

Chamber Urges County Court to Request Dam Survey of Engineers

The Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday took steps designed to speed up development of the county's water resources, when it unanimously approved a resolution asking the court to request the Corps of Engineers to make a resurvey of the proposed Willow creek dam.

In recent weeks efforts have been made to create interest in the dam development, and it was pointed out recently at a water resources meeting by representatives of the Engineers that a resurvey of the dam would be made if there appeared to be sufficient local interest in it and a request for it was made to the Corps.

A county water resources committee could make the request of the Engineers but confirming efforts by county judge Oscar Peterson to reactivate the group has met with little success. In its resolution the chamber expressed the belief that the county court itself could make the request so that preliminary work could be started by the Corps.

The chamber's resolution stated: "The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce commends the efforts of the Morrow county court and county judge Oscar Peterson for efforts being made to establish an active county water resources committee which would have as one of its purposes the construction of a combination flood control, irrigation and recreational dam on Willow creek at its junction with Balm Fork just east of Heppner.

"The chamber of commerce, feeling that it is logical and proper, recommends that the Morrow county court assume the responsibility of making a formal request to the Corps of Engineers for a re-survey of the Willow creek dam project so that

funds for its construction may be requested of Congress. "The chamber of commerce offers whatever assistance it can give to the county court to promote this project which it is felt would be of definite benefit to the city of Heppner and Morrow county."

Discussion on the proposal centered on the belief that the county court had as much authority to make such a request as did a water committee, and judge Peterson, who attended the meeting said the possibility was being investigated.

If a resurvey is made it would be to determine just what type of a dam would be most feasible, its cost, and what additional benefits could be gained from it, in addition to flood control, which would be its primary function.

A 50 year old Hermiston man, Lowell Ellis Clark, was found dead in his car Tuesday morning in lower Sand Hollow. He had taken his own life by attaching a hose to the car's exhaust and running it into the car.

Clark was discovered by Alec Lindsay and Forest Thornberg, when Lindsay found a gate open on his property and went to investigate the car. He immediately called the sheriff's office.

Sheriff C J D Bauman and coroner Oliver Creswick reported the man had not been dead too long when they arrived.

Investigation by police revealed that Clark had tried twice to take his own life, but that his first attempt had been stopped by a state patrolman. According to the report, the police discovered the man in his car Monday afternoon near Paterson ferry, already suffering the effects of carbon monoxide, but not dead. He was taken to Hermiston and placed in jail, but later bailed himself out and apparently set out again to finish what he had started.

The body was brought to Heppner, then transferred to Pendleton.

Little information is available on Mr Clark other than that he worked at Ordnance and is survived by a sister, Mrs Harold Martin of Hermiston, and his father, Henry E Clark.

First Frost Nips Local Gardens Tuesday Morning

Heppner experienced its first general killing frost of the fall Tuesday morning when the mercury dropped to 30 degrees at the local weather station. Wednesday morning's low was two degrees under the Tuesday minimum. It was the latest general frost date in several years.

Generally, the weather during the past week was a decided change from the very balmy, dry days that have prevailed during practically all of September and October. Saturday night and Sunday strong winds swept over the area bringing some rain and snow to the mountains and blowing down many trees. In other areas damage was much greater with both Boardman and Pendleton reporting numerous trees and power lines blown down. No general power outages were caused here.

At Boardman, numerous trees were blown down south of town and in other sections of the state several hunters were killed or injured when trees fell across camps or cars. Hunters and police reported that many trees came down in the mountains near Heppner, but there have been no reports of injuries or property damage.

Nearly two weeks ago there was some frost reported in isolated sections of town and in the higher elevations, but generally tender flowers and even tomato plants were still holding on until Tuesday morning.

A small amount of rain fell Saturday and Sunday in the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas, but it did little more than settle the dust. A general soaking rain would be welcomed by nearly all farmers.

Hermiston Man Takes Own Life

The tri-county Selective Service board at Condon this week announced the appointment of Charles Jones of Heppner as a board member to replace Bill Barratt of Heppner, who recently resigned.

A change in the personnel of the Condon office was also revealed with the appointment of Mrs Peggy Dean Riney as clerk. She replaces Mrs D June Kamerer who has resigned.

General Election Ballot Published

In compliance with the new Oregon law that all primary and general election shall be published in the county official newspaper, the Morrow county general election ballot appears in today's paper on page 9.

