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Voters Retain Present School Board Members

A sizeable number of county voters went to the polls Monday in the annual school election to choose directors for the county school district and they reelected all the present board members.

In two zones, Lexington and Ione, there were races for the positions, but in the other two zones there was no competition. In the Lexington zone Donald Turner had filed against the incumbent D O Nelson, but Nelson kept his seat with a vote of 396 to 238 for Turner.

A strong written campaign was waged by Berl Akers, Ione for the position held by Fredrick Martin of Ione, but Martin won handily by a vote of 388 to 241 for Akers. Akers did carry a majority in two precincts, Boardman and Hardman, and won a tie with Martin, 60 to 60 in the Ione voting. Turner also garnered more votes than did Nelson in Boardman and Hardman but lagged behind in all other precincts.

The total vote gave: Harvey Warner, Irrigon, 536; Fredrick Martin, Ione, 388; Berl Akers, Ione 241; D O Nelson, Lexington, 396; Don Turner, Lexington 238; Elaine George, Heppner 334.

All communities also elected local committee representatives at the Monday election, but in only two communities were there contests. At Lexington four persons sought the three seats. They were Stanley Kemp, Gene Cutsforth, Elmer E Padberg and Gene Majeske, and voters picked Kemp, Majeske and Padberg in close voting.

In Ione five persons sought the three positions. They were Helen McCabe, Don McElligott, Bryce Keene, Milton Morgan and Lewis Halvorsen. The first three were elected.

Polling Place Set For Fire District

The directors of the Heppner rural fire protection district announced this week that the polling place for the May 20 special levy election will be in the former Central Market building on Main street in Heppner.

Only registered voters who live, or own property within the boundary of the fire district are eligible to vote on the special \$6,000 one-year levy. Residents within the city of Heppner cannot vote on the measure. The election will be held at the same time as the regular primary election, but all eligible voters in the fire district will vote at the one polling place.

The district was formed last year, but could not function until a special tax levy could be voted at this coming election. When the levy is approved by the voters, the district will then contract with the City of Heppner to provide fire protection for the area. The city this week OK'd a contract for the purchase of a new \$20,000 fire truck to serve the district.

At the general election in November the district will vote on a regular tax base.

A public hearing on the district budget will be held Friday, May 6 at 8 pm in the IOOF hall in Heppner.

FARMERS UNION TO MEET

The Morrow county Farmers Union will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 8 p m at the O W Cutsforth ranch near Lexington.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening, May 10 at the home of Mrs Loyal Parker. Election of officers will be held.

WANTED--ALL LONG-JUMPING FROGS FOR COUNTY JUMP-OFF

If you've got a long-jumping frog that is in good physical condition and is willing to work for the glory of Morrow county, bring him, or her, to Heppner Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. If he's jumpy enough he may win his owner a cash prize and have the chance to go on to even greater things—the frog, that is!

The affair will be the Morrow county frog jumping championships, which will provide its sponsors, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce with frogs to enter in the Oregon State Championship Frog Hop to be held at a Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, O W Cutsforth, chairman.

There are no restrictions on size, age, color, sex or anything else. Just have your frogs ready to jump at 5 p m Friday in front of the Heppner Hotel. Tally-80



PP&L INSTALLS STREET LIGHTS—Crewman of Pacific Power & Light Company install one of the 17 new 21,000 lumen street lights on Heppner's Main street. Old light hangs from pole as the new illuminating device heads skyward. Final work on the project should be completed by the end of this week.

COMPLETION OF NEW DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM NEAR

Installation of seventeen 21,000 lumen mercury vapor street lighting units in downtown Heppner by crews of Pacific Power & Light Company is currently under way and should be completed by the end of this week, reports Fred Gimble, Jr., PP&L's local manager at Heppner.

Increased volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the downtown area has made better and more adequate street lighting necessary, Gimble said. Designed to provide illumination in accordance with the city's present needs the new lighting is in conformity with the American standard practice for street and highway lighting as prescribed by the Illuminating Engineering Society, the local manager explained.

The lighting units being used consist of a lamp horizontally mounted in a modern, efficient receptacle installed on an up-sweep mast arm mounted on wood poles. Lights of this type provide a greater uniformity of illumination between units, Gimble said.

Control of the lights will be by means of a photo-electric control relay to turn the lights on and off automatically at predetermined levels of natural light intensity, the local manager reported.

The lights will be owned and operated by Pacific, Gimble said, with the city of Heppner paying a predetermined flat rate for electricity used by each unit.

