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## \$193,000 Estimated Cost of Replacing City Water Line

A preliminary report on the improvement of the city of Heppner's water supply compiled by the city's engineers estimated the cost of renewing over nine miles of main water feeder line from the upper wells on Willow creek at \$193,600.

The report was prepared by Clark and Groff, Salem engineering firm, and was presented to the council at its Monday night meeting. No action was taken, but the report, which includes suggested alternatives, will be studied by the council.

Knowing the need for immediate planning for modernizing the more than nine miles of old concrete pipeline which has been in use for more than 40 years, the council several months ago ordered a survey of the line with an eye toward replacing it with heavy steel pipe.

It had been thought that possibly a mile or so a year of the line could be renewed, but further investigation showed such a plan to be impractical as the line now follows a very irregular course and should be rerouted to follow a more level course along the new Willow creek road. Rerouting would require doing the entire job at one time.

**Report Complete**  
The report included figures on present water use and what could be expected in coming years and were coupled with population gain estimates which set Heppner's population at 3,400 persons in 1997. Current estimate is in excess of 1800. Present average year around water use is 112 gallons per person per day, but during peak periods

during July and August runs as high as 333 gallons per person. Peak daily use by 1997 was estimated 420 gallons per person per day, and a new pipeline should be planned to handle such capacity.

The report pointed out that at present there is about three miles of new steel pipe from the city to the new well which is in good condition, but that the remaining 51,600 feet of old concrete pipe is in such poor repair that leakage amounts to at least 50 percent of the water produced by the upper wells. If all water produced by all wells were reaching the city, there would be ample water for many years. Keeping the old section of line in repair has been a major problem of the water department for many years.

### Mrs. Minnie Schwarz Taken By Death

Mrs. Minnie W. Schwarz, 75, passed away April 1 at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner where she had been a patient for several months.

Mrs. Schwarz was born September 12, 1881 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and was married to Heiry Schwarz at Madison, S. D. in 1901. The family came to Oregon settling near Corvallis, then moved to Heppner in 1912 where she made her home until her death. Her husband passed away about a year ago.

Services were held Wednesday at the Heppner Methodist church with the Rev. Lester Boulden officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Leonard R. Schwarz of Heppner and William H. Schwarz of The Dalles; one sister, Mrs. Marie Mulvey of Sioux Falls, S. D., and four grandchildren.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### Date of IFYE Benefit Fun Night Changed To April 13

Plans were made recently to change the earlier announced date for the International Farm Youth Exchange benefit party to April 13. It will be held at the Ione Legion hall.

The date originally had been set for April 20, but due to the closeness to Easter it was felt that the earlier date would be better.

The annual affair will again feature fun for the whole family. There will be square dances, cake walks, checkers and many other games, and refreshments will be served during the evening. A 30-minute colored film, "Grass Roots Ambassadors," which show the IFYE program and the life of exchange delegates on various farms will be shown during the evening.

A committee composed of junior leaders Carol Ann Anderson, Dennis Doherty, Mardine Baker and Carlene Rhea are in charge of the event.

There will be no admission but voluntary donations will be accepted with the entire proceeds to go to the benefit of the IFYE program which is financed by contributions throughout the United States.

### Alternative Suggested

The report concluded with a suggested alternative. It said, "In view of the high cost of the long supply line and the additional cost of operation at the remote location, it is recommended that as an alternate to a new supply line consideration be given to developing a well source closer to the city. If this plan is to be followed, a geological study of the area should be made for possible well locations and indications are favorable a competent well driller should be engaged to drill test holes.

"Test hole digging should cost approximately \$3,000 per hole. "At the prospect of a large saving on the supply line, a small investment in test holes would appear advisable."

In line with the final recommendation, the council several years ago drilled the present well about three miles above Heppner which, when needed, produces over 300 gallons per minute. This well is used during summer months but the main source of supply comes from the two wells at the forks of Willow creek. The water there is slightly softer than from the lower well, but as the report showed, the cost of getting it to the city for many more years will be high.

The council members made no comment on the report, but it will come up for discussion at the May meeting.

### Cattle Prices Remain High

HERMISTON — Cattle prices were once again booming at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday where 77 consignors placed 296 cattle, 135 hogs and 93 sheep on the auction block.

Steer calves were in big demand with top animals going at \$22.80 cwt. Other outstanding highs included fed steers, \$21.50 cwt; fat heifers, \$19.20 cwt.; feeder steers, \$12.20 cwt.; and veal, \$26.75 cwt.

