

Highway Funds Approved For Heppner Street Improvement

State Gives OK To Paving of S Court Street

Heppner will receive state aid for the paving of slightly more than the three blocks of south Court street, the city council was advised Monday evening by letter from the state highway commission. The city had applied for the aid money for four years.

Several years ago the state provided most of the money for the paving of the south Court and Hager streets to the city limits, but insufficient money was available for the entire project south and east from the court house corner. This appropriation will complete the paving from the court house intersection to a point about three and one-half blocks south where the former project ended.

The state will provide up to a maximum of \$20,000 of the money needed for the project (which is expected to total approximately the \$20,000 figure). The city will provide the necessary rock for the work which has already been purchased and stockpiled. The state has agreed to pave the street from curb-to-curb if residents of the street will pay for construction of the curbs, otherwise the street will have only a 20 foot center strip hard surfaced.

Petitions for the curbing will be circulated in the near future, it was announced.

The money for the project comes from a special state-aid fund for cities and may be used on street improvements which are not part of the state highway system. The street was finally approved for the improvement because of the heavy truck traffic it carries due to logging in the upper Willow Creek area.

The work will be done some time next summer.

First National Deposits Drop But Loans on Increase

Total year-end deposits of \$788,569,011 were reported by the First National Bank of Portland, and \$6,001,795 of this figure represents deposits at the Heppner branch, according to J H Bedford, manager.

Loans and discounts at the statewide bank amounted to \$388,569,985 on December 31, with \$3,188,434 of this total being reported by the local branch of First National.

Released at the same time were comparable figures for the branch on December 31, 1956. On that date, deposits were \$6,752,090 and loans totaled \$3,073,162.

The statewide deposit total represents a decrease of \$20,241,980 over one year ago, and loans and discounts are off \$43,282,200 over the figure reported at the close of 1956.

Bank loans have decreased throughout the nation, and it is reflected in lower commercial bank deposit totals, C B Stephenson, bank president said. The decline has been emphasized in the Pacific Northwest by the slower pace of the lumber industry, he declared.

MAKES HONOR ROLL

Announcement of the fall term honor roll achievement by students at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls was made this week by the registrar. On the list was Robert Stevens of Hardman with a perfect grade point average of 4.00. He is studying diesel mechanics.

Lt Donald Blake left last Thursday for Hutchinson, Kansas Naval Air Base after a two weeks leave spent at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Earl Blake.

Building Permits Hold Up in 1957

Building permits issued by the City of Heppner during 1957, totaled \$145,700 a check of the records revealed this week. They were down less than \$5,000 from 1956 which indicates that construction-wise the year was good.

New buildings accounted for \$87,500 of the total. The largest permit was issued to the Bank of Eastern Oregon for the construction of its new Heppner branch. It amounted to \$37,000.



FIRST BABY OF 1958—Mrs Robert Riddle and her daughter Twilla Regina who was born at 3:48 a m Jan 3 at Pioneer Memorial hospital and won for herself and her parents a host of gifts from Heppner merchants. She weighed 7 lbs at birth. "First" are not too unusual in the Riddle family, as their other daughter Robanai Coral was born on Sept 29, 1956, the first day of deer season. The young lady's father lives on Rhea Creek where he is employed at the Smethurst ranch. The attending physician was Dr L D Tibbles aided by nurses Mrs Margaret Roberts and Mrs Eva Jean Crawdery. (GT Photo)

"Great Religions" to Be Study Subject

The first in a series of six discussion groups sponsored by the P-TA will be held at 7 p m Tuesday, Jan 14, at the Hope Lutheran church. The public is invited to attend these discussions on "The World's Great Religions" which will be based upon a recent series in Life magazine and includes slides of some of the color photos which accompanied the series.

Beginning with the religion which has remained much of a puzzle to the west Hinduism color slides will show Hindu temples and religious festivals. It will include a lecture on Hindu philosophy by the study group chairman, Rev Merlin Zier and an analysis of the belief of the well known yogi and caste system. Special mention will be made of the unusual and significant role that animals play in the religion.

Anyone who had opportunity to visit and observe this faith is especially invited to attend and take part in the discussion.

