

# Umatilla Bridge Route Wins Washington OK

The Washington highway commission late last week acquiesced to the Oregon state highway commission proposal that the proposed Ellensburg-Oregon highway be rerouted to cross the Columbia river over the Umatilla toll bridge. The Washington plan, which had been strongly supported by many Morrow county organizations and individuals, was to cross the river over a new bridge to be built near Boardman.

## Downen Accepts California Post

Larry Downen, coach at Heppner high school for the past four years, this week signed a contract to coach basketball, physical education, freshman basketball and teach driver training at El Dorado Union high school at Placerville, California. The school has 1100 students.

Downen coached the Heppner Mustangs to one state berth in basketball and his teams had numerous district wins. He has also been assistant football coach, taught mathematics, health and physical education. He also served as lifeguard during the summer at the Heppner swimming pool.

In telling of his plans, Downen said, "I truly enjoyed my four years in Heppner and I really hate to leave, but the opportunity I have received is too good to pass up."

Downen, his wife Janice and two children, Jayne and Gary, will leave Heppner the end of May.

## E R Prock Taken By Death; Services Held Here Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Creswick Mortuary chapel for E R Prock, 76, who passed away March 23 at his home following a heart attack. The Rev Charles Knox officiated.

Ernest Wright Prock was born June 10, 1881 at St George, Missouri and had lived in Heppner for the past 32 years.

He is survived by his wife Sarah, Heppner; two sons Faye and Vernon, both of Heppner; one daughter, Norma Merrill, Portland; three half-brothers, John and Earl, Pendleton, and Noah, Missouri; one half-sister, Opal Salidine, Missouri; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	60	35	—
Friday	61	43	.08
Saturday	61	33	.04
Sunday	57	37	.09
Monday	61	39	.02
Tuesday	57	34	.23
Wednesday	53	31	—

Rainfall for the week .46; for March 1.30; for the year 5.11 inches.

## LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE GIVES PLANNERS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS

The livestock committee under the leadership of Gerald Swagart, chairman, made a 50 section report to the recent Town and Country Planning conference. Included in the report was the work of 13 subcommittees. Here is a brief review of that report.

Various livestock diseases and pests were discussed at length with recommendations made for their control or elimination; the need for accelerated weed control programs was stressed; legislation was favored making it illegal to carry loaded guns in cars; and the committee favored the Game Commission program of reservoir development in the county.

It was recommended that a study be made of the Boardman bombing range with an eye for future development; and sheep operators were urged to take advantage of the OSC wool laboratory.

It was felt that the small livestock operator faces discrimination in present methods of marketing and it was suggested that small operators band together to market in larger numbers.

It was recommended that livestock operators study the advantages of contract farming or vertical integration, which can make for a top notch management not available otherwise and that their are more advantageous ways to market livestock produced in the county—that

month that a new bridge at Blalock Island would absolutely kill the bridge at Umatilla. He said it would result in defaulting on bonds to finance construction of the Umatilla span. "The interstate link would connect U S highway 10 in Washington with U S 30 in Oregon.

**Won't Change Road**  
The AP story also stated, "Washington's highway commission declined, however, to go along with another proposal by Williams that the Washington portion of the route across the Horse Heaven Hills go almost straight southeasterly to the vicinity of the Umatilla bridge."

"As approved by the Washington commission, the route would run from the vicinity of Ellensburg through Yakima to a point a few miles north of Boardman. From there it would travel eastward up the Columbia river to the Umatilla bridge."

Before the new route can become part of the interstate highway system and be eligible for 90-100 percent construction funds, the entire proposal must be approved by the U S Bureau of Roads.

Interested persons in Morrow county this week expressed regret that the Washington highway commission changed its original position on the road's location, and stated that continued efforts will be made to win approval of a Blalock Island bridge crossing for the route.

Though the route may be approved and included in the federal highway system, it is expected to be at least 10 years before the road will be built.

The many advantages of having a river crossing in north Morrow county spurred local efforts to win approval of the Blalock Island bridge which if built would give a direct north and south highway tie from population centers in Washington to the south over highway 207 through Heppner and into the John Day area. Morrow has had no river crossing since the Umatilla bridge company purchased the Paterson ferry and discontinued its operation.

## Sportsmen's Annual Get Together Set Sunday On John Day

The game commission will hold its annual get-together on its North Fork game refuge Sunday, March 30. All sportsmen are invited to meet with game commission officials and aid in the planting of brose, etc.

