

Wednesday Vote To Decide Park Development Plan

Voters of Heppner will go to the polls next Wednesday, December 22, to settle the problem of what to do with a piece of city-owned land commonly known as the city park, but in its present condition, hardly usable as such.

The special election has been called by the council to seek authorization of a special one mill, five year tax levy to provide about \$6,000 with which to remove all the old buildings, clean up the site and develop it into a useful and attractive area. The voting will be held at the city hall and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.

The ballot measure calls for the removal of all buildings on the site which lies between Main street and Willow creek and north of Baltimore, including the old civic center building and all the other old structures on the north end of the area currently being used by Tunison and Wilson as truck repair shops. As funds become available from the levy, the area would be landscaped and seeded to grass.

Should the special levy be approved, the tax would go on the 1955-56 tax rolls for the first time.

The election was called following a straw ballot which showed a heavy majority of persons favored developing the area into a park. The vote at that time was 72 yes to 12 no.

Freak Accident Injures Heppner Man

Frank Hamlin, Heppner, suffered an extremely painful injury to his left hand and arm Sunday in a freak auto accident in downtown Heppner.

Hamlin stopped quickly to avoid another car and in doing so killed his engine. While attempting to push the car into the curb, the motor started and the car jumped the curb striking a parking meter stand and pinning Hamlin's hands and arms in the car door which was wedged shut against the meter stand.

A medical examination revealed no broken bones, but all ligaments to his left hand were pulled loose. He also caught his head in the door and suffered a severely bruised jaw in the accident.

School Christmas Vacation to Start Thursday, Dec. 23

School classes in nearly all county schools will be dismissed next Thursday, afternoon for the Christmas and New Years vacations, it was revealed today.

In most cases, students will complete their work early in the day, with the Heppner school buses scheduled to leave the school at 1:30 that afternoon. Schedules in other schools are similar.

Collision New Veep Of Coop Association

Edgar Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Coop returned Tuesday from Portland where he had been attending a meeting of the Oregon State Cooperatives association.

Collison was chosen vice president of the state-wide organization during its Tuesday sessions, and he will serve with Lee Wooden, Vernonia, the new president; and Ben Little, Corvallis, who was named secretary-treasurer of the group.

Tri-County Area Has Perfect Record During S-D Day

Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler, count drivers apparently took to heart the much publicized request for general observance of Safe-Driving day Wednesday.

According to the state police office at Arlington, no one in the three counties reported even denting a fender during the nationwide S-D Day campaign.

UN Pilgrimage Contest Planned

Plans for the annual Pilgrimage of Youth to the United Nations, sponsored by the Odd Fellows lodges of Morrow and Umatilla counties, were revealed this week by T. B. Bomboy, Pendleton, the chairman of the arrangement committee.

High school sophomores and juniors 16 and 17 years of age will be eligible to compete by writing an essay on the subject, "My Community and World Affairs."

Schools are to select their finalist by the last week in March and one student from the two-county area will be sent to the UN, leaving here July 8 or 9 and being gone about a month.

The previous winners were Jack Sumner, Heppner in 1952; Sally Palmer, Heppner and Roberta Cobain, Pendleton in 1953 and Alberta Dayhuff, Pendleton, last year.

All high schools in the area are urged to compete.

Social Security Benefits to Increase After January 1

You will be able to earn more money and still keep your social security checks under the liberalized retirement test beginning January 1, 1955.

For the remainder of 1954, you will not receive your payments for any months in which you earn more than \$75 in wages subject to social security, or average more than \$75 a month in profits from the operation of your business.

After the first of the year, you will be able to earn as much as \$1,200 during a year, either in wages or in net earnings from a business, without losing any benefit payments. If you make more than \$1,200, you will lose a month's payment for each \$80 over \$1,200, but you will not lose a check for any month in which you earn less than \$80 in wages or don't operate your business, the Social Security Administration reveals.

Beginning in 1955, the retirement test will apply to all wages or business earnings, whether subject to social security or not. In the past, the restriction on earnings took into account only those earnings which were subject to social security.

Placing the retirement test on an annual basis will be particularly helpful to seasonal workers. If, for instance, you were to work each year for the four months of June through September at \$300 a month, you would have your social security benefits suspended for those months under the former restrictions, but under those coming into effect, you would not lose any monthly payments.

