

Third School Class Moves Into Church

School Board Calls Special Meeting To Pick New School Site

OVERCROWDED SECOND GRADE CLASS SOON TO BE DIVIDED

The tightness with which 450 children are crowded into the Heppner school became even more apparent this week when it became necessary to obtain the use of still another local church basement for classroom purposes. This brings to three the number of classes being held outside the school building.

The school board Monday night instructed superintendent H. C. Reed to make arrangements for the use of the Christian church basement to house a second grade class. Since the start of school the second grade enrollment has continued to climb until at the present time the class, taught by Mrs. Euelah Ogletree, has 40 students. The maximum recommended for an elementary class is 24 students, and 20 pupils is the desirable number.

The school district is also using the Methodist church basement and the Episcopal church parish house as classrooms for two of the three first grades required to handle the 60 6-year olds who started to school this fall. Teaching the two church classes are Mrs. Edna Turner and Mrs. Clara Flower. One is housed in the school building and is taught by Mrs. James Sumner.

The board took steps, over a month ago, to build temporary

classroom space for the two first grades, with the construction of a bandroom wing on the gymnasium, which will be divided by temporary partitions for this use. Work on this construction has been temporarily halted however, due to a shortage of steel and it is doubted that it will be ready for occupancy much before Christmas.

The latest count of students in the Heppner school showed there were 317 registered in the first eight grades and 142 in the high school.

Superintendent Reed said that Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Jr. has accepted the teaching position for the additional second grade. Arrangements were completed today to start using the Christian church basement on Friday morning for the new class.

Special Meeting Set

At the board meeting Monday night, several local citizens met with the group to urge an immediate start on the planning for a new elementary school building and after much discussion the board called a special meeting for Monday, Oct. 12 at which time it is planned to choose a possible site for the new building and set the date for a special site election to get the approval of the voters.

The board determined from the present enrollment figure, and the pre-school census, that it would be necessary to build a 12 classroom building which would probably incorporate in it a large multipurpose room.

The recommended minimum space requirements for such a building, it was pointed out during the meeting, is seven to seven and one-half acres of usable ground and there was considerable discussion on what possible sites were available. An engineer's report, brought out during the meeting, showed that the presently owned piece of property north of the school, contains slightly less than two and one-half acres. By mutual agreement among the board members and interested citizens present at the meeting, the only sites available which would seem to meet the requirements are locations on the hospital hill, the Frank Parker property just west of the city limits on Willow creek, some property immediately east of the rodeo grounds and county shops, and ground south and east of the cemetery on that hill.

One site, the Cason property in northwest Heppner, was voted down by the people at a special election earlier this year.

No decision was reached by the board Monday night, but they indicated that they would attempt to make a choice next Monday night and put the location up to the voters as quickly as possible. The meeting will be open to the public.

Miller Home Burns at Monument Monday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Spike Miller at Monument burned early Monday morning. Nothing was saved except their car and tractor. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were awakened about 2 a. m. by their baby coughing. The house was so far gone Mr. Miller barely had time to save his small son who was sleeping upstairs.

Painting Classes Meet Wednesdays

The first adult education class in clay and painting was held Wednesday night, October 7, at the high school under the supervision of Miss Sutherland, Eugene. Two hours of college credit or one unit of high school credit is given in the art course, which is under the direction of the General Extension Division of Portland. Leslie Grant, county school superintendent, said.

The class will meet every Wednesday night at 7 p. m. for ten weeks. The sessions are two and a half hours long. Late enrollees may still enter the class by contacting the county school superintendent.

Bluebirds to Hold Cake Sale Saturday

The Bluebirds of the Campfire Girls held a cake sale Saturday October 3 at the Thomson grocery store to raise money to obtain Campfire Girls ceremonial robes. A total of \$21.50 was taken in and the group is planning another food sale this Saturday at Thomson's at 2:00 it hopes to obtain their goal of \$60.00.

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Road Survey To Start on Route Across Country

A direct north-south highway from the south end of the county to Boardman and Irrigon was one step closer to reality this week when the county court received approval from the Air Force for a right-of-way just inside the eastern boundary of the Boardman bombing range, according to County Judge Garnet Barratt.

The proposed county road will take off from the Lexington-Echo highway at the North Lexington Morrow County Grain Growers elevator, continue north for about five miles to the Delwin O. Nelson ranch, then follow the bombing range boundary and joining highway 30 about five miles east of Boardman.

