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Road Levy OK'd; Dinges Gets Nod For Assessor Post

County Voters Follow Pattern of Rest of State in Most Selections

Morrow county voters, both Democrat and Republican, pretty well followed in the same pattern as did the rest of the state in last Friday's primary election approving Governor Robert D Holmes for the Democratic nomination for governor and Mark Hatfield the nod on the Republican ticket.

In the single county contest Harry Dinges, incumbent assessor, ran up a two to one lead over his opponent for the post on the Republican ballot, Delmer Buschke of Heppner. The final count gave Dinges 453 to Buschke's 227. Dinges will be opposed in the fall general election by Battie Rand of Boardman who received a total of 96 write-in votes for the Democratic nomination Rand received votes in seven of the nine precincts in the county.

A total of 1152 votes were cast in the county out of a grand total of 2167 registered voters giving the county approximately a 53 percent vote—considerably better than the statewide average which was a little under 50 percent. The vote was heaviest in the Hardman precinct where 28 out of 38 voted, and Lexington where 181 out of 261 voted.

Road Levy Approved

In the only other local measure, the voters gave generous approval to the special five-year 10 mill road levy for the county.

Hermiston Man Gets School Bid

Sam Godwin, Hermiston contractor, was awarded the contract for the remodeling of the science laboratory, commercial rooms and library at Heppner high school. His bid of \$35,885 was the lower of two bids received by the school board and opened at its meeting last Friday night. Work is expected to start immediately.

The remainder of the \$50,000 special levy voted for the remodeling project will go for equipping the lab and rooms and for architect's fees.

In other business the board hired Mrs Madelyn Duke as high school librarian for next year. She is now teaching in Ash Fork, Arizona and in addition to her library work, she may teach one English class.

William French and Kenneth A Sawyer were hired as janitors replacing Dean and Nelson Connor, both of whom have entered the military service.

Lone Youth Saved From Drowning

Robert Hubbard, son of Mr and Mrs Van Hubbard of Ione, and a student at EOCE was nearly drowned Sunday while fishing in the Umatilla river near Echo. Hubbard was fishing with another student Mike Tolar of Echo, with whom he was spending the weekend, when he stepped into a hole. He was wearing waders and was washed downstream about 250 yards before being recovered by Tolar who gave him artificial respiration then took him to a doctor for treatment.

Hubbard lost his boots, glasses, fishing gear and wallet in the near-fatal accident.

Court House Park Ready For Use

Facilities at the court house park in Heppner are now ready for the expected influx of picnickers, custodian D E "Shorty" Hudson revealed this week.

Added this year, and now ready for use, are public rest rooms which have been built at the rear of the county jail. All tables and picnic facilities are in place, and an ample supply of fireplace wood awaits visitors.

Revival Series To Start Sunday

Evangelist June Hoover, of Spokane, Washington will be the speaker during a series of revival services at the Assembly of God church, beginning Sunday, May 25, and continuing every night at 7:45, except Monday and Saturday, announced Rev Geyer, pastor.

An enjoyable feature of the services will be audience participation of singing hymns, besides special vocal and instrumental music. The public is invited to take part in these services.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Abrams were Mr and Mrs John Neely of Portland. Mr Neely is basketball coach at Jefferson high school.

Pioneer Picnic Again Planned For Memorial Day

Plans are being completed for the annual Memorial Day Pioneer picnic which will be held Friday, May 30 at the fair pavilion in Heppner.

Arrangements are being made to feed and handle at least as many visitors as attended last year when 180 persons gathered for the affair. Lennie Loudon, vice president of the committee, said this week. All visitors are asked to bring their own place settings and either a potluck dish of salad, vegetable, potatoes or dessert. The committee will provide meat, rolls and coffee and the dinner is to start at noon.

A short program is planned following the dinner with Marion Weatherford of Arlington scheduled to give a short talk. Several musical selections are planned for entertainment.

This is the fourth year the picnic has been held on Memorial Day and each year it has attracted additional persons. The event started when it was felt that former residents who make the trip here on that day to decorate graves of relatives, would appreciate a chance to visit. The idea immediately took hold and a committee of local residents have since handled the dinner and program.

