

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES U.P. Speeds Train Handling

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## "No Additional Taxes . . ."

Last week's news story telling about the city council's action in calling for a \$300,000 bond issue to finance Heppner's proposed sewer system and sewage disposal plant had a head stating "No additional taxes needed to pay for project". We'd like to clarify that statement.

Actually the statement is true, even though you will find on the ballot, when the election comes, a provision for a 10 mill levy to pay for the bonds. This levy will replace the present levy of an equal amount which was voted by the people of Heppner last summer to provide a sinking fund with which to build a sewer system. The new one will replace the present one—it WILL NOT be, in addition to it.

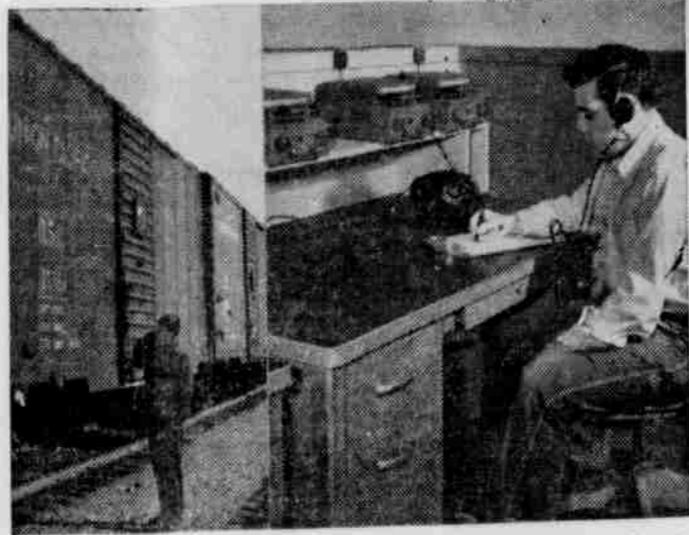
To make possible the sale of bonds it is necessary that a special tax be voted specifically for the purpose of paying for those bonds—to assure the purchaser that there will be money available to meet the payments. The present 10 mill sinking fund levy was not voted for that specific purpose, therefore the new levy must be voted if the city is to be able to sell its bonds.

The bonds will probably be set up to be repaid over a 25 year period with option to pay them off faster if money is available, reducing proportionately the interest cost to the city.

The question has also been asked what actual power the state Sanitary authority has to force

Heppner to build a system should the people vote down the plan. In answer, we doubt that the state could come in and arbitrarily say "You have to build a sewer system whether you want to or not," but, we gather, from statements made by men who have had sufficient experience in such matters to know something about it, among them Portland city commissioner William A. Bowes, that the law does have teeth in it. We understand there are one or two towns in Oregon where legal action is now being taken to force such construction. We do know that the state does have authority over stream pollution, which is a big part of Heppner's problem. Proof of its power in this category, is the threat it made to the several paper and pulp mills in the Willamette valley that they would have to find some means of curtailing stream pollution or be shut down. We have first-hand information that at least one mill is spending over one-half million dollars to eliminate the pollution caused by its waste products and we seriously doubt that any multi-million dollar company is going to be scared into spending that amount of money unless there is a law that made it necessary.

Heppner needs its sewer system and we think the initiative to get it will come from its people—not from the state. We are the ones who have to live with our dirty Willow creek and bad smells, not the rest of the people of Oregon.



Union Pacific Railroad's new system for the reduction of train handling time is demonstrated in the above photographs.

The radio-telephone equipment already is in use at U. P.'s Kansas City, Kan., yards, and equipment is on hand at Council Bluffs, Ia., Denver, Colo., and Green River and Cheyenne, Wyo., awaiting installation early this spring.

Under the old system, yard checkers and train checkers wrote down information necessary for the consists, carrying such information to the yard office as it was compiled. With the new radio-telephones, the checker, above left, calls the information in to the office, above right, where it is automatically recorded by machines similar to office dictating recorders.

