

EDITORIAL



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Both Should Be Built

The City of Heppner and School District No. 1 are confronted with the necessity of constructing a sewer system and a new grade school, respectively. Both are projects calling for extensive financing and the pressure is on to get an expression from the people as to whether they wish to oblige themselves for either one or both.

Delay in getting approval of the sewer project from the proper authority has been more or less responsible for this teaming up which has resulted in confusing the minds of many people as to which is the more important—that is, which one should come first. This is a matter the individual voter will have to decide for himself or herself as the one knowing best his or her ability to meet the additional tax burden which either or both of the projects will entail.

The same condition has been the contributing factor in both cases—increased population. A town of more than 1600 persons is expected to have proper sewage disposal and adequate drainage facilities. The state board of health is becoming insistent that the people here realize that fact and give the council authority to start proceedings to get the project under way. The council has given the state board assurance that a vote will be called as soon as the bond attorney gives the word. If the attorney should submit an unfavorable opinion it is unlikely that there will be a vote on the question in the near future.

Overlooking the possibility of a negative reply, the fact remains that a general sewer disposal system is needed to supplant the private septic tank system now in vogue. There is too much disposal going into the streams running through the town and this is a condition that will grow worse instead of better whether the population increases, remains about the same, or diminishes. It will have to come sooner or later—and the state board of health is of the opinion that now is the propitious moment.

Need of additional school room has been felt for several years. Some space was gained by moving the heating plant out of the main building and rearranging the ground floor, but this gain was soon wiped out by increased attendance. With all available space in use and the prospect being in favor of more growth there is nothing for the school board to do but plan for a new building.

In a town the size of Heppner it is desirable to have two buildings—one for at least the first four grades and one for the other grades and the high school. The school board has acquired property for a grade school and plans construction of a building and with plans for remodeling the present structure a budget of \$200,000 or more will be required. That is a lot of money but it must be remembered that the days of low cost construction went out with the end of World War II

30 Years Ago

John Troedson of Morgan had the misfortune to lose a nearly completed barn. It was all painted and about ready to use when the wind made a wreck of it.

T. J. Humphreys and son Roland are off to the mountains this week in quest of huckleberries and a good time generally.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix returned Sunday from the Willamette valley. Mrs. Dix spent six weeks at the state normal school.

John McHugh, former sheepman of this section, was married July 25 to a young lady of the Emerald Isle. They contemplate making their home in this section of the United States and will return at an early date.

Miss Vivian Cox was married to W. Y. Ball at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox, August 10. They will make their home in this city after Sept. 1.

Little Earl Francis Haverstick, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Haverstick, living near Heppner, died August 5.

The new furniture for the Masonic and Elks buildings in this city have arrived and have been installed. Both buildings are handsomely appointed.

Sam Hughes made his annual pilgrimage to Portland to attend buyers week there. He always manages to do a great deal of visiting while in the city.

Allen H. McFetridge, a long time resident of Heppner and Morrow county died Wednesday morning at the home of his brother-in-law, John Gaunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson motored to Hermiston Wednesday and returned laden with luscious watermelons.

COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY, 1950

The minutes of the July, 1950 meeting were read and approved.

The Court ordered that the budget be accepted as published and the levy is hereby ordered on the tax roll of Morrow County this fiscal year beginning July, 1950 and ending June 30, 1951.

The Court ordered the following city levies to be extended by the assessor:

City of Heppner, \$22,473.00
City of Ione, \$1,198.86
and 10 mills for special improvement

City of Lexington, 2,564.00
City of Boardman, 1,666.00

The Court ordered a 4.5 percent per acre levy on all taxable property for Fire Patrol purposes as set out by the State Forester.

The Court ordered the Rural School District Levy of \$336,913.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 to be placed upon the tax rolls of the county, which said levy includes all of the School Districts of the County.

The Court ordered the follow-

and from all appearances will never return. It is useless to hold back with the expectation that there will be a change, for if a change comes it will be to a higher level rather than a lower one.

It is not likely that the voters would sanction both projects at the same time regardless of the need for both. If submitted at the same time it is a safe guess that both would fail. It would appear advisable to hold some town meetings and make an effort to come to an understanding on these projects before too much misunderstanding develops.

When The Pig Gets Stuck

Down in Texas there is a columnist who is quoted far and wide because of his ability to put his thoughts into plain, understandable language, albeit some of it is not the type taught in female seminaries. He is Ed Girard of the Kingsville Record. Commenting on war in a recent issue, Ed made the following pungent observation:

"... When the tocsins of war sound—as we've got to do and we put sweat, toil, blood and dollars into it. But when the fight's won, we are as purposeless as a fat, sleeping pig with a belly full of swill. And that's when the pig gets stuck."