The new lights are being installed on Main street, between May street and Quail street.

BLM to Hold Meet On Boundary Change

A meeting will be held at 1 p m Thursday, May 12 at the court house in Heppner to discuss the modification of the boundaries of the Bureau of Land Management grazing district No 7.

It is proposed to administer those lands eliminated from the district under section 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act by direct lease to the present licensee, unless as possible, it was stated.

The meeting will be open to all licensees and other interested parties who desire to present their views on the subject. Bureau of Land Management representatives will be present to explain the boundary modifications and discuss other pertinent matters.

Soroptimists Giving Dinner-Card Party

The Soroptimist Club of Heppner is having a tasting dinner and card party at the Catholic parish house, Monday evening, May 9 at 6:30 p m.

Tickets for the dinner are on sale by members of the club and those just wishing to play cards may purchase tickets at the door before 8 p m. Those attending may attend either the dinner or card party or both.

Mrs Earl Blake is visiting in Portland this week.

Rhea Creek: Mrs Claude White, Heppner, chairman; Mrs Robert Bergstrom, Heppner, vice chairman; Mrs Albert Wright, Heppner, secretary; Mrs Orrin Wright, Heppner, treasurer. Ione: Mrs Elmer Holtz, Ione, chairman; Mrs Herbert Peterson, Ione, vice chairman; Mrs Howard Crowell, Ione, secretary-treasurer. Boardman: Mrs E C Daniels, Boardman, chairman; Mrs Nathan Thorpe, Boardman, vice chairman; Mrs Glen Deltz, Boardman, secretary-treasurer. Lena: Mrs Delbert Vinson, Heppner, chairman; Mrs Robert Riddle, Heppner, vice chairman; Mrs Jerry Brosnan, Heppner, secretary-treasurer. County committee: Ione: Mrs Ed Baker, Ione (for a three year term); Boardman: Mrs Earl Briggs, (for a two year term); Remaining members of the county committee include: Rhea Creek: Mrs John Bergstrom, Heppner; Irrigon: Mrs Warren McCoy; Pine City: Mrs Willard French; Echo: Lena, Mrs Randall Martin, Heppner; Heppner: Mrs Paul Warren, Heppner.

Heppner Council Awards Bid For New Fire Truck

The Heppner city council Monday night awarded a contract to Western States Fire Apparatus of Cornelius, Oregon for the purchase of a new 750 GPM pumper and tank truck which will serve the Heppner rural fire district and the city. The cost of the truck, completely equipped will be \$30,212.94.

The new class A pumper will be mounted on a 4-wheel drive International truck chassis and will carry 1000 gallons of water. The truck is to be purchased through Lexington Implement Co. It is hoped that delivery can be made by about the middle of July so it will be available during the worst part of the summer fire season.

The truck will be ultimately paid for by the rural district which will contract with the city for fire protection. The district will vote on a tax levy at the May 20 Primary, but the city rushed the order on the truck in the hope it can be available during at least part of the summer.

Annexation Seen Near

The council received a petition Monday night signed by 100 percent of the residents of Barratt's Addition on Hinton Creek asking that they be annexed to the city effective July 1 of this year. The council took no action on the petition, inasmuch as it cannot be effective for another two months, but ordered the city attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance to make possible the annexation at that time.

Residents of the area had previously met with the council to talk over the possibility of annexation and the petition was the result of that meeting. No vote will be necessary as all affected residents agreed to the proposal. The need for sewer to the area brought the question to a head.

At the earlier meeting the council explained how sewer service could be obtained if the addition came into the city and an estimate of about \$12,000 was set as the cost. At Monday night's meeting, the council learned that possibly a pumping station can be installed to lift sewage to present city sewer mains at a smaller cost. If a lift station were installed, it would save nearly 2000 feet of line and reduce the cost to something around \$8,000. The plan will be given further study by the council.

The council approved the re-appointment of Albert Connor and C E McQuarrie on the citizens budget committee which will meet soon to work on the city budget for next year.

Building Permits Approved

Building permits totaling \$11,700 were granted for alterations and repairs to, Mrs Inez Huffman, 240 W Church, \$6,850; Archie Alderman, 785 Shobe, \$1350; and Loyd Burkenblin, 545 S Court, \$3000.

P-TA Workshop Set Here May 10

A school of instruction for P-TA officers and committee chairmen, and other workers who desire to attend, will be held Tuesday, May 10 from 10 a m to 3 p m at the Heppner Christian church.