The radio-telephone unit weighs 13 pounds and operates off of rechargeable storage batteries with aluminum cells. When the checker presses the "talk" button, the recorder in the yard office is automatically switched on.

Information from the record is then used to pull waybills for departing trains.

Two FM channels are in operation at Kansas City. Six channels will go in at Council Bluffs, six at Cheyenne, two at Denver and one at Green River.

In addition to saving time, the new system is expected to reduce error.

remains true. Blue grass, bromgrass, Rainier red fescue, Tuatatin oatgrass, orchard grass, timothy, wheatgrass, Nomad and Ranger alfalfa, red clover, crimson clover, lotus and corn all come under the restricted generation seed plan. Growers interested in certified seed production should make sure the seed they intend to plant is eligible for certification. They should check in the local county extension office where certification rules and application blanks are available.

The Agricultural Conference directed at planning the future of Oregon's agriculture and problems involved in production and marketing for the next 25 years, was attended by farmers from all Oregon counties. Recommendations made by the twelve different commodity committees, with many various sub-committees, will be brought before the attention of all farm people of Oregon in the months following. All attending from Morrow County were of the opinion that time at the conference was well spent.



LEXINGTON SEWING GROUP

A working meeting was held at the Lexington school house on March 29. Those present were Marilyn Munkers, Beverly and Phyllis Nolan, Rita Graves, and our leader Doris Graves. We are still working on our skirts, blouses, peddle pushers, and jackets.

After the meeting Mrs. Munkers served us delicious refreshments of Cho-Cho Bars. The next meeting will be held at the Lexington school house April 5th at 2:00 p. m.

Reporter, Phyllis Nolan.

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## VOTERS CHOICE LAW

There are a goodly number of political pundits who would not be surprised if Sen. Taft should win eight of Oregon's 18 presidential nominating votes at the May primaries.

They would necessarily be the eight candidates who filed by petition. Those who filed by paying the filing fees are bound by law to vote at the Chicago convention in July for the peoples choice for president as expressed at the May primary election.

Those filing by petition, can if elected, vote for their own choice. They are Lowell Paget, Robert A. Bennett, Irving Rand, Mrs. George Gerlinger, Phil Metcham, John R. Latourette, Jr., all of Portland, and U. S. Balentine, Klamath Falls and Ernest G. Sweigert of Portland.

Definitions of the voters choice law vary. It is construed by

some to have been complied with when a delegate has cast his first vote for the candidate that is the peoples choice. Convention committee rulings of the past have varied from ignoring the state law to a complete compliance in all ballots.

## BONUS PAY IN JULY

Just nineteen months after the people of Oregon voted to pay veterans of World War II a bonus the first checks will start coming to those who have applied and had their claims verified by the state department of veterans affairs.

All of the delay, with the exception of the processing weeks was caused by the federal reserve board and its advisory committee of financiers who made claims that the sale of bonus bonds to pay the bonus was inflationary.

The advisory board of the state department of veterans affairs last Friday authorized the sale of \$46,000,000 of veterans bonds after word was received from State Treasurer Walter Pearson revealing that the credit restraint commission had informed him they no longer had jurisdiction over state and local governmental sub-division financing and will only have authority over private loans.

## ESCAPES BLOCKED AT PEN

The failure of an attempt to escape made by four of the most notorious lifers in the state penitentiary earlier in the week did not discourage two others Thursday night when they hid in a sawdust pile with evident intent to get out.

It took guards an hour to locate the hideouts after they were missed at the 5 o'clock count of prisoners. Alvin Odell Davis (burglary) and David C. Johnson (forgery) were involved in the Thursday shake up. John O. Pinson (murder), Allen D. Brumfield (murder), Dupree Poe (murder) and Richard M. Moore (assault and robbery) made the earlier attempt to escape.

