

3 Communities Protest Changes In Their Schools

Three county communities presented protests to the school board Monday night over plans to close schools or combine grades in various schools. The board, however, took no action on any of the requests.

Residents of Hardman had presented a petition carrying the names of 40 residents and many persons from that community were on hand at the meeting to express their feelings about the board-announced plan to close the school there and transport the 13 students to Heppner. Several persons pointed out that during the winter the road up Hardman grade frequently was impassable and they felt it would be too dangerous to take a school bus over it in such conditions. They also complained that the children would have to spend too much time on the bus.

The group asked that their school be retained and that if it failed to meet required standards, as had been reported in a letter from the state department of education, that it either be replaced or repaired or whatever was necessary to keep it in operation. One Hardman resident told the board that he would not send his children that distance to school. Others said that no one in the county would vote to close the school if he were familiar with the winter driving conditions over the 20 miles of road the children would have to travel to Heppner.

Several persons, not residents of the Hardman area, also spoke in favor of retaining a school there.

A member of the new school board which will take office July 1, D O Nelson, read a letter signed by 104 residents of the Lexington area which objected to the board announced plan to close the 5th through 8th grades at the Lexington school and transport those students to Heppner or Ione. Lexington residents present pointed out that such a transfer would only cause additional trouble at Heppner where classes were already full and additional space needed.

Boardman Asks Delay
Several members of a steering committee from Boardman were present and asked the board to defer any action on its announced plan to combine the 7th and 8th grades at Boardman and Irri- gon in the Irri- gon school. Members of the committee, who stated they represented nearly 90 percent of the residents of the Boardman district, said there were objections to the distance some of the students would have to travel by bus if they were taken to Irri- gon. They also said there were better facilities at Boardman than at the Irri- gon school.

The Boardman committee said they were in the process of studying the problem there and asked the board to defer any action until they could complete their work.

The board took no action on any of the requests other than to accept the written petitions and letters.

The various objections which have been raised came about following defeat of the county school budget last month. The board has trimmed about \$25,000 from the budget and has set June 29 as the date for a second election. The board is attempting to combine some classes to

affect the savings, but these plans are bringing many complaints.

Plug Goes To Boardman
The board named Jack C. Plug, present county school superintendent who would have been replaced July 1 by Robert Van Houte, as principal of Riverside high school at Boardman and the Boardman grade school. Members of the Boardman Steering committee personally requested that the board hire Plug for the position.

In other action the board heard a preliminary report from a Portland architectural firm who is working with the Corps of Engineers on plans for a replacement school building at Boardman. The present building will be flooded out by the backwater of the John Day dam.

New Teachers Hired
The board approved contracts for five new teachers. They are James Monroe, lone grade school and coach; Muriel Ley, home ec and PE at Riverside high; Wolfgang Edehlmann, band instructor at Riverside; Mrs Margaret Lewis, Irri- gon 3rd grade; Mrs Lucile Weatherford, mathematics at Heppner high school. A public hearing on the revised budget will be held Friday night at 8 p m at the court house.

Ione Branch Bank Slates Opening Next Saturday

Ione will have its first bank in more than 30 years with the opening Saturday of the Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The new facility will be publicly opened at an open house from 2 until 5 o'clock and will be open for business Monday morning.

The new branch bank will be housed in the Remodeled Swanson building and it is planned to provide complete banking facilities to residents of the Ione community. The building has been completely refurbished and new equipment will be in place for the opening. The branch will be managed by Gene Pierce, manager of the Heppner branch and for the present time, at least, it will be operated out of the Heppner branch by making use of bookkeeping and recording equipment available here.

Manager Pierce, president Marion Weatherford and vice-president and cashier L C Buchner, Arlington, as well as other members of the board today extended an invitation to all residents of the area to inspect the new facilities Saturday. Gifts and refreshments will be available to all.

The Ione bank has established regular banking hours from 9 a m to 1 p m Monday through Fridays and from 9 to 12 on Saturday.