The ballot is published in lieu of many sample ballots and appears as voters will receive it at the polls on November 4.

POMONA TO MEET

Pomona Grange will meet Saturday, Oct 25 at the Boardman Grange hall with the meeting starting at 10 a m.

County Receives Big Tax Payment

The Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc handed sheriff C J D Bauman a check October 17 amounting to \$18,281.22 in payment of real and personal property taxes. The MCGG is the third largest taxpayer in Morrow county being exceeded only by the Union Pacific Railroad and the Wheeler Timber Company.

The local cooperative operates 10 grain elevators in the county including the county's only port facility at the old Paterson Ferry site. The company has or will handle 3,600,000 bushels of grain in 1958 of which about 2,000,000 bushels will be shipped by water through the Paterson facilities. The MCGG is presently the second largest grain elevator and grain dealer in Oregon.

The Association will hold its annual meeting in Heppner at the fairgrounds on November 17 starting at 6 p m. The grand champion 4-H steer, purchased at auction at the Morrow county fair for \$1.05 per pound will be barbecued by Orville Cutsforth and served to an expected 250 members and guests.

Hospital To Start Program of Nurses' Aide Training

Pioneer Memorial hospital, desiring to be of further service to the community, is planning a training program for nurses' aides. It was announced this week by Harry Bongers, administrator.

A general discussion of the program will be held in the recreation room of the hospital Monday afternoon, October 27 at 1 p m. Bongers expressed the hope that all women of the community who are interested in nurses' aide work will attend the meeting.

No Contests Are Due For City Posts in Election

Heppner voters won't have to worry about any contests for city positions at the November 4 election, unless someone starts a write-in campaign for an office in the near future.

Six city positions will be filled by the voters, and exactly that number of office-seekers filed for the positions. All are seeking reelection.

William C Collins, Heppner's mayor for the past two years, is again seeking the post for another two year term. Three of the six members of the council are up for reelection, each for a four-year term. They are Phillip R Blakney, Al Lamb and Lowell Gribble. Blakney and Lamb have each served a full term, but Gribble was appointed last year to fill a vacancy on the council.

The other officers seeking reelection are Ted Smith, city recorder, and La Verne Van Marter, Jr, city treasurer.

Voters will receive separate ballots for the city election at all four Heppner precincts.

Demo Workers Plan Campaign Strategy

A meeting of Democratic workers and candidates will be held in the Newt O'Hara home in Lexington Monday evening, October 27 beginning at 8 o'clock.

Final plans for conducting the campaign will be gone over. Congressman Al Ullman and Governor Holmes will have representatives there. Frank Weatherford candidate for state representative, Batie Rand, running for county assessor, Jasper Myers for county commissioner, and Bruce Lindsay for county clerk will take part in the discussions.

Scout Executive to Speak Here Sunday

Robert Lamott, head of the Boy Scouts of America for this district, will be guest speaker at the First Christian church in Heppner Sunday morning.

The Heppner church is observing National Laymen's Sunday and members of the church will also participate in leading the worship service.

Hayride And Parties Stated For Hallowe'en

Heppner youngsters will be in for another night of entertainment on Hallowe'en, Friday, October 31 as arrangements are now being completed for a variety of parties designed to provide fun and keep them out of mischief.

Heppner youngsters who are in the age group between the 7th grade and high school seniors will be guests of the Heppner Soroptimist club for its annual Hallowe'en hayride which will take them by truck to the Hardman IOOF hall where they will be provided with plenty of food and entertainment. Trucks will leave from the high school at 5:30 that evening and it is planned to have all students back in town between 10 and 10:30.

Another Hallowe'en party for all younger children in the community is being sponsored by five Heppner churches. It will be held in the grade school multipurpose room and will begin at 7:30. Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original costumes and movie cartoons will be shown. Refreshments are also planned for all comers.

All children in the first six grades of school are invited.

Another Work Day Set At Cemetery

The second in a series of seven work days will be held Sunday at the Hardman IOOF cemetery, it was announced this week. Persons interested are urged to come early with their own tools to help get the cemetery in good condition before bad weather sets in. A potluck dinner is planned at noon.

About 50 persons gathered last Sunday to assist.



PAPER RECEIVES AWARD—Receiving the Roseburg News-Review award for feature page excellence in the duplicated newspaper division, is Mrs. Margaret Kirk, advisor, and Miss Bernice Thomson, one of the editors of the Heppner high school paper, the Hehisch. The award was presented to the paper at the 32nd annual high school press conference which was held at the University of Oregon, October 10 and 11.

