

Housing Development Here Seen Possible

The possibility that a sizeable group of new homes would be built in Heppner during the coming year was revealed at the chamber of commerce meeting on Monday noon when it was announced that Lloyd Hammerstad, president of United Builders of Yakima, Wn. had been in Heppner during the past week to investigate sites.

Hammerstad made no definite commitment on the plan but while here investigated several possible locations for a housing development which could run from 10 to 50 new homes, it was said. According to reports the company, which has constructed many new homes in Pendleton and Washington cities, would make available two and three bedroom homes in the \$10,000 to \$12,000 price bracket. The company representative said that financing for such a project has been arranged and the houses could be purchased on low down payments and either FHA or GI terms.

Hammerstad told a chamber official that he plans to return to Heppner within a short time and the group expects to meet with him. There appears to be great interest in the proposal among chamber members and other residents who have heard of the plan.

The chamber also received a letter from the Arlington chamber of commerce offering its support and help in a plan to relocate the Heppner-Heppner Junction highway. The local

Ground Observer List Grows, More Help Still Needed

The Heppner Ground Observers Corp has been officially in operation since January 9, it was reported this week by Mrs. Ray Smith, local GOC head.

Since last week Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. Riley Munkers and Mrs. Merlin Wagener have been signed as observers but others are still needed, to was said. A list is being compiled of interested persons to take a training session which will be given here in the near future by Sgt. Coleman, area coordinator of the GOC. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Smith, 6-5330 or Mrs. Llewelyn Robbins, 6-9723 for information.

"Hobbies" Subject Of P-TA Program

Hobbies was the subject for the program at last week's Heppner P-TA meeting and the results of many hobbies were on display for members at the meeting. They included airplanes, trains, pencil drawings, amateur radios, rocks, ceramics, chinchillas, oil paintings, woodworking, crochet and quilts.

A panel discussion on hobbies was presented by Jack Flug, Dr. C. M. Wagner, Ray Smith and Whitmer Wright. Moderator was Oliver Creswick. Other entertainment included vocal numbers by a men's quartet composed of Vic Kreimeyer, Clem Stockard, Gordon Pratt and Oliver Creswick.

It was announced that the P-TA now has 243 paid members.

Following the meeting cookies and coffee were served by the 6th and 7th grade room mothers. John Snyder's 8th grade won the room count.

Two Men Held Here on Washington Charges

Two Washington men were held in the county jail this week, one charged with transporting a stolen car across state lines and the other as an AWOL.

Thomas Francis Green, Seattle was picked up by state police near Boardman late last week, along with George Arthur Tucker, also of Seattle. Both were lodged in the county jail. Green was charged under the Dyer act and was released Wednesday in the custody of a deputy U. S. marshal. Tucker is still being held for Army authorities.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS MAY BE FILED HERE

A state unemployment service representative from Pendleton will be in Heppner to accept unemployment claims from 10 to 12 a. m. January 25, it has been announced. Offices will be in the city hall.

A representative will continue to come here every two weeks following this visit, it was announced.

CARD PARTY TO BENEFIT DIMES DRIVE

The Rhea Creek Grange will have a benefit card party for the March of Dimes on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p. m. at the grange hall. Admission is 75 cents per person and refreshments will be served.

chamber has requested the state highway commission several times in past years to consider a plan of relocating the highway between Morgan and Arlington. The plan, as suggested again by the Arlington chamber would be to route the new road from Morgan to a point about three miles south of Arlington where it would join the Arlington-Condon highway. The proposed route would eliminate the crooked road below Morgan and shorten the distance between Heppner and Arlington by 12 miles, it was reported. In the past state highway officials have turned down local requests for such a change, but have admitted that when any major road work was done in that area, the rerouting would be given consideration.

The chamber plans to join with the Arlington group in submitting the proposal to the highway commission.