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be in Heppner at the city hall on Thursday, December 23 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon to assist individuals who wish to file claims for benefits or who have questions concerning social security.

Band Parents See Sample Uniform

The band parents met Monday evening at the school with Mrs. J. R. Huffman, vice president, presiding.

Mr. Burreson of Pendleton, band uniform salesman was present with a sample uniform and Freddy Lynch modeled it. It was decided to let the band members help pick out the trimmings, etc. for the uniforms.

There will be a concert by the high school band, grade school band and beginners band Monday evening December 20 in the gym at 8:00 p. m. Afterwards there will be a short meeting of the band parents and it is very important that all parents be present.

A report was made on the candy sale held last Saturday and a little over \$70 was made at the sale.

Winners of 4-H 10-Year Awards



10 YEAR 4-H FINS are being awarded to Mrs. Edna Grimm, Irriagon, center, and Dean Graves, Heppner, right, by Jack Bedford, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland. First National provides pins for 4-H achievement. The awards were made at a special 4-H leaders luncheon sponsored by Pacific Power and Light. PP&L officials who were present and gave short talks included J. H. Huffman, Heppner manager; Tom Keenan, district manager, Pendleton; and Cecil Root, assistant sales manager, Albany. More than 40 leaders and guests were present at the luncheon. (GT Photo)

Veal Prices Hit New Top

HERMISTON — The highest price for veal this fall was paid at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports. Jake Maddar of Milton-Freewater was paid \$21.25 cwt. for a 255 lb. whiteface veal, up \$1.85 from the previous Friday. Increase was in line with other markets and due in part to a current scarcity of veal.

Consigned by 143 consignors, mostly in small lots, were 568 cattle compared with 657 on the previous Friday. 147 hogs compared with 163, and 20 sheep compared with 180. Quality was generally lower except for fed heifers.

Heifer calves were up 90c cwt., at \$17.50 and were in strong demand among farmer buyers for eventual breeding. Both Oregon and Washington buyers were active in seeking stock and feedlot cattle. Oregon, Washington and Idaho packers, Oregon and Washington feeder buyers and the farmers contributed to an active sale with broad demand for all cattle. Hogs declined 20c cwt. to a \$19.80 top, a smaller decline than in other markets such as Portland's 50c drop, due mainly to oversupply.

Other price increases: feeder steers, \$19.10 cwt. top, up 50c; fat heifers, \$18.60 cwt., up 30c; dairy cows, \$122.50 hd., up \$10.00; stock cows, \$152.50 hd., up \$27.50, few registered to \$185.00; canner-cutter, \$9.20 cwt., up 10c; shells, \$7.10 cwt., up 10c; sows, \$18.00 cwt., up 10c.

Needed next Friday are feedlot heifers grading good to choice and grain fed cows grading high utility and commercial. There will be no sale Dec. 24.

Others topping the market were R. R. Gray, Milton-Freewater 8 feeder steers, 6060 lbs., \$19.10 cwt.; Vlassenroot & Gilbert, Pilot Rock, 635 lb. whiteface heifer calf, \$18.60; Howard Haley, Pilot Rock, 2 ewes, \$12.25 hd.; Verne Atkins, Fox, yearling Hereford registered bull, \$200.00 hd.; E. P. Snyder, Hermiston, 2 registered Hereford cows, \$185.00 hd.; L. G. Matheny Echo, 9 whiteface heifers, 6100 lbs., \$17.20 cwt., and a 650 lb. steer calf, \$19.60; Oscar McCarty Echo, 275 lb sow, \$18.00; L. E. Pearson, Pendleton, 10 lambs, 1090 lbs., \$16.50; C. L. Hunt, Stanfield, 7 fat hogs, 1605 lbs., \$19.80.

Calves: Baby calves 12.50-16.00 hd.; weaner calves, 17.75-19.40 cwt.; heifer calves 15.50-17.80 cwt.; veal 18.75-21.25, new high for fall. Steers: Stocker steers 15.75-17.10 cwt.; feeder steers 17.85-19.10; fat slaughter steers 19.20-20.60; fat heifers 16.10-18.60.

Cows: Dairy cows 87.50-122.50 hd.; dairy heifers 19.00-23.50 hd.; stock cows 95.00-152.50 hd.; few registered to 185.00 hd.

