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SCHOOL SITE VOTED

\$290,000 BOND VOTE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 10

In one of the most decisive votes in many years the voters of the Heppner school district Saturday said "yes" in a loud voice when they approved the Prock-Devin site as the location for a new grade school building. The vote was 320 yes, to 26 no.

The overwhelming majority for the location immediately north of the present school property caused the board to take immediate action in calling for another election to place before the voters the question of a \$290,000 bond issue with which to finance construction of the badly needed building. The bond election has been set for Friday, September 10, the earliest possible date when it will conform to necessary legal requirements.

The board members expressed gratification at the Saturday vote, for while it drew about 100 less voters than did a recent bond election to build on the Tum-A-Lum site, the heavy majority in favor of the proposal gave the board strong indication that the general public favored its proposed plan.

In calling for the \$290,000 bond issue with which to construct a new building, the board indicated that it hoped to be able to build a 10 or 12 classroom and multipurpose room building for that amount. Plans will be drawn for the 12 room building with an alternate included in the call for bids which would reduce the rooms to 10 should the cost run more than the money available.

The board must also purchase a small amount of additional ground, culvert Hinton creek where it flows through the property, do considerable leveling and filling and make arrangements for traffic control on D street which runs between the present school and the Prock-Devin land. It is not presently planned to close or replace the street, but control traffic by the means of lights or special signs.

At least an additional \$25,000 or \$30,000 would be needed if the street were to be moved. Saturday's favorable vote was the first of two steps needed to assure the district the ultimate release of \$50,000 in state basic school support funds which were withheld August 1 by the state because the district had not provided proper housing facilities for its students. According to information from the state board, approval of the requested bond issue will bring an immediate release of the money to the district.

Saturday's vote was the fourth held in the district in an attempt to get a building program under way. One previous site was rejected, and another approved, but a bond issue for the latter was badly defeated early last month at a special election.

Architects are now preparing plans for a building for the Prock-Devin site so that if the bond issue receives voter approval, bids can be called on construction with the least possible delay. At least three and possibly more classes will be forced to meet in churches or other temporary quarters at the start of school early next month and the board desires to get actual construction started as early as possible if funds are made available, though the building could not be completed in time to serve during much, if any, of the coming school year, it was said.

All 4-H cookery club members will have an opportunity to take part in the baked food demonstration contest at the county fair. Mrs. Maud C. Casswell, county agent, home economics, states that there will be divisions for both individuals and teams. Besides bread baking, this contest could include all other kinds of baked food, even macaroni and cheese. Girls are judged on their demonstration rather than on the baked food itself.

Oregon is one of the six states that have been picked for the baked food demonstration. Morrow county girls that are working on cookery demonstrations are looking forward to entering this demonstration contest.

Elks Donate Funds For Lighting Of Rodeo Field

Considerable progress was made this week on plans to install lights on the Heppner rodeo field, chamber of commerce committee members report.

One of the biggest hurdles, that of raising the necessary money, appeared at least partially jumped, when trustees of the Heppner Elks lodge offered to donate half the necessary money for the installation. It is expected that the total cost will run in the neighborhood of \$11,000 which will make the Elks donation about \$5,500. C. W. Rosewall committee chairman announced. The rest of the money may be raised through season ticket sales, issuance of interest-free bonds or other plans.

The committee also expressed the hope that possibly some of the labor of preparing, and erecting the poles and installing the lights may be donated which will serve to reduce the total cost.

The committee has received several sets of plans for the field lighting and as soon as final arrangements can be worked out they hope to order the necessary equipment. It is doubtful that the lights can be ready for the first two Heppner high school home football games, Sept. 17, and 24, but is hoped that they can be ready for use in time for one or two games later.

The present plan calls for sufficient lighting for night football and softball though not enough for regular baseball which requires considerably more light. There will be plenty, however, for other events, such as horse shows, races, etc.

Fair And Rodeo Grounds Readied; Dress-Up Parade Set

Heppner's rodeo field is the scene of considerable activity as workers are getting ready for the big county show Sept. 4 and 5. The fair pavilion and grounds have been getting their fall "face-lifting" to serve their part in the show which runs from Sept. 2 to 4.