Interested persons are to meet at 10 am at the commission cabin five miles down the North Fork of the John Day river from highway 395 near Dale. Each should bring a lunch and a shovel for every two persons.

## Chest X-Rays to be Given on April 2

The next date for residents of this area to get free chest X-rays at Pioneer Memorial hospital is Wednesday, April 2 from 7 to 8:30 pm, it was announced today.

The free chest X-rays are made available by the Morrow county TB and Health association to all county residents over 15 years of age.

higher prices could be received by following a listing service.

A careful study of "size-unit" should be made by anyone planning on going into the livestock business; and the committee recommended that the present method of evaluation of cattle for taxation purposes be given study. It was felt that a more equitable method would be a three-year average of the price of livestock rather than the valuation taken at assessment time only.

The committee recommended that a manager form of county government be seriously considered; that road department employees could be more efficient and that a 10% salary increase be considered for these county employees as an aid to increasing efficiency.

A continuation of the present special road levy was recommended to continue and expand the present county road program, and that the present detailed road development plan be carried out by the county court. It was also recommended that the state highway commission be encouraged to consider the proposed state highway project from Morgan to Arlington across country rather than down Willow creek.

Figures were presented showing how livestock feeding development in the county could use our entire annual surplus of hay and barley with a big increase in the gross economy of the county.

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## Home Inspections To Be Made by Fire Department

The Heppner fire department Monday will start a home fire prevention inspection program designed to eliminate many potential fire hazards in local homes and business buildings. The local program is a part of the fifth annual house-to-house inspection plan inaugurated by the state fire marshal's office.

Householders are reminded that the inspection is a free voluntary service given by the members of the fire department. Each inspection is made only on the invitation and consent of the householder and the removal of hazards is in no way mandatory, though the inspection is designed to aid the home owner in knowing what hazards exist in his building and how to eliminate them.

Members of the Heppner department will work in teams of two on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of each week until all local buildings, where residents or owners wish inspections, are checked.

The state fire marshal, in pointing out the value of home inspection for fire hazards, reported that in 1957 was the most costly year in Oregon's fire history with \$6,500,000 going up in smoke from largely preventable home fires.

## Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Jesse Orwick, 57

Jesse Orwick, 57 years of age, died March 23, at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a short illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 pm at Creswick Mortuary chapel with the Rev Norman Northrup officiating.

Mr Orwick was born May 4, 1890 at Roseau, Minnesota. He early years and was employed as a fireman at Heppner Pine Mills prior to his death.

He is survived by his widow, Columbine Orwick, Lexington; one son, Jesse Dale, Beverly, Washington; three daughters, Donna L Oscarson, Newport, Washington, Selma F Green, Arlington and Gloria G Papineau, Lexington; three brothers, Roy of Condon, Edwin of Goshen, and William of Junction City; three sisters, Florence Washburn, Elk, Washington; Addie Kiezur, Weston, and Pearl Brace of Heppner. He also leaves 12 grandchildren. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

## Irrigon School District Receives Federal Aid Approval

An application for Irrigon school district No 10 for federal assistance under the provisions of Public Law 874, has been approved, Congressman Al Ullman advised the Gazette-Times this week.

According to the announcement of the department of health, education and welfare, the school district will be entitled to \$9,471.98 for the fiscal year of 1958. Ullman's letter stated that \$7,103 has been certified for immediate payment.

The school is eligible for such funds because of a heavy number of federal workers who educate their children in the district.

## Arrests Clear Up Burglary Cases

The arrest by state police this week of two former lone youths and their subsequent confessions, has cleared up a number of burglaries and other crimes in this area, it is reported.

Arrested Monday at Ione was Ralph A Piper who was lodged in the Gilliam county jail at Condon under a charge of burglary. He was unable to post \$500 bail and has admitted his part in a number of thefts, police reported.

Also arrested was Paul Reinhart, formerly of Ione, who also admitted part in the same crimes. Both have waived preliminary hearings and the case will be heard early next week in Condon.

Mr and Mrs Herman Ziegler of The Dalles were guests of Dr and Mrs James Norene on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Herb Ekstrom and children recently of The Dalles, have moved to Ione and will be making their home there.

# Future Development Prospects Said Bright For North Morrow County

## Heppner Churches Schedule Services For Holy Week

Most Heppner churches will observe Holy Week with special services scheduled during the seven days, it was announced today.