The county has already completed graveling the highway from the grain elevator to the Nelson ranch. With the approval of the bombing range right-of-way, the county will now go ahead with the preliminary road survey with the expectation that construction of the sub-grade will start this winter. The distance from the Nelson ranch to highway 30 will be about 14 miles.

The county has had no direct highway from the county seat to the north end since the road from Ione to Boardman was closed in 1940 by the Air Force for the bombing range. The proposed new route will put Boardman and Irrigon approximately 45 miles from Heppner. At present the distance is about 60 miles going either by way of Buck's Corner or Heppner Junction.

In addition to shortening the distance from the north end to the county seat, the new highway will give farmers in the area direct access to rail and water transportation.

Farm Problems To Be Aired at Rhea Creek Grange Booster Night

Recommendations on wheat and stock price supports will be discussed at a meeting of the Rhea Creek Grange Friday, October 9. A pot luck supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock in observance of booster night.

A round table discussion on farm problems will be led by Nels Anderson, county agent. Dick Wilkinson, Frank Anderson and Barton Clark will be on the panel. This is the last time that members will have a chance to express themselves on farm topics before sending the recommendations to the National Grange which will meet in November. Secretary of Agriculture will speak at the national meeting and hear Grange opinion.

Sally Palmer will show her pictures taken on her trip to the United Nations building in New York last summer and Shirley Peck will give musical selections. A social hour will follow the regular meeting. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

School Needs To Be Discussed at P-TA

The Parent Teacher Association will meet at the high school Wednesday, October 14 at 8:00 p. m.

The program for the evening will be a panel discussion on the subject "The Most Important Need For Our School". Mrs. Paul Webb Jr. is program chairman for the month of October.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. George Currin and Mrs. Edmund Gonty.

LT. AND MRS. O'SHEA VISITS FRIENDS IN HEPPNER

1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard O'Shea and son visited friends in Heppner Tuesday and Wednesday en route to Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he expects to be stationed until the end of April.

Lt. O'Shea arrived in San Francisco September 9 after 14 months of duty in Korea. The O'Sheas visited in Oswego, Vancouver, B. C. and with her parents in Edmonton, Alberta before coming to Heppner.

GUN CLUB TO HOLD MERCHANDISE SHOOT SUNDAY

The Morrow County Gun club will hold a merchandise shoot at the gun club south of Heppner Sunday, October 11. The shoot will begin at 10:30 a. m. and lunch will be served at noon.



ROBERT H. ANDERSON

Anderson and Turner Form Partnership

Robert H. Anderson has entered law practice here in partnership with Jesse O. Turner. Mr. Anderson came here from Salem where he practiced law and was deputy district attorney. He obtained his B. S. degree from Oregon State college in 1948 and his L. L. B. degree from Willamette law school in 1951. Mr. Anderson has a wife and small son.

Many Shrubs-Trees Planted in County By Game Commission

A total of 62,500 shrubs and trees have been planted in Morrow county by the State Game Commission since 1949. John Ely, Pendleton, biologist for the northeast region, reported this week.

The first plantings were of 500 multiflora roses on the William Weatherford ranch in the Lena district. These plantings are used for shelter belts, gully plantings, wind breaks and around farm ponds, and have been made throughout the county, Ely said.

Soil preparation is underway at the present time for the 1954 spring planting program with approximately 45,000 shrubs and trees scheduled for this county. The percentage survival of plantings made in 1953 have been very good and were helped considerably by follow-up cultivation, Ely said.

Any ranchers who may not have been contacted and who are interested in shrub plantings may contact Glen Ward, game agent.

Species used include multiflora rose, Russian olive, plum, locust, Russian mulberry, sumac, creek dogwood, bladder senna, caragana, scotch and ponderosa pine, snow berry and southern wood. Of these species locust, bladder senna, plum, scotch pine, olive and rose have been selected for future plantings in this area.

These plantings are of direct benefit to the farm and indirectly benefit all wildlife in the area, it was pointed out.

First Thank-You Note Received in Nine Years

The Heppner city council received its first thank-you letter in over nine years last week. The welcome note was from the Rainbow Girls thanking them for the use of the back of the City Hall to build their float for the rodeo.

H. S. Pupils to Play In Navy Band Concert

One high school student each from schools in this area will play with the Navy band at Heppner on Saturday, October 10, at a 2 o'clock matinee concert at the Heppner high school auditorium. Darlene Connor of Heppner will play the French horn and Dennis Swanson of Ione will play the cornet in the concert. Lt. Commander Charles Brender is the director.

