

Outcome of Rural Board Vote Still Undecided

All six school districts in the county elected new directors at annual meetings and election last Monday, but one race, that for one position on the rural school board, remained undecided today.

The race in question is for the rural board post from the Heppner area, Zone No. 4. J. J. Nys, incumbent board member who was running for reelection, received a total of 36 votes. There were however, 29 write-in votes cast for Frank Anderson, Eightmile rancher, and the local election board threw out 10 votes, some of which were for Anderson because an X was not placed before the write-in name.

An attorney general's opinion in a similar case stated that the law does not require an X to be placed in front of a write-in name inasmuch as the writing in of the name gives evidence of the voter's intention.

The question still remains at the present time, but the rural school board will meet next Tuesday to canvass the votes and will determine the winner of the race at that time. If a sufficient number of the questioned ballots are found valid, Anderson could be declared winner.

Results in the local elections are:

HEPPNER—Alvin Bunch defeated Harold Wright in the only contest for the Heppner school board. He received 39 votes to Wright's 34. Others elected were Howard Cleveland, five-year term; Raymond French, three-year term. Bunch won the 4-year term on the board. Holdover members are L. E. Dick Jr. and Edgar Collision. Cleveland was running for reelection.

IONE—There were two contests for positions on the lone school board and one of them was decided by the slim margin of two votes. Berl Akers won out over Mrs. Mike Matthews for the 5 year term by a vote of 43 to 41. In the other race John Proudfoot beat out Mrs. E. M. Baker 48 to 35 for the three year term. Don McElligott won the vote for the four year term with a total of 68 votes. There were several write-in votes for this post but none received more than two votes.

A total of 85 votes were cast in a good turnout.

LINGTON—A total of 34 votes were cast in Monday's school election with A. F. Majeske elected for a five year term; Millard Nolan for the four year term and Elmer E. Padberg to the three year term. There was no opposition.

Holdover members are E. E. Peck, and Roy Martin.

BOARDMAN—All three winners of the three open school board positions in the Boardman school board were filed for all

positions, giving somewhat of a mixup in tally. The final outcome revealed Willard Baker won the five year term, Henry Gantebine the four year term and Harold Kress the three year term. All received some votes for the other positions.

Holdover board members are Dewey West and Henry Zivney.

IRRIGON—James B. Henderson received 65 votes to win the five-year term; beating out James H. Keith who received 25 votes. Warren McCoy got 57 votes to win over John Swearingen, 31 votes, for the four year term; and William Allen received 59 votes for the three year term. His closest contestant was Bessie Hobbs who received 21 votes.

HARDMAN—Four new board members were elected for the Hardman school district Monday. They were Marion Cork, 5; A. M. Ferguson, 8; H. C. Lesley, 8 and Mrs. Blaine Chapel, 5. Holdover member is Darold Hams.

Members of the rural school board will be James B. Henderson, Alonzo Henderson, Adrian Becholdt, Fredrick Martin and either J. J. Nys or Frank Anderson, which ever is declared winner of the race after the vote is canvassed.

Second Degree Murder Charged; Guilt is Denied

A second degree murder indictment against Mrs. Ann Avent was returned by the grand jury last Friday in the shooting June 4 of Dellmore Lessard, Portland attorney. Mrs. Avent immediately appeared before judge William W. Wells and entered a plea of not guilty.

Judge Wells announced during the Friday court session that he would set the trial date as soon as it was convenient for all parties concerned. He indicated that might mean late July or early August. Mrs. Avent is being represented by attorneys Ralph Currin, Pendleton and John Basset of Portland.

Mrs. Avent has been charged with the fatal shooting of Lessard in a Heppner restaurant following a discussion over the custody of her son. The attorney was representing Mrs. Avent's divorced husband.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE TOTAL GIVEN

This year's county Community Chest drive raised a total of \$1,324.67 it was revealed this week by Jack Flug, drive chairman. One-third of the amount stays in the county with the balance going to aid the state program.

Wednesday Storm Brings Month's First Rainfall

Wednesday afternoon's thunderstorm which brought the first measurable amount of rain to fall in Morrow county during June did much to brighten the hopes of ranchers in the area. Though the rainfall measured only about .10 inch in Heppner it brought relief from the hot weather and drying winds of the past several days.

The storm was fairly general over most of the southern part of the county but did not reach very far to the north where only .02 to .04 inch was measured. It did however, lower temperatures 20 to 25 degrees within a few minutes. The rain was preceded by a heavy wind which whipped up clouds of dust so thick that visibility was cut to a few feet in some of the worst places.

