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## Start of Rhea Creek Road Oiling Set For Summer

The surfacing of nine miles of the Rhea Creek road appeared nearer a reality this week following a meeting Tuesday of the county court and engineers from the state highway department. The project will be financed jointly by county, state and federal funds.

The meeting Tuesday tentatively settled the question of how heavy the roadway shall be built, and though the state highway department still must approve the agreement, it is hoped that actual work can be started early in the summer. The state will set up the specifications and call for bids on the job, though when it is completed it will be the county's responsibility to maintain it.

The court announced that there is now available for the work a total of \$77,364 which has accumulated over two years from three funds. Of the total, \$46,418 will come from federal funds, the state will furnish \$15,472 and the county \$15,474.

The stretch to be surfaced extends from Jordan nine miles up the canyon to the junction with the Clark's canyon road. The roadbed will be constructed to a minimum of 26 feet in width with an 18 foot paved strip. This will leave only 10 miles of the road from Jordan to Ruggs without surfacing, the court indicated.

If surveys and specifications can be completed in time, it is hoped that the highway commission can call for bids on the job either in May or June. Judge Garnet Barratt said Wednesday.

## Legion to Celebrate Anniversary With Banquet and Dance

The Heppner American Legion Post No. 87 will celebrate its 35th birthday this Saturday night at the Legion hall with a banquet and a dance, post officers announced today.

It is planned to honor the past commanders of the post as well as all the charter members, and Carl Mosier, Portland, vice commander, Department of Oregon will be the guest speaker.

A social hour will open the event at 6 p. m. followed by the banquet at 7 o'clock. Dancing will start at 10 o'clock to the music of Duke Warner's orchestra.

## Ione Hoop Squad Credited for Dress

Bob Swan, author of The Oregonian's sport column, Prep Patter, last Sunday complimented the Ione high school basketball team for their personal appearance at the recent tournament at Salem.

Swan said, "Teams at the A tournament still have to go some before out-clasping the natty appearance Ione presented a week ago in the B tourney in Salem. The Ione club was really snappy in street attire of bright red letterman sweaters, white shirts, bow ties and finely pressed slacks."

## Merchants Urged to Use Night Lights

Chamber of commerce members were asked Monday by Phil Blakney, chairman of the merchants committee, to cooperate with a police request that night lights be left on in Heppner stores to aid them in checking against break-ins and robberies.

Blakney pointed out that it costs very little more to leave a fairly large bulb burning and that it offered a greater measure of protection as police could see inside the buildings much better. Blakney also provided the program at the meeting, showing a sound film on the development and manufacture of antibiotic drugs.

## Local Funeral Home To Have New Name

Oliver Creswick this week announced a change of name for the Phelps Funeral Home in Heppner. In the future it will be known as Creswick and Seuell Mortuary.

Creswick said there will be no change in the ownership or operation and stated that Marion Seuell, a partner in the company, will not take an active part in its management. Creswick has operated the mortuary for the past five years.

## Funeral Services Held Here Monday For Anna M. Bayless

Funeral services were held Monday, March 22 for Mrs. Anna M. Bayless, 77, who passed away March 19 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She had been a resident of Heppner for the past 20 years and had lived most of her life in Morrow, Gilliam and Grant counties.

Mrs. Bayless was born Oct. 28, 1875 at Harrisburg, Oregon, and lived near Arlington for many years. She was married to L. C. Swick and lived near Monument for many years. They had two sons, Howard and Dewey, both of whom preceded her in death as did her husband. She was married to W. O. Bayless about 20 years ago and he passed away five years after their marriage. She had nine brothers and sisters, all but one of whom are now dead.

Surviving her is one brother Lawrence Cochran of Heppner and a grandson, Robert Swick, also of Heppner.

Services were held at All Saints Episcopal church with Rev. John R. Reeves officiating. Committal services at Heppner Masonic cemetery were conducted by Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S. Phelps Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Tolleson Named New President of Hunters, Anglers

New officers elected at the meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club Tuesday night at the court house were Floyd Tolleson, president; Carl McDaniel, vice president; and Len Gilliam, secretary-treasurer. Dr. L. D. Tibbles is outgoing president.

During the business meeting it was decided by the group to re-affiliate with the Wildlife Federation.

Plans were made to hold a porcupine contest separate from the raven, crow and magpie contest, and P. W. Mahoney offered to donate the prizes for this contest.

A committee was appointed by president Tolleson to set up the rules and regulations for the raven, crow and magpie contest to commence in the near future. This committee consisted of William Labhart, chairman to be assisted by Ralph Taylor and Ervin Anderson.

