

## SECOND TRY SUCCESSFUL

### New Well Gives Ample Water, Supply Doubled by Output

#### Final Approval Awaits Results Of Purity Tests

Members of the Heppner city council breathed a collective sigh of relief Tuesday morning that probably could be heard for miles as the new city well put out nice clear, cold water—and lots of it.

A test conducted by A. A. Durand, drilling contractor proved the new well was nearly all that had been hoped for when it produced a sustained flow of 361 gallons per minute for over four hours. This is an amount equal to or slightly surpassing what the city is now getting from the old wells further up Willow creek.

Water samples from the well have been sent to laboratories for purity and hardness tests and the results of these tests should be known early next week. There is of course, the possibility that the water could be found impure, but it appeared to be good. A test was made with soap Tuesday morning which indicated it to be at least as soft as the present city water.

#### Cold too!

A temperature check taken of the water showed it to be 15 degrees colder than water from the upper wells, checking 54 degrees as it came from the pump. The upper wells recently checked out at 69 degrees, however the water temperature is lowered by about 8 degrees by the time it travels the 12 miles underground to the reservoirs.

At a special council meeting Tuesday night, it was decided to immediately call for bids on a new pump to be installed in the well in an effort to get its water

Victor Groshens Thursday morning expressed the thanks of the city for the cooperation of the public in restricting water use during the past week and announced that the supply has improved enough to relax restrictions somewhat. He stated an extension of irrigation hours has been authorized to allow sprinkling from 4 p. m. until 10 a. m., an increase of four hours a day over the former hours. Irrigation is still banned, however, during the daytime hours of 10 to 4.

flowing into the city system as quickly as possible. The recent restrictions placed on irrigation have materially aided the supply of water, Victor Groshens, water superintendent stated this week, and as soon as the new well can be placed in operation it is planned to remove the daytime sprinkling ban. Groshens also pointed out that the additional water will allow the city to keep the reservoirs filled nearly to capacity, giving all sections of town better water pressure. He pointed out, however, that the irrigation restrictions will remain in effect until the well is completely tested and in operation.

The new well, the second drilled by the city, is 159 feet deep and is located on the Frank Wilkinson property less than 50 feet from the present pipe line from the upper wells. The first well drilled last fall and winter was abandoned as a dry hole several months ago at a depth of slightly over 600 feet.

Total daily output of the new well if pumped at the test capacity of 361 gallons per minute would amount to over 518,000 gallons per day, well over the average daily use during recent weeks of about 400,000 gallons. The council does not, however plan to abandon the upper wells, at least for the present time.

#### WILSONS HOME FROM CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson arrived home Sunday evening from New York where they attended the Elks convention and visited relatives in New Jersey. In Spokane they were joined by Mrs. Wilson's sister Miss Viola Fisher of Boise, Idaho. She accompanied them to Heppner for a few days visit, leaving Wednesday morning for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara of Lexington were shopping in Heppner Monday. They have just returned from a weekend trip to Portland where they visited their son, Jack, and family.



**WATER**—Worries disappeared in a hurry Tuesday when water began pouring from the pipe of the new city well. Present to watch the test made by employees of A. A. Durand, Walla Walla well driller were most of the members of the council and several other interested citizens. The well was given a five hour test and produced a sustained flow of 361 gallons per minute, sufficient to supply practically all the city's needs. Temperature of the water at the pump is 54 degrees, which gives promise of considerably cooler water from the tap. (GT Photo)

#### WORK TO START FRIDAY ON SEALING MANY BLOCKS OF CITY STREETS

An extensive street surfacing and sealing program authorized by the city council will get under way Friday morning when Leslie Harris, Pendleton paving contractor will move men and equipment into Heppner.

Plans originally called for the surfacing and re-sealing of both east and west Willow streets and

the full length of Riverside street as well as one or two other streets in town, but the council Monday decided to carry the program further and seal many more blocks. The enlarged plan came about with the receipt of state funds which are expressly designated for street work.