The state office of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers is expected to send workers to lead in the workshop, it was stated.

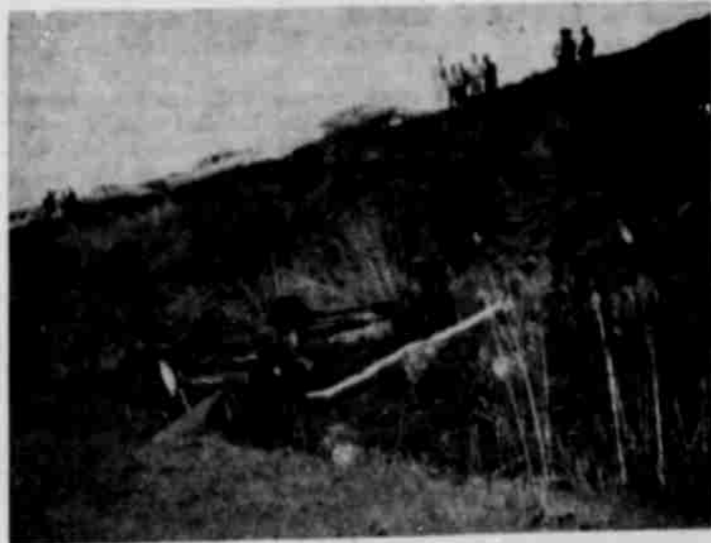
The workshop is being conducted by the Midland Council of the P-TA which consists of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. Officers of the council are Rev Earl Soward, Heppner, president; Lila Lee Osborne, Arlington, vice president; and Mrs Roice Fulleton, Heppner, secretary.

Mrs Rita Thorpe and Mrs Eloise Smith drove to Hermiston Sunday for the day and had dinner there.

Mr and Mrs Don Hatfield and family of Madras, former Lexington residents, visited the Roy Martins over the weekend.

Mr and Mrs Carl Spaulding and Janice spent the weekend at The Dalles.

Sunday Accident Kills Youth



ACCIDENT VICTIMS were riding in this convertible when it rolled down this steep bank Sunday above Heppner. Eugene Lesser, 18, Heppner, was killed and two other teenagers injured. State patrolman Ralph Pope is shown measuring the distance the car rolled before coming to a stop upside down. (GT Photo)

Two Others Are Injured When Car Overturns

Eugene Donald Lesser, 18, Heppner was killed and two high school seniors were injured Sunday afternoon, when Lesser's car went off the road and overturned about nine miles east of Heppner on the Willow creek road.

Injured in the accident were Katherine Marie Swart, 18, La-Grande high school senior; and Norman Howell, 17, Heppner senior. Miss Swart suffered a broken spine, but physicians reported no paralysis and that she is progressing satisfactorily. Howell had minor contusions and bruises and was treated at Pioneer Memorial hospital and released.

The accident occurred about 3:15 Sunday afternoon at the upper end of the Ralph Thompson ranch on Willow creek. The car left the road at a slow speed and was nearly stopped when it slid sideways in loose gravel and overturned down a steep 40 foot embankment. Lesser was pinned beneath the car. Witnesses to the accident, who were in cars immediately behind the Lesser vehicle, could report no apparent cause for the wreck as the car had been traveling only 30 to 35 miles an hour.

The victim is the son of Mrs Harold Wilson of Heppner, and Conrad Lesser of Walla Walla.

Eugene Lesser was born Nov 11, 1941 at Stanfield and had lived in Heppner for several years. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Mr and Mrs Harold Wilson of Heppner; his father, Conrad Lesser, Walla Walla, two brothers, Conrad Jr and Michael, Heppner; grandmothers, Mrs Austin Wilson, Heppner, and Mrs Petra Wadhold of California.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p m at the Heppner Christian church with Rev H A Wolfington, pastor of the Assembly of God church, officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge.

Last Heppner P-TA Meeting To Be May 11

The last P-TA meeting of the year will be held in the multipurpose room of the Heppner elementary school, Wednesday evening, May 11 at 8:00 p m.

Highlight of the program will be a style show by the home economics department of Heppner high school, under the direction of Mrs Homer Hager, instructor.

Installation of officers for the coming year will be held. Dr Robert Pfeiffer, program chairman, also said there will be study group reports on the adult study program carried out during the year, and convention reports by delegates to the state convention.

TB Control Officer At Two Meetings Here

Dr Ambrose Churchill, tuberculosis control officer for the state board of health, met for a luncheon meeting at the Wagon Wheel on Tