

School Registration Up; Heppner Bond Election Friday

City Gets Offer For Purchase of Park Property

The Heppner city council Tuesday night received an offer from the Texaco Oil Company to purchase a 100x100 foot lot of the city park property on Main street immediately north of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company on which it wants to build a modern service station.

Council members discussed the offer at length, attempting to determine whether the city should sell any or all of the property or keep it for park purposes. It was pointed out that if the land is sold, it would mean removal of the present old civic center building, on which the local Jay-Cees have had a lease, and which they had hoped to repair for general use. The organization recently, however, has disbanded and in effect forfeited their lease.

The council decided to postpone decision on the offer until the wishes of the people can be determined. Another story elsewhere in this paper tells one suggested plan for developing the area into a useful park and asks city residents to indicate their opinion on a straw ballot.

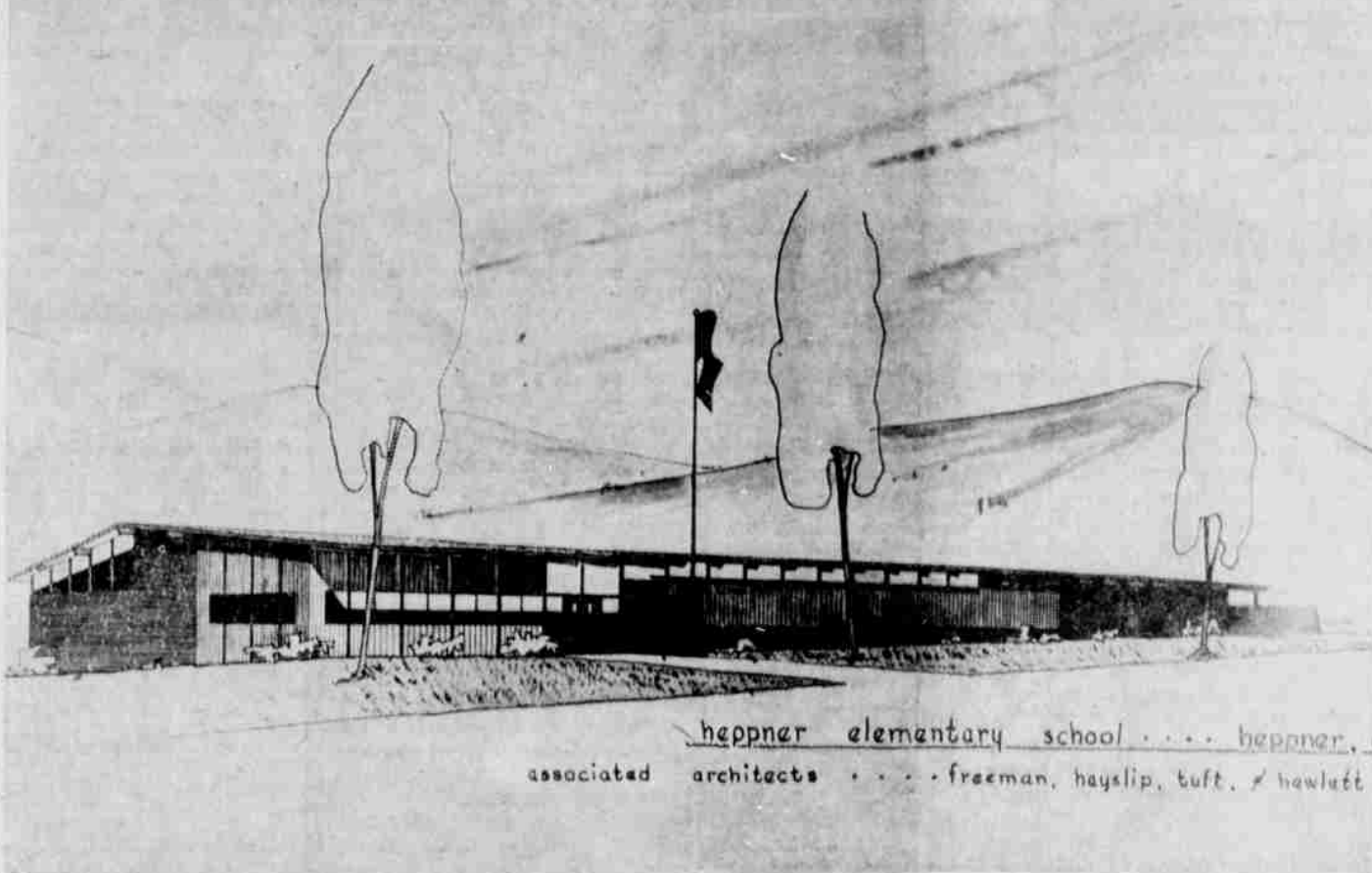
The general consensus of opinion of the members present at the meeting was that the area either be developed into a park as originally planned or sold for business purposes. One council member indicated that if it is made into a park, he and another local resident will donate \$1,000 each toward the erection of a foundation on the property.

