

Boardman to Regain School Classes; Budget Nearing Completion

Money will be included in the 1960-61 school budget to reopen the 7th and 8th grade classes at Boardman as a result of action taken last week by the county school budget committee at a meeting at Irrigon.

The committee indicated that its decision to return a full eight year program to the Boardman elementary school was based on the belief that there will be increased enrollment due to highway construction and the possibility of an influx of people to the Boardman bombing range area because of forecast development of that land.

Last year, following the board's decision to close the two classes in the Boardman school and combine them with classes at Irrigon, residents of Boardman filed a law suit seeking to regain their full school operation. That suit is now pending before the state supreme court.

There has been no indication that the return next year of the two classes will result in dismissal of the suit. Pending legal action, by the residents of Boardman, and also of Lexington and Hardman, makes it impossible for the school district to float any bond issue to finance a building program in the county. The only present method of raising money is through a serial levy.

Previously Hardman had also asked that money be included in the coming budget for the hiring of an elementary teacher at that school, but the board last week refused that request.

A final budget committee meeting is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at Lexington and it is expected that the county budget will be completed so that it can be published starting next week in the Gazette-Times. One major point of the budget remains to be settled, it was reported, and that is whether money should be included in the regular budget for the purchase of needed school sites, or whether the item will be placed in a special serial levy on which the people of the county will be asked to vote at the same time as the budget.

The public hearing on the budget will be held sometime late in March and the election will be held early in April.

Curious Cat Cuts Current, Causes Catastrophe

Columbia Basin Electric customers on Willow, Hinton and Butter Creeks suffered a 45 minute power outage last Thursday because a curious cat climbed onto one of the big transformers at the REA Heppner substation.

Fire flew and fuses blew. Damage was minor, except to the cat.

Music Clinic to Be Held Saturday At Heppner School

The school music directors of the county will sponsor a woodwind clinic Saturday, Feb 27 in the Heppner high school band room. Bob Henson, a woodwind specialist from the Pendleton schools will conduct the clinic. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado and has been at Pendleton for 9 years.

About 40 students are expected to attend. The schedule calls for high school students in the morning with clarinets from 9 to 10; saxophones from 10 to 11 and flutes and others from 11 till 12. Grade school students will follow the same schedule in the afternoon.

Mr and Mrs John Williams were houseguests from Pendleton over the weekend at the Paul Koenig home.

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Barbara Siewert Named Local UN Contest Winner

Barbara Siewert, Heppner high school junior, last week was named the winner of the local United Nations contest and will represent Heppner high school at the district contest in Pendleton early next month. The district winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the United Nations in New York.

The contest is sponsored by the Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges. Miss Siewert is an assistant editor of the Hehisch, a member of FBLA, Pep club and Rainbow.

In the district contest she will compete against local winners from other Morrow and Umatilla county schools.

County Cattle Top at Shows

Several Morrow county cattle breeders won a sizeable share of the honors at two recent sales held at Pendleton and Redmond.

The Barnett Hereford ranch of Boardman had the champion bull, the reserve female, reserve champion pen of two bulls and won premier exhibitor trophy at the Oregon Polled Hereford sale Feb 13 at Redmond. Kirk and Robinson of Heppner had champion female, two blue and one red ribbons with three entries and was runner-up for premier exhibitor.

Kirk and Robinson were the only county exhibitors at the Oregon Hereford Blue Tag Sale at Pendleton where the top bull brought \$3500, a new record for this event.

Several local cattlemen were purchasers at the Blue Tag sale including Herbert Ekstrom who purchased the champion female from Chandler Herefords, Baker; Harvey Smith added two top bulls from Chandler and Francis and Powers, Baker. The Lindsay ranch of Lexington also bought two of the top bulls for their commercial herd.

Kirk and Robinson also plans to show 12 head of cattle at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Association show March 1 and 2 at Walla Walla.

Heppner Student Member of OSC Singing Group

The Squires quintet of Oregon State College, one of the members of which is Jay Sumner of Heppner, will appear on the Hi-Time program Friday, Feb 26 at 4:30 on KPTV, Portland.

