



HEPPNER

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, August 20, 1959

GAZETTE-TIMES

Copies 10 Cents

76th Year, Number 24

Suits Question Constitutionality Of School Law

No new developments have been reported during the past week in the three suits filed by residents of Hardman, Lexington and Boardman against the Morrow county school board, superintendent Robert Van Houte and district attorney Robert Abrams state.

The suits were filed last Thursday questioning the constitutionality of parts of the state school reorganization law and seeking a restraining order to prevent planned changes in the operation of some of the county's schools.

Several legal documents in connection with the cases were thought to be forthcoming within the next few days, according to Abrams, who is attorney for the school board. Circuit judge William W Wells is presently on vacation and it is thought that some papers probably had to be signed by him before they could be served.

It is expected that a hearing date will be set soon after September 1 on the question of whether to allow the restraining order and the case scheduled for trial.

The legal actions asked that the school board be restrained from transferring students of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades at Lexington to Heppner, Ione or any other school; that it be restrained from sending students of the 7th and 8th grades at Boardman to the Irigoin grade school; and from sending the students of grades one through 8 at the Hardman school to the Heppner grade school.

The suits charge that Oregon laws which provide for the formation of an administrative school district without a vote of the people are in violation of the due process of law. Several other points of law are stressed in the suits, mainly in connection with the formation of the county administrative school district.

All three suits seek to force the school board to operate the schools, insofar as the classes are concerned, the same as they were during the 1958-59 school year.

The suits came about as a result of the defeat of the original school budget for the coming year which would have provided money for the operation of these schools. Following the budget defeat, the board submitted a reduced budget which called for the closure of the Hardman school and the transfer of some Boardman and Lexington classes to other schools; then because of protests, offered a supplemental budget to the voters which would have restored the original budget cuts. The second budget was approved, but the supplemental levy went down to defeat, which in effect, forced the board to continue with its revised school plan.

How the board might operate all the schools, if the restraining order is allowed by the court, is not known. Money was not budgeted for their operation as demanded in the suits, and the board cannot legally overspend a budget.

Cake Baking Contest Due Again at Fair

The popular Oregon Wheat Growers League cake baking contest will again be included in the events at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. The contest is open to all women who are married or over 21 years of age and the 1959 contest calls for a white butter type cake.

Contest rules and a score card appear in the fair premium list or may be obtained at the county extension office.

Premiums are \$5 for first place cake, \$3 for second and \$2 for third. All first place winners will be expected to enter the state bake-off which will be held in Pendleton Dec 3, 4 and 5 at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. The state bake-off winner will win \$100.

Cakes should be entered at the foods department by August 26 at 1 p m.

Phone Co. Making Service Improvements

Telephone employees in Heppner have been working to make better grades of service available to subscribers here, according to manager, D A Short.

Plant men are busy making arrangements in the company's central office and re-routing circuits outside in order to use the available equipment more efficiently. The adjustments will make it possible for more customers to have one or two party service.

Company employees are calling customers here to offer the better grades of service where facilities are now available, Short said.

The project to provide more effective use of telephone equipment is being conducted on a statewide basis.

Dam Survey Funds Win Approval of House and Senate

The \$18,400 which has been sought for planning work for the Willow creek flood control dam above Heppner appeared assured this week, as the federal public works appropriation bill finally passed both houses of Congress and is now in the hands of the president.

Congressman Al Ullman advised the Gazette-Times Monday that the measure had received final congressional approval.

The Willow creek dam money, which will be used by the Corps of Engineers for studying the feasibility and cost of the proposed dam, was one of only three new starts allowed for projects in Oregon.

There has been one wire service story out of Washington which stated that there was a good chance that President Eisenhower might veto the measure, because he objected to portions of the bill which called for larger expenditures than asked for by the administration. However, no veto had been announced by Wednesday night.

FARM BUREAU STAND ON WOOL VOTE HIT BY SHEEPMEN'S ORGANIZATION

"The American Farm Bureau Federation and its local affiliates are alone among all organizations, wool and sheepmen's associations in opposing section 708 in the coming referendum in September," said R A Ward, a director of American Sheep Producers Council and general manager of Pacific Wool Growers.

Section 708 of the national wool act provides a self-help program to promote wool and lamb, financing it through deductions of a cent a pound on wool incentive payments and five cents per cut on lamb. The program was voted in by 72 percent of the wool growers in the U S during the last referendum.

