

# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## County School Building Program Is Recommended

A recommendation that a four-year building program be adopted for the county's schools, was presented last Thursday night at a meeting of the county school building advisory committee.

The proposal received fairly general approval of the 40 or more persons present, but a motion to adopt it was rejected until local committees had an opportunity to give it further study. It will be considered at another meeting of the combined committees February 2 at Ione.

It was explained by Fredrick Martin, chairman of the county school board, that because of the appeal filed last week in the suits contesting the constitutionality of the state school reorganization law and the legality of the Morrow county school board actions under that law, it would be impossible to bond the district for any building as long as the appeal was pending. As a result, any building would have to be done by means of a serial levy which would be included in each year's school budget.

## March of Dimes Mother's March Set January 28

The New Mother's March against crippling birth defects, arthritis and polio will be headed in Heppner by Mrs. Elmer Schmidt and Mrs. Nels Anderson, it was announced today by Gene Pierce, county director for the New March of Dimes campaign.

The house-to-house visitation, which traditionally has climaxed the January March of Dimes appeal, will be held Thursday, January 28 starting at 7 p. m.

This year's efforts are dedicated to the National Foundation's patient aid program which is being expanded to include financial aid to patients through 18 years of age suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and three types of birth defects. Aid will also be offered to paralytic polio patients of all ages.

The March of Dimes drive in Morrow county opened the first of January and is being carried on by a volunteer organization and through school organizations.

## Heppner Girl OSC "Little Colonel"

Miss Janice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin of Heppner, a freshman at Oregon State College, was crowned Little Colonel Saturday night at the 1960 annual Military Ball, sponsored by Scabbard and Blade, ROTC honorary at Oregon State. She was crowned by Sonja Lea, 1959 Little Colonel.

Janice was chosen from a group of five girls, the other four making up her court and escorted by Gary Lozier, Cadet Colonel of Army ROTC, she started the traditional Little Colonel dance.

At Oregon State Janice is active in Madrigals, women's singing group; a church choir and in work on the campus paper, The Barometer.

### WEATHER

	H1	Low	Snow	Prec.
Thurs	21	5	1	.07
Fri	29	11	—	—
Sat	34	24	3	.16
Sun	27	21	1.3	.09
Mon	26	9	—	—
Tues	17	9	1.3	.10
Wed	20	4	9	.07

Precipitation for the week 49; 7.5 inches of snow; total moisture for January 1.32 inches.

The long range, as well as immediate needs, of the schools in the county were discussed at some length, and it was pointed out that the most pressing need is for an additional four classrooms in Heppner by the next school year.

The motion for the recommended program was made by Orville Cutsforth of Lexington and it provided for:

That a serial levy be adopted to adequately finance the following:

First Year—Four rooms at Heppner on a new high school site.

Second Year—4 rooms at Ione, two additional rooms on the new site at Heppner, and two rooms at Irrigon.

Third Year—Completion of the high school at Heppner, two additional rooms at Ione, a multipurpose room and cafeteria at Irrigon.

Fourth Year—(or when necessary) replacement of the facilities at Boardman, provide minor modifications of the old school buildings at Heppner to adapt them into an elementary facility.

The motion to immediately adopt the recommendations was defeated by a tie vote, but it was explained by several present that they were not necessarily against the motion, but merely wanted time to refer it to local committees for study.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that the appeal would probably be decided in about two years, making it possible then to issue bonds, and the money from the serial levy could be used to retire the bonds.

It was also explained that the classrooms proposed for Heppner, on the site of a new high school, would be used for the first couple of years for elementary classes, but would be built to ultimately serve for the eventually completed high school.

No definite amount for a serial levy was established but figures of 7 and 10 mills were discussed during the evening.

The pressing need for additional rooms at Heppner was stressed by board members and school officials who explained that at the start of next school year, two additional classrooms at the Lexington school will be put into use and an additional four rooms will be needed. These four extra rooms are not available unless they are constructed.

Representatives from all county areas attended the meeting.

