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Schools stay open with replacement teachers



A group of striking Morrow County teachers picket Heppner Junior High as replacement teachers board bus following school Tuesday. The school district hired 134 replacement

teachers to keep schools open during strike which began March 1.



Molly Rill walks her son Lonnie to class on Tuesday morning, the first student day of the teacher strike.

Strike to continue

In a news release from the School District office Tuesday, it was indicated that at a mediation session Monday night which lasted more than 6 hours, the school district proposed to end the strike by submitting the unresolved issues to a vote of the people. The board proposal called for a referendum by Morrow County voters to accept either the union's demands or the district's offer. The union rejected this proposal. The teacher's union made its own proposal which would have voters approve submitting the unresolved issues to an outside arbitrator. District negotiators stated that having an outside arbitrator resolve Morrow County disputes was not acceptable. "The ultimate arbitrator to this contract dispute should only be those who will have to pay for whatever would be granted," said Dwayne Carroll, Board chairman. "We cannot agree to a union proposal which would have this dispute settled by a person who doesn't even live in Morrow County."

District negotiators had hoped that by submitting the unresolved issues to a vote of the people the strike could be ended. Unfortunately, with the union's rejection of this proposal, it appears that the strike by union teachers will continue. School reopened for students today with a full compliment of replacement teachers along with 12 district teachers who have crossed picket lines.

Rodeo meeting March 9

There will be a rodeo meeting at the Nomad Restaurant in Boardman on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For further information call John Moyer 676-9844.

Gordon O'Brien is Grand Marshal

Gordon O'Brien is the Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 17-19.

He is one of six children of Thomas J. O'Brien and Lucy G. Corrigan. Gordon was born in Heppner, being delivered by the famous Dr. McMurdo. He has two sisters, Isabelle, Pendleton and Kathryn of Portland and three brothers: Pat of Heppner, James of Salem and Malcolm of The Dalles.

Gordon graduated from Heppner High School after attending Pine City school for 11 years. He attended Oregon State University and studied agriculture. He returned to Heppner to go into the cattle business in 1949 with his brothers. In 1955, Gordon married Helen Shaffer of Pendleton. She was the daughter of Dave and Erma Shaffer. They have a daughter Ronnie Belsma of Portland.

Gordon's father, Thomas, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland and raised on the family farm, Cornamukla, meaning 'Hill of Stone'. He was born in 1885, the son of James and Kathryn O'Brien. He came to Heppner when he was 18 years old and worked for C.A. Minor Livestock (cattle and sheep) which was headquartered on the old Luke Bibby place on Balm Fork. He was married to Lucy B. Corrigan in 1917 and purchased a ranch and went into the sheep business on Buttercreek in 1923. Thomas had a



Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick's Day Parade is Gordon O'Brien. He is shown with his wife Helen.

sister Kathryn that lived in Lonerock and a twin to Kathryn, Patrick who came to Oregon for a time, but returned to the 'Old Country'. He also had a sister Rose who married John Mitchell and came to Heppner from Canada in 1925 after leaving Ireland. Her husband worked for

Kilkennys for a few years before moving to Pendleton. From there they moved to San Francisco, California.

Gordon says he hasn't missed a St. Patrick's Day Celebration yet. He says he is looking forward to this year's event.

Irish Queen chosen from County Carlo

Brede O'Brien Lyons of Co. Leitrim Ireland has been chosen as this year's Queen of the Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Lyons has lived in Ireland all her life, however, her father came to Heppner in 1917 to farm for a brief time. She works as a beauty operator in Co. Carlo southwest of Dublin.

Lyons, who is 60 years old, visited the United States about five years

ago, which was her first trip to this country. Her family includes an uncle John Reynolds on her mother's side. He worked for John Madison on Buttercreek. Her first cousin is Malcolm O'Brien of The Dalles, with whom she will stay during her trip to the States. She is also a cousin of Pat and Gordon O'Brien of Heppner. Gordon is the Grand Marshal for the parade.

County sets budget workshop

Confusion over components and mechanics of a proper governmental budget have caused the Morrow County Court to sponsor a seminar on "Basics of Better Budgeting". Arrangements have been made with Ron Daniels, president of Blue Mountain Community College to conduct the seminar on March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Invitations have been sent to all cities of the county as well as to all governmental departments and agencies that normally prepare budget requiring taxpayers dollars. Emphasis will be placed on budget theory and component uses rather than attempting to formulate specific dollar amounts for any specific budget.

Greg Sweek, Morrow County

Assessor, will also be on hand to give a brief explanation on the impact of county valuation on tax rates as well as the results of tax appeals.

According to Judge Carlson, considerable interest has been expressed during the past month on how the various components of proper budgeting affects the following years' tax levies. In addition, there is considerable interest in comparing the mechanics and components of governmental budgeting such as county, city and schools versus private enterprise.

The public is encouraged to attend this informative two hour session to ask questions of a subject that has a direct dollar impact on each and every citizen of this county

Notices

Willow Creek Country Club is planning a workday for members Saturday, March 11.

Please bring work tools, rakes, shovels, etc.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

Feb. 28 - March 6

	High	Low	Prec	Snow
Tues.	47	27	.0	
Weds.	33	18	.20	3"
Thurs.	30	10	0	2"
Fri.	38	17	.0	1"
Sat.	33	25	.19	Tr.
Sun.	54	29	.22	ice
Mon.	58	36	.0	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers.

Tuesday, March 7

	Soft White	
March		\$4.85
April		\$4.83/\$4.81
May		\$4.74/\$4.81
June		\$4.51/\$4.44
July		\$4.44/\$4.41
Aug.		\$4.41
Sept.		\$4.42
	Barley	
Apr.		\$1.14
May		\$1.13/\$1.14 T
PIK		99.5%
New Crop Aug		\$1.13 T
Hard Red Winter		\$4.85

School enrollment is 83 percent first day of strike

According to the Morrow County School District office in Lexington, the district wide attendance for the first day of school during the teacher's strike was 83 percent Tuesday morning.

Heppner High School reported 91 percent, Heppner Elementary 84 percent, Ione 92 percent.

Warren enters guilty pleas to two separate incidents

Dennis Warren, 22, Heppner, entered guilty pleas to two separate felony charges in Morrow County Circuit Court on Friday March 3, 1989, according to a news release from the District Attorney's office.

Warren plead guilty to Attempted Assault in the Second Degree as a result of an August, 1988, incident. Warren also entered a plea of guilty to Possession of a Controlled

Substance, Methamphetamine, as a result of a separate, unrelated incident occurring in August, 1988. Both pleas were entered before Morrow County Circuit Court Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Curran. The Court ordered a pre-sentence investigation and sentencing was continued until after completion of the pre-sentence investigation.

Buttons are limited-Get yours now

St. Patrick's Day buttons have been distributed downtown for sale. Coffee mugs and other Irish items are on display and for sale at local businesses.

Many merchants have purchased

special St. Pat's items to increase interest in the day. Purchase yours now and send a friend a reminder of the celebration to be held March 17, 18 and 19 in Heppner.

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