

School Bonds Voted; State Releases Funds

The voters of school district No. 1 last Friday gave overwhelming approval to the proposal to issue \$290,000 in bonds for a new 10 or 12 classroom and multipurpose room elementary school for Heppner. The vote was 344 in favor to 24 against.

Immediately following the counting of votes at the special election the school board ordered a call for bids on the bonds and plans to sell the issue on Oct. 4. The board also instructed the architects, Freeman, Hayslip, Tuft, and Hewlett, Portland to proceed with the final plans and specifications for the building so the board can call for construction bids as soon as possible after the sale of the bonds.

State Funds Released
The favorable bond vote brought immediate response from the state department of education, as Walter O. Shold, state elementary supervisor was in Heppner Wednesday going over the plans for the building and he told school officials that on the basis of the submitted plans, the withheld state basic school support money amounting to over \$19,000 will be immediately released. The state had previously withheld the funds from the district until it gave evidence of starting on a building program to alleviate the badly crowded conditions in the school. Shold gave verbal notice of the release of the money, and said that a letter would be sent out from Salem within the next few days verifying his statement.

The election was the fifth held during the past year and a half and it followed by only a month voter approval of the Prock-Devlin site for the building. It will be located immediately north of the present school.

Board members said today that they are working on a plan to have the necessary blasting and excavation work done locally in an effort to speed up construction. One of the architects, Stewart Tuft, was here this week to stake out the area and give instructions for the excavation work. It is hoped to get this work done while the architects are preparing the plans, thereby saving 30 to 45 days of construction time.

President's Visit, McNary Dedication To Draw Thousands

Details of Day-Long Program Given; Eisenhower Talk Due

Upwards of 50,000 persons are expected to attend the dedication ceremonies at McNary dam next Thursday, September 23, the U. S. Army Engineers, who have charge of the program, have revealed. High point of the day-long program will be the official dedication and speech by President Dwight D. Eisenhower which is scheduled between 9:40 and 11 a. m.

President Eisenhower will arrive in Walla Walla Wednesday night by plane, staying overnight in the Washington city. He and his party will travel by motorcade to the dam Thursday morning just prior to his part in the program. Following his speech, he will leave immediately for Pendleton where his plane will be waiting to return him to Washington.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER will give the main address at the dedication ceremonies at McNary dam next Thursday morning.

Work is progressing rapidly on arrangements to handle the huge crowd and the parking of the many thousands of cars that will bring the visitors, the dedication committee has announced. Much of the work of arranging for the program is being handled by volunteer committee members from this part of Oregon and Washington, with the Army Engineers overseeing the entire project.

Many residents of this area have indicated that they plan to attend the dedication and at least one school, the Lexington school, will not hold classes that day to allow students to attend. At least one class in the Heppner high school will also attend.

Program Schedule
Following is the program schedule as released today:
7:35 a. m. — Umatilla high school band.
7:50 a. m. — Air show, 62nd troop carrier wing from Larson Air Force base.

8:20 — Richland high school band.
Blue Angles, Naval Air Force Blue Angles, Naval Air Force base, Corpus Christi, Texas.
8:55 — Kennewick high school band.

9:00 — Air show, B-47 bombers, 57th air division, Fairchild Air Force base.
9:30 — Pasco high school band.
9:40 — Presidential program and official dedication of McNary dam by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 21st Army band, Fort Lewis.

11:05 — Hermiston high school band.
11:20 — The Elks chorals, Colville, Wash.
11:30 — First phase of water show, Aqua Sports.
12:15 — Lunch period.

1:30 p. m. — Richland high school band.
1:40 — The Chansonettes, Portland.
1:50 — Elks Chorals.
2:30 — Small boat parade with Kennewick high school band playing aboard ship.

2:30 — Second phase of water show.
3:30 — Air show, U. S. Navy Blue Angels.
3:30 — Third phase of water show.
4:00 — "Auld Lang Syne" by Umatilla high school band.

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Local School Registraton Hits Record High

Registration at the Heppner grade and high school Wednesday reached a total of 479 students, the largest ever recorded at the school, it was revealed today. Of this total 138 are in high school and 341 in the lower grades.

The high school class gained nine additional students since the opening of school on September 6 and the elementary grades have remained the same as was shown in the first tally. The high school total is only three below the top figure for last year, and school officials said that a few late registrants are still expected which will swell the total even further.

Considerable reshuffling of students has been accomplished in the lower grades where the lack of classroom space is most sorely felt, but superintendent H. C. Reed said that it would be at least another week before permanent room assignments can be made.