The group received the resignation of Harry Tamblin as city recorder who asked to be relieved of his duties after the first Monday in October. He stated that physical disability and plans to be away from the city for several months prompted the resignation.

The council voted to give Frank Parker a 20 year lease on a small section of city-owned property on the west hill in return for Parker's taking his adjacent wheat field out of production and planting it to grass to prevent west side streets from receiving further mud baths such as they frequently get when the area is in summerfallow. The city will furnish the seed for the land. About 20 acres is involved.

Mrs. Jack Loyd, chairman of the Jaycee-Elite kindergarten committee which holds kindergarten classes in a section of the old civic center building asked the council's help in preventing the parking of log and lumber trucks in front of the class grounds, stating that they were a hazard to the children. The council ordered the erection of limited time parking signs in the section.

Following the receiving of complaints, the council ordered the city marshal to instruct the owners of two trailer houses to remove them from the city street and property in the west end of town. They had been parked on city property for several months, and permanent residents of the area made the complaint.



FRIDAY'S SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, if approved, will provide money for the construction of this new elementary school on the recently approved Prock-Devin property just north of the present school. Plans call for a 12 classroom and a multipurpose room building to be built on two levels to take advantage of the natural slope of the ground. A \$290,000 bond issue is being requested and it is hoped that bids will be low enough to allow construction of the building as shown. If not only 10 of the classrooms will be built. The polling place is at the school building and voting will be from 2 to 8 p. m.

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Heppner Grade School Gains 24 More Students

First day registration figures at Heppner, Ione and Lexington schools showed a general increase in students with the already-bulging Heppner grade school showing the greatest gain.

The Heppner grade school registered 341 pupils in the first eight grades on Tuesday, which is 24 more than the highest figure for last year, and superintendent H. C. Reed said Wednesday that at least 10 to 15 more are expected to register within the next week or two.

Incoming first graders again provided the greatest worry to local school officials though four other grades, 2nd, 3th, 6th and 8th are seriously overcrowded too. The first grade group has 58 students and the second grade 59 which are taught in two first, two second and one combination first and second grade classes. Both the 5th and 6th grades have one full classroom each and one combination 5th and 6th is required to handle the students.

The 8th grade has 35 students who are still housed in one room though school officials say they are nearly hanging out the windows.

One School Up

Superintendent Chester Ward reports the lone grade school showed a gain of 9 in the first eight grades with a total of 101 registered so far. The high school dropped one to 47 students, but Ward said that they know of 8 or more to come in the grades and at least four in the high school. The greatest squeeze at Ione comes in the 2nd, 3rd and 6th grades where rooms are operating at capacity. One teacher and one additional classroom has been put into use there.

The Lexington school is the only one reporting to show any decrease, and that is only minor with a drop of two in the high (Continued on page 8)

School Problem Solution Hoped In Friday Vote

Registered voters of school district No. 1 will make their fifth trip to the polls Friday, September 10 in an attempt to get a new school building program started in the district. The Friday election seeks approval of a \$290,000 bond issue to finance construction of a 10 or 12 room and multipurpose room grade building on the recently approved Prock-Devin site.

The special election is the culmination of many months of work by board members and the school officials in an attempt to find a plan which will be acceptable to the residents of the district. One previous site has been rejected, another approved only to have a bond issue for the site defeated. The most recent vote gave overwhelming approval to use the Prock-Devin land which lies immediately north of the present school plant. If the issue passes the board will immediately call for bids on the construction of a two-level elementary building which will house either 10 or 12 classrooms and a multipurpose room.

Polls Open 2 to 8

The polling place will be open from 2 until 8 o'clock and the election will be held at the school.

The board this week stressed the urgent need for voter approval of the bond plan pointing out that first day registration at the Heppner school showed an increase of 24 students in the first 8 grades, with the assurance that late registrants will raise that figure by 10 to 15 within two or three weeks.

The school is presently using six temporary and substandard rooms to house grade school students. Two of the rooms are basement rooms, two are in the temporary band room and two first grade classes are being taught in church basements. (Continued on page 8)

N. Morrow Fair Opens Today at Boardman Grounds

The North Morrow county Fair opened its doors today at Boardman for the start of a three-day run. Many improvements have been made to the grounds and a full program is planned for the three days.

All entries closed at 6 o'clock today and 4-H judging was scheduled to start at 2 p. m. Thursday. The Friday program includes 4-H and F. F. A. judging starting at 8 a. m. and from 1 o'clock on the schedule calls for the 4-H style revue, the pig scramble and a wide variety of other entertainment.

