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County's Highway Program Presented Interim Committee

Group Told Morrow Not in Favor Of Bonding For Roads

Morrow county's program for highway and road improvement during the next few years was presented to the legislative interim committee Tuesday at Pennington. Members of the Morrow county court, including Judge Bert Johnson, L. D. Neill and R. L. Thompson, and George N. Peck, Garnet Barratt, Allen Case and Sachot Therkelson, representing the county at large were on hand to back up the program and to answer questions.

Judge Johnson read the report to the committee, complete text of which will be found on page three of this issue of the Gazette Times. He took time to explain points and to invite discussion by members of the committee on the merits of certain proposals. Garnet Barratt gave the committee some history of highway and county road construction, pointing out that county bonds had been spent in building a good many miles of roads which later were taken over by the state.

Judge Bert Johnson emphasized a paragraph in the report relating to floating bond issues for the construction of roads. He told the interim committee that Morrow county is definitely not in favor of bond issues for road purposes. He pointed out that this county is not through with a bond issue of \$500,000 which has cost the taxpayers an additional \$200,000 or more in interest, and the bonds still have several years to run. He also included another \$250,000 bond issue, which makes \$750,000 this county of less than 5,000 population has spent in building and maintaining roads. When boiled down, this represents about \$19 per capita the people have been paying on bonds.

Other points brought out in the report included a recommendation that if new revenues must be found by the legislature and the highway commission, the Morrow county road committee favors an increase in the gasoline tax.

Construction of the proposed river route between The Dalles and Troutdale, and reconstruction of the highway between Arlington and Boardman, as recommended by the Old Oregon Trail association.

A feature of the meeting greatly appreciated by the Morrow county group was the appearance at the meeting of Judge Allen of Grant county, who, while not there officially, told the interim committee he was there to back up Morrow county's proposal for construction of a highway from Monument to the mouth of Chapin creek to connect with the Heppner-Spray highway.

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SPECIAL SPEAKER COMING

State Christ Ambassador and Sunday school representative Rev. Victor Trimmer will speak at the Assembly of God church at 2 p.m. Friday, March 26. Fellowship dinner will be served at 5:30 or 6 p.m., followed by a big Christ Ambassador rally at 7:45. Young people from all over the district will be present. Special vocal and musical numbers. Both young and old are invited to attend. The C-A's will hold a street service, weather permitting.

Gazette Times Observes 65th Year in City Paperdom

The Gazette Times is celebrating this week the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Heppner Gazette. The exact date of the first issue is not known because of the loss of the files in the big fire of July 4, 1918, but it was approximately the same date as this week's issue. Consequently, what may be said historically will be largely from memory, some of which may not be as accurate as such history should be.

The present editor came onto the scene in 1901, just about this time of year. The Gazette changed hands in April of that year, passing from the control of a man who had been identified with the paper on two different occasions—John W. "Watermelon" Redington. As stated in these columns in recent years, the Gazette was founded by J. H. Stein, was later edited by Rev. Henry Rasmus and was finally acquired by the Patterson brothers, Alva and Otis. In 1812, Vawter Crawford came from Waukegan, Wis., to work as foreman. This introduced the Crawford family into the newspaper picture of Heppner and some members of the family have been identified with the Gazette and Times ever since.

Garfield Crawford followed his older brother to Heppner and worked alternately on the Gazette and the Heppner Times (founded in 1896) until 1909 when he went to Texas and has been a resident of the south since. The kid brother, known as "Doc" to those with whom he worked in those days, started at the case on the Heppner Times in 1901, working first at one shop and then the other until 1919 when Vawter Crawford, the oldest brother, bought the Gazette from Fred Warnock. The shop was then located on May street at about the middle of the Forest Service yard east of the Gilliam & Bisbee building. In 1912, Vawter bought the Heppner Times from E. M. Shutt and the two plants were merged in the Times building which was located a few feet south of the present Gilliam & Bisbee building.

Hearing on John Day Dam Proposal Set for May 25

Colonel O. E. Walsh, district engineer, has informed this newspaper that a hearing previously scheduled to be held at the high school auditorium, Arlington, on April 6, will be postponed to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 25. The location will remain unchanged. Postponement has been necessitated by request of local interests for additional time in which to prepare material for presentation at the hearing. All information contained in the previous announcement dated March 5, except for the announced date of hearing, is still applicable.

NEW CHURCH GROUP TO BE ORGANIZED SOON

Young adults of the Methodist church have decided upon organizing into an active group and to bring the movement to fruition a potluck dinner will be held at the church at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 8.

