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"Ask For It," Engineers Say of Willow Creek Dam

"Just a little public interest" was stated as the main need of Heppner and Morrow county in getting started toward the construction of a flood control, irrigation and recreational dam on Willow creek just above Heppner, interested persons were told Thursday night at a water resources meeting at the court house.

The meeting was called by county judge Oscar Peterson who has taken the lead in trying to develop the water resources of the area and win federal approval of a flood control dam at the confluence of Willow creek and Balm fork just east of Heppner. Present were Major Hutchins and Howard Preston from the corps of Engineers at Walla Walla, Herb West, executive secretary of the Inland Waterways Association, Walla Walla; and Quenton Bowman, field representative of the Oregon Water Resources Board.

The visiting speakers explained in detail the engineers previous plan for a dam on Willow creek which appeared in the army's well known "308 Report". It was stated that because of the time since the previous survey was made, it would be advisable now to have a resurvey made of the project, which the engineers will do, if there is local interest in the project and an official request is made to the Corps. The program will not be "forced" on the people, the engineers told the group, but there is ample reason to do the work if people here want it done.

Though there are presently no flood control dams in Oregon, the speakers said that congress is very favorable to such projects where possible loss of life may be involved, and that with the constant danger to Heppner and other communities along Willow creek, the area should be aware of the need for such protection. They said that many other communities in the United States, with much less potential danger constantly facing them, have obtained such dams.

As proposed the dam would

be primarily for flood control, but would incorporate some irrigation benefits and recreational facilities also. Approximately 99 percent of the total cost of the project would be born by government, the speakers said, with the only local money required to be used for channel clearing and widening below the dam. This cost was roughly set at \$34,000.

The original proposal called for a concrete dam but subsequent study might show an earth fill dam with concrete spillways to be more practical and less expensive. The original cost estimate was between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 but a resurvey, if it is requested, would establish present costs and ratios.

The speakers pointed out that the 1903 Heppner flood was the greatest disaster ever to occur in Oregon; and one of the worst in the nation. The danger still is just as great today, and should another similar flood occur, property damage could easily run 10 times that of the 1903 flood.

Attempts are currently being made to create an active interest in the development of the project, and judge Peterson said Wednesday that it is hoped that an official request for a resurvey of the plan be made in the near future.

Hatfield Calls For Respect For Law

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, speaking Sunday afternoon at the Heppner grade school, pointed to "respect for the law" as a basic difference between himself and the Democratic candidate.

Hatfield said last Wednesday in Portland, Governor Holmes himself stated, in reference to a law requiring members of the board of control to visit state institutions every three months, "That he did not intend to comply with the law because he did not believe it was a good law." The Republican candidate said he has complied with the law and said that Holmes attitude is like saying, "I won't stop at a stop sign because I don't think it should be there."

He also rapped the governor for his appointments to the state fair commission pointing out that he fired the entire commission when he took office and appointed five new members, not one of which has any direct connection with agriculture, yet the fair is an agricultural show. Hatfield said Holmes' appointments, since he took office, have been 91.5 percent Democrats, and that apparently the appointments were made for political reasons rather than on ability.

Hatfield said cost of government can be reduced and pointed to the elimination of employees in the Secretary of State's office as an example.

The Heppner meeting was sponsored by the Morrow county Republican Central committee and was well attended.



POWER OUTPUT DOUBLED—Workmen are unloading three big 500 KVA transformers at the Heppner substation of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op which will double the capacity of the plant. Each of the transformers weighed about five tons and will work at 69,000 volts. This is the first of three substations on the REA system which is being enlarged to carry increased load. At the present time the average consumption of electricity on farms served by Columbia Basin is 1300 kilowatt hours per month, one of the highest in the state. (GT Photo)

School Bond Vote Set For Monday

Voters of the Heppner school district will go to the polls Monday, Oct 13 from 2 to 8 pm to decide upon the issuance of \$20,000 bonds by the school district for the purchase of property now owned by Mrs Elaine George. The property comprises six acres and includes a 10 room house which the district would use as a rental for the present.

