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2d School Site Election Called

George-Dick, Now-Owned Property to be Voted on by People

Voters of school district No. 1 will be given another opportunity to express their opinion on the site for a new grade school it was decided by the school board on Tuesday night, and the location they selected upon which to ask for the vote will be the George-Dick property in connection with the presently owned corner immediately north of the present school building.

The motion to ask for the election, at a date to be announced later, came after much discussion was held on the site evaluation report recently made by A. L. Beck, school building consultant from the state board of education. The report gave a rating on six possible sites in or near Heppner. The decision to delay the time for the special election was made to allow superintendent H. C. Reed time to obtain cost figures on the various sites covered in the report.

Beck's report gave a detailed breakdown of the good and bad points of the six sites from educational standards and each was rated according to total points. No consideration was given to the cost of acquiring any of the locations nor to the expense of developing them, and it was for this reason that the board agreed to wait until such figures are available for the public to call for the vote.

Hospital Hill First

The site behind the hospital, commonly known as the hospital hill site, was rated first choice in the Beck report with a total of 88 points out of a possible 100. The George-Dick land, upon which the board will ask voter's approval rated third in the report, though the point spread was narrow. Following is the order in which the report rated the locations and their report rating:

- 1st—Hospital hill, 88 points.
- 2nd—Parker property, 86 points.
- 3rd—George-Dick, 80 points.
- 4th—Cox-Anderson, 76 points.
- 5th—Turn-A-Lum Lumber Company and present city park land, 71 points.
- 6th—Peterson property on Hinton creek above the fair grounds, 68 points.

The presently owned property north of the school, upon which it had been originally planned to build the building, was not considered by itself as a site due to its small size, the report indicated, and it was because of this that the board decided to ask for approval of it to be used in connection with the George-Dick land. If this property is to be used as a site for any type of building, it must be approved by the voters for that purpose according to state school laws governing the operation of second class districts. Though the property was purchased several years ago by the board, the voters have never officially approved it.

The Parker property rated in the Beck report is the Frank S. Parker land just outside the city limits below town.

As in past board meetings, considerable time was taken with the discussion of the question of whether it would be more economical to build a new building adjacent to the present school plant, or on a location separated from it, and it was pointed out by several persons that until cost estimates on all sites were available, the public would have no way of knowing which location was best, both from the educational and the cost standpoint. At the end of this discussion the board voted to get the cost figures on four of the sites covered in the report. Those will be the George-Dick, Hospital Hill, Cox-Anderson and the Turn-A-Lum sites. The other two were eliminated from consideration, due to the length of time necessary to get the figures and the facts that they weren't considered seriously by the board as desirable locations.

The George-Dick property on which the people will vote, along with now-owned adjacent property, is land owned by Kemp Dick and W. O. George. It lies immediately north of the present school land but is across Hinton creek from it.

Another action taken during the meeting was to immediately make or buy some temporary school crossing signs to be placed along Gale street near the three churches now being used for school class rooms. Complaints were heard that heavy traffic and speeding cars on that street made it hazardous for the small children attending school at those locations.

Nearly 40 persons, including board members, attended the meeting.

P-TA Slates Echo Woman as Speaker

The regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Parent-Teachers association will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8 p. m. at the school, it was announced today. Mrs. Blaine Isom, Echo, and a former Heppner resident, who is a member of the state P-TA will be the speaker of the evening. Oliver Creswick, program chairman said. Her topic was not announced. Hostesses in charge of refreshments will be Mrs. M. E. Ruhl and Mrs. Darrel Hudson.

Community Chest Goal Lowered, Drive Date Set

Morrow county citizens will be asked for only enough donations to meet the state Community Chest or United Fund needs this year, it was decided Tuesday night at a meeting of the county Chest committee held at the courthouse.