Cattlemen Urge Change in Bangs' Test, Inspection

The Morrow county livestock growers, meeting Friday and Saturday for their annual conference, recommended that 20 percent of both commercial stock and purebred cattle herds be blood tested annually and that a provision be made for inspection of all licensed slaughter houses where meat is handled for human consumption.

The meeting was held at the Elks temple and concluded Saturday night with a banquet at the fair pavilion. About 100 members attended the meetings and close to 175 the banquet.

The Bangs resolution was aimed at the proposed changes in that state law and it was pointed out that at present all purebred herds must be tested annually. Inasmuch as purebred breeders must test before selling and since they are run under the same conditions as commercial animals, where only 20 percent of herd testing is required, the same regulations should be applied to both.

The meat inspection resolution adopted for proposed legislation noted that while inspection is required for intra and interstate slaughter houses, local concerns which slaughter only for local consumption, can be sources of poorer quality meat.

Resolutions Passed
The hunter problem came in for discussion with the recommendation that hunting licenses be revoked for one year of persons convicted of careless use of firearms or other hunting violations.

The present brand law was considered adequate, but members recommended more rigid enforcement and requested that animals carrying more than one brand have at least two of the brands listed on the brand certificate.

It was felt that each county should retain its option on whether it should come under a proposed state fencing law and the resolution asked that proof of negligence rest with the complaint.

County home demonstration agents and the home economics departments in state schools were recognized for their educational training in the preparation and use of meats.

Officers Are Re-Elected
The group re-elected all former officers to their posts. They are John Graves, president; Bill Barratt, vice president; Gerald Swaggart, treasurer and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Panel discussions during the program featured Prosser Clarke, of Benson, Bodine and Clark of North Portland who urged that livestock shipments be spread evenly throughout the week rather than concentrating on one day and depressing the market. Harold Cohn of Heppner noted an increase in the demand for wool and lamb consumption through lamb promotion. He said Pendleton Woolen Mills has announced it could take all county wool available on a scoured, clean basis.

Ernie Williams, president of the Portland Union stockyards, who spoke at the Saturday night banquet, said that "Problems of livestock growers are not insurmountable and in general profits in 1957 will be determined by the ability of growers to increase production and cut expenses." He said the livestock customer is increasing annually and pointed out that population in Oregon has increased 46 percent while livestock has gone up only 15 percent.

A varied program of entertainment was presented at the banquet and a dance followed. The dinner was served by the home economics club of the Lexington Grange.

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MR. AND MRS. DON ROBINSON, right, are receiving engraved letter presented by the Morrow County Livestock association for the county cattleman award for 1956 which was won by Kirk and Robinson. Making the presentation is George Russell, vice president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association. It was presented at the stock growers banquet Saturday night. (Wilson Photo)

Services Held Today For Eugene Gray, 70, of Stanfield

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 p. m. (Thursday) at the Stanfield Presbyterian church for Eugene Gray, 70, who passed away January 13 at Hermiston.

Mr. Gray was born November 21, 1886 at Pilot Grove, Texas and had farmed near Stanfield for the past 16 years. He is survived by his wife Mabel, Stanfield; two sons, Merritt Gray of Heppner and Robert Eugene Gray of Mill City; two daughters, Mrs. L. E. Ruhl of Lexington and Florence Gray of Stanfield; sisters, Alice Stockard, Heppner, Eunice Selvey, Pueblo, Colo., and May Deardorf, Monmouth; four brothers, John, of La Grande, Charles, Mt. Vernon, Mo., Elmer, Leroy, Kansas and Howard of Marshfield, Mo.

Vault entombment was in the Hermiston cemetery with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston in charge of arrangements.

Ione Television Names New Officers

The annual Ione TV meeting was held Monday night at the city hall with over 40 persons present. Noel Dobyns was elected vice president for a three year term, and two new directors, Roy Lindstrom and Gene Rietmann were chosen. Holdover officers are Garland Swanson, president; Fredrick Martin and Gordon White directors, and Adon Hamlett, secretary-treasurer.

