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## Council Moves To Reduce Bond Debt With Sinking Fund

### Action Taken To Avoid Conflict Over Sewer Fund

Mayor Conley Lanham and the city council decided, somewhat hurriedly, Monday evening to use available finances to reduce the city's water department indebtedness. After a brief discussion a motion was made and carried to use the \$28,492.50 in the sinking fund and the \$27,526.88 tentatively earmarked as a sewer fund, a total of \$56,019.38, for the purpose of taking up water improvement bonds which, when so applied will cut down the bonded indebtedness to a matter of approximately \$20,000.

The council acted after Elbert Cox made some inquiries relative to the funds and his answer to Mayor Lanham what he intended to do about it. Cox said he intended to do something about it unless the council stated definitely what the funds were for, not merely by verbal declaration but through the regular procedure of a motion or resolution. The mayor said it appeared to him that the best thing to do would be to use the funds to take up the water bonds and in a few minutes the motion was passed and it was so ordered.

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The city has on hand about \$5,000 for street work. Of this amount it was estimated it would take \$1200 to repair the damage done to upper Main street by the February flood, including grading, filling and putting in a new bridge. Another item will be replacing the bridge in the north part of the town generally referred to as the Gayhart bridge.

The council set Monday evening, April 25, as the date for a meeting of the budget committee, and also set up the summer schedule for the swimming pool.

## Heppner, Irrigon Successful in Spelling Contest

Heppner and Irrigon students were a bit zealous of their reputations and succeeded in walking off with most of the ribbons awarded in the annual grade school spelling contest held at the Irrigon school Wednesday evening. Heppner captured three of the blue ribbons and two of the white, while Irrigon took one blue, two red and two white ribbons. Ione was awarded one red ribbon.

Results of the fifth grade event were: David Cox, Heppner, first; Nancy Anderson, Heppner, second; and Janet Stephens, Irrigon, third.

Sixth grade: Adelia Anderson, Heppner, first; Bill Kelly, Irrigon, second; and Jack Sumner, Heppner, third.

Seventh grade: Sally Palmer, Heppner, first; Larry Rietmann, Ione, second; and Edna Marie Graham, Heppner, third.

Eighth grade: Barbara Tester, Irrigon, first; Larry Gulick, Irrigon, second; and Jack Sumner, Heppner, third.

Each school was granted two contestants from each grade.

In charge of the contest was a committee headed by Francis Ely of Ione and including Mrs. Lavern Partlow, Boardman; Mrs. P. Sorlien, Lexington; Mrs. L. L. Pate, Heppner; and Mrs. Bessie Hobbs, Irrigon.

The visitors are indebted to the Irrigon school for refreshments served to all contestants.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Heppner Post No. 6100 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States held an open installation of officers at the All Saints Episcopal parish house Tuesday evening. Officers installed were: commander, James H. Driscoll; senior vice commander, Wilbur Worden; junior vice commander, Frank Maynard; quartermaster-adjutant, Wm. Lee McCaleb Jr.; chaplain, Elvon L. Tull; post surgeon, Archie D. McMurdo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Breeding motored to The Dalles Sunday taking the Darnielle children to visit their grandparents. Betty Darnielle remained for a visit in that city.

## Random Thoughts...

Mother Nature is impartial. For a long number of years Californians have had to overcome a serious handicap in advertising their state. It has long since become a habit to overlook earthquakes when speaking about the glories of the great neighbor to the south, for in their long experience the people have accepted quakes as inevitable and not sufficient reason for leaving a land affording so many comforts and such a wide variety of climatic conditions as to lend a more or less glamorous appeal to the very name of California. The quakes have not stunted California's growth and neither will they hinder growth of Oregon and Washington. The people of the north-west will adjust themselves to the possibility of recurrences of the tremors in the area affected last week and to the further possibility that the scope may be widened.

The people of California are perhaps more concerned with an ample water supply than they are about the earthquakes, yet their governor assures Oregonians that his state has no designs on our Columbia river. On the other hand Oregonians and Washingtonians have no designs on California's reputation for earthquakes but Mother Nature in her role of impartial provider has seen to it that this great region of milk and honey shall share in the handicap that as said before has plagued Californians and will have to adjust ourselves to it in much the same way the southern neighbors have done.

