

Interest in Tuesday Election Highest in Many Years

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Council Awards Sewer Contracts; Reduces Amount of Bond Sale

Work to Start Immediately on Plant Construction

Construction of the Heppner sewer system and sewage disposal plant can be expected to start within the next few days following the final decision on the awarding of the contracts by the city council.

Low bidder on the treatment plant was the Atlas Construction company of Portland with a bid of \$84,190 for the plant and \$22,426 for equipment to bring the total cost of the disposal facilities to \$106,636. The contract with the Atlas company was signed early this week and according to provisions in the contract, work will start within 10 days. It will be built on property recently purchased by the city at the West end of town near the Standard Oil company plant.

The Charles R. Schmiedeskamp company, Portland was awarded the bid for construction of the sewer collection system with a low bid of \$132,904.85. This contract has not yet been signed but all details are expected to be completed within the next day or two. Work on this part of the project is expected to start very shortly and will take 360 calendar days to complete. According to the Atlas company contract, the treatment plant will be ready for operation within 250 calendar days.

Total combined to the city for the two contracts will be \$239,540.85. This does not include charges for engineering fees and other contingencies, however with all the extras taken into consideration, the total cost will be well under the engineer's estimate of slightly over \$318,000.

Work by the two companies will in all probability continue through the winter unless hampered by exceptionally bad weather, but the treatment plant will be completed well ahead of the sewer system so that use of the plant may be obtained as quickly as residences and business houses can be connected to the sewer. This will eliminate the need to back-track to hook in the individual users.

Reorganization Plan Of Women's Chorus

A reorganization meeting of all past, present or prospective members of the Heppner women's chorus has been called for Monday, November 3 at 8:00 p. m. at the Heppner high school, according to Mrs. C. A. Ruggles, past president of the group.

The singing group, which has been inactive for the past two years, again has a director available and the former officers are asking all of the former members and all other women of this area interested in singing to attend this meeting. Mrs. Ruggles stated that Mrs. Mary Bates, of Lexington high school teacher, will be the new director and that an accompanist and meeting place have been arranged for.

Interested women are asked to contact Mrs. W. J. Warren or Mrs. Ruggles, Heppner, or Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Lexington.

Grain Growers Set Date of Annual Meeting For Nov. 10

Notices of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Morrow county Grain Growers are being sent out this week announcing the meeting to be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner starting at noon Monday, November 12.

Included in the business scheduled for the meeting is the election of three directors to fill the three vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Terrel L. Bengt, Henry Baker and Lloyd L. Howton.

The names of five persons will be presented by the nominating committee for the three open positions. They are Donald Campbell, Delwin O. Nelson, Frank Wilkinson, Lloyd L. Howton and Alec C. Lindsay.

The meeting will start with a dinner at noon.

Chest Drive Off To Good Start

The Heppner Community Chest drive got under way with a flying start Monday at a kickoff breakfast which was attended by nearly all of the local workers. James Farley is the chair man for Heppner and Leslie Grant is county head.

Many of the workers started their collections from business houses at the completion of the breakfast and the drive chairman expressed the hope that the part of the campaign could be completed before this weekend.

Drive treasurer, La Verne Van Marter said that several workers had indicated good response but that not enough of them had yet reported in to him to give any indication of how collections were comparing with previous years. Heppner's quota is one-half of the 4,000 budget for the county.

Other areas in the county are expected to open their drives within the next few days.

4-H Achievement Observances Planned

Plans are well under way for the annual 4-H achievement parties which are the high points of 4-H club work. They will be held November 7 and 8.

The first party, November 7, is to be held at the Greenfield grange hall in Boardman and the party for the South Morrow 4-Hers will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner on the following day. Both are to begin with pot luck supper at 6:30 followed by the program. Main feature of the parties will be the recognition to 4-H members and leaders who have completed successful club projects.

All 4-H members, their parents and families are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney had as their weekend guests his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beaver of Portland.

Jack Hynd of Pendleton visited in Heppner Monday with his brothers, Will and David.

Only \$250,000 Bonds Required For Financing

The city council this week announced plans to reduce the amount of bonds it will sell to finance the new sewer system from \$300,000 to \$250,000. The reduction was due to the actual bids for the project running considerably under the engineer's original estimate.

The contract cost of the treatment plant and sewer system will amount to \$239,540.85. Added to this will be the engineer's fees, an emergency contingency fund and the cost of one man to be employed by the city to oversee the work. The city has however, nearly \$50,000 in a sinking fund for sewer use, and council members felt there was no need to sell more bonds than would be necessary to pay for the entire job.

The council also pointed out that in addition to a saving of interest on the bonds, that it was probable that the city would receive a better bid on the smaller number of bonds. Should additional money be needed, the council still would have authority to sell the extra \$50,000 worth of bonds, or any part of that amount up to the \$300,000 voted by residents last June.

Mayor J. O. Turner and council members expressed the belief that the \$250,000 would be ample for the project which will mean a considerable saving to taxpayers.