The group will also sing Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Timberline Lodge during the annual winter ski carnival.

SKI REPORT

At the Cutsforth Park ski area there is two feet of packed snow and four inches of new snow. The road is passable with snow tires, but should carry chains.



MORE WATER FOR RESIDENTS—City of Heppner crews last week started laying several thousand feet of new six inch water main which ultimately will give residents along the Condon highway and cemetery hill a greatly improved water supply. Here the pipe is being laid on South Main street and will extend to the south city limits. New fire hydrants on the line will also improve fire protection in the area. (GT Photo)

BLOOD BANK PROGRAM JUST ONE OF MANY RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

One of the Red Cross's most vital activities in Morrow county is its blood bank program, county Red Cross drive chairman, Rev H A Wolfington, Heppner, stated this week.

He reports that last year patients in Pioneer Memorial hospital received a total of 63 pints of Red Cross blood, and that county patients in other hospitals received an additional 13 pints—a total of 78 pints charged to the county.

During last years blood donor's campaign in Morrow county only 49 pints of blood were received although the goal was set at 90. This year the Red Cross unit will be in Heppner March 28 and prospective donors are asked to keep the date in mind.

The chairman said there has also been much misunderstanding about the Red Cross blood bank program in connection with the fees charged to patients for receiving blood. According to Hary Bongers, hospital administrator, the fee is broken down as follows: \$5 is charged by the hospital for administration and an average cost of \$7.50 per pint is charged for blood. The cost is slightly more when the blood has to be crossmatched. This cost is to cover laboratory fees and the cost of drawing blood from donors. The Red Cross contributes another \$2.50 toward this expense. The hospital and the Red Cross have a contract which will

not allow the hospital to charge more than these basic fees.

It was also pointed out that in hospitals where there is no Red Cross blood bank costs may range from \$25 to \$50 a pint.

The blood bank is just one of the many activities supported by the Red Cross fund drive which will start here March 1.



IFYE DELEGATE Miss Myra McBride of Lebanon, who spent a year under the program in Japan, has spoken recently before several groups in Morrow county on her experiences in that country. The IFYE program is sponsored by the 4-H clubs and the extension service.

Catholics Dedicate New Parish Hall

The new St Patrick's parish hall was dedicated Sunday afternoon by the most Rev Francis Leipzig, Bishop of Baker. There were 17 visiting priests including two from the Spokane diocese, and 10 Sisters of St Francis from Pendleton present.

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the Pendleton council formed an honor guard for the Bishop.

Following the blessing of the building, a potluck dinner was held for visiting clergy, sisters, parishioners and guests. About 400 persons signed the guest book.

Msr Michael McMahon of The Dalles introduced the priests and called on former pastors, Rev Francis McCormack of Ontario, and Rev Patrick Gaire, Baker for short talks.

Bishop Leipzig spoke on the purpose of the new hall and brought out the need for religious instruction for the children and how the hall would assist priests and parents in taking care of this need. He stressed the parents obligation to bring up their children so that they might return them to God.

New Boy Scout Commissioner Named

The Rev Walter Smith, pastor of the Ione Christian church has been named neighborhood commissioner for the Boy Scouts, and has assumed duties of aiding the scout troops of the area.

He announced this week that there will be a class in swimming instruction for merit badge and advancement held March 19 from 12 noon to 1 p m at the Walla Walla YMCA.

Area Bank Debts Show Business Increase Here

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. Bank debts for the Pendleton area including Morrow and Umatilla counties increased by 7.5 per cent in December 1959 as compared with November, 1959 and increased by 16.0 per cent over a year ago.

Debts for December, 1959 totaled \$37,785,780; for November, 1959 the total was \$35,158,323; and for December, 1958 the total amounted to \$32,565,249.

Oregon, with 185 banks reporting, had an increase in bank debts in December, 1959 of 4.0 per cent over November, 1959 and 10.4 per cent over December, 1958. Total debts for Oregon in December, 1959 came to \$2,201,943,905; November, 1959 totaled \$2,116,660,776; and December a year ago reached \$1,994,384,113.

Bank debts represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. Bank debts are considered good indicators of current business activity. Each month the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Oregon collects data on bank debts from Oregon banks and branches.

Chamber Urged to Start Planning

Chamber of commerce members were told Monday by Robert Penland, publisher of the Gazette-Times, that pending development of the Boardman bombing range area as recently made public by state officials, has apparently reached the point where serious planning should be started by the chamber and other groups in Heppner and the county.

He stated that state officials have recommended that Heppner and other county communities start making plans for housing a great number of new families which will eventually be drawn to the county by the development.

Al Lamb, a member of the Morrow county port commission, stated that the commission is carefully eyeing the development, but that it is vital that its budget of \$32,000 be approved at the primary election so that the commission will have some funds with which to work. The commission was approved last year by voters, but no tax base was allowed at that time and it must be approved by voters before a tax can be levied.

It was announced that the chamber's annual meeting will be held March 28 at the new Catholic parish hall.

Miss Myra McBride, Lebanon, and IFYE delegate to Japan, showed slides of her visit to that country and explained many of the customs of the Japanese.

Gun Club Schedules Benefit Shoot Sunday

The Morrow County Gun Club will hold a shoot Sunday, Feb 28 starting at 10:30 which will be a benefit for the Oregon State Elks Association children's eye clinic, club officers announced today.

Special games, prizes and a lunch are scheduled.

O'CONNOR BUYS INSURANCE AGENCY

Charles O'Connor this week revealed his purchase of the Swanson and Hamlett Insurance Agency of Ione from Mr and Mrs Adon Hamlett. He will operate his downtown office.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

The Heppner Cub Scout annual blue and gold banquet will be held Friday evening, Feb 26 at 6:30 p m at the fair pavilion.

CALLED TO HILLSBORO

Mr and Mrs Neils Anderson and Mr and Mrs Calvin Yackley were called to Hillsboro this week by the death of Mrs Mabel Yackley, mother of Mrs Anderson and Mr Yackley.

Neuberger Tells of Hearings On Bombing Range

Hearings regarding the future of the Boardman bombing range will take place in the near future by the real estate and construction subcommittee of the House armed services committee. It was announced today by Senator Richard L. Neuberger.

The Boardman bombing range is located in eastern Oregon and occupies some 96,000 acres in Morrow county. The range was established in 1941 during World War II and has been operated by the Air Force and is currently being used by the Navy for the training of crews of heavy attack aircraft.

The Navy department has advised Senator Neuberger that the Boardman bombing range provides the best instrumented range on the West Coast and the Navy plans to continue use of the range for its heavy attack bombers operating at high altitudes. The Navy also said that no live ordnance is used or intended to be used. In conclusion, the Navy told the Oregon Senator that "the range is considered essential to the combat effectiveness of the Navy's heavy attack aircraft of the Navy Air Force, Pacific, and there are no plans to terminate operations of the range."

Earlier this year Senator Neuberger met in Washington with Robert Tarr, director State Department of Planning and Development, who urged that the Boardman bombing range be turned over to Oregon as the potential site for a large missile industry which could be brought to the State.

Tarr told Senator Neuberger that the Boardman range represented an ideal location for a vast new missile industry for Oregon and negotiations were then in progress for this site with a number of large industrial concerns. Senator Neuberger also received correspondence from the Morrow county court urging that the property be returned to the county tax rolls and emphasizing the growing value of this land due to the construction of John Day dam nearby.

Senator Neuberger has promised cooperation with state and county officials so that this land might be used to its fullest capacity and provide new production and payrolls for our state.

Last year the Senate armed services committee conducted hearings on the future of the Boardman range. At the urging of Senator Neuberger and other members of the Oregon Congressional delegation the Senate committee told the Navy to review its requirement for the range when the John Day dam is completed. The committee stated "this range is in close proximity to the entire Columbia River development area and lies immediately adjacent to the reservoir pool of the John Day dam now under construction, which changes considerably the economic value of the land."