The decision to not ask for any local money was made by the group when it was pointed out that the county Community Chest fund still contained over \$1,000 carried over from last year, and it was felt that it would be unnecessary to have a larger balance. As a consequence, the goal for the county drive, which is scheduled to run from Nov. 23 through 28, will be only \$1,906, only slightly more than half of what was raised in last year's drive.

All county funds still contain ample money to meet anticipated needs for the coming year, officers felt, with the exception of the Irrigon local fund, and it was voted to transfer \$75 from the county emergency fund to Irrigon for use in that community.

New officers who will serve for the coming year are Garland Swanson, president; Dewey West, vice president; Mrs. Faye Ruhl, secretary and Robert Ferrell, treasurer. Local drive chairmen will be picked within the next few days and will be announced next week officers said.

All the usual agencies and organizations will be supplied from the local fund carryover with the exception of the Boy Scouts, who dropped out of the Chest this year and recently completed their own fund-raising campaign.

W. V. Fisher Rites Held Here Monday

Graveside services for William Virgil Fisher, 70, were held Monday, November 9, at the Heppner Masonic cemetery with the L. O. O. F. lodge in charge.

Mr. Fisher, who died November 3, came here about six years ago and had worked as a custodian in the bank building.

He is survived by his wife, Iris Heppner; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Cook, Blue Springs, Mo.; three brothers, Guy and Earl Fisher of Independence and Vern Fisher of Spray; and one niece, Madge F. Huff, Kansas City, Mo.

Phelps Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Training Course For S. S. Teachers Here

A workshop for Sunday school teachers will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the Episcopal Parish house with Miss Hazel Morrison of John Day as instructor. Sunday school teachers from all the churches and others interested are invited to attend.

The instruction will include audio-visual teachers aids, hand crafts and a training film. Miss Morrison is from the Eastern Oregon Diocese headquarters.

In recent letters received from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, who are visiting their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly in Washington D. C., they have been to New York, Boston and other eastern cities.



IFYE DELEGATES Renan Arteaga, Ecuador left and Mikhail Khoury, Syria, get together for a short talk Friday night after the 4-H Achievement party at the Heppner Fair pavilion where they were guests. Arteaga will remain in Morrow county for a few more days before leaving for Mississippi, and Khoury returned to Corvallis the first of the week.

Tuesday Forest Fire Largest of Year

Forest Service men from the Heppner division of the Umatilla National Forest fought their largest forest fire of the season last Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The blaze, which started from an unknown cause, covered nearly 10 acres of slash and virgin timber in the Stahl canyon area of the Blue mountains near Camp 5. Four men from the Heppner office worked the entire day to corral the flames, warden Wayne West reported. Their efforts were handicapped by a strong wind which at times reached 25 miles an hour.

Another fire was reported Tuesday night to be burning on a ridge south east of the junction of Chapin and Rock creeks above Hardman. It was on private land and no information on its extent is available.

Grain Growers Hear Farm Needs; Elect Officers

"Farmers should exert more pressure in making their needs and wishes known to their congressmen," H. D. Rolph, Portland, vice president of the National Farmers Union with headquarters in Denver, said at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers held at the Ione Grange hall Monday.

More organization and writing to congressmen are among the methods farmers could accomplish this end, Rolph added. As a delegate to the International Farmer's Conference in Rome, Italy, last summer, he stated that foreigners are well informed on farm activities in the United States and confused by the divergent farm policies in this country. Since these countries cannot raise all the food they need, they cannot understand production restrictions in the United States.

The annual report was given by Al Lamb, manager of the Grain Growers. Lloyd Howton, president of the board, presided over the all-day session.

The financing of cooperatives and a review of the history of the Morrow County Grain Growers was presented in a talk by E. B. Schultz, Spokane, vice president of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives, at the noon luncheon. The lunch was served by the ladies of the H. E. C. of the Ione Grange to over 100 persons attending the meeting.

An open forum on weight scales was led by Mr. Monroe of Portland in the afternoon.

