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## Pendleton Firm Wins Construction Bid For Hospital Wing

The McCormack Construction company of Pendleton Wednesday afternoon was awarded the contract for construction of a new wing on Pioneer Memorial hospital. Their bid, the lowest of four entered, was for \$100,792, well below the architect's estimate of \$110,420.

The county court awarded the contract subject to approval of the Public Health Service which is expected to take from a week to ten days. The approval appeared assured, as the Service had previously approved the plans for the addition.

A spokesman for the McCormack company indicated that they would start work as soon as final approval was received from San Francisco. Their bid calls for the work to be completed within 100 working days.

The addition, which is to connect with the present building on the south will house 15 additional general hospital beds, an additional six beds in the lower level nursing home section and facilities for a public health center including offices for a county health nurse.

Included in the new wing will be a bed-size elevator and incinerators on both floors. When completed it will bring the general hospital section bed capacity up to 30 beds, with another 16 beds in the nursing section. The addition is being financed jointly with county funds and Federal Hill-Bruton money.

There was a wide gap between the high and the low bids presented, the court revealed, the

top bid being over \$132,000. Other bidders and their estimates included: Bechtel Bros. La Grande, \$102,150; Louis Hopkins Co., of Pasco, \$127,707; Funston Construction Co., Portland, \$123,500. Present for the bid opening were members of the county court, hospital trustees, Jay Cole, engineer for the hospital planning section of the state board of health and Elmer Harrington, of the firm of Roald, Schmeer and Harrington, Portland architects.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Dix Dies in Portland

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Holman and Lutz chapel in Portland for Mrs. Elizabeth Y. Dix, who passed away Monday afternoon at Portland following a long illness.

Mrs. Dix, who had been a resident of Heppner for nearly 40 years, moved to Portland only about three months ago, shortly after the death of her husband, W. O. Dix, former Morrow county assessor. Both she and Mr. Dix had been confined to the hospital here for several months prior to his death last December 29. She later returned to her home here, then moved to Portland where she was living in a nursing home.

Little information on where Mrs. Dix was born, or on her early life is presently available, however she and Mr. Dix were married in 1900 and they first came to Heppner in 1910. She taught in the Heppner schools for many years, retiring about five or six years ago. After her retirement she served as city recorder for about two years until poor health forced her to resign. She was a longtime member of the Episcopal church and the Eastern Star. She is survived by a daughter, Virginia and a granddaughter, Jo Jean, both of Seattle, one sister who lives in California and a niece, living in Portland.

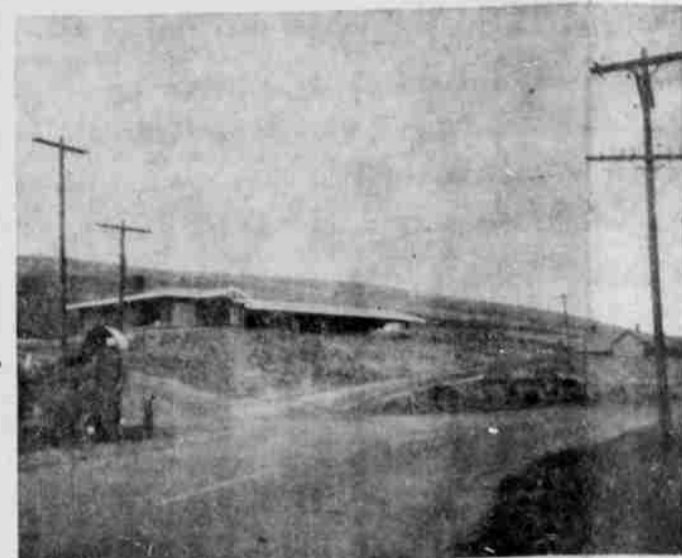
### AT YOUTH CAMP

Rev. and Mrs. Willis Geyer and family will attend a youth camp next week, July 19-23, for children, ages 9 to 12. About 30 Eastern Oregon churches will participate.

### PICNIC PLANNED

The Degree of Honor lodge will hold a picnic for members, families and friends Sunday afternoon, July 18 at Herron Creek meadows, it was announced today. The lodge will furnish ice cream.