Heppner Women To Hear College Head

Dr. Ross J. Griffith, president of Northwest Christian college, Eugene will speak Friday, November 7 at the union missionary women's fall meeting. On the same day Dr. Griffith will meet several students at a buffet supper at the Christian church parsonage. He will remain over until Sunday morning to speak at the Christian church.

Dr. Griffith is recognized as one of the most outstanding educational and religious leaders of the northwest. While a student at Yale Divinity school he spent considerable time in Palestine and the Near East. He held a professorship at Phillips University for a short time and was dean of the undergraduate school at Balor university when called to the Northwest.

Fair Board Position On Racing Bill Told

Directors of Oregon's county fairs are not attempting to influence the vote on pari-mutuel betting "one way or the other," President Steve Thompson of the Morrow county fair board said this week.

"Our interest in the matter is to let the people know what they may expect if pari-mutuel revenues are abolished," Thompson said. "We are not urging the people to retain pari-mutuel betting, and we are not asking them to abolish it."

Pointing to \$12,800 which was received this year as Morrow county's share of pari-mutuel racing funds, Mr. Thompson said a comparable amount must be raised by other means in future if voters abolish dog racing November 4.

"We realize there are other sources for this revenue," the fair board president stated. "Chances are it would have to be raised by taxation, and we want the people to realize that in advance of election."

Loss of the annual revenue, which is earmarked for fair premiums, new construction and maintenance, will lower the quality of county fairs throughout the state, Mr. Thompson pointed out.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom were in Pendleton Wednesday to be with their daughter, Mrs. R. D. Allstott, Jr., who underwent minor surgery at St. Anthony's hospital.



SOME SHEET—Mrs. Fred Parrish, deputy clerk, is shown pointing out the size of the ballot that voters will receive when they go to the polls next Tuesday. Holding the "bedsheet" is C. W. Barlow, county clerk. The clerk's office has prepared the man-sized ballot and all necessary tabulating supplies for the election and counting boards and it will be distributed over the county this weekend by sheriff C. J. D. Bauman. In addition to this ballot, voters in Heppner and Ione will also be handed a city ballot—but it is much smaller in size. (GT Photo)

WHERE TO VOTE

Precinct	Where to Vote
Boardman	Grange Hall
Hardman	Grade School
North Heppner	Empire Machinery Co.
South Heppner	Court House
Ione	Ione City Hall
Irrigon	School House
Lexington	L. O. O. F. Hall

MANY PARTIES TO PROVIDE KIDS WITH AMPLE HALLOWE'EN FUN

All of Heppner's youngsters, from pre-school through high school age should find plenty to entertain them on Halloween night without having to resort to too much mischief.

Many parties are being planned to provide entertainment for Friday night, including the annual Sororist Hayride or all boys and girls from the 7th grade through high school. Trucks will be provided for transportation and the party will be held at the Cutsforth Lodge park on Willow creek.

Mrs. Ida May Zinter Dies Here Monday

Funeral services for Ida May Zinter will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church with the Reverend J. Palmer Sorlien officiating.

Mrs. Zinter, who had spent the past 40 years in this community, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday, October 27. She was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, November 13, 1883, the daughter of Emanuel and Margaret Sallor. She was a member of the Willows Grange.

Surviving are one daughter, Irene Zinter of Heppner; one son, Sidney Zinter of Ione; one foster-son, Gene Empey of Reno, Nevada, and one grandson, Sidney Zinter, Jr. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery. Phelps Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hearing Tests to Be Given Grade Pupils

On Friday Oct. 31, a traveling team from the Oregon State Board of Health will conduct audiometric tests for all grade school pupils.

This health program has been arranged in collaboration with the State department of education and through the local administration and the public health office.

The purpose of these tests is to discover children with hearing disturbances so that they may be referred to physicians for examination and recommendation and to give the teacher a better understanding of handicapped pupils.

It is hoped that all children will be in school Friday so they can participate in the tests.

Mrs. Edward Putnam of Seattle and Mrs. W. P. Williams of Walla Walla were recent houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan. Mrs. Putnam will be remembered locally as the former Winnie Gilliam and is a cousin of Mrs. Vaughan.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Birch of Coos Bay were over night guests Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schaffitz.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. (Slip) Wright of John Day visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers Sr. at Rhea Creek Sunday October 19.

Ballot Folding Tips Given Tuesday Voters

Do you know how to fold your ballot? The properly folded ballot will save the election board members a lot of time, which they are going to be short of on election day.

Here's how to do it. Fold forward so that all the printing is covered except for the stub section. Then double fold twice so that you have two folded edges plus the single bottom edge at the base of the stub. Now bend it double, like a book, and hand to the clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Way (Betty Lovgren) are here from Alaska to visit relatives in Heppner and Lexington.

Mr. Way who is with the U. S. Navy got leave to come to Heppner to visit his mother, Mrs. Dan Way, who is seriously ill in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Hilma Anderson is spending some time in Portland where she is undergoing medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lichtgarn and daughter Joyce of Portland were in Heppner over the week-end for the opening of the bird hunting season.

While here they were guests of the W. O. Georges.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Holden and daughter of Vancouver, Wash., were weekend guests at the H. G. Settles home.