Despite fairly good weather volume was down, especially on cattle where demand greatly exceeded supply. Needed for next Friday's sale are more fed cattle, steer calves, and stock steers. The market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 6.50 to 22 per head; steer calves, 19.20 to 22.80 cwt.; heifer calves, 15.70 to 17.40 cwt with few light calves to 19.10 cwt.; veal, 21.50 to 26.75 cwt.; stocker steers, 16.50 to 18.70 cwt.; feeder steers, 18.70 to 21.20 cwt.; fat heifers, 17.70 to 19.20 cwt.; fed steers, 19.35 to 21.50 cwt.; dairy cows, 105 to 147.50 per head; stock cows, 122.50 to 153 per pair; utility and commercial cows, 12.90 to 14.60 cwt.; canner-cutter cows, 8.50 to 12.10 cwt.; Shells, 6.50 to 8.10 cwt.; and bulls, 14.30 to 15.50 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 10.50 to 13.50 cwt.; feeder pigs, 19.10 to 20.80 cwt.; fat hogs, 18.30 to 19.20 cwt.; and sows, 14.25 to 15.80 cwt.

SHEEP—Fat lambs, 18.20 to 20.10 cwt.; feeder lambs, 14.60 to 16.20 cwt.

Annual Care Payments Due on Cemetery Lots

Anyone desiring annual care for their lots at the Heppner Masonic cemetery should send in their payments immediately, it was asked this week.

Conditions will permit the work to be started soon and the board prefers to have the cemetery completely cleaned up by Memorial day. The cost of annual care is \$10 per lot which should be sent to Elaine S. George secretary of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district. Payments must be received in advance each year or the work will not be done, the board announced.

Permanent care may also be purchased and copies of rules and regulations governing this will be sent upon request.

### RAY JOHNSON GIVEN GIFT ON RETIREMENT

The Heppner Pine Mills management and planer crew honored Ray Johnson, Lexington, on his retirement last Friday, March 30 with a party at the mill.

He was presented a glass fishing rod by the management and cake and coffee were served.



DR. ARCHIE D. McMURDO has been named Doctor of the Year for Morrow and Umatilla counties (GT Photo)

### Dr. A. D. McMurdo Honored As Doctor of Year

Dr. Archie D. McMurdo, Heppner physician who has practiced medicine for 47 years, 45 of them in Morrow county, last week was selected Doctor of the Year for Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The selection was made by a committee for the Umatilla county medical society, of which Dr. McMurdo is a member.

Dr. McMurdo was born in Shadwell, Virginia and got his first schooling in that state. He joined the army hospital corps in 1901 and served three years in the army. After his release from the service he entered the University of Virginia medical school, took internship at Charlottesville and Philadelphia and came to Portland to practice in 1911. Getting tired of the rain, the doctor moved to Heppner in October 1912 and has been here since.

During his many years in Morrow county Dr. McMurdo has had many experiences and in the old days of horse and buggy travel spent a good share of his time on what then passed for roads tending to the medical needs of residents of a wide area. He owned one of the first cars in Heppner and states that the Ford was a great boon to the medical practice but since the advent of the self starter, "broken wrists dropped off 90 percent."

For many years he operated his own hospital with the help of Miss Mildred Clowry, who was nurse and manager as well as cook and general helper.

Among Dr. McMurdo's civic activities have been two terms on the city council from 1933 to 1937, the school board from 1926 to 30 and 1934 to 38. He is senior warden of All Saints' Episcopal church and recently received his 40 year pin from the Elks lodge. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Masons.

Dr. McMurdo has been county health officer for 44 years, having been appointed first in 1913, he served as coroner from 1933 to 1953 and was president of the staff of Pioneer Memorial hospital from 1950 to 54.

He is a member of the Eastern Oregon district medical society and was president in 1931, is a member of the Oregon State medical society, the Umatilla medical society of which he was president in 1948, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of General Practice, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, the Western Association, and the American Association of Railroad Surgeons. He was district surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad for 31 years. He also served on the medical examining board during both World Wars.

### Christian Church Convention Set Here

The Heppner Christian church will be host church for the Eastern Oregon Christian church convention next Monday through Thursday. The convention theme will be "Benevolence, When Did We See Thee, Lord?"

The Rev. Harry Baird, pastor of the Central Christian church of Walla Walla, will be the guest speaker and Mrs. Edna Whipple Gish, missionary to Thailand, will be the convention missionary speaker.

Other speakers on the program will be C. Paul Moore, Sr. of Athena, president of the convention; Norman Northrup, Lexington; James Sinclair, Wallawa; James Pfouts, Hermiston and Harold Johnson, Ontario.

