



HOSPITAL RECEIVES PROJECTOR—Mrs C C Jones, left, president of the Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary is presenting a 16 mm movie projector to P W Mahoney, right, president of the hospital board at last Tuesday evening's ceremony at the court house. The projector is to be used for educational purposes by the hospital as well as for entertainment for the nursing home patients. Others in the picture from left to right are Mrs Velma Glass, Morrow county health nurse; Harry Bongers, hospital administrator and Mrs Cecil Thorne, seated.

LEX POST OFFICE TO BE CHANGED TO RURAL OFFICE

The post office department has revealed in a letter to Senator Richard L Neuberger that it is planning to convert the Lexington post office to a rural station of the Heppner post office.

The post office letter said that a recent investigation has disclosed that it is advisable at this time to convert the Lexington Oregon post office to a rural station tributary to the post office at Heppner. Mrs Marie Steagall was installed as acting postmaster on May 31.

Nine Local Music Students Attending Summer Courses

Nine Heppner high school music department students are now attending summer music camps on two university campuses, Arnold Melby, music director has announced.

The course at Washington State College runs for one month and attending are Bill Cox, bass horn; LeRoy Gardner, alto sax; John Cleveland, cornet; Laura Lee Sumner, flute; Norma Ferguson, French horn; and Stuart Gribble, trombone.

Attending a two week course at the University of Oregon are Mike Healy, cornet; Beverly Blake, clarinet; and Donald Clark, French horn.

Tuition for the courses was raised by concerts put on by the music department and the students were chosen on the basis of musical aptitude and interest. It is the first time such a program has been tried by the department.

Two other students, both vocalists, will leave July 1 for a two week course at the University of Oregon. They are Fern Albert and Elaine Laird.

Two From Heppner Place in Jr Olympics

Two Heppner youngsters placed in events at the recent Oregon Junior Olympics track and field meet held at Grant Park in Portland.

Gail Hoskins won second place in the girls 50 yard dash in the 12 and 13 year age division; and Mike Koenig took third in the 12 inch softball throw in the 12 and 13 age group.

A total of 2748 youngsters from all parts of the state took part in the meet.

Rural stations are established when considered necessary to facilitate the transaction of postal business in communities where a considerable number of people would be seriously inconvenienced if required to transact postal business with rural or star route carriers only and where it is not deemed advisable to maintain an independent post office.

Rural stations provide facilities for the sale of stamp supplies, the transaction of money order business, and the acceptance, delivery and dispatch of ordinary, registered, insured and COD mail. The community served by a rural station retains its identity and residents may continue to use their present mailing address.

There are only 24 families receiving mail through general delivery and 66 post office boxes are rented. There are 25 families in the community receiving mail by star route carrier. The cost of operating the post office amounts to \$6,969 annually.

The department said investigation disclosed that equal postal service could be provided by the establishment of a rural station and an agreement in the amount of \$3600 a year for operation of the station has been received for Mrs Steagall. The discontinuance of the station as a post office would result in an annual saving of \$3369, while providing identical postal service without detriment to the community identity.

The change of status is expected at an early date, according to the letter.

Hereford Tour Due In County Thursday

Cattlemen of this area, and the general public, are invited to participate in the four state Northwest Hereford Breeders tour which will come through Morrow county next Thursday, June 25.

The traveling group will arrive first Thursday morning at the Frank Anderson ranch, coming here from the Madras area. Later that morning the tour will continue to the Kirk and Robinson ranch. The group will have lunch at noon at Heppner and then proceed to the Herbert Ekstrom and Sons ranch near Ione and to the Earnest Hereford ranch at Boardman.

Further Paving of Spray Road Seen in Offing

It was understood this week in Heppner that a contract will be let sometime this summer or fall for the continuation of the Heppner-Spray highway improvement program started last year. The project is a joint development by the Bureau of Public Roads, the Forest Service and the state highway commission.

No definite information is presently available, but the local Forest Service office said they had understood that an additional section of slightly over eight miles is being planned for improvement during coming months. Several Bureau of Public Roads surveyors are currently working in the area.

If present information is correct, the project will result in the reconstruction and paving of the cross-mountain highway from the end of the present pavement, eight miles above Chapin creek, to a point close to the highway's junction with the Kinzua road near the summit of the mountains.

Two years ago eight miles of the road was relocated and paved under a program that was to eventually see improvement of the highway clear across the mountains.

No Federal bureau official is presently available to give further information.

City Offers Free Weed Hauling—If You Cut 'Em

The city of Heppner this week reminded residents that right now is the ideal time to cut weeds and tall grass from vacant lots and offered the services of the city crews in hauling away the cuttings if desired.

It was pointed out that if weeds are cut now before they go to seed it helps to stop future growth. The city said if the cut weeds and grass is piled on the lot where it can be handled easily, a city truck will haul it away when notified.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, June 30 at the court house between 9:30 a m and 3:30 p m.

Mrs Frank W Baker left Wednesday for her home in Kennewick after a visit of several days in Heppner.



WHEELBARROW LOAD OF DOLLARS—Walter Roberts, Ione, Monday morning trudged up to the front of the new Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon with this wheelbarrow load of silver dollars and deposited \$1,000 of them in a new account. Marion Green is helping to hold some of the cartwheels.

Load of Cartwheels Greets New Bank At Monday Opening

An Ione man, Walter Roberts gave the officials of the new Ione branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon an unusual present Monday morning when he walked up to the front door of the bank pushing a wheelbarrow load of silver dollars to open a new account. There were over 1000 of the bright cartwheels and he deposited \$1,000 to open his account.

The dollars were all wrapped and stored in cigar boxes and the oldest date on any of the rolls was September 12, 1948.

The new branch held open house Saturday afternoon at which time over 200 persons visited. When the bank opened for business Monday morning many residents opened accounts with the honor of being number one on the list going to Noel Dobyns. Ione has not had a bank since February 2, 1926.

Adult Swimming Class to Start

Adult beginners swimming classes will start Tuesday, June 23 it was announced this week by Mrs Tom Hughes, instructor. The classes will be for one hour each evening and will start at 5:30 p m. They will last for two weeks. The classes are open to both men and women and the only charge is \$1.00 registration and regular basket fee.

Children's swimming classes began Tuesday morning at the Heppner pool with a large number of youngsters taking the lessons.

Mr and Mrs Paul Brown and sons spent several days vacation last week boating and fishing at the Pelton Dam and Ochoco Reservoir and visited with Mr Brown's cousin, Mr and Mrs Roy D Johnson at Madras.

HEPPNER NATIVE VISITS HOME TOWN FIRST TIME IN 61 YEARS

A native of Heppner who had not been back to his home town for 61 years, was here Wednesday to look over his old home town. He was Carl Locknane, who now lives in Seattle.

Mr Locknane was born in Heppner, the son of John D and Ione Locknane, early settlers in this area who came here from Kansas before 1878. His father operated a sheep ranch about 45 miles from here in 1878 at which time he ran 3400 sheep.

Water System Costs to Increase Heppner Budget

The budget for the city of Heppner for the coming fiscal year will reflect a total expenditure of about \$14,500 more than last year, but it has been kept well within the six percent limitation.

The new budget calls for total expenditures of \$116,612.50 compared with last year's figure of \$102,102.50. The bulk of the increase will come in the water department where a special vote of the people approved a bond issue for replacement of six miles of the city's main water feeder line. Only about half of this amount, \$14,902.50 for bond redemption and interest will come from taxes, as roughly half will be obtained from increased water rates which will go into effect July 1.

Added in the fire department budget for the coming year is an item of \$5,700 for rural fire equipment but this will be offset by a like income from the rural district tax which does not apply to city residents. The exact amount of taxes that will be received from this source has not yet been determined but the maximum amount was put in the budget.

The city's emergency fund for the coming year was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 with the extra \$3,000 slated for the start of construction of a new fire hall which is badly needed to house present equipment and that which will be purchased for rural use.

Small wage increases for employees were approved by the budget committee and in most other city departments expenses remained about the same as last year. Some even showed reductions.

The total tax to be levied for city operation will be \$35,060.50. Of this \$15,458 is within the six percent limitation. Three special levies which were previously approved by the voters will bring in \$19,602.50. Of this latter amount, \$5,302.50 is for water bonds, \$13,000 for sewer bonds and \$1,300 for a park levy. The park levy was a special five year serial levy of one mill and next year will be the last year for this tax.

The complete budget is printed elsewhere in today's paper and the public hearing on it will be held at the city hall July 6.

Wranglers Planning Overnight Ride

The Wranglers are planning an overnight trail ride June 27 and 28 from the Bob Brindie ranch to Johnson creek, it was announced this week.

Three meals will be furnished for the trip at a cost of \$2.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children and persons who plan to go are asked to pay their money to Roice Fullerton by June 20. It was stated however, that there will be plenty for any extras who might wish to make the ride and they can pay at the ride.

Mrs Anna Q Thomson is now in Beaverton for an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs Beatrice Bennett. Mrs Bennett was visiting in Heppner this week.

Hearing Shows Most Residents Don't Want Cut In Facilities

The people of Morrow county will be given the opportunity to approve a special supplemental school levy of \$24,950 which would provide the necessary money to return the school program for the coming year to the same status as provided under the original county school budget which was defeated early in May.

That decision was made by the school board Tuesday night following a budget hearing and a meeting of the school budget committee.

The supplemental special levy will be voted on Saturday, July 11. The second election on the school budget will be held on Monday, June 29.

