

Many Streets Soon To Get Resurfacing

More than 20 blocks of Heppner's streets will soon receive either a resurfacing or a seal-coat, the city council decided at its regular monthly meeting Monday night. Many of the streets are ones where the laying of the new city sewer system has badly damaged or completely obliterated the previous paving.

The council ordered a call for bids for the job which will eliminate the bumps and holes from about 21 or 22 blocks. Most of the streets will receive one lift or coat, of oil and gravel which will act as a seal for the present pavement. In a few cases however, it will be necessary to put down two or three layers to make the street serviceable again.

While much of the work has become necessary due to the sewer construction, it is not classified as direct pavement replacement, as the sewer contractor must do that work as part of his contract. In most cases an entire block or section will be sealed to prevent breakup of the pavement due to cracking under heavy traffic or water seepage.

Sewer Nearing Completion

The council members heard the report that the laying of the sewer lines was nearing completion with only a few blocks in scattered sections of town still to be laid. Plans were discussed about how to supervise resident's hook-ups to the sewer when the system is placed in operation. As previously announced, each resident must obtain a permit from the city recorder and have the installation inspected by the city before it will be OK'd for use. The council expects to announce the date for the start of private hook-ups in the near future, though the entire system including the disposal plant must be tested before it will be accepted by the city.

A complete reorganization and reclassification of all city ordinances has recently been completed by the city recorder and mayor J. O. Turner pointed out that it will be necessary for the council to pass several corrective ordinances to bring the city code up to date. These are now being prepared, it was said.

Police Warn Kids Against Bike Riding, Air Rifle Shooting

Heppner police chief Roscoe Kelley this week issued two warnings to local kids—no bike riding on sidewalks, and no shooting of air rifles in the city limits.

Kelley said there are city ordinances covering both subjects and that they will be enforced in the future after youngsters have had warning not to continue the practices. Improper parking of bikes on downtown sidewalks will also be frowned upon.

Kelley said that kids who persist in sidewalk riding will suffer the loss of their bike for a week, while those caught shooting in town will be subject to a fine in addition to losing the gun.

County to Ask For Hospital Money

County judge Garnet Barratt will be in Portland Friday to present the request of the county to the Oregon state board of health of \$44,000 in Federal Hill-Burton funds to be used to aid in the construction of the new wing on Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The county's application for the federal match-money has been on file with the state board for over six months, but it was only in the closing days of the recently adjourned congress that the money was appropriated. Now that the funds have been voted, Morrow county's application is expected to be processed immediately as it carried a high priority in the state.

The federal money, if granted, will be used with the funds raised by the special 5 mill levy voted by the county last fall to add a bedroom wing on the badly crowded hospital.

Fair Premium Lists Sent to Exhibitors

With less than a month before the 1953 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, plans and arrangements are beginning to shape up. Premium lists for fair exhibits were sent out to all farm families, 4-H members and townspeople exhibiting last year during the past week. Additional copies are available at the county agent's office for those who may have been missed. From inquiries and reports, exhibits should exceed last year, says N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Admission to the fair will be by button. This includes all fair activities and Friday's Horse show. Buttons are on sale by most Heppner businesses. Advance sales are being handled by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce with Les Grant in charge.

Judges for the fair have been engaged. Joe B. Johnson, Animal Husbandryman, Oregon State college, will judge all 4-H and open class livestock, with E. M. Nelson, County Agent, The Dalles, judging farm crops, horticulture, wool, chickens and rabbits. Emil Muller, Helix, will judge the horse show.

Judging home economics exhibits will be Mrs. Eleanor Altkio and Mrs. Russell McKennon, Pendleton, and Mrs. H. J. Campbell, La Grande.

For the ladies, again this year, are the Betty Crocker Chiffon Cake, C and H Bonus sugar award, and National Needlework Crochet Contests. Among the awards for the contests are silver plated cake plate, cake server, Betty Crocker Picture Cook Book, Cup, and 300 lbs. of C and H sugar.

Just a Reminder—4th Quarter Taxes Due

The county sheriff's office dropped a gentle hint this week—the last quarter of 1952-53 taxes are due and payable by August 15.

DRIVERS WARNED

Heppner police chief, Roscoe Kelley, this week warned drivers that registration slips for their cars must be displayed in plain sight in the driver's compartment and that he will be forced to issue citations to persons not complying.

Kelley said that he has found many cars in Heppner without the proper certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin returned recently from a vacation trip to Canada. En route home they visited with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Slyter of Seattle, Washington.

Valuation Down, Taxes Up Slightly For Next Year

With the county assessor's office this week completing tabulation of figures for the next year's taxes, a check showed a slight increase in millage for all districts brought on largely by a drop in valuation and a reduction in the assessment ratio from 55 to 49 percent. In nearly all cases budgets remained about the same as last year.