The property adjoins the grade school grounds to the northeast and would make possible the inclusion of part of the land into the grade school playground, which is requested by the state board. It is also planned to move the shop and agriculture department to the new location as it is badly crowded in its present location. The present building is also needed for storage facilities and the one classroom in the building can be incorporated into the high school program.

Actual cost of the property is \$16,000 and the additional \$4,000 would be used to start development of the area.

It is planned to finance the purchase through a short term bond issue over a five-year period.

The election will be held in the multipurpose room of the grade school.

Pickup Day Slated Monday for Rummage

Next Monday, October 13, has been set as "pick-up" day for the Civic League fall rummage sale. Those who have donations of rummage ready by Monday are asked to have their items on their doorsteps. To eliminate the possibility of errors by the women who are picking up the rummage, Mrs Jack Healy should be notified that rummage is ready. Her phone number is 6-9929.

Particular emphasis is placed on clothing or other donations which will need to be cleaned. The Heppner Cleaners clean donations as a courtesy to the Civic League, and in order for the work to be done it is necessary for these items to be received by next Monday.

Co-chairmen, Mrs William C Glennie and Mrs Kemp Dick point out that rummage is very welcome after next Monday, but since it must all be sorted, priced, and arranged the sooner it is received the easier the work load for the various committees will be.

Furniture, funny books, housewares, draperies, white elephants and toys among the articles that find a ready sale in the Civic League's money making project to finance their kindergarten.

October 24 and 25 are the dates for this fall's sale which will be held at the Empire Machinery Co showroom.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	75	43	—
Friday	80	47	—
Saturday	82	47	—
Sunday	83	45	—
Monday	84	44	—
Tuesday	69	46	—
Wednesday	70	51	.07

Rainfall for the week, .07; for October, .07; for the year 11.01 inches.

Dr David Baylink Joins Clinic Staff

Dr David J Baylink has joined the staff of the Heppner Clinic and is now associated with Dr C M Wagner.

Dr Baylink attended high school in Sandy, Oregon, attended Walla Walla college and received his M D from the college of Medical Evangelists at Los Angeles. He served his internship at Public Health hospital in New York City where he received his DNB. His wife took medical secretaryship at Walla Walla college and music and English at New York.

They are living in an apartment in the clinic building.

Bongers To Head Red Cross Chapter

New officers were named recently for the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Chairman of the local chapter for the coming year is Harry Bongers. He will be assisted by Mrs Verner Troedson, secretary; treasurer; and board members William O'Hara, L E Dick, William Labhart and Mrs Roice Fullerton.

The Rev Lester Boulden was named home service chairman for the county; O'Hara is disaster chairman; C J D Bauman, first aid chairman, and Mrs O W Cutsforth is blood bank chairman.

At the meeting the chapter approved the purchase of a special refrigerator for Pioneer Memorial hospital to be used for the storage of blood.

Mrs Nadine O'Brien and Mrs Helen Prock are co-chairmen for the annual fund drive.

FHA Dates Annual Turkey Dinner

The Heppner chapter of the Future Homemakers of America this week announced their second annual turkey dinner which will be given Sunday, Oct 19 from 1 to 5 o'clock, Shirley Van Winkle, chapter president states. It will be held in the school cafeteria.

Connie Anderson, chairman of ticket sales, announces that tickets will go on sale Thursday with sale of all tickets to end Friday noon, Oct 17.

Fern Albert, secretary, reports this is the club's largest fund-raising activity of the year. Proceeds from the dinner last year were used to help purchase dishes and stainless steel for the homemaking department. Marlene Griffin, Doris Morris, Ronnie Belma and Nancy Moyer reported last year's dinner was very successful.

Carlson Resigns as Fair Board Chairman

The county court this week accepted the resignation of Charles Carlson, lone, as chairman of the Morrow county fair board. He had served in that position for two years.

No successor has yet been named.

Mr and Mrs Fred Fetsch and family of Salem were weekend guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Al Fetsch.

City Water Line Cost Set As \$160,000 by Planners

The cost of installing approximately six miles of new water line between the Heppner city wells and the town's reservoirs has been estimated at \$159,742.75, the council was told Monday night. The estimate was made by the engineering firm of Clark and Groff, the city's engineers.

