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Umatilla Wins Round In Hiway Fight

Hearing Method Disliked By Morrow Delegation

Morrow county's hopes for a direct highway link between Boardman and the Yakima valley received a setback last week-end when the Oregon state highway commission voiced strong favoritism for a change in the route to bring it into the state over the Umatilla bridge. The commission's engineers had previously stated that the bridge was not feasible for use in any federal inter-state highway system.

The attitude of the commission members and the engineers disappointed Morrow county representatives who attended the hearing held last Thursday and Friday in Portland and presented this area's arguments in support of the Boardman crossing which had previously been proposed by the Federal highway engineers and approved by the Washington state highway department. Bucking the Washington and Morrow county proposals was a Umatilla county delegation headed by county judge Sam Cook who pleaded that if a new bridge were to be built at Boardman, it would break the Umatilla toll bridge on which there is over \$5,000,000 still owing.

The Umatilla group asked, and the highway commission agreed that the planned highway from Ellensburg to Oregon be rerouted from a point near Satus in the lower Yakima valley to follow a more easterly direction to the north end of the Umatilla bridge which is nearly 20 miles upstream from the proposed Boardman crossing at Blalock Island. An Oregon highway engineer stated that the new routing would require little or no additional length of road in Washington, but this statement has been seriously questioned by county judge Oscar Peterson and others from here who attended the hearing. They claim the Umatilla route will require at least 10 miles of additional highway in Washington and about 12 to 15 miles more in Oregon. In addition, the Morrow group pointed out that to bring the highway through Umatilla, Hermiston and Stanfield would be bringing it into a bottleneck area of heavy population and high property costs.

The Morrow delegation expressed displeasure with the commission's method of announcing its decision at least a full day ahead of the Friday afternoon hearing when the local group was scheduled to present its side of the case. Some of those from Morrow county and Boardman who presented briefs at the hearing have stated since that the hearing was in effect "a waste of time" inasmuch as the commission members apparently had made up their minds on the question before the Morrow group had been given a chance to speak.

Joint Discussion Due

The Oregon commission actually left the issue up in the air though they made their ideas known, for the whole plan must be approved by both the Oregon and Washington highway commission and the Federal planners before the project can receive a final OK. Whether the Washington commission will accede to the Oregon plan is not known, but joint discussions were slated for sometime this month by the Oregon highway commission.

The Morrow county delegation has sent its briefs and information on to the Washington commission and is urging that group to hold to its original plan for a river crossing at Boardman.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	47	31	—
Friday	46	25	Tr Snow
Saturday	46	24	—
Sunday	47	25	—
Monday	49	32	.06
Tuesday	47	30	—
Wednesday	55	33	—

Rainfall for the week .06; for March .06; for the year 3.87 inches.

CRAB FEED SLATED

A crab feed, an annual event of the Heppner Elks lodge, will be held Saturday evening, March 22, it was announced this week by lodge officers.

Council Approves New House Numbering Plan For Heppner



LT (jg) DONALD E BLAKE, son of Mr and Mrs Earl Blake of Heppner, receives his Navy "Wings of Gold" from his commanding officer Capt George B Chaffee. He was designated a Naval aviator at the Naval air station at Hutchinson, Kansas. He qualified as a Naval aviator Feb 11, following preliminary multi-engine training, and is now undergoing 12 weeks of advanced instruction in the Navy's P2V Neptune patrol bomber.

A new house numbering system will be put into effect in Heppner by about the middle of this year as a result of action taken Monday night by the city council when it approved a systematic numbering plan proposed by a council member, Robert Penland.

The new system, which will replace a completely inadequate and largely unknown method, will include a complete renumbering program and the installation of house numbers on every residential and business building in Heppner. It is planned to follow the numbering with a street sign installation as money becomes available.

The house numbering program will be financed by means of a special levy of \$1.00 for one month (only) which will be added to all water bills within the city. The levy will be made at about the time the numbers are installed, probably sometime between late May and July.