The approval of the school bond issue at Friday's special election has started action toward construction of a new grade school building, but it is doubted that it can be completed in time to be put into use during this school year. At the present time, two first grade classes are being taught in local churches, with others occupying temporary quarters in the school buildings.

Senator Cordon To Speak Here This Evening

United States senator Guy Cordon will arrive in Heppner this afternoon (Thursday) and will be the guest of the Morrow county Cordon-for-senator committee at a dinner meeting at O'Donnell's cafe at 6:30 tonight and will speak at a public meeting to be held in the court room of the court house at 8 o'clock. Both the dinner and the evening meeting is open to the public.

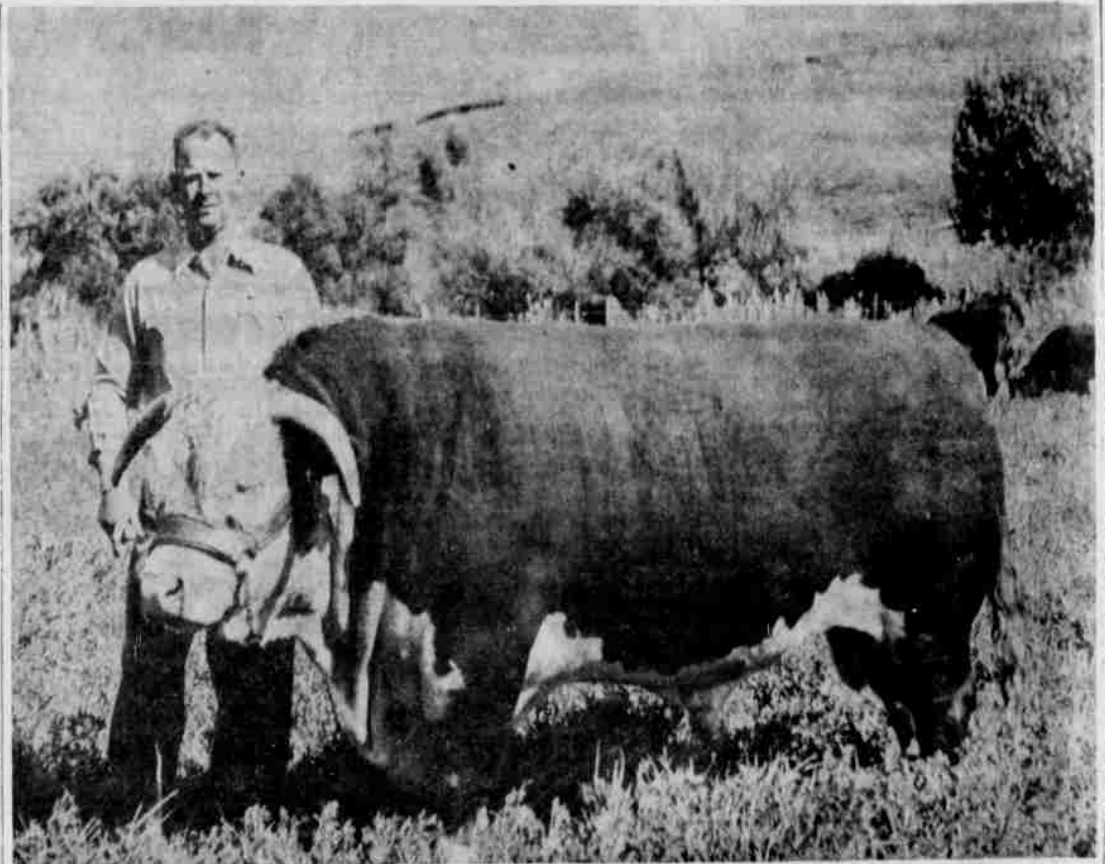
Senator Cordon, who with his wife and party are on a campaign tour through this section of Oregon, is expected to talk on some of the important issues in the coming election. He spoke from The Dalles Tuesday night over a radio network on "Power for Oregon" and is expected to touch on this subject during tonight's talk. He will come here from Condon where he spoke at a luncheon meeting this noon.

The local committee emphasizes that both the dinner and the later meeting are open to the public, but stated that the senator will not give a talk at the dinner, this being planned as an informal get-acquainted gathering.

Following his talk, Senator Cordon and his party will go on to Pendleton, where he and Mrs. Cordon will be the guests of former representative Lowell Stockman.

Heppner Man Passes Oregon State Bar
Mrs. Rose Francis, Heppner, has received word that her son, Joe French has passed the Oregon state bar and will be admitted to practice in the state.