Lewis Halvorsen, Ione, was elected as a director for a two-year term. Directors re-elected were Alfred Nelson, Jr. and John Graves, Lexington, and Paul Brown, Heppner. Associate directors elected were James Lindsay, Ione; Archie Munkers and Irvin Rauch, Lexington; and Paul Jones and Laurence Beckett, Heppner. Re-elected as associate directors were Elmer Palmer and Kenneth Peck, Lexington. Other Directors for the remaining term are Lloyd Howton, president; John Graves, vice president, and Paul Brown, secretary.

Espionage Expert Speaks at Schools

One of the nation's most famous experts on espionage, Kurt Singer, spoke at the Heppner High school assembly this Thursday morning and will talk at the Ione High School tomorrow.

Singer discussed spies and traitors and 'The Men in the Trojan Horse'. Born of Czech parents, he has lived in eight different countries and is now a naturalized citizen of the United States. A former intelligence officer, Singer knows the intrigues and counter espionage activities in several countries.

A lecturer, writer and foreign correspondent, Singer is now a member of the Speakers Research Committee for the United Nations. He is appearing here through the sponsorship of The National Assemblies of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mattie Green had as her house guest, Mrs. Lola Osborne of Portland, president of Rebekah Assembly, during her recent stay in Heppner.

Assessment Plans Criticized at Tax Conference

Day-Long Program Attracts Good Crowd

Though taxes may not be the most enjoyable subject for discussion, it apparently is a popular one in Morrow county as nearly 125 persons turned out on Tuesday to attend the first county taxpayer's meeting ever held in Morrow county. It was sponsored by the county court and held in the high school auditorium.

Governor Paul Patterson opened the meeting at 10 a. m. by telling how greatly the costs of state government had increased during the past few years. He explained the reason for the great jump in cost by saying that the people have said they want the government to do the things it now does, and that government will continue to do them if the people want to pay for them.

Patterson said that he looks for no great deficit at the end of the current biennium, but warned that by 1955 the current cushion of income tax surplus will be used up which will mean that if state spending continues at its present rate additional money must be found and the only method presently available is to revert to a state property tax.

Following the governor's talk, Sam McMillan, a member of the county equalization board opened the local part of the program with a talk entitled "The Taxpayer's Dilemma," in which he stated that he believed assessed valuations in the county could be raised. He also said he felt that lands should be assessed on a more realistic basis—according to what they will produce.

The part school taxes play in the overall tax pattern was pointed out by Milton Morgan, chairman of the county rural school board and Leslie Grant, county superintendent who explained that they take 56 percent of the total taxes raised within the county. It was also pointed out that if there was no basic school support funds from the state, it would cost local taxpayers about an additional 7 mills tax.

The problems faced by cities was discussed by J. O. Turner, mayor of Heppner and during the afternoon sessions D. W. Davis, Umatilla county assessor told the group that the personal property tax law in Oregon is badly in need of revision. He explained the deficiency in the law by stating that a business man pays his personal property tax on his inventory and holdings as of January 1, and even should he suffer complete loss by fire or other disaster on January 2, he must pay a full year's tax.

Appraisals, evaluation and ratios came in for discussion by two state tax commission engineers, Robert S. Oslund and James B. Manning, who explained the purposes and duties of the state tax commission and how it was trying to equalize valuations in all counties. Oslund stated that the property tax assessment rolls are the weakest spots in the state tax system due to the many varying systems in use in the various counties.

Under the assessment division of the afternoon discussion, Alex Currie, Gilliam county assessor told of the new appraisal system put into effect in that county whereby the people themselves make the appraisals on lands.

County commissioner Ralph Thompson presented a chart illustrating the breakdown of county-collected taxes which showed 58.6 percent going for schools, 35 percent for all county purposes, 4 percent to cities and 2.4 percent for all other county functions such as rodent control, etc.

