

Big County Vote Follows State Trend

Unit School Plan And Port District Given Voter OK

County voters approved both special measures Tuesday which called for the establishment of a port district within the county and the formation of a county unit school system. Both carried by a heavy majority.

The vote on the port district bill was 949 yes to 261 no and it received approval in every precinct except at Hardman.

The county unit school measure was approved 876 to 508. It carried by a wide margin in all precincts except Boardman and Irrigon. In Boardman the vote was 67 no 64 yes; and at Irrigon the vote was yes 81, no 89.

After the vote has been canvassed and the county court has determined that the port district has been formed, the governor will appoint a board of five commissioners to operate the district.

The commission will have the power to develop port facilities along the Columbia river and to work for the development of the area for industrial purposes.

In giving approval to the county unit school measure, the voters automatically voted back into the county school system approximately \$1,000,000 in property valuation which has been going to adjacent joint school districts in Gilliam and Umatilla counties. A new county school board composed of the chairmen of the existing school districts will operate the district until a regular election is held to name the regular members of the county school board.

No changes in the operation of any school in the county will be made at least until the end of the current school year.

This measure was discussed at length by the county school reorganization committee, and its adoption is classed as a step toward complying with the state school reorganization law.

Boardman Chooses City Officials

Boardman voters Tuesday elected Joe Tate mayor, giving him 49 votes. Bernice Kuhn was unopposed for recorder-treasurer and received 57 votes.

Seven persons were seeking the three council positions and voters gave the nod to Ray Gronquist, 36 votes; Arthur Allen, 35; Wayne Kuhn, 32. The others running were Mable Peck, 20, Walter Hayes 19, Seth Russell 14, Clyde Tannehill 13 and Ray Brown 9.

Power Co-op Sets Annual Meeting

The Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will hold its annual meeting Saturday, November 8 at the Memorial hall in Condon with an address by Howard Morgan, Oregon public utilities commissioner scheduled as one of the high points of the program.

Registration has been set at 10:30 and a movie, "This is TVA" will shown at 11 o'clock. Following the noon luncheon, the regular meeting will open at 1 o'clock. In addition to reports by the president, Kenneth Smouse of Ione; secretary-treasurer, Jack Hynd Jr of Cecil; and manager Harley Young of Heppner, there will be election of directors and several other items of interest including the talk by Mr Morgan.

Four directors will be elected out of a slate of eight who have been chosen by a nominating committee. Those running are James Hoag, Blalock; Walter Hulden, Arlington; Wayne Anderson and Ralph Eakin, Condon; Jack Hynd Jr and Dick Krebs, Cecil; John Graves of Hardman and Walter Wright of Heppner. Hoag, Anderson, Hynd and Graves are currently members of the board.

The co-op, which serves a wide area of Morrow and Gilliam counties, has been in existence for more than 10 years and now operates 55 miles of transmission line and 881 miles of distribution system.

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Harry Dinges and Gene Ferguson Win County Races

Harry Dinges, Republican, incumbent county assessor, was returned to office for another term when he handily defeated his Democratic opponent, **Batie Rand** of Irrigon. Dinges polled 970 votes and Rand 639.

Dinges, who has served one full term in office, carried all county precincts except Boardman and Irrigon where Rand carried by a comfortable majority. In the other county contest, E O "Gene" Ferguson of Heppner edged his Democratic opponent for the county commissioner post Jasper E Myers of Butter Creek 840 to 746. Neither man waged any special campaign for the position.

Three other county officials were elected Tuesday, but none had any opposition. They were Oscar Peterson, county judge; Bruce Lindsay, county clerk; and Robert Abrams, district attorney. Peterson and Abrams had been appointed to their present jobs and were seeking voter approval for a regular term, and Lindsay was unopposed for reelection.

Power Blackout Due Sunday A M

All Pacific Power and Light customers in the Heppner area, and Columbia Basin Electric co-op members on Willow, Big and Little Butter creeks, Balm Fork, Sand Hollow and Blackhorse, will be without power for about four hours Sunday morning, company officials advised this week.

The outage is necessary to allow installation of new transformers at both PP&L and the REA Heppner substations. The blackout is to start at 2 a m Sunday and crews hope to have the power back on by 6 o'clock.