The rodeo committee announced this week that the rodeo grounds are now being prepared for the two-day show which will find some of the country's top cowboys, and plenty of local talent too, performing for the crowds. Christensen Brothers of Eugene will furnish the rodeo stock and Mel Lambert, also of Eugene, will announce the Saturday and Sunday shows. Christensen Brothers are noted for their string of rodeo stock, having furnished animals for the Oregon State Fair for many years, as well as for the Pendleton Round-Up, the Puyallup, Wash. fair, the Lewiston, Idaho rodeo, in addition to many of the big California rodeos.

The rodeo events this year will include all those so popular in past years with the exception of the wild cow milking. This event has been dropped but a ribbon roping event has been scheduled in its place. Harold Erwin, arena director has announced. Top interest as far as local performers are concerned, will again be the Morrow county amateur calf roping which is open only to amateur ropers who live within the county. There will also be a junior Morrow county amateur calf roping event, which was held for the first time last year.

Saddle Top Prize The winner of the county amateur calf roping will receive a handsome saddle donated by the Heppner Lumber Company and made by Joe Snyder, former Heppner saddlemaker. Second award in the event is an engraved sterling silver belt buckle given by the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company, and a western hat presented by Wilson's Men's Wear will go to the third place winner. Jack's Chevron Station is giving a silver buckle to the winner of the junior roping, with the J. C. Penney company offering a set of roping spurs to the second place winner. With the spurs will go a set of straps made and donated by Ken Green, Heppner saddlemaker.

Again this year the top all-around cowboy will receive a sterling silver and gold belt buckle given by the Heppner hotel. A trophy for the winner of the flag race has been offered by Farley Motor company. Fair buttons have been on sale for nearly two weeks, and the rodeo committee announced that reserved seat tickets for the rodeo will be placed on sale within a few days. General admission and grandstand rodeo tickets will be available at the gates during rodeo performances.

The Wranglers, sponsors of the popular cowboy breakfast, served Sunday morning at the fair grounds, are now making plans for that event with Dimples Munkers general chairman for the breakfast which last year drew nearly 500 hungry customers. Dress-Up Parade Set The first big event of rodeo week will be the annual Dress-Up parade which will be held on Friday night, Aug. 27 in downtown Heppner. This event will be under the direction of the Heppner Lions club and will include the coronation of Queen Grace Miller and the presentation of her royal court. Following the parade and coronation there will be several special dance numbers presented by students of Elta Shepard, dancing instructor and several special costume numbers presented by the Heppner Square Dance club. The Queen's dance at the fair pavilion will conclude the evening.

Redding Man Joins Mill as Controller Keesling W. Thayer this week joined the organization of the Heppner Lumber Company as controller. C. W. Kraft, president revealed this week. Mr. Thayer, who will have charge of the accounting activities of both the Heppner and the Elgin mills, comes with a lifetime of experience in accounting and in the lumber industry. He comes here from Redding, Calif. where he was engaged in public accounting work and prior to that was auditor for the Ross Lumber Company at Medford. He is now residing at the Flying A Motel and he and Mrs. Thayer will make their home in Heppner.

Thunderstorm Brings Heavy Rain, Lightning The thunderstorm which hit Heppner and this section of Morrow county early Sunday morning brought an assortment of rain, hail and lightning which did only a small amount of damage to crops but put a temporary stop to most harvesting operations. The storm hit early in the morning and dropped .48 inch of rain at Heppner. Lightning strikes in two or more sections of town resulted in several burned out telephones and local disruptions of power in several places. Some hail accompanied the storm and there were reports from both Eightmile and the Butter Creek sections of some damage to unharvested wheat. The extent of the losses is not yet known. The storm brought to .63 inch the total rain to fall here over the weekend, all of it coming from similar storms.

Final Princess Dance Set for Saturday Night The final Princess dance leading up to the main events of the Morrow county fair and rodeo, and honoring in turn the four princesses in the royal court will be held Saturday night at the Heppner fair pavilion for Christine Swaggart who is being sponsored by the Lena Community. Princess Christine, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart of Butter creek, is a five foot, one-quarter inch blue eyed blonde and is a junior at Heppner high school. She is an avid horsewoman and has been riding almost since she could walk. She started riding in races at the age of 10 years and indicates that her first love is a rodeo, saying "I would rather go to a rodeo than any place else".



