

Umatilla Losing Ground In Battle For Highway

The Umatilla county court was continuing this week to grasp at all straws in an effort to find support for its contention that the proposed Ellensburg-Oregon highway should cross the Columbia river over the Umatilla bridge rather than be routed further west and cross the river on a new bridge at Boardman.

Federal highway planners, the Washington state highway commission, the Morrow county court, the Heppner-Morrow County chamber of Commerce, the City of Boardman, and several other groups want the road to come into Oregon at Boardman and connect with highways 30 and 730 at that point.

During the past week Umatilla county judge D. R. (Sam) Cook solicited the aid of the Benton county (Washington) court at Prosser in supporting its claim that the new road should be routed through Prosser and into the Umatilla bridge. This however, fell flat, when the Benton court declined to get into the fight by stating that they considered their work limited to county roads and didn't intend to get tangled up in any argument over the proposed federal highway.

BOARDMAN FERRY START SEEN

Boardman and Morrow county may soon again have a direct ferry link with the Washington shore, it has been reported this week.

E. W. Peck, Boardman, reportedly is planning to start the operation of a cross-Columbia ferry within a short time having leased equipment from the Stevenson Towboat company of Stevenson, Washington. The ferry landing on the Oregon shore would be about three-quarters of a mile west of Boardman and the Washington end would connect with the road formerly used by traffic taking the old Peterson ferry which was purchased by the Umatilla Bridge Company and discontinued some time ago.

According to reports, the new ferry may be placed in operation within a short time.

Interest Begins To Perk Up for County Offices

Some interest is being shown in local politics this week, as the deadline for the filing for nominations comes closer, but on Wednesday no actual filings had yet been made, county clerk Bruce Lindsay reported. The last day for filing is Friday, March 7.

Five county offices will be open this year. They are county judge, one county commissioner, district attorney, county clerk and assessor. Also all county precinct committees and women are elected at the primary election.

Four incumbents Wednesday indicated that they will file to succeed themselves within the next few weeks. They are county judge Oscar E. Peterson, clerk Bruce Lindsay, assessor Harry Dinges and district attorney Robert Abrams. Commissioner Ralph I. Thompson stated that he will not run for another term and so far no one has indicated an interest in the job.

Some misunderstanding arose earlier as to whether judge Peterson was appointed for the remainder of Garnet Barratt's unexpired term (three years) or whether he would have to run for the post at the coming election. In the announcement of the appointment from Governor Holmes office, it was stated that he would serve for the remainder of the term, but district attorney Abrams since has determined that the law requires the appointee to run for the position at the next general election following his appointment. Peterson said that he will file shortly.

So far the only county post that hasn't attracted any takers is the one commissioner's job now held by Thompson. Neither has anyone shown any interest in any of the precinct posts, but these frequently are filled by write-in.

Missionaries Slated At Ione Church

Mr and Mrs Emil Rilling, missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, will conduct special services tonight (Thursday) at the Ione Baptist church at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs Rillings is the former Phyllis Casebolt who helped conduct summer vacation Bible school some years ago at the Heppner Christian church.

WINDOW BLOWN OUT BY STOVE BLAST

A big plate glass window in front of the Pacific Power and Light company office was blown out Sunday night about 11 o'clock when an oil stove in the rear of the building backfired.

The blast blew the pipe off the stove and set fire to a nearby mop. It also scattered soot throughout the entire building.

State Rejects Rock Creek Park Proposal

The parks department of the state highway commission will not assist with the development of a public park on Rock Creek, the chamber of commerce was advised Monday in a letter from the H. B. Glaisyer, commission secretary.

Some time ago the chamber along with several granges and other county organizations, asked the park department to study the site at the junction of Rock and Chapin creeks as a possible site for a state park. It was pointed out that there is no publicly owned park or recreational area in the county and the groups felt that the Rock creek site would make an ideal park.

The state parks department agreed that the site was excellent but stated that it doubted that it would be used very little by anyone except local residents.

The letter said, in part, "... The area was given very careful consideration by the planning section of the park division. While it was found to be a very delightful place, and could be developed into a spot of great interest, it felt that its use would be almost entirely local. For that reason it is the feeling of the commission that it should be developed by the local community or county. The commission does appreciate your effort in the search for areas of recreational value even though some cannot be developed by the state."