Subsequent Tuesday evenings will include a study of Buddhism Confucianism and Taoism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

Pomona Grange Hears Committee Reports

Morrow county Pomona Grange was held Jan 4 at the Lexington grange with 55 in attendance. Excellent agricultural and legislative reports were given by O W Cutsforth, Henry Baker and Kenneth Smouse. Willows, Lexington, Rhea Creek and Greenfield granges were represented.

Slides were shown of an Hawaiian trip taken in December by Mr and Mrs Earl McKinney, Mr and Mrs Noel Dobyns and Mr and Mrs Harold Dobyns. Mrs Kenneth Smouse played a violin solo, Mrs Nathan Thorpe gave a New Year's reading, Shirley Nash and Mary Evelyn Tucker presented a piano duet and Shirley Nash a piano solo.

GOC Group holds Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Ground Observer Corps was held Dec 30 at the home of Mrs Ray Smith with Sgt James R Kissire and Sgt Tenison present, as was the former sector sergeant, R D Coleman.

Sgt Kissire explained the "jot 'em down" method to keep members in practice for ayeats. A comedy movie, Scramble for Grandpa, was shown.

The next meeting will be Jan 27 at the home of Mrs William Heath. Interested persons are welcome to attend.

County Livestock Growers Meeting Opens Friday

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the ninth annual meeting Friday of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. The meeting will be held here Friday and Saturday.

The program is planned to be one of the best yet presented with one new event to draw much interest. It will be the Bull Day which will be held at the fair grounds corrals Friday afternoon. Anyone is invited to bring bulls to the "Day" to trade or sell. In connection with the bull day, Friday afternoon Si Williams, livestock auctioneer, will give a bull "type" discussion on what to look for in selecting a herd sire. This will be at the fair grounds at 1 o'clock.

Saturday morning at the Elks Temple the various committees will report on the activities of the association. Also Dr A G Beagle, Federal veterinarian, will discuss Lepto-spirosis and other newer diseases of livestock which are causing considerable loss in the county.

Saturday afternoon a debate on the pros and cons of a beef commission will be particularly interesting and timely as a referendum will be held in the near future on the creation of one.

Saturday evening's banquet will be held at the fair pavilion and promises to be one of the best yet with some top entertainment scheduled. Last week it was announced that Robert J Steward director of the state department of agriculture would be the speaker, but he was forced to decline because of being called to Washington. In his place Jim Hill, manager of the Pendleton Grain Growers will give an interesting address.

Immediately prior to the banquet, the First National Bank will again sponsor a social hour which will be held at the Elks temple.

Saturday afternoon the Morrow County Cow Belles will hold their annual meeting at 2:30 in the Elks ladies lounge, Mrs Claud White, president has announced. She urges all members to be present.

All the events of the two days are open to the public and tickets for the banquet should be purchased immediately as they are limited.

Church Group To Have Program On Japan

On Sunday evening, Jan 12 the Christian Women's Guild of the first Christian church is sponsoring a special Japanese missionary service at 6 p m.

Mrs Robert Marsh of Kennewick Washington will be the guest for the evening and will show colored slides, costumes and artifacts of her travels in Japan.

The program will be in the church sanctuary, followed by a tea in the dining room.

Mrs Joe Hughes and Mrs Joe Stewart are in charge of the program with other members of the guild assisting. Mrs Jean Maljory, Mrs Earl Soward, Mrs Theta Stratton and Mrs Kenneth Green are hostesses.

This program is to introduce a six month's study of mission work in Japan and everyone is welcome.

Mr and Mrs Ambrose Chapin returned recently from spending the holidays in Seattle and Portland. In Seattle they were guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Clayton Slyter.

A COUNTY MUSEUM? SUGGESTIONS AND HELP WANTED BY CHAIRMEN

Do the people of Morrow county want a county museum? That question has been put directly up to the residents this week by the appointment of Mrs Ralph Thompson and Mrs Omar Rietmann as co-chairmen of a committee to develop a museum plan. The project was suggested during sessions of the Town and County Planning Conference.