Temperatures during the past several days had risen rapidly with the highest official temperature of the summer season, 91 degrees, being recorded in Heppner Tuesday. The minimum temperature both Monday and Tuesday night was a warm 54 degrees.

Most ranchers have reported that the hot weather and drying winds were causing damage to wheat which has not had any rain since the end of May. Wednesday's storm did not bring what could be called a good rain, but it did help and as far as could be determined there was no hail damage.

Lone To Vote On Special School Levy

A special election has been set for Thursday, June 30 in the lone school district to vote upon a special one year tax levy needed to pay off a deficit in school district operating funds. The election will be held at the school cafeteria from 2 to 4 p. m.

The deficit of \$9,999.54 has been carried on the school district books since the formation of the county rural school district in 1948 and a recent auditor's report demanded that it be removed by means of funds raised through a special levy which, according to reports would amount to slightly over two mills for one year.

The actual deficit carried on the books is \$2,115.21 larger than the figure to be voted on, but the rural school board has agreed to allow the smaller amount to be taken from the regular budget if the special levy is approved.

It has been pointed out that the money to be raised will remain in the lone district and will not go into equalization funds which would be divided among other districts. The shortage is in the lone funds only and was on the books when the district was included in the rural school district at the time of its formation.

New Lutheran Pastor To Be Installed

The installation of Rev. Merlin Zier as pastor of the Hope Lutheran church of Heppner, will be held Sunday evening, June 26, at 7:30 p. m. at the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Dr. S. C. Siefkes, of Portland, president of the northwestern district of the American Lutheran church, will conduct the installation. Rev. Armin H. R. Reitz, pastor of Trinity Lutheran of Hermiston will deliver the sermon, and Rev. C. H. Eller, pastor of Peace Lutheran of Pendleton, will be the liturgist. The Trinity Lutheran choir of Hermiston will sing.

A reception will be held at the Episcopal parish house after the service. Everyone is invited.

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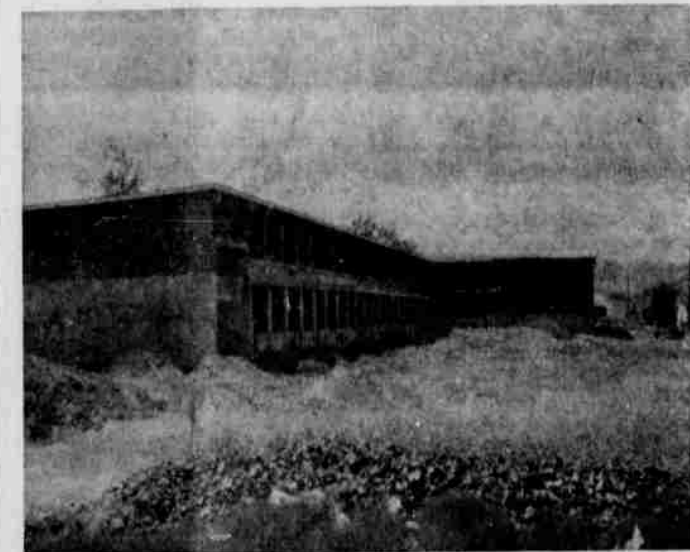
Robert Peland, editor-publisher of the Heppner Gazette Times was named president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association last weekend at the annual meeting of the organization at Roseburg. He replaces Lucian P. Arant, publisher of the Baker Democrat-Herald, who has served for the past year.

Peland has been vice president of the group during the past year and was a member of the board of directors for two years prior to being named to the vice president's position.

Wheat Referendum Vote Saturday



NEW HEPPNER GRADE SCHOOL is rapidly taking shape as carpenters and brick layers have nearly completed the outside of the 10 classroom and multipurpose room building. This photo shows the new plant from the vantage point of hospital hill. Entrances are on the street side with the rooms opening out to the north side of the building facing Hinton creek. Simonton and Steel, Portland contractors are doing the construction.



CLASSROOM SIDE of the new school building is shown in this photo. Rooms are on two levels with all windows facing the north. The multipurpose room is included in the wing at the far end of the building. Completion is hoped for by the start of school this fall. (GT Photos)

County Savings Bond Sales Take Big Jump During May

During May Oregonians bought \$3,281,427 worth of series E and H Savings bonds, according to county chairman Jeff Carter who today announced the U. S. treasury's monthly report on state bond sales.

That the average Oregonian is interested in building up his holdings in savings bonds is shown by the fact that in May he put aside 41.6 percent more of his savings in bonds than in the same month last year. And, for the first five months of this year he decided to buy \$20,676,243 worth of savings bonds, 39 percent more than he saved during the same period in 1954.