French is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he majored in business administration for four years and is also a graduate of Willamette University where he majored in law for three years. He finished there last June.



GRASSMAN OF THE YEAR, Herbert Ekstrom of Ione, stands with Aristocrat M8, one of his registered herd sires, in one of his grass pasture fields that helped win him the title. (Tom Wilson Photo)

Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, Named County Grassman Of The Year

By Mrs. Tom Wilson
Herbert R. Ekstrom, Ione rancher, has been chosen Morrow county grassman of the year in the statewide grasslands program sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and locally by the Morrow county Farm Bureau with the assistance of the Morrow county Livestock Growers association.

Ekstrom runs 77 head of Herefords, including 35 cows and calves, on his 1,080 acre ranch north of Ione of which 400 acres in wheat, 628 acres in range and 52 acres in irrigated pastures. Twenty-four acres of land had been leveled for irrigation when Ekstrom took over his ranch five years ago and an additional 28 acres were developed by him in 1952 for gravity flood irrigation.

Originally in rye pasture, Ekstrom seeded his fields to brome, intermediate wheat grass, orchard grass, alta fescue, ladak alfalfa and sweet clover. From this he has an annual yield of about 150 tons of hay plus pasture operated on a rotation system for his cattle.

Under an efficiency production testing system set up by Jim Ellings, animal husbandryman, Oregon State college, Corvallis, Ekstrom weighs his calves when born, when weaned, at 12 months 18 months and when sold. Ekstrom has purchased top herd sires for his registered cattle, including Aristocrat M8, bred at the Matson Hereford ranch at Naches, Wash., and Husker Mischief 87 bred by Roy Bradshaw, Sedan, New Mexico.

His grass program is a primary factor in maintaining cattle operations on his ranch, according to Ekstrom.

Coming here from Portland, Ekstrom quickly became active in community and county affairs. He is a member of the Morrow county Livestock Growers association, the Oregon Cattleman's association, a director of the Mid-Columbia Hereford association, 4-H leader of the Ione Livestock club, past master of the Ione Masonic lodge and a member of the Locust chapter of Eastern Star.

Ekstrom gives credit for the success of his ranch operations to the Oregon State college and the Extension Service for his herd improvements and to the Soil Conservation Service for technical assistance and machinery as an important factor in his grass program.

Selection committee for the county grassman included Steve Thompson, Heppner, chairman, range and pasture improvement committee, Morrow county Livestock Growers association; Oscar Peterson, Ione and O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, Morrow county Farm Bureau.

Teachers Reception To Be Tuesday Night
The Heppner P-TA will hold their annual reception for the teachers Tuesday evening September 21 at the Legion hall. The Catholic Altar Society will be co-hosts for the 7:00 p. m. potluck dinner.

Those attending are asked to bring either salad, a hot dish or dessert.
Rev. Francis McCormack will be master of ceremonies, with the introduction of teachers and musical numbers planned on the program.
All parents and interested persons are urged to attend.

Heppner Man Leaves For Army Service
Randall Edmond Peterson, 25 Heppner, and Harold L. Arbogast, 25, Condon, have received notices to report for induction into the armed forces at the Portland induction station on September 16. It has been announced by Florence L. Morgan, clerk of the tri-county draft board.

Both men are scheduled to receive army basic training at Fort Ord, California.

Sharon Becket was taken to Seattle the first part of September by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket. She has enrolled in the Seattle Dental Assistants Training school.

Mrs. Beatrice Bedford of Portland arrived Saturday for a weeks visit at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford.

Condon Man Now Partner in Inland Chemical Service
Lowell Gribble, local owner and operator of Inland Chemical Service announced this week that Leonard Halderson of Condon is now associated with him as a partner in the Shell agricultural fertilizer company.

Halderson is a graduate of Oregon State College where he majored in agriculture and was formerly with the P. M. A. office in Condon. He is well known both there and in Morrow county. The company has offices in Condon and Heppner.

Deadline for Sewer Hookup Week Away
The Heppner city council this week reminded residents that they have only one more week to secure their permit for sewer hookup without having to pay the \$50 hookup charge. The permit charge is now only \$1.00.

September 23 is the deadline for hooking into the sewer system without having to pay the \$50 fee, according to the ordinance governing use and operation of the system and most residents have made the hookup already, however the city recorder reports a sizeable rush for permits during the past several days.

County Democrats Form Organization

The Morrow County Democratic central committee held its organization meeting for 1954 on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall. The speaker featured for the evening was Vernon Cook, president of the Young Democrats of Oregon who discussed the state of the Democratic party as well as techniques of organization.