Slaughter cows: Commercial 11.50-13.10 cwt.; utility 10.30-11.50; canner-cutter 7.50-9.20; shells 5.50-7.10.

Bulls: 11.60-13.20 cwt. few light good quality breeding bulls to 14.40.

Hogs: Weaner pigs 6.50-15.50 hd.; feeder pigs 19.30-21.60 cwt.; fat hogs 18.90-19.80; sows 14.75-18.00; boars 6.50-11.50.

Sheep: Feeder lambs 13.50-15.20 cwt.; fat lambs 15.70-16.60; ewes, 8.50-12.25 hd.; no bucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom of Echo, former Heppner residents, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham.

Death Takes Lifetime Hardman Resident, James H. Knighten

James Henry Knighten, 61, a lifetime resident of the Hardman area, passed away Wednesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an illness of about two weeks. He had been a rancher and laborer his entire life prior to his illness.

Mr. Knighten was born November 28, 1893 near Hardman and was the son of Robert and Margaret Knighten. He was a member of the Hardman Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges. He was never married.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday, December 17 at the Hardman I. O. O. F. hall with Rev. Lester Boulden officiating. Burial will be in the Hardman cemetery.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Imel, Redmond; two brothers, Wilbur, Hardman; and Elmer of Olex, two nieces and three nephews.

Creswick and Seuell Mortuary are in charge of arrangements.

O'Harra, Carlson Return From Arizona Conservation Trip

Newt O'Harra and Charles Carlson, two of 100 outstanding soil conservationists representing every section of the U. S., returned Sunday after spending a week at Wigwam Inn on Goodyear Farms at Litchfield Park, Arizona as guests of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

The two winners of Goodyear's seventh annual soil conservation awards program, conducted in 50 competing units including every state in the country. The winning soil conservation district in each state was allowed to send one governing body member and the top cooperating farmer on the grand award trip. O'Harra serves as a board member and Carlson took the place of Kenneth Peck, county conservation man of the year, who was unable to make the trip. The men left here December 5.

The trip is planned as a vacation award but the winners were given the opportunity to inspect numerous conservation, irrigation, cultivation and harvest, irrigation operations in the 14,000 acre ranch located in the heart of the Salt River valley which is known as the vegetable bowl of the nation.

O'Harra gave a report on the trip at the Monday meeting of the chamber of commerce as that organization also takes an active interest in conservation practices and sponsors a conservation banquet and program each year where the county conservation man receives his awards.

Prizes Offered in Decorating Contest

Three merchandise prizes which will be awarded to the winners of the Lions club sponsored Christmas home lighting contest, are now on display in the Pacific Power and Light company window. They will be awarded to the residents of the three best decorated homes in Heppner.

The prizes, a picnic case, a set of outdoor Christmas lights, and an electric clock were donated by the Lions club. Judging will be done by a committee of Lions between Christmas and New Years. No entry is necessary, installation of outside decorations will automatically place the residence in the competition.

Stockgrowers Meeting Planned

Arrangements are well under way for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock-growers to be held here January 13 and 14, it was announced this week.

The first day of the meeting will include an educational program consisting of a panel discussion on meat marketing problems and the presentation of a demonstration on meat cutting, wrapping, cooking and identification. The meat marketing panel will include producers, consumers, financiers, packers, sellers, and retailers.

The second day the annual business meeting will be held which will include committee reports and the election of officers. A banquet and dance will conclude the two-day meeting.

The entire program is open to the public.

RETURNS FROM KOREA

Mrs. Clayton Shaw left Wednesday for Seattle to meet her husband, Lt. Col. Clayton Shaw who returned today after 16 months service in Korea. He expects to be stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.



BUILDING CHANGES HANDS—Announcement was made last week that the building occupied by Gilliam and Bisbee hardware, and built by them in 1919, has been sold to Virden A. and Rosa J. Hellums of Pendleton. The transaction was handled by Cachot Theriksen for Margaret Woodson Beere, former Heppner resident who now lives in Pasadena, Calif. According to reports the 26,500 square foot building, one of the largest in Heppner, was purchased by the Pendleton couple as an investment. The occupants, Gilliam and Bisbee, are one of the oldest firms in Heppner, having started business in 1877.

Visit By Santa, Free Kids' Show Due Saturday

Saturday will be a big day for Morrow county youngsters with at least 500 of them expected to flock to Heppner to visit with Santa and to attend a free show in the afternoon.

