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\$325,000 School Bond Vote Asked

Resurfacing of Many City Streets Set For Summer

Plans for resurfacing and sealing about 28 blocks of Heppner streets during the summer were tentatively approved by the city council Monday night and it was also announced that residents on two streets are considering the formation of an improvement district to construct curbs and pave another several blocks.

The bulk of the resurfacing and sealing will be done on streets that were not improved last year under a similar program, or ones that have broken down badly due to sinking because of sewer installation. The 28 blocks include streets in nearly every section of town, and include parts of Riverside, K. D. Elder, Alken, August, Court, Chase, Gale, Water, Hospital hill and cemetery hill streets.

Council members were told that residents of Gale street are discussing the preparation of petitions requesting curbs and curb-pavement on most the length of Gale street. It was also understood that residents of one or two cross streets leading into Gale were interested in such a program.

No action was taken by the council, as none of the petitions had yet been presented asking that the work be done. Where such work is requested, the cost is assessed against the property owners.

In a move designed to save the city considerable interest money, it was voted to use \$15,000 in surplus water department funds to buy up an equivalent amount of water bonds which are callable on July 1. The next year's budget calls for redemption of \$5,000 of the bonds, but with the additional purchase, only 20,000 of the bonds which were issued in the 1940s will remain outstanding.

Sinking Fund Set
In another bond redemption plan, the council voted to put \$50,000 into a sinking fund to be used to redeem sewer bonds that are redeemable in 1962, the first call date. The \$50,000 is money that was voted for the construction of the sewer system but was not used. It can only be used for that purpose so the council established the sinking fund which will bring interest during the 8 year period.

Awning Ordinance Passed
An ordinance governing the installation of awnings on any building in the city was passed by the group. It calls for any awning to be placed not less than seven feet above the sidewalk at the lowest point, and provides for a fine of not more than \$50 for non-compliance. A former ordinance requires that a permit be obtained before any awning or similar installation be made, but the previous regulation did not govern the minimum sidewalk clearance.

The council also announced that it planned to call for bids on filter equipment for the swimming pool as soon as necessary specification and information could be obtained. The budget for the next year provides \$6,000 for such equipment which is about half of the estimated cost. The council hopes to be able to purchase the filter system immediately and pay for it over a two-year period.

If the bid can be obtained, it is planned to install the filter as soon as possible so that swimmers can enjoy much warmer water than would otherwise be necessary. While no heating system is planned, the filter will permit reuse of the same water which will be warmed many degrees by the sun. In the past new water had been used each week, and the city's new water supply comes from the well at about 15 degrees colder than the former supply which made swimming very unpleasant.

Bike Racks Due
The council received a letter from the 6th grade class at the Heppner school asking that bicycle racks be installed in the business district. The group authorized the construction and installation of two racks in front of the post office and Phil's Pharmacy.

Elementary Building Planned for TAL Site; Date to be Set Soon

Voters of school district No. 1 will be called upon to approve a \$325,000 bond issue for the purchase of necessary property and the construction of a new elementary school to be built on the previously approved Tum-A-Lum site in down-town Heppner. The date for the election will be set at a special meeting of the school board to be held early next week.

The school board decided on the figure at its regular meeting Tuesday evening after a lengthy discussion of the plans and all available cost figures which have been gathered over the past several months.

The \$325,000 figure was reached after appraisal figures and architect's estimates had been carefully studied, and though the amount will not build as large a building as had been previously planned and hoped for, the members expressed the opinion that at least nine and possibly ten rooms can be constructed for the amount.

The board received a report from G. F. Hodges, of Pendleton, whom they had hired to appraise the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company property, which set the value of the property at \$26,390 which added to the \$13,000 asked by the city for its park property and the \$2,000 for the other three small pieces of property lying on the east side of Willow creek will bring the cost of the site to slightly over \$41,000. Another \$5,250 is estimated as the cost of changing the creek channel. Actual cost of the building, not including architect's fees and other incidentals was set at about \$250,000 and the board instructed superintendent H. C. Reed to contact the board's architects, Freeman, Hay-slip and Tuft of Portland, to prepare plans that will include as many classrooms as possible for the money.

The board spent considerable time going over the preliminary plans presented by the architect, for the 12 room and multi-purpose room building which had been hoped for, but felt that revision of the specifications would result in a better use of the area. The estimated construction cost of the 12 room building was set by the architects at \$350,000 to \$375,000.

