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# Bomb Range Released HEPPNER Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, February 4, 1960

# **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.

The Governor stated that the state has received word

## **County Is Sharply Divided on School Building Program**

The county school building committee Tuesday night ap- could serve as a very ade- Morrow county area, including be Dr Warren Collins, assistant proved by a vote of 24 to 11 a quate grade and junior high the bombing range, offered some commodity director of the Amermotion to build a new high building and pointed out of the best industrial sites in ican Farm Bureau Federation. school at Ione but refused to that while the building was built the northwest and has worked approve any plan which would for 150 students, it now houses to get the range released so that provide new high school facil- over 175 high school students the land could be made availities for Heppner.

in recent weeks called to aid for grade school classes. It was amount of river frontage in the county.

The motion also called for the school due to lack of adequate statement bears out the truth construction of four additional space. rooms to the present Heppner

Irrigon The school board, who con- position of having to send our department of planning and de-

it would have to give the rec. "If it is tried, the ione group in the next few days. ommendations considerable will fight." and probably call addit-| Boardman representatives also ment of the economy of the study ional building committee meet questioned the need of any ma- county would be tremendous. Members stated unoffic- jor building plan for Heppner, ings.

ially that they doubted that they intimating that if any growth Air Force Pilot could accept the proposal be is to occur, it will be in the To Tell of Sonic cause it failed to solve any of north end of the county at the the most pressing problems in expense of the south. the Heppner schools.

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-

ernment 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 negotia-

partment of planning and

development began negot-

electronics firm, whom he re- On Wheat Problem fused to identify, that is a big prime contractor in the guided Set Tuesday by FB missile field, that is interested in a site in the area. He said that negotiations are now being Farm Bureau Federation will be carried on by the state depart- held Tuesday, Feb 9 at 8 p m ment of planning and develop- at the Vert Memorial Little ment and that these talks were Theater in Pendleton. The purfirst opened in the San Francisco pose of the meetings is to exbay area.

built, the present high school long contended that the North the national level. Speaker will on just the top floor, all the able. With the completion of the The meeting was the second rest of the building being used John Day dam, a considerable

the county school board in de-veloping a long-range school doubtful if the state would al-water port facilities, equal to building program for the entire low construction of four addit- any along the entire length of ional rooms on the present grade the Columbia. The Governor's

of local beliefs. An Ione speaker told the group Further meetings of the county grade school and additions at that "we don't want to be boxed court and the Morrow county in," and find ourselves in the port commission with the state

ducted the meeting, said that high school students to Heppner, velopment are scheduled with

The effect of such a develop-

The amended resolution called or: "A serial levy of \$95,000 per ear for four years be adopted that next years be adopted that next years be adopted that next years for four years for four years be adopted that next years for four years for fo for: year for four years be adopted that next year four rooms must will explain why Air Force jet the evening. to adequately finance the fol- be built here and two classes planes are flying at supersonic will have to be held in now-speeds and why sonic booms, lowing:

lations with the federal gov-10 Cents

# **New Lighting Plan Due For Heppner**

GAZETTE-TIMES

# ting with a nationally known Regional Meeting

One of a series of four regional meetings by the Oregon

plain the new Farm Bureau ap-The Morrow county court has proach to the wheat program on tana.

### Soil District Meeting Slated

ence.

Range management and its application to Morrow county will be the feature of the annual meeting of the Heppner Soll Con-servation District to be held at the Lexington Grange hall on Thursday evening, February 11. Main speaker, Bill Anderson, range conservationist with the Soll Conservation Service at Valby. Soil Conservation Service, will communion service at Valby.

Donna Peterson.

**Two Delegations** Lutheran Pastors Seek Return of **Classes to Schools** From Four States Delegations from Hardman Coming for Meet made requests that the money

Fifty Lutheran pastors will gather in Heppner for a conference on February 9 and 10. The pastors serve churches in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Mon- proval. The requests were made

Also attending the conference will be Dr S C Siefkes, president acreage allotments and suggests Northwestern district holds there was ample classroom space installation on Court street.

The meetings, which incolve

study, and conference business, completed. will begin Tuesday morning and continue through Wednesday. To meeting. highlight the Bible study, Dr Stime, dean of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle, will con-

### Mercury Vapor **Lights Slated**

For Downtown Area be included in the 1960-61 school budget for the re-

Heppner will soon join the instatement of classes in those ranks of Oregon's best-lighted communities which were elim- cities as a result of action taken inated this year due to failure by the city council Monday evenof the budget to win voter ap- ing.

