

Suits Filed To Halt Planned School Changes

Three Communities Ask That Classes be Retained as in Past

Three separate suits were filed just before noon today in the Morrow county circuit court which seek to prevent the Morrow county school board from making planned changes in the operation of three of the county's schools for the coming year.

Groups of residents of Boardman, Lexington and Hardman ask in their legal actions that (1) the school board be restrained from transferring students of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades at Lexington to Heppner, Ione or any other city for their education; (2) the board be restrained from sending the 7th and 8th grade students of Boardman to the Irrigon school; and, (3) the board be restrained from transferring the students of grades one through 8 at Hardman to the Heppner grade school.

The suits were filed for the three groups of plaintiffs by the law firm of Kilkenny and Fabre and John Kottkamp, Pendleton.

The suits, all of which are based on the same points of law, charge that on the formation of the Morrow county administrative school district, proper and lawful notices of hearing of said preliminary comprehensive reorganization plan were not given; that no election was ever held to determine whether the legal voters of the county desired the county to be formed into an administrative district; that no election was ever held to determine if voters of the county desired to discontinue the county unit school system; and that Oregon laws which provide for the formation of an administrative school district without a vote of the people are in violation of due process of law—therefore no valid legal administrative school district was ever formed.

The suits also claim that the Morrow county united school district has never been discontinued in compliance with the law, so remains in effect, and that the board therefore has no right nor authority to effect a transfer of elementary school classes.

The suits ask that the school board be prevented from making the planned changes in schools until the questions raised are decided in court.

Plaintiffs Named
Eight residents of Lexington, five of Boardman and six of Hardman are listed as the plaintiffs in the actions.

They are, at Lexington: Eileen Padberg, Homer Hughes, Gladys Van Winkle, June Davidson, Loraine Ledbetter, Bernard Doherty; William J Van Winkle, Annetta Klinger. The Boardman plaintiffs are Dewey West Jr, Gene E Taylor, Roy J Partlow, Ralph Skoubo, Earl McQuaw; and at Hardman, Cecil McDaniel, Darold Hams, John Graves, O H Leathers, J E Hams, H C Leslie.

Defendants in the cases are the members of the school board, Fredrick Martin, Henry Gantenbel, James Henderson, Delwin Nelson, Alvin Bunch, L E Dick, Jr, and Lowell Gribble.

What effect the suits will have on the operation of the county's schools at the start of classes early next month, if any, is not yet known. Attorney for the school board, Robert Abrams, was out of town Thursday and could not be reached for a statement.

Ione Sets Meeting To Name School Advisory Committee
A meeting has been called for Tuesday, August 25 at the Ione school cafeteria to elect an advisory committee for the Ione schools.

Three members of the 5-member committee will be named from the Ione area, and one each from Cecil and Lexington areas as students from both of those communities will be attending the Ione schools next year. Parents in all of these communities who will have students in the Ione schools are urged to attend the meeting.

EXAMINER COMING
A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, Aug 25 at the court house from 9:30 a m to 3:30 p m.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	77	46	—
Friday	85	50	—
Saturday	91	53	—
Sunday	90	52	—
Monday	89	53	—
Tuesday	88	51	—
Wednesday	82	50	.20

Rainfall for the week .02; for August .02; for the year 7.64 inches.

Jeep Accident Injures Claude Cox
Claude Cox, owner of the Morrow County Creamery, suffered a broken hip Monday afternoon when the Jeep in which he and Jeff Walker were riding overturned on a mountain road about four miles above Sreitsmeilers mill on upper Rhea creek.

The accident occurred about 3:30 Monday afternoon, but it was nearly 9:30 that evening before Mr Cox was admitted to the hospital for treatment. Walker, who suffered some slight injuries, got Cox out of the wrecked Jeep and covered him with a blanket then hiked about four miles to his camp to get his own Jeep and drive down Rhea creek to phone for help.

Physicians reported today that he was improving but that he would be confined to the hospital for several weeks.

Special Classes On Hunter's Safety Open to Youths
Heppner area youngsters who wish to join classes in hunter's safety may do so by contacting either Glen Ward or Carl McDaniel, Heppner. There is no charge for the classes and they will be held whenever convenient with the youngsters.

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Dress-Up Parade, Coronation Slated Saturday

Program Includes Dunk Tank, Other "Wet" Features

Saturday evening at 7:30 will mark the opening of a two-weeks period of Dress-Up activities in Heppner which will culminate with the annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, August 26 to 30.

The Saturday night Dress-Up parade and accompanying program is expected to be one of the best in some time, according to Rod Murray, chairman of the special chamber of commerce committee which will handle the coronation and program. The parade itself is under the sponsorship of the Wranglers.