Maundy Thursday services will be held the evening of April 3 at the Episcopal, Christian, Methodist, Hope Lutheran, Assembly of God and Catholic churches, and on Good Friday a community services will be held at All Saints' Episcopal church. This service will start at 1 o'clock and last for 45 minutes with all local churches except the Catholic participating. St Patrick's Catholic church will hold its Good Friday service at 2:30. Heppner stores and businesses are not planning a general closure for this service, but most employees who desire will be given time off to attend if desired.

Friday, April 4 at 8 pm a special film, "I beheld His Glory" will be presented at Hope Lutheran church. The film is based on a book written by the Rev John Evans, temporary rector of All Saints' Episcopal church.

All local churches are scheduling special Easter Sunday services which will be announced next week.

## April 15 Deadline Set For Soil Bank Reserve Contracts

Nearly \$1,000,000 is still available to help Oregon farmers place conservation reserve contracts on their farms, according to Robert T Lister, chairman of the Oregon agricultural stabilization and conservation (ASC) committee.

The conservation reserve program for the Soil Bank gives farmers a chance to shift cropland into conservation uses—and get paid for it—Lister explained. Farmers in the state can still sign contracts totalling \$1,000,000 worth of help if they act soon. Deadline for signing contracts under the conservation reserve has been set for April 15.

This part of the Soil Bank program pays up to 80 percent of the cost of establishing a conservation practice, Lister added. Annual per-acre rental payments are then made each year the land remains under a Soil Bank contract.

Under the conservation reserve, farmers of other landowners sign contracts under which they agree to take designated acreage out of crop production and devote the land to conservation uses. The 1958 program allows landowners to put part or all of their cropland in the program.

Acceptable practices include establishing a protective cover of grasses and legumes or trees on cropland, water conservation through the building of dams and ponds, and development of cover and food for wildlife. Specific practices for local areas are approved through county ASC offices.

Application forms, and more information about the 1958 conservation reserve program, are available at county ASC offices. Since it takes time to complete a contract, Lister advises interested persons to contact their local ASC office soon.

## Court Street Paving Bids Due Today

At its regular meeting today (Thursday) in Portland, the Oregon State Highway commission will receive bids for 16 miles of grading and paving on Court Street between May and Cannon streets in Heppner. The plans call for grading to improved grade line, new curbs, stone base and asphaltic concrete pavement to provide a 36-foot wide modern city street.

The work is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1958.

Mr and Mrs Howard Cleveland and family, John, Tommy, and Nancy visited at the home of Mrs Paul Webb Sr in Walla Walla Friday and Saturday.



CHAMBER RECOGNITION was given to five Heppner businesses Monday night at the C of C annual banquet. Certificates were presented to Heppner Auto Parts, Phil's Pharmacy, The Heppner Hotel, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Ford's Tire Service for establishing or improving business facilities in town. Shown after receiving their certificates are, left to right, Pete McMurtry, Phil Blakney, Mrs Alfred Mattoon, and Gene Pierce. Not present to receive his award was Wayne Snyder of Ford's Tire Service. (GT Photo)



DRAWING FOR BONDS—Mrs Herb West Jr is drawing a number from the hat held by chamber of commerce president Jack Loyd at the chamber's annual banquet Monday night. Twenty numbers were drawn representing a like number of road lighting field bonds which were redeemed by the organization. (GT Photo)

## John Hartman New Elks Exalted Ruler

John Hartman was elected exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge at the regular meeting Thursday night. He will succeed William Labhart who has headed the lodge for the past year.

Other officers named for the coming year include: Leading Knight, Del Jordan; loyal knight, Everett Keithley lecturing knight, Lowell Gribble; secretary, Glenn Ward; trustees, James J Farley and Jack Van Winkle; treasurer, Harlan McCurdy Jr; and tiler, Harley Young.

The new officers will be installed Thursday, April 3 by the past exalted rulers of the Heppner lodge.

## Many Students Home For Spring Vacation

College students returning to Heppner for the spring vacation:

From the University of Oregon: Mary Jo and Alice Faye Stewart, Lance Tibbles. From Northwestern School of Commerce, Portland: Stephen Green, Sharon Bill. From Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls: Robert Stevens, Mr and Mrs Bill Brannon; From Eastern Oregon College of Education: Wayne Soward, David Cox, Robert Grabill; From Pacific University: Bill Hughes; From Oregon State College: Skip Ruhl, Shirley and Dick Kononen, Meredith Thomson, Jay Sumner, Frances Slocum, Jim Hayes, Adella Anderson, Janet Wright, Terry Thompson, Maureen Groves.

