

### Taft or Ike? The Battle Rages On!



STILL UNDECIDED—is the question of whether Senator Robert A. Taft or General Dwight Eisenhower will be the Republican presidential nominee. The GOP national convention, now well along in the fourth day, will probably start nominating speeches sometime Thursday night. Balloting could continue well into Friday, though most radio commentators predict a decision by at least the third vote. Ballots during previous days have shown an increasing strength for the General but there is much talking to be done before the decision is made.

### THE DALLES HAD 106 . . .

## 97 Degrees Wednesday Top For Summer

Summer came to Eastern Oregon—in fact all of Oregon, with a bang this week with Wednesday's gush of 97 setting a record maximum for this year according to Heppner weather observer, Leonard Gilliam. Today (Thursday) promised to be even hotter with a record of 82 being recorded at 7 o'clock in the morning. The Wednesday morning reading at the same hour was 75. Heppner fared much better than did many other parts of the state however, with The Dalles chalking up a torrid 106 on Wednesday. Other points along the river also received temperatures

above the 100 mark. On Tuesday when Heppner's was 92, Hermiston reached 101. Throughout the entire state temperature records were being set and there was no definite indication of cooler weather except the possibility of thunderstorms this weekend. The barometer was dropping slightly in Heppner Thursday morning which could indicate approaching thunderstorms. Even though Wednesday's official high was 97, many downtown merchants and shoppers would guarantee it felt at least 10 degrees hotter.

### HEPPNER WOMEN TO ATTEND TWO CONVENTIONS IN WASHINGTON, EUROPE

Mrs. Clara Gertson and Mrs. Pearl Devine have been elected to represent the Soroptimist club of Heppner as delegates to the 12th biennial convention of the American Federation of Soroptimist clubs which will be held at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., during the week of July 20, through July 25. Theme of this Convention, which will be attended by more than 1,000 members and delegates from Soroptimist club in the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Brazil and Cuba, will be "Stand Up and Be Counted". Miss L. Grace Nicholls of Toronto, Canada, president of the American Federation, will preside. Margaret Hickey, editor of public affairs of the Ladies Home Journal will give the keynote address at the opening session. Frieda S. Miller, Director of the Women's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, will be principal speaker at the business session on Thursday morning, July 24. Madam S. Tiers, of Paris, France, President of the French National Union of Soroptimists, will be guest of the American Federation during the Convention. Dame Caroline Haslett, a prominent Soroptimist of London, England, will give a message to the assemblage on Friday, the closing day of the convention. Business sessions of the convention will be devoted to the discussion of work done during the past two years; plans for the

coming biennium; forums on laws, publicity, classifications, legislation and international relations and general Federation business. The concluding session will be devoted to International Relations, with a report of the work accomplished during the past four years by the American Federation on the program outlined at the last Convention of the Soroptimist International Association at Harrogate, England, and reports on projects to be presented at the coming Soroptimist International Convention which will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in August, 1952. Mrs. Gertson and Mrs. Devine will leave Heppner on July 17th. Following the Convention in Washington, they will have a week in New York before sailing on the Queen Mary for Europe. They will attend the Soroptimist International Convention in Copenhagen as well as visit Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris London and other points of interest.

### Report of UN Tour Received Here From Jack Sumner

According to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sumner from their son Jack, who is on the United Nations tour sponsored by the Oddfellows lodge, on the first night out they saw a ball game in Spokane. The second night, which was July 5, they stayed in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. They were greeted there by a bagpipe reception and dinner by the IOOF and Rebekahs. He said, it took them over an hour at the customs station going into Canada and everyone's luggage was examined thoroughly.

### Ione 4th Celebration Attracts Good Crowd

Ione's Fourth of July celebration was acclaimed as very successful as good crowds attended all events. Ione took the honors in the afternoon baseball game, defeating Wasco 4 to 1. A fine display of fireworks was shown later in the evening and a large crowd attended the dance in the Legion hall.

The Legion had their chuck wagon going during the afternoon and evening and the auxiliary held a Bingo game during the afternoon.

**LEG BROKEN**  
J. O. Hager, Heppner justice of the peace Monday received a broken leg when he was kicked by a cow while working at his dairy. The break, near the knee, was not serious, but it will be in a cast for some time.

**STILL HOSPITALIZED**  
H. O. Ely who was injured recently in an accident on highway 30 is reported improving at a Pendleton hospital. Mrs. Ely, who was also slightly injured is convalescing at the home of their son, Elvin Ely at Boardman.

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## County Road Oiling Projects Nearly Completed

Oiling of 8.2 miles of county roads in the Ione-Gooseberry and the Lexington-Blackhorse areas will be completed by this Thursday, the county court reported this week. Both sections were construction with the cooperative assistance of farmers of the areas.

The Russell Olson construction Company, Pendleton, oiling contractor completed the four and one-half miles of the Gooseberry road Tuesday and expects to have the Blackhorse road finished within the following two days. The court also announced the same contractor will oil the .2 of a mile of county road which is an extension of Riverside street in Heppner connecting with the highway. This is similar to an extension of Main street in Ione that was oiled two years ago.

Members of the court made a complete inspection of all county oiling projects Tuesday including the Irrigon-Ordinance road which is being built through the use of defense access funds. This road will be ready for oiling shortly.

The court also reported that the state highway commission has allocated \$7,500 for reconstruction and oiling of the Paterson ferry county road connecting with the highway. Work on this project has not yet started. Another six miles of oiling in the Irrigon area is planned for this summer, court officials stated, in sections where maintenance of school bus routes is difficult.

County judge Garnet Barratt stated the court was very pleased with the progress of the summer road program for the county and that it was progressing according to schedule.

## Routine Problems Face Councilmen

Routine business occupied the big share of Heppner councilmen's evening Monday with the city well and the swimming pool coming in for the most discussion.

It was reported the new well being drilled on the Frank Wilkinson property has reached a depth of 62 feet but that trouble has been encountered with broken casing and other drilling difficulties. The possibility of moving a short distance and starting over was discussed, but it was decided to watch the operation carefully for a short time before making any decision. Some water has been obtained in the present hole but the shallow depth indicated it probably was surface water.

The council required applications for lifeguard at the swimming pool, as Bob Deter, present guard has turned in his resignation effective July 15.

An ordinance closing an alley between the Harold Hill and Frank E. Parker residences on south Main street was passed on the third reading. The alley, though dedicated many years ago has never been opened or used.

Two building permits were granted, to Floyd Becket for the construction of a store room, \$1000 and to Interior Warehouse for the erection of three steel grain bins at the cost of \$6000.

## Social Security Man Again Due in Heppner

"To file or not to file for Social Security benefits?" is a question being pondered by many persons 65 years of age or over.

A new method for figuring social security benefit payments became effective for the first time at the middle of this year which in most cases will result in higher payments. To take advantage of this, however, many persons will have to delay filing their claims.

Ben Kantner, field representative of the social security administration in La Grande will be at the city hall in Heppner on Thursday, July 17 from 9 o'clock until noon to answer questions regarding social security benefits.

## Two Leave Monday for Air Force Service

Jack Yeager, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Yeager and George Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore left Monday to start a four-year enlistment in the Air Force. Both men were sent to Oakland, Calif., for two months training after which they will be given a two-weeks furlough before being stationed. Moore is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Neill of Heppner.

# School Advisory Committee Proposes Six-Point Program

## MORROW GRAIN FIRST TO REACH PORTLAND, HARVEST WELL STARTED

Four carloads of new crop wheat arrived at the Kerr-Gifford company in Portland Monday afternoon which was shipped from the Morrow County Grain Growers Lexington elevator. It was the first to reach Portland.

Kerr-Gifford rated it as an exceptionally good first shipment with weights running from 62.2 pounds to the bushel down to 59.7 pounds. Wheat weighing 60 pounds to the bushel is rated No. 1.

Bill Richards, Grain Growers manager stated Wednesday that the crop was beginning to come into the Lexington elevators in increasing quantities. 30,000 bushels a day is expected to be received and it will increase to

## County Wheat Support Raised

The Morrow county PMA announced Wednesday that the support price on wheat was raised three cents effective July 1 to reflect 90 percent of parity as of that date. This will bring the support rate of wheat in the county to \$2.24 a bushel.

In 1952 warehouse charges are to be figured on a sliding scale with the rate on warehouse stored wheat to start at \$2.13 in July, up to \$2.14 and \$2.15 depending upon the date of deposit in the warehouse.