The big event of the evening will be the coronation of Queen Sharon Cutsforth and the presentation of the members of her court, princesses Joan Moe, Rhea Creek; Janice Martin, Lena; Judy Cochell, Lexington; and Susan Partlow, Boardman. The festivities will be held immediately following the parade, in which the court will ride, on a platform in front of the Heppner Hotel.

Another interesting part of the program will be a tug of war, which might turn into a water fight, will be held on Main street by two teams of chamber members, and other heavy-weight recruits from the area. To keep the boys honest and to mark the center line of the rope battle, the fire department will provide a stream of water from a fire hose. There is a very good chance that the losers, and maybe even the winners, might get a little wet.

Water is expected to play another part in the evening's program as the chamber committee announced that a dunk tank will again be in operation that night, and for the remainder of the time before the fair and rodeo. Western attire, and particularly the special "Morrow County Fair and Rodeo" neckties, will be considered a vital part of all residents' wearing apparel starting Saturday, and the committee today served notice that to keep out of the dunk tank, residents better have on a tie. The ties, by the way are available at many local stores for just \$1.

The parade is to start promptly at 7:30 it was announced, and Wranglers officials asked that members who will ride in the parade gather at the north end of the Main street in ample time to get in line. At the conclusion of the parade, Queen Sharon and her court will be presented at the platform where she will be crowned by chamber president, Robert Abrams.

The concluding event of the evening will be the annual Queen's dance to be held at the fair pavilion starting at 10 o'clock where Queen Sharon and her court will again appear before the public.

Parade Prizes To Be Listed Next Week

The divisions for the grand rodeo parade on Saturday morning, August 29, will be similar to other years and a complete prize list will be published in next week's Gazette Times.

The theme of the parade is to be Centennial Days, in keeping with the theme of the fair and the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow chamber of commerce hopes this theme will be kept in mind when the floats are planned.

It is hoped that many organizations and individuals will enter in the parade and make this the best one ever.

Mr and Mrs Roy Ayers and family were picnicking at the Columbia River on Sunday.

Queen Sharon Due For Honors at Dance



QUEEN SHARON CUTSFORTH

Miss Sharon Cutsforth, Queen of the 1959 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be honored at her own Queen's dance Saturday night at the fair pavilion following her coronation during the Dress-Up parade in downtown Heppner earlier in the evening.

Little Change Due In 1960 Soil Plan

With the exception of a few changes the 1960 Conservation Reserve program will be similar to the 1959 program, whereby a farmer agrees to take part of all of his land out of production and seed it to permanent vegetative cover and in return receives cost-shares on the seed for the vegetative cover and an annual rental per acre for the contracted acres. It was announced this week by the local ASC office.

From August 24 to September 10, the office will accept requests for basic farm rates. Applications for contract will then be filed from September 14 through September 24.

To encourage bidding in 1960 only applications offering land at less than the basic farm rate will be eligible. Farms that have been idle the past two years are not eligible. Land that is cash rented may not be accepted at a rate in excess of the actual cash rent being paid.

Land that has changed ownership since December 31, 1956, will not be eligible to designate as Conservation Reserve, if 1960 is the first year of the contract unless the new ownership was acquired by will or succession as a result of the death of the previous owner.

Land that has been operated by a tenant in either 1958 or 1959 may only be placed under contract if a tenant is shown as sharing in the annual payment on the contract. Should a tenant leave and not be replaced after the contract is approved, the tenants share will not be paid to anyone.

Vegetative cover must be maintained for the entire contract period.

Complete information on individual farm contracts can be obtained at the ASC office in Heppner.

Schools to Open In County Sept 8; Teachers Hired

All Morrow county schools will open Tuesday, September 8, though pre-registration and teacher reporting is scheduled for several days earlier, it was decided Monday night at the regular meeting of the Morrow county school board.

A full day of classes is planned on the opening day, but pre-registration of students is set for Thursday morning, Sept 3, and teachers are to report on September 1. The year's schedule which was approved by the board, calls for 179 days of classes during the year with vacations scheduled on Nov 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving; Dec 23 to Jan 4 for Christmas and March 16 to 18 for spring vacation.

In other action the board established the policy that students attending all school activities away from school shall be transported in school buses rather than in private cars. This will include football and basketball games, music festivals and similar events.

The board again continued acceptance of the appraisal report on all property in the county due to several technical questions which remained unanswered.

The Heppner Civic League was granted use of the George house on the Heppner school grounds for use as a kindergarten classroom. The kindergarten class had been held in the high school, but all available rooms will be required for the coming year.