Mrs. Mary Wuster of Portland visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill.



NEW HEPPNER MOTEL—the Flying A. located one-fourth mile south of town on the Condon highway is nearing completion and will be opened to the public within a very short time, according to Edgar Albert, owner and builder.



SIX MODERN UNITS—closeup of the motel reveals six one-and-two-bedroom units in addition to living quarters and office at the far end. Some finishing work and landscaping remain to be done, but when opened to the public, it will be Heppner's first motel. (GT Photo)

## Dale Brown Wins State Trapshoot At Portland Club

Dale Brown, Heppner trapshooter, captured the 16 yard singles championship Sunday in the state ATA event at the Portland Gun club, out-hitting Forrest Solomon of Sutherlin. Brown's score in the final three-string shoot off was 74x75 to Solomon's 72x75.

Both men had racked up 198 of 200 to get them into the shoot-off. Brown then missed one bird in the first string of 25 targets, but went on to break the next 50 to win the championship.

Brown nearly ran into troubles on the last series when the trigger of his gun jammed, but he polished off the last 12 targets of the series with a borrowed gun. He just barely nicked the first three, but clobbered the remainder squarely.

Eastern Oregon shooters were among the tops in the meet, for in addition to Brown, Mrs. Helen Watkins of Wasco took the woman's 15 yard singles championship and a La Grande youth, Phil Zuberich, was finally edged out of the junior championship by a Tillamook lad.

## Deadline For Sewer Hookup September 23

The city council this week issued a notice to residents of Heppner that they have only until September 23 to make connections with the city sewer system without paying a penalty.

The city ordinance, adopted when the system was completed last year, made provision for a one-year period of grace when hookups could be made at no charge except for a \$1.00 permit fee. After the one-year period a charge of \$50 will be levied. September 23 is the end of the free hookup period.

Well over 50 percent of the city residents have already connected with the sewer and several more are now in the process, it was said.

### WCSO TO PICNIC

The WCSO and the Suzanna Wesley Circle of the Methodist church will hold a picnic Wednesday, July 21, at the court house park at 11:30. Every one is asked to bring their own service.

### PICNIC SET

The Heppner Assembly of God Sunday school workers at a recent meeting chose July 25th for the annual Sunday School picnic, at a place to be later determined.

Mrs. Donald Turner and children of Portland arrived Tuesday to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner.

## NEW COUNTY SCHOOL HEAD NAMED TODAY

The rural school board announced at noon today that Jack Flugg of Reedsport has accepted the position of county school superintendent, replacing Leslie Grant who resigned last month to enter the insurance business at Arlington.

Flugg, who has served for several years as principal of the Reedsport high school, has been with the school system there for 11 years. He and his wife and two children will move to Heppner in the near future.

## Local Ewe Tops Hermiston Market

HERMISTON—W. A. Ruggles of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday with 140 lb. ewe that sold for \$9.00 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

Volume rose somewhat as Thursday's rains delayed harvest operations somewhat. Consigned were 310 cattle compared with 212 the previous Friday, 103 hogs compared with 13, and a horse.

Oregon and Washington packers and feeders and area farmers contributed to broad and brisk demand, with buyers of fleshy feeder lambs particularly active, paying a top of \$18.80 cwt., fat lambs going for a top of \$19.60. All killing cattle were in active demand and firm, and higher in spots. Heifer calves were up 50c to \$19.10; veal was up \$1.15 to \$21.25. Fat hogs rose 30c to \$15.80, sows were up \$1.55 to \$19.80. Demand will continue strong at the next sale Friday for better quality feeder cattle, dry lot fed steers and heifers and fleshy feeder lambs.

Calves: Baby calves 7.50-22.00 hd.; weaner calves, steer calves 18.75-20.60, heifer calves 16.75-19.10; veal 19.75-21.25. Steers: Stocker steers 16.60-17.75 cwt.; feeder steers 18.25-20.10; fat slaughter steers 20.50-22.40; fat heifers, grass, 16.50-18.80; grain-fed to 2.00.