The new Ione branch is the second branch bank to be opened in less than two years by the Bank of Eastern Oregon which has headquarters at Arlington. Less than two years ago the Heppner branch was opened and at that time the capital stock was increased and most of the ownership of the stock is in the hands of residents of Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Many County Youngsters Win At The Dalles Sale

Early reports from the 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale being held this week at The Dalles told of many Morrow county youngsters and groups who won events at the show.

Tony Doherty, 12 of Heppner, showed the grand champion 4-H lamb Tuesday. It was Tony's first trip to the 13th annual event sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. His 101 pound southdown cross won out over an 89 pound Hampshire cross exhibited by Elvelyn Oveson of Wallawa.

Dennis Doherty, Heppner, had the reserve champion for the southdown class; and Kenneth Smouse, Ione had the reserve champion pen of three lambs. Placings for county groups of five sheep were Morrow 4-Hers first, Crook county second, Sherman third, Gilliam fourth, and Umatilla fifth.

Morrow county 4-Hers placed third in team standing in the livestock judging. Members of the team were Sandy Beach 14, and her brother Karl 17, and Tommy Martin 15, of Lexington. In individual scoring in the livestock judging Kenneth Smouse, Ione and Larry Foster of Hood River tied for third place.

In the FFA beef show Don Hughes 14, of Heppner showed the champion shorthorn steer and Tim Yackley, 14, also of Heppner had the shorthorn reserve champion.

Heppner high school won first place for their high school chapter herd all shorthorns. Second place in this division went to The Dalles.

Other late returns from the show revealed that many other county youngsters placed well in the showings. Among them were:

Beef—Eric Anderson, first in lightweight Hereford; David Anderson fourth. Karl Beach third and fifth in heavy Hereford class and Sandra Beach second and sixth in Heavy Hereford. Tommy Martin, third in medium class Herefords; Billy Doherty second and eighth and Mickey Van Schoiaek sixth in medium class Herefords.

Tommy Martin fourth and Russell Dolven fifth in shorthorns and Morrow county had second place in county beef herd.

All Morrow county hogs entered in the show graded U S No 1.

In the judging contests, Karl Beach was high beef judge and Kenneth Smouse placed second. In beef showmanship, Karl Beach was first in the senior division and also was chosen champion 4-H beef showman; Sandra Beach was first in the intermediate division.

Morrow county had red ribbons in the beef herdmanship contest and white ribbons in swine herdmanship.

One hundred fifteen lambs, 192 swine and 89 beef were exhibited at the show.

Mrs Myles Martin is in Indiana vacationing at the home of relatives.

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GALLONEER—Mrs Wilma Gaarsland of Ione donated her eighth pint of blood Monday at the Red Cross blood drawing and shortly after this picture was taken was presented with a "Galloneer" pin. She has given blood at nearly every local drawing and donated her first pint on August 12, 1952 at Condon. The drawing fell for short of what had been hoped for by local Red Cross officials. A quota of 100 pints had been established but just 48 were obtained at the drawing which was held at the Elks Temple. (GT Photo)

HEPPNER MOTHER OF FIVE BECOMES U S CITIZEN MONDAY AT CEREMONY

Delia (Mrs Ray) Smith, Heppner, was one of four women from Morrow and Umatilla counties who attained United States citizenship Monday in naturalization ceremonies at Pendleton.

The four were extended a welcome and told of their new responsibilities in an address by William E Hansen, Pendleton attorney. He told them that "we are all equal citizens," and that they have a great heritage and great responsibilities.

Mrs Smith has been in the U S about 13 years. She was born in England and met her husband there where he was a paratrooper

during World War II. They have lived in Heppner for about six years where he is a printer for the Gazette-Times. They have five children and are expecting a sixth in a short time.

Mrs Smith has been a Cub Scout mother, served as supervisor for a local ground observer post, and other community activities.