The following officers were elected: chairman, Al Lamb, Heppner; alternate chairman, Newt O'Harra, Lexington; vice chairman, Marcel Jones, Heppner; Ida Slaughter, Irrigon, secretary; Buck Ruhl, Lexington, treasurer.

The next meeting of the central committee was set for Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 8:00 p. m. and is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra, at Lexington. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and the public is invited.

Mr. Lamb stated, "The Democratic party has offered a fine slate of candidates which every thinking person should support. It is up to the Democrats of this county and their friends, to see to it that they are elected."

Don Peterson Named Conservation District Supervisor

Don Peterson, Ione has been appointed by Governor Paul Patterson to replace Charles A. Carlson, Ione, whose term expired, as supervisor of the Heppner soil conservation district, it was announced at a district meeting on Tuesday night in the county agent's office.

The monthly progress report showed new district plans completed on the ranches of E. C. Heller, Ione, 152 1/2 acres; Paul Webb Jr., Heppner, 7315 acres and Webb and Don Greenup, Heppner, 5920 acres. Engineering surveys for leveling were made on the ranches of Gary Tullis, Ione, 6 1/2 acres; Terrel Bengt, Rhea Creek, 25 acres and Krebs Bros., Cecil, 19 acres. A total of 2,500 feet of stream channel alignment was completed on the ranch of Heliker, Ione and Charlotte Scherzinger, Heppner.

Other conservation work in August included conservation surveys on 9,935 acres; brush removal, 30 acres; installation of 2100 feet of permanent sprinkler pipe on the Jasper Meyers ranch, Pine City; and 2100 feet of diversion ditch on the Oren Brace ranch, Eightmile.

Newt O'Harra, Lexington, was named a delegate to attend the Pacific area meeting of district supervisors at Baker Sept. 27-28. Attending the meeting were Kenneth Peck, Orville Cutsforth, Gene Cutsforth, Newt O'Harra, Lexington; C. A. Carlson, Don Peterson, Raymond Lundell, Ione, J. J. Wightman, Tom Wilson, conservationist, and N. C. Anderson, secretary, Heppner.

Miss Margaret Gillis Suffers Stroke

Word was received here Wednesday that Miss Margaret Gillis, for many years Morrow county health nurse, who now lives in Dallas, suffered a stroke and is in serious condition at a Dallas hospital.

According to word received by Mrs. Joe Hughes of Heppner, Miss Gillis was stricken sometime Monday but was not found by neighbors until late that day.

Harvey Miller of Philadelphia, Penn., left Tuesday after a visit of several days with John and Rob Wightman and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham.

Rodeo guests at Mildred Tucker home were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison and children Doris and Raymond of Condon; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Tucker and daughters of Ione and Archie Padberg.

30 State Labor Law Violations Found In Morrow County

Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey released today a report on recent labor surveys, checking compliance with the wage and hour law which reveals 30 violations among 85 business firms in Morrow county. The Oregon wage and hour law governs the employment of women and minors in industry.

Seven employers failed to observe the law which requires them to obtain permits before hiring minors under 18 years of age. Eighteen Morrow county firms did not have timekeeping records accounting for daily and weekly work hours of employees as required by law. Occasional violations of the maximum 8-hour day, 44-hour week were reported in four firms. Labor deputies pointed out that such overtime is permissible only for emergencies through a permit from the labor commissioner. There was one infraction on rest periods.

Women in full-time employment in the firms checked had an average 41-hour work week and part-time workers a 21-hour week. Nineteen hours was the average work week for minors.

ATTEND INSTITUTE

Mrs. Joe Hughes, county assessor, and Edwin Walker were in Corvallis last week attending the assessors institute held at Oregon State college.

Bert Masin of Portland, was a Heppner visitor on Tuesday.

STRAW BALLOT SHOWS BIG MAJORITY FAVORS DEVELOPMENT OF PARK SITE

Last week's story asking the residents of Heppner if they would rather see the land sold for commercial use. The returns so far leave little doubt that a majority favor developing the land into a playground area.

Many persons who returned the ballots expressed the hope that some type of a park development plan could be started in the near future, with only a few persons voicing any complaint on a 2 mill tax to finance the project. What the younger generation thinks of the plan can be seen from a vote taken in the senior social economics class at Heppner high school. The students favored the plan by a majority of 23 to 2.

The ballot is being printed again this week to give others a chance to vote. It should be returned to the Gazette Times by next Thursday to be counted in the tally which will be turned over to the city council.

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