The matter was turned over to the chamber recreation and wild life committee for further consideration and the thought was expressed that the state possibly was overlooking the fact that highway 207, on which the site is located, is now being paved across the mountains and that in a few years it will be carrying considerably more tourist traffic than it now does.

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Window Service Hours Shortened At Post Office

A change in service hours at the Heppner post office will start next Monday, it was announced today by postmaster James H. Driscoll. The changes will be made because of an ordered reduction of hours for postal clerks.

Starting Monday window service will be available from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., but final mail dispatch will remain at 6 o'clock, the same as it is at the present time. Currently the windows are open from 9:30 to 6 p. m.

Driscoll said he received orders Wednesday to shorten the hours of service and the original plan was to close the windows and step up dispatch time to 5 p. m. an hour earlier than at present. This suggestion brought considerable objection from businessmen who heard of the plan. Wednesday afternoon Driscoll received word from A. J. Tonsing, Portland, district post office operations manager, that if service windows are closed at 5, actual mail dispatch could be held another hour until 6 o'clock.

The early closing may cause some inconvenience to persons wishing to mail packages or purchase stamps, for Driscoll said it will be impossible for the one clerk on duty to handle any such sales and also prepare late-mailed letters for dispatch during the hour between 5 and 6 o'clock.

The Saturday schedule of 8 a. m. to noon for window service and 6 p. m. dispatch will remain the same as at the present.

Driscoll said the Heppner office has been one of the few in Oregon where the windows have remained open until 6 o'clock, and he expressed pleasure with the latest arrangements that will still allow letter mail to be received until the 6 p. m. deadline.

Jack W. Griffin Services Held Sunday At Ione Church

Funeral services were held for Jack W. Griffin, 62, at Ione Community church Sunday Feb. 2 with Rev. Floyd S. Bailey officiating. Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn sang accompanied by Mrs. Cleo Drake. The pall bearers were Robert Botts, Howard Crowell, Clifford Aldrich and Jack Warren.

Mr. Griffin died in Hermiston Thursday Jan. 30. He was a resident of Lexington and was a former resident of Ione. Burial was in the Ione cemetery with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston in charge of the arrangements. He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Lexington, four sons, Billy and Jack Griffin of Lexington; Ted Griffin of Garden Grove, Calif.; Charles Griffin of Stenson Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Jane Buchanan of Berkeley, Calif., and nine grand-children. He was a brother-in-law of John and James Botts of Ione.

Relatives attending the funeral from a distance were, Mrs. Jane Santos and daughter, Sharon, George Harris, Miss Norma Barnes, Wayne Harris, Richard Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, James Harris, all of Seattle; Lester Colpitts, Mrs. Charles Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Botts and family of Hermiston; Gene Graham and daughter, Nancy, of Sela, Wash.; Ted Griffin, Charles Griffin and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, all of California; Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cooley and son, Bob and Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Cissile Natchez, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warren of Heppner; Mrs. Daniel Graves of Taft, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Botts of Irrigon; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kary of Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fahl and children of Portland; Jack and Billy Griffin of Lexington; Charles Dugan of Heppner, and his wife Mrs. Frances Griffin, Lexington.



SOIL MEN DISCUSS REPORT...Officers of the Heppner Soil Conservation District are shown discussing the annual report which was presented at the recent annual meeting of the organization. Shown left to right are Raymond French who was reelected district chairman; N. C. Anderson, secretary, showing the report to Charles Ross, extension forester at Oregon State college, and Ralph Saylor, Echo, past president of the state Soil Conservation Districts. (Wilson Photo)

Soil District Notes Work At Annual Meeting

More strip cropping and reduction of stubble with reducing implements before plowing were among the goals and recommendations of conservation practices for 1958 made by supervisors of the Heppner soil conservation district at its annual meeting Monday night at the Lexington Grange hall. More than 50 attended.

Raymond French, Heppner and Donald Peterson Ione, were elected to four-year terms as district supervisors. Officers reelected were French, chairman; Peterson, vice chairman; Raymond Lundell, Ione; treasurer and N. C. Anderson, Heppner, secretary.