## MORE NON-FARM JOBS

There are 4,400 more non-farm workers employed in Oregon than there were last month, but 5,200 less than a year ago, the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission reported this week. It also is 5,100 less than the total of last August.

There are a total of 424,600 persons now working at non-farm jobs in Oregon with wages holding firm in most lines.

## LET PGE SELL STOCK

The Portland General Electric Co. was authorized Monday by Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel to sell 250,000 shares of common stock to finance the company's expansion.

## REFORESTING ORDERED

A state forest rehabilitation program for 1952 with a budget of \$678,450 was approved last week by the Oregon State Forestry Board. Funds for the program were made available by the sale of \$400,000 of forest rehabilitation and reforestation bonds and a balance in the fund.

Moneys in several forest funds were transferred to provide \$124,267 to carry on convict camp activities in the Tillamook burn for the year.

## CAPITOL SHORTS

Oregon is the first state in the Union to insure pilots and observers using private planes in air search.

The average hourly wage for workers in Oregon last month was up 11 cents from a year ago to \$1.99.

Two names, big in politics, United States Senator James H. Duff of Pennsylvania and Paul G. Hoffman, former ECA director and new chairman of the Citizens for Eisenhower committee, have been scheduled to campaign in Oregon for General Eisenhower.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Livestockmen who have not tested for Bangs disease within the last year will be called upon and urged to test this spring in line with recommendations of the County livestock disease control committee. With the Bureau of Animal Industry offering to put in four veterinarians for the clean up drive during April and May, every livestock operator will have the opportunity to test when he is ready. Letters will go out to those who will be asked to test this spring, soon. Requests for testing can be left with the county disease control committee members, Alvin Bunch, Heppner, John Graves, Heppner, Kenneth Peck, Lexington, or at this office.

More questions have been asked relating to seed certification standards since last weeks news item.

Certified seed production in Oregon requires planning ahead. Growers should make sure well in advance that the seed they intend to plant is eligible for certification. With some crop varieties only certain classes of certified seed may be planted to produce certified seed.

Most crops certified are out-

### NOTICE

Dr. Richard J. O'Shea announces the **CLOSING OF HIS OFFICE** After Saturday, April 5, 1952 Due to Call into the Military Service

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## NOTICE OF RURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with Section 110-1207 OCLA as amended by Chapter 393 Oregon Law 1943 and Chapter 345 Oregon Law 1945 as amended by Chapter 591 Oregon Laws 1947, to the legal voters of the Rural School District of Morrow County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1952, at 2:00 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of discussing the budget of the Rural School Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1952 and ending June 30, 1953, hereinafter set forth.

### BUDGET-1952-1953

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	
1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of the year for which this budget is made	\$700.00
2. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes	NONE
3. Amounts received from other sources	NONE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
ITEM	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1952-1953
1. Personal service	
(A) District Superintendent salary	\$ 6,000.00
(B) Clerical and legal	2,500.00
2. Supplies, printing	750.00
3. Postage, telephone and telegraph	250.00
4. Election and publicity	100.00
5. Board expenses, travel, etc.	1,000.00
6. Office equipment	150.00
7. Other miscellaneous expenses	
(A) Curriculum and In-Service Training	165.00
(B) Fixed Charges	350.00
8. Emergency	125.00
<b>Total estimate expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,390.00</b>

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, AND AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES & TAX LEVY	
1. Total estimated expenditures	\$11,390.00
2. Deduct total estimated receipts and available cash balance	700.00
3. Amount necessary to balance the budget	10,690.00
4. Emergency Aid Fund for local districts only	5,100.00
5. Balance to be raised by taxation	15,790.00
6. add estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during the fiscal year for which this budget is made	170.00
7. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year	\$15,960.00

DATES March 15, 1952.  
SIGNED LESLIE E. GRANT CLERK  
ALONZO HENDERSON CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:  
March 15, 1952  
SIGNED WALTER WRIGHT Secretary, Budget Committee  
ORAL WRIGHT Chairman Budget Committee

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