Highest millage in the county will be levied at Boardman where the tax will be 97.5 mills. Lone rates second with 81.6, and is followed by Heppner with 79.4 and Lexington with 73.7 mills. Heppner's millage last year was 73 mills.

The assessor said that valuation of cities and lands showed an increase over last year but drops were noted in the personal property and public utilities classifications. The greatest drop was with the utilities which are down \$226,643.10 for a total of \$2,373,014.23. The total valuation of the county is down nearly \$400,000 with this year's total set at \$14,076,380.

The lowest millage in the county, in several districts outside of incorporated towns or cities, will be 56.1 for the coming year. This compares with 48.6 for last year. Most of this is accounted for by the addition of the special 5 mill levy for the construction of a new wing for Pioneer Memorial hospital. Both Heppner and Boardman also added a 3 mill tax for hospital maintenance districts.

Thunderstorms Hit Heppner Area

Two thunderstorms raged over the Heppner Ranger district Monday and Tuesday evenings starting three forest fires and slowing down the Morrow county wheat harvest.

The cause of the fires is attributed to lightning. Rain totaling .08 inches the first night and .07 the second, fell during the storms.

A fire which broke out Monday on Mahogany butte, about 35 miles south of Heppner, was put out by a state fire crew. Two fires were started Tuesday evening, one which a crew from the Kinzua Fine mills put out near camp 5 and another near Government springs, 30 miles south of Heppner, which was put out by a national forest crew from Madison butte.

The ranger office in Heppner reports that there are no fires at the present time.

The wheat harvest is not expected to be hurt by the storms and it is expected to swing back into full harvest immediately.

Permits Available To Enter Fire Areas

The permit closure is again in effect in parts of Morrow, Wheeler and Grant Counties by proclamation of Governor Paul Patterson, effective from July 24 through December 31, 1953. If it is necessary for persons to enter the closed area on business, permits may be obtained at the following places: Chapin Creek Guard Station, Kinzua Guard Station, Kinzua Pine Mills Company office, Camp 5 office, and Lone-rock Store. All roads entering the closed area have been posted.

The grass and other high hazard fuels are very heavy in and adjoining forested areas caused by the wet spring. As these high hazard fuels are drying out, chances of small fires getting started and spreading rapidly are much greater. The people of this area are to be commended on the cooperation they have shown in the past in helping to keep this part of Oregon green.

Tax Levy Approved In Special Election

The three mill tax levy for the maintenance and operation of the new Heppner cemetery maintenance district was approved last Saturday in the special election held in the council chambers by a vote of 39 to 25.

Approval of the levy in this election will allow the assessor to place it on this year's tax roll, giving the cemetery directors the money to work with.

Mrs. Jack Loyd and son Timmy have returned from a visit with her parents in John Day.

NO REST FOR A BEAUTY QUEEN—

Heppner Visit by Miss Austria Steady Round of Appearances



MISS AUSTRIA is shown above in a western outfit at the Heppner rodeo field with Virginia Gonty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty, her pen-pal for four years and Duke owned by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George who was saddled up for her to ride during her visit in Heppner. Lore Felger (Miss Austria) is a good horse-woman, though she had been on a horse only twice previously. At left she is shown with Morrow county Rodeo Queen Elise Bauernfeind at the princess dance Saturday night where she appeared in native Austrian attire. Miss Felger left Tuesday for New York after a five-day visit with the Gonty family. (Upper photo by Alex Thompson)

Though she came for a rest and a visit, 18-year old Miss Lore Felger of Vienna, Austria, the pen-pal of 13 year old Virginia Gonty of Heppner, found her five days here were filled with an almost continual round of appearances and parties that almost completely consumed her time. She left Tuesday evening by plane from Pendleton, W. Va., loaded down with gifts bestowed upon her by the people of Heppner.

Lore, who recently competed as Miss Austria in the Miss Universe contest at Long Beach, Calif., arrived in Heppner last Thursday after a series of letters and phone calls by the E. E. Gontys, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and other interested persons had cleared away the red tape connected with getting her schedule extended to allow time for her stopover here.

Lore's arrival here started her on a swing of entertainments that included appearances before the Soroptimist club, the chamber of commerce, at the Princess dance Saturday night at the fair pavilion and several parties and picnics. In addition she spent all of one morning being photographed in western attire and on horseback.

In her appearances before the Soroptimists and the chamber of commerce she told of her life and activities at her home in Vienna and explained that she had done small parts in the theater for several years. It was there that she was picked to compete for the title of Miss Vienna, which she won. This gave her a chance to compete for Miss Austria and winning that, the opportunity to visit America as a Miss Universe contestant. She explained that she didn't think too much of the Miss Universe contest, but "it gave me a chance to come to America." She said she wasn't interested in movie contracts in this country, though they were discussed while she was in Long Beach.