Continuation of the fishing area along the Stephen Thompson Willow Creek area for children under 14 years of age was also passed by the group.

The club decided to hold a meeting every thirty days, the next meeting to be devoted to discussion of the doe season conflict prevalent in Morrow county. State Game Commission agent, Glen Ward presented statistics on the deer herd in Morrow county and also gave the tentative releases of pheasant and chukker partridges for the ensuing year.

Two State Game Commission films were shown to the seventy-five members present.

Guests at the meeting were Fred Larmie, aquatic biologist of the State Game Commission in John Day; Milt Guyman, State Game Commission information representative of the Portland office; and Charles Nothwang, state police game officer of John Day.

## FLAMES DO ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO BARN

Fire Monday morning caused a small amount of damage to a barn owned by Mrs. A. L. Casebeer, north Heppner. It apparently started from overheated heat lamp that was being used to warm a chicken brooder. There were even no casualties among the chickens which just moved out when things got too hot for them.

The blaze was discovered by a passerby who saw smoke coming from the building.

## EOCE BAND TREATED TO TURKEY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck entertained the 37 members of the Eastern Oregon College of Education band at a turkey dinner Wednesday noon at their home on Rhea creek. Their daughter is a member of the group.

The band is touring this section of the state, having given concerts at Arlington Tuesday night, Ione Wednesday morning and at Heppner that afternoon.

Glen Ward and William Labhart attended the Rod and Gun club meeting in Kinzua Friday night.



RONALD CURRIN, named Heppner high school valedictorian.



ADELIA ANDERSON, who has been named Salutatorian.

## Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named For Heppner High

Heppner high school this week named its two top senior students and announced that Ronald Currin has been chosen valedictorian and Adelia Anderson, salutatorian. The two have attained the highest scholastic averages during their four years of high school.

Currin, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Currin of Butter Creek, has been very active in school affairs. He is now president of the student body, has been president of the FFA and the parliamentary procedure club and of several of his classes, a member of the letterman's club, boys sports editor of the high school paper and has received a chapter degree in FFA. He was last week named FFA state farmer.

Adelia Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson of Heppner and her school activities have included being vice president, secretary and

treasurer of various classes, secretary and treasurer of the chorus, copy editor of the school paper, member of the annual staff, and manager of the girls volleyball team. She also won an award for being the best short-hand student in the school. She too, has consistently been on the honor roll during her four years of high school.

The awards to the two students will be announced and presented to them at graduation time, and in addition to the local awards, Currin as valedictorian becomes automatically eligible for several scholarships to state schools. As a rule the salutatorian is also given similar scholarship opportunities.

## County Bond Sales Show Big Increase Over Last Year

Savings bonds sales records in Oregon topped again as men and women throughout the state continued to support their government's sound money program by purchasing 30 per cent more series E and H savings bonds this February than for the same month a year ago.

Sales of series H bonds were more than double those of February a year ago, indicating that more and more people are beginning to realize the attractiveness of this investment.

This increase of 30 per cent compares with a national sales increase of 16 per cent over February of 1953, according to Jeff Carter, county chairman.

"Total purchases made during the month in the state came to \$3,100,936," Carter said. "Sales for January and February of this year were \$5,699,880, exceeding purchases for these two months last year by \$1,687,500."

"February sales for Morrow county amounted to \$16,592," Carter added. This brings sales for the first two months of the year to \$40,117, which is nearly double that for the same period last year.

## Property Tax Filing Deadline Friday

The assessor's office announced today that all personal property tax filings must be in the office by March 26 to escape a penalty charge of 5 percent. The deadline was extended from March 2 to allow more time, but Mrs. Joseph Hughes, assessor, said that there are still many taxpayers in the county who have not yet filed.

She also announced that the deadline for filing of soldier's exemptions is April 30 and urged anyone wishing to take advantage of it to get their application in before that time.

## U of O Students Here On Search for Native State Songs

Mr. and Mrs. Don Heliker of Ione had as their guests Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Lee McGary, Oswego, and Miss Agnes Weik, a German exchange student from Bemerode, Hanover, Germany. Both are students at the University of Oregon.

Miss McGary is in this area collecting words and music of songs sung by native Oregonians for a book to be published by Dr. E. A. Cuper of the U of O music school. Miss Weik, who is taking a special course in history, accompanied her on the trip to see this section of Oregon.