Rites Held Tuesday At The Dalles for Agnes L Curran

Mrs Agnes L Curran, 80, for many years a resident of Heppner, died February 19 at Portland. Services were held Tuesday in Portland and burial was that afternoon in the Catholic cemetery at The Dalles.

Mrs Curran was the widow of Michael Curran, a long time resident of Heppner, and for several years following her husband's death operated a dress shop here.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs Helen A Green, Portland; and Mrs Marla Reno, Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs Angela Grant, Santa Monica, Calif; and Mrs Elizabeth Greshong, Seattle.

Attending the graveside rites at The Dalles were, Mr and Mrs James Daly, Mrs Mary Doherty, Mrs Jerry Brosnan, Mrs Henry Happold, Mr and Mrs W R Killenny and Mr and Mrs P W Mahoney.

Episcopal Church Names Vestrymen

The annual meeting of All Saints Episcopal church was held recently at the parish house, with ten new vestrymen being elected.

They are Barton Clark, Bob Lowe, Hillard Brown, Gerald O Malley, Marion Hayden, Bill Blake, Bob Abrams, Loyd Burkenbine, Paul Webb and Robert Penland. The outgoing vestrymen are Earle Gilliam, James Driscoll, Jack Bedford and Allen Case.

The senior warden is Jack Loyd and the new junior warden is Alex Thompson.

Study of Cancer Prevention is Made in County

A cancer prevention study of Morrow county was completed February 15, according to Mrs Harlan McCurdy, Jr, county cancer chairman.

The survey covered selected counties in 20 states. Ten researchers enrolled 10 families in which at least one member was over the age of 45 and known personally by the researcher. The questionnaires were strictly confidential and each participant sealed his questionnaire in an envelope that was transmitted to the scientists who are conducting the study. The families enrolled will be followed for a period of six years and cancer cases which occur will be studied in relation to information supplied by the questionnaire.

Researchers enrolling families were chairman, Mrs McCurdy; Mrs Jean Bennett, Mrs Elizabeth Daggett, Mrs J O Pettyjohn, Mrs Sue Valentine, Mrs Shirley Loyd, Heppner; Mrs Gena Leonard, Mrs Eileen Padberg, Lexington; Mrs Margaret Morgan and Mrs Deloris Barnett, Ione.

Plans are now under way for the opening of the annual cancer drive here on April 1.

Cemetery Care Payments Now Due

Members of the board of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District call attention to patrons of the annual care method of lot maintenance, that payments of \$10.00 must be made to Mrs Elaine S George, secretary treasurer, Heppner, on or before March 1 to make it possible for the work to be assured of completion by Memorial Day.

Should the payments not be received by April 1, annual care will be discontinued on those lots which have previously been purchasing this service.

Requests for information regarding annual and perpetual care should be directed to the secretary.

WEATHER

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Thursday	42	26	—
Friday	41	30	—
Saturday	48	30	—
Sunday	54	33	.02
Monday	47	23	Tr
Tuesday	43	19	—
Wednesday	46	24	—

Rainfall for the week .02; for February .70; for the year 2.12 inches.



CATHOLIC DIGNITARIES who came from all parts of Eastern Oregon and Washington for dedication rites Sunday of St Patrick's new parish hall in Heppner. They are, left to right, front row: Revs Francis McCormack, Ontario; Timothy Collins, Pilot Rock; Charles Skok, chancellor of the Spokane diocese; Frederick Simonsen, S J, Pendleton; Right Rev Msgr Michael McMahon, The Dalles; George Purdy, S J, Pendleton; Thomas Moore, Hood River; Raymond H Beard, Heppner. Second row: John Phelan, Milton-Freewater; John O'Brien, St Anthony's hospital, Bend; Paul Goergen, Walla Walla; Patrick Gaire, Baker; Bishop Francis P Leipzig, DD, Baker; Dan'el Duffy, O F M, Cap, Hermiston; Gerald Condon, Condon; Alfred Fisher, The Dalles; Leopold O'Riordan, O F M, Cap, Hermiston. (Melby Photo)