Three prizes were given. Winner of first prize of six months free TV service was won by Echo Palmateer; second prize of four months of free service went to Mrs. Edith Nicheson and third prize of two months service by Pete Cannon. Donuts and coffee were served after the meeting.

TV subscribers are now receiving three channels on the cable system, channels 19, 6 and 8.

State Head to Speak At Farm Bureau

Mrs. Jack Sacrison, state Farm Bureau woman's chairman, will speak at the Morrow County Farm Bureau meeting Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 8 p. m. The meeting will be held at the Jack Barak home north of Lexington.

Mrs. Sacrison attended the American Farm Bureau meeting at Miami, Fla., in December and will give a report on that trip. Legislation coming before the state legislature now in session will also be discussed.

New Episcopal Officers Named

About 70 were present Sunday for the annual meeting and pot-luck dinner of All Saints Episcopal church held at the parish house.

The congregation elected Jack Bedford and James Driscoll to the vestry and Jack Loyd as the junior warden.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo was named senior warden by the Rev. G. R. S. Little and the vestry appointed C. C. O'Connor, Ione, as registrar of the church and Robert Ferrell, treasurer.

Reports were heard from all committee chairmen and from the treasurer.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION PLANNED BY RAINBOW

The Rainbow girls will hold a public installation of officers at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, January 27 at the Masonic temple.

Ione Officials Take Offices

Ione city officials took the oath of office Tuesday evening, Jan. 8 at the first city council meeting of the new year. Sworn in were Omar Rietmann, mayor; Mrs. Doris Gollyhorn, recorder; Mrs. Echo Palmateer, treasurer; Roy Lindstrom and Milton Morgan, councilmen. Another councilman Fredrick Martin was absent and will take his seat later. Mayor Rietmann gave a tentative program for the year which included work on the city reservoir, a tree-planting program in the town, improvement of the upper part of the city park and maintenance for it, a plan to control solicitors in the town and a spray program.

Hog Prices Still Lead Upswing

HERMISTON—For the third straight week hog prices led the way at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday with all grades showing price gains. Manager Delbert Anson described the market as "red hot" with a large number of consignors, 107, placing 375 cwt., 236 hogs and 24 sheep on the auction block.

Feeder pigs topped last week's season high of \$20.5 cwt., posting a mark of \$21.50 cwt. Weaner pigs bettered last week's high by \$1.25 per head while fat hogs and sows showed a slight gain of \$10 cwt.

Cattle prices remained steady with veal still the leader with a range of \$20.10 to \$22 cwt. Needed especially for next Friday's sale will be feeder steers for Yakima valley feed lots and fat cows and heifers for packers. The market:

CATTLE—Baby calves 1.50 to 9 per head; feeder steers, 16.50 to 18.30 cwt.; steer calves, 17.20 to 18.90 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.90 to 15.90 cwt.; veal, 20.10 to 22 cwt.; stocker steers, 15.10 to 16.50 cwt.; heifers, 13.30 to 15.90 cwt.; dairy cows, 92 to 135 per head; stock cows, 91 to 109 per head; utility and commercial cows, 10.80 to a few light cows at 14.50 cwt.; canner-cutter cows, 8.10 to 10.80 cwt.; shells, 4.25 to 7.30 cwt.; and bulls, 14.10 to 15.30 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 9.50 to 15.25 per head; feeder pigs, 19.20 to 21.50 cwt.; fat hogs, 17.90 to 19.10 cwt.; and sows, 13.60 to 15.20 cwt., with a few light sows to 16.70.

SHEEP—Feeder lambs, 13.60 to 14.70 cwt.; and yearlings, 9.10 to 10.80 cwt.