CIVIC LEAGUE RUMMAGE SALE TO OFFER WIDE CHOICE OF GOODS

This Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, the Civic League's fall rummage sale will be held in the Empire Machinery Company's showroom in Heppner.

The sale opens at 8 o'clock on a first-come, first-serve basis, with every donated item priced and displayed. Starting Saturday at 1 o'clock everything unsold may be bid in at the buyer's price.

The largest assortment of fall and winter clothing ever donated for a sale has been sorted and where necessary, cleaned by the Heppner Cleaners for the sale. Civic League members have also pressed and in some cases washed and ironed stored items to ensure their freshness.

Buyers will also find a bath-tub and several doors with hardware, as well as furniture, nursery furniture, books, records, toys, and other odds and ends that have to be seen to be believed.

Exceptional response from the many friends of the kindergarten, which is financed by the sale, is reported by co-chairmen, Mrs Bill Glennie and Mrs Kemp Dick. Gratiating cooperation from both Civic League members and mothers of the 43 kiddies attending the kindergarten this fall has enabled the chairmen to prepare for the store efficiently.

Among the committees working are pickup, Gwen Healy and Lucia Bongers in Heppner and Mae Cutsforth in Lexington; sorting, Joan Hughes, Verle Green, Delores McLachlan, Eleanor Herschel and Darlene Robbins; cleaning and pressing, Katherine Collins, Joan Hughes, Donna Barbur, and Marge Eckman; washing and ironing, Marlene Bergstrom and Donna McCurdy; arranging and pricing, Betty Gimbel and June Blakney; clerks, June Blakney, Katherine Collins, Claire O'Donnell, and S. Glennie; clean-up, Dorothea

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Safe "Cracked" At Lone Store

Bristow's Grocery at Ione was the victim last Thursday night of the first "professional" safe punching job pulled in this section of Morrow county, the sheriff and state police report. The job netted the safecrackers about \$100.

Entry was gained to the building by breaking the glass in a door and opening the lock. The burglars neatly knocked the combination off the safe and made off with the cash contents.

It is thought that probably the same burglars entered Meleena's Builders Supply building in Ione sometime during the same night but went away empty handed. They opened the file cabinet without damaging it because the owner had the foresight to place on it a sign "Not Locked".

Police are continuing their investigation.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	72	40	—
Friday	70	39	—
Saturday	72	50	.09
Sunday	76	47	.06
Monday	59	35	—
Tuesday	57	30	—
Wednesday	62	28	—

Rainfall for the week, .15; for October, .22; for the year, 11.16 inches.

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT TROUBLES—

What Man (and Woman) Won't Go Through Just For A Venison Steak

The following letter was received last week by a Heppner family from some friends from the Willamette Valley who had just enjoyed (?) a hunting trip to the Heppner area. It goes to prove that a true sportsman will endure anything for "the love of the sport."

The letter has not been edited except to leave blank a few names (for the sake of future public relations). Also remaining anonymous are the writers and the receivers of the epistle (for the sake of everyone concerned.) We believe it to be one of the best "sport" stories this paper has ever had the privilege of running.

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Dear — and —: Shall I tell you about the comedy of errors that accompanied us on our trip? The trip we took for rest, relaxation, and recuperation? When we left your place, — had a splitting headache, was nauseous, and beset with chills, so I drove while he took a little nap. Right out of Heppner, I was "tailed" by a car with blind-

ing lights—and I'm night blind, anyway. Slowing down and motioning him around me didn't do any good, and I couldn't outrun him (unfamiliar road at night and all those curves)—and finally when I almost ran into the guard rail on a particularly tight turn—that did it. When we came to a straight stretch of road, I signalled a stop, turned the car across the road, completely blocking it, and pulled on the emergency (almost throwing my husband through the windshield. This is NOT recommended as a gentle approach on how to wake one's husband). I stalked back to the other car and asked the gentleman if he had ever heard of dimming his lights when following another car? I started out in a low voice, but somehow it climbed into the upper registers . . . well, anyway, in less than 60 seconds, here I am, standing on the highway, beating on the door of this man's car with my fist and screaming "DIM YOUR LIGHTS! DIM YOUR LIGHTS! DIM YOUR LIGHTS!" In the meantime, my husband has