Harris will surface and seal West Willow street from curb to curb and seal the one block of East Willow street. In other areas the present oil surface will be resealed to protect it from further cracking and breaking.

Periodic sealing is necessary to prevent breakup of the present oil surfacing as occurred on West Willow street last spring when it was necessary to restrict traffic on that block due to spongy base. No city streets, aside from Main street, have been sealed for many years.

#### Farley Pontiac Adds Buick to Dealership

James J. Farley, owner of the Farley Pontiac company, Heppner, this week received his appointment as Morrow county dealer for Buick automobiles. Farley states that in addition to the sales of the popular car he will have a complete repair and service department for Buick owners.

The new addition brings to three the number of General Motors cars now handled by the local dealer. In addition to Pontiac, Farley recently announced the addition of GMC trucks.

#### New Sign Brightens First National Corner

The Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland added considerable light to the downtown section when workmen last weekend completed installing of a big new neon sign on the bank building.

The sign, one of the largest in Heppner is similar in style to those of other branches of the organization with a big figure "1" serving as an outline for the display.

#### Just A Reminder—4th Quarter Taxes Due

The county Sheriff's office dropped a gentle hint this week—the last quarter of 1951-52 taxes are due and payable by August 15.

#### MAHONEY TO ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and son Bobby left Sunday morning August 3 on a trip up the Aleian highway to Alaska. They expect to be gone about a month and will come back by boat.

Their daughter Shannon is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball during the absence of her parents.

Mrs. Frank Alfred and daughter Lee Anne of Portland were weekend guests of Mrs. Madge Bryant.

AC/3 Bud Mankin of Empire Air Base, Empire, Michigan arrived home Sunday for a 15 day visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin.

#### Two More Stores Suffer Breakins During Week

Another Heppner business suffered a burglary loss last week when Empire Machinery company was broken into sometime Friday night and was robbed of \$118.02. Entry was gained by jimmying a back door to the establishment.

An attempt was also made to enter Case Furniture company the following Sunday night in a similar manner but the would-be burglars failed to gain entry into the building. Allan Case discovered the attempt Monday morning and reported it to local police. A back door to the Case store was also jimmyed, but the burglars were either frightened away or gave up before getting the door open.

Bob Grabill, Empire Machinery manager, reported nothing was missing there except the money, all in cash.

Another similar burglary, not previously reported, occurred about two weeks ago when the main office of the Morrow county Grain Growers was entered through a window and a cash box taken. The loss here was about \$30. The box was later discovered in a gravel pit near lone.

In addition to the breakins, there have been several recent cases of vandalism reported, among them the removal of two horse trailers belonging to Archie Murchison from the barns at the fair grounds. Both trailers were dumped into Hinton creek near the fair grounds and suffered considerable damage.

The two breakin attempts last week brings to seven the number of burglaries or attempts in Heppner, Lexington and lone during recent weeks, in addition to at least one case of car theft and stripping.

The Heppner city council Monday authorized the employment of an additional police officer for night duty in an attempt to catch the burglars or deter them from further activities.

#### Applications Now Being Accepted For FHA Farm Loans

Applications are being taken for loans from 1952-53 funds of the Farmers Home Administration for counties of Northeastern Oregon by the FHA office located in the Foley building, La Grande, Oregon.

Almost any need on a farm can be taken care of by the FHA loan program. Eligibility requirements and terms vary, depending on the purpose for which the loan is made. Eligibility is determined by a committee of farmers in each county, who, in reviewing the applications, consider the land resources available to the applicant, proposed farm program, references, and whether or not the requested financing can be obtained from other credit sources. Production and subsistence loans are available for purchase of livestock and equipment and for operating expenses as needed to carry out the farming operations. Water facilities loans provide for development of domestic and irrigation facilities. Farm housing loans take care of construction or improvement of homes and other farm buildings. Farm ownership loans provide for land purchase, building improvements and land development. Requirements for water facilities and farm housing loans differ from the others in that they may be made on smaller-farm units which are sometimes part-time operations.

