

# Greatest Election Interest Seen In Races For Governor

## Only One County Contest Due Friday Primary

Politicians today were winding up their oratory and handshaking and will await the verdict of the state's voters who go to the primary polls Friday to make their decisions.

The entire primary campaign throughout the entire state has dragged its feet quite badly as far as any genuine "whoop-and-holler" battles were concerned, though there are plenty of contested offices to attract the attention of voters.

The biggest fight for votes will be in the governor's races on both tickets as the Democrats have three men seeking the seat, incumbent Robert D. Holmes, Lew Wallace and Riley W. Smith; and the Republicans six aspirants, Mark Hatfield, secretary of state; Sig Unander, state treasurer; Warren Gill, state senator; Albert Elchman, who wants legalized gambling; George W. Livingston and Orval Rasor, who primarily just want the job. Since ballots were printed, Rasor has decided to get out of the race, but will still probably receive a few votes.

There are no national or state contests on the local ballot though Republicans will have to choose between the incumbent Harry Dinges and Delmer Buschke, both of Heppner, for the nomination as county assessor.

Republicans will have one name on the ballot for representative in congress from the second district. He is Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington. Seeking the nomination for the same seat on the Democratic ballot is incumbent Al Ullman of Baker.

Frank M. Weatherford of Olex is after the Democratic nomination as state representative and Orville Cutsforth of Lexington seeks the same seat as a Republican. Both are unopposed in the primary.

Other unopposed candidates are Democrats Bruce Lindsay, incumbent for county clerk, and Jasper E. Myers, county commissioner. E. O. "Gene" Ferguson is unopposed as a Republican seeking the county commissioner's seat.

On the non-partisan ballot three men are seeking position number 3 for judge of the supreme court. They are Samuel M. Bove, Boyd R. Overhulse and Gordon Sloan. Two men want position number seven on the supreme court, present George Rossman and Jason Lee of Salem.

All voters will also have an opportunity to vote on the special 10 mill county road tax levy which appears on the non-partisan ballot. The measure calls for a 10 mill road tax for a period of five years.

Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm and a complete list of polling places appears in an adjacent story.

## Primary Election Polls Listed

County clerk Bruce Lindsay today released the list of polling places for the May 16 primary election:

- Northwest Heppner—Empire Machinery.
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  - Southwest Heppner—Court house.
  - Southeast Heppner—court house.
  - Ione—city hall.
  - Lexington—Odd Fellows building.
  - Boardman—Grange hall.
  - Irrigon—schoolhouse.
  - Hardman—Odd Fellows hall.
- Polls will be open from 8 am to 8 pm.

## Game Commission to Make Pond Surveys In Heppner Area

Game commission engineers are scheduled to survey Dry Swale and Bull Prairie reservoir sites in the Heppner Ranger district in May, it was reported this week by Glenn Ward, local commission representative.

If the cost of constructing these impoundments is feasible, they will be built in cooperation with the Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Game Commission for angling.

These and other pond projects on Willow creek have been urged by local residents for the purpose of providing fishing and water storage.



CONSERVATION WEEK PROGRAM at Monday's meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce included, left to right, Janice Deamer, Heppner high school; Mardine Baker, Ione high school; Tom Helseth, Oregon State Soil Conservationist who was the guest speaker; Newt O'Harra, Lexington, county Conservation Week chairman; Keith Peck, Lexington high school; and Jack Loyd, chamber president. Each high school had conservation displays prepared for the meeting. (GT Photo)

## Conservationist Speaks at C of C

Morrow county has one of the outstanding soil conservation districts of the state, Tom Helseth, Oregon state conservationist, told the chamber of commerce Monday, noon, during a program designed to publicize National Conservation Week, May 11 to 18.

Helseth recorded the history of the conservation movement from its beginning with the homestead act of 1862 and traced it up to the present day. He said that many of the past programs have failed because the government agencies gave the man on the land no voice in the plan. Now however, he said, the many fine programs are working because the wishes of the farmers are given consideration and made the basis of the plans.

Newt O'Harra was in charge of the Conservation Week program which included the introduction of Jack Sumner and his wife, recently named county Conservation Man of the Year; presentation of directors of the Heppner soil district and others interested in the work. On display were conservation posters and material which has been developed by students in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione high schools. Students from each school were also guests at the meeting.

## Hospital Sets Open House Next Sunday

Residents of the county are invited to attend an open house at Pioneer Memorial hospital Sunday, May 18 from 2 to 6 pm. The affair is being held in observance of National Hospital week.