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Princess Christine will ride her own registered thoroughbred mare Polly Swag, which was given to her by her grandfather following the death of her former horse, Skeeter Bill. She has broken several horses, including her own, and several Shetlands for others. Though they are her first love, horses are not her entire life, for as any girl who lives on a farm, she helps. One of her jobs is to spot trucks during harvest. She is also active in 4-H work, having had two years of cooking and sewing. For activities, her other favorites are dancing and swimming. Duke Warner and his orchestra will provide the music for Saturday's dance which will start at 10 o'clock.



NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT—This unique invention of Jack Loyd, local Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company manager, might well save many acres of grass or grain in future fires. Loyd, who noticed that there was always a shortage of wet sacks at any field or grass fire, built this rack and on it hung a 50 gallon drum filled with water and wet sacks. When the need arises, he merely backs the pickup, which has a lift bed, under the rack, hoists the bed a few inches which raises the barrel off the hook and heads for the fire. The rack and drum hangs in the lumber company yard on Main street ready for immediate use. Several local residents have suggested that the fire department designate the equipment as "Truck No. 3." (GT Photo)

Boulden Named New Polio Head

Rev. Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church was named Tuesday night as president of the Morrow county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, at a meeting of chapter officers and members.

Assisting Rev. Boulden will be Floyd Sayers, vice president; Mrs. James Ware, secretary; and Robert Ferrell, treasurer. The same board of directors will serve another year, it was announced. They are the postmistresses in Lexington, Ione, Boardman and Irrigon; Mrs. Jack Loyd and a representative of the IWA-CIO in Heppner. He has not yet been designated by the union.

The group made plans for an intensive drive to raise funds during the special two-week Emergency March of Dimes drive now being held in the county and the nation, and stressed the need of obtaining additional funds with which to fight the dreaded disease. It was pointed out that county funds are at a very low point, due both to the outlay for patient care within the county during the past year and the loaning of a considerable amount of local money to the National Foundation. The heavy incidence of polio in the nation this year has depleted the Foundation's funds and necessitated the emergency drive.

Special envelopes requesting donations are to be placed in the mail within the next few days, it was said.

A special benefit baseball game is planned for Sunday at the rodeo field, to raise money. It was announced this week.

Special Dimes Drive Benefit Baseball Game Set Sunday

A benefit baseball game between the Ione-Heppner Junior Legion team and the "Mule skinner," an aggregation of local ex-big and little league diamond stars, will be held on Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Heppner rodeo field, team manager Floyd Sayers announced today.

The game will be played to raise funds for the Emergency March of Dimes drive now being held throughout the nation to raise money for polio aid. No admission will be charged, but donations will be taken during the game.

The two teams have played one previous game, but no score was made known, probably to save one squad or the other embarrassment. It promises to provide plenty of entertainment.

Both teams are sponsored by the Heppner Legion Post.

New Physician Takes Up Practice Here

Dr. C. M. Wagner this week announced the association with him in the Heppner Clinic of Dr. Stanley J. Kirk of Los Angeles. Dr. Kirk and his wife and two year old son arrived last week and are living in one of the clinic apartments.

Dr. Kirk, who has been practicing in Los Angeles, is a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists there. Mrs. Kirk is also a physician, but does not plan to practice here at least for the present.

Heppner Man Injured By Accidental Shot

Clifton Swan, Heppner, was painfully but not critically injured late Sunday when he was accidentally shot in the chest with a 22 caliber rifle while showing the gun to his wife at their home.

Swan was bent over at the time of the shot, and the bullet entered his chest just below the heart continuing downward through the abdomen and lodging in his hip. Attending physicians report that he is making satisfactory progress at Pioneer Memorial hospital where he was immediately taken for treatment.

Swan is employed by Morrow county.

Saturday Rodeo Parade Plans Set; Divisions Listed

Phil Blakney, chairman of the chamber of commerce rodeo parade committee revealed today that plans for the annual Saturday parade are progressing rapidly and said that divisions will be handled similar to last year's parade.

Plans call for three sections, one for organizations, one for individual and group entries and another for juvenile entries. Under the organization section, first, second and third prizes will be awarded for juvenile, adult, and business entries with this section judged 25 percent on idea, 25 on participation and 50 percent on decoration.

