

Bomb Range Released

Huge Development Seen In North End Of County

Governor Mark Hatfield revealed this week in a speech at Hood River that the state of Oregon has received the green light from all government agencies concerned, to negotiate with private industry for the use of the Boardman Bombing Range in northern Morrow county. The information was carried late Tuesday by Associated Press.

that it can now dicker with industry with the assurance that they can get the land. Attempts have been made for some time by the Morrow county court, the Morrow port commission and other groups, to get the 96,000 acres of the bombing range released by the government so that it could be turned back into private hands or made available for private industrial use. Recently the governor and the state de-

partment of planning and development began negotiations with the federal government seeking the same ultimate results as the county court had been attempting to obtain. The Governor's statement apparently means that the area is now available for private use. Governor Hatfield also stated in his Hood River speech that the state is currently negotiating with a nationally known electronics firm, whom he refused to identify, that is a big prime contractor in the guided missile field, that is interested in a site in the area. He said that negotiations are now being carried on by the state department of planning and development and that these talks were first opened in the San Francisco bay area.

County Is Sharply Divided on School Building Program

The county school building committee Tuesday night approved by a vote of 24 to 11 a motion to build a new high school at Ione but refused to approve any plan which would provide new high school facilities for Heppner.

The meeting was the second in recent weeks called to aid the county school board in developing a long-range school building program for the entire county.

The motion also called for the construction of four additional rooms to the present Heppner grade school and additions at Irrigon.

The school board, who conducted the meeting, said that it would have to give the recommendations considerable study and probably call additional building committee meetings. Members stated unofficially that they doubted that they could accept the proposal because it failed to solve any of the most pressing problems in the Heppner schools.

The amended resolution called for: "A serial levy of \$95,000 per year for four years be adopted to adequately finance the following:

First year—Four rooms at Heppner as an addition to the elementary building. Second year—Five classrooms and library at Ione; obtain option on new elementary school site at Heppner and a site in the north end of the county.

Third year—Multipurpose room and cafeteria and additional classrooms in Irrigon; purchase Heppner site. Fourth year—Replacement of Boardman facilities when necessary due to construction of John Day Dam."

is built, the present high school could serve as a very adequate grade and junior high building and pointed out that while the building was built for 150 students, it now houses over 175 high school students on just the top floor, all the rest of the building being used for grade school classes. It was also pointed out that it was very doubtful if the state would allow construction of four additional rooms on the present grade school due to lack of adequate space.

An Ione speaker told the group that "we don't want to be boxed in" and find ourselves in the position of having to send our high school students to Heppner. "If it is tried, the Ione group will fight."

Boardman representatives also questioned the need of any major building plan for Heppner, intimating that if any growth is to occur, it will be in the north end of the county at the expense of the south.

At the previous meeting of the committee, the school board stated that the most urgent need was for classrooms in Heppner—that next year four rooms must be built here and two classes will have to be held in now-unused rooms at the Lexington school. High school registration in Heppner next year will be about 200.

Because of the law suit pending against the school district, no bonds can be issued until it is settled, which can be about two years. In the meantime the only method of raising money for any building program is through a serial levy which must be included in the budget for the coming year. The election on that budget will be held in March.

Mother's March Contributions Up

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Next Wednesday night's Heppner P-TA program will feature a program on the future needs of the local school system. It will be put on by school officials headed by Joe Stewart, Heppner superintendent. Following the program will be a question and answer period and a movie.

The meeting will be held at the multipurpose room of the grade school starting at 8 o'clock.

Other Democratic candidates for county and state offices are expected to attend.

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New Lighting Plan Due For Heppner

Regional Meeting On Wheat Problem Set Tuesday by FB

One of a series of four regional meetings by the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation will be held Tuesday, Feb 9 at 8 p m at the Vert Memorial Little Theater in Pendleton. The purpose of the meetings is to explain the new Farm Bureau approach to the wheat program on the national level. Speaker will be Dr Warren Collins, assistant commodity director of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Lutheran Pastors From Four States Coming for Meet

Fifty Lutheran pastors will gather in Heppner for a conference on February 9 and 10. The pastors serve churches in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Two Delegations Seek Return of Classes to Schools

Delegations from Hardman made requests that the money be included in the 1960-61 school budget for the reinstatement of classes in those communities which were eliminated this year due to failure of the budget to win voter approval. The requests were made of the budget committee at a meeting at the court house.

Mercury Vapor Lights Slated For Downtown Area

Heppner will soon join the ranks of Oregon's best-lighted cities as a result of action taken by the city council Monday evening.

Soil District Meeting Slated

Range management and its application to Morrow county will be the feature of the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District to be held at the Lexington Grange hall on Thursday evening, February 11.

Mountain Snow Cover Gains; Still Below Average

January storms deposited considerable snow in the Blue Mountains which considerably brighten water prospects for this year, but the snow and water is still below the seven year average, it was reported this week by Ralph Richards, Heppner soil conservationist.

Air Force Pilot To Tell of Sonic Booms at Ione P-TA

An Air Force pilot will be the guest speaker at the Ione P-TA meeting Wednesday, Feb 10 and will explain why Air Force jet planes are flying at supersonic speeds and why sonic booms, such as are heard daily in this area, are necessary.

Virgil E Gillette, 72, Taken by Death, Services Saturday

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p m at the Heppner Christian church for Virgil Earl Gillette, 72, who died February 3 at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Annual Meeting Set By Lexington Co-op

The annual meeting of the Lexington Oil Co-op will be held Tuesday, February 9 starting at 10 a m and all members are urged to attend the meeting.

Lexington Registrar Named by Clerk

County clerk, Mrs Sadie Parish this week announced the appointment of Mrs Emma Breathers as registrar for the Lexington precinct. She replaces Don Hatfield who moved away from Lexington several months ago.

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School Law Repeal Sought By SOS Group

By MARY LEE MARLOW Boardman—Citizens from eleven towns in five counties heard recommendations on securing repeal of the 1957 school reorganization law from officers of Serve Our State, Inc., here Tuesday night of last week.

Proposals for legislation, use of the initiative petition and referendum were made, and the audience was encouraged to form a local and county chapter for financial and political support of the state and national office in Portland.

Ken Landgraver, executive secretary, told those present that very few people had investigated the disadvantages of the law. He said copies of the law had not been distributed for general reading and study.

The statement that minimum standards would be maintained meant to him "nothing more than minimum standards are assured."