The parade will leave the Boardman school at 10 a. m. on Saturday and a big group of prizes await the winners of the top floats. Saturday afternoon attractions include a concert by the Irrigon band, a bike parade, horse races and several other events.

Fair board members have indicated that this year's show will exceed any previously held at Boardman.

Echo Man New UP Depot Agent Here

E. H. Schmidt, formerly of Echo took over his duties last week as Union Pacific station agent at Heppner, replacing F. C. Tolueson, who recently transferred to the St. Johns depot in Portland. Schmidt had been agent at Echo since the war and prior to that time was operator there. His wife and three small girls accompanied him.



SADDLE WINNER—Bob Gammell, Heppner cowboy who made the best time in the Morrow county amateur calf roping at the rodeo, is shown receiving his award, a handmade saddle, from Queen Grace Miller following the final show performance last Sunday. (Alex Thompson Photo)

La Verne Hams Buys Eubanks Truck Line

La Verne Hams announced this week that he has purchased the Eubanks Truck Line from Bob Miller. Headquarters will remain in Ione, he said, and at least for the time being will carry the original name. The line holds a class I permit and can haul to all sections of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barger, Centralia, Wash., former Heppner residents, were here for the fair and rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer of John Day were in Heppner to attend the fair and rodeo.

County 4-H Girls, Local Fair Winners, At State Fair

A big group of Morrow county 4-H club girls who won awards in various divisions and classes at the Morrow county fair left today for Salem to enter competition in the state fair. Maude Casswell, county extension agent reports this week.

Those who will enter the style revue at Salem which starts about 2:30 Friday are Janice Martin, clothing III with a cotton dress; Sally Palmer, clothing IV who will display a tailored dress which was judged the best costume at the local fair; Meredith Thomson, clothing IV will show her best dress.

In other classes to be held Friday afternoon Janet Wright will enter the canning contest which she won here. She will be judged on methods and skills and the finished product.

Maxine Sicard, Boardman, who won the local bread baking will enter the same competition at the state fair.

Accompanying the girls will be Mrs. Elmer Palmer, Mrs. Randall Martin, Mrs. James Thomson and Mrs. George Sicard.

NO NOISE, NO MONEY!

Well over a year ago the city of Heppner made a fast deal and sold their old fire siren to the city of Arlington for \$100.

Tuesday the Heppner council received a letter from the Arlington council, that they weren't going to pay the bill and were sending the overgrown foghorn back.

The complaint: the thing blew just twice and since then nobody has been able to get a peep out of it.

Rev and Mrs. Earl L. Soward and Wayne spent Monday in Salem where they attended the State Fair.

Walter H. Farrens Passes Monday

Services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Heppner Methodist church for Walter H. Farrens, 73, who passed away September 6 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following a long illness. He was a native of Morrow county.

Mr. Farrens was born May 21, 1881 near Hardman and was the son of John F. M. and Eliza Farrens. He had lived in this area all of his life and had been engaged in farming during most of it.

He is survived by his wife Elba, Heppner; two sons Verl L. of Sunnyside, Wash., and Roland, Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Parish, Pendleton, and Mrs. Dolly Fraters, Heppner; one brother, Ernest of Yakima, Wash., and nine grandchildren.

Rev. Lester D. Boulden will officiate at the services with Creswick and Seuel Mortuary in charge of arrangements. Interment will be in Heppner Masonic cemetery.



U. S. SENATOR GUY CORDON, who will speak in Heppner Thursday evening, September 16.

Senator Cordon To Talk Here Thursday

Plans are being made this week by the local Cordon-for-Senator committee, for a double-barrelled meeting next Thursday, Sept. 16 in the evening when U. S. Senator Guy Cordon will be in Heppner on a speaking tour.

The committee plans to hold a no-host dinner meeting at 6:30 at O'Donnell's cafe and then to move to the court room in the court house for an open meeting. Both are open to the public and the latter will start at 8 p. m.

Senator Cordon, who has served 13 years in the senate, is seeking reelection over his democratic opponent Richard Neuberger. No indication has been given as to the subject of his talks, though in his other recent speeches he has discussed local as well as national issues.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Jr., have returned from a weeks vacation spent fishing at Priest Lake, Idaho.

Do You Want A Park?

Straw Ballot Asks People's Opinion on Park Development

Do the people of Heppner want a city park?

The people themselves are to have a chance to express their opinion in a straw ballot printed below and initiated jointly by the city council and the Gazette Times.

As told in another story in today's paper, the Heppner council has received an offer of a major oil company to buy a section of the so-called city park property on north Main street on which it wants to build a service station. The land is a good business property, but it has tentatively been reserved for a park, though practically nothing has been done in recent years to make it into one for it still holds a clutter of old buildings, including the civic center building, piles of junk and other trash.