The two women are both interested in developing such a museum and have been offered a great number of old time mementos which could well be used as the start for such an undertaking. What the chairmen would like to know from the people is whether they want such a museum, would they help to fill it with interesting old-time belongings such as furniture, costumes, dishes, dolls, etc which because of their age and historical value could belong in such a public place.

Reorganization to Be Panel Subject At Lex P-TA Meet

An interesting panel discussion will be held as part of the Lexington P-TA program next Tuesday, Jan 14 at the school auditorium.

The discussion will be on the school district reorganization in Morrow county and will feature Gordon Pratt, affirmative; Garland Swanson, negative; G Felt-house, Hehmiston, transportation; and Kenneth Peck as a taxpayer. Orville Cutsforth will serve as moderator.

The program will start at 8 p m and all interested persons are invited.

Gribble Named New Councilman

Lowell Gribble, co-owner of Inland Chemical company and a resident of Heppner for the past four years, Monday was appointed a member of the Heppner city council. He will fill the unexpired term of Erling Storro, who resigned late last year because he moved outside the city limits and could no longer serve.

Gribble was appointed by mayor or W C Collins and attended his first council meeting Monday in his official capacity.

One of the major items of business transacted by the council Monday was the opening of bids for the purchase of 2,150 feet of water pipe to be used for the improvement of the city's distribution system. Seven bids were received for the supplying of 1150 feet of eight inch steel pipe and 1000 feet of four inch pipe. The bid was awarded to Pacific Waterworks Supply company of Portland with a bid of \$1.81 per foot for eight inch, and \$1.04 1/2 per foot for the four inch. Delivery is to be made within 30 to 60 days.

The council had also asked for bids for five fire hydrants, but rejected the winner's bid for these because the bid did not conform to specifications. They will be purchased later.

The second lowest bid was made by Water Works Supply company of Seattle at \$1.97 and \$1.07 per foot.

Councilman Robert Penland suggested that the city investigate the possibility of renumbering all residences and business houses in town and placing numbers on all buildings. The city of Madras is currently considering such a program which calls for the city to purchase the numbers and install them. The cost would be covered by a one-month's extra charge of \$1.00 which would be added to water bills.

At the present time less than half the houses and business buildings in town have numbers and many of them are wrong, making it very confusing for an outsider to find a location in town, and also giving the local fire department much difficulty in getting exact locations of fires.

The council agreed to investigate the proposal and make a decision later.

Valby Lutheran Sets Annual Meeting

Members and friends of Valby Lutheran church will hold their annual meeting Sunday, Jan 12 at the church. Special speaker for the morning will be the Rev S L Swenson, D D, who is president of the Columbia Conference of the Augustana Lutheran church.

Dr Swenson will also conduct the annual meeting which will be held in the parish house following services at 11:15 and a potluck dinner.

Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Jack Loyd Named Chamber President



JACK LOYD, who Monday was installed president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. (GT Photo)

Nearly 18 Inches Of Rain in '57 Near Record

Morrow county, by the records of the Heppner weather station, just lived through its fourth wettest year in the 47 year history of the station, a check of records has revealed. During 1957 a total of 17.73 inches of rain fell here and several all-time records were broken.

Only three other years since 1910 have seen as much rain fall here as did during 1957. Those years were 1942 when the all-time high of 19.28 inches was recorded; 1948 with 18.22 inches, and 1912 when 18.64 inches fell. On the opposite end of the record sheet is the year 1939 when only 7.81 inches of moisture was recorded here. The 46 year average rainfall is 13.07 inches.

Two records fell during the year, however, when over two inches of rain fell in one day and more than four inches fell in one month. Neither had happened before during the 47 years that records have been kept.

As is usual, Heppner received more rain than did most other sections of the county where records are kept, but the whole area received one of its heaviest falls in years. At Gooseberry Leonard Carlson reported 15.50 inches for 1957, with 5.08 of that falling since Sept 1, the new crop year.

In the temperature department, Heppner also set a record during the year. In January an all-time below freezing record went by the boards when the mercury never climbed to freezing for 18 consecutive days. There had been longer cold spells, but they were broken by one or two days of warm temperatures. So far this winter 15 degrees has been the lowest temperature recorded here, making it one of the warmest in many years.