Members of this year's committee are Dr A D Murdo, president; Lennie Loudon, vice president; and Mrs Clive Huston, secretary.

The affair is open to the public.

Court Street Paving Started

Work started Monday on the improvement of the three blocks of South Court street from the corner of May and Court to Cannon street.

The work is being done by the Russell Olsen Construction Company of Pendleton and was to have started about two weeks ago, but was delayed by a statewide strike of heavy construction workers.

The street has been cut down to grade and base rock is now being placed. The entire section will be curbed and paved with asphaltic concrete topping. The city purchased the lot on the corner of May and Court streets to allow widening of the street at that intersection and plans call for joint development with the county of the corner into a parking lot for the court house.

The bulk of the cost of the project is being paid from state highway department funds with property owners paying for the curbing.

Plane Hits Lines, Knocks Out Power

A crop-dusting plane struck a 20,000-volt Pacific Power & Light company power line in northeast Oregon early Tuesday, knocking out electric service to Arlington, Jordan, Heppner and Ione.

Service was restored to Jordan and Heppner less than an hour after the 4:35 am accident. Ione was back on the line at 5:41 am. The broken lines, about four miles north of Olex, were repaired by 8 am when service was restored to the Arlington area.

All three conductors on the 20,000-volt line were severed by the airplane.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	70	41	—
Friday	78	48	—
Saturday	83	47	—
Sunday	78	50	—
Monday	82	53	.06
Tuesday	76	50	—
Wednesday	80	54	T

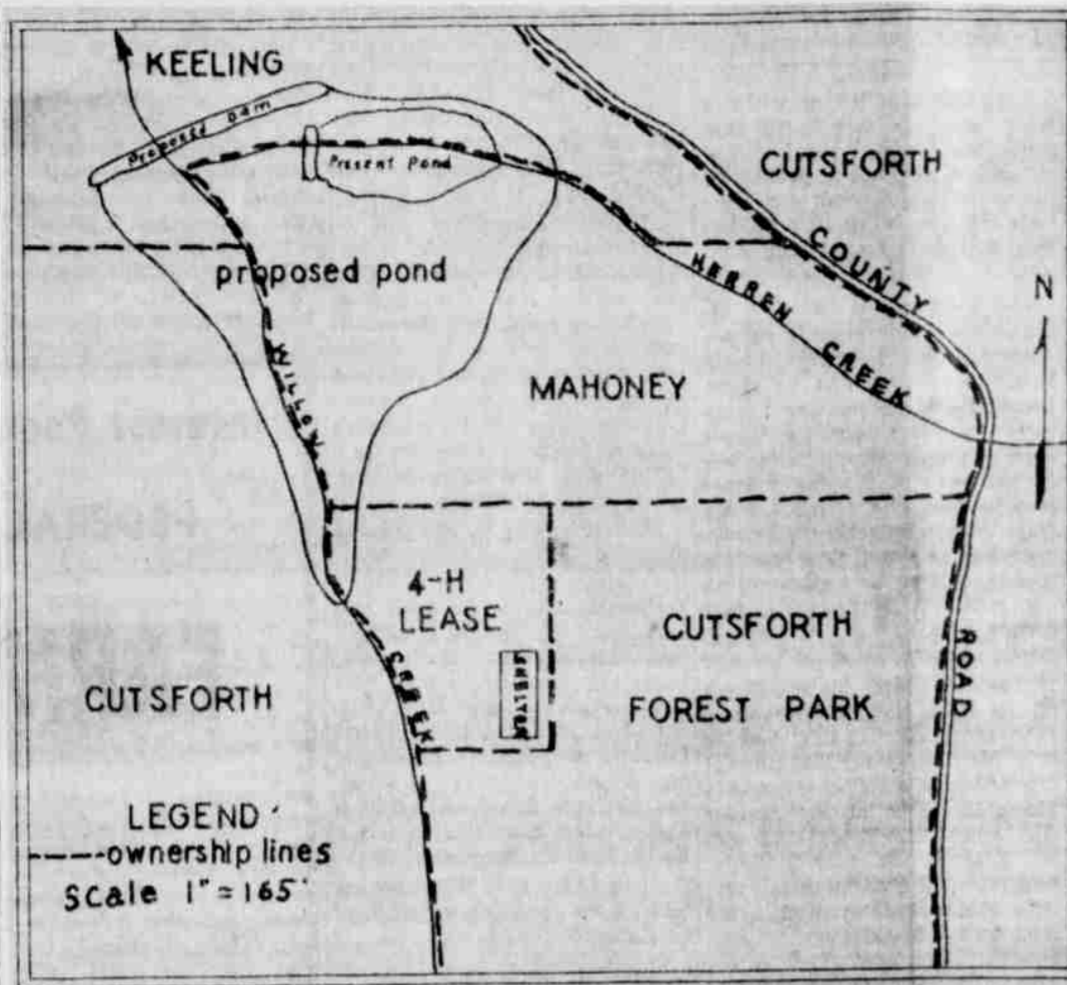
Rainfall for the week .06; for May 1.59; for the year 8.82 inches.

