

# T-A-L SCHOOL SITE GETS VOTER APPROVAL

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"TOURNAMENTITUS" TAKES OVER—

# Heppner, Ione Start State Basketball Play Today

## Slim Margin of 9 Votes Gives OK to Tum-A-Lum

Voters of Heppner school district No. 1 last Thursday gave their approval by a slim margin of nine votes to the Tum-A-Lum site for the location of a new elementary school. The vote was 195 to 186 and the outcome was uncertain until the last two dozen or so votes were counted, so close was the divided opinion of the 381 voters.

Estimated costs of the property, which includes the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company land, the present city park and small portions of lots owned by E. L. Bisbee, A. J. Chaffee and Gene Noble, is slightly under \$10,000 and contains approximately 4.7 acres. The land fronts on Heppner's Main street and is bisected by Willow creek. It adjoins the present school property on the west. Tentative plans call for a slight relocation of the creek channel to give more playground space on the new plot.

At the regular monthly school board meeting Tuesday evening, board members canvassed the vote and then ordered the board's attorney to start negotiations of building plans so an estimate of the total cost of the project can be obtained. As soon as the estimates are completed, the board will call for a special bond election to provide funds for the project.

### First Site Voted Down

The Thursday election, which settled the site problem, was the second special election held in the district within the past year. Last summer the board asked for approval of the Cason property in northwest Heppner as a school location, but it was voted down by more than a two-to-one majority. Six other sites had received much study by the board during the past year, and a compilation of preparation and purchase costs prompted the board to choose the Tum-A-Lum location as the most feasible. The land could not be purchased without the approval of the people.

Voter approval of the site gives the board an OK on the first of a series of steps necessary to start construction of a new building to relieve badly overcrowded conditions in the Heppner school system. During the first part of the school year, three first grade classes have been housed in the Heppner churches, and at the present time one still is being taught in the Episcopal parish house. The other two grades were moved into temporary quarters, a newly constructed band room wing on the gymnasium, which the state board of education has indicated can be used only this year.

The new building will be part of an overall plan to bring the Heppner school up to standard, so that it can continue to receive the more than \$16,000 annual state school support money. The school has been rated as conditionally standard, which in effect means that unless a move is taken to improve the buildings, and other requirements, within a reasonable length of time, the state aid money could be withheld.

The board indicated Tuesday night, that as soon as the architects' estimates are ready, which will probably take from one to two months, it will immediately call for the special bond election.

## Final U. N. Contest To Be Wednesday

The final contest for Heppner high school students for the I. O. O. F. United Nations Pilgrimage tour will be held Wednesday evening March 17 at 7:30 at the I. O. O. F. hall, it was announced today.

The public is invited to hear the four to six students who are competing for the award.

The winning student will then compete March 26 at Echo in the district meet against students from other Morrow and Umatilla county schools. The winner there will be awarded the trip.

## William V. Crawford Taken by Death, Services Tuesday

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Heppner Christian church for William Crawford, 53, who died suddenly March 4 at San Francisco. He was a former Heppner resident but left here about 28 years ago immediately after his graduation from high school. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford, former owners of the Heppner Gazette Times.

Mr. Crawford was born in Heppner March 19, 1900 and received his early education here. He had lived in San Francisco for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, two daughters, Mrs. Richard Ziesler, and Mrs. Richard Horton, both of Santa Barbara; one brother, Arthur, San Francisco; five sisters, Mrs. LeRoy Jones, The Dalles, Mrs. Everett Hayes, Joseph; Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mrs. Leonard Schwarz and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, all of Heppner and one granddaughter.

Services were conducted by Rev. Earl L. Soward and burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Active pallbearers were Frank Turner, Sam Turner, Wilbur Blake, Bill Barratt, Loyal Parker all of Heppner, and Creston Maddock, Portland. Phelps Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Here for the rites were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Gearhart; Mrs. Hayes, Joseph; and his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Ziesler.

## New Hearing Called For Formation of Rural Fire District

A public hearing has been set for Wednesday, April 14 at the courthouse for the formation of an Ione-Lexington rural fire protection district, it was announced this week.