In setting the \$250,000 figure as maximum for the building cost, the board expressed the opinion that a building of ample size to fill the needs of the district for the next few years at least, could be built for that amount. Plans will be drawn so that additional rooms can be added to the building as needed, it was pointed out. If nine or ten classrooms can be obtained in the new building it will aid materially in alleviating the badly crowded conditions in the Heppner school, though even that many rooms will not make it possible to move all of the first six grades into the new building. Continually growing classes made it necessary to teach three of the school classes in churches early this year until completion of a temporary wing on the gym brought two of them back to the

school grounds. A large incoming first grade enrollment for fall will probably make it necessary to use two or possibly three churches again next year, it was thought.

Vote Date to be Set
Because of the necessity of preparing a special resolution setting the amount of the necessary bond issue and to set the date for the special election at which the issue must be decided, the board plans to hold a special meeting next week. At that time the date will be set to conform with all legal requirements and it is hoped that it can be held early in July.

Little further planning and no actual property purchases can be made until a bond issue is approved to provide the money for the project.

The majority of the rest of the board's business consisted largely of routine business, though it was decided to call for bids during the summer on two new school buses to replace two of the older ones now used by the district in transporting students.

U. S. 30 Advertising Booklets Distributed

The county court early this week received a shipment of Old Oregon Trail folders telling of the scenic attractions of highway 30 which were published by the Old Oregon Trail Association headed by Lee D. Drake of Pendleton. The pamphlets will be distributed to service stations along the Columbia river highway in the north end of the county.

The well illustrated advertising piece, which shows two scenes from north Morrow county, will be placed for traveler's usage along the length of the Highway 30. 50,000 of them were printed, and the cost of the project was financed by counties through which the highway runs.

Three From County Receive OSC Degrees

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—John Bedford and Omer McCaleb of Heppner and Mary Rands of Boardman were among 1086 seniors and graduate students receiving degrees at the 85th annual commencement exercises at Oregon State college June 7. Bedford and McCaleb completed work in the graduate school for masters of science degrees. Bedford majored in geology and McCaleb in industrial arts education. Both earned bachelor of science degrees at OSC in 1950. Miss Rands earned a bachelor of education degree.

Forty-seven doctor's degrees, a record number, will be granted. The total of 1086 graduates also includes 849 bachelor degrees, 187 master's degrees, and 3 professional engineering degrees. Veterans graduating number 291 compared to 114 last year. Candidates represent 28 states, 16 foreign countries and United States possessions, and 35 of Oregon's 36 counties.

City-Wide Cleanup Drive Planned by CC

The Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce Monday made plans for a special cleanup week to be held in the city within the next few weeks, a definite date to be set shortly.

The chamber plans include the obtaining of trucks to provide free pickup of properly piled rubbish and officials expressed the hope that the drive would aid in cleaning up many unsightly vacant lots and trash-filled areas. There has been no concerted cleanup campaign held in the city for several years, and though it is late in the year for such a drive, it was felt that it would nevertheless receive considerable support.

The drive dates will be announced probably next week.

New Chest X-Ray Equipment Given by TB-Health Assn.

The Morrow county TB and Health association Wednesday night voted a grant of \$3,000 to Pioneer Memorial hospital to be used for the purchase of miniature chest X-Ray equipment which will be used in connection with the association's chest X-Ray program.

To new equipment which will be purchased with the grant will make it possible to take individual chest X-Rays as a cost of only about \$1.50 per picture as compared with a cost on the big machines of around \$7.50 per negative. Hospital administrator John Ernsdorff said that the equipment would be ordered immediately and that delivery was expected within 60 days.

The grant, which followed by only one week, the announcement of a similar gift of \$3,000 by Laxton McMurray for diagnostic X-Ray equipment, will provide Pioneer Memorial hospital with the finest service of its type to be provided anywhere in the state.

Complete details on the TB and Health association's chest X-Ray program will be released shortly, it was said.

Fulleton Chevrolet Named Case Farm Equipment Dealer

Roice Fulleton, owner of Fulleton Chevrolet company of Heppner today announced that the company has been appointed Morrow county distributor for J. I. Case tractors and farm equipment.

Fulleton said that he will soon have a display of tractors and combines and that he plans to stock a complete selection of parts that the company can give service on all equipment. The Case company, one of the oldest manufacturers of tractors and farm equipment, builds a wide line of combines, wheel tractors, plows and general farm equipment. Fulleton said he expects to receive an early shipment of self-leveling, self-propelled combines for his initial showing of the machinery.

County Assessor Attends State Meet

Mrs. Jos. J. Hughes returned Tuesday evening from Salem where she attended the meeting of the Timber Taxation sub-committee of the Oregon Association of Assessors.

