

Ruling Stalls Sale Of School Bonds

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County Board Options Property Needed for School

Heppner school district (which isn't in existence any more since voters approved a county unit school plan) won't be able to issue to sell the \$20,000 in bonds approved twice by voters for the purchase of the Elaine George property for school use, the attorney general ruled last week. The ruling states that bonds of the former school districts, which have been authorized but not issued and sold, can't become the obligation of the county unit system.

Some time ago voters approved the bond issue, but because of a technical difficulty, the election was ruled invalid. Another election was held in early November at which time the issue was again OK'd, but at the general election the county approved the establishment of a county unit school system with the effect that all individual school districts were eliminated. This occurred before the bonds could be sold and the ruling now prevents their sale, even though the voters twice approved them.

A solution to the dilemma came out of a meeting early this week of the new county school board when it authorized the taking of a seven-months option on the property for \$4,000 and then the balance of the purchase price of \$16,000 will be included in the regular school budget for next year. This would eliminate the necessity of having to issue bonds.

Attorney general Robert Y. Thornton also ruled that the county school district succeeded to the budgets of the districts and that the assets of those districts become the property of the county school district. He also held that the county school district can appoint the school clerk and such deputy clerks as are necessary. Members of the supplanting school district boards will serve as members of the subdistricts of the unit school system until the next annual election when subdistrict boards will be elected.

Expanded March of Dimes Plan Explained

Mrs. Velma Glass, Morrow county health nurse, Monday explained the expanded March of Dimes program which in the future include research into arthritis and birth defects as well as polio. The talk, and accompanying film was given at the chamber of commerce meeting.

Mrs. Glass said that though polio isn't yet completely licked and that money is still needed for care and further research, that the National Foundation recently decided to enlarge the scope of activities along similar lines.

Savings Bond Sales Climb in County During November

County Savings Bonds sales for November totaled \$12,235 as compared to \$5,295 for November of last year, county chairman, Jack Bedford announced here today.

Sales in the state for the month amounted to \$2,974,403. A year ago they totaled \$2,285,129, the county chairman continued.

Sales of E and H Savings Bonds for the first 11 months of 1958 were \$171,810 in the county as compared with \$253,181 for the first 11 months of 1957.

"Each citizen who saves through the purchase of United States Savings Bonds adds to his city's 'good business insurance'," the county chairman said. "He is helping to keep his country strong and at the same time is providing for his own future security."

Local Stores Plan Late Shopping Hours

As a convenience to last minute shoppers quite a number of Heppner stores have announced plans to remain open until 8:30 p.m. Friday night.

A complete list of the stores is not available, but most lines of merchandise will be represented.

Keith Imus Named C of C President

Keith Imus, manager of the Heppner J.C. Penney's store, Wednesday was elected president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. He was named by the organization's board and will take office early in January.

He will replace Jack Loyd, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company manager, who has served during this year.

Other officers chosen at the Wednesday meeting of the directors were Rod Murray, first vice-president; Robert Abrams, second vice president; and John Venard, treasurer. Other officers will be appointed later by the new president.

Imus came to Heppner in February, 1957 from Seattle and during his nearly two years here has been very active in chamber work. He was elected to the board of directors last year and has served on the merchants committee during the present year.

Five new directors were chosen Monday noon at the chamber's annual election. They were John Hartman, Al Mattson, Rod Murray, Elmer Schmidt and Robert Penland. Holdover directors who complete the 10 member board are Vic Kreimeyer, Harley Young, Robert Abrams, Joe Stewart and Jack Loyd.



KEITH IMUS, Heppner Penney's manager, who will head chamber of commerce for 1959.

W F Barratt Named To District Farm Credit Board

William F. Barratt, Heppner rancher, early this week was named a member of the 12th district Farm Credit Board. The appointment, announced in Spokane, was made by Robert B. Tootell, governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

Barratt will take office at the January 19 meeting of the board in Spokane. As a district director he automatically becomes a director of all three farm credit banks in Spokane, the Federal Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank for Cooperatives. He will serve for three years and he replaces Halsey W. Burgess of Lowden, Wash.

Barratt is a native of Heppner and graduated from Oregon State College in 1943 with a B.S. degree in agricultural economics. He owns and operates a 2700 acre ranch on Hinton creek and runs 260 head of commercial beef cattle. He also operates another ranch owned by his father, Garnet Barratt and feeds 2500 lambs and 400 head of cattle.

The new director is a member of the Northwest Livestock PCA, the Morrow County Grain Growers, and is a director of the National Farm Loan Association. He is president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers and a past president of the Morrow County Farm Bureau.

Other members of the District Farm Credit Board are from Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Fire Does Minor Damage to Cabin

An early morning fire at one of the Ayers' Cabins on North Gale street Wednesday morning caused damage estimated at less than \$100. It was occupied by Mike Hartin who was not injured.