The tall blond girl who speaks English quite fluently, though some of the American slang caused her some difficulty, quickly became a well known and popular person in Heppner and by the time the day came for her to leave for the east she had been presented with a complete western outfit of jeans, shirt, hat and tie given to her by Wilson's Men's Wear, cowboy boots from the Gonty's, an engraved western belt buckle and belt from the chamber of commerce, clothing from Claudien's and numerous other gifts from local residents.

4-H Home Ec. Club To Study Judging

On Thursday, August 13 at 1:30 all Home Economics 4-H club members will meet at the club house, Fair Grounds, Heppner, to learn techniques in judging, according to Maud C. Casswell, County Agent, Home Economics. Miss Anne Bergholz, acting state club leader, will assist with the judging session. New type score cards will be used for judging so that Morrow County 4-H members will be ready to take part in county and state fair contests.

Classes that will be judged are: Cookery, white bread, sponge cake, muffins, cup cakes and a days meal; Clothing, cotton shirts, cotton dresses, aprons, pot holders, and anklets; Canning, canned peaches, cherries, pears, string beans, chicken. Articles and food for the classes will be furnished by 4-H club members.

All Home Economics leaders and 4-H members of the South Morrow district will take part. Parents are welcome to attend and participate in the judging.

The jeans seemed to please Lore as much as any of her gifts, for she had tried to find some while she was in California, but was unable to get them. Mrs. Gonty, who acted as her overseer while here, said that the western outfit was her favorite and that she had quite a time getting her out of it and into a dress for some of her appearances.

The rush of Miss Austria's schedule in Heppner was best emphasized by Virginia Gonty, who said Wednesday after Lore had taken the plane for New York. "We sure didn't get much time to visit."

Lore's short stopover in Heppner was a side trip on her return home. From New York she will spend three days in the New England states and will then take the plane for Vienna. Her public appearances will not all be over then, however, for she is scheduled to appear in the Miss Europe contest at Istanbul, Turkey the last of August and possibly in the Miss World competition in London in September. She hopes to continue her theater work in Vienna after all of her beauty contest appearances are completed.

Interested people are urged to attend in order that officers may be elected for the coming year. City chairmen of all communities in the county are asked to be present and bring as many co-workers as possible.

Polio Meeting Set For Morrow County

Morrow county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will hold a meeting at 8:00 p. m. on Friday, Aug. 7, at the courthouse in Heppner according to James Driscoll, chapter president.

Interested people are urged to attend in order that officers may be elected for the coming year. City chairmen of all communities in the county are asked to be present and bring as many co-workers as possible.



Princess Beth

ROYALTY ON REVIEW

Beth Ball to be Honored At Second Princess Dance

Princess Beth Ball of Heppner, representing the Rhea Creek Grange, will be the principle figure of the princess dance given in her honor Saturday evening, Aug. 8.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball, Princess Beth is a recent graduate of the Heppner high school. She is 18 years old, stands 5' 2", and has light brown hair and blue eyes.

Princess Beth's hobbies conform to her roll as a 1953 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo princess. Farm work leads her list of interests. Dancing and rodeos place a close second. Cooking, consisting mainly in home baking to help her mother, draws her established list of hobbies to a close.

Princess Beth will appear in the Rodeo on her dark sorrel horse named Rhea. Like all of this year's princesses she will be dressed in her all blue cowboy outfit with boots, hat and trimmings, furnished by her sponsor, Rhea Creek Grange.

College will open this fall with Princess Beth as a new student at the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande. Her membership in the Future Home Economics club during her first four years of high school may point to a home economics major.

Princess Beth is another claimant to the fame of a sister who was previously a princess in the Rodeo. Princess Eileen Ball-Stieger was a 1951 princess, be-

side the present queen, Elise Bauernfeind.

Saturday nights dance will again be held at the Fair pavilion in Heppner. Dancing will be from 10 p. m. until 2 a. m. to good old time music. Admission will be \$1.00 per person.

Raymond McDonald Rites Held Tuesday

Services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. for Raymond McDonald, 41, who died Aug. 1 at the Veterans hospital in Portland.

McDonald was born on Dec. 31, 1912 in Hardman, Oregon, son of John and Sadie McDonald. He lived most of his life in Morrow county.

Survivors include his wife, Elvira; two children, Patsy and Monte; two brothers, Hubert and Weston and Lewis of Hardman; three sisters, Eva Robinson of Mt. Vernon, Ethel Bleakman of Richland, Wash., and Hazel Saling of Pendleton, and his mother Mrs. John McDonald.

Services were conducted by Rev. Lester Boulden at the Methodist church in Heppner. American Legion Post 87 held military services at the Masonic cemetery. Phelps funeral home was in charge.

Ben Vinson has returned to Heppner after several months in Portland where he received medical treatment.