Those earning top prices at the market included E. C. Dougherty, Heppner, 15.20 cwt for a 295-pound white sow and 21.50 cwt for four feeder pigs of 305 pounds; Owen Livestock Co., Echo, 19.10 cwt for 10 fat hogs of 2080 pounds; J. P. French, Pilot Rock, 15.30 cwt for a 1265-pound white face cow; George Edwards, Milton, 14.50 cwt for an 840-pound roan cow; Ben Jordan, Irrigon, 109 per head for five older stock cows; Dillford Mills, Hermiston, 135 per head for a holstein cow; J. P. Lenfesty, Touchet, 14.70 cwt for five feeder lambs of 390 pounds; Mary Glavey, Heppner, 15.25 per head for 17 weaner pigs; Lawrence Hagen, Pendleton, 15.90 cwt for five white face heifer calves of 2700 pounds; and Archie McClure, Walla Walla, 18.90 cwt for 21 steer calves of 10,880 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt left Sunday for a vacation in Arizona.

First Snowfall of Winter Precedes Temperature Drop

Ralph Thompson New President Of Pendleton PCA

Ralph L. Thompson of Heppner, Monday was named president of the Pendleton Production Credit Assn. at the annual meeting of the organization at Pendleton. Thompson has served as a member of the board of directors on the PCA since 1941 and as vice-president since 1944.

Thompson replaces Glen E. Storie who has headed the organization for the past three years and has been a director for 12 years.

Thompson was for many years engaged in the sheep business in Morrow county, in recent years he has disposed of most of his holdings except a section on upper Willow creek where he makes his home. He is also a Morrow county commissioner, serving his second term in that office.

Other officers elected at the meeting include Charles F. Litch, Enterprise, vice-president; re-elected were W. E. Moore, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer; assistant secretaries Barbara Short and James C. Southern, Pendleton.

Wider Use of Polio Vaccine Being Urged

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis advised Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer, that the county is still at least 200 million shots short of winning the battle against polio. The letter was part of an appeal to the general public to have Salk polio shots which are now available.

Dr. McMurdo reminded county residents that the shots may be obtained free of charge at an immunization clinic to be held Friday from 1 to 3 p. m. at the county health office at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He urged that the vaccine be used, as all that is not taken within a short time must be returned to the state.

Mrs. Avent Returned To Penitentiary

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman Tuesday returned Mrs. Ann Avent to the Oregon penitentiary to serve out her life sentence for the shooting of Delmore Lessard here over two years ago.

Mrs. Avent had filed an appeal with the supreme court but her plea was turned down. She had been held at Rocky Butte jail in Portland while her appeal was pending.

SEAL SALE DRIVE NETS OVER \$1400

The Christmas Seal drive has received a total of \$1417.19, it was reported this week by Mrs. Jack Angel, chairman, who also said the drive doesn't officially close until March 31 and contributions may still be sent in.

The chairman expressed her thanks to the many persons who helped with the drive and to the public for their support.

New Stop Light is Installed at School Crosswalk

A new flashing stop light was installed this week over the crosswalk between the Heppner grade school and high schools and motorists are advised to observe the light which has now been placed in operation.

The light was purchased by the city for the protection of students between the two buildings. The who must cross the street before the light means that all cars must stop regardless of whether the crosswalk is occupied and school officials said Wednesday that most cars are not observing the requirement. City police will watch the area closely for violations, it was said.

The light is in operation between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. during school days only. It will not be in operation on weekends, holidays or during the summer months.

A student patrol has been used at the crosswalk prior to the installation of the light, but during the recent cold weather, they have not been used.

Hospital Has New Nurse Supervisor

Mrs. Florence Bradshaw has taken over duties as new supervisor of nurses at Pioneer Memorial hospital, it was announced this week by Jack Angel, administrator.

Mrs. Bradshaw came here from St. Joseph's hospital in Albuquerque, N. M. where she was supervisor. Prior to that she was at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston and has been administrator at Powell and Gillette Wyoming. She is a graduate of St. Luke's in Sioux City, Iowa. She has two girls, 8 and 11 years old.

James Hayes Named To OSC Honorary

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—James H. Hayes of Heppner has been selected for membership in the Oregon State college chapter of Silver Wings, air force ROTC drill honor society.