(Editor's note—winter isn't over yet, and no prognostication is made!)

The wet season and moderate temperatures give indication that the 1958 grain crop may again be excellent.

Farm Bureau Member Drive Opens Monday

Seven members of the Morrow County Farm Bureau were in Bend Jan 6 to attend a meeting to lay final plans for the organization's annual membership drive.

An organization meeting was held last night at the Harold Beach home and the drive will open Jan 13. It will close two days later with a meeting Jan 15 at the Gene Cutsforth home.

BEAUTY SHOP NOW IN NEW BUILDING

Lois' Beauty Shop has moved into a new building giving the business modern enlarged quarters, operator Mrs Ernie Winchester has revealed. Weather has prevented completion of the outside of the concrete structure, but the inside is now finished. Shop operators include Jo Keithley and Marge Gardner.

Mr and Mrs Earle Gilliam returned Sunday from Portland where Mrs Gilliam had undergone dental surgery.

Jack Loyd, manager of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company, was installed Monday as new president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. He took over the duties of the office from Jack Bailey, who ascended to president of the organization at mid-year when former president Jack Angel left Heppner to go into business in Washington.

Other officers who will assist Loyd during the coming year are Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, first vice president; Bruce Lindsay, second vice president; John Venard, assistant manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, treasurer; and Gene Pierce, manager of the Heppner branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, secretary.

Also officially inducted into office by installing officer Frank Turner were four new directors, Robert Abrams, Keith Imus, Joe H Stewart, and Victor Kreimeyer. Monday's installing meeting was conducted by vice president Jack Flug, in the absence of the outgoing president.

The new president has been a member of the chamber for over 10 years and has served in various capacities in the organization. He has headed several committees and was very active in the promotion of the chamber's field lighting fund drive three years ago. He has been a member of the board of directors for the past two years.

In accepting the position, Loyd expressed the belief that the organization could expect another active year in 1958 and pledged his efforts to make it one of the chamber's best years. He announced that he would make standing committee appointments within a short time.

City's Fire Loss Shows Big Drop During Past Year

The Heppner fire department answered a total of 20 calls during 1957, seven more than during the previous year, but loss from fire, smoke and water was less than 10 per cent of 1956, fire chief C A Ruggles reported this week.

Total loss which was completely covered by insurance amounted to only \$1,244.59, the smallest in any recent year.

Seventeen of the department's 20 calls were general alarms and three were silent calls. Nine buildings were involved in the calls, the remainder being to control grass fires. Property valued at \$79,007.91 was at risk in the building fires while an unestimated amount of property was at risk in the various grass fires. The greatest loss was sustained at the Wyman apartments late in November where damage to building and contents has been estimated at \$1,000. This same blaze resulted in serious burns to an occupant of the apartment, Miss Wyma Hoxworth. She was the first person to suffer injury or death from a fire in Heppner in almost six years.

During the previous year fire loss amounted to \$14,062 and in 1956 damage was \$5,404.

During the past year the Heppner department spent slightly over \$1,000 on new equipment, all of it for a new air horn alarm system which will soon replace the present siren. Delivery is expected shortly on the remaining equipment needed for the new installation which will be air and battery powered to operate independently of utility power supply. When completed and placed in operation, the city's fire alarm system will be one of the most modern of any small city and will adequately advise firemen of an emergency. The present siren will be kept for standby use.

CHILI SUPPER SLATED

The Heppner P-TA will hold its annual chili supper Friday, Jan 10 at the school cafeteria prior to the Heppner-Ione basketball game. Serving will start at 5:30 and the menu will include either chili or tuna casserole, salad, pie and drink.

Bob Bryant spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs J W Espy, at Palouse, Washington.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

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Wednesday	35	18	..
Thursday	36	24	..
Friday	33	20	.06
Saturday	33	19	..
Sunday	30	21	Tr
Monday	28	21	..
Tuesday	28	23	..
Wednesday	27	22	..

Rainfall for the week .06; for December 2.27; for 1957 17.73 inches.