As a preferred investment, in Morrow county alone, sales for May of this year totaled \$102,094, more than 10 times the purchases in May, 1954.

When savings bonds were first introduced fifteen years ago to help finance World War II, the average Oregonian responded to patriotic appeals and sales figures rose to all-time highs. After peace was declared, savings bonds sales gradually declined until the low spot was reached in 1952.

Bond purchases in Morrow county for the first five months of this year total \$225,728. This compares with sales of only \$76,543 for the same period of 1954, Carter revealed.

Tuberculin Testing Program Considered

Members of the Morrow county Tuberculosis and Health Association, and the Health Department met Thursday evening, June 16, at the Oddfellows hall in Lexington with representatives of Morrow county Parent Teacher groups to discuss the possibilities of a tuberculin testing program in the county.

The Tuberculosis and Health Association voted to give their full cooperation to the Parent Teacher Association and the health department in carrying out the program which will be brought up for discussion and approval when their meetings begin in the fall.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and Miss Miller will leave Tuesday for St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Barratt will continue on to Pine Bluff, Arkansas to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles James.

Rev. Earl Soward Resigns Pastorate

Rev. Earl L. Soward, pastor of the Heppner Christian church for nearly four years, announced today that he has resigned his pastorate effective August 20. The church elders received his resignation Sunday.

The congregation has not yet had an opportunity to act on the resignation, it was pointed out.

Rev. Soward came to Heppner from Burns and has been very active in civic work during his tenure here. He has served on the youth activities committee of the chamber of commerce and was secretary of the organization for a year. He also served as president of the Heppner Parent-Teachers and was a member of Boy Scout and Cub Scout committees. He helped to organize the Heppner ministerial association and to promote closer harmony among the churches of the area.

Rev. Soward said he has not yet decided on his future plans.

New Modern Trailer Court is Planned

Joe Bowden of Heppner reports that he expects to construct, in the very near future, the most modern trailer court in Eastern Oregon. It will be situated on the Balm Fork road, just outside the city limits and will have a 30 by 70 foot space for each trailer, complete with patio, small yard and parking space for car.

Mr. Bowden also plans a laundrette for the use of the trailer park guests as well as for the townspeople. The city council has granted a license to Bowden for the above construction which he expects to have completed by January of next year.

NO SERVICES SUNDAY AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Due to the fact that the rector, John R. Reeves and the lay reader, H. C. Reed will both be out of town, there will be no services Sunday June 26 at All Saints Episcopal church, but there will be services on Sunday, July 3.

Water Use Restricted During City Fires

Fire chief C. A. Ruggles today reminded Heppner residents that a city ordinance requires all water use to be stopped when the fire siren sounds. The ruling applies mainly to sprinkling and irrigation.

The requirement is called to the attention of residents with the coming of the fire season as there are times when heavy water use strains the capacity of city water mains leaving some of the higher elevations in very short supply.

The chief also reminded residents that fire permits are required for all burning during the fire season and urged extreme care with all fires.

Death Claims Harry L. Duvall

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Heppner Methodist church for Harry L. Duvall, 65, prominent Morrow county rancher who passed away at his home Sunday evening.

Mr. Duvall was stricken with a serious lung ailment about two weeks ago but was showing improvement until a short time before his death. He had been in failing health for several years.

Harry Lochel Duvall was born December 4, 1889 at Gower, Mo. He came to Oregon in 1909 and started ranching in the North Lexington and Blackhorse area of Morrow county in 1916. During the years he expanded his holdings into extensive wheat and cattle operations throughout this area. He was married to Amanda Wald at Echo in 1910.

Mr. Duvall was a member of the board of directors of Pioneer Memorial hospital and in recent years has made numerous contributions to the hospital including a new home which is used by hospital personnel. He and Mrs. Duvall also donated a large outdoor fireplace for the courthouse park and last year gave a great number of shrubs and flowers and landscape work to the courthouse yard and park.

He had served for some time as county committeeman for the democratic party and was a member of the county infantile paralysis and Red Cross boards. He was a member of the Methodist church, the Masons, Eastern Star, Shrine and the Farm Bureau.

Officiating at Wednesday's final rites was Rev. Lester D. Boulden, Methodist pastor. Pall bearers were Clarence Rosewall, Elmer Hunt, Harry Dinges, Burge Ledbetter, Theron Adlard and Eugene Wardwell.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Wickersham, two grandchildren, Lois and Loren Wickersham of Portland; two brothers, Melvin J. Duvall and Donald T. Duvall, both of St. Joseph, Mo.

Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Heppner Round-Up Princess Visits

Miss Sharon Bryant, princess in the Pendleton Round-Up royal court, attended a Camp Fire Girls convention breakfast in Pendleton last Wednesday and rode in the Washington State Sheriff's Posse convention in Walla Walla Sunday with other members of the court.

From Walla Walla Miss Bryant went to Potlatch, Idaho for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wallace Espy. A senior at Heppner high school next year, Miss Bryant has completed Camp Fire work which she started in Lewiston as a member of the St. Stanislaus school group with her mother as leader. She also is a Rainbow girl.

ON ISLAND MANEUVERS

Lt. Norman M. Bergstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Bergstrom of Ione, left Sunday from Seattle aboard the USS Rombach, for a months cruise and maneuvers in the Hawaiian Islands. Lt. Bergstrom is the commanding officer of the Pendleton Naval Reserve unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed are spending a few days visiting in Spokane, Washington.

Continuation of Marketing Quotas To Be Decided

Morrow county wheat growers will join with those of the rest of the nation Saturday in deciding whether wheat marketing quotas will be continued for 1956. The referendum vote will be held between 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. at three polling places in the county.

Vernon Munkers, county ASC chairman, reports that any wheat producer, owner or tenant of land in the county who will be subject to marketing quotas in 1956 will be eligible to vote in the referendum.

Balloting on the referendum will be held at the following places: Ione Legion hall for the communities of Ione, Morgan and part of Eightmile, Lexington Grange hall for the communities of Alpine, and Lexington, and at the Heppner Legion hall for the North Heppner, South Heppner and the remainder of the Eightmile areas.

It was also pointed out that the balloting may be done in person or by absentee ballot.

The local ASC office also announced that farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for any of the years 1953, 54 or 55 may apply for 1956 wheat acreage allotment. To be considered for allotment on a farm on which no wheat was seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by June 30.

Application forms are available at the ASC office for use in filing for allotment requests.

Wheat price supports and marketing quotas are tied together under the present law which require the continuation of quotas to hold the support price at its present level. The U. S. department of agriculture reported earlier this week that the wheat loan support price for Morrow county has been set at \$2.06. This is about 20 cents lower than last year. This rate is subject to later adjustment if the party level advances.

Ione Girl Named 4-H School Head

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Judy Howton, Ione, has been elected girls president of the fortieth annual Oregon 4-H summer school on the Oregon State college campus. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Howton of Ione.

Judy has been active in 4-H club work for eight years and this is her third year at summer school. She is here on a scholarship from the Morrow County Grain Growers association.

In addition to her 4-H activities, Judy has been active in school and community affairs. She was sophomore class president and won the student body citizenship award this last year.

Summer school will last through Friday, June 24. The Sunday morning service put on by the students and the International Night program Sunday evening are among the highlights of the summer school program. The Sunday service will be broadcast over radio station KOAC.

MRS. DOWEN ILL IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Larry Dowen was admitted to the Everett General Hospital on June 13 as an emergency patient. Complications had set in after her recent surgery and she will probably have to remain there for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowen and children are in Washington for a two weeks period while he attends Aquatic School at Olympia and Mrs. Dowen had planned to visit friends and relatives in Everett and Seattle.

ORVILLE SMITHS MOVE TO WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and family left today for Orcas Island, Washington, in Puget Sound where they will make their home. Smith, who was formerly co-owner and manager of the Heppner Lumber Company, says his interest in the mill to M. Rice Hitchcock and East and sell the first of this year.

"WE WUZ ROBBED!"—HEPPNER HIGHWAY ENTRANCE SIGN TURNS UP MISSING



WHERE DID IT GO?—That is the question state police and highway department officials have been asking this week about Heppner's west entrance sign. The big reflector sign was ripped from its post by vandals sometime during the past two weeks. This picture of the sign was taken shortly after it was installed a few months ago. Today only the post remains.

State police and highway department officials would like to know what has happened to Heppner's city limits entrance sign (pictured above) which was newly installed only a few months ago.

The big black and white reflector sign which tells travelers that they are entering Heppner and gives population figures, was apparently torn down from its post at the west entrance to town sometime within the past two weeks, police report. The sign cost \$45 to build and install

and at the time it was put up the highway department pointed to its cost and asked that it not be defaced or damaged.

Heppner's sign wasn't damaged... it just disappeared completely!

State police report that at about the same time the big sign was stolen, several highway stop and warning signs were also torn down.

Anyone having information as to the whereabouts of the sign is asked to contact either the state police, sheriff or state highway officials.