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The council authorized the apof the budget committee at a proval of a contract with Pacific Power and Light Company The Hardman delegation for the installation of 16 new of the Northwestern district of stated that labor would be do- mercury vapor street lights along The newly adopted program the American Lutheran church, nated to get the school building nearly the full length of Main of the Farm Bureau calls for an Each year the group, known as in acceptable condition and the street and on May street to join end to marketing quotas and the Spokane conference of the Boardman representatives said with the present mercury vapor

The new lights will replace Progress was made on the cation as the present lights. The size and type as the two recently installed on Gilmore street adjacent to the hospital According to information supplied by PP&L engineers, the new lights will be of 21,000 candle power each and will about triple the amount of light in the downtown area. At the present time the average ground area light is only .3 candlepower but with the new installation the ground light will be .9 candlepower. When the lights

Range management and its duct four studies on the confer-

meeting at the court house.

a price support for wheat based spring and fall meetings. This available. They asked for money on the support level for corn, is the first time Hope and Valby for a teacher for the class which the present incandescent light-

devotions, study papers, Bible coming budget, but it was not new ones will be of the same

About 50 persons attended the

Mountain Snow **Cover Gains: Still Below Average** 

January storms deposited con- are installed, downtown Hep-

siderable snow in the Blue pner will have the same amount May Hartman, Barbara and year average, it was reported spaced more closely. this week by Ralph Richards, The city will pay for the lights The local churches extended Heppner soil conservationist. at the rate of \$7.00 per month the invitation to host the spring Richards made the snow measper light, which is an increase meeting at the fall conference urement on the Arbuckle snow of \$4.00 per month per light over course January 28. the cost of the present lighting

pner as an addition to the ele- school. High school registration area, are necessary. mentary building.

Second year-Five classrooms about 200. speaker following several reand library at Ione; obtain op- Because of the law suit pen- ports of damage in the Ione area tion on new elementary school ding against the school district, from the booms. Several winsite at Heppner and a site in no bonds can be issued until dows have been shattered and it is settled, which can be about at one home, masonry work has the north end of the county.

Third year-Multipurpose two years. In the meantime the been reported damaged. room and cafeteria and addit- only method of raising money The meeting will be held at ional classrooms in Irrigon; pur- for any building program is the school cafetorium and the farming operations. through a serial levy which public is invited. chase Heppner site.

Fourth year-Replacement of must be included in the budget Boardman facilities when nec- for the coming year. The elecessary due to construction of tion on that budget will be held Annual Meeting Set John Day Dam." in March. By Lexington Co-op

Committee members from Heppner and Lexington voted against the resolution, which Mother's March was presented by Don McElligott of Ione; and members from gott of Ione; and members from Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and Contributions Up Hardman voted in favor of it.

#### Many Changes Made

The amended motion bore The amended motion bore Ilitle resemblance to the original March of Dimes last Thursday of a ladies auxiliary are invited of a ladies auxiliary are invited one made by O W Cutsforth at the previous meeting. It called of \$260. This is more than \$70. The upper will be advised. for a serial levy for four years better than last year, it was reto adequately finance:

First year-Four rooms at Heppner on a new high school site. Second year-1 rooms at lone, two additional rooms on the new

high school at Heppner, two ad-the 1960 drive will far surpass will again be Mrs Helen King, Lexington several months ago. purpose room and cafeteria at for the success has been given to Irrigon.

Fourth year-(or when necessary) replacement of the facil- Mrs Susan Partlow of Boardman ities at Boardman, provide minor for their excellent work with modifications of the old school the teen-age plans in their areas. buildings at Heppner to adapt them into an elementary facility.

A large part of the discussion during the meeting centered a. Schedule Meeting round the need to go slow on any program for major development because the future of agri- ing of the Morrow county Demculture in the county could not ocrats at Stefani's Cafe in Ione

be foreseen. The Ione group said beginning at 7:00 p m. Februthat Heppner's need was not for ary 15.

a high school, but a grade plant The state chairman Ray and that they felt the present Straub will be there as well as high school building in Heppner Judge Joe Jaross of Hillsboro, GOLF WOMEN TO MEET should be adequate for 15 to 20 candidate for state treasurer and years if the grade classes were Frank Weatherford, candidate for state representative. moved out.

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Heppner members of the com-Other Democratic candidates ment that if a new high school expected to attend.

ported by Mrs Elmer Schmidt and Mrs N C Anderson, co-chairmen for the Mother's March. County March of Dimes drive

ditional rooms at Ione, multi- that of last year. Much credit Walla Walla.

the teen-age program and also to Mrs Paula Barak of Ione and

### **County Democrats**

will be put on by school officials headed by Joe Stewart, Heppner There will be a dinner meet 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.

P-TA To Hear Of

Next Wednesday night's Hep-

**Building Needs** 

Women members of the Willow Creek Country Club will of the initiative petition and ref reading and study.

Creston Robinson in Heppner. form a local and county chap- what they say is not binding the people of the district.

The Heppner Conservation Dis-First year—Four rooms at Hep-unused rooms at the Lexington such as are heard daily in this trict, organized in 1941 now has hear a an addition to the ele-school High school High school registration area are necessary.

in Heppner next year will be A request was made for the lion acres. The district is leadin Washington. ing all others in the Pacific Virgil E Gillette, Northwest in acres of strip crop-72, Taken by Death, ping now has 10,339 acres in

this important soil conservation practice. Two-thirds of the crop. Services Saturday land in the district is now protected by stubble mulch type

progress report of district accomplishments will be given expired terms of supervisors Raymond Lundell and John Wight-

The annual meeting of the man filled, as well as objectives Lexington Oil Co-op will be held of the district for 1960 explained. Day. The meeting will get under Tuesday, February 9 starting at Tuesday, February 9 starting at 10 a m and all members are urged to attend the meeting boy" showing at 7:30 p m. The urged to attend the meeting.