The new hearing and possible formation order was called last fall when it was found that the former Ione rural fire district had been illegally formed and the court ordered the district's funds held up. The difficulty arose from the fact that when the first district was formed it included the incorporated town of Ione, which is contrary to law. The boundary of the new district excludes both Lexington and Ione.

If the district is ordered formed, an election will be held to elect directors of the district who can levy up to a 4 mill tax to provide fire protection for residents of the area.

## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE POSTPONED ONE WEEK

The annual St. Patrick's Altar Society dance which was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 13, at the Heppner fair pavilion has been postponed until March 20, officers said this week.

The change was made because of the local interest in the state basketball tournament this weekend at Salem.

## Federal Money Allocated For Hardman-J D Road

WASHINGTON—A five million dollar increase in national forest highway funds, won by Sam Coon on the floor of Congress last week, is expected to bring nearly \$700,000 additional money to Oregon for forest highways next year. The total allocation to Oregon will be slightly over \$2,000,000.

By voice vote last week the House passed an amendment proposed by Congressman Coon to increase Department of Commerce funds for forest highways from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1955.

Forest highways in Morrow, Grant and Umatilla counties include sections of the roads from Hardman to Spray, from Pendleton to John Day, from Ukiah to La Grande, and from Tollgate to Elgin. The Columbia River highway and the Hood Loop were also financed in part by forest highway money.

Passage of the Coon Amendment climaxed an effort by western congressmen to restore a reduction from last year's forest highway appropriation, made by the Department of Commerce. Congressman Coon said he was optimistic about the Senate accepting the House-passed figure.

In defending his amendment on the floor, Congressman Coon stated that the \$10,000,000 figure by allowing only a little money for new construction, would in effect stop the forest highway program. "Good forest highways," he said, "make possible more timber production at lower cost, will mean greater economic stability for the communities of the west, higher employment, and more prosperity."

## Lions Charter Night Plans Set

Plans are nearly complete for the charter night banquet and program of the new Heppner Lions club to be held Saturday evening, March 20 at the Legion hall, C. J. D. Bauman, chairman for the event told club members Tuesday night at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the new organization.

According to advance information, large delegations of Lions are expected from Pendleton and Umatilla clubs, and others are expected from La Grande, Hood River and other nearby communities. The program will be under the direction of the Pendleton club, sponsors of the new Heppner club.

The group also voted Tuesday night to change the meeting dates from Tuesday to the first and third Thursdays of each month. They meet at O'Donnell's.



TRIP TO SALEM is assured members of the Heppner high school band by this check for \$550 that is being presented to band director James Wilson by Leslie E. Grant. The money was raised from residents of Heppner by members of the chamber of commerce committee shown in the picture. They are Frank Turner, La Verne Van Marter, Jack Loyd and Jeff Carter. More than 28 individuals and business helped send the musical organization to the state basketball tournament where the Heppner team is competing. The Ione Cardinals are also playing at Salem and Ione residents and business also raised a similar fund to send its high school band to the tourney. (GT Photo)

## Clerk's Office Declared Vacant; Filings Due Soon

The office of Morrow county clerk was declared vacant at 1 p. m. Wednesday following the signing of a bond cancellation for Charles W. Barlow, former clerk, by county judge Garnet Barratt Wednesday morning. The cancellation of the bond, according to law, automatically vacates the office, and makes it possible for persons seeking the office to file for the position before the filing deadline, 5 p. m. Friday, March 12.

The court expressed regret at having to declare the office vacant, but the physical condition of Barlow, and the requirements of the law governing operation of the clerk's office made the move imperative. Barlow was injured last fall and shortly afterward suffered an illness that left him almost completely paralyzed and incapable of carrying on the duties of the office, or even signing his name to official papers that would make it possible for him to resign the position.

The county court has been faced with the problem of keeping the office open, and since Barlow's accident, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, the only bonded office deputy, has carried the entire load of the office. This has been necessary because only the elected clerk has the power to appoint a deputy, and Barlow's physical condition has made it impossible for him to write or to speak. The court is required by law to keep the office open, yet it has no power to appoint a deputy or a new clerk unless the office is declared vacant. Should Mrs. Parrish become ill, no business could be handled through the office, the court pointed out.