The idea to resubmit to the voters at another special election a plan to provide money to reinstate the Hardman school, the 5th through the 8th grades at Lexington and the 7th and 8th grade at Boardman came as a result of numerous protests put up at last Friday night's budget hearing at which time delegations from Hardman, Lexington and Boardman protested the reduction of school facilities in their areas. The board and the budget committee in lopping about \$25,000 from the first budget which was defeated, had removed money which would have meant the closing of the Hardman grade school and transportation of the students to Heppner, the elimination of the 5th through 8th grades at Lexington and the transportation of those youngsters to either Ione or Heppner, and the combination of the Boardman and Irrigon 7th and 8th grades in the Irrigon school.

Reduction Not Wanted

The many persons present at the Friday budget hearing made it plain that they did not want a reduction in the original budget if it meant that their school facilities would be closed or reduced and it was nearly the unanimous opinion of the almost 75 persons present that if the board would either resubmit the original budget or a supplemental levy (which would be the equivalent) that they would vote for both of them and actively work for its approval.

The board explained that because of the necessity of having to withdraw the budget, to be able to make any change in it, which has already been advertised and dated for election, the only way to get the additional money would be to submit the special levy which would be voted on at a later date, July 11. The budget must be turned over to the county assessor by July 15 to be able to get it on the tax rolls for the coming year. Should it not make the deadline, the county schools would then be forced to eventually go on a warrant basis and the levy made up the following year, which would cost additional interest and, in effect, require nearly a double tax levy the following year.

In explaining to those present at the budget hearing, the board emphasized that it would take an affirmative vote for both the re-submitted budget and the \$24,950 special levy to put everything back as it was originally planned. It was felt that everyone present at the hearing understood the complications and the reasons for them, and nearly everyone present expressed their approval of the plan.

Several persons who spoke at the hearing Friday night said that the first budget was rejected largely because of objections to the teacher salary schedule, but when it was made plain by board members that the contracts had to be honored, or if they were recalled and renegotiated that the county would undoubtedly lose a sizeable number of teachers, most agreed that

it would be better to submit the special supplemental levy which, if approved, would retain the teacher pay scale and keep all grade schools operating as at the present.

A delegation from Irrigon Tuesday night asked that if other reductions were to be put back, the budget committee also consider putting money back in the budget for the Irrigon high school. The committee explained that the combination of the Irrigon high school with Boardman and the closing of the Lexington high school had been agreed upon long before the presentation of even the first budget and could hardly be considered at this late date.

A Summary of Events

As a result of the past week's action by the school board and budget committee as explained in detail above, here is a summary of what voters will be called upon to do in coming weeks.

Vote on Monday, June 29 on the revised school budget calling for general expenditures of \$773,693.

Vote on Saturday, July 11 on a special levy of \$24,950 to supplement the above budget.

If both are approved schools will operate as planned under the original budget which was defeated May 4.

Stream Flow Information Asked

A discussion of water needs and problems in the county was held during a meeting last week of the county water resources committee and efforts will be made to obtain more complete information on stream flow and other facts.

The group passed a resolution which asked for stream flow information and copies have been forwarded to appropriate agencies. The resolution asked:

Whereas, definite action has been taken in the consideration of a flood control and multiple use storage dam on Willow creek near Heppner, and,

Whereas, uses of this stream and others in Morrow county are important, including the irrigation of over 7,000 acres of land with water rights, and

Whereas, a determination of future water supplies and their conservation is difficult, if not impossible, without correlation of stream discharge, and

Whereas, only one gauging station is presently located on Willow creek, Morrow county, or its tributaries, and

Whereas, the Morrow county water resources committee meeting this 5th day of June, 1959 acknowledge this situation.

Be it resolved that a request be made asking for installation of stream gauging stations on upper Rhea and lower Willow creeks.

Missionaries Due At Assembly of God

Mr and Mrs Richard Mammersla, missionaries to Malaya in southern Asia, will speak at a special service Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Heppner Assembly of God Church. Mrs Mammersla is the former Dorothy Ellis of Heppner.

They will show films and speak on Asia and Korea.

WEATHER

	HI	Low
Thursday	69	48
Friday	81	50
Saturday	76	45
Sunday	72	50
Monday	70	39
Tuesday	71	43
Wednesday	70	43

Rainfall for the week, none; for June .77; for the year 7.39

A Centennial Year Historical Feature —



CORNERSTONE LAYING—A sizeable crowd gathered on a dreary, rainy day early in 1916 to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the new Heppner Masonic temple. This photograph was taken looking south and the camera was probably located on the roof of the building which now houses the Gazette-Times and the J J Nys law office. It is not known who the dignitaries are at the ceremony but it is obvious from the number of umbrellas that a good rain was coming down. This old photo is the property of Robert Lowe.