Cows: Dairy cows 90.00-140.00 hd.; dairy heifers 27.50-41.00 hd.; stock cows, low quality, 112.50-123.50 pr. Slaughter cows: Commercial 12.75-14.10 cwt.; utility 11.50-12.60; canner-cutter 9.00-10.90; few heavy Holsteins to 11.30; shells 6.25-7.60. Bulls: 14.75-16.85. Hogs: Weaner pigs 14.50-18.00 hd.; feeder pigs 22.10-23.50 cwt.; fat hogs 25.90-26.80; sows 17.75-19.80; boars 1 only 9.00.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 12.75-18.80; fat lambs 18.80-19.60; ewes 2.25-4.10 cwt.; 1 ewe to 9.00; no bucks.

Jack Steiwer of Fossil was a visitor in Heppner Monday.

## 1955 Wheat Acreage Cut To Be Only 4.2 Percent

### Continuation of Paterson Ferry Asked in Petitions

Petitions bearing the names of over 400 residents of Morrow county, many of them from the Heppner area, were received by the county court Wednesday, asking that the county investigate means of keeping Paterson ferry operating. The request has been made because of numerous attempts by concerns interested in the new Umatilla bridge to buy the ferry and take it out of operation when the bridge is completed.

The court accepted the petitions and also spent several hours discussing the problem with the present owners of the ferry who possibly may be willing to give the county an option to buy the operation. The court indicated that at least a 60 day option would be necessary to give it time to investigate ways and means of financing the purchase should it prove feasible and desirable.

If such an option is given, the court indicated that probably the best way to finance purchase of the operation would be through revenue bonds which would be repaid from proceeds derived from the ferry operation. Such bonds, similar to those which financed construction of The Dalles bridge and the one now under construction at Umatilla, would not obligate the county for repayment as do road, or similar type general obligation bonds.

The court was presented with figures to show that the ferry last year carried over 140,000 vehicles and according to reports by the present owners, even when the Umatilla bridge is completed, the traffic will remain heavy, due in a large part to the way in which the road connections are laid out. The court gave indication that should it get an option to purchase, it will probably request some bonding company to make a thorough investigation of the project with an eye towards financing the purchase.

No commitments have yet been made pending further investigation by the court, but the number of names on the petitions gave indications that many persons wanted the ferry continued.

### Wednesday Hottest, Mercury Hits 93

Old Sol bore down on Morrow county this week, and though he ran the thermometer up to a high for the year of 93 in Heppner Wednesday, it was comparatively cool here compared to some of the midwest states where temperatures in the 120s were recorded.

Wednesday's 93 is tops for the year, though it is only one degree hotter than was recorded here during the July 4th weekend. Tuesday night's minimum was a warm 57.

Thunderstorms struck some sections of the Columbia basin Wednesday, but no rain fell in the immediate vicinity of Heppner.

### Field Lighting Possibility Seen

A special committee of the chamber of commerce under the chairmanship of W. C. Rosewall is presently working on a plan to purchase and install lights at the Heppner rodeo field, it was announced Monday at the chamber meeting by the committee chairman.

Rosewall told the group that an eastern concern is now preparing lighting plans for the field and he hopes to have the plan and cost estimates back within a few days.

The committee is attempting to develop a plan for financing the project which is expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and one suggested method is the sale of season football tickets, a part of the cost of which would go to pay for the lights. Rosewall said that he had received word from one organization that it might be willing to finance the project if it could be assured that the cost of the lights would be repaid within a reasonable time.

In other areas where lights have been installed, experience has shown that a considerably heavier attendance can be expected at night games under the lights, and it was suggested that at least a part of the increased revenue be applied to the cost of the lights.

## Meaning of Wheat Referendum Vote Outlined by OSC

Effects of the marketing quota referendum for wheat growers July 23 have been summarized by Ralph Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service. He represents the extension service on the state agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

If two-thirds of the nation's wheat growers who cast ballots in the referendum vote yes:

1. Marketing quotas will be in effect for all farms with more than 15 acres of wheat for grain.

2. Marketing penalties will be applied to all "excess" wheat—that is wheat that exceeds individual farm allotments.

3. Price support will be given to farmers who comply with wheat acreage allotments—if they also comply with other crop allotments and total acreage allotments that might be set up for their farms.