Selection in the organization is based on drill proficiency and military bearing. Eighty-five freshmen and seven sophomores were picked in tryouts this year. Hayes, a sophomore majoring in agriculture, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hayes of Heppner. He is a 1955 graduate of Heppner high school.

March of Dimes Total Gains

The March of Dimes has received a total of \$657.06 from local donations, it was announced this week by Miss Joyce Buschke, drive treasurer.

All of the money so far reported has come from the Heppner area, and the fund was aided by \$199 from the brand board idea developed at last week's county livestock meeting. No reports have yet been received from any other county areas.

Temperature Falls To 5 Below Zero Thursday Morning

Thursday morning the temperature dropped to 5 degrees below zero at Heppner to set a new winter low mark and better the record set Wednesday morning by four degrees. It was .8 this morning on upper Rhea Creek, only slightly colder than the day before.

A trace of fog could be seen north of Heppner this morning, but by noon it had disappeared and the sun was still shining brightly, though not putting out much heat.

Something happened to Heppner's much talked about "banana belt" weather Sunday morning when snow started to fall over most of the county and its reputation got another rude jolt on Tuesday night when clearing skies sent the mercury tumbling to a winter low of one degree below zero. Heppner was still warmer than the Rhea Creek area however where a -6 was reported Wednesday morning.

The early week snow, the first general snow storm of the winter, was welcomed by all ranchers who were complaining at the lack of moisture and fearing a heavy freeze would come before there was a snow cover to protect young wheat. Sunday's snow amounted to three inches here with comparable amounts over most of the county. Another two inches fell intermittently on Monday and Tuesday to bring a total to five inches. There was .37 inch of moisture, according to Leonard Gilliam, Heppner weatherman.

Leonard Carlson, weather recorder at Gooseberry reported a fall of four and one-half inches of snow in the three days and a low temperature Wednesday morning of .4 degrees.

There has been no wind to cause drifting.

Driving conditions in Heppner and on all roads leading in any direction were described as "lousy" Sunday through Tuesday by anyone having to travel over them, but by Wednesday highway crews had plowed most of the main arteries and were in the process of sanding the entire area. Several minor accidents were reported early in the week, mostly caused when cars slipped off the slick roads into the ditch.

The Columbia River highway was a glare of ice from Boardman to The Dalles Monday and Tuesday, it was reported, but crews were working overtime on sanding operations and by Wednesday truck drivers reported most of highway 30 to be bare or well sanded. Chains were required to travel well-packed hilly streets in Heppner and other areas, but there were no reports of serious troubles.

extremely high reading of 30.92, extremely high reading of 30.92, late Wednesday, an indication of continued clear, cold weather. It showed a slight downward trend, but only slowly.

The temperatures in Heppner for the past week were

	Max	Min.
Friday	49	36
Saturday	55	30
Sunday	46	22
Monday	27	20
Tuesday	31	18
Wednesday	21	-1

Auxiliary Drive to Aid Hungarians

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary announced this week that it is sponsoring a drive for clothing for Hungarian relief.

Anyone having good clean used wool or cotton clothing they wish to donate is asked to contact Mrs. William Heath at 6-9263. The drive will continue through January.

IONE STUDENT MAKES TECH HONOR ROLL

Announcement of the fall term honor roll achievement by students at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls was announced this week by the registrar. Included on the list was Wayne Rietmann of Ione who is majoring in auto mechanics. His GPA was 3.79.



THE MARCH OF DIMES was \$199 richer this week as a result of this Brand Board which was sold to owners of cattle brands at last weekend's county stock growers meeting. Each owner bought his own brand with dimes and the price varied from about \$2.50 to \$10. The two women who thought up the idea and got stuck with the work of putting all the dimes on the board are Mrs. Jim Valentine, right, and Mrs. Jack Loyd. The Board is now on display in the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland. (GT Photo)