A successful business requires careful planning, keeping of records and attention to improvements. These principles are applied by the FHA in their loan program. An applicant for a loan must have available, on reasonable terms, a family-type farm unit. This means enough acres of good crop land with adequate buildings for carrying out a full time paying program. In working up a loan, the farmer develops plans of his operations both on annual and long-time basis. In these plans, he shows the practices he will perform to obtain better crop production, to improve his livestock, buildings and land, and for improved family living. Along with this, he is requested to keep a record of his operations and at the end of each year, the records are summarized and used as a basis for future planning.

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#### Temperatures High, One Fire Reported In Forest Lands

While most of the state was suffering under blazing skies and temperatures of 100 or more during most of the past week, Heppner recorded an official high of 96 during the period. Higher humidities and lack of wind, however, caused many residents to think the thermometer was many degrees higher.

The Heppner office of the Forest Service reported that although this section is classified as the driest in the state, only one fire has been reported in the district. That fire, apparently started from a lightning strike at the head of Stahl Canyon in the extreme west end of the district near Camp 5. It is not known how much area the blaze covered but it was not thought to be large. It is under control.

Another smoke was reported Wednesday morning south of Wheeler point lookout but it was believed to be coming from a sheepherder's fire. There are several in the area.

One fairly large fire is still smoking in the Ritter area on state protected lands but it is thought to be circled and in the mop-up stage.

#### Teaching Positions Nearly Filled, One Vacancy Remains

All but one teaching position in the Heppner schools was filled this week with the signing of five more teachers. All but one are for high school classes and one will teach both grade and high subjects.

The new teachers are, Mrs. Luola Bengtson, who will teach high school english. She is a former resident of Morrow county and has been teaching in the Medford schools for the past several years. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon; James Kamprud, new band instructor who has been teaching at Hitterdal, Minn., and is a graduate of Concordia college, Morehead, Minn.

New high school social science instructor will be B. J. Mickelsen, who has been teaching in Virginia. His home is Valley City, N. D. Another former resident who previously had taught in the Heppner schools in 1942-43 is Mrs. Joyce Wilkinson, formerly Joyce Hugill. She is a graduate of Willamette University and has taught in Wallowa. She will come here from New Mexico to teach high school commercial subjects.

Signed for grade and high school girls' physical education instructor is Miss Donna Neal. She has been teaching in Nebraska.

L. E. Dick, chairman of the school board, stated this week that construction is now under way on a remodeling project for the school building. The large study hall is to be divided by a partition to provide an extra classroom for science laboratories. The remodeling is a part of the long range remodeling plan established by the board and will provide sufficient classroom space for all grades within the building. It was feared that the heavy enrollment due this fall would necessitate holding at least one class outside the building. The work is being done by Bruce Bothwell and is under the supervision of Charles Miller, Pendleton architect.

#### HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Dr. and Mrs. Harold Huber, Heppner, a 8 lb. 4 oz. boy born Aug. 1, named Garry William. To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adams, Lexington, a 6 lb. 12 oz. boy born Aug. 3, named Barry Lynn. To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson, lone, a 6 lb. 10 oz. girl born Aug. 3.

Medical—Patricia Albert, Heppner, dismissed; Emma Hall, Kinzua, dismissed; Dudley Fraser, Kinzua, dismissed; Sadie Walker, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Lela Johnson, lone; Mrs. Opal Devine, Spray, dismissed; Miss Bonita Skinner, Kinzua; William Jewel, Monument, dismissed; Dean Graves, Heppner, dismissed.

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#### City To Add Second Policeman In Effort To Stop Crime Wave

The council Monday night took action designed to stop the series of burglaries which have plagued Heppner and nearby towns for past weeks when it ordered the employment of a special night marshal to patrol the city between 9:00 p. m. and daylight.