The blaze started from overheated or defective stovepipe and burned a section of wall around the flue before being controlled by the fire department and neighbors.

The alarm was turned in shortly before 6 a.m.

PCF Ronald Reid is spending a 30 day furlough from the U.S. Army at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Reid. He has been stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, with tours of duty to Newfoundland and Labrador.

Board, Engineers Discuss Joining North End Schools

By MARY LEE MARLOW

The Morrow county unit school board met with Col. Walter J. Hutchin of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and five of his advisors, at Boardman last Thursday evening to discuss the possible consolidation of part of the school systems of Irrigon and Boardman, which is being studied by the reorganization committee of the board. The board informed Col. Hutchin that the corps would be doing business with them, since they had taken over the county's schools, Dec. 6, in accordance with a vote of the people Nov. 4.

Col. Hutchin assured the group of 50 people at the meeting of the board and Boardman Planning Commission, together with the now inactive Boardman and Irrigon school boards, that they would have replacement of the present school as closely as possible. He and his advisors were questioned as to the basis for replacement, whether it would be facilities to accommodate the present enrollment of 100 students, whether it would be square footage per student, etc. Hutchin called on his advisors for detailed answers, and interrupted the discussion to say, "You're not going to be beaten out of anything."

George Wiese, chairman of the Boardman Planning Commission, showed the architect's drawing of the new town, to be located one-half mile south of the present site, with access roads on and off the federal freeway clearly drawn. He said the town will be as good as the present one, if not better. Included in the plan for the town is a site for the school.

Spokesmen for the reorganization committee indicated that they were considering consolidating 50 students who compose Irrigon high school with Boardman high school. They pointed out that the relocation of the Boardman school was not connected in any way with the possibility of consolidating.

RAPE CHARGE DISMISSED

A charge of rape which had been made against Philip Blanchard, Fort Lewis, Wash., was dismissed this week by J.O. Hager, justice of the peace, because the prosecuting witness was physically and mentally unable to testify.

Blanchard has been released from the county jail where he had been held awaiting hearing.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	37	31	.49
Friday	51	32	.28
Saturday	32	26	—
Sunday	32	26	TR S
Monday	29	26	—
Tuesday	42	27	—
Wednesday	40	26	—

Rainfall for the week .77; for December 1.24; for the year 14.88 inches.



SANTA DREW RECORD CROWD—When he arrived in Heppner last Saturday Santa found nearly 550 youngsters of all sizes, shapes and descriptions waiting to visit with him. Here he is surrounded by so many youngsters that even the fire truck he used for transportation was completely covered. (GT Photo)



I'LL TAKE A SACK—This unidentified young lady was as much interested in the sacks of candy that Santa had in the box as she was in the old fellow himself. After Santa spent 45 minutes handing out candy and visiting, all the kids went to the Star theater for a free Christmas show. (GT Photo)

FALSE ALARM AND "DRY FIRE RUN" PROVES EXPENSIVE TO WOMAN

One Heppner fire truck and two firemen made a 20-mile dry run at 1 a.m. Tuesday supposedly to give mutual aid assistance to the Lexington fire department only to find everything dark and quiet in the neighboring town and no sign of a fire of any kind.

The firemen weren't particularly happy about the whole affair, and Wednesday a Lexington woman found out that reporting a false fire alarm can be expensive.

The story goes about this way. At 12:55 a.m. Tuesday Heppner police chief Dean Gilman received a call from a woman in Lexington that a house was on fire

and that help of the Heppner department was needed to control it. Supposing that the Lexington department had something too big for them to handle alone, Gilman called the Heppner department which sent one truck and two men on the trip to Lex that proved to be a dud.

Gilman, however, got the name of the woman who placed the spurious call to him and Wednesday, Mrs. Lillian Griffin of Lexington pleaded guilty in justice court to a charge of disorderly conduct for turning in a false fire alarm and was fined \$30 and costs. In addition judge J.O. Hager ordered her placed on the interdiction list.

HEPPNER STUDENTS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CAROLS TUESDAY NIGHT

Heppner residents will be treated to a full scale program of Christmas carols next Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock presented by a large group of Heppner students. The half hour program will be presented in downtown Heppner.

The caroling project is being sponsored by members of the

Methodist Youth Fellowship in cooperation with the Heppner high school student council, and a big group of students is expected to take part. They will sing well known Christmas favorites and traditional carols.

Following the caroling all participating students will be the guests of the Methodist church for refreshments.

DRIVERS REMINDED THAT PARKING LIGHTS ILLEGAL WHILE DRIVING

State and local police this week reminded drivers that the Oregon law requires that car headlights must be turned on from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions persons and vehicles are not clearly discernible on highways and streets.

