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Tuesday's Bond Election

VOTERS of Heppner will go to the polls next Tuesday to decide upon whether or not \$16,500 in new bonds shall be issued to obtain PWA assistance in improving the water system. The matter is one of special interest to property holders for if the bonds are voted all property will have an additional liability, while if the bonds are not voted needed improvements in the water system may be unduly delayed. The situation here is somewhat different from that prevailing at Lexington, where voters will also decide upon a similar bond issue the same day, and Lexington people, while they should express themselves, should not be influenced by the situation here.

A point to be considered by Heppner voters is the existing bonded obligation now totalling \$64,000. Of this amount \$10,000 was scheduled for redemption this year, but \$5000 is being refunded, which will leave after payment of \$5000 on October 15, a total of \$59,000 which, under the present payment schedule will fall due in coming years as follows: 1939, \$10,000; 1940, \$5,000; 1941, \$5,000; 1942, \$17,000; 1943, \$6,000; 1944, \$7,000; 1945, \$3,000; 1946, \$3,000; 1947, \$2,000; 1948, \$1,000.

The outstanding bonds bear interest ranging from 3½ to 6 per cent annually.

State law compels that retirement of municipal bond issues must start within five years of date of issuance, so that should the new \$16,500 issue be made its retirement would necessarily start in 1943. The schedule of redemption on the new issue, if voted, has not been worked out, but voters may figure how it would link into the present schedule as above noted whether it be on a five- or 10-year repayment basis.

It should be noted under the present schedule, however, that the extra large sum of \$17,000 falls due in 1942. It is highly probable that it will be necessary to refund \$10,000 of this amount, throwing an additional burden upon later years beginning not later than 1947. The nature of this refunding will naturally be affected by the action of voters on the present issue. There is the possibility, however, that favorable refunding conditions such as have existed for the last two years may not prevail at that time, in which case a special election may be necessary to enable raising the tax levied in the one year enough to meet the entire payment.

As against the bothersome bond schedule and fairly large bond burden already existing, there appears the need for improvement of the water system. The replacement of mains included in the project is badly needed. Many of the present mains are almost gone. They will have to be replaced soon in any event. Then there is need for augmenting the water supply. The present pumping system at the wells was installed temporarily and is about worn out. Either provision must be made for more permanent installation for pumping purposes or additional development of water must soon be undertaken.

It has been pointed out by Mayor Jones that these items can be taken

care of a little each year on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. With the street situation now being such as to require less expenditure for upkeep in future years, more of the regular tax levy can go for this purpose, he points out, and a saving made of the interest money required to carry the bonds.

But in answer to Mayor Jones, councilmen favoring the bond issue say there is no way to assure the carrying out of such a program. The present council cannot hold future councils to its action. They believe that the entire program can be accomplished now, if approved by PWA, at no greater ultimate cost, and the city will be definitely assured of the improvement.

However, if the bonds are favorably acted upon it still remains for PWA to make the final decision, whether or not it will assist the city to the extent of standing 45 per cent of the \$30,000 total estimated cost of the project.

Whatever the decision of voters may be, they should express themselves at the election Tuesday. That is the purpose of calling the election.

Support the Team

TOMORROW afternoon Heppner high school's football season of officially opens when the team plays Fossil here.

Prospects are bright for one of the strongest teams the school has produced in years, according to all reports. The boys are hard at work under Coach Knox's tutelage and they expect to give a good account of themselves.

To equip the team properly this year more than usual expense was incurred, but the team will appear in snappy outfits. This will give additional thrill to spectators while making their patronage requisite to a successful season financially.

There is guarantee, in all, that the games will be well worth seeing from the standpoint of good football, as well as for adding to the relaxation and pleasure of townfolk. The short time taken off from business or other duties will not be missed.

Let's give the boys a good send-off when they play Fossil tomorrow, and stay with them throughout the season, win or lose.

Cherry-Lear Nuptials Corvallis Event

(Corvallis Gazette Times)

A wedding of wide interest in Corvallis and one of outstanding lovely bridal events of the late summer was the marriage Sunday (September 18) of Miss Ruth Cherry and Gene Lear, the latter of Heppner.

The ceremony was performed Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church, with the Rev. O. W. Payne of Salem officiating. Rev. Payne is an old-time friend of the Cherry family.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, made a charming picture in a gown of white satin styled in princess effect with shirred sleeves and train. She wore a fingertip length veil of tulle and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and gardenias. The wedding music was played by Miss Helen Larsen of Portland who rendered Lohengrin's wedding march for the processional and later played Mendelssohn's march for the recessional. The same song which had been part of the wedding ceremony of the bride's parents, "Oh Promise Me," was sung by Mr. W. L. Nichols.

Misses Jean and Mildred Cherry, sisters of the bride, attended as bridesmaids, and were gowned in marquisette in blue and peach tones, each carrying bouquets of pink lilies and blue delphiniums. Mr. Jack Harris of Condon attended Mr. Lear as best man. The church was decorated with palms, tall bouquets of gladiolas and lighted with tapers in candelabra.

A reception was given at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony with immediate friends and relatives present.

Miss Dorothy Grutze of Portland cut the wedding cake and Miss Helen Harris, also of Portland, presided over the punch bowl. Assisting with serving were Mrs. Vardyn Buchanan of Corvallis, Mrs. Robert Graham of Canby and Misses Margaret Froman and Beatrice Price of Portland.

Mrs. Lear is a graduate of Oregon Normal school at Monmouth and has been teaching in the schools at Dallas. Mr. Lear is a graduate of Oregon State college and is engaged as assistant county agent at Heppner where the couple will reside. The wedding trip featured visits to the Oregon caves, Crater lake and other points of interest in Oregon. As a going away costume Mrs. Lear wore a teal blue suit with brown accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Lear arrived in Heppner the first of the week and have taken apartments in the apartment house of Mrs. Martha Wright.

School Enrollment Decreases in County

In making a comparison of school enrollments for the beginning of this school year and the close of the last school year Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, finds there are nearly one hundred less pupils enrolled in the grade schools now than were enrolled for the entire year of 1937-38 and 31 less enrolled in the high schools. By districts the enrollment is as follows:

District	Grade	High		
37-38	38-39	37-38	38-39	
1 Heppner	204	183	131	126
5 Morgan	9	8		
10 Irrigon	62	52	29	21
11 Liberty	9	10		
12 Lexington	69	58	28	27
14 Hirl	11	12		
25 Boardman	114	89	35	31
26 Pine City	23	31	13	8
29 Rocky Bluff	6	7		
31 Eight Mile	12	5		
35 Ione	89	84	49	42
40 Hardman	31	21	10	9
42 Rhea Creek	16	14		
49 Hail Ridge	4	3		
51 Burton Valley	9	5		
59 Matteson	10	5		
Totals	678	587	295	264

The per cent of decrease in the

enrollment for the entire county is 13.4% in the grade schools and 10.5% in the high schools.

There are two less schools in the county than last year. Gooseberry pupils are being transported to Ione.

Of these three are in high school and three in the grade school. All pine pupils are being transported to Pine City; two are in high school and seven are in the grades.

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