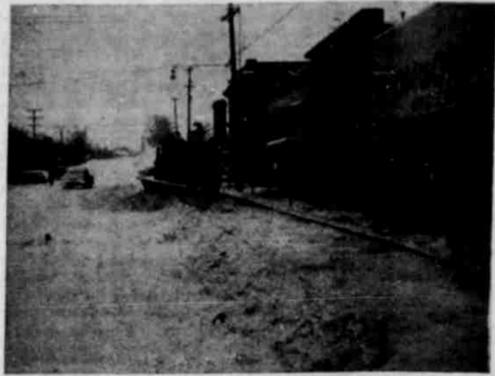
## Conservationist Takes Part in Snow Survey Conference

Ralph Richards, Heppner Soil Conservationist, spent the early part of this week at Mt Hood taking part in a snow survey training conference held on the mountain. The purpose of the conference is to train about 60 employees of the Soil Conservation Service and cooperating agencies in making the most efficient snow surveys with the utmost safety.

During the conference trainees will be instructed in theory and practice of snow surveying, travel equipment, preparation for winter trips, snow survey note keeping, first aid, survival in snow, rescue, short-wave radio operation, and many other phases of the work.

The Heppner Soil Conservation office is one of the stations that each month during the winter take snow and water surveys in the mountains to determine what the snow pack and moisture content is, and to aid farmers in anticipating what their water supply possibilities will be during the spring and summer season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Hermiston were here for the weekend to attend the Cattlemen's Banquet.



**MAIN STREET DIGS OUT**—Last Saturday after snow had gotten piled two and three feet deep along the curbs of Main street, parking was prohibited for a short time and a state highway snow plow operated by Ed Wilson was secured to plow the drifts to the center of the street. During the day, city crews (who were personally aided by the mayor, a councilman and the chief of police) had shoveled all piles from sidewalks into the street so as much as possible could be removed. If gutters are allowed to fill and freeze, a serious water problem arises when a thaw comes. (GT Photo)

## Mary Jo Stewart To Represent U of O On Magazine Board

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mary Jo Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N Stewart, Heppner was notified last Friday of her selection as a member of Mademoiselle's National College Board, representing the University of Oregon.

Selections for the board were made on the basis of work submitted in the field of writing, art, and promotions. Miss Stewart, who was chosen for her magazine article, "Democracy on the UO campus", used material gathered by a sociology major and former student at the University that dealt with the criteria with which students judge each other. As a member of the board, Miss Stewart will report on fashion trends, personalities, and other topics of interest to a national magazine.

All College Board members are eligible for selection as one of 20 guest editors, who are chosen in March to edit the August edition of the magazine. The magazine will pay traveling and living expenses in New York for the month of July for those selected.

Miss Stewart, who is affiliated with Sigma Kappa, social fraternity, is also a member of Theta Sigma Phi, Phi Theta Upsilon, and Panhellenic Council.

## County Office Filings Start

One candidate for county office has already filed her petition for the primary election, and one other has indicated that he will again seek office.

The first to file was Mrs. Sadie Parrish, present county clerk, who has filed on the Democratic ballot. She was appointed early last year to fill the position upon the resignation of former clerk Bruce Lindsay.

Incumbent sheriff C J D Bauman has already announced his candidacy for renomination as a Republican and said Wednesday that he will file within a few days.

Only two other county offices will be subject to election this year. They are the county treasurer and one county commissioner post now held by Russell Miller of Boardman.

## Former Ione Girl WAC of the Month

FORT EUSTIS, VA. (AHTNC)—Pfc Billie J Seehafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W G Seehafer, Boardman, recently was named WAC of the Month for the U S Army dental detachment at Fort Eustis, Va.

A dental technician in the detachment, Pfc Seehafer was selected for her soldierly appearance, knowledge and performance of duties and military courtesy.

She entered the Women's Army Corps in October 1958 and completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

She is a 1958 graduate of Ione high school.

Bill Barratt flew to Spokane the first of the week for a business meeting.

## C of C Planning Strong Drive For New Membership

The Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce announced plans Monday to start a concerted drive to obtain new members in the organization. James J Farley is the new membership committee chairman.