### Services Held Today At Pendleton For Marie A. Greener

Services for Marie A. Greener, 60, who passed away March 31 at a Pullman, Washington hospital, were held Thursday at 2:30 at Burns Mortuary chapel in Pendleton.

Mrs. Greener was born at Ritter, Oregon and was married to William Greener in 1919. They made their home near Heppner until 1946 when they moved to Walla Walla. Mr. Greener passed away May 11, 1947 and for the past five years Mrs. Greener was employed at the Marcus Whitman hotel in Walla Walla.

Surviving are her mother, Amelia Hector, Pullman; a son Irvin H. Greener, Walla Walla; two grandsons and two nephews. She also leaves one brother Armin Hector of Pullman.

The Rev. C. H. Eller, pastor of Peace Lutheran church officiated at the service. Burial was in the Olney cemetery at Pendleton.

### Band Carnival Coming Saturday

The third annual band benefit carnival, sponsored by the Heppner Band Parents club, the American Legion and the high school student body will be held Saturday evening at the fair pavilion.

Plans call for a full evening of entertainment including a wide variety of booths including a dunk tank, country store, family booth and many more. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served starting at that time.

Kicking off the evening program will be a concert by the high school band from 6:30 to 7, it has been announced. There will also be a King and Queen contest later in the evening.

All proceeds from the carnival will go into the band fund which in recent years has provided uniforms for members of both the high and grade school musical organizations. Additional equipment for the units is still planned.

### Heppner High Honor Students Listed

Students who won places on the third nine-weeks honor roll at Heppner high school are:

Seniors, high honor roll—Mary Stewart, Jay Sumner, Janet Wright, Meredith Thomson, Shirley Kononen, Alice Stewart, Francine Francis, Laurel Allstott. Low honor roll—Bill Brinda, Dean Connor, Vic Groshens, Mona Howard, Alice Peterson, Marilyn Pettyjohn, Francis Slocum.

Juniors, high—Joann Brosnan, Low—Peggy Applegate, Janice Beamer, Judy Collins, Tom Currin, Helen Graham, Carole Groshens, Eddie Groshens, Jim Morris, Phyllis Quackenbush, Len Ray Schwarz, Judie Spaulding.

Sopromores, high—Janice Martin, Renn Harris, Low—Gayle Cox, Stevan Flug, Bob Huffman, Kay Keithley, Susan McQuarrie, Dick Ruhl.

Freshmen, high—Carol K. Anderson, Tom Driscoll, Mickey Van Schoiack, Low—Roseann Ayers, Wilma Bothwell, Jean Collins, Clifford Green, Shirley Nash.

### CANCER MEETING SET BY LEGION AUXILIARY

The Heppner Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a meeting for women on cancer Tuesday, evening, April 9 at 8 p. m. at the Legion hall. Two films will be shown and Leo Green, field representative for the American Cancer Society will speak. There will be no charge.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller were guests Saturday afternoon and evening at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith.

## March is Wettest of Any Month in History Of Weather Station

March 1957 was the wettest single month in the more than 46 year history of the Heppner weather station. The first quarter of the year was also the wettest since records have been kept from 1910.

Heppner received a whooping total of 4.08 inches of rain during the month, but even with that it must take a back seat to the Gooseberry area where Leonard Carlson, observer, reported 4.59 inches. Several other sections of the county have reported rainfall varying from 3.90 to well over four inches.

A check of weather records here kept by Leonard Gilliam revealed that the second wettest month ever recorded was October, 1950 when 3.64 inches fell. This March was the first month to ever see four inches of rain fall in any 30 day period.

In setting a record for the first quarter of a year, 1957 received 6.20 inches during January, February and March to edge out the first quarter of 1916 when 6.04 was recorded. Snow depth here this year was not extreme, either, as it was in 1916 when 65½ inches was recorded during the winter giving that year the all-time record for snow depth.

**10 Year Average Low**  
The 4.08 inches nearly quadrupled the 10-year rainfall average for March which is only 1.12 inches. The 40-year average for the same month is just 1.10 inches. Rain fell here on two-thirds of the 31 days of the month.

By way of comparison, there was only .78 inch of rain here in March 1956.

Generally, the rain was welcomed by most residents, especially farmers and cattlemen, though some residents were beginning to wonder if maybe the area hadn't gotten slightly misplaced on the state map. In some areas, particularly in the higher elevations, there was slight washing of summer fallow fields, and in those areas farmers have been forced to stay off fields which they usually would be cultivating early in the month. But, in lower sections of the county the moisture has soaked into the dry soils and has been genuinely welcomed. The moisture has materially aided the growth of range grass in all sections.