The new numbering plan calls for four divisions of the city, north, south, east and west with the two dividing streets being Main and May streets, the same as is being used at the present time. Block numbers will run 100 to the block in every direction from the central point—the intersection of Main and May streets. Angle streets, such as Linden Way, Riverside, Race Track street (better known as the Willow creek road) and others will be numbered by the distance they lie east or west of Main street. Each block will carry 100 numbers and if annexations are made to the city in the future, the numbering plan is designed to include such areas in a logical manner which will conform to all presently numbered areas.

A revised numbering plan has been talked for many years in Heppner but prior to Monday night's action by the council, nothing definite had been done towards putting one into effect. One of the biggest advantages of a new plan will be to aid the fire department in locating fire calls. At the present it is almost a necessity that firemen know where each city resident lives because most fire alarms are reported only as somebody's house or business building. There have been several times in recent years when the department was forced to try several streets before being able to locate a fire. After the numbers are installed, the Heppner telephone directory will also carry complete street addresses for all subscribers which will aid materially in direction finding.

As tentatively planned, the new house numbers will all be identical in style and will be placed in approximately the same position on all buildings—either directly above the door, or in the case of residences, on one side of the door where easily readable. The numbers will be aluminum with bright numbers.

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Morrow Sends 2 Delegates to 4-H Week Conference

Two Morrow county 4-H club members, Janet Wright of Heppner and Karl Beach, Lexington, will be delegates to a "Know Your State Government" meeting held Friday and Saturday in Salem as part of the observances of 4-H club week. The week is being observed throughout Morrow county with 4-H window displays and special activities.

The two Morrow representatives to attend the Salem conference, the first to be held on state government, were chosen because of their records of accomplishments in 4-H projects, church, school and community activities. Both have outstanding records in 4-H work.

All delegates to the Salem conference will be interviewed to select two top boys and girls to represent Oregon at the national 4-H conference at Washington D C in June. Two years ago Janet's sister, Patricia was selected to attend the national conference.

Locally 4-H week has been observed by window displays in several stores in Heppner, Lexington and Ione and by members appearing at civic group and other meetings.

Governor Robert D Holmes joined in the observance of the week by issuing a proclamation that congratulated the members on their efforts and praised the 4-H program for its many values in youth development and leadership.

The announcement of the winners of the national club conference trips will conclude the Salem conference Saturday afternoon.

Hospital Auxiliary Names Committees At First Meeting

At the first official meeting of the newly organized Morrow county hospital auxiliary, Mrs Garland Swanson, president appointed Mrs Jean Mallory as chairman of the charter committee, Mrs C E McQuarrie, chairman of the membership committee and Mrs Gene Pierce, chairman of the name committee.

Mrs Alex Green was named chairman of a committee to organize a calendar of all holidays and arrange for different organizations to remember the hospital patients on specific holidays through the year.

Rosebaum, members of the Good Shepherd hospital auxiliary of Hermiston, spoke to the group, telling them about their organization and gave suggestions that will be very helpful to this new group.

Mrs Kathleen Leadford, new supervisor of nurses for Pioneer Memorial hospital, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Monday, March 31 has been set as the date for the next general meeting.



MRS FRANK S PARKER

Mrs Frank S Parker Is "Mother of Year"

Morrow county's first Mother of the Year was named this week by a selection committee of the county Pomona Grange. She is Mrs Frank S Parker, 77 year old great-grandmother who lives on a ranch at the western edge of Heppner.

Mrs Parker, who has lived in Heppner since 1913, was born in 1880 at Waitsburg, Washington, the daughter of J V and Elizabeth Crawford. Following her marriage to Frank Parker in 1905, the couple lived for a short time in Pendleton and Cove where her husband operated light plants. In 1908 they moved to a cattle

ranch in Hell's Canyon where they spent four years, seldom seeing anyone from the outside world.

Mr and Mrs Parker celebrated the golden wedding anniversary in 1955, and their sons and daughters, all of whom attended colleges and universities in the state are Mrs Frances Mitchell, Portland bookkeeper; Vawter Parker, Hood River lawyer; John, a Pendleton accountant; and Mrs Fred Hoskins, Jr a Heppner housewife and school teacher.