If the vote is no:

1. There will be no marketing quotas and no marketing penalties on "excess" wheat.

2. Price support, under law, will be 50 percent of parity.

3. Any producers who fail to comply with allotments for wheat other crops or total acreage if any is set for their farms, will not be eligible for price support.



MARVIN SOWARD, tenor soloist, who will present a second concert here Monday night.

### Marvin Soward to Give Second Concert

Tenor soloist Marvin Soward will give another concert next Monday evening, July 19 at the Christian church, it was announced today by church organizations which are sponsoring the event.

Soward, who is the son of Earl L. Soward, Christian pastor, gave one concert here several weeks ago, and since has been heard in concert in many towns in the state. The many requests for him to give another concert were responsible for the group's decision to sponsor a repeat performance.

Mr. Soward will be accompanied by Mrs. Bernie Wiles, Pendleton organist.

Mr. Soward is a voice student at the University of Texas, and will leave next week for engagements in the east.

Dr. and Mrs. Homer Goulard of San Francisco were overnight visitors last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Wagner. Dr. Goulard has been stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, but is on terminal leave.

## Growers to Vote At Referendum On July 23

The reduction of wheat acreage in Morrow county won't be as great as was previously announced. Paul Tews of the county ASC office said today, in announcing that the reduction for the 1955 plantings will be only 36.2 percent. It was feared that the planned cut would amount to nearly 45 percent.

The reduction is only 4.2 percent increase over this year's allotment which is 32 percent below last year.

Tews said the ASC office has completed the allotment figures for the next year's plantings, and that the notification of wheat acreage allotment and marketing quotas, which go out to all wheat growers, will be placed in the mail this week. He also said that the county has a small number of acres in reserve which will give any producer not satisfied with his allotment figure opportunity to apply for a review with the possibility of getting some relief from the cut. Tews said that the application for relief must be made within 15 days of the date of the notice which is July 14. The reserve amounts to 881 acres.

Tews said that according to information received in his office, both Morrow and Umatilla counties will take the same cut for next year. Morrow county's base acreage is 172,963.

Marketing cards are also available at the Heppner ASC office at the present time, or farmers may write for them if they wish. Meeting Tonight

A meeting of special interest to all local growers will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Lexington Grange hall at 8 o'clock when representatives from the state extension service and the state ASC office will be present to discuss present legislation and program and the use of diverted wheat acres, one of the biggest problems facing the wheat farmer for next year. The meeting promises to be an interesting one and a large turnout is expected.

### Vote Set July 23

Morrow county growers will join other growers in the nation on July 23 in voting on the continuing of the Marketing quota at a national referendum required by the marketing law. If the growers approve the plan, price supports will continue for another year at approximately the same basis as at present, should it be voted down the support would be cut nearly in half.

Growers in Ione and Morgan areas will vote at the Ione Legion hall; Lexington and Alpine growers will vote at the Lexington Grange hall and North and South Heppner farmers at the Heppner Legion hall. Individual farmers have been notified where they should vote, the ASC office said.

## Wheat Harvest Area Spreading Rapidly

The wheat was beginning to roll to the elevators this week as the hot weather brought more and more fields to the harvest point.

The Morrow County Grain Growers revealed that it received 80 loads at its North Lexington, Lexington, McNab and Ione elevators Tuesday, and expected about 125 loads on Wednesday. Most of the grain being received was wheat, though a small amount of barley was showing up.

Most of the grain appears to be of good quality, according to reports, and yields are holding to 20 bushels per acre or better in most sections where harvesting has started. Reports so far, tell of no crop damage due to the hot weather of the last few days, especially as the weather has been favorable with little or no wind.

Kay Keithley, Judy Collins, Carolyn McDaniels, Nancy Slocum and Celia Boulden will leave Sunday for intermediate camp at Camp Magruder. Mrs. Lester Boulden will go as counselor and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keithly will take some of the girls to the camp.

Mrs. Mary Van Stevens returned from a ten days vacation spent at the Oregon coast.