## Spring Golf Lessons To Start Friday

Bill Walton, pro of the Pendleton Golf Club, will start spring lessons at the Willow Creek Country Club on Friday, March 28. All interested may call Mrs Larry Downen for information or to sign up for the lessons.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bloom of Albany visited last weekend with his aunt Mrs Elalor Huston.

## Voter Registration Deadline Near

SALEM.—Sec of State Mark Hatfield this week reminded Oregon residents who have moved since the last election and have not re-registered that they should visit their county clerk or an official election registrar appointed by the clerk before April 14.

Hatfield also pointed out that Oregon students attending institutions of higher education who have not met the residence requirements in the county where they are attending school may register by visiting the county clerk in Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Salem, McMinnville, LaGrande, Medford, Klamath Falls or Hillsboro.

The county clerk will forward the student's registration to the county clerk of the county where the student does reside. Students attending institutions outside Oregon but who retain Oregon residence may register by mail. They should write the county clerk of their home county.

Hatfield also announced that as of March 5, there were 794,334 registered voters, 407,364 Democrats, 375,691 Republicans and 11,277 belonged to other political parties or are independents. County clerks reported they expect more than 850,000 voters to be registered in time to vote at the primary election May 16.

## Hospital Auxiliary To Meet Monday

The newly formed Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, March 31 at the court house at 7:30 pm.

The constitution for the organization will be read and discussed and all members paying their dues will become charter members.

It is urged that all members be present for this important meeting.

## GOLF CLUB WORK DAY

There will be no golf play at the Willow Creek Country club on Sunday morning, but there will be a work day and all members are urged to come and help get the course in shape for the spring play.

## Port Commission Seen Aid In Coming Expansion

Morrow county has greater opportunity for the future development of its 30 miles of Columbia river shoreline than any county east of Bonneville dam, Herbert G West, executive vice president of Inland Empire Waterways Association, told guests at the annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at the Legion hall.

West stated that the north end of Morrow county offered the most and finest industrial sites on the Columbia river between its mouth and McNary dam. He also said that the county also had the best access roads to the river of any county in the state.

He continued that Morrow county must get ready for the development that is to come and that the opportunity here is greater than in any Oregon county east of Bonneville. How that opportunity is to be used, is up to the people, he stated, but having a port district would be of great value. He also said that Morrow is the only county fronting on the Columbia that is without such a port commission.

In discussing port districts, West said that Oregon laws make it easy to form one. Only eight percent of the legal voters can petition for its formation and such a commission has wide powers to work for the development of an area.

West told of the many savings that will come to shippers with the completion of the John Day dam which it is hoped will be ready by 1966. He said approval has been received for improvements in the lower river that will allow ocean vessels to dock as far east as The Dalles. He also pointed out that within a few years California will represent the largest single market in the United States and would be able to use the produce of the entire Inland Empire.

West also told the group that the Boise-Cascade Corporation, which recently announced plans for a pulp and paper mill near Wallula, could have saved \$480,000 in taxes by locating its plant in Oregon. It located in Washington, however, entirely through the efforts of the Walla Walla port district in whose area the plant is being built.

Mr West stressed that now was the time for decision and that a Morrow county port district should be given every consideration. He was accompanied here by his wife and his son and Herb West Jr. Mr West Jr is daughter-in-law. Mr and Mrs ector of public information for Inland Empire Waterways Association.

**Awards Given**  
Preceding Mr West's talk, chamber president, Jack Loyd presented the owners or operators of five Heppner businesses with certificates of recognition for improvements or additions to the Heppner business district. They went to the Bank of Eastern Oregon, for its new Heppner branch; Ford's Tire Service, for establishing a Heppner branch store, the Heppner Hotel, for its extensive remodeling program; Phil's Pharmacy, store modernization; and Heppner Auto to Parts, for its building modernization.

Loyd also gave a report of some of the chamber's activities of the past year which included paying off a portion of the rodeo field lighting bonds, selling rodeo tickets, Christmas decorations and getting Santa to make a Heppner visit, judging and financing the rodeo parade, sponsoring the farm-city week banquet; sponsoring the appearance of the Pendleton Men's chorus, and many other activities.

**Bond Numbers Drawn**  
Another event of the banquet was the drawing of 20 names for the payment of 20 outstanding bonds which were sold to finance the lighting of the Heppner rodeo field. The bonds represented the payment of \$1,000 which leaves outstanding only slightly more than \$4,000.

Holders of the bonds which were drawn included: nine owned by the Heppner Elks lodge