A progress report covering 16 years since the formation of the district showed 266 active district cooperators covering a total of 784,251 acres. Major conservation practices established to date include 9,837 acres of strip cropping; 33,684 acres of contour farming; 4,835 acres of conservation crop rotations; 680,001 acres of range improvement; 129,504 acres of crop residue utilization; 3,925 acres, brush control; 3,519 acres, range seeding; 42,815 linear feet of channel improvements; 60 diversion dams; 2,643 acres land leveling; 101 ponds constructed; 3,466 acres, improved water application; 2,239 acres, pasture planting; 30 acres, windbreak planting and 145 acres wildlife area improvement.

Conservation farm planning in the Heppner district is over 87 per cent complete with only 30 farms remaining in the area without plans, the report showed. Many of the plans are in need of revision and will receive first priority after present applications are serviced, it was pointed out.

District owned equipment for rental to cooperators include a tracter, cultipacker, Brillion packer, noble blade and grass legume drill, according to the report.

During 1957 the district received applications from 10 new cooperators totaling 35,363 acres, bringing total applications to 323 covering approximately 904,580 acres.

Charles Ross, extension forester, Oregon State college, showed colored slides illustrating beautification and protection of farmsteads with windbreaks. Every Eastern Oregon farm should have a windbreak for comfort and beauty he said.

"Sixteen years of soil and water progress in the Heppner SCD illustrated with colored slides in the district was discussed by Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist, soil conservation service.

French presided at the session and presented Orian Wright with a past supervisor's plaque. Other members of the current board of supervisors are John Wightman, Heppner and Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington. Advisory supervisors are Charles Carlson, Don McElligott, Ione; Dick Krebs, Cecil; Joe Doherty, Pilot Rock; W. E. Hughes, Heppner; Kenneth Peck, Gene Cutsforth, Newt O'Hara, Lexington.

Refreshments after the meeting were furnished by the Lexington Implement company and Hatfield grocery.

Mr and Mrs Lowell Gribble returned Sunday from a weeks business trip and vacation to Phoenix, Arizona.

FLOWERS AND TREES SHOW BLOOMS AS WINTER FAILS TO APPEAR--YET!

The calendar says its winter, but from the temperature and the actions of many flowers and trees, spring is either here or winter certainly has lost its grip.

Two weeks ago this paper reported a tulip in full bloom and since that time there have been many other reports that plants and trees are coming to life and

showing buds and sprouts. All are at least a month ahead of normal.

The latest report tells of a large maple tree in a yard on north Gale street in full bloom. There have been no other reports of tulips showing color, but nearly every yard shows tulip and daffodil leaves well above ground. Many rose bushes and other shrubs and bushes have been showing leaves for one or two weeks.

Several long-time residents of the county have reported the present winter to be the warmest and most "open" in their memory.

The lowest temperature recorded at Heppner during the past week was only 30 degrees, and the coldest it has been the entire winter was 18 above. Snow has fallen on only two occasions and neither time did it last long enough to much more than Whitson the ground for a few minutes.

Dimes Drive Nets Nearly \$1200 Since January 20

A total of \$1199.24 has been turned in since January 20 in the 1958 March of Dimes drive, it was reported this week. This does not include all monies received to date, for a full accounting of money which came in prior to January 20 is not complete.

Holding the honors for the greatest collection is Heppner high school's Teens For Polio campaign which netted the drive \$42.63. The Heppner grade school added \$105 and Elks activities another \$24.40. The March of Dimes benefit shoot given by the Morrow county gun club and the Elks showed a profit of \$140 and the Mother's March on Polio under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rod Murray netted \$104.45. Coin collections since Jan. 20 are \$38.45, it was reported.

A total of \$143.68 was received from campaign work in Ione with \$126.68 coming from many coffee hours and \$17 from mailers. In Lexington polio mailers brought in \$100.63.

The present total drive figure is thought to be in the vicinity of \$1800, but it was emphasized that there are still several communities which haven't made any report to date.

Sayers Moves To Portland Post Office

Floyd Sayers, career postal clerk in the Heppner post office has been transferred to the downtown Portland office and will start his new duties there next Saturday.

Sayers came to Heppner from Portland in October, 1951 and during his more than six years here has been very active in civic affairs. He served as commander of the Heppner Legion post for one year, worked in Junior Legion baseball and several other sport activities, was a member of the Heppner Jay-Cees, and served as drive chairman for several county-wide fund campaigns.