If even a part of the site is sold, the remainder would be useless as a park, so probably it all should be sold if any of it is, the council reasoned. Yet, to make the area into a usable park, additional money will be needed, so the council and the Gazette Times ask what the people think of the following idea:

Keep the land and ask the voters to approve (at a legal elec-

tion, not on this straw vote) a two mill special levy for a five-year period for the purpose of cleaning off all the old buildings; removing the present useless trees and junk; seeding landscaping and fencing the area and building rest rooms and tables. The plan is purely tentative and the 2-mill, 5-year tax is only a suggestion, though it is a reasonable one and would bring in approximately \$12,500 over the five years, enough to build a pretty respectable and useful park. (As an example of what it would cost a taxpayer, a home assessed at \$1500 would pay \$3 per year, or a total of \$15 in the five years!)

Your vote on this straw ballot will not bind the council to any definite program, but is only to give them an idea as to what the people of Heppner would like to have in the way of a park, if any. If your vote is "yes", a workable program will have to be developed; if it is "no" the council will probably either take other action (such as selling the land) or let it stay as it is.

Help the council decide... check the ballot below and either mail or bring it to the Gazette Times.

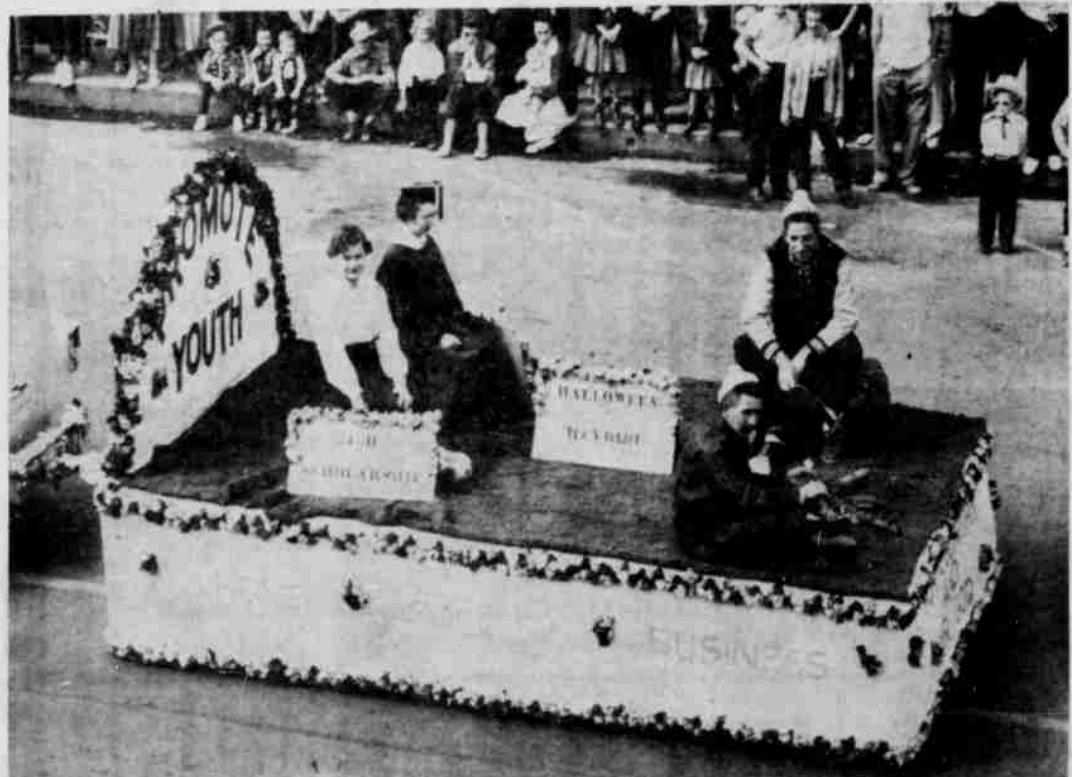
CITY PARK STRAW BALLOT

To the suggestion that the Heppner city council keep its present park property; ask the voters to approve a special 2-mill, 5 year tax levy (not a bond issue) to finance removing all the old buildings, clean up the grounds, grass, fence and landscape the area and build rest rooms and other facilities, I vote

YES.....

NO.....

Mail or bring this ballot to the Heppner Gazette Times



GRAND SWEEPSTAKES parade float winner was this entry of the Heppner Sorooptimist Club which depicted the club's methods of promoting youth activities. Riding are Jack Monagle and Dick Kononen, president and vice president of the Heppner high school student body; Adelia Anderson, college scholarship winner, and Virginia Gonty, winner of the club's 4-H scholarship. (Lyons Studio Photo)