engaged the other passenger of this car in a test of profanity—so the end was that the other driver said he'd go on ahead, and — and I went back to our car—that is, I swam, since my knees tended to be a little warty . . . Can't imagine what was my trouble—I just don't do things like that. Now I can see Claire doing it—oh well, I'm learning. By this time — had recovered from his indisposition, and the rest of our drive was spent in comparative peace. We found our camping spot, alright, on Porter Creek, along with 6 or 7 other parties, and finally turned in about 1:15 A M. We arose at 4:00, and hunted all up and down the canyon—seeing nothing but elk, of course—magnificent bull elk! Returned to camp about 10:30 A M for a bit of sack time. HA! The party adjacent to us had brought with them 6 little monsters—and they were whooping it up with the Lone Ranger. . . but we finally managed to drop off to dreamland. Only to come out of our sacks and hover over them about 3 feet in the air as a VOLLEY of 30-06's

went off practically in our camp! It was just the "boys" in that same camp doing a little target practice. . . After dropping off twice more and being awakened in the same manner, we gave it up—I could have done a little target practice, myself. . . For obvious reasons, we decided to move camp. (We had seen but few tracks and fewer signs when we hunted that morning, too.) We got everything packed into the car, turned the key in the ignition, and discovered no battery.]":":?!! Well, with the aid of a battery from another camp, and some jumper wires, we were on our way! All that day, the battery charged up just FINE! But we camped that night very close to the road, just in case . . . Oh yes — it was dark before we found just the right spot, and cleared it of logs, rocks, etc. But we camped on Wall Creek just below where Wilson Creek comes into it. The next morning we hunted the mountain across from Eagle Rock—got up to about 4200 ft—found a lovely little spring where some big bucks had been frequenting

themselves of late—and saw a Spike across the canyon from me about 5:20 that afternoon (the iron sights on my 30-30 covered him. . .) So we stumbled back to camp, and decided we'd move a little lower, since the deer seemed to be not so high. Had planned to leave around 5:00. No battery. Well, by noon a pickup came along, and I made another pot of coffee and we all had a cup along with our lunch and finally got the old Dodge on its way. That afternoon we scouted the lowlands; Monument, Kimberly, etc, and even took a drive up John Weatherford's place, but decided it was much too heavily timbered, and anyway we had to get our ailing transportation into civilization. Which we did—about 9:00 P M Monday night. At which time, as you probably full well know, Heppner has gone to bed. Even its Service Station attendants, too! And DIRTY? I'm not sure just when I've been so dirty. I wouldn't have walked into my OWN house like that, much less yours. —. So we stayed at — Motel, clogging

his drains with the accumulation. I wasn't going to wash my hair, but when accidentally brushed the towel against it, and the towel came out black. . . I washed it. Using hand soap and Heppner water on hair is a good combination—guaranteed to leave deposits on your dandruff! —. We had decided that if the car would start in the morning we would go back into the mountains and try to get permission from some rancher to hunt on his property. If it didn't—we were at least headed down and into town! It started, and innocent as we were, we went back—just out of Monument on Mr Van Dusen's place. He was very cordial, and told us how to cross his place and get to a nice spot on Little Wall Creek. It wasn't his fault that we took the wrong road. . . After coming to the Dead End, we started back to traverse a VERY bad spot in the road—a sort of Bentonite wash? And it was so dry—so DRY—that we got stuck in the dust. LITERALLY, I'll tell you. Well, we worked a little over 2 hours; jacking the car up, digging out, jacking the

car up, pushing it over onto solid ground, etc. By now, the properties of this particular dust which is so like flour, had permeated us to the skin and beyond. WE MADE another road around that wash-out, and by 1:15 P M, were where Van Dusen had meant for us to go. It was a lovely place, and we had our brunch there, rested awhile from our arduous labors, and then hunted that canyon until dusk. Kicked out 2—but we decided it was truly a spot to come back to. I forgot to mention that all the time we've been out, BOTH Spike and Pixie have been sick. Anyway, we started out, came to a fork in the road which said Spray-Heppner Highway—miles, but when — didn't take that road, and I asked him why, he said he was taking the shortest route to Monument. . . FAMOUS LAST WORDS — "shortest route to . . ." We came to a road where a tree had fallen across (and I thought of your story about your Dad, —)—but does that stop us? Oh no—we figure it has come to be there (Continued on Page 6)