Suit Seen Possible
Robert Abrams, Heppner attorney and legal representative for the board, was authorized to serve as agent for the board and to accept service for any legal action which may be forthcoming in the near future. It is understood that several residents of Boardman, Lexington and Hardman have retained an attorney and plan to file suit to prevent announced changes in school operation in the three towns. The suit had not been filed at the time of the Monday meeting but Abrams told the board that he understood that it soon would be.

The group accepted bids for gasoline, service, tires, etc. for the county's school buses, but delayed in awarding any contracts until the bids could be studied.

A contract was approved for John Copeland to be English teacher at Heppner high school. He formerly taught in the Silverton schools and with his hiring, all teaching positions in the county are now filled.

Superintendent Robert Van Houte recently announced that there will be 21 new teachers in the county system this year. The new ones at Heppner high school include Clarence Johnson, librarian, formerly Heppner grade school principal; Lucille Weatherford, mathematics, formerly at Lexington; and Mr Copeland.

Five new teachers have been hired for the Heppner grade school. They are Shirley Mallon, 1st grade; Clifford Williams and his wife, Kellogg, Idaho, 7th grades; Frieda Slocum, formerly at the closed Hardman school, 7th grade; Hillard Brown, Seneca, new principal, and his wife Lucille will teach a 1st grade.

Lexington grade school, three new teachers: Fern Bennell, Seneca, principal and 1st grade; Roberta Davis, La Grande, 3rd grade; Donald Knighten, Moro, 2nd grade.

Ione grade school, four new: Donald Clark, Heppner, 5th grade; Jack Loyd, Heppner, 6th grade; James Monroe, Bruno, Idaho, 7th grade; Don Ollmscheld, Harshman of Boise.

Mr and Mrs Edward Rice and daughter of Seattle have been visiting the last two weeks at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs R B Rice.

Guests last week at the home of Mr and Mrs James Mallon were her mother, Mrs G H Van Horn of Vale, her sister, Mrs Bud Down of La Grande and her two nephews, Bob and Bill Harshman of Boise.

Relief Fund For Roseburg Residents Started by C of C

A special committee was named Monday by the chamber of commerce to accept donations for relief of blasted or burned out residents of Roseburg. Chairman of the committee is Frank Turner and he will be assisted by W C Collins.

Turner said today that donations will be accepted by either member of the committee or they can be made directly to the Red Cross and marked for a special Roseburg relief fund.

Shipping Slowdown Causing Grain Storage Pinch

A shortage of barges and freight cars was beginning to pinch storage facilities of the Morrow County Grain Growers this week, but Al Lamb, MCGG manager said Wednesday if one barge and a few more cars are forthcoming late this week, probably no wheat will have to go on the ground.

Harvest is slowing down in most of the county, though all stations of the MCGG except North Lexington are still receiving grain. The pinch is being felt worst at the Ruggs elevator which is now receiving the bulk of the harvest. Still about 50,000 bushels a day are being delivered to the co-op, Lamb said, and from all appearances it will receive a total of about 3,000,000 bushels of the county's 1959 crop. This will equal or better last year's record crop and Lamb said that this year's wheat will average 35 bushels to the acre and barley will go over a ton to the acre.

At the present time the Grain Growers is trucking from Ruggs to Heppner, and it is hoped that shipping will be able to keep ahead of harvesting. Lamb said that this area has had very little storage problem in comparison with Eastern Washington, where it is reported that already over 1,000,000 bushels are on the ground.

Contrast of Old And New to be Style Revue Theme

A comparison of centennial fashions and modern fashions will be the theme of the 4-H style revue to be held on the Thursday evening of the Morrow county fair to be held at Heppner, August 27-29, according to Miss Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

The style revue committee consisting of Mrs Andy Van Scholack and Mrs Merritt Gray, Heppner; and Mrs Loren Leathers, Ione; met at the home of Mrs Leathers last Friday to lay plans for the 4-H fashion show.

In keeping with the fair theme, "Centennial Days", the committee of 4-H leaders and Miss Esther Kirmis decided on the comparison of old and new fashions as a vehicle to present the 4-H clothing projects of the year.

Over 70 4-H girls enrolled in clothing are eligible to participate in this showing. Twenty-five 4-H members, enrolled in other 4-H home economics projects, have been asked to appear in centennial costume to contrast the styles.

A mountain and wheat field mural, sketched by Mrs Leathers, will provide the backdrop for the stage. A visit by the Jewish peddler to the pioneer woman outside her log cabin home will set the stage for the presentation of styles of yesteryear and today.

Musical numbers will be added to make the revue an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

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