Speaking of earthquakes, reminds us that we want to inquire if anyone in this section felt the tremors last week. If so, there are cards at the post office and the G.P. office sent out by the Oregon State college that should be filled out and returned to the college. This is of importance scientifically whether or not distinct shocks were felt. Scientists desire to know how broad a range the earthquake had and such information depends upon the willingness of individuals to give it.

One of the pleasures of spring and summer evenings is to drive out one of the roads leading from town. And one of the nicest drives is up Willow creek. That is, it would be one of the nicest if the road could be smoothed a little bit. The first mile or two needs a coat of that decayed granite to make this end of the road as good as that leading from the Wilkinson ranch on up the creek.

Years ago, before the county got launched upon a hard surfacing program of road construction, the forest service used a similar type of surfacing on the Snoqualmie Pass route between the Yakima Valley and Puget Sound. Some oil was mixed in to help keep down the dust and the approximate 40 miles through the forest was one of the finest roads tourists of the day encountered in the northwest.

The Willow creek road has held up well where the decayed granite was used and the time might come when oil could be mixed with the soil and make a smoother surface and make for more or less dustless travel.

## Emerly Coxen Wins All-Expense Tour

His many friends in Heppner will be pleased to learn that Emery Coxen has won an all-expense trip to Minneapolis as the result of a sales contest conducted by the General Mills. The contest extended over a period of three months and was based on the greatest per cent of re-sales for that time. Emery was the winner from the Portland district.

He will leave Portland May 6 for San Francisco where he will be joined by the California west coast manager for General Mills. The trip will go by Steamliner to Chicago to be guests at Don McNeil's Breakfast club and the Chicago Stock Exchange. After a two-day visit in Chicago they will go to Minneapolis for a tour of General Mills flour and cereal plants and to Betty Crocker's home extension service.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE AMBULANCE FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bergstrom, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. White, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Peterson, Heppner; Bob Van Schoelack, Heppner; Hyatt & Braun, Pendleton; Luke Bibby, Heppner; Mrs. Margaret F. Phelps, Heppner; J. C. Penney Co., Heppner; J. I. Hanna, Heppner; Fred Booker, Heppner; E. J. Merrill, Heppner; Harold Kenney, Heppner; Heppner Branch, First National Bank of Portland; and Mrs. Charlie N. Jones, Heppner.

In reporting a previous list, we named Lee Sprinkel as a donor. It should have read Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sprinkel.

Come on, folks, let's go over the top. The Red Cross did it—so can we.

V.F.W. Committee.

## County's School Budget Approved By Big Majority

### 374 Yes, 92 No Ballots Cast in Monday Election

Voters to the number of 466 turned out between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. Monday to express their approval or disapproval of the school budget as submitted by the rural school board. When the returns were officially tabulated Wednesday evening it was found that 374 favored the budget, while 92 voted no on it.

Twelve districts voted with the following results: District No. 1, Heppner—Yes 91, no 62.

District No. 2, Lena—Yes 5, none against.

District No. 5J, Morgan—3 for, 5 against.

District No. 10, Irrigon—78 for, three against.

District No. 12, Lexington—33 for, none against.

District No. 23, Devine, 5 for, 2 against.

District No. 24—Willows, three against.

District No. 25, Boardman, 133 for, one against.

District No. 35J, Ione—seven for, seven against.

District No. 40, Hardman—three for, four against.

District No. 41, Sand Hollow—six for, five against.

School officials were a little bit anxious about the total result Monday evening after getting first returns, but this was soon dispelled with figures coming in from Lexington, Irrigon and Boardman. The Heppner majority was not sufficient to overcome an adverse vote of any strength, but the above mentioned districts settled any misgivings the officials may have had.

## Lexington Group Plans Dance For Student Loan Fund

A dance will be held in Lexington the 14th of May and will be called a Mother's Day dance. This is in honor of the Lillian Turner benefit, for the loan fund for a scholarship. It is in charge of Orville Cutsforth, chairman, and Delpha Jones, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mrs. Clarence Hayes, Pine Thornburg, Vernon Warner, and Dan Dinges, as committee.

At this dance there will be a board of directors elected that will continue with these benefits and serve as a board of advisers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yarnell of Vancouver, and three children were renewing acquaintances in Lexington over the Easter holidays.

The regular meeting of the P.T.A. was held Tuesday night with election of officers as the main attraction. The following officers were elected: Jerry Baker, president; Mrs. Leita Messinger, vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Feathers as secretary and Thelma Anderson as treasurer.

Jack Forsyth returned Saturday from a week at Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Feathers spent the Easter holidays in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Armin Wihlon spent Easter in Stanfield with the Tucker family, parents and family of Mrs. Wihlon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holmberg of Brush Prairie, Wash., were Monday visitors at the Barnett home. Mr. Holmberg operated the Barnett machinery during harvest for 16 years with Mrs. Holmberg cooking in the fields part of that time. They had not been in Lexington for 11 years and were most anxious to visit the Morrow county farm lands.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Breeding and family spent Easter in Prineville with their daughter and son. Mr. and Mrs. Don Grant and family.

Kenneth Klinger has completed the work on the pastime which recently was damaged by fire. The Klingers, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger, are the new operators of the Lexington pastime, recently purchased from the Yarnells. Mr. and Mrs. David Crozier of Ordinance have leased the Klinger farm and will operate it. Mrs. Crozier is the former Doris Klinger, sister of Kenneth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peck are Portland visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Griffith and family spent Easter at Stanfield and Hermiston.

## Oregon Flying Farmers Club Will Visit Lexington Airport Sunday

By Ruth F. Payne

Morrow county flying enthusiasts will be hosts to members of the Oregon Flying Farmers club, Sunday, at Lexington airport, according to an announcement made at a meeting of the local group Tuesday evening. More than 75 club members, their families and guests are expected to participate in the day's activities. A good deal of flying is anticipated provided the weather is favorable. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon, with salads, ice cream and coffee to be supplied by the hosts.

The date of the Oddfellow anniversary party has been changed from April 26 to April 29 due to a conflict in schedules, following a committee meeting Friday evening at the IOOF hall. The committee in charge of arrangements includes Lee Howell and Tom Wells for Willows lodge No. 66, and Mesdames Jeanne Dobbs, Adele Hannan and Pearl Devine for Sans Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33.

The business women of All Saints Episcopal women's auxiliary entertained Monday evening at the parish house with a card party. Seven tables of bridge, six tables of pinochle and one table of Oklahoma were in play. Mrs. W. C. Rosewall received high score in bridge. Walter Becket, high in pinochle, and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, high in Oklahoma. The door prize was won by Mrs. Walter Barger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Oscar George and sons, Kit and David, motored to Portland and Salem Monday afternoon. In Salem, Mrs. George was the guest of Governor Douglas McKay at a banquet at the Hotel Senator Tuesday evening. The banquet was given in honor of those responsible for the success of the recent drive for the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds in Oregon. Mrs. George is chairman of the Morrow county committee.

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, secretary of the Morrow County Public Welfare committee, left early on Wednesday morning for Portland where she will attend a two-day institute for social workers. On Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Gertson will attend the state social workers conference which is being held at the Multnomah hotel in conjunction with the institute. Governor Douglas McKay will be the principal speaker at the Saturday luncheon with a talk on "Displaced Persons." On her return journey, Mrs. Gertson will stop over at the Columbia Gorge hotel to attend the formal banquet of the Hood River Soroptimist club which is scheduled for Saturday evening.

D. M. Ward returned to his home in Portland Saturday after spending several days in Heppner looking after business interests and visiting relatives. Mrs. Ward remained in The Dalles with relatives while Mr. Ward came on to Heppner.

Mrs. Jessie Brady was over from Kimberly Friday to attend the funeral services for the late Henderson Stout. During her stay in Heppner she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Ogletree.

Mrs. Arlie Bailey and daughter, Patricia, of Hood River spent Saturday visiting in Heppner with Mr. Bailey who is in charge of the body work at Hodge Chevrolet company.

Mrs. Eric Bergstrom of Eightmile was shopping in Heppner Saturday.

Willard Herbisop motored to Redmond Tuesday afternoon to visit relatives.

Oral Wright of Hermiston was a business visitor in Heppner on Saturday.

Mrs. Pearl Devine entertained with a family dinner Sunday at her home on Cannon street. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Oran Wright and Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright and sons and Delbert Wright.

Mrs. Walter Farrens is seriously ill at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, having been taken over Tuesday by ambulance. She was accompanied by Mr. Farrens, who, according to reports, suffered a heart attack upon arrival at Pendleton and was also placed in the hospital. Their children, Mrs. Lucille Ayers and Roland Farrens of Portland, Veri Farrens of Hermiston and Mrs. Tom Fraters of Eightmile are in Pendleton to be near them.