Numerous improvements have been made in the hospital facilities and grounds during the past year, and guided tours of the entire plant, one of the most modern and complete in the entire state, will be conducted by members of the hospital auxiliary. The same group will also serve light refreshments to all visitors.

## Local GOC Post Checks Plane Which Crashed Saturday

A four motor Boeing cargo plane which crashed late Saturday afternoon near Madras passed over Heppner earlier that day at a very low altitude and was reported in to the Bend Filter Center by members of the Heppner Ground Observer Corps.

Sgt. Ralph A. Bragg of Arlington stated this week that Mrs. Ray Smith, who is in charge of the Heppner GOC post, was one of four GOC members to report the plane as flying in an unusual fashion and gave credit to her and the other members for their work. He stated that with the Bend Filter center knowing the whereabouts of the plane, it was a simple matter to get immediate aid to it following the crash. The pilot and co-pilot were uninjured, though the plane burned, and they reported that they were making a fuel consumption test flight of the craft.

Billy Instone was in Heppner the first of the week from Hood River. He has just returned from spending the winter in Arizona.

## Friday Meeting to Organize Local Centennial Group

A meeting of all persons and organizations interested in the formation of a county-wide Oregon Centennial committee, are urged to attend a special organization meeting to be held Friday evening, May 16 at 8 pm at O'Donnell's lounge. The meeting is being called by the chamber of commerce.

Ted Hallock, representative of the Oregon Centennial Commission spoke to a group last Friday night explaining how the county can tie in with next year's celebration and what should be done to get the local program started.

## Sunday Storm Brings 1-Inch Rain

Heppner and most of Morrow county seemingly sat squarely under a big black cloud Sunday that dumped out great quantities of rain to drown out many weekend fishing and golfing plans.

The Heppner weather station recorded a total of .95 inch fell here during the day, the heaviest fall to be seen here since October 1, 1957 when an all time one-day record fall of 2.05 inches was measured here.

The rain started falling about daylight Sunday and continued uninterrupted until nearly dark bringing all streams up rapidly and washing out all fishing prospects for several days. The downpour also caused considerable washing in farm lands throughout the area though the heavy grass growth and well developed grain prevented much worse erosion. Mud was washed onto roads in several places and nearly five inches of new snow was reported high in the mountains. Well over one inch of rain was reported from ranchers living in elevations higher than Heppner. Though the fall was lighter to the north, all sections of the county received heavy precipitation.

## Rev. Merlin Zier To Leave for Boston Graduate School

The Rev. Merlin Zier, pastor of Hope Lutheran church, will leave here late this month for Massachusetts where he will report on June 1 to Worcester State Hospital close to Boston. Rev. Zier will do graduate work in the field of psychology and mental health. The course leads to a master's degree in psychology from Andover Newton Seminary and the program is set up by the Institute of Pastoral Care which is headquartered at the seminary.

The program is designed for the minister to have clinical training at a state hospital working with psychologists and psychiatrists. Upon completion of the training he will be qualified to serve on the professional staff and review case histories in a state hospital.

This is a new field which has been opened for clergymen with certified training to represent the church in the program of mental health. It is said to be a pioneer field for the clergy.

Rev. Zier has served the local church for the past three years. He and his family will move this week.

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## Unit School Plan Gets Approval of County Committee

A measure asking that a county unit school plan be established in Morrow county was approved at a meeting of the County School Reorganization Committee last week in Heppner and will be placed on the ballot in the November general elections, committee members have announced.

The action followed filing of petitions with the county court signed by over 150 persons asking for a vote to put into effect a county unit school plan. The petitions were presented to the reorganization committee by the county court at the Thursday night session.

The county unit plan would replace all present individual school districts and boards in the county and centralize purchasing, hiring and other administrative functions in the hands of a manager or county superintendent, it was pointed out.

At a meeting Friday night called by the Lexington Education Betterment Committee at the grange hall, Fred Martin, Ione, chairman of the County School Reorganization Committee, discussed the county unit system.

"One advantage of such a plan is that the entire county would be included in the district unit and would automatically return to the county tax valuation which now goes to Echo and Arlington because of overlapping into Morrow County of some Umatilla and Gilliam County districts.

"Estimate of that valuation is some \$1,800,000. About \$39,000 of school money now goes annually into other counties," he said. "Re-districting is a requirement of the county unit plan."