Election of officers for the Lexington Implement Company coming year is one of the main and Bristow's Grocery has anorders of business and all who nounced that they will provide coffee and donuts after the meet-

The women will be advised of Lexington Registrar the planned 1960 Co-op home- Named by Clerk makers tour to Europe, tentatively set for September and County clerk, Mrs Sadie Par-

October. It will include several ish this week announced the apcountries visited on last year's chairman, Gene Pierce, said this tour and the cost of nearly all shears as registrar for the Lexsite, and two rooms at Irrigon. week that while many returns tour and the cost of hearly at snears as register replaces Don Thursday are not yet in, it appears that be held under \$1000. Tour leader Hatfield who moved away from Friday

> Deadline to register to vote in Sunday the May primary is April 9. Monday

Judy Collins of Northwestern Wednesday Business College was home for Rainfall for the week .10; for

pner P-TA program will feature ents, Mr and Mrs Bill Collins. es.

en towns in five countles heard office in Portland.

night of last week.

ter for financial and political upon the higher-ups who admin-Boardman-Citizens from elev- support of the state and national ister the law," he said.

recommendations on securing re- Ken Landgraver, executive is voted on and nothing is im- than minimum standards are aspeal of the 1957 school reorgan- secretary, told those present that plied," he said. "It destroys the sured."

He said copies of the law had bilities."

mittee retaliated with the state- for county and state offices are 9:30, Feb 10 at the home of Mrs audience was encouraged to can promise you anything, but boundaries without a vote of stated.

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On that date the average snow system, but the council felt that depth was 21.2 inches which the additional benefit and safecompares with the 7-year av- ty features of proper lighting erage of 29.6 inches. The highest more than offset the additional was in 1956 when there was 45.8 cost.

inches, and the lowest was in It will not be necessary to erect Services will be held Saturday 1959 when there was just 13.4 additional poles on which to at 2 p m at the Heppner Christ- inches. mount the new mercury vapors,

ian church for Virgil Earl Gil- At the present time there is which is a money-saving feature During the evening meeting a lette, 72, who died February 3 a water content of 4.4 inches for the city. In many towns, at Pioneer Memorial hospital. |which is below the 7 year av- special poles must be installed, Mr Gillette was born March erage of 7.3 inches. The highest at city cost, but inasmuch as 6, 1887 at Prairie City, Oregon water content was recorded in Heppner has no alleys, power and came to Heppner six and 1958 when there was 12.8 inches poles cannot be removed from one-half years ago from John and the lowest came in 1957 Main street and these will be with just 3.3 inches.

used for holding the new lights. He is survived by his wife Snow density this year was 21 The new installation will start Mabel; two sons Almon and Lor- percent which compares with a at the intersection of Main and ing, both overseas in the Navy; 26.3 percent average for the Quaid streets, at the Willow three daughters, Alice Gillette, seven years. Lowest was in 1957 creek bridge, and continue south Denver, Colo; Amy Dixon, Port- with 20.5 percent and the high- the full length of Main street land; Maxine Shaw, Oregon City. est in 1959 when it was 34.3 to the corner of May street. One He also leaves one half sister percent. light will also be installed at

and three grandchildren.

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The January storms dropped May and Chase streets. Rev Charles Knox will officiate up to about three feet of snow In other business, the council at the rites and interment will in parts of the mountains, and approved a \$5,000 building perbe in Heppner Masonic cemetery. though warmer weather during mit to Frank Adkins for the con-Creswick Mortuary is in charge. the past week or so has turned struction of a new residence on much of it to water, very little

runoff was noted anywhere. The

WEATHER ground was not frzoen and prac-Lyle Jensen Leaves tically all of the moisture, espec-Low Prec. .10 fally in the lower elevations, For Army Service soaked into the ground. Lyle Jensen reported Wednes-The next two months is the normal period for fairly heavy day at Fort Ord, California for Tr

snowfall in the mountain areas. duty in the army. Mrs Jensen accompanied him and then vis-Home visiting last weekend ited her parents, Mr and Mrs

were Joan Spencer, Renn Harris Mike Baseel at St Helens, Orethe weekend visiting her par- January and the year 1.42 inch- and Doug Gribble of Willam- gon. She returned to Heppner on ette University. Sunday.

### a program on the future needs School Law Repeal Sought By SOS Group of the local school system. It

The statement that minimum standards would be maintained "Only what is on the ballot meant to him "nothing more

Union avenue.

ization law from officers of Serve very few people had investigated local school boards and distri-"You'll receive minimum stan-Our State, Inc., here Tuesday the disadvantages of the law, butes a district's debts and lia- dards and you'll pay more for

Proposals for legislation, use not been distributed for general He objected to the provision Only four districts in the state enabling the county sup-rinten. voted for reorganization. All the

meet Wednesday morning at erendum were made, and the "Reorganization committees dent to change school district others rejected it last year, he



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Tuesday