The other three women who became citizens Monday were Lilly Yuk Chinn, Hermiston, who was born in China; Catherine Anne French, Echo, born in France; and Gisela Elfriede Erika Schwandt, Weston, who was born in Germany.

CHAMBER INSPECTS ROADS AND LOGGING OPERATIONS MONDAY

New roads and logging operations of Heppner Pine Mills in the Black Mountain area east of Heppner were inspected Monday by about 25 members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. The tour was arranged jointly by Heppner Pine Mills and the Forest Service.

The group made the trip by bus and over the route saw the work that has been done by the mill in the rebuilding of Shaw creek grade road over which most of the logs in the Black Mountain sale must be hauled. The road must be rebuilt as part of the terms of the sale agreement and a considerable part of this work has already been done. Reconstruction and new construction of this road will cost Heppner Pine about \$104,000. The mill bought a total of nearly 16,000,000 feet of timber in the area through which the road passes and several other logging access roads will be constructed in the future.

Logging in the Black Mountain stand is expected to start in August and will continue as long as weather permits.

On Monday's trip, chamber members were taken into the woods to watch felling, bucking and loading operations now being carried on by Heppner Pine.

Coming back down the new road, which will eventually be given an eight-inch rock base, the group went to Cutsforth Park where lunch was served. Several other chamber members who were unable to take the entire trip were guests of Heppner Pine for the lunch.

In charge of the tour were Victor Kreimeyer, Heppner Forest Service ranger; Maurice Hitchcock, White Swan, Wash, Heppner Pine president; and Paul Koenig, local mill manager.

Elmer Heath To Head American Legion

Election of officers was held Monday evening of last week for the Heppner American Legion, for the year 1959-60.

The officers elected were commander, Elmer Heath; first vice commander, Dean Shaver; second vice commander, Don Fredrickson; adjutant, Bill Labhart; finance officer, Bill Heath; sergeant at arms, D E Hudson and executive committeeman, Alva Jones.

Changes Made in Rules Governing Use Of Golf Course

Changes in regulations governing use of Willow Creek Country Club were approved Wednesday night at an executive meeting of the club.

The major change is a ruling that use of the golf course will now be limited to paid up members only, and their guests and that members are responsible for payment of green fees by guests. It was also proposed that there be a membership for minors or students of \$20 per year per person. This would be a single membership without voting privileges and would apply to minors who are not already included in a family membership.

Letters are being sent to members with the new regulations and also with the new greens rules.

Lowell Gribble, president, asked to be relieved of his duties and the board took his request under consideration.

Members are also reminded that last half dues are due.

County Barley Support Rate Set at 87 Cents

The basic county price support rate for 1959 crop barley in Morrow county will be 87 cents per bushel, V R Rietmann, chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee has announced.

The rate applies to barley grading No 2 or better. The county rate will be further adjusted for grades below No 2 in determining support prices for individual producers. Discounts are the same as under the 1958 program.

Terminal rates are available at the county ASC office for farmers who wish to store their grain in a terminal elevator. These rates reflect freight and handling charges involved in moving the grain to the terminal. County and terminal rates also reflect changed transportation costs from producing areas to terminal and changed relationships between terminal market prices.

Price supports will be carried out, as in previous years, through farm and warehouse stored loans and purchase agreements. Support will be available from harvest time through January 31, 1960.

Prices for this year's crop of rye will be supported at \$1.06 a bushel in Morrow county, it was also announced. Rye eligible for support must be No 2 or better or No 3 on the factor of test weight only and may not contain in excess of one percent ergot.

The ASC office also announced that more than 350 million bushels of 1958 crop wheat had been taken over by the department of agriculture as of the end of April in settlement of price support loans and purchase agreements. Later reports are expected to show additional takeover. A record quantity of 609 million bushels was placed under support from the 1958 wheat crop. 68 million bushels had been redeemed through April and more than 12 million of farm-stored wheat had been resealed for an additional storage period.