Besides consumption of tasty viands, election of officers and discussion of working plans will occupy the attention of the young people.

Mrs. Sara McNamer and Mrs. Harry Tamblin returned Sunday evening from a week-end visit in Portland.

Churches Prepare Fitting Services to Observe Eastertide

Business Houses Will Close 12-3 For Good Friday

Heppner's churches are preparing to observe Easter in a fitting manner, starting with the Good Friday observances at the Episcopal and Catholic churches and continuing through Sunday.

Business houses of Heppner are cooperating with the churches on the Good Friday services by closing their doors from 12 until 3 p.m. The school has been requested to excuse students who wish to attend the services during those hours.

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At All Saints Episcopal church, Vicar Neville Blunt will conduct the usual three-hours Good Friday service.

Easter will be heralded with a sunrise service at the Assembly of God church. Joe Jewett, pastor of the Church of Christ, will deliver the sermon and music will be provided by Merlene Miller as vocal soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Ray Taylor.

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U. S. Health Bureau Approves County's Application for Federal Aid for Hospital

To Appear In Annual School Band Concert March 31



These young musicians do not constitute the Heppner School band. They represent each section of the band which Director Billy Cochell thought would make a good advertising picture. They will be in their respective places next Wednesday night when the annual band concert will be presented at the school auditorium-gymnasium. Tickets are now on sale and the word is out that they are going fast. The concert is scheduled to begin promptly at 8 p.m.

News from Washington this week just about clears the way for early construction of the Pioneer Memorial hospital, Morrow county's hospital project which has been hanging fire for several months, since funds on hand in the county treasurer's office were insufficient to meet bids submitted by contracting firms late last summer.

In a message to the Gazette Times Tuesday afternoon, Congressman Lowell Stockman had the following to say: "I am advised by the U. S. Public Health Service that the Public Health Service and the Oregon State Board of Health have approved the initial application for construction of a 15-bed general hospital in Heppner. The estimated total cost of this project is given at \$189,294, of which the federal share is \$63,098. The project, I am informed, is to be sponsored by Morrow county, and is to be constructed under the provision of the hospital survey and construction act, Public law 725, 79th Congress."

Rep. Stockman's message was the first intimation received here that the application had been approved, although the hospital committee and county court had been expecting early action.

The sum approved includes an additional \$20,000 for which a campaign is now being conducted to raise by voluntary subscription. Some of the money has been subscribed and paid in but according to Frank Turner, chairman, there is much work to be done to meet the above figure. Committees are out working the several districts of the county and here in Heppner the J.C.-ettes are getting all set to make a house to house canvass of the town.

Those having the hospital project in charge feel that the sum that will be available with the government assistance will make it possible to provide topnotch construction and to acquire the best of equipment for a 15-bed building. It is possible that bids may be slightly pared down from the scale prevailing in the first attempt to let the contract. There has been no appreciable reduction in building materials and neither has there been any weakening in the labor market but there is a possibility that more contractors will be interested than before, in which event there may be a chance to get a more favorable figure.

Officials, awaiting more word from state and federal agencies, will make no move to advertise for bids or do other preliminary work.

Electricians Open Shop on Gale Street

Tom Walker and Otto Steinke have formed a partnership and opened an electric shop in a small building at the rear of the Case Furniture company and facing on Gale street. They are announcing that they are prepared to do electrical work on a contract basis as well as general electrical repair work.

GOING TO JAPAN

Harold Erwin visited his mother and his sister Gladys at Walla Walla Sunday and reports that Gladys, who is a first lieutenant in the WAAC, will leave San Francisco April 5 for Yokohama, Japan, where she will spend two years in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marlatt of Kahler Basin were week-end visitors in Heppner.

All-Stars Really Went To Town In Overtime Period

LaVerne Van Marter's All-Stars basketball squad really went to town in the overtime period of the final game of the season played against Fossil there Friday night. (The Gazette Times officially closed the season here last week, not knowing that one more game had been scheduled.) When the scoring is considered it looks like the Stars established a record. Here's what happened:

At the end of the regular 40 minutes of play the teams were tied at 31-31. As soon as the five-minute overtime period started, Buster Padberg and Bill Ulrich got ravenously basket hungry, and with the assistance of Bob Campbell and Stanley Kemp, looped in 18 counters for a total of 49 points while Fossil garnered two baskets for a total of 35 points.

Not a bad way to wind up the season, thinks Van Marter.

Becket Falls Heir To Cancer Drive Chairmanship

When B. C. Pinckney left the chairmanship of the First National bank here he not only turned over the job to his successor, Merle Becket, but bequeathed him some civic jobs as well.