## Furnace Blast Does Damage to Church

A furnace explosion at the Christian church sometime Sunday night did considerable damage to the building according to Rev. Earl Soward, pastor who discovered the blast the next day.

Considerable plaster was knocked from walls of both the basement and upstairs rooms with the dining room suffering the worst. Sunday school rooms in the basement and the choir loft adjoining the auditorium also suffered loss of plaster. Many rooms also received a generous deposit of soot.

While the extent of the damage is not yet known, the oil furnace is known to have sustained considerable damage and many of the heat pipes throughout the building were blown apart. There was no fire following the explosion.

## Artesian Well Hit Near Lexington

A good flowing well was brought in last Saturday on the W. C. Van Winkle ranch in Clark canyon southwest of Lexington. The well which is producing about 60 gallons per minute of clear soft water was drilled only about 50 feet from former dug well which had been in use for many years. The artesian flow had no effect on the old well which had to be abandoned due to cave-in.

A. M. Edwards was the driller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and daughters, Marjorie and Rose Marie, spent July 4th at the Bucknum cabin on Willow Creek.

about 50,000 bushels by this Saturday. Richards said the wheat appeared good and there were many reports of excellent yields from several fields. Richards said that some grain was being received at the lone elevator of the company but that it would be next week before the rush would start there.

## Two New Teachers Sign Contracts For Coming Year

Two new teachers for the Heppner schools returned their contracts to the school board this week, Leonard Patz, superintendent announced Wednesday. The two petitions filled are coach and science teachers for the high school.

Stephen Trukositz, a graduate of the University of Idaho and a former football player there will handle the Heppner coaching for the coming year. He will also teach health and physical education. Trukositz is married and has four small children. His wife is a registered nurse.

Filling the position as vice-principal for the high school and science teacher will be E. J. Dobbie, who has been teaching for several years in Montana. He is at present attending summer sessions at the University of Washington. He is married and has two children.

Several other positions are still open in the Heppner school system, though applications have been received for all vacancies.

## All Lookouts and Guard Stations Now Manned in Forest

Wayne West, forest service supervisor for the Heppner district announced this week that all lookouts and guard stations in the district are now manned and ready for the summer fire season.

At Madison butte are Mr. and Mrs. William L. McCaleb Jr.; Tamarack lookout, Mr. and Mrs. Blain Thompson and at Wheeler point lookout are Mr. and Mrs. Don Cochran.

West stated the man and wife combinations used this year on all lookouts is expected to work exceptionally well allowing the man to be used for smoke chasing when necessary without leaving the station unmanned.

Fire suppression crew for the district is under the direction of Bert Bleakman and includes Edward Grover, James Ware and James Phegley. The Tupper slash crew is composed of Charles Reynolds, foreman, Mike Grant and Bill Frame who is a student at the University of Minnesota.

West stated that though the past few days has brought dangerous fire weather, the woods are not yet considered serious, however the forest service is prepared for any emergency.

One lightning fire is the only blaze reported so far this season and it caused no damage. West stated that during the past five years there have been only two man-caused fires in the district.

## New Grade School Major Point of Plan

A six-point program designed to bring the Heppner schools up to standard and eliminate a serious classroom shortage was presented to the Heppner school board at its Monday night meeting by the 12-member lay advisory building committee appointed three months ago by the board.

Main points called for in the report were the construction of a nine-room grade school, expansion of the present gymnasium building to provide adequate floor space and additional classrooms, a street relocation designed to provide ground for the new building and a limited remodeling of the present school building to give larger classrooms and additional rest room facilities. A self-amortizing plan for lighting the football field was also included in the program. Cost of the suggested plan was set by the committee at \$300,000.

Plans have been considered for several years by the school board for some form of a building program, brought on by a steady increasing student registration which in the coming year will probably necessitate the holding of one or more classes someplace outside the building. The advisory committee was asked to investigate the overall problems in the school system and suggest a possible course for the board to follow. The committee report is in no way binding upon the board, but was designed merely as a guide or an indication of what the general public felt was the most pressing needs in the schools.

Members of the committee were selected from throughout the entire district which includes a considerable area outside Heppner. They are: Robert Penland, chairman; Elmer Palmer, W. C. Rosewall, Jos. J. Nys, William Barratt, Robert Campbell, Paul Hiesler, Howard Keithley, Mrs. Oscar George, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. John Pfeiffer.