TAPPED BY HONORARY

Adelia Anderson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ervin Anderson, has been tapped by Phi Kappa Phi, national honor society and will be initiated Sunday, June 8 at Oregon State College.

MOTHER DIES

Mr and Mrs Earl Blake left Tuesday morning for Portland, called there by the death of her mother, Mrs Mary Jones. Funeral services are pending, but will be held in Portland.



PROPOSED POND which many local sportsmen are urging the state game commission to develop near Cutsforth park on Herren creek. Though not large, it would provide ample size for fish stocking and good recreational use. (See story below)

GAME COMMISSION TO CONSIDER POND DEVELOPMENT NEAR CUTFORTH PARK

Because of the sustained high Keeling, P W Mahoney and the water and resultant mediocre fishing in local streams so far this season, the sketch above should be of interest to Morrow county sportsmen and recreationists.

The map, drawn by Kenneth Keeling, shows one of the proposed ponds which the Oregon State Game Commission will consider impounding after making an intensive survey in the near future.

The pond would be at the confluence of Herren and Willow creeks and is estimated to be of sufficient size to accommodate between 1,000 to 2,000 rainbow trout. The land and access to the pond has been offered to the game commission by Kenneth

Heppner Couple Passes Citizenship Examinations



MIGHTY HAPPY that they both passed American citizenship examinations Monday, are Harry and Mia Bongers of Heppner. They are natives of Holland and when the final hearing and citizenship oath is administered later this year, they will be full-fledged American citizens. (GT Photo)

Harry and Mia Bongers, residents of Heppner for nearly a year, Monday jumped their greatest hurdle in becoming American citizens—they successfully passed their final citizenship examinations before LeRoy Schilling, Portland, naturalization examiner, and when they returned home that evening found all kinds of surprises awaiting them.

Mr and Mrs Bongers are natives of Holland and have lived in America only a relatively short time. He is the administrator of Pioneer Memorial hospital, a job he took over last June.

Harry Bongers came to America first on February 20, 1950 under the sponsorship of Dr and Mrs Willard Norse of The Dalles. In December of that same year he returned to his homeland where he remained until October 1952 and was married to Mia, five months before he returned to this country. His wife could not accompany him then for it is necessary that he have a job and be able to support her before American laws would allow her entry into the country.

Baby Timing Good Mrs Bongers arrived by plane in Portland on March 5, 1953

Awards Presented To 26 Seniors at Commencement

Heppner high school graduates were told that the world awaits their adult anticipation for a better world than was looked upon when their parents graduated from high school.

The comments were made by J W Forrester, Jr, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian and a member of the State Board of Higher Education at Commencement exercises Wednesday evening.

Forrester told of the outstanding advances made in the 20th century then stressed the value of good citizenship, particularly the responsibility of voting. He urged each student to register and vote as soon as his age will allow then study carefully the issues and the candidates. He said "No nation can be stronger than the people its schools produce."

Following the presentation of diplomas to the 26 graduating seniors, by Raymond French, school board chairman, scholarship and other awards were presented to the following by superintendent Joe H Stewart:

Student body officers pins to president Ed Groshens; vice-president Len Ray Schwarz; secretary, Phyllis Quackenbush, and treasurer, Joann Brosnan.