Miss Weik will return to her home in July and Miss McGary will accompany her for a year's stay in Germany.

## Farmers Warned by PMA Against Early Wheat Shipment

Miss Cecelia Carty, office manager of the Morrow county PMA today warned farmers against any movement of stored wheat which is under CCC loan until delivery instructions are given out through the local office.

Miss Carty said that the PMA recently sent requests to many farmers inquiring about early shipment of stored grain, and apparently some have misunderstood the instructions, thinking that it could be shipped at any time.

She said that each farmer will be notified by the PMA office when their grain can be shipped. Much of the county's crop that is now stored in local elevators will be shipped to Astoria and other points for storage in surplus ships to allow storage locally for the coming crop.

## Lions Club Gets Charter Saturday

Well over 100 persons attended the charter night banquet of the newly formed Heppner Lions club last Saturday night at the Legion hall and watched as Lions district governor, Cy Perkins of Hood River presented Lowell Gribble, local president with the club's charter.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Bob Vogel of Pendleton, a member of the sponsoring club. Several neighboring clubs presented the Heppner president with gifts; Pendleton giving a set of flags, Umatilla a gold lion, and The Dalles, Madras, Hood River and Redmond clubs presented the new club with gavel and bell. The La Grande club will have the charter framed for the new club.

Many visitors from the other clubs were present for the banquet, 18 coming from Pendleton, 14 from Umatilla, six from La Grande and three from Hood River. The Heppner club meets the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 p. m. at O'Donnell's cafe and during the two months since its beginning has gained 37 active members.

## Cattle Volume Continues High

HEERMISTON—Fred Rauch, Lexington topped the market at the Heppner livestock auction Friday with a 310 lb. whiteface calf selling for \$25.30 cwt., Delbert Anson, manager of the sale reports.

Volume of cattle consigned was up somewhat, 417 head compared with 391 the previous Friday. Also consigned were 115 hogs compared with 67 and 2 horses.

Cattle prices were generally steady, except for lower grade heifer calves of poorer quality, and finish, bringing 35c to \$1.10 cwt. less for a top of \$19.60 cwt. Hogs were fully steady, fat hogs up 6c to a top of \$28.50, and feeder pigs increased sharply, rising \$6.10 to a top of \$36.50. Sheep were insufficient to establish a true picture. Demand throughout was broad and brisk. Oregon and Washington feeder and stocker buyers were active, potato feeders continuing to seek 750 to 900 pound long yearling feeder steers. Packers were also well represented, including one new Salem packer.

Smith and son, Walla Walla, consigned 21 head of registered Angus heifers, two two-year-olds of which brought a top of \$350 per head.

Calves: Baby calves 7.50-19.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 17.75-21.00 cwt.; heifer calves 16.20-17.80; veal 22.10-25.30. Steers: Stocker steers 16.20-17.75; feeder steers 17.75-19.40; fat slaughter steers 19.75-21.00; fat heifers 17.75-19.60.

Cows: Dairy cows 102.50-147.50 hd.; Dairy heifers 31.00-55.00 hd.; stock cows 112.50-127.50 hd.; with calves at side to 147.50 pair. Slaughter cows: Commercial 14.10-15.85 cwt.; few light cows to 16.90; utility 12.25-14.50; canner-cutter 9.50-11.20; few heavy Holsteins to 12.50; shells 6.25-7.00. Bulls: 13.25-15.90.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 13.25-18.00 hd.; feeder pigs 28.25-36.50 cwt.; fat hogs 27.60-28.50; sows 21.50-24.10; no boars.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 13.50-16.10 cwt.; No fat lambs; ewes 2.50-7.10 cwt.; no bucks.

## Hearing Set on Plan To Withdraw Lands For Game Range

The regional administrator of region I of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior, has announced that an open public hearing will be held at the Vert Memorial building in Pendleton starting at 9 a. m. on April 22 relating to the withdrawal of 3,085.29 acres of public lands in Grant, Morrow and Umatilla counties in connection with the north fork of the John Day river big game winter range.

The hearing will be open to all interested persons who desire to submit their views for and against the withdrawal.

## Heppner Band and Chorus to Give Concert Tonight

This year's annual spring concert to be presented by the Heppner high school band tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. will include numbers by the chorus as well as the band group, director James Wilson announced today. Many of the numbers to be presented will also be performed at the La Grande music festival in April.

Tonight's program will include: Invercargill march; Comedian's Gallop; Two Admirals, overture; Copa Cabana; National Emblem march; Belle of the Ball, waltz; Memories of Stephen Foster by the brass sextet; Night Bear, Stars and Stripes Forever, march, all by the band.