In Morrow county a total of 2,423,451 bushels of 1958 crop wheat was placed under price support. As of April 30, 129,894 bushels had been delivered to CCC, 236,275 bushels redeemed and 64,749 bushels resealed.

Mrs Max Buschke was in Portland over the weekend visiting Mr and Mrs Robert Hyle.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	76	47	—
Friday	81	54	.36
Saturday	65	47	.37
Sunday	65	42	—
Monday	68	45	—
Tuesday	68	42	.03
Wednesday	63	38	.01

Rainfall for the week .77; for June .77, for the year 7.39 inches.

A Centennial Year Historical Feature —

Other Papers Tell Heppner Flood Story

(Next Sunday, June 14 will be the 56th anniversary of the Heppner flood. Elsewhere in today's paper we are rerunning a few of the pictures of that disaster which appeared in the Gazette-Times special flood commemoration edition on June 14, 1953, and below is a series of stories about the flood which appeared in the Woodburn (Ore.) Independent shortly afterwards. One of the owners of the Independent, Gene Stoller recently found the story in that paper's files and made a copy of it, thinking it might be of interest to G-T readers. It shows how the news of the flood was received in other parts of the state.)

Woodburn Independent, June 18, 1903

Cloudburst at Heppner
A cloud which burst on the hills a mile south of Heppner at about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon let loose a hungry flood of water, which swept down a

hillside in a wall 30 feet high and 200 yards wide. Reaching the bottom of the canyon, the liquid avalanche reared its mighty front over the doomed town, and carried to destruction nearly every building and human being that lay in its path, leaving a waste of destruction to mark its trail. The destroying torrent raced down the narrow gorge of Willow creek, inundating as it reached them the settlements of Lexington, Ione and Douglas, but lessening in fury and in volume as the thirsty alkali soil of the valley drank up the water like a sponge. Behind it lay nearly 300 dead, drowned like rats in a trap. The suddenness of the catastrophe gave the victims no warning, overwhelming them for the main part as they sat within their homes.

Two-thirds of Heppner was swept away. The business portion of the town is left, with small damage. In the mad struggle

for life women were torn from babes and fathers from families.

The damage to property at Heppner amounts to \$1,000,000. Rescue parties rushed to the scene and found a terrible condition of affairs. Many of the bodies were so distorted and blackened that identification is not possible. In some places just below Heppner, wreckage and debris are still piled mountain high, and it will be weeks before all the bodies are recovered, and some may never be found. More than 150 houses were destroyed. The work of burying the dead and extending relief has progressed rapidly. Homeless people crowd every available house and tent.

June 25, 1903

Woodburn gave \$230 to Mayor Frank Gilliam of Heppner for the relief fund. Money consisted of donations by individuals, lodges and business firms. In addition the Bank of Woodburn

sent a draft of \$20 direct to Heppner.

Hubbard through several lodges, sent a neat sum to Heppner sufferers.

Heppner, visited by a calamity never before experienced to such an extent in this state appealed to Oregonians for aid. The response was prompt and generous. People with the biggest hearts and most sympathetic nature live in Oregon.

June 25, 1903

C W Younggren of Silverton, was in the city Saturday on his way home from a visit at Heppner, where he says the horrible scenes cannot be fully told and can only be realized to the full extent by those on the ground; that the Heppner people, when he was there, were not yet recovered from the great shock and showed a stoicism when confronted with the bodies of near relatives. He says it will take a hundred teams a month to clear away the debris.



HEPPNER FLOOD DESTRUCTION is shown in this old photograph taken a few days after the great flood of June 14, 1903. This picture was taken from about the center of Main street looking south-east. Camera was located about in front of the present Empire Machinery building. The old Palace Hotel (three story building on the right) was on the corner of Main and May streets where Bruce Motors is now located. The strength of the water is illustrated by the tumbled and torn houses and buildings. A full page of other flood pictures appears elsewhere in today's Gazette-Times.