The new transformers mark completion of a recent program to increase the capacity of both substations here. The main power feeder will be raised to 69,000 volts and the new transformers will about double present capacities.

Heart Pamphlet Racks Distributed

In an effort to overcome fears and misconceptions about Heart Disease, Velma Glass of the Morrow County Heart Council presented to Harry Bongers of Pioneer Memorial hospital an attractive pamphlet rack containing literature on heart disease.

Such pamphlets as "How the Doctor Examines Your Heart," "Your Blood Pressure" and "5 Facts You Should Know About Heart Disease" are aimed at enlightening the public on the latest facts on this subject.

This service is one phase of the Oregon Heart Association's 3-fold program of Education, Research and Community Service.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner at the court house on Tuesday, Nov 18 from 9:30 a m to 3:30 p m.

Frank Weatherford Wins Race For Seat In House

Frank M Weatherford, Olex Democrat, edged out Orville Cutsforth, Republican of Lexington, for state representative from the 22nd district in one of the closest races of Tuesday's election. The final tally, with all but one Gilliam county precinct having reported, gave Weatherford 2261 to Cutsforth's 1985. The one is small and cannot effect the outcome.

Cutsforth carried Morrow county 868 to 722 for Weatherford, but lost by a small margin in both Gilliam and Sherman counties. The men were less than 30 votes apart until complete returns from Wheeler county gave Weatherford the bulge 495 to 251 for Cutsforth. Cutsforth carried all Morrow precincts except Boardman and Irrigon.

Weatherford will take office in January filling the seat previously held by C A Tom of Rufus who did not seek reelection.

The vote by counties showed: Morrow—Cutsforth 868, Weatherford 722. Gilliam—Cutsforth 536, Weatherford 614.

Heppner Voters OK School Bonds-But . . .

The voters of Heppner school district No 1 Saturday approved for the second time, a \$20,000 bond issue for the purchase and improvement of additional property adjacent to the elementary school. The vote was 118 yes to 95 no.

Just over three weeks ago a special election was held for the same purpose and the bond issue was approved at that time 121 to 63, but the whole thing was declared void because of a technicality, so a second election was set for last Saturday.

Even though the bond issue was OK'd by the voters the second time and no technical hitches have shown up in the election procedure, there appeared Wednesday to be another difficulty

POSTOFFICE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY, CHRISTMAS MAILING HELP GIVEN

Post office patrons are reminded that Tuesday, November 11, is one of the eight national holidays observed by the Federal government and the local post office will be closed for business on that day. No mail will be received for distribution, and no mail will be dispatched.

The attention of the public is also called to the date, November 15, which is the suggested deadline for mailing Christmas parcels to military personnel overseas. If entered in the post office by that date, Uncle Sam can assure you that all parcels will reach their destination by Christmas. All parcels should be boxed, wrapped in strong paper, and securely tied. Improperly prepared parcels cannot be accepted. Many APO's and some FPO's (Army and Navy post offices) are located where the importation of currency, tobacco, and cigarettes is prohibited. Check this with your local postmaster before preparing the parcel. Various size and weight limits apply, but generally a parcel should weigh no more than 50 pounds and be longer than 42 inches. Many APO's require that customs declaration forms be at-

tached to the parcel. To insure properly complying with requirements parcels destined to points requiring customs declaration should have the following inscription thereon "certified to be a bona fide gift, personal effects, or items for personal use of military personnel or dependents thereof."

Personnel of the local post office will gladly assist anyone having questions concerning proper preparation of mail for military forces overseas. Postmaster James H Driscoll, stated.

Nearly 500 visit Historical Van During Heppner Stop

At least 481 persons filed through the Centennial van of history Saturday and Sunday during its visit to Heppner. The van is on a tour of the entire state and is being used to acquaint Oregon residents with some of the history of their state prior to the centennial celebration next year.

The number of visitors here was said to be very gratifying and ran a higher percentage than in several areas where the van has stopped in recent days. The display is sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Trucking industry.

EARLY COPY ASKED

Because of the postoffice being closed on Tuesday, November 11, all correspondents are asked to get what news they can in one day early for this next week.