The complete report of the committee follows: During recent weeks the advisory building committee appointed by the school board to investigate the needs of the Heppner schools has made a careful study of the present plan and enrollment and has unanimously approved the following report which it feels is necessary to give the Heppner schools a plant which will meet required standards of education yet not be excessive in its demands on taxpayers for construction and operation.

The following six-point program is recommended by the committee: 1—The construction of a nine-room grade school on property now owned by the school district adjacent to and directly north of the present school building following the revised plans prepared by Charles B. Miller, Pendleton architect. The building would be similar in plan to the original plans developed by the school board with the exception of the north wing housing a gymnasium, stage and other activity rooms. This building will provide adequate classroom space for the elementary grades, the most pressing need in the school system. It will also remove the younger students from the same building as the older students, which the committee feels is advisable. The present heating plant is adequate to care for the needs of the additional building, eliminating a major item of cost.

2—The closure of the present D street in Heppner, necessary if the new building is to be built on the presently available property and the construction of a new street further north, roughly on the present site of Hinton creek which would have to be moved slightly to provide right-of-way, connecting Elder street and the highway east past the fair grounds. The committee feels the construction of such a street is necessary to provide access to the area and should be considered as a part of any expansion program developed by the school board.

3—The extension of the present gymnasium to the west approximately 46 feet which will provide a standard size basketball floor with ample seating and which can be used as two separate courts during physical education classes. This addition will also provide two floors below the gymnasium addition which can be used for classroom space for such courses as shop, band etc., and probably can be used for cafeteria space. The actual classes using this area can better be worked out by school officials at a later date.

4—Purchase of necessary new equipment for the grade school building.

5—The installation of lights on the rodeo field so that games could be held at night rather than during the afternoons. It is suggested that the school district obtain a satisfactory written agreement with the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo board so that the school will be in a legal position to undertake this project. It is further suggested that at least 50 per cent of the receipts from football games and other school activities held at the field be set aside in a fund with which to amortize out the cost of installing such lights. The committee feels that the additional attendance which will be gained by holding football games at night will provide funds for repayment.

6—A limited remodeling program for the present building which will provide badly needed additional rest rooms, larger classrooms and space for some additional courses not now provided in the Heppner schools due to lack of space.

Using architect's and engineers estimates the approximate cost of the various projects is outlined below. The committee feels that it will be necessary for the school board to submit to the voters of the district a proposal for a \$300,000 bond issue to finance the suggested program. The cost to taxpayers of such an issue, if set up on a 15-year retirement plan would be approximately five and one-half mills per year.

The valuation of the Heppner school district is set up on tax rolls as \$4,240,000 which would give a bonding capacity of \$424,000. It is suggested that the district should not bond itself for any greater amount than the \$300,000 leaving some bonding capacity in reserve for emergency.

The distribution of the \$300,000 over the various suggested projects is as follows: Grade school building, \$159,600 (architect's estimate); Gymnasium addition, \$59,000 (architect's estimate); Street construction, \$20,000 (best available estimate); Equipment for new building, \$15,000; Football field lighting, \$10,000 (engineer's figures); Remodeling of present building, \$36,400. This figure is a rough guess but it is suggested that it be used by the school board to the best advantage under a plan to be worked out by the board.

With large classes of students coming in future years the committee feels the suggestions made herein will provide the minimum necessary facilities with which the district can provide a standard acceptable educational program for the children of the area. The new elementary school, in particular, will provide proper facilities for the education of the smaller children—the ones the committee feels are most seriously in need of better and larger classrooms. Such a plant will also aid materially in keeping, and getting in the future, teachers with high educational qualifications.

## League Championship Game Set For Ione

A playoff game to decide the championship of the Wheat-Timber baseball league will be played at the Ione turf field on Sunday, July 13 starting at 2:30 according to Ione Legion officials.

Ione and Condon are currently tied for top spot in the league, each with one defeat. The game will decide the trophy holder. Admission is 75 and 25 cents.



PICTURED above are Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, outgoing president of the Soroptimist club of Heppner; Mrs. Catherine Barsch, assistant attorney general of Oregon, who was the installing officer at the Soroptimist installation dinner held June 28; and Mrs. Grace Nickerson, the new president of the club.