First inheritance was that of chamber of commerce treasurer. Merle thought that wasn't so bad and accepted the assignment cheerfully. Then came word that he had been chosen to succeed "Pinck" as chairman of the cancer drive in Morrow county. Involved in the process of familiarizing himself with the local banking situation he at first gave the cancer drive little consideration, but a word from Portland the first of the week brought him to attention and he is now planning his campaign which will open April 1.

Mrs. Claud Huston was taken suddenly ill Wednesday at the home of her daughter in Corvallis. She was rushed to a hospital and was reported considerably improved today.

Students Give C. C. Demonstration Of Public Speaking

Three students from the public speaking class taught by Waldo Jackson at Heppner high school, were guests of the chamber of commerce Monday noon and demonstrated some of their training.

Rachel Cox took as her subject "The New Look," which she handled in a creditable manner. Rose Pierson chose "Words" as her subject, leaving her hearers more or less dizzy following a barrage of heavy ones. She used the big words to show how impressive they can sound and then interpreted them in more of the one-cylinder type to make them practical and more understandable to the august assemblage.

Jerry Waters spoke on "Meeting the public as a service station attendant." He did a good job of it until near the end of his prepared speech when his lines escaped him and he couldn't recall them.

Supt. Henry Tetz introduced Mr. Jackson and his proteges. A report was made on the junket to Monument the Monday previous, and Frank Turner reported progress on the hospital fund but urged full cooperation of the chamber of commerce in helping to make the drive a success.

V. F. W. Post 6100 Elects Officers

Election of officers was the order of business with Post 6100, Veterans of Foreign Wars at the regular meeting Monday evening held in the Civic Center hall.

Ervin Rauch was chosen commander; James Driscoll, first vice commander; Archie Struthers, second vice commander; William E. McCaleb, quartermaster adjutant; Dr. C. C. Dunham, post surgeon; trustee, two-year term, Joe Aiken; trustee, three-year term, James P. Stotts; holdover trustee, C. C. Carmichael.



From left to right, at folders: "Cammie," her "Mommie"—Mrs. C. C. Dunham, and Mrs. Crawford. Behind the make-up stone, Robert Davidson and Jasper Crawford. At the press, O. G. Crawford.

Although most of the equipment now in use has been acquired since the shop was moved from the old Times building, most of the stones and some of the racks and cases are the same that were used in earlier days. Most notable additions made since 1918 are the two revolution Babcock Optimus newspaper press and the model 14 Linotype. Besides these more modern pieces of equipment the shop has a large power perforator, a new paper drill, a powered wire stitcher—and an automatic job press on order. The Gazette Times owns its own building and adjacent building, which if necessary arises can be converted to plant use. The newspaper has tried to keep abreast of growth in the community and it will always be the policy of the publishers to try to be in a position to meet publishing and printing demands.

From left to right: Spencer, Arthur, Vawter and O. G.



FOREMAN OF MAILING DEPARTMENT

This is "Cammie," otherwise Camela Margaret Dunham, who joined the Gazette Times family in December 1947. Going on four years of age, she is one of the busiest members of the force on press days, especially helping her "mommy" who runs the Addressograph. She seems to have printer's ink in her veins and will no doubt be a printer or a journalist when she grows up.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Howell of John Day were visiting friends and relatives in Heppner Monday. Mr. Howell is engaged in the garage business in John Day.

—Picture by Heppner Photo Studio

Tennis Courts at Ione Completed

All work has been completed on the tennis courts at the Ione school, according to Supt. B. C. Forsythe. He was referring to the actual construction on the courts, which includes the laying of concrete floor, setting of nets and such other work as may be involved. Posts are set for the wire netting fence which will surround the courts and the wire will be up by the time spring play starts—which will be any time the weather is suitable.

Two double courts have been provided in what Mr. Forsythe terms as fine a tennis court as he has seen anywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings and daughter, Peggy, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson and daughter, Carolyn, motored to Portland the end of the week. During their stay in the city they were the guests of Mrs. Gladys Corrigan and in Vancouver, Wn., they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkinson (Zetta Bleakman).

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The picture of the newspaper press in operation was taken to show that although a wide span of years has elapsed, methods of producing the paper and other printing have not materially changed. As said before, the old press ran at a speed of between 800 and 900 impressions per hour. The new press is capable of producing 3,000 impressions per hour but runs most of the time at speeds varying from 1,800 to 2,400. Of course, the difference between hand and machine composition favors the machine by a ratio of approximately six to one. Photographer Louis Lyons snapped the picture while the press was running, which didn't give the pressman time to squint his eyes and other wise mess up the general view.