Wheeler — Cutsforth 251, Weatherford 495. Sherman — Cutsforth 394, Weatherford 500.



MARK HATFIELD—swept to a big victory over Robert Holmes for Governor.



AL ULLMAN—Voters returned him to Washington for a second term in Congress.

O'Connor Named Mayor of Ione

Ione voters Tuesday named Charles O'Connor as their new mayor giving him 80 votes to 43 for his opponent E W Bristow.

In the race for councilmen Bill Rietmann (88), James Barnett (70) and Mrs Robert DeSpain (66) received the most votes to defeat their opponents, Omar Rietmann with 62, Elmer Holtz with 50 and Hugh Salter who received 50 votes. Mrs Adon Hamlett received 11 write-in votes.

Mrs Howard Crowell polled 109 votes for city recorder to win the post from Mrs Vester Hams who received 20 write-ins. Echo Palmaier was unopposed for treasurer, receiving 137 votes.

Jordan Elevator Pays Stock Dividend

Stockholders of the Jordan Elevator company received their annual stock dividend this week company officials have announced. This makes the third year that Jordan Elevator has paid a 20 percent dividend return on its stock.

Present officers of the corporation are Oscar Peterson, president; Kenneth Smouse, secretary; M V Nolan and L A McCabe, directors; and Paul Pettyjohn, director and manager.

It Must Be Spring!

Heppner has some flowers that apparently are trying to compete with the lilacs that were reported last week to be blooming at Ione.

Mrs Archie Padberg has two Easter lilies that have been blooming for over two weeks.

Hatfield, Ullman Given Nod by Morrow Voters

An unusually large number of Morrow county voters went to the polls Tuesday and cast their ballots in almost exactly the same pattern as did the voters of the rest of the state. A 75 percent vote was tallied here.

Morrow county gave Mark Hatfield the edge over governor Robert Holmes 878 to 751 in the hotly contested governor's race; they approved of Al Ullman, Democrat for representative in Congress, 880, to 723 for Marion Weatherford, a pattern which was followed throughout most of the rest of the second district; they picked another Democrat, Norman O Nilsen, for state labor commissioner over Republican Lyle E McCauley, 901 to 559.

On the 13 state measures, Morrow voters approved nine of them, and again following the state pattern, rejected four. The four voted down were measure no 2, increasing funds for veteran's loans; No 3, salaries of state legislators; No 4, the capital punishment bill; and No 10, the state power development measure. They also approved by a wide majority the two county measures on the ballot, and a more complete story on those votes appears in a separate story.

Most of the county's nine precincts held pretty well to their normal pattern of favoring Republican candidates. The one big change noted was in the Boardman precinct which usually favors the Republicans by a wide margin. Tuesday, however, its voters had other ideas and gave all Democratic candidates about a two to one majority. In so doing, they joined forces with their neighboring Irrigon precinct which has cast a strong Democratic vote for years.

The heavy vote, which ran almost exactly 75 percent of the registered voters, is unusual in an off-year election but it is thought that high interest in the two county measures and local contests for assessor and county commissioner brought out the vote.

Following are the complete unofficial totals for all of the county's nine precincts:

Representative in Congress, 2nd district—Ullman, D, 880; Weatherford, R, 723. Governor—Mark Hatfield, R, 878; Robert Holmes, D, 751. Commissioner bureau of labor—Norman O Nilsen, D, 901; Lyle E McCauley, R, 559. State representative 22nd district—Orville Cutsforth, R, 868; Frank Weatherford, D, 722. County commissioner — E O "Gene" Ferguson, R, 840; Jasper E Myers, D, 746. County clerk—Bruce Lindsay, 1455.

County Assessor—Harry Dinges, R, 970; Batie P Rand, D, 639. County judge—Oscar Peterson, 1486. District Attorney — Robert Abrams, 1442.