The action was taken after it had been pointed out that all breakins had occurred during the early morning hours when there is no police officer on patrol duty. It was felt that the presence of an officer on duty patrolling the downtown area would act as a definite deterrent on parties attempting such breakins.

During recent weeks there have been four cases of burglary or car theft in Heppner in addition to two at lone and one in Lexington. There have also been several reports of wanton vandalism in the area in addition to several cases of alleged "peeping toms".

City Marshal Charles Gomillion as well as sheriff C. J. D. Bauman are always on call 24 hours a day, but one man cannot remain on constant patrol.

As soon as a man can be obtained for the night job, the council plans to put him on duty.

Other activities of the council at the Monday meeting included the acceptance of a petition requesting the closure of D street on the condition that it be replaced by an alternate street further north on the school property. The request was made to allow the school district to gain approval of the state board of education for the site of the proposed new grade school. Dick pointed out the street closure must be assured before the district can even present a bond issue plan to the voters.

The council will publicize the proposed closure and set a date for the necessary hearing.

City attorney J. J. Nys reported all legal matters concerning the recent sewer bond election had been cleared with the bonding attorneys and advised the council to

call for bids on construction of the sewer system and disposal plant. After construction bids are received and the actual cost determined the city will then call for bids to sell its bonds.

Routine business conducted by the group included a request by W. C. Cox for a stop sign on Riverside street near the Morrow county Grain Growers elevator, the acceptance of a new five-year contract with Pacific Power and Light company for street lights and the issuance of six building permits totalling \$28,700. They were granted to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for a new building on Chase street to house dial equipment, \$10,000; W. C. Collins, a two-unit business building on north Main, \$8,000; Mrs. G. W. Farrens, residence, \$3,000; W. C. Rosewall, residence, \$5,000; Irvin Anderson, residence, \$2,500 and J. O. Peterson, repairs, \$200.

Polio Group To Meet Here Next Monday

A meeting of the Morrow county unit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will be held at the court house in Heppner Monday, August 11 at 7:30 p. m., according to Jack Edmondson, president of the local chapter.

Reports of the past year's activities will be given and new officers will be elected to serve for the coming year, Edmondson stated. Gene Malecki, state representative and manager of the March of Dimes will be present to assist at the meeting.

All workers who served on the March of Dimes campaign last year have been asked to serve again this year and are urged by Edmondson to be present at this meeting. They are also asked to bring with them other interested persons from their areas.

Guy Boyer, prominent John Day business man and former Heppnerite, spent several days here the first of the week. During his stay he was guest of Leslie L. Matlock.

#### lone to Honor Princess At Dance This Saturday



Princess Wilma Dalzell of lone

Blonde, blue eyed princess Wilma Dalzell, lone's selection as their royal representative to the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo court, is an old hand at appearing before the public in a similar role—four years ago she was selected as queen of the Condon rodeo. As Queen Wilma, she was presented with a horse by the Condon rodeo association. As princess Wilma of the Morrow county show, she is sponsored by the lone Willows grange.

Princess Wilma was born in Condon 19 years ago, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dalzell. She has grown up on her parents' ranch near lone and attended lone schools where she graduated this spring. She is a top hand in wrangling cattle, driving wheat truck or cooking for the harvest crew.

During her high school days, princess Wilma was vice-president of her junior and senior classes, captain of the volleyball team and an active member of the Girls' League. She was also active in 4-H club work. Her favorite pastimes are riding, cooking and attending rodeos. Her plans for the future include attending the California Air college at Los Angeles this fall.

During the coming rodeo season princess Wilma will be seen riding her chestnut sorrel quarter horse "Little Star" appropriately named from a white star on his forehead.

Princess Wilma will be present this Saturday night at the lone Legion hall where a dance in her honor is being presented by the Willows grange.