Wheat League Bulletin Arrives

Volume I, Number I of "The Wheat Field" arrived at the editorial desk this week. As the name implies, the bulletin is being published in the interest of the wheat industry and will be issued quarterly. It is a product of the Oregon Wheat Growers League of which Henry Baker of Ione is president; Don McKinnis, Summerville, first vice president; Floyd Root, Wasco, second vice president, and LeRoy Wright, Baker, secretary-treasurer and editor, officers elected at the annual convention held in Heppner early in December, 1949.

"The Oregon Wheat Growers League has fought for the growers for 23 years," says the bulletin. "Well known wheat farmers in Oregon have been officers and have spurred the league by taking part in its activities. The League belongs to the growers."

"It was started as the Eastern Oregon Wheat League February 1926, at the Oregon Wheat Conference at Moro, called by the extension service. F. B. Ingles of Dufur was elected the first president. Mr. Ingles' death in the fall of 1927 postponed the first meeting until February, 1929. Since then annual meetings have been held each year, usually December 1," says the editor.

The first edition of "The Wheat Field" is crammed with valuable information not only to the growers but to the public as well. This column hazards the guess that the bulletin will have to come out once a month to fill the demands from the growers and all others interested in the grain industry.

and envelopes 25.00

First Nat. Bank of Port, 25.00
State Tax Commission, 197.25
withholding tax 19.90

School District No. 25, 5,500.00
School District No. 35, 1,000.00

It is hereby ordered by the Court that the salary of the Deputy Tax Collector be set at \$150.00 per month with an increase of \$5.00 per month until January 1, 1951, after which it will return to \$150.00 and that of the Office Clerk at \$100.00 per month until January 1, 1951, and the salary of the Deputy County Clerk be increased to \$190.00 per month.

The Court ordered the sum of \$5,800.00 for use in and about agricultural farm demonstration and field work in said County of Morrow during the fiscal year beginning July, 1950 and ending June 30, 1951.

The Court ordered the following Bangs' Disease claim paid: Darrell E. Padberg, \$64.00.

WARRANTS ISSUED ON THE GENERAL ROAD FUND

Carl Cropp 213.63
Lewis Ball 265.58
W. Cunningham 280.41
Grover H. Peck 307.90

Floyd Borman 215.44
Bill Scott 219.20
Darold Hams 281.52

Dean Gilman 239.81
Fred Bookner 219.56

Jack Slocum 168.44
George Morgan 174.50

Ed Kelly 256.57
H. Sherer 335.74

Richard Borman 239.81
Roger Allen 237.43

William Heath 254.90
Austin Wilson 158.81

Wilbur Jackson 161.51
Heppner Lumber Co. 437.50

Rush Construction Co. 219.34
Hodge Chevrolet Co. 1.04

Contractors Equipment Co. 263.11
Loggers and Contractors

Machinery Co. 32.34

WARRANTS ISSUED ON THE GENERAL ROAD FUND:

R. G. McMurry 19.83
Empire Machinery Co. 210.70

Paul G. Pettyjohn 254.12
Industrial Air Products Co. 6.71

Feenaughty Machinery Co. 6.20
Columbia Equipment Co. 77.52

J. C. Penney Co. *2.73

Empire Machinery Co. 66.64
E. A. Oman and Sons 4,000.00

George A. Stalcup 251.06
Robert Anson Eads 166.25

Ralph L. Thompson, Co. Ct. 103.45
State Industrial Accident

Commission 122.03
State Tax Commission 182.90

News from C. A. Office

With only three weeks left before the North Morrow County Fair and four weeks before the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, 4-H members should be putting the artistic touch to their projects, whether it be swine or sewing. Four-H activities at the North Morrow County Fair are scheduled to begin at 8 a. m., September 1, while 4-H contests and demonstrations will begin at 2 p. m., Saturday, September 6 at the Morrow County Fair.

Members of the Pacific Northwest Smut Control committee urge the cleaning and treatment of seed grain to eliminate weeds and control smut. Treatment with Ceresan is recommended.

The Singing Sewers met at the home of Gar Swanson Friday, July 14. We worked on our head scarfs and pincushions. Mrs. Ruth McCabe talked on judging at the county fair. Refreshments were served by Irene Swanson and Jean Ann Swanson. —Ann Belle Coleman, reporter.

The Busy Stitchers met at Billie Jean and June Privett's home July 11. All the girls who attended 4-H summer school at Corvallis told about one of their classes. Billie Jean gave a demonstration on cake decoration, Sally Palmer gave a demonstration of jelly making and Patsy Wright one on modeling. Other talks were "A Neat Dresser Drawer" by June Privett and "Recreational Leadership Training" by Patricia Peck. All talks and demonstrations were attended by the members' mothers, and were very interesting. The 1B girls worked on laundry bags, II girls worked on aprons and III girls worked on skirts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Privett.

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