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## Surfacing Heppner-Rhea Creek Road This Year Possible

### Court Restates Position Before Highway Body at Portland

The Morrow county court, Judge Bert Johnson and Commissioners Geo. N. Peck and L. D. Neill, appeared before the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland last Thursday and restated its position for starting work of oiling and surfacing the Heppner-Rhea Creek road this year.

Advice signed by Henry F. Cabell, chairman, and dated April 28, had been received by the court notifying it of reallocation of federal aid funds in Morrow county.

This advice included the information that all state funds for secondary roads (such as Heppner-Rhea Creek road) go for maintenance, therefore all funds for construction must come from federal monies. Furthermore, secondary or feeder road funds (from federal source) can only be expended upon secondaries or such state highways as are not part of primary federal aid system. (The only primary federal aid road in Morrow county is Highway No. 30, the Columbia River highway, which obviously benefits the traveling public more than it does the people of Morrow county. No other road in Morrow county is eligible for federal aid except state secondary roads.)

The advice said further that the 1938 funds allocated to federal secondary roads in Oregon amounted to only \$418,000, to be distributed among 36 counties. Only a comparatively small portion of this amount has been placed, due partly to lack of funds and partly to the fact that the commission wished to have the results of its planning survey made available before making its final selection of the two-year secondary program.

It was said the highway commission does not have sufficient funds to match all the federal aid available and still have enough money left over to carry on the very necessary work on the other roads in the state system.

The 1939 budget on state highways under the federal aid secondary program, as shown in Mr. Cabell's letter, included \$25,000 for oiling and surfacing five miles on the Heppner-Rhea Creek road (not quite half of the total distance from Heppner to Rhea Creek).

Immediately upon receiving Mr. Cabell's advice, the court met with Mr. Aldrich, state highway commissioner, and Mr. Williams, district engineer, at Pendleton, who gave sympathetic ear and advised attending last Thursday's commission meeting in Portland.

On appearing before the commission the court did not relinquish its stand that the program be put on in 1938 instead of 1939. Keen disappointment of Morrow county people was cited that the program was not slated to start this year instead of next because of the bad state of repair of this important road, a double secondary as it is part of both the Heppner-Spray and Heppner-Condor roads, both of which are on the secondary map, and carries more traffic than some roads on the primary system within the county.

It was shown that Morrow county lost its only primary federal aid road, aside from Columbia River highway, when the section of Oregon-Washington highway from Nye to Heppner Junction was taken off the federal map a few years ago, and for this reason Morrow county should be placed in a preferred class for maintenance of secondary federal aid roads.

Justice of the court's argument was admitted by the commission, and if revenues are available it was indicated work might be started this

## GRADE GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Barratt Urges Class to Further Effort; Margaret Tamblin, Claud Snow Place High in Contests

Encouraged to strive to greater educational heights in the commencement address by J. G. Barratt, 21 graduates of the Heppner grade school received diplomas at exercises at the gym-auditorium last evening. Alden H. Blankenship, superintendent, presented the diplomas.

Margaret Elizabeth Tamblin and Claud Snow received first place awards for girls and boys respectively in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism contests in which points were given for scholarship, honor, service, courage, leadership and excellence of essay on Americanism for girls, and the same for boys with the exception that they were required to answer questions on the flag code instead of writing an essay. Violet Birdine Vance was awarded second place for girls, and Bob Pinckney and John Melvin Skuzeski, Jr., second for boys on identical points. Mrs. Spencer Crawford made the awards for the auxiliary.

Alvin Kleinfeldt delivered invocation and benediction, Lucille Barlow sang "I'll Be Loyal," and eighth grade girls sang the class song, "Memories." The class motto was "Sail on—the life's sea be rough," its colors lavender and silver, and its flower, lilac.

Graduates were Margaret Lucille Barlow, Merle Edwin Burkenbine, Calvin William Crawford, Jackson Cantwell, Kay Ferguson, Richard Eugene Ferguson, Everette D. Greeley, Jr., Elizabeth Ann Healy, Ellen Anita Hughes, Constance Instone, Charles Raymond Johnson, Kathryn Frances Nys, William Padberg, Bob Pinckney, Billy Scrivner, John Melvin Skuzeski, Jr., Claud Snow, Margaret Elizabeth Tamblin, Ralph Leon Taylor, Violet Birdine Vance, Donald D. Wehmeyer.

## Two Concerts Finish School Band Season

Heppner school band will bring its successful year to a close this week with two concerts. The first will be held on Main street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and the second will be an evening concert in the open air on the school lawn beginning at 8 o'clock next Wednesday.

The latter event will be the band's annual appearance, announces Harold W. Buhman, director. Some chairs will be provided for spectators but those who can are advised to bring robes so they may sit on the lawn. The band's Main street appearance last Saturday afternoon was greeted by an enthusiastic audience. After the annual concert band members will have a chance to relax for the first time since going into strenuous training early in the season and redoubling efforts for the state contest in which they recently emerged victors in class C division.