Mrs. Hughes acted as secretary of the meeting when they met to discuss taxation of forest land, severance and yield taxes and cutting affidavits. The forest industry, state tax commission and state forest dept. were all represented there. Mr. Hughes and son Bill accompanied her and visited in Canby.

Wranglers Again Plan Rained Out Hay Day

The Wranglers are planning a Hay Day for Sunday June 13 at the rodeo grounds at 1:30 p. m. It was planned for last weekend but the events were rained out. All are urged to be present, a full day is planned.

Annual School Meeting, Election Set For June 21

Only One Board Post to Be Filled

Legal complications involved in declaring the office of school director of district No. 1 vacant, due to the resignation of Mrs. Gwen Thompson, will make it impossible to elect two board members at the annual school meeting and election to be held Monday, June 21, it was revealed Wednesday. One member will be elected at that time, to replace Barton Clark whose term expires July 1, and the other position will be filled either by appointment or at a special election to be held in the near future.

Clark had previously declared that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself and Mrs. Thompson announced about a month ago that due to a planned move out of the district she would resign, leaving two positions open, one of three years, and one for one-year term (the unexpired term of Mrs. Thompson). Howard Cleveland, local rancher, previously announced his intention to run for one position and this week John Ernsdorff, administrator at Pioneer Memorial hospital indicated that he would be a candidate for the other.

Inasmuch as the only position which can be filled at the June 21 election is the three-year term, only Ernsdorff's name or others if they are nominated at that time, will appear on the ballot. Mrs. Thompson's resignation will become effective July 1, and her successor will be selected, probably at a special election, to be held shortly after that time. Cleveland said that he will be a candidate for the one-year term.

Election At School

The June 21 annual meeting and election will be held at the Heppner school from 3 to 6 p. m. and other school districts in the county will hold annual meetings at the same time. Of interest too, will be the election of two members to the Rural school board who must be elected at that time. The terms of Milton Morgan, Ione and Adrian Bechtolt, Hardman expire this year. Petitions have been received by the county school superintendent asking their reelection to the positions. superintendent Leslie Grant said this week. Election for these two posts will be held in the district which each represents.

Two From Here Get Ore-Tech Diplomas

Two Morrow county students were among the more than 200 graduates who received diplomas issued by the state board of education at the sixth annual commencement of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls on June 6. The presentation was made by O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education at impressive ceremonies held in the campus auditorium.

The two graduates were Kenneth Cutsforth of Lexington in bookkeeping; and Vernon Padberg, Heppner, in electronics technology.

Uncovered Skeleton Thought Indian

A couple of months ago local police found themselves with a dandy murder story on their hands, according to stories, but no corpus delicti, this week things took a turn about and the authorities had a skeleton but no indication of a murder. There was definitely no connection between the two.

Last Saturday Dick Wilkinson found a skull while cleaning out an irrigation ditch on a ranch about 11 miles above Heppner on Willow creek. He reported his find to sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who investigated and discovered several other human bones which had been uncovered when recent excavations and creek changes washed out the remains.

Not all of the skeleton was found, but enough to indicate that it had been there for at least 50 years which indicated that was probably that of an Indian.

UNION AND MILL IN AGREEMENT

An agreement between the Heppner Lumber company and IWA-CIO local 6-312 which would prevent any work stoppage at the local mill in the near future, appeared certain today according to an announcement by Orville Smith manager of the mill.

Terms of the agreement, which had not yet been signed by either party because both were still conferring on the terms, were not revealed, but Smith indicated that it meant that "work will continue at the Heppner Lumber company."

The agreement is the result of a mill-union discussion of the strike question Tuesday night and a meeting of the local Wednesday night at which its members apparently voted to stay on the job.

On June 1 the mill had received a two-weeks notification of a possible work stoppage, which was required in a previous agreement between the mill and the union, and which if put into effect would have meant a shutdown by June 15. The new agreement apparently has no deadline period.

Smith said the new agreement, when signed, will not be a new contract, but it will keep the men on the job and the mill running.

County Said Modified T-B Free Cattle Area

Morrow county this week received a certificate from the U. S. Department of agriculture declaring the county to be a modified tuberculosis-free accredited area for a three-year period.

The award is given following completion of tests by county and federal veterinarian showing that all cattle have been tested and that not more than one-half of one percent of the animals are tuberculin reactors. It is given jointly by the state department of agriculture for cooperation in tuberculosis eradication.

Local Coaching Positions Filled

Two coaching positions in the Heppner school have been filled with the recent signing of contracts, it was revealed this week by superintendent H. C. Reed.