The second section will include awards for the best mounted cowboy and cowgirl, oldest cowboy and cowgirl, youngest cowboy and cowgirl, best organized and conducted riding club, best comic and the best family group. This section will be judged 25 percent on originality, 25 on appearance and 50 percent on performance.

In the juvenile division first, second and third prizes will be awarded for the best child's float, best pet best juvenile cowboy and juvenile cowgirl. Judging in this section will give 50 percent for originality, 25 for performance and 25 percent for decoration.

A list of the prize amounts and further information will be released next week, Blakney said today.

Commercial Club Formed at Boardman

BOARDMAN — The business men of the city and community met Monday evening in the Grange hall for the purpose of organizing a Commercial Club. The following officers were elected to serve the coming year: President, Mr. George Weise; Vice-president, Bud Phaneuf; Secretary, Ray Anderson; Treasurer, Dewey West Jr.

Meeting night is to be the third Monday of each month, at 8 p. m. at the Greenfield Grange hall.

Mrs. Leonard Attends T. B. and Health Meet

Mrs. Mervin Leonard of Lexington has returned from Ashland where she attended the State Tuberculosis and Health Ass'n institute as Morrow county representative.

The Institute was held on the campus of Southern Oregon College of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mike spent the weekend visiting in Baker.

County Taxes to Show Reduction Of \$110,000

Approximately \$110,000 less local taxes will be collected next year in Morrow county, it was revealed this week by Mrs. Joe Hughes, county assessor who has just completed preparation of the annual statement of taxes.

Total valuation in the county showed a drop from last year, as was previously announced, but to offset this, so did the tax millage. General taxes to be levied amount to 18.5 mills as against 22.5811 mills for this year. Most of this reduction comes from the elimination of the special 5 mill hospital construction levy which was for one year only.

The rural school levy showed a reduction too, dropping from 33.5 mills this year to an average of 30.8 mills in most districts. Special levies in some of the county districts will add to that in special cases, the statement showed.

In most other instances the tax levy remained approximately the same as last year. One exception was the .088 mill per acre levy for forest fire patrol which showed an increase from .065 from last year. The assessor pointed out that this was due to the necessity of bringing this assessment up to a current basis. This year the assessment is for one and one-half years, rather than for a single year which accounts for the increase. The assessment for fire patrol has always lagged one year behind until last year when a similar assessment plan was used.

Greatest drop in valuation came in the personal property classification which shows a total of \$2,178,160 compared with \$3,024,310 last year. Part of this loss was made up with a gain in real property of \$375,000.

The report also shows a few less cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses in the county, but registers an increase 140 chickens in the county and 50 additional stands of bees. Cattle dropped from 22,557 to 21,383 and sheep and goats from 26,778 to 26,145.

Registration Set For Grade School

The Heppner grade school will begin classes September 7 at 8:45 a. m. with registration of pupils to take place at that time. Clarence Johnson, principal announced this week.

All first grade pupils are asked to report to room B-2 in the main building for registration purposes and parents of first grade children are asked to bring or send with the pupil a birth certificate so the age of the child may be accurately extended on the school records.

Parents of first grade pupils are also reminded that their children should have a physical examination and the results entered on the Oregon Pupil Medical record. These medical records have been distributed to all present and prospective first graders previously. The examination should be accomplished and the record should be on file at the county health office prior to the beginning of school. Parents of first grade children who have moved into the community recently may obtain the record forms from the school office, the county superintendent of school's office, the county health office or the Gazette Times, Johnson said.

All other grade school pupils new to the school system should report to the office of the grade school principal for registration. Other pupils may go directly to their rooms.

Kindergarten Opens On September 8

The Jaycee-Ette kindergarten committee announced this week that the kindergarten will open Sept. 8 at the civic center building with Mrs. Grace Drake as instructor.

The group has also called a meeting of the kindergarten board and mothers of children who may be enrolled for Friday, Aug. 20 at 8 p. m. at the civic center.

Football Coach Here

Mr. and Mrs. James Mallon this week moved into the G. Millon house on Chase street. Mallon comes here from Ione where he served as football coach. He has taken over his duties here as football coach at Heppner high school.