The engineers were ordered by the council to survey the line and prepare an estimate of the cost of replacing the present leaky concrete line which has been causing the city trouble for years. It is planned to ask voters to approve a bond issue for the project after the council has time to study the plan further.

Last year the city, out of its then-current budget, installed nearly two miles of eight-inch steel pipe in the 12 mile line. This was near the upper end of the system from the wells at

the forks of Willow creek. This installation was immediately necessary at that time because of road work which had broken up sections of the old line. At that time the county granted the city a right-of-way along the new Willow creek road for the eventual laying of the pipe line clear into town. At the present time much of the line wanders up and down over the hills and gullies on the south side of the valley making repairs extremely difficult. The leaky line is the cause of some contamination of water during certain seasons and also accounts for the loss of

nearly 25 percent of the water pumped from the upper wells. Another \$6,000 was included in the engineer's total estimate for a small amount of pipe replacement within the city limits which would connect with the new proposed line.

The council estimated roughly that it would probably require a bond issue of about \$160,000 for the project, though the engineer's report stated that the cost of pipe might be as much as five percent higher than his estimate.

Further study will be given to the report by council members who expressed hope that a definite plan can be set up within a month or so and the question can be put before the voters by about the first of next year.

Permits Approved

In other business they also discussed the need for better water pressure in the Barratt addition, and other sections of town, and will study the possibility of installing a booster pump in that area. Such work might feasibly be included as part of the water line replacement program.

Approved was a building permit for a \$7,000 feed and seed store to Cornett Green. This permit was refused last month because of a false interpretation of city building codes. Another permit was granted to Jack Bedford for a \$12,000 residence in Barratt Heights.

Eight Streets Given New Names By Heppner Council

Continuing its program of renumbering all Heppner houses and buildings and eliminating some very confusing duplication in street names, the city council Monday approved the naming or renaming of eight streets in the city. All of the streets either had carried duplicate names, illogical names or no names at all.

The new names were chosen from nearly 200 suggestions offered during the past couple of months by residents and all were selected from old family names of early-day Heppner or well known citizens. Here is the list of streets and their new names:

Willow street—This is the Willow street in the northwest section of town which duplicated the downtown street with the same name. The new name is SPERRY street.

County Road—This street leads from south Court street up Balm fork and never had an official title. It has been named COWINS street for the pioneer family who homesteaded that area.

Center Street—This is the short center street connecting south Court and Green streets. Its new name is MATLOCK street.

K Street—One of the two alphabetically named streets in town that were formerly named for no obvious reason. The new name is QUAD street. The old quad family home faced the street.

D Street—A one-block long street which runs between the two school buildings. It has been renamed STANBURY street for one of the original settlers of Heppner.

North Street—A short block-long street running south from Aiken street. It has been renamed GARRIGUES for a pioneer settler.

Racetrack Street—The Willow creek road is a continuation of this street which was officially renamed HAGER street by the council in about 1917 but the city records were lost by fire in 1918. The council made the name "Hager" official.

The street leading into the Seventh Day Adventist church and several homes from Water street. This is a new street which had never been named but Monday was given the title of MINOR street.

There were many more excellent names suggested and the council will keep the recommendations on file for future needs.

The renumbering of all homes and buildings is progressing and it is expected that installation of the aluminum and black numbers will be completed within a few weeks.

New Hours Set For Welfare Office

The welfare office in the Case building in Heppner will be open from 8 a m to noon Mondays through Friday, according to Lowell Chally, public welfare administrator for the county. Curtailment of the staff has necessitated a limitation on office hours. However, afternoon appointments can be arranged by phoning 6-9211.

Mr Chally also announced the appointment of Mrs Vern Evans as clerk stenographer on a half-time basis to replace Mrs Darrell Ployhar (Alice Peterson) who resigned the first of the month.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES TO START

Sunday school will be resumed at All Saints' Episcopal church this Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a m. All other services will also start this Sunday with the times shown in the church notice on another page of this paper.



DR BHASKAR HIVALE, international church leader from India, who will speak at the lone Community church October 15.