Mrs. Charlotte Scherzinger and daughter, Mrs. Rachael Stearns of Lebanon, arrived in Heppner Saturday to spend a few days looking after property interests. Mrs. Scherzinger has been in the valley for most of the winter months.

Henry Peterson of the Eightmile section was a business visitor in Heppner Monday. Mr. Peterson has just recently returned from Salem where he represented the 22nd district in the state legislature.

Lawrence Redding returned to his home in Carson, Wash., Wednesday after spending a few days here with his daughter, Mrs. Alena Anderson and family.

Rev. Francis McCormack and Ord Geist motored to Portland Monday to spend a few days looking after business matters.

## Heppner To Cross Bats With Kinzua On Local Diamond

W-T League Season To Open Sunday on Regular Schedule

While Heppner has made two ineffectual starts against Ione in the past two weeks, they were practice games and will not affect the season's standing. The regular schedule of the Wheat-Timber league starts Sunday, April 24 and the local squad will measure its strength against the offerings of Kinzua.

At the same time, Fossil will play Arlington there and Ione will go to Condon. The league has been reduced to six teams this season, embracing three counties. The season extends to June 26. Heppner has shown little in the form of competition in the tryout games but Harlan McCurdy Jr. is confident the squad will whip into form as the regular season opens.

Workers have been busy for several days smoothing off the Rodeo field in preparation for Sunday's game. The February flood left the field in a sad state, and there has been considerable filling and leveling to make it usable.

Following is the Wheat-Timber league schedule:

April 24—Fossil at Arlington; Ione at Condon; Kinzua at Heppner.

May 1—Heppner at Arlington; Fossil at Ione; Kinzua at Condon. Mya 8—Arlington at Ione; Condon at Heppner; Kinzua at Fossil.

May 15—Ione at Heppner; Arlington at Kinzua; Fossil at Condon.

May 22—Condon at Arlington; Heppner at Fossil; Ione at Kinzua.

May 29—Kinzua at Arlington; Condon at Fossil; Heppner at Ione.

June 5—Arlington at Fossil; Heppner at Kinzua; Condon at Ione.

June 12—Fossil at Heppner; Kinzua at Ione; Arlington at Condon.

June 19—Ione at Arlington; Fossil at Kinzua; Heppner at Condon.

June 26—Condon at Kinzua; Ione at Fossil; Arlington at Heppner.

## Homemakers Day Attracts Women From Over County

Women from all parts of the county gathered at the Rhea Creek grange hall Wednesday to participate in the annual homemakers festival. Groups from Irrigon and Boardman joined with those from Ione, Lexington, Heppner, Hardman, Eight Mile and other districts and it was a worthwhile occasion.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, county chairman, called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and extended greetings. Feature of the forenoon session was a style review in which 61 women modeled dresses of their own making. This was followed by a few games led by Miss Mabel Wilson before the lunch call was given.

In the afternoon the program was led off with several numbers by a clarinet trio from the Heppner school band, Joanne Bothwell, James Smith and Patricia Healy. Mrs. Buena Mockmore, former dean of women at Oregon State college was the featured speaker, using "The One Family School" as her subject. She dealt on the relationship of home and school, traced family life in recent years, noting the changes in family interests, and stressed the child's need for security, love, responsibility and natural outlets for talents. She urged keeping the mind cleared for action. "The load of tomorrow added to that of today makes the strongest father," she stated. Education primarily is to teach behavior. Remember the whole world's a stage more now than ever because time and distance have shrunk, she concluded.

Miss Frances Clinton, state agent for home economics extension, presided during the report of the nominating committee and election of three members to the extension committee. The committee is now composed of Mesdames Ralph Thompson, Heppner; Russell Miller, Boardman; Paul Slaughter, Irrigon; Vernon Munkers, Lexington; Walter Wright, Rhea Creek; George Currier, Lena, and Mrs. Ernest Heiker of Ione.

Mrs. A. G. Pieper drove to Portland Friday night where she is looking after business interests. She was accompanied by her little grandson, Larry Holliday, who had been visiting at the home of his grandparents the past few weeks.

## MRS MATTIE HUSTON DIES IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Edmondson were called to Portland Wednesday by the death of Mrs. Edmondson's mother, Mrs. Mattie Huston, for many years a resident of Heppner.