The group is seeking both active and associate memberships, the latter being a new category just recently approved by the board. A full active membership fee is \$60 a year which includes the cost of the weekly luncheon. An associate membership fee of \$25 has been established in an effort to attract more members to the organization.

It was pointed out that the chamber during a normal year makes several solicitations of business houses to raise funds for its various projects such as Christmas decorations of the town, rodeo parade prize money, retirement of field lighting bonds, etc; and under the new associate membership plan, a person or business who joins under this plan would not be solicited for additional money. The \$25 annual associate membership is scheduled to include an average amount donated for these various functions.

It was pointed out at the Monday meeting that the chamber of commerce, if it is to be fully successful, must have widespread support of all local business houses and professional people. At the present time the organization has a total membership of just over 40, which actually represents less than 50 percent of the potential membership. It was also emphasized that the chamber works for the best interests and promotion of the entire county, not just its membership.

The membership drive will get under way within a short time, and it is hoped that it is successful in obtaining nearly 100 percent of the potential.

## New Style License Plates Due Slowly

It will be at least 3 or 4 years before all Oregon vehicles display license plates with the new "Pacific Wonderland" slogan.

Vern L Hill, director of the department of motor vehicles, said his office can not issue the new plates for vehicles with licenses expiring because money was not budgeted for purchasing plates with slogans for all 873,000 vehicles in the state.

Hill said some new-type plates are being sold for vehicles being licensed for the first time in Oregon. About 90,000 passenger car plates with the slogan have been acquired by the department.

He emphasized that not all new plates sold this year will carry the slogan because the department must also exhaust the supply of old-style plates.

Merle and Albert Burkenbine of Alpena, Michigan and Reese Burkenbine of Medical Lake, Washington are in Heppner due to the illness of their mother, Mrs. Marion Hayden.

# Up To Foot Of Snow Falls During Week

A continuing series of storms dumped from 7 1/2 to 14 inches of snow on Morrow county during the past seven days, nearly doubling the ground measurement from the previous week.

By Wednesday snow shovellers were complaining of aching backs; cattlemen was casting apprehensive glances at dwindling hay supplies; wheat growers were going around with ear-to-ear grins; fuel oil dealers were happy as tanks went down remarkably fast; motorists were either cussing the icy roads or going on foot; and kids were spending every spare minute sledding on every hillside. In other words, the weather was the main, and in fact about the only topic of conversation for the past week.

But whatever inconvenience the snow brought, it was more than offset by the value to the county of the 1.29 inches of moisture it held. .49 inch came during the past week, and .80 the week before.

The heaviest snow fell in Heppner last Friday and Saturday when 3 inches stacked up. Another 1.3 inches was measured on both Sunday and Tuesday and the Wednesday morning measurement recorded almost another inch. While a total of about 14 inches has fallen here, the average depth Wednesday in Heppner was about 9 to 10 inches. There has been practically no thawing or melting during the past week as the mercury rose above freezing on only one day, Saturday, and then to only 34 degrees for a short time. Wednesday morning the thermometer dropped to 4 above zero for the second coldest day of the winter. On November 16 it dipped to 2 degrees.

**Roads Dangerous**  
During much of the past week, roads and highways have been extremely hazardous though state highway and county road crews have been making every effort to keep them clear and passable. They were aided by the fact that there has been very little wind to cause drifting except in the Hardman area and on upper Rhea Creek. Late Tuesday some drifting was reported in the North Lexington area, but most roads remained passable. Road crews expressed the hope that the snow would have time to pack before any strong winds might start, for if a blow should

## BPA Seeks Funds for Local Substation Work in Budget

The Bonneville Power Administration announced this week that appropriations totaling \$31,195,000 were requested for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960 in the President's budget message.

Included in the many projects for which funds have been requested, is \$125,000 for improvements in Lexington area service. While the news release did not specifically state what the money was to be used for, it is thought that transformers in the BPA substation near Jordan will be replaced with larger units. The present transformers are operating near the peak of their capacity.

## County Bond Sales Slip During 1959

According to word received today by Savings Bonds committee chairman Jack Bedford, sales of series E and H Savings Bonds were \$19,774 in the county in December. The same month a year ago these sales totaled \$19,928. Sales in Oregon for last month were \$2,854,329 compared with \$3,042,395 a year earlier.