## Youth Who Stole Car Gets Year in Pen

The wheels of justice ground rapidly in the case of Gordon Keith Underwood who was sentenced yesterday to one year in the state penitentiary, just one week after his arrest near La Grande for theft of the J. G. Barratt automobile.

Underwood waived grand jury investigation and plead guilty to the direct information filed by Frank C. Alfred, district attorney. And again waiving times in which to plea and to receive sentence, and without preferring counsel, he received the sentence pronounced by Judge C. L. Sweek.

year. Money allocated for 1940 will not be available sooner than July, which would be too late to do the work this year, so far as oiling is concerned.

The court extended an invitation to the commission to take a trip over these roads and to learn first hand the condition of the territory these roads serve.

## Importance of New Crop Insurance Told Lions Club

### Visit to Boulder Dam Described by Rev. Hinkle

Everyone in eastern Oregon, whether engaged in wheat raising or not, should be interested in the new crop insurance program being instituted under AAA, said Willis Bogli before the Monday Lions luncheon. Mr. Bogli is assistant to George E. Farrell, administrator of the western wheat section, who spoke before a large meeting at Pendleton Tuesday.

The new crop insurance will guarantee the farmer a return of 75 percent of his normal yield, no matter what the elements may do to his crop, Mr. Bogli said. A premium will be paid for this protection but the government will provide the administrative machinery. The stability of production thus guaranteed should give a similar stability to credit and business generally, he said.

A further program feature was a birdseye view of Boulder dam given by Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, club guest, who recently returned from a visit to the large Colorado river project while attending an Episcopal synod at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Hinkle said he was not especially thrilled at prospects of seeing the dam and Lake Mead above it, but his enthusiasm gained in proportions as he went over and through the mammoth engineering project. At first glance as he looked down over the dam into the deep and narrow canyon there was no special feeling of awe until he noticed crawling about at the bottom what appeared to be ants and he realized that they were human beings. Then the 600-foot drop was properly impressed upon him. He cited the dam as the largest piece of single masonry, up to the time of Grand Coulee, ever attempted by man, larger still than the great pyramid of Egypt.

So large are the dynamos that they must be constructed at the dam. And another feature indicating the immensity of the undertaking is the placing of a large cable across the canyon which is used to lower and lift loaded railway freight cars to and from the bottom of the dam. The speaker quoted the late Will Rogers as saying this was the only railroad where bums did not steal a ride.

One of the dynamos generates enough electricity to supply a city the size of Denver. Four are now in operation, and there are places for the installation of 16 all told. Most of the "juice" is now taken into Los Angeles where a large new industrial development has been brought about through the dam's construction.

Mr. Hinkle enjoyed a launch trip far up Lake Mead, which follows the deep narrow gorge of the Grand Canyon some 115 miles above the dam, going thirty miles up to the mouth of Boulder canyon where the damsite was first located but later abandoned because of the greater distance to solid bedrock, then up Boulder a considerable distance. Because of the necessity of letting water through to satisfy irrigation rights, it is expected to be some six years before the water behind the dam is backed up to the highest point. When this occurs Lake Mead will be 150 miles in length, he said.

While the speaker was impressed by this note of progress by man in the Nevada region, he professed being saddened by apparent retrogression in another phase of existence as evidenced by the wide-open gambling houses in which, he opined, any player who stayed with it is bound to lose, as the "percentage" is all in favor of the house.

Mrs. Velma Cole is confined at home with a bad cold.

## H. S. SENIORS MAKE BOW TOMORROW

Professor Thompson to Address 27 Graduates Honor Plaque, Norton Winnard Cup to be Given

Today Heppner school students are enjoying pinnacles, and tomorrow the curtain will officially fall on all activities of the school year with graduation of high school seniors tomorrow evening at the gym-auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock.

Prof. R. Franklin Thompson of Willamette university will deliver the commencement address to the 27 members of the graduating class, Garnet Barratt, representative of the class of '18, will award the Norton Winnard cup, recipient of which is not announced until the evening of presentation, and Robert Knox will present the honor plaque.

Prelude, "Thine Own," by Lange, and the processional, "Coronation March" by Meyerbeer, followed by invocation, Rev. R. C. Young, will open the exercises. Musical numbers will include vocal duet, "By the Waters of Minnetonka, Lieurance) Harriet Hager and Jack Merrill, and quartet, "Sylvia," (Oley Speaks) Jack Merrill, Donald Bennett, LaVerne Van Marter, Jackson Gilliam. A. H. Blankenship, superintendent, will present the class, and Spencer Crawford, school board chairman, will present the diplomas.