State Measures

No 1—fixing state boundaries, yes 1038, no 235. No 2 — Increasing veterans loans, yes 661, no 744. No 3—Salaries of state legislators, yes 616, no 797. No 4—Capital punishment, yes 675, no 715. No 5—Financing urban redevelopment, yes 609, no 519. No 6—Modifying county debt limitation, yes 645, no 459. No 7—Special grand jury bill, yes 939, no 250. No 8—Authorizing different use of state institution, yes 747, no 422. No 9—Temporary judges, yes 947, no 243. No 10—State power development, yes 579, no 620. No 11—County home rule, yes 781, no 284. No 12—Discontinue state TB hospitals, yes 769, no 284. No 13—Persons eligible to serve in state legislature, yes 827, no 465.

County Measures

Measure providing for the formation of a port district in Morrow county, yes 949, no 261. Measure providing for the formation of a county unit school system, yes 876, no 508.

Non-Partisan Ballot

Judge of the supreme court, position No 2, Kenneth J O'Connell, 1032. Judge of the supreme court, position No 3, Gordon Sloan, 1013. Judge of the supreme court, position No 7, George Rossman, 1017. Superintendent of public instruction, Rex Putnam, 1136.

Weekend hunting guests at the home of Rev and Mrs Bruce Spencer were Gene Mast and Allen Miller of Myrtle Point, Oregon.

Big Blow Brings Down Wires, Trees

The first "big blow" of the winter sailed in on Morrow county, and the entire northwest, Monday night causing long power outages in many places and minor damage in Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

Winds at Heppner were strong enough to blow down several trees and signboards, loosen a few shingles and break a few windows, but did not cause major damage. It has been reported that a tree fell on the mountain cabin belonging to Claude Cox but that damage there was not great. Heppner's cable TV antenna system probably suffered as much as anything, with several of the antennas wound up like a mass of wire and covered with grass and flying sagebrush and tumbled.

Heppner suffered three power outages during the evening, two of which were attributed directly to the storm. The first occurred about 5:30 when a fuse blew at the Heppner PP&L substation. About 9 o'clock, power went out throughout the entire area and wasn't restored locally for almost two hours. Arlington and Condon residents suffered outages lasting up to 15 hours while PP&L and REA crews worked to get lines back into operation.

Very little rain fell in Heppner from the storm, but at Ione and in the northern end of the county a near-cloudburst was reported. The heaviest storm damage was reported in Walla Walla and Lewiston, Idaho.

All Heppner City Officials Reelected

There were no contests for any City of Heppner office and voters Tuesday reelected six men to their former posts.

Put back into office for another term were William C Collins as mayor. He received 480 votes. Three councilmen were named, Phil Blakney, 450; Al Lamb, 440; and Lowell Gribble, 435. Also reelected was Ted Smith, recorder, with 480 votes and LaVerne Van Marter with 487 votes.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	25	—
Friday	62	34	—
Saturday	73	38	.01
Sunday	63	45	.08
Monday	56	45	.03
Tuesday	64	40	.03
Wednesday	54	42	.13

Rainfall for the week .28; for October .22; for November .28; for the year 11.44 inches.

City Water To Get Chlorine

The state office of health has ordered the City of Heppner to start chlorinating its water supply because of repeated bad tests, the city council was informed Monday night by letter.

Heppner has not had to chlorinate its drinking water in past years except on special occasions when work was being done on a section of pipe line or the city distribution system and it had been hoped by the council that it would not be necessary. Council members expressed the opinion that the bad tests were being received because of seepage into the old concrete water line on Willow creek, six miles of which the council is considering

asking for a bond issue to replace with new steel pipe.

The city does not presently own a chlorinator, but does have one at the swimming pool which may be possible to convert for use in the city water system.

The so-called "bad" tests do not necessarily mean that the water is unfit for use, but state requirements on municipal water supply are very rigid and even a small amount of foreign matter can require chlorination for public protection.

The council also called a special meeting for next Monday night to discuss with engineers the cost of installing new steel pipe in the feeder line, which

when completed is certain to eliminate the need for the chlorinating.

In other business, handled largely by the light of flashlights due to a storm-caused power outage, the council approved renewal beer or liquor licenses for The Elks, Court Street Market, Heppner Market, O'Donnell's Cafe, Thomson Bros and Central Market. A new wine license application from Central Market was also OK'd.

Building permits were issued to J G Barratt for a \$12,000 new residence in Barratt Heights; to W N Montgomery, new residence \$3,000; and to Kenneth Keeling, repairs and alterations, \$500.