An evening concert will be presented by the band at 8 o'clock. Student tickets for the matinee will be fifty cents. Band directors in the county are urging their students to attend.

Tickets for both concerts may be obtained at the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant office.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barratt last week were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ferguson of Oswego and Mrs. Jack Cavender and daughter of Hamilton.

Grain Growers Annual Meeting Set November 9

Election of directors and reports are scheduled for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers to be held November 9 at the Ione Grange hall, according to Al Lamb, manager.

A. M. Camp Spokane, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers, will be one of the speakers on the program. Reports on the past year's operations will be given and future plans outlined. Election of four regular directors whose terms expire this year are Alfred Nelson, Jr. and John Graves of Lexington and John Bergstrom and Paul Brown of Heppner.

Associate directors whose terms expire include Bill Barratt and Dick Wilkinson of Heppner and D. O. Nelson, Elmer Palmer, Kenneth Peck, Bernard Doherty, Vernon Munkers and Tad Miller, all of Lexington.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Ione Grange at noon. The public is invited to attend.

City Pays \$111,361 On Sewage Plant

A total price of \$111,361 was paid by the city for the new sewage disposal plant built by the Atlas Construction company, it was reported at a meeting of the city council Monday night. The original bid was \$106,000. The city hopes to complete payment on the sewer by the middle of the month.

To date 91 permits have been issued for hooking on to the sewer which has been in operation for three weeks.

Street oiling has been completed for this year, it was reported. General cleanup and patching on several streets is being done by city employees. The council intends to write an ordinance in the near future eliminating incinerators.

Crop Insurance Date Extended to Oct. 31

The date for filing applications for wheat insurance has been extended from September 30 to October 31, according to word received from the Federal Crop Insurance corporation at the Morrow county P. M. A. office.

The action was taken to give all eligible farmers the opportunity to obtain a thorough explanation of the program and participate in it.

Ranchers are invited to the county office to discuss their particular problems regarding federal crop insurance. Eugene Peterson, county manager, said.

Jaycee Ette Rummage Sale Set in November

The Jaycee-Eltes' fall rummage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7. This sale will be the seventh semi-annual for the organization, which uses the proceeds to help finance the kindergarten.

Mrs. Robert Ferrell, president of the Jaycee-Eltes, has named Mrs. Edwin Dick, Mrs. Phil Blakney, and Mrs. Herman Green as a committee to conduct the rummage sale.

Again the Heppner Cleaners will clean free of charge all clothing donated to the sale. They ask that it be turned in to them between October 19 and 24. Anyone who cannot take clothing to the Cleaners is asked to call Mrs. Edwin Dick for pickup service.

Good used children's and adults' clothing finds a ready sale, as do discarded housewares, books, toys, drapes and curtains, bedspreads, costume jewelry, and funny books.

Ione Swimming Pool Nearing Completion

The swimming pool at Ione is nearing completion and the community expects to hold dedication ceremonies in the near future, it was reported today. The pool is being built in connection with the new school gymnasium and plans are being made for building new sidewalks and landscaping the grounds. Progress on the program has been aided by the cooperation of the entire school and community.

Special Sale of Feeders and Steers Set at Hermiston

HERMISTON—Early cold weather has started the hunt for winter homes for the cattle grazing on the range and mountain pastures of eastern Oregon.

At the request of livestock men a special sale of weaner and feeder calves and yearling steers, which are now being brought in from summer and fall grazing, will be held at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 1 p. m. A large group of out-of-state buyers are expected for the special sale.

Cattle may be brought into the commission yards throughout Sunday, Monday and on Tuesday morning, Oct. 25-27. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. The sale, which will relieve some of the pressure on the regular weekly sales as well as provide a concentrated outlet for the cattle, will be in addition to the regular sale at 11:30 a. m. Friday of that week.

W. O. Dix Resigns Assessors Post

The county court Wednesday accepted the resignation of W. O. Dix, county assessor for the past 11 years. He asked to be relieved of his duties as of October 1.

Dix gave ill health as the reason for his resignation, stating that he felt he was no longer able to carry on his duties of the office. Members of the court indicated that Mrs. Joseph Hughes, assistant in the assessor's office, has been given a temporary appointment to take over the position until a permanent appointment can be made. There was no indication as to when the permanent appointment would be made. R. I. Thompson, county commissioner, said Thursday. There have been no applications received, he said.