Recently the county reorganization committee made a tentative recommendation that the county be divided into two districts, one in the north and one for the Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Hardman areas. Since then the committee changed its recommendation as the two-district plan will not make possible the return of tax valuation to the county as under the county unit plan, it was pointed out.

Under a county unit plan, board members would be elected from zones in the county which would assure representation from each area.

## Glen H. McLachlan Services Held Here Wednesday Morning

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Heppner Methodist church for Glen H. McLachlan, 50 a resident of Heppner for the past 12 years.

Mr. McLachlan died Sunday at Pioneer Memorial hospital after suffering a heart attack earlier that day at his home.

Mr. McLachlan was born at Moro September 2, 1907.

Surviving are his wife Leona, Heppner; one son Darrel of Heppner; a daughter, Leila Sullivan, Van Nuys, Calif.; two brothers, Wendell F. McLachlan, Boise, and Roland M. McLachlan, Moro; two sisters, Lucille Harrington, Eugene, and Evelyn Charness of Madras. He also leaves his mother, Mollie McLachlan of Moro and five grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Lester Boulden and burial was in the Park Lawn cemetery at The Dalles. Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

## L. E. Dick To Head Heppner TV, Inc

L. E. Dick, Jr. was elected president of Heppner TV, Inc at their annual meeting Monday night at the Legion hall.

Other officers elected by the group were E. E. Gonty, vice president; board members, Haskell Sharrard, Glen Way and John Venard. Carl Spaulding was appointed by the board as secretary-treasurer.

It was announced that the board will meet the first Wednesday of each month until further notice.

## Little League to Select Teams

All boys interested in Little League baseball are asked to report at the field at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Officials stated that teams will be chosen at that time.



HELPING IN THE CONSERVATION and reforestation of cutover lands in the Heppner Ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest are these members of the Heppner high school Future Farmers of America chapter who are setting out Ponderosa Pine seedlings. Left to right are Ned Clark, Clifford Green and FFA advisor, Llewellyn Robbins. The group set out about 7000 trees on two Saturdays.

## 56,000 Baby Pine Trees Planted in Heppner District

Heppner FFA boys cooperating with Forest Service crews recently completed a tree planting program on cutover Forest Service lands that resulted in 56,000 ponderosa pine seedlings being set out.

The Forest Service crews began planting April 7, as early as they could get into the areas to be planted. As a community service, the Heppner chapter of the FFA contributed two Saturdays of their personal time planting approximately 7,000 of the 56,000 trees.

Planting conditions have been good this year with an abundance of soil moisture and above average rainfall during the planting period. Excellent survival is expected.

The project is a small step toward the goal of full production from the nation's timberland. More than 114 million acres, or 23 percent of the commercial forest land area, is non-stocked or poorly stocked, the Forest Service reports. Planting is one of the most effective means of getting this vast area into production.

Approximately 400,000 acres are being planted annually. This area is being increased each year and is expected to reach 800,000 acres by 1965-1974, but even at this rate many acres of forest land will remain unplanted and not producing sawtimber by 2000.

## Legion Installs New Officers

At the Monday evening meeting of Heppner Post No. 85, American Legion the new officers were installed for the coming year with L. E. Dick as the commander.

Other officers are Elmer Heath, 1st vice commander; Don Fredrickson, 2nd vice commander; Bill Labhart, adjutant; Bill Heath, finance officer; D. E. Hudson, sergeant at arms; Jack Flug, chaplain and Pine Thornburg, executive committee.

The installation was conducted by Elias Quaempts of Mission Post No. 140, district commander. Another visitor from the Mission Post was Elzie Farrow.

There will be a district caucus at Hermiston on Sunday, May 25 at a joint meeting with the auxiliary.

The next meeting here will be Monday, May 19 at 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Willow and Rhea Creeks Get Trout

If rains will let up for a while to give streams a chance to clear, local fishermen should expect some good fishing in county streams as a result of the planting Monday of 3000 legal size trout in Willow and Rhea creeks.

A game commission truck loaded with trout dumped half its load in each of the two creeks Monday but roilly waters have kept most anglers from going after the fish yet. The trout averaged 8 inches in length and came from Oak Springs hatchery near Maupin.

W. C. Rosewall attended a Ford dealers council in Pendleton on Tuesday.

## County Schools Plan Graduation Programs

With the end of the school year only a few days away, all county high schools are completing arrangements for baccalaureate and commencement exercises next week.