Long List of State Measures to Give Voters a Workout

A record number of voters are expected to cast their ballots in the city, county, state and national elections to be held Tuesday, November 4.

Interest in the 18 state measures and two local measures appearing on the ballot account in part for the heavy registration in the county. The two county measures include extension of the 10 mill road levy and the five mill levy for the Pioneer Hospital expansion.

On the state level voters in the 22nd district will choose two of the three men running for the state legislature. J. P. Steiwer of Wheeler county and Charles Allen Tom of Sherman county are running on the Republican ticket and Robert E. Smith of Gilliam county is the Democratic candidate.

The only opposition for a county office is between Oliver W. Creswick, Republican, and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Democrat, for county coroner. Unopposed are Russell K. Miller of Boardman for

county commissioner; C. W. Barlow for county clerk; C. J. D. Bauman for county sheriff and Harry Tamblin for county surveyor.

On the city ballot J. O. Turner is unopposed to succeed himself as mayor. Running for the three city council positions now held by Dr. L. D. Tibbles, E. E. Gonty and W. C. Rosewall are the three incumbents, Jeff Carter and Frank Andresen.

Polling places will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. in the following county localities: Boardman, the Grange Hall; Hardman, grade school; North Heppner, Empire Machinery Company; South Heppner, court house; Ione, Ione City Hall; Irrigon, school house, and Lexington, I. O. O. F. Hall. County offices and the state liquor store will be closed during the election hours.

A total of 2,509 voters are registered in the county: 1,533 Republicans, 932 Democrats, and 44 Non-Partisans.

All voters who can are urged to cast their ballots as early as possible because of the heavy registration and the time it will take each voter to mark his ballot. The counting boards in the larger precincts are expected to make a night of it before the last vote is tallied.

Tax Statements To Be in Mail By Next Week

All Morrow county taxpayers will soon receive their tax statements, the tax collector's office announced Wednesday. They plan to place them in the mail some time next week. The deadline for payment in order to get the discount is November 15.

The total tax to be collected in the county for the 1952-53 fiscal year is \$823,479.47 which is an increase over last year of \$171,319.04 with most of the increase going to the schools.

The overall county levy dropped this year from 17.3086 to 17.0902 mills however an increase in county valuation from \$14,099,664 to \$14,455,555 will bring in slightly increased revenue for this purpose.

The big increase in millage is attributed to the jump from 23.7 mills to 31.6 for the rural school district.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell, deputy tax collector stated that most statements were ready and that they could be picked up at the courthouse whenever desired prior to the mailing next week.

She also said that \$53,018 has already been received from property owners even before any announcement was made.

A complete statement of the taxes and millage will be included with all statements mailed from the office.

Grade School To Hold Election on Nov. 4

The grade school is conducting an election next Tuesday Nov. 4. Campaign committees and registrars have been selected and voting lists are being prepared.

Other preparations such as selecting an election judge, and preparing ballot boxes and voting booths will be underway soon.

Next Monday Nov. 3, all grade school students from the fourth grade up will conduct a political rally and listen to the speeches of the campaign committees.

The purpose of these activities is to give the children a thorough background of information as to methods of conducting elections by free people. In this process they will get an idea of how the American democracy works.

Increased Costs Seen in Revised Estimate For School Expansion

Rising construction costs were reflected in new estimates of the cost of the planned expansion of the Heppner school system, presented by Charles Miller, Pendleton architect, in figures given to the school advisory committee at a meeting Monday evening of that group.

The 12 member advisory committee, requested by the school board to investigate the school problem in Heppner last spring, studied the various phases of the board's plans and recommended projects which at that time were estimated to cost \$300,000. Miller's revised estimate placed the cost at approximately \$365,000. Included in the project is a new 8 room elementary school, remodeling of the present school building, equipment for the new grade school and construction of a new street to replace D street

which bisects the school property and must be closed to allow room for the new building.

Miller told the group that the increase in his estimate is due to an advance in material prices since last April and that labor has had a 15 percent increase since that time.

The committee also discussed the possibility of a new location for the grade school, where more space was available, but most of the members felt that if the state board would approve the plans, that the present site was satisfactory and offered some advantages in economy of construction of the planned new school.

A breakdown of the architect's revised estimate show: new elementary building, 8 classrooms and multipurpose room, \$165,680; Remodeling existing gymnasium, 168,140; modernizing showers in gymnasium, \$13,074; Remodeling existing high school building, \$70,716; equipment for grade school, \$25,950; for a total of \$343,560. This does not include the cost of the street relocation which has been estimated at \$20,000.

Miller will set the election date.



SOME BIRD—This group of bird hunters from Portland and Heppner got more than they were after Saturday when they shot and killed this Lynx while hunting for pheasants on Balm Fork above Heppner. The big cat which weighed nearly 70 pounds was flushed by the dog and shot by Lew Wallace of Portland. Shown with their kill are left to right, Dr. Rollo Banks, Portland; Fred Lynch, Heppner, Lew Wallace, and holding the cat, Elmer Peterson, Portland and C. E. Lynch, Heppner. (GT Photo)