The court said that in its request to the bonding company, it explained that Barlow was unable to carry on his duties because of his physical disability only, and not because of negligence or any similar reason.

## Assessor To Obtain Valuation Figures On Trailer Houses

The county assessor's office announced this week that all persons owning trailer houses located in the county will be contacted within the next two weeks by a deputy for the purpose of obtaining the tax valuation figures on such trailers. The filing can be made by the owners at the assessor's office if they desire, it was pointed out.

In most cases trailer houses are classified as personal property and a reduction of from 15 to 30 percent of the cost is allowed for furniture which is not taxable. Owners must have size, make and model number of the trailers available for filing.

Owners will be allowed 30 days after the deputy calls in which to file and a normal depreciation will be allowed on the property, it was said.

## Many Desert Land Claims Filed on N. Morrow Property

The Bureau of Land Management revealed in a letter to the county court this week that during the past year there have been 33 desert entry claims and two homestead claims filed on government owned lands east of the Boardman bombing range in north Morrow county. Only 4 of the claims have been processed to date, it was said.

Each of the desert claims comprise 320 acres and the homestead claims are for 640 acres. Nearly all of the land adjoins the bombing field on the east side and are under the direction of the BLM.

## Heppner, Harrisburg In First Game; Ione, Mill City Play Tonight

Politics, the weather, farm prices, and in fact, practically everything else, ran a poor second to basketball for general conversation this week in this section of Morrow county as both Heppner and Ione high school basketball squads are now in Salem competing for top honors among the state's B hoop teams.

Ione defeated Mt. Vernon at Ione last Friday night 57 to 39 to win the district 7B spot, and Heppner won Saturday night's game from St. Marys of The Dalles, 46 to 37 to give them the right to represent district 6B at the state tournament at Salem.

### Heppner Plays First

As the Gazette Times goes to press, Heppner is playing in the first game of the state meet, today at 2:30. They drew Harrisburg as their first opponent. Ione will play tonight (Thursday) at 8:45 and drew Mill City as their opening opponent.

There has been much speculation around the county about the fact that if both teams can continue their winning ways, they could wind up in the finals on Saturday night playing each other for the top spot in state B basketball. Should that happen, the game could well be dubbed "the battle of Morrow county."

The other four teams in the state meet are Powers, Knappa, Elgin, and Talent. The only repeaters from last year at the tournament are Heppner, Knappa, whom Heppner beat for the consolation spot last year, and Elgin.

### Teams Leave Wednesday

Both the Heppner and Ione teams and their coaches left Wednesday morning for Salem where each team will have an opportunity to practice on the Salem floor. Both schools are taking their bands and indications were that both teams will be well represented by student-body members, parents and ardent supporters. Ione has taken reservations for 85 persons for the games and has reserved an entire large Salem motel to house supporters of their team. Just how many persons were planning to attend the tournament from Heppner was unknown, though at least 100 have indicated they will go. Both the Ione and Heppner bands left early Thursday morning, their trip being made possible through volunteer transportation and donations from residents of the two towns.

Superintendent Chester Ward said Wednesday that the Ione high school would not even attempt to hold classes Thursday and Friday, but that the grade school would continue as usual. The Heppner high school will not be dismissed, but many students, who received parents permission, will be excused to make the trip.

As far as is known none of the games will be broadcast but Frank Andresen, owner of Andresen's Sporting Goods in Heppner has made arrangements to have the scores of the games called to him as soon as they are over. Information on the games can not be obtained from the Gazette Times this weekend as the publishers plan to be in Salem for some of the games and the office will be closed.

The council also received information from one company on the cost of a water filter plant for the city swimming pool. The cost of the equipment was said to be about \$7,000, but other offers are expected shortly. If money can be found to install the equipment it will provide much more pleasant swimming since the same water will be used over and the temperature will be much warmer than the regular city water. The need for a filtering plant or a heating system became apparent last year when the new city water was brought into use. The water from this well is about 10 degrees colder than that from the other wells and swimmers last summer made many complaints about it.

No action was taken but the council will investigate the problem further.