Bells of the Sea; By the Bend of the River; Swanee; by the high school chorus. The brass sextet which includes David Cox, Judy Barger, Bob Grabbil, Wayne Soward, Alice Peterson and Jerry Hagwood is one of the many small ensembles which will appear at the La Grande festival, Wilson said.

Proceeds from this concert will be used to finance the trip to La Grande and any remaining money will be put into the new uniform fund recently established by the chamber of commerce.

The band recently enjoyed a trip to Salem, sponsored by the Heppner chamber of commerce, and Wilson said that many persons agreed that the musical group was one of the finest at the tournament. One of the most enjoyable activities of the trip was a guided tour through the state capitol. Some of the students had their first taste of hotel living and others had their first fill at a smorgasbord.

The generosity of the community in making the Salem trip possible is greatly appreciated by the band members, Wilson said, in extending thanks for them.

## Mrs. Parrish Named Acting County Clerk

The county court Tuesday appointed Mrs. Fred Parrish, former deputy county clerk, as acting clerk to serve until the end of this year. The office had been declared vacant by the court last week due to the illness of the former clerk, Charles W. Barlow, and his inability to continue in the office.

Mrs. Parrish will serve only until a new clerk can be elected at the general election this fall. She is not seeking the position permanently, but two local men, Bruce Lindsay and Harold Becket have filed for the job.

## RON CURRIN NAMED STATE FARMER AT FUTURE FARMER CONVENTION

Ronald Currin, Heppner high school senior, who was this week named class valedictorian, last week added another honor to his collection when he was named to receive the State Farmer degree at the state Future Farmers of America convention at Corvallis. He operates grain, beef and sheep projects on his father's, George Currin, ranch on Butter creek.

He started with one grade ewe for a 4-H project in 1947 and has since carried 4-H and FFA projects all through high school. He now has 10 head of beef, including seven registered Hereford cows; 14 head of sheep including five registered Hampshire ewes and one buck, and he tills 15 acres of barley.

4-H Livestock Judge Ron has been active in his high school FFA chapter and has been on the chapters livestock judging team for four years. He was also high in the 4-H livestock judging at the PI in 1952 and was a member of the winning 4-H livestock

## Completion of Power Line Hoped By Next Sunday

Edgar Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Coop said Wednesday that the company hopes to complete the rebuilding of its main feeder transmission line from Ione to Hermiston by this weekend. The line is being strengthened to eliminate future breaks caused by line failure.

The Mat O. Wilson Construction company of Portland has had a crew of about 10 men working on the line at nights for the past two weeks and Collison said that unless unfavorable weather delays them, they hope to complete the work by this Sunday night.

The line has to be worked "cold" which means that power must be cut off during the night and the Pacific Power & Light company has been feeding the area during that time from its Fossil substation. The line has been cut out between the hours of 10 p. m. and 5 a. m. and though there has been no outage on the PPL lines, necessary switching on the REA circuits has necessitated about a 30 minute outage to all its customers at these two times. Collison at the same time extended his thanks to his subscribers for their patience and cooperation during the outages.

He also said that the workmen have found many places on the more than 30 miles of line where the cable was in very poor condition and had it not been repaired at this time, there would have undoubtedly been long outages in the future. The reason for the trouble has never been ascertained, but the rebuilding is designed to eliminate any future trouble.

## Local UN Winner To Compete Friday

Lance Tibbles, the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles, last week won the local contest, and the right to compete in the district for the chance to win the I. O. O. F. sponsored United Nations Primrose of Youth trip to New York this summer. He will compete against other local winners at the district meet March 26 at Echo.

Miss Jean Marie Graham placed second in the local competition and Miss Judy Thompson third. Judges in the Heppner elimination were Mrs. W. O. George, Bradley Fancher and J. O. Turner. Heppner has had two previous winners for the educational trip, Jack Sumner getting the award in 1952 and Sally Palmer last year.

The Echo contest will be held at 7:30 at the high school gym and it will be open to the public.

## Slides To Be Shown In Ione Saturday

R. A. Horton of Astoria, father of Mrs. Fredrick Martin, will show slides of particular interest to gardeners and garden club members and slides of general interest, at the Community church in Ione Saturday evening, March 27 at 8:30 p. m.

This is sponsored by the Ione Garden club and the public is invited.

Mrs. Luola Bengtson, Brenda, Brent and Hilda spent the weekend in Portland.