The difference in percentages in Thompson's chart and those presented earlier during the school session was explained by the commissioner as being due to a few special school building levies which were not included in the figures used by the rural school board.

The county road program and the accomplishments of this department of county government was explained in detail by county judge Garnet Barratt who also presided over the day's program.

Public Invited To Technicolor Movie

The public is invited to attend the technicolor movie "The Window in the Sky" at the Episcopal church parish hall Sunday at 7 p. m. given under the auspices of the Church School and the Y. P. F. Called one of the most beautiful films of the year by the motion picture industry, the film depicts christian work among the Navajo Indians.



GOVERNOR PATTERSON visits with local officials after Monday night's banquet given in his honor at the Heppner American Legion hall. Shown with him are left to right, state representative Allen Tom, county judge Garnet Barratt, the Governor and J. O. Turner, mayor of Heppner.



KIDS WEREN'T FORGOTTEN in the handshaking and talking that took place after the dinner. Here Governor Patterson is talking with Billy Monahan, left and Eddie Groshens (back to camera) while former state representative Henry Peterson, Ione, listens in on the conversation. The Governor spoke at a special assembly at the Heppner school the following morning. (GT Photos)

Individual's Part in Government Stressed in Governor's Monday Talk

"Americanism" was the theme of an address given by Governor Paul L. Patterson Monday night at a special meet-the-governor dinner held at the Heppner American Legion hall. Nearly 175 persons from all sections of the county attended the banquet.

Emphasizing the part each person must play in government, Gov. Patterson said, "If we wait for others, . . . and let the state do things for us, aren't we subscribing to the other philosophy," in referring to the meaning of democracy and how it works. He said that the basis of this country is that all men are created equal, which in effect, means that each one must do his part in government. Patterson used the statement in explaining that within the short period of 60 days he was moved from the life of a private citizen, into the office of governor of Oregon and within that short time sat on a platform in Washington D. C. with men who were trying to find the answer to some of the nation's top problems.

WSC Stock Judging Team Rates High at San Francisco Show

The Washington State College livestock judging team, and Ronald Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Markham Baker, Ione, a member of the team, placed well up in judging competition recently at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The group placed third in team judging, and Baker won second position in the individual judging.

The San Francisco show was held during the week of Oct. 30 and for a few days prior to that the team had spent several days at the Baker ranch practicing their work on Morrow county cattle.

Rummage Sale Nets \$300 to Kindergarten

Over \$300 was netted at the Rummage Sale held last week by the Jay Cee-ettes. Proceeds of this sale as for the past six sales, will be used to buy equipment and supplies for the Kindergarten.

Jay ce-ettes report that donations of clothing and other articles, which far exceeded that of any previous sale, explain its financial success.

Unsold high quality clothing is being stored for the next sale, which will be next April or May. The remainder of the clothing was boxed for the Women's Society of the Christian church to use in their missionary work.

4-H CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE PINS AT HEPPNER AND IRRIGON PARTIES

Fifty-seven local leaders presented pins and cards to club members completing their 1953 projects at Achievement Parties held Friday and Saturday evenings at Heppner and Irrigon.

Sixty-eight first year, sixty-six second year, twenty-eight third year, thirty-five fourth year, seventeen, fifth year, eight sixth year, seven seventh year, five eighth year, and two ninth year club members were recognized for their achievements.

Attending to see these club members be recognized for a successful club year were 220 persons at Heppner, and 160 at the Irrigon Achievement Party. Twenty-three first year leaders, 15 second year leaders, six third year leaders, five fourth year leaders, two fifth year, three sixth year, one seventh year, one eighth year, and two ninth year leaders were recognized. Ruth McCabe with nine years of club

work behind her will be presented with the gold leadership pin upon completion of her tenth year as leader in 1954.

Presentation of special awards and introduction of guests who were made up of friends of 4-H contributing to the 4-H club program during the past year were presented. Recreation followed both parties.

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