All schools are scheduling baccalaureate services Sunday at 8 pm. Heppner's will be held at the Christian church with the Rev. Willis Geyer giving the sermon. Lexington has set baccalaureate services at the Lexington Christian church with the Rev. Norman Northrup; and Ione's will be at the Community church at 7:30 with the Rev. Floyd Bailey delivering the sermon. The Boardman baccalaureate will be held at the school gym at 8 pm with the Rev. Robert E. Drewes, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church of Hermiston giving the sermon.

Commencement exercises will be held Wednesday, May 21 at 8 o'clock at the high school gym for the 26 members of the senior class. J. W. Forrester Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian will be the graduation speaker.

Lexington will hold its commencement program at the school auditorium Wednesday evening and the speaker will be Francis Nickerson, executive secretary, high school-college relations committee of the Oregon state system of higher education.

The Ione commencement speaker will be Henry Tetz, assistant professor of education and philosophy at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, and a former Morrow county superintendent of schools. Graduation will be held Thursday, May 22 at 8 o'clock at the school cafeteria.

At the Boardman high school graduation will be held Thursday night at the gym with the speaker to be Carlos Easley of Eastern Oregon College at La Grande.

In most schools eighth grade graduation exercises will be held the same night as the high school or the preceding evening.

At Heppner the 26 seniors who will receive their diplomas and awards are Margaret Ann Applegate, Janice Beamer, Jerry Brace, Joann Bronson, Robert Bryant, Judith Collins, Kay Corbin, Tom Currin, Beulah Davis, Larry Fetsch, Burke Gentry, Helen Graham, Carol Groshens, Ed Groshens, Rodger Harris, Margaret Hughes, Robert Laughlin, William Monahan, James Morris, Leonard Proffitt, Phyllis Quackenbush, Len Ray Schwarz, Judith Brannon, Karen Valentine, Betty Wilson, Nancy Huffman.

At Lexington six seniors will receive awards. They are Pat

## New Band Teacher Named for Heppner

The Heppner school board this week announced the appointments of Arnold Melby as band and chorus instructor in the high school for next year. He has taught at Fossil since 1956.

Mr. Melby attended college in Minnesota and Idaho, and at Pacific University and the University of Oregon. He is married and has two children.

The family will move to Heppner as soon as housing can be obtained.

Stegall, Inez Frost, Joan Patrick, Dexter Miles, Hugo Leyva and John Darnielle.

Ione will graduate seven seniors. They are Berl Akers Jr., Mardine May Baker, Helen Louise Botts, Ann Belle Coleman, Grace Louise McCabe, Billie Joann Seehafer and Barbara Kay Sherer.

The names of the Boardman high school senior class was not available.

## Voters Approve School Budget By Wide Margin

A very small number of voters Monday overwhelmingly approved the Morrow county school budget 207 to 26.

The total budget figure for the operation of all the county's schools was \$705,409.87, which represented an increase of \$22,448.56 over the current year. The amount of tax in excess of the 6 percent limitation is \$370,424.11 and the total estimated tax levy has been set at \$533,743.55.

The vote by districts was Heppner 60 yes and 16 no; Ione 33 and 6; Hardman 10 and 0; Lexington 24 and 0; Irrigon 53 and 3 and Boardman 27 and 1.

## Fire Hazards Noted in Checks

Members of the Heppner fire department completed the first phase of their home fire inspection program recently with approximately two-thirds of all residents in the city having been inspected or contacted, chief C. A. Ruggles reports.

A total of 259 calls were made with inspections being made in 167 cases. At the remaining 92 homes no one was home at the time of the inspection or admittance was refused by the residents.

Leading the list of fire hazards found in the inspections were excessive or defective extension cord wirings with 58 such instances noted and reported to the homeowner. Other hazards included 18 unsafe wiring; 23 fuseboxes overloaded, combustibles too close to stove or furnace in 3 cases; defective flue or flue stops, 5; stove pipes not properly installed, 1; flammable liquids not properly stored, 1.

In 97 homes no hazards of any kind were found by the firemen.

The inspection program was the first to be carried out locally and it is planned to continue the work next year.

WEATHER			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	71	46	—
Friday	75	44	—
Saturday	75	45	—
Sunday	75	45	.16
Monday	48	35	.79
Tuesday	54	31	—
Wednesday	61	36	—

Rainfall for the week .95; for May 1.53; for the year 8.76 inches.