The class motto is, "To that far land where earth attains the skys, adventure on, there waits your enterprise; class colors, green and yellow, and class flower, jonquil.

The class roll is:

Hazel Adkins	Jack Healy
Bertha Akers	James Healy
Florence Becket	Emmett Kenny
Bill Browning	Evelyn Kirk
Margaret Browning	Vernon Knowles
Marvin Casebeer	Paul McCarty
Gladys Casebeer	Maxine McCurdy
Daniel Chinn	Norma McFerrin
Rose Cunningham	Irena McFerrin
Robert Davidson	Scott McMurdo
Jackson Gilliam	Arlene Morton
Ruth Green	LaVerne Van Marter
Harriet Hager	Clayton Wright
John Hays	

## False Representation Leads to Indictment

The grand jury for the Juffe term of circuit court yesterday indicted Fred Gallagher for receiving property under false pretenses and converting it to his own use, and he is being retained in custody of the sheriff. A second true bill was returned with secret indictment. Minor repairs to the jail and poor house were also recommended in the jury's report to Judge C. L. Sweek who, on receiving it, dismissed the jury.

The information against Gallagher alleged that he falsely represented himself as agent for Bend Hide, Wool & Fur Co., wool buyer, and in such assumed character, with intent to defraud, did receive and convert to his own use 775 pounds of wool, more or less, valued at more than \$35, the property of D. S. Flynn, which property he brought into Morrow county.

Serving on the jury were David Hynd, chairman; Marion Finch, Roy Quackenbush, C. R. McAlister, W. E. Pruyn, George Rand, Alex Green.

## French Leave Attempt Lands 20 Boys in Jail

Twenty CCC boys from Squaw creek were lodged in the county jail here Saturday evening, and after questioning Monday were released to their home company captain yesterday for punishment. The boys took "French leave" with three forest service trucks here Saturday evening to go to Squaw creek, having been stationed here to assist in work of constructing the local forest camp.

Herbert Sauter, state policeman, and C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, stopped the boys at Lexington and arrested them. They were New York boys.

On being released to their captain, seven of the boys who were determined to be the ring leaders were given dishonorable discharges and started on their way back home.

Chas. Hynd from Ukiah was a visitor in the city Saturday.

## Governor's Race Leads Interest in Voting Tomorrow

### Two Local Contests Appear; Important Offices Slated

With only two local contests to interest the electorate, neither of which has drawn undue interest, it remains to be seen whether the fire from the more hotly contested gubernatorial melee will warm voters of the 13 Morrow county precincts sufficiently to bring a large turnout at the primary nominating election polls tomorrow.

Voters will be given the opportunity to show their party preference on candidates for county commissioner, assessor and treasurer; for governor, secretary of state, labor commissioner, one short-term and one long-term U. S. senator, representative in congress, two state representatives, and one joint state senator, besides precinct committeemen and committeewomen, justices of the peace and constables in the party voting. Besides they will receive the non-partisan judiciary ballot to make selection for three positions on the supreme court bench. Because he is unopposed the name of Judge C. L. Sweek for circuit judge of the sixth district will not appear on the ballot.

Customary voting places will be used in all precincts, with North Heppner precinct voters voting at the Peters building, and those of the South Heppner precinct at the courthouse as usual.

The two contested races for county offices are those of commissioner and assessor. The former is contested only on the republican ballot, with George N. Peck, incumbent, and George Bleakman as opponents. The assessor's race appears only on the democratic ballot where Thomas J. Wells, filling the office through appointment for the unexpired term of his father, the late J. J. Wells, is opposed by Edw. D. Clark.

The campaign emitting the greatest show of fire to date has been that for governor in the democratic ranks, with Hess of La Grande making a strong bid to dethrone Governor Martin. Sprague has been the most heard name of the eight candidates whose names appear on the republican ballot.

Compared to the governor's race all other contests have evinced only cursory interest of the local electorate, but the many important offices to be filled should cause lively activity at the polls tomorrow.

## Rifle Expert, Wild Life Pictures Coming

Claude Parmalee, rifle expert from the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., will appear at the Elks hall in Heppner Monday evening, June 13, under joint sponsorship of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club, Heppner Rod and Gun club and Gilliam & Bisbee, local Winchester dealers. In addition to demonstrating his expert marksmanship, Parmalee will show big game pictures taken by himself in the Canadian wilderness.

Parmalee is an expert big game hunter and is one of the fastest and most accurate shooters with a high power rifle in the country. During the evening he will give many demonstrations of correct rifle uses. The program is one that is both entertaining and instructive. The many sportsmen in Morrow county will not want to miss this occasion.

## RODEO MEETING CALLED

All officers of the granges are invited to meet with officers of Heppner Rodeo association at the city hall on June 17th.

HENRY AIKEN, Pres.  
LEN L. GILLIAM, Sec.