The Saturday visit of Santa Claus, the only one the popular gentleman will make this season (except for his Christmas eve trip, of course) has been planned by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce, and chairman Phil Blakney said Monday that he has received assur-

ances that the old fellow will have plenty of candy treats to give to every child who comes to talk with him.

He is expected to arrive via the fire truck at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will spend nearly an hour renewing acquaintances and filling in his list of children's Christmas wants. He also sent word that he will again bring his Santa Mail Box which he will leave in town so kids may deposit their letters to him.

Free Show at 2 p. m.

Following Santa's visit, all the children are invited to the Star theater for its annual free children's show which is scheduled to start at 2 o'clock. At its conclusion, the youngsters are assured of another treat when the Heppner Elks lodge will furnish another round of candy for all comers.

Burglar Robs Local Home of Over \$400 In Cash, Merchandise

Burglars early Tuesday evening entered the L. L. Robbins home, two and one-half miles west of Heppner, and stole the contents of a large piggy bank, a nearly new \$300 accordion and a 410 gauge shotgun, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported today.

Bauman said the burglars apparently entered the front door of the house sometime between 5:30 and 8:00 p. m. while the Robbins were absent, for on their return the door was found standing open and the articles missing. The contents of the bank had been dumped out on a paper by the Robbins before they left the house about 5:30 and the intruder merely gathered up the paper and the money.

Robbins is agriculture instructor at Heppner high school.

Circuit Court Gives Plaintiff Award

A circuit court jury last week awarded the plaintiffs \$5,081.60 in a suit brought by Charles Heaton and Merlon Bleak against M. M. Powell, Wasco. The suit arose over the cost of the construction of a grain elevator built by Heaton and Bleak for Powell.

Scheduled in Judge William W. Wells court next Monday, is the case of Loren J. Matteson vs. Patrick Doherty in which Matteson is asking \$15,000 general and \$15,402 special damages as a result of an automobile accident which occurred in Heppner in February, 1953.

TURKEY SHOOT SET

The Morrow county Gun Club has set another in its series of turkey and merchandise shoots for Sunday, December 19 at the club grounds south of Heppner.

1954 4-H CLUB YEAR SHOWING ONE OF BEST ON RECORD IN COUNTY

With the completion of the 1954 4-H club year and the summary of 4-H record books and achievements of members, Morrow county boys and girls enrolled in this youth program made one of the best showings yet. Two hundred seventy boys and girls enrolled at the beginning of the year with 248 of this completing, which made a percent completion of 91.8%. Of the 33 clubs, 21 had members completing 100%.

Projects carried by the boys and girls were many, composed of clothing, foods, food preparation, homemaking, livestock, poultry, flowers, electricity and junior leadership. In the Just So project, 36 articles were completed. Those enrolled in Sew Its Fun, completed 24 articles, those in Charmingly Yours, 14 garments and 45 articles. The teen-age group made 30 garments while Clothing III girls made 16 garments, Clothing V, 60 garments; Clothing V, 25 garments. In the food project, those carrying the Breakfast club prepared 828 dishes, serving 134 meals. In the Luncheon club, 81 meals were served with 508 dishes prepared. Those carrying the Dinner project prepared 925 dishes, serving 410 meals.

Six members in the food preservation club canned 367 quarts and froze 292 quarts for better farm and home nutrition. The homemaking project with 8 members enrolled, completed 16 articles, improving 8 rooms. Those enrolled in livestock, carrying the dairy project had 9 dairy animals; those in beef, 53 animals; those in sheep 105 animals; swine, 88 animals; rabbit 131 animals, and chickens 29. In these livestock projects, animals owned by these 4-H club members were valued at \$19,669.25. Of this \$6,321.61 was profit. In the electric project, 28 articles were made by four boys. This year for the first time, nine girls were enrolled in the junior leadership project assisting with 4-H club activities in their club and community. Through their activities, 83 club members were completed and they were given credit for seven of the clubs which had 100% completion. 4-H enrollment is well underway for 1955 club year with several clubs yet to organize. Interest has been found in several new projects, including forestry and entomology. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 21, are encouraged to join 4-H. Those wishing more information about this program should contact Miss Beverly Bradshaw, or N. C. Anderson, at the county agent's office.