Mrs Parker has been a member of the Christian church since she was 8 years old and has taught Sunday school since she was 14. At the present time she teaches an adult Bible class of 30 members all of whom are over 60 years of age and six are over 80. She is a past matron and secretary of the Eastern Star and a former member of the P.T.A.

Crawfordville in the Willamette valley was named for her grandfather, P V Crawford; and her maternal grandfather, J A Dunlap, was a member of the second legislature of the Oregon Territory.

Mr and Mrs Parker have 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Herbert G West To Be C of C Banquet Speaker

Herbert G West, Walla Walla, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways association; and manager of the Walla Walla port commission, will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, it was revealed Monday at the chamber meeting.

The annual banquet has been slated for Monday night, March 24 at the Legion hall, and is open to the public.

West will speak on port commissions and how they can aid in the development of Columbia river properties. Through the efforts of his commission at Walla Walla, a big new paper mill is now under construction at Wallula, a part of the commission's area of operation.

The establishment of a port commission in Morrow county has been discussed locally and was recommended by the recent town and country planning conference.

A more complete program for the banquet will be announced in the near future by members of the special chamber committee in charge.

Granddaughter of Early Settler Dies Last Week

Word was received this week of the death late in February of Mrs Cora Rhea Lamkin at the Masonic home in Forest Grove. She was the granddaughter of two of the earliest settlers in Morrow county who are still remembered by place names in this area, Cecil and Rhea creek.

Morrow county history records include much about Mrs Lamkin's grandparents, according to Bert Mason, now of Portland who is one of this county's most able historians. Her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Willom Y Cecil crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862 and settled where the Oregon Trail crossed Willow Creek. They established a post office and tavern there in 1867. Her other grandparents, the Rheas settled on what was then known as the west fork of Willow creek. The name was later changed to Rhea creek. T H Rhea was married to Henrietta Cecil and a daughter Cora was born in the Rhea creek home. She attended the Rhea and Heppner schools.

Services were held March 2 at Hillsboro.

Survivors include cousins Mrs Josie Jones, Mrs Norah Rasmus, E W Rhea, C C Rhea and Carl H Rhea.

Pioneer Heppner Woman Dies

Funeral services were held at All Saints' Episcopal church Monday for Mrs S M Morgan, 82 who passed away February 26 at San Francisco following a short illness. The Rev John Evans officiated at the final rites and burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs Morgan, the former Lottie Farnsworth, was born October 12, 1875 at Heppner to the pioneer family of Mr and Mrs Orrin E Farnsworth. She attended Heppner high school and graduated with the first class in 1894. She lived intermittently in Heppner from that time on.

She is survived by her son Edward K Young of San Francisco and a brother Karl Farnsworth of The Dalles. There are also several nieces and nephews.

Mrs Chas Wentworth Dies February 22 At California Home

Mrs Charles Wentworth, 82, a former resident of Heppner, died February 22 in Pasadena, Calif where she has resided for the past 20 years.

Mrs Wentworth, the former Lillian Bisbee, was born in Heppner January 19, 1876, the daughter of a pioneer family here, Mr and Mrs Timothy H Bisbee. She attended school here and graduated from the second Heppner high school graduating class in 1895. She was married to the Rev Charles Wentworth in 1903. Clifford and Charles; two daughters, Lucille and Florence; a brother Louis E Bisbee of Heppner and several grandchildren.

Burial was in Pasadena.

Parents Of Little Leaguers To Meet

All parents of boys interested in Little League baseball will meet Monday evening, March 10 in the school cafeteria at 7:30. Reports from committees will be heard and a system of team selection will be decided upon.



ELKS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Senior winners of the annual ELKS lodge scholarship contest were announced last Thursday night at the lodge meeting. First place awards, one each to a boy and a girl, are \$200 and second place winners receive \$100 each. Top winners have a chance to compete in district and state contests. Pictured are John Hartman, left, scholarship contest chairman, and William Labhart, extreme right, excited ruler. Winners, left to right, are Jim Morris, Heppner, first; Tom Currin, Heppner, second; Mardine Baker, Ione, second; and Joann Brosman, Heppner, first place for girls. (Wilson Photo)