## 4-H Awards Given at Chamber Meeting

Seven girls, all top 4-H club winners at the Morrow county fair and the state fair, were presented with awards by Mrs. Maud Casswell, county extension agent, at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting.

The girls, Sally Palmer, Patsy Wright, Jean Marie Graham, Sharon Hill, Shirley Peck and Diane Grant received checks in varying amounts for their winnings. Two other girls, Judy Thompson and Janice Martin, also had awards coming but were unable to be present to receive them.

The awards were given for canning, judging, sewing, clothing, food demonstration and breadmaking. The scope of 4-H activities in the county, and the nation, was explained briefly on the eve of national 4-H week March 6 to 14. There are 204 members, and 38 leaders in the county, who last year held more than 380 meetings. There are over two million 4-H club members in the United States.

The opening of the part-time office in Heppner will inaugurate the start of regular bi-weekly visits of the commission representative which has been done to facilitate the filing of claims by residents here. In the past it has been necessary to go to Pendleton to file for unemployment.

The agent plans to be in Heppner every other Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Jordan returned Monday from spending the weekend in La Grande.

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## March Brings All Kinds of Weather

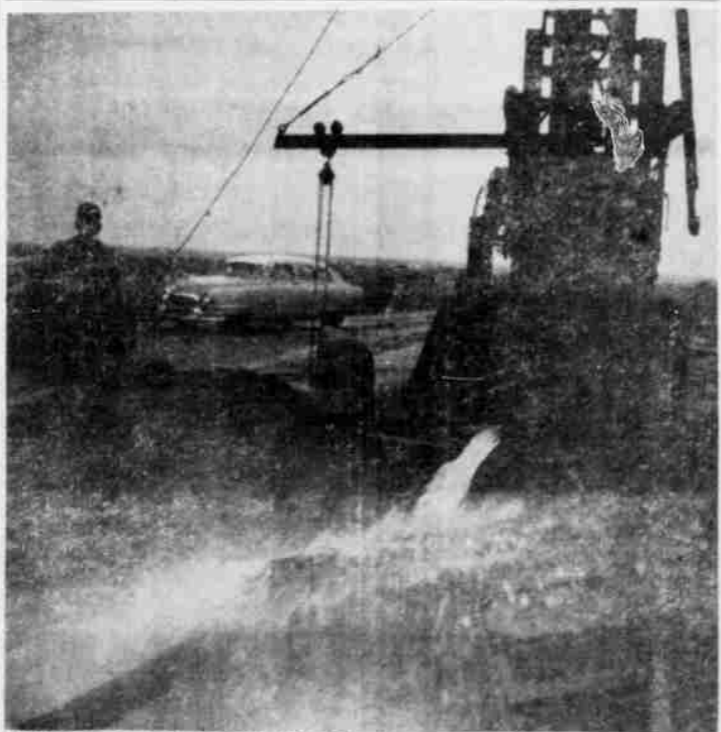
Nearly everyone in Morrow county knew it was March this week—the weather more than lived up to what it is normally expected the month will produce. Blustery warm winds covered most of the area with dust Sunday and Monday, then they turned cold Tuesday afternoon, and shortly after dark snow began to fall in Heppner. Wednesday saw a wide variety too, with wind, rain, hail and snow coming in relays. Enough snow fell to whiten the ground to a depth of nearly a half inch Wednesday afternoon, but it soon melted.

The usual fog and rain was reported from the lower Columbia gorge area.

## Former Heppner Man Dies in Portland

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Davy Sunnyside Funeral Home in Portland for Henry S. Taylor who died at Portland March 8. He was a former resident of Heppner, having worked for several years on the county road department. He left here over five years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Marian E.; one son Lester; two daughters, Mrs. Linda Morrison and Mrs. Ireta Baxter; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial park.



MORE WATER FOR DRY FIELDS—Shown here during test pumping is a new well which was recently brought in on the V. R. Fulton ranch west of Ordanance in northern Morrow county. It was pumped tested for 17 hours at 820 gallons per minute with no draw-down. Water will be used to irrigate a desert claim. Well was drilled by A. M. Edwards of Lexington.