helpful. They enjoyed meeting different people though Scott admitted it was a bit hard to remember everyone's name.

The Heppner youths added new slang terms to their vocabularies, they laughed and playfully hit Brandon when they said they had learned a new game.

The Lynch Terrace youths said they learned a new game, but didn't hit anybody while they talked about crossbar and ball.

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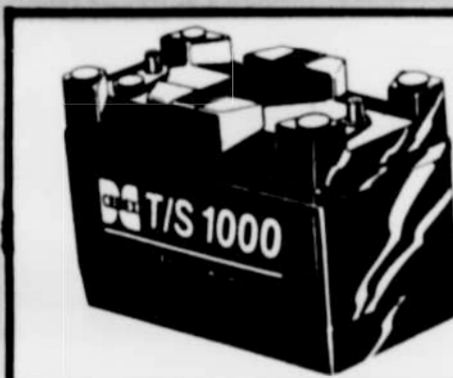
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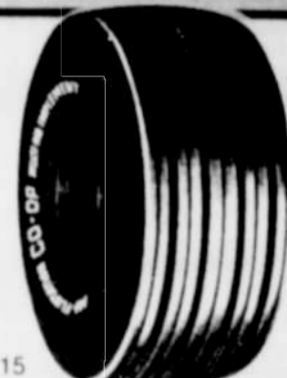
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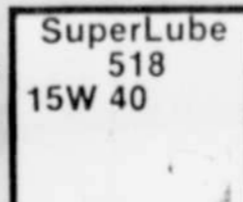
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## Coronation planned

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The potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment and a guest speaker. Each family attending should bring a salad. The meat dish will be provided.

Charge for the dance is \$2.50; music will be provided by Dan Burns 3-D productions.

The whole county is invited to attend, Publicity Chairman Gail Papineau said. "Come get to know your Court, four girls who stand out like four chips of turquoise in the high desert."

## County to interview applicants

The Morrow County Court has scheduled interviews with five of the 31 applicants for county public works director. The court has scheduled half-day interviews with each of the five selected, Judge Louis Carlson said. Two of those five will then be chosen for a final interview May 15 with the court and a representative from the Road Advisory Committee.

The court has set the salary for the position at \$36,000.

## Dr. to explain blood test results

Dr. Curtis Thiessen will be at Pioneer Memorial Hospital 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22 to explain the significance of blood test results as they pertain to cardiac risk.

The open session will be in the upstairs solarium. The hospital's lab staff reports that 86 people participated in last week's health screening.