Police pointed out that this means that lights are required when driving in foggy conditions where visibility is limited, and emphasized that the law requires "head lights," and not parking lights be used under such driving conditions. In fact the law prohibits the driving of a car with just parking lights on when conditions call for lights. State patrolman William Labhart said, "this means fog, too!"

The officer also said that on frosty mornings, such as have been common during the past

few days, drivers should clean off windshields, side and rear windows before driving a car. To drive with windows wholly or partially covered with ice is also contrary to law.

He also urged all drivers to use extra caution during the coming holiday period.



HERE'S
THIS WEEK'S
HEPPNER
Lucky Number

No. 1146

Good Dec. 18 To Dec. 24

SAVE THIS NUMBER
FOR FREE GIFTS!

FINAL WEEK OF 'NUMBERS' GAME STARTS TODAY

The fourth and final week of the popular "numbers" game sponsored by 21 Heppner stores got underway today with the distribution of this issue of the Gazette-Times and a new set of lucky numbers on the papers and in the stores.

Many of the stores gave away one or more of their gifts during the past week, but several will have possibly two or three

gifts and numbers for the last week. Readers can claim these gifts if the number in the box at the top of this page corresponds with the numbers in any of the stores. All gifts must be claimed by Christmas eve, the final day of the game, and only the numbers on this week's paper are valid—those from previous weeks are now no good.

For the benefit of readers who might not be acquainted with the rules of the game: each of the 21 stores is displaying a number, or numbers, on a placard in the store which corresponds with numbers printed on the front page of today's Gazette-Times. If your paper number is one of the lucky ones in any of the stores, just tear off the front page box and present it to a clerk and the prize is yours. Only the number on this week's papers are valid and the box is dated so there will be no confusion. No purchase is necessary and so that non-subscribers may have an equal chance to win, additional numbered copies of this week's Gazette-Times are available at the GT office at no charge.

Again readers are reminded that just because they may have won gifts in previous week's contests, it doesn't mean that they can't win again this week for a complete new set of lucky numbers is drawn each week.

The interesting and profitable "give-away game" is being sponsored by the many stores and the chamber of commerce and this week's collection of gifts is offered somewhat as a "Thank You" to the hundreds of persons who have made Heppner stores their Christmas shopping headquarters.

Three Days of Free Parking to Be Gift From City

The city of Heppner, through its mayor W.C. Collins and the members of the council will extend Christmas greetings to local residents and visiting shoppers in the form of three days of free parking. All the city's parking meters will be hooded Monday morning and remain inoperative through Christmas day.

The "no money" parking is somewhat traditional with the city, as it has been giving away its usual nickel parking meter spots in the last few days before Christmas for several years.

Members of the chamber of commerce merchants committee will hood the sidewalk slot machines Monday morning.

Civil Defense Equipment Arrives For County Use

Morrow county Civil Defense chairman, Norman Nelson of Boardman, announced that the county recently received several pieces of vital equipment from the state surplus property division.

Now available in case of emergency are chemical detection kits which can be used for detecting war gases and biological warfare gases which might be used against humans, animals and crops. These items were supplied through state and federal governments.

The sheriff's office also received three shotguns which can be used for CD and police work.

IONE CHURCH PROGRAM

The Baptist church at Ione will hold a Christmas program on Christmas Eve at 7:40 p.m. at the church. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Carl Spaulding was a weekend visitor in Pendleton where she visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon McGowan.

Hospital Given X-Ray Equipment

Pioneer Memorial hospital now has in use a special X-ray cone which was the gift of the Morrow County TB and Health association.

The cone, which is used on the hospital's chest and regular X-ray equipment, is designed to limit the extent that X-rays may spread and possibly cause harmful results to a patient. Hospital administrator Harry Bongers stated that the cone confines the X-ray beam to the exact spot required and does not subject the rest of the body to the effects.

The county TB and Health association is the sponsor of the monthly free chest X-rays which are given at the hospital.

GT SLATES EARLY PUBLICATION DAYS DURING COMING HOLIDAY WEEKS

The next two issues of the Gazette-Times will be published two days early each week to allow for distribution ahead of the Christmas and New Year's holidays which both fall on Thursdays, the normal publication day. Both papers will go to press on Tuesday for delivery in Heppner that afternoon and in all other areas on Wednesday morning.

News correspondents and advertisers are asked by the publishers to get all available news and advertising copy to the paper as far ahead of publication days as possible. The advertising deadline will be Monday morning both weeks, but anything that can be prepared by Friday or Saturday will be appreciated.

Another Free Kids' Show Saturday

All county youngsters are invited to a second free Christmas show next Saturday afternoon at the Star Theater in Heppner while their parents have a chance to do some of their last minute Christmas shopping in local stores.

The additional show is being sponsored by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

Last Saturday 441 kids tramped to the first show put on by the chamber which followed a special visit to Heppner by Santa.

The old fellow found practically all of his small friends waiting for him and within a half hour had given out 550 bags of free