The message bearing the sad news contained no details other than that funeral services will be held in Portland Saturday morning.

## WRESTLING CARD BILLED FOR TUESDAY EVENING

Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, has billed a wrestling card for Tuesday evening, April 26, at the high school gymnasium. Some top talent will exhibit on the card which is featured by a double main event.

As an inducement for more feminine attendance at the matches, the Legion is offering each lady with an escort a general admission seat free.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK ON COUNTY HOSPITAL BECOMES REALITY

County Bulldozer Removing Dirt at Site on Hillside

## Services for Mrs. Elder Held Here Tuesday Morning

Services for Mrs. Jennie Elder were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the All Saints Memorial church in Heppner, with the Rev. E. L. Tull officiating and Mrs. Ture Peterson singing. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Elder passed away Wednesday evening, April 15, at the home of her daughter, Miss Mary Elder, at Bremerton, Wash. Death was due to a heart attack. She was a native of San Jose, Calif., where she was born June 18, 1877. She was married to Frank Elder of Heppner and to this union seven children were born. Mr. Elder preceded her in death a number of years ago and one son, Shirley, died about one year ago. She made her home in Heppner many years when her husband was engaged in the stock business here, and about 10 years ago went to Bremerton to make her home with her daughter.

Surviving are three daughters, Maryee Elder and Mrs. E. E. Ward of Bremerton, and Mrs. D. A. Wilson of Heppner, and three sons, John of Eugene, George of Ione and Maurice of Baker; one brother, Roy Jayne of New Raymore, Colo., and one sister, Mrs. H. W. Vance of Oregon City, besides five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Deposits Here More Than 4 3/4 Millions

"Deposits of \$4,824,235.54 and loans and discounts of \$2,853,668.59 are reported by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, according to Merle Becket, manager.

The figures were compiled in accordance with the April 11 call by the comptroller of the currency. At the same time totals for the First National Bank of Portland, head office and 45 branches were: Total resources, \$507,365,745.70; deposits, \$469,082,263.09; loans and discounts, \$162,580,882.63. Totals for the First National group, including all branches and the 15 affiliated banks were: Total resources, \$610,859,522.00; deposits, \$566,620,915.46; loans and discounts, \$186,482,892.69.

## Lexington Runner Saves Day for OSC

Jack Miller, sophomore sprinter from Lexington, stepped into the hero's role at Corvallis Saturday when his upset win in the 100 yard dash and his second placing in the 220 yard dash gave Oregon State the necessary points to upset the highly favored University of Washington track and field team 66 to 63, writes Jim Barratt, sports editor of the OSC Daily Barometer.

Miller, practically an unknown on the Beaver track squad, ran the century in 10.1 seconds and was a close second for the 229 yard dash which was won in 2.9 seconds. This was the first dual track meet for both the northern division teams.

When actual plans for the building were studied it was decided \$100,000 was not a sufficient fund and the hospital committee went after federal assistance. Approximately \$190,000 has been raised and the contract calls for \$167,000, leaving the balance for equipment and furnishings.

The contractors have promised that the building will be ready for occupancy by September 1, 1949.

## SCHOOL BANDS TO APPEAR IN CONCERT WEDNESDAY EVENING

The Heppner school music department announced this week that the annual school band spring concert will be held at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, April 28, beginning at 8 o'clock. Both school bands will participate, according to Robert Collins, head of the music department and director of bands.

The high school band consists of 40 musicians and will provide most of the music, but Mr. Collins has 60 in his beginners band and he will take pleasure in presenting the youngsters, most of whom have had no experience prior to this year.

A comedy sketch entitled "The Three Bears" will be a feature of the program, as well as the music to be played at the district competition festival to be held April 30 at La Grande.

The concert will be dedicated to Billy Cocheil, former director, who picked up the threads after the war and built the band up to a point where it was recognized throughout the district in the two seasons he served here.

## JAYCEES AND 'ETTES' MEET AT DICK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick opened their new home on North Gilmore street Wednesday evening to the Junior chamber of commerce and companion organization, the Jaycees-ettes. A potluck supper was served to 16 couples, followed by a business meeting in which the Jaycees discussed plans for the state convention in Baker May 6-7-8, and the necessity for getting more help out to finish the school tennis courts this coming Sunday.

The affair last evening was not a house warming but the Dicks were presented with a set of door chimbes by the guest groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick have scheduled open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, to which all their friends are invited.