District Meeting To Be Held Soon At Lone Church

Dr Bhaskar Pandurang Hivale, international church leader and founder of Ahmednagar college at Ahmednagar, India will speak Wednesday, Oct 15 at 4:15 and again at 7 o'clock at the lone Community church as part of the Mid-Columbia Association meeting of the Congregational-Christian churches of this area. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

Dr Hivale taught for many years at Wilson college in Bombay, India and organized his new college at Ahmednagar in 1947 under auspices of the American board of the Congregational Christian churches.

Pierce New March Of Dimes Head

Gene Pierce, manager of the Heppner branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, has been appointed Morrow county director for the 1959 March of Dimes. It was announced today by N Thomas Stoddard, Oregon state campaign chairman.

The drive will be held in January.

The polio-fighting organization is expanding into a broad new force that will tackle health problems on a wider front and no longer will confine its activities to a single disease.

"I am confident that the people of Morrow county who help make possible victory over polio through their contributions to the March of Dimes over the past 20 years, will give even greater support to the National Foundation's expanded program in the future," the county director said.

"We want to make it clear, as we begin preparations for the 1959 March of Dimes, that the National Foundation will not abandon polio patients," Mr Pierce declared. "We have a moral obligation to the patients of this country to continue to provide needed care and rehabilitation, and we will fulfill this obligation."

HHS Sets Friday For Homecoming

Heppner's Mustangs will play their final home grid game of the season Friday night when they meet Maupin, and the game is slated as the school's 1958 homecoming.

Members of the H-Club have chosen three princesses for the occasion, one of whom will be crowned homecoming queen during the dance which will follow the game. The girls are Kay Keithley and Susan McQuarrie, seniors; and Carol K Anderson, a junior.

The three will be introduced during halftime at the game, but the announcement of the queen will not be made until the dance.

Priorities Seen A Possibility For Soil Bank Contracts

Farmers who really want to get their land in the conservation reserve of the Soil Bank in 1959 should seriously consider offering it at less than the maximum rate of annual payment established by the county ASC committee chairman B J Doherty, said this week.

He said the use of the priority system on applications is indicated by the fact that applications for 1959 Soil Bank contracts are approaching the amount of funds available for the program in the state.

If applications exceed funds available for a state or county, program regulations require that priority in awarding contracts be given to farmers who make the best offers as to the annual payment rates they will accept for their land.

"Any farmer who has already filed an application for a Soil Bank contract may reduce the annual payment rate he will accept by going to the ASC office and making a change," Doherty said. This may be done up to Oct 17, the deadline for filing applications in the county. A farmer who has not yet filed his application may make a below-maximum offer at the time he files.

Doherty pointed out that the county ASC offices must award contracts on a priority basis. With the exception of farmers who had all their land in the acreage reserve and conservation reserve in 1958 and who offer all of it for the conservation reserve, the only Soil Bank program in 1959, highest priority has to be given to the farmer who offers land at the lowest rate when compared on a percentage basis with the maximum rates for his farm.

Two Portland Hunters Wounded by Shots

Two Portland hunters suffered gunshot wounds last weekend in this area but neither was reported to be serious.

William H Stewart, Portland, was treated at Pioneer Memorial hospital Saturday when his revolver discharged in its holster while hunting on upper Rhea creek. He suffered minor leg wounds.

Charles Henry Worthington, also of Portland, was shot in an arm by as yet an unidentified hunter near Fossil last weekend. He was treated in Condon and then flown to a Portland hospital.

Condemnation Suit Under Way Here

A suit over condemnation of property opened in circuit court here Tuesday under a change of venue from Umatilla county. It concerns the Port of Umatilla versus R W Richmond. George Corey is attorney for the Port district and John Kilkenny is representing Richmond.

Circuit judge William W Wells is hearing the case which is expected to go to the jury either today or Friday.



MARK HATFIELD, Republican candidate for Governor, talked outside the Heppner grade school Sunday with Mrs Lena Padberg, left and Ruby Nichols, second from right, both of Lone. On the right is Mrs Hatfield who is accompanying her husband on his campaign tour through Eastern Oregon. (GT Photo)