Another story in today's paper tells of somewhat short irrigation water supplies in this section of the state, but this is due to the fact that most of last month's moisture fell in the form of rain, even in the mountains. Streams here have been fairly high during the past weeks, but far below flood stage. Most of the rains came gently in separate storms and practically all of the moisture soaked into the ground, causing little runoff.

Temperature and rainfall figures at Heppner for the past week are:

	Hi	Low	Rain
Friday	57	40	.28
Saturday	57	36	.54
Sunday	58	42	.34
Monday	54	34	—
Tuesday	55	36	—
Wednesday	57	34	—

The Heppner city council Monday night approved an ordinance which will prohibit the dumping of gasoline or other similar combustible petroleum products within the city limits from tanks or groups of tank trucks and trailers with a capacity of more than 1200 gallons.

The ordinance was patterned after similar restrictive measures taken by many other cities in the state to prevent major disaster in case one of the vehicles should catch fire. Exempted in the local ordinance were presently used bulk gasoline storage plants within the city limits which normally receive their gasoline by tankers carrying up to 6,000 gallons.

In other business the council ordered that condemnation proceedings be started against the owner of an old building on Water street known as the Moyer property. It was classified as a fire and health hazard.

The group discussed at length the problem of supplying sewer and water to residents in the recently annexed area south of Heppner and agreed to investigate means of providing better pressure in the area.

Bids were ordered called for the purchase of 2000 feet of water pipe and building permits were issued to Ernie Winchester for the construction of an additional room to cost \$800 and to the Morrow County Creamery for an addition to cost \$300.

**Budget Committee Named**  
Named as new members of the citizens budget committee were Albert Connor and C. E. McQuarrie for three year terms, and W. C. Rosewall for a one-year term. Holdover members are Roy Quackenbush, Dr. E. K. Schaffitz and Mrs. G. C. M. Smith. The committee will be called within a few weeks.

### COMICS GET BOGGED DOWN

It was a sad day Sunday around Heppner. No Sunday Oregonians arrived to keep residents apprised of the happenings of the world . . . and comic strip characters.

The cause was a deep mud-hole just west of town into which Jack Boyer, Oregonian carrier who was bringing the papers from Arlington, drove—and remained. It was in front of a customer's paper box.

Despite the efforts of a wrecker, it was impossible to get the pickup truck extricated before the entire load of papers were soaked passed usability by a heavy downpour.

### Irrigon Man Named To Fair Board

The county court this week announced the appointment of Max C. McCoy of Irrigon as a member of the Morrow county fair board. He will fill the unexpired term of Willard Jones of Irrigon which runs until January 1, 1959.

Other members of the board are Charles Carlson of Ione and R. B. Ferguson of Heppner.

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolff spent the weekend in Portland.

### 4-H Summer School Delegates Chosen

The South Morrow 4-H club council last Thursday approved selection of delegates for the annual 4-H summer school to be held on the Oregon State college campus June 11 through 21. Earlier applications had been acted upon by a summer school selection committee.

Delegates selected were members who were enrolled in at least a third year of club work who had completed projects satisfactorily last year and who were at least 13 years of age by Jan. 1, 1957. The quota for the county is 32. Twenty-five were selected with the remaining seven to come from the Boardman-Irrigon area.

Chosen were Sheryl Harris, Libby Van Schoiack, Jerry Anderson, Connie Anderson, Carole Ann Anderson, Celia Boulden, and Shirley Nash from Heppner, Lona White, Jo Ann Turner, Linda Rae Heimblinger, Jean Martin, Kenneth Smouse, Marilyn Morgan, Grace McCabe, Mardine Baker, Karen Lundell, Brenda Kay Townsend and Linda Hams, Ione, Tom Martin, Kenneth Nelson, Dennis Doherty, Roger Doherty, Joe Palmer, Carol Ann Palmer, and Russell Dolven, Lexington.

No chaperone has yet been selected, but the group will again go by Greyhound bus. Beverly Bradshaw and N. C. Anderson, county extension agents will assist with 4-H club activities at the school during the two weeks. Miss Bradshaw will help the first week, and Anderson the second.

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VISITS NAMESAKE—Darel Heppner, a resident of Norfolk, Nebraska, stopped in Heppner last week to look over the town which carries the same name as his. Darel was on his way to the Oregon coast when he stopped here, and also to visit Orville Cutsforth, whom a relative of his had previously met in Mexico. His great uncle is Henry Heppner, the man for whom the city of Heppner was named. It was his first visit to this area. (GT Photo)