Sayers' wife operates Kay's Fountain-Lunch and will remain here with their family until the end of the school year.

The vacancy in the local post office staff will be filled by Mrs. Vern Edwards.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:			
	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	54	34	.10
Friday	51	34	.02
Saturday	52	34	—
Sunday	45	33	—
Monday	41	30	—
Tuesday	48	32	—
Wednesday	46	34	.22

Rainfall for the week .34; for January 1.56; for February .22; for the year 1.78 inches.

Bull Riding Again On Rodeo Program

Ed Ring of Wilbur, Washington has been hired again to furnish the stock for the 1958 Morrow county fair and rodeo, following a meeting of the rodeo committee Tuesday evening.

It was also announced that bull riding would be included in this year's program after an absence of two years.

Mr and Mrs Jack Bedford returned Tuesday from a few days in Portland.

Death Takes Korean Orphan Destined for Heppner Family

The Korean orphan baby who died last week enroute to this country on the Harry Holt "baby-lift" plane had been adopted by Mr and Mrs Hubert Wilson of Heppner. The Wilsons were in San Francisco to get the eight month old girl when they received word that she had died from pneumonia while the plane was delayed at Wake Island while crossing the Pacific.

The little girl is the first of the many hundreds of Korean children brought to this country by Holt, Creswell, Oregon farmer, to die during the trip over the ocean.

Chamber Hears of Need for Leadership In Youth Activities

Mrs. E. M. Baker of Ione reported to the chamber of commerce Monday noon on the work of the youth activities committee of the Morrow county Town and Country Planning conference and told the group that more adult leadership is needed in nearly all fields of youth activities.

Mrs. Baker said that there isn't any complete agreement on youth activity problems, even among the youngsters themselves. She reported that a survey of county school students showed some youngsters feel more activities are needed, while many others say there are already plenty of them.

She told how the group was trying to delve into the overall problem and that a final report will be made at the conference to be held February 18 at the Lexington Grange hall.

Exchange Students To Speak at P-TA

"Become acquainted with our global friends," is the slogan for the P-TA meeting to be held Wednesday, February 12 at 8:00 p. m. in the grade school multipurpose room.

Two foreign exchange students will be present to speak. They are Françoise Nanur of France and Wolfgang Steise of Germany, both of whom are attending Pendleton high school this year. The students will come from Pendleton with Wallace McCrae, superintendent of schools in that city.

It is hoped that a large group will be present to become acquainted.

Mrs. James Valentine is in charge of the program, Mr and Mrs William Barratt comprise the hospitality committee and Mrs. Bernard Marshall, Mrs. Howard Cleveland and Mrs. Fred Gimbel the refreshment committee.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL MEETING CALLED

There will be a meeting of parents and persons interested in Little League baseball Monday at 8 p. m. in the Heppner school cafeteria, it was announced today.

48 Youngsters to Get Swim Awards

Forty eight Heppner boys and girls will soon receive certificates for completing beginning and intermediate swimming lessons during last summer's Red Cross swimming instruction at the Heppner pool. It was revealed this week. The certificates were received recently by Mrs. Orville Cuasforth, county Red Cross head.

Sixty-five beginners started the course with 28 completing the instruction. Twenty-nine started in the intermediate group and 20 finished.

The beginners who will shortly receive their certificates are Eric Anderson, Mark and Chris Brown, Greg Krelmeyer, Kerby Bailey, David Matheny, Jerry Waggoner, Gary Dick, Vickie Krelmeyer, Patty Collins, Linda Heath, Judy Jones Bob Harris, Mike Sweek, Meredith Webb, Wayne Evans, Deane Robison, Ronnie Jones, Steve Pettyjohn, Diane Warren, Linda Thompson, Maralee Murray, Ronnie Crisman, Mark Murray, Brenda Young, Nancy Cleveland, Betty Angel, Rogena Wilson.

Intermediates are Bruce Thompson, Ann Jones, Ted Turner, Judy Schmidt, Karen McCurdy, Marlene Fetsch Dianne Schaffitz, Barbara Blake, Rodney Ayers, Gary Downe, Cheryl Belenbrock, Larry Heath, Tim Driscoll, Bob Massey, Roseann Ayers, Coral Oslund, Jay Ball, Bill Snyder, Patty Mahon and Laura Summers.