Head high school football coach will be James Mallon, who coached football at Ione last year. He will also teach seventh grade and will assist with baseball and basketball coaching. Head basketball and physical education instructor will be Larry J. Doven who served in a similar capacity at Sultan Union high school at Sultan, Washington. He is a graduate of Central Washington college at Ellensburg and taught two years previously at Burlington, Wash. He is married and has two children.

Mallon is a graduate of EOCE at La Grande and taught 7th and 8th grades at Ione in addition to his coaching duties. Mrs. Mallon will teach the second grade. Other teachers who have accepted contracts for the coming year include Llewellyn L. Robbins, a recent graduate of Oregon State College, who will teach agriculture and shop. He replaces James Allen who recently announced his resignation. He is married and has one child. Mrs. Harold Erwin has been signed to teach a combination 5th and 6th grade next year, which leaves only one position yet to be filled for the coming year, that of high school english and social science instructor, Reed said.

Joe Norton and son Mack of Baker visited over the weekend with his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall.

Mrs. Alex Green had as her guests over the Memorial Day weekend, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green of Gresham and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Green and children of Pendleton.

Mrs. Homer Hager left Tuesday for Salem to attend the annual vocation conference for home-making teachers at Willamette University. This conference is to be Wednesday through Friday of this week.

Week's Storms Drop Up to Two Inches of Rain

Tuesday night's heavy downpour, which followed the 24 hour storm that hit this area late Saturday night, dropped up to two inches of water on the county and gave assurance that wheat farmers can expect a good crop at harvest time.

Heppner again received the heaviest precipitation, but according to reports, both storms were quite general over the county. A total of 1.97 inches was recorded here in the two days, with 1.25 falling Sunday and 72 Tuesday night. Leonard Carlson reported that 1.06 inches fell at his Gooseberry ranch on Sunday and another .44 inch on Tuesday to bring his total for June to 1.50 inches. North of Ione at the Crum Brothers ranch 1.24 inches fell in the two days to give farmers in that area a much brighter outlook on life. Many of the storms during April and May had passed the north section of the county and this week's rainfall was greatly needed to bring the grain crop up to average.

Another Mud Bath
Sunday's day-long storm caused practically no washing, as it was a steady, gentle rainfall, but Tuesday night's downpour wasn't appreciated quite as much by the city of Heppner employees who Wednesday morning found the city hall again filled with a layer of mud washed in from the hill above Gale street. The thick, gooey layer covered all the shop and garage part of the building as well as filling the fire hall full again. Very little got into the office part of the building, however.

Irrigation projects were brightened considerably as the heavy rains and snow in the mountains caused a big rise in Willow creek assuring ranchers at the lower end of the valley of ample water for their present needs.

The forest service reported that seven and one-half inches of snow was measured at Alder creek Sunday morning with considerably more falling during the day before it turned to rain. Forest crews working in the area were pulled into town when it became too wet and soft to be able to move around in the woods.

Parents Attend Hill Military Graduation

Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Flower were in Portland to attend the graduation at Hill Military Academy on June 4, where their son Cadet 2nd Lt. George Flower was a member of the graduating class. They also visited with Mrs. Flower's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Courter of Molalla.

County 4-H and FFA Members Win Honors At The Dalles Show

Morrow county 4-H and F. F. A. members this week walked off with most of the top beef cattle honors at the Oregon Wheat Growers League fat stock show and sale at The Dalles. An Ione club member, Duane Baker, was also chosen as the grand champion all-around showman of the 4-H showmanship contest. Re-

ing. In the 4-H showing, the grand champion beef was shown by Dick Ekstrom, Ione with the reserve champion award going to Duane Baker who also showed the champion shorthorn. Reserve champion in this classification was shown by Bill Brannon, also of Ione. Fourth place in individual livestock judging went to Duane Baker and the Ione team of Baker, Ekstrom, and Brannon won third place among the 4-H livestock judging contest with 18 teams participating. The Heppner team also won first place in beef judging. Ron Currin won two first places in individual judging, being picked as top individual F. F. A. judge and as top beef judge getting a perfect score in three classes. Green tied for third place in the sheep judging contests. There were 375 animals shown at the sale with 19 of them coming from Morrow county.



SPORT CAR SEEN HERE—This new Chevrolet Corvette, plastic bodied sports car is being examined by Roice Fulleton of Fulleton Chevrolet Co. of Heppner when it was driven here by its owner Cadet Jerry McElligott of Ione. Shown are standing, Fulleton; seated, McElligott; and examining the car, McElligott's wife, Mary Tomney; Fulleton's daughter, Diane; and Ruby. (Alex Thompson Photo)