"A recent release from the Farm Bureau spoke of a lack of representation or democratic control of the organization which handles the promotional work under a contract with the secretary of agriculture," said Mr Ward.

All growers have, at all times, had opportunity, not only to vote for the referendum, but also to vote for the election of delegates to the various state wool councils, which in turn, vote on the directors of the American

County-Wide Picnic On Saturday Slate

Plans are being made this week to handle even larger crowds at the annual county-wide picnic to be held Saturday noon, Aug 29 on the court house grounds, it was announced by county judge Oscar Peterson, chairman of the special chamber of commerce committee.

The picnic is open to the general public and is sponsored jointly by the chamber and the county court.

All visiting royal courts and band members are always guests at the picnic and the general public is invited. Meat and coffee will be provided all comers.



ALL-STAR—Dick Ruhl, Heppner fullback, who is expected to be one of the starters on the East team in Saturday's Shrine All-Star game at Pendleton. Laddie Henderson, Lexington, is also on the East squad.

Local Gridders On Shrine Team

Hundreds of Morrow county residents are expected to join the crowds in Pendleton next Saturday to watch the annual East-West Shrine All-Star football game, especially to see Dick Ruhl of Heppner and Laddie Henderson, Lexington.

Both Morrow gridders are expected to see plenty of action in the benefit game which always draws one of the largest crowds of the year to the Round-Up field. Henderson will probably play in his usual tackle spot, and from advance information Ruhl may be seen in one of three positions, fullback, halfback or end.

The east squad has been practicing for nearly two weeks at La Grande.

Pre-game ceremonies are scheduled to start at 7:15 with game time set for 8 o'clock.

Fair Grounds Are Set for Opening

Work is going ahead rapidly this week in preparation for the opening of the 1959 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, August 26 through 30, according to members of the fair and rodeo committees.

For the fair part of the show, which will open on Wednesday, much cleaning and construction work is now underway in the display pavilion and barns in preparation for a big influx of entries which are expected to crowd all available space. Early reservations have already taken up practically all commercial booth space and plans are being made to handle a heavy increase in open class livestock entries.

Some 4-H judging contests will be held on Wednesday and the new 4-H saddle horse show will be a night feature under the lights Wednesday night.

All open class entries will close at 9 a m Thursday, Aug 27, and in a change from previous year's schedule, the open class livestock judging will be held Thursday night under newly installed lights in that section of the fair grounds. Also at 8 p m Thursday the popular 4-H style revue will be held in the pavilion.

One of the most popular events of the entire fair, the 4-H pig

Many Entries Due For Horse Show

Fred Mankin, superintendent of the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo horse show states that members of the Wranglers riding club who sponsored the show are busy on details of the horse show.

Last year more than 220 entries were made in the show. Mankin states that interest this year indicates as large a show. The show starts at 9:00 A M Friday, August 28 with halter classes in the morning. The afternoon show with performance classes starts at 1:15 P M. Both juniors and adults are reminded to check the premium book before they make their entries.

Some changes were made this year on various classes. Premium books and copies of the refining contest are available in the county agent's office.

All entries close for the horse show Wednesday evening, August 26 at 8:00 P M. Mankin will be at the fair and rodeo barns all day Wednesday to take entries.

Members of the Wranglers who are assisting with the show who were not previously mentioned are Gene Pierce as announcer, Mrs Alta Kirk and Mrs Archie Munkers in charge of photography. Archie Munkers assisting with cow cutting contest.

Ron Davis, a Gilliam county rancher, of Olex has accepted the offer to judge the horse show.

Charlie Daly, president of the Wranglers club states that Mrs Lowell Gribble is in charge of the annual cowboy breakfast served Sunday morning at the fair and rodeo grounds.

Two From Here Get Degrees at EOC

Two Heppner residents were among 65 graduates who received degrees at summer session commencement exercises at Eastern Oregon College at La Grande August 14. Both received bachelor of science degrees.

They are Al L Parent and Mrs Arolene A Laird.

MOTORCYCLE FLIPS

Mike Gray, son of Mr and Mrs Merritt Gray of Heppner suffered painful but not serious injuries Friday when the motorcycle he was riding struck a curb on south Court street and threw him against a concrete wall. He suffered a concussion and head, shoulder and arm lacerations and bruises.

Mr and Mrs Paul Webb were in Pendleton Saturday to attend the Ram Sale.



QUEEN SHARON receives her official white Stetson "crown" from Heppner's mayor W C Collins at coronation ceremonies held Saturday night following the Dress-Up parade. Other members of the 1959 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo royal court had already received their official corsages of office. The coronation kicked off the final two weeks of fair and rodeo activities. (GT Photo)



O-O-O-O-O-H, IT'S COLD! This lad was one of at least a couple of dozen Heppner youngsters who wound up in the dunk tank Saturday night at the hands of their friends. The other boy, on the left, already immune to the cold, is enjoying the other's discomfort. The tank was set up by the chamber of commerce to enforce its "Wear a Fair and Rodeo Tie" edict. (GT Photo)

Final Rites Held Here Monday For Mrs George Howell

Gertrude Anna Howell, 41, passed away August 14 at her home in Heppner following an illness of several months.

Mrs Howell was born May 26, 1918 in Gearing, Nebraska and she had lived in Heppner for about two years.

Services were held Monday at 1:30 p m at the Creswick Mortuary chapel with Elder Ira Myers of the Latter-Day Saints church in Richland, Wash officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, George; children Floyd of Caldwell, Idaho; Lovel Ransom, Pendleton; Norman, Gary, Yvonne, Uray, Ricky and Keith of Heppner. She also leaves five grandchildren; her parents, Mr and Mrs Clinton O Parks, Boise, Idaho; brothers and sisters, Catherine Jackson, Heppner; Betty Guthrie, Livermore, Calif; Letha Booth, Las Vegas, Nev; and Glen Parks, Oakland, Calif. One son, Richard preceeded her in death.

Civic League Sets Cleanup Meeting

The Heppner Civic League this week called a cleanup meeting to be held at 8 p m August 31 at the former Elaine George home, where the kindergarten will be held this coming school year.

All members and kindergarten mothers are urged to attend and help prepare the house for classes.

Mr and Mrs Herman Ziegler and sons Billy and Tommy of The Dalles were dinner guests at the home of Dr and Mrs James Norene on Sunday.

WEATHER

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	76	44	—
Friday	77	47	—
Saturday	85	55	—
Sunday	86	54	—
Monday	84	53	—
Tuesday	72	42	—
Wednesday	73	48	.09

Rainfall for the week, .09; for August, .11; for the year, 7.73 inches.



AT YOUTH RANGE CAMP—Representing Morrow county at the youth range camp held recently at Logan Valley, Grant county, were Joel Yackley and Ladd Dick, both of Heppner. A total of 56 boys from 16 eastern and southern Oregon counties attended the camp to learn plant identification, range judging, conservation and wildlife management, and receive other outdoor instruction.

Big Prize Money Awaits Winners Of Parade Divisions

The merchants committee of the chamber of commerce today announced the prize list for the fair and rodeo parade on Saturday, August 29 and urged all interested groups, businesses and individuals to make plans for floats and other entries. The Centennial theme will prevail.

Well over \$400 in prize money has been provided by the committee, Rod Murray, chairman stated. The prize money is put up by merchants and individuals in this area.

Topping the list is the \$50 award for the grand sweepstakes float winner which will be taken from the first place winners in the three in-county float divisions: adult organization, juvenile organization and business.

As has been the custom for many years, each grade school child who takes part in the parade will receive a silver dollar.

The various divisions and the prizes are listed below with the various amounts for first, second and third places listed in that order.

Floats—juvenile organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; adult organization, \$25, \$15, \$5; business \$25, \$15, \$5. Sweepstakes \$50.

Best riding club \$50, \$25; best family group \$7.50; best mounted cowboy and cowgirl, \$7.50 each; oldest cowboy and cowgirl, \$5 each; youngest cowboy and cowgirl, \$3.50 each.

Best Comic, \$10. In the juvenile division—child's float, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best pet, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50; best juvenile cowboy and cowgirl each, \$7.50, \$5, \$3.50.

The best bands entered in the parade will receive \$15 first place and \$10 second place.

Direct Broadcasts Slated From Fair

Radio station KOHU, Hermiston this week joined in promoting and advertising the coming Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

Through the combined efforts of the chamber of commerce and numerous local businesses, the station is plugging the fair and rodeo regularly and plans to make two direct broadcasts next Wednesday and Thursday from the fair pavilion and grounds.

Interested persons are invited to watch the broadcasts from the station's booth in the pavilion.

SAFE AT YELLOWSTONE PARK

Mr and Mrs Ben Anderson and Mr and Mrs Frank E Parker, who have been vacationing at Yellowstone National Park and were there at the time of the earthquake, are reported safe and on their way back home to Oregon.