"Although our monthly sales in Oregon have not yet quite caught up with those of a year ago, the new 3 3/4 percent interest rate of E and H bonds when held to maturity, have seemingly improved sales substantially," said Bedford. Oregon sales in December were nearly one-half million higher than in November.

For the Year Morrow county residents purchased \$139,116 in bonds compared with \$191,738 during 1958.

Mrs. Leroy Grant, of Arlington, former Heppner resident is in The Dalles hospital where she underwent major surgery the end of last week.

come, it was feared that practically all roads would be drifted full within hours.

There have been three or four minor accidents in recent days which were the result of icy roads, but none caused injury or major damage.

School buses ran late on several occasions and Ione schools were closed early Monday to allow buses to complete runs before dark. Heppner schools have not been effected.

The Portland area bore the brunt of the early-week storm with nearly all schools there closed for two or more days. Tuesday and Wednesday Highway 30 through the Columbia Gorge was reported as practically impassable as a strong east wind of up to 40 miles an hour was whipping about two feet of snow into 8 and 10 foot drifts.

During the past two weeks the snow pack in the Blue Mountains has risen from nothing to as much as three feet in places

and all of it lies on unfrozen ground which indicates that most of the needed moisture will soak into the ground. Kinzua Corporation logging trucks have continued to haul logs to the Heppner mill except for one day when conditions got too rough even for them. The loads look more like overgrown icicles than logs after the haul from the mountains.

What kind of weather is in store for the next few days? This paper always hesitates to even try to say, but a check with the Portland office of Associated Press late Wednesday came up with a weather forecast of possible freezing rain in the Portland area late Wednesday or Thursday. Cold east winds up to 50 miles an hour down the Columbia Gorge were keeping temperatures low and the highway nearly impassable.

What that might mean to Morrow county by Thursday is anybody's guess.



**WINTER BEAUTY**—North Court street presented a beautiful winter sight last Sunday after nearly two days of constant snow fall loaded all trees and homes with a mantle of white. Piles of snow three and four feet high are in front of many homes. (GT Photo)



**WINTER PATTERN**—Six to eight inches of snow on a cold deck of logs at the Heppner Kinzua Corporation mill made a pretty pattern for a winter photograph. An industrious photographer would have little trouble during the past week finding hundreds of interesting and unusual winter scenes to shoot. (GT Photo)

## CUTSFORTH PARK SKI AREA REPORTS PLENTY OF SNOW, AND SKIERS

The past two weeks of nearly constant snow has provided ski enthusiasts with plenty of opportunity to try out their equipment, and O W Cutsforth reported early this week that the ski run at Cutsforth Park on Herren creek is in excellent shape and the ski tow working.

Well over two feet of snow was measured at the run last Sunday and since that time close to another foot has fallen in the area giving plenty of the white stuff for all comers. A rope ski tow about 600 feet long was installed during the past year and was in operation Sunday. It is rigged so that it can be started at any time there is sufficient use for it.

Cutsforth stated that while the ski area is on his own land, everyone is welcome to use it, at their own risk however, as he will accept no liability for banged up elbows or broken bones.

Cutsforth also stated that Dr Robert W Pfeiffer, an accomplished skier, has offered to give skiing instructions during weekends to those who might be interested.

The road to the ski area was opened early this week through the courtesy of Kinzua Corporation and it will be kept open during the winter season.

## Kinzua Wins Forest Service Timber Bid

The Kinzua Corporation, Kinzua, was the successful bidder on 1,139,000 board feet of national forest timber on the Bull Prairie sale, forest supervisor C M Rector announced recently. The sale area is located 41 miles south of Heppner. Stumpage prices were \$22.75 for ponderosa pine, \$8.90 for Douglas fir, \$8.15 for western larch, \$11.15 for Engelmann spruce and \$5.30 for white fir. There were two bidders present.

## CARD PARTY CANCELLED

The public card party scheduled by the Rhea Creek grange for Saturday evening, January 23 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date if the weather permits.

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