Dix took over the assessor's job 11 years ago, having been appointed by the court to fill the unexpired term of Tom Wells, who resigned to enter the military service. Since that time he has been elected to the office.

Morrow Teachers To Meet at Boardman

The Morrow County Teachers association will meet Monday, October 12, at Boardman for a dinner and a business meeting. New officers for the year are Walter Turner, Boardman, president; Melvin Bates, Lexington, vice president; Mrs. LaVerne Partlow, Boardman, secretary; and Mrs. Bessie Barnett, Irrigon, treasurer.

Committee chairman include Miss Marguerite Glavey, Heppner membership; Melvin Bates, Lexington, legislative; Ronald Black, Boardman, salary; Mrs. LaVerne Partlow and Miss Barbara Love, Boardman, speech; Mrs. Velva Bechtolt and Mrs. Beulah Ogletree, Heppner, fair; Miss Glavey, Spelling, and Mrs. Mildred Baker, Irrigon, public relations.

The county speech festival will be held at the Boardman school and the spelling contest at the Heppner school.

CLAUDE GRAHAM TURNS CAR OVER ON HARDMAN GRADE

Claude Graham turned his '39 Oldsmobile over twice on the Hardman grade a mile below the Bechtolt ranch Sunday morning, Graham, who was going to the Blue Mountain ranch, blamed the accident on a faulty steering gear. He was not injured, but the car was badly wrecked.

PARCEL POST INCREASE IN EFFECT RECEIPTS DOWN SLIGHTLY IN '53

Rate increases of about 33 1/3 per cent on parcel post went into effect Thursday. As examples of the increase, post office officials pointed out that the cost of sending one pound of parcel post to zone two was formerly 17 cents and is now 23 cents. At the top of the scale, the cost of mailing 70 pounds to zone eight used to be \$9.93 and is now \$12.78.

Postal receipts at the Heppner post office for the first three quarters of the year are about one and two-tenths percent lower than in 1952, records showed. Total receipts through September

Hunting Good, Ranchers Close Land to Doe Hunt

The opening of the deer hunting season Saturday proved satisfactory to hunters, game commission, forest service and law enforcement officials in this area, according to reports received today.

Approximately 35 per cent of the hunters bagged their bucks, which were in excellent condition and ran about 10 per cent heavier than last year. Forked horns and three-point bucks made up about 80 per cent of the kill, according to game officials.

Few violations were reported on does and fawns, which was attributed indirectly to the good luck in bagging bucks and a decrease in the number of outside hunters.

One elk was killed near Tamarack and another on the Heppner-Spray highway, law enforcement officers said. Complaints will be filed soon, they said. Two men at Mitchell were fined \$450 each for killing elk.

Local butcher and freezing stores estimated the number of deer brought in to be slightly higher than last year. One operator noted that most of the deer brought to his plant had been well taken care of. However, game officers urged hunters to dress out their deer as soon as killed and to skin them before taking any distance by car to prevent spoilage and tainting of meat.

No fires were reported in the Umatilla National Forest area, but forest officials warned hunters to take extra precaution with campfires as the woods are dry and no prospects of rain are indicated for the near future. Warning fires are prohibited in the forest.

Hunting should continue good to the end of the season as the deer are scattered and water and browse are plentiful, game men said. The game count taken last February indicated a trend of about 15 per cent more deer in this area than the previous year.

The hunter's choice' season when hunters may bag a deer of either sex opens from October 17 through October 20.

Ranchers in the Hardman area who are closing their land to hunting during the open season include Claude Buschke, Everett Harshman, Oscar Peterson, Claude White, Bechtolt Brothers, Elmer Palmer, Victor Lovgren, Kenneth Batty, O. E. Wright and Sons, Ray Wright, Walt Wright, Harold Wright, Steers Bros., Lewis Cason, Tom Huston Ethel Adams, Van Schoiack Bros., Jim Hams, Ralph Jackson, Wightman Bros., Orin McDaniell, Esley Walker and Harold Stevens.

Game officials reported that 230 mature Mongolian rooster pheasants will be liberated throughout the county a week previous to the bird season which opens at noon, October 24.

CHAMBER TOURS HEPPNER SCHOOL

Members of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce were guests Monday of the Heppner school for lunch and then made an inspection tour of the buildings.

Nearly 25 members toured the main building and the gymnasium to observe at first hand the condition of the plant and the crowded conditions existing there.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, Stanley Sherrard and Mrs. Rosetta Sherrard all of Arlington.