School spirit awards, Peggy Applegate and Burke Gentry. Outstanding athlete, (tie) Len Ray Schwarz and Ed Groshens.

Valedictorian award, Joann Brosnan; and salutatorian award, Ron Currin.

Outstanding citizen awards, Ed Groshens and Helen Graham. Hehlsch awards, Helen Graham, Phyllis Quackenbush and Janice Beamer.

U of O Eric Allen certificate for outstanding work as newspaper writer, Ed Groshens. Eric Allen certificate for outstanding work in newspaper production, Helen Graham. U of O George S Turnbull yearbook certificate, Janice Beamer.

FBLA scholarship, for the best student in business, Len Ray Schwarz.

Senior citizen award, Ed Groshens.

Outstanding senior business student, Helen Graham.

P-TA year tuition scholarship, Helen Graham.

Soroptimist \$100 scholarship, Joann Brosnan.

Elks scholarships, Joann Brosnan and James Morris, \$200 each; Tom Currin, \$100.

EOCE tuition scholarship given by Soroptimists of La Grande, Phyllis Quackenbush.

Heppner Pine Mills, \$250 each year for two years, Ed Groshens.

Lovejoy \$100 scholarship for outstanding student body president in this area, Ed Groshens.

Citizenship plaque, Freshman class.

Musical selections for the exercises was provided by the high school band and chorus, and the class colors of rose and silver were used in decorations.

Logging Crews Back at Work

With improving weather and road conditions, Heppner Pine Mills woods crews went back to work the first of last week and trucking is expected to start next Monday, it was reported today.

A crew of 14 fallers are now at work in the Buckaroo Flat area of the Blue Mountains, 42 miles southeast of Heppner and the company expects to log in that section throughout the summer.

Logging and trucking crews have been off since just after the first of the year when heavy rain and snow forced retirement from the woods.

County Grain Shipments Reach 30,000 Bushels Day

Wheat and barley is leaving Morrow County Grain Growers elevators through the Paterson Ferry dock at the rate of about 30,000 bushels, or one barge-load, a day, Al Lamb MCGG manager said this week. The heavy hauling is being done to make room for the soon-to-be harvested 1958 crop.

Ten truck and trailer wheat transports a day are now using the bombing range road to reach the MCGG storage and loading facility at Paterson ferry, and they are hauling seven days a week, Lamb said. During the past 12 months about 1,500, 000 bushels of wheat and barley have been loaded out of the dock with practically this entire amount having been trucked over the bombing range road to the Columbia.

At the present time the bulk of the shipment is barley which is going by barge to Longview where it will be transferred to a boat for Japan. The bulk of this Japanese order is being filled from the stocks in Morrow County Grain Growers elevators, largely because local facilities were available for the immediate shipment of the grain needed for the shipload.

Lamb stressed the value of the recently-built bombing range road in shortening the length of the truck haul from interior elevators to the river facility.

From indications local storage facilities will be in good shape to handle the upcoming grain crop, which from early prospects, promises to be one of the largest the county has produced.

County Historical Plates Go On Sale

Members of St Monica's guild of All Saints' Episcopal church are now selling historical plates which are expected to be of considerable interest to county residents.

The 10 inch china plates have a color picture of the Morrow county courthouse on the front and a short history on the back. Each come complete with hanger and sell for \$2.75.

Mrs Herb Hamilton is in charge of the plate sale and they will be available at the Memorial Day Pioneer picnic, it was announced.

Red Cross Slates Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Morrow county chapter of the Red Cross will be held at 8 pm Monday, June 2 at the Bank of Eastern Oregon meeting room. It was announced today by Mrs Verner Troedson, secretary.

The main business will be to elect five members to the board of directors of the county chapter, said Mrs Orville Cutsforth, chairman.

All chapter members (persons who have donated \$1.00 or more) are urged to attend the meeting.

EARLY PAPER DUE NEXT WEEK

Gazette-Times advertisers and news correspondents are advised that because of the Memorial day holiday Friday, May 30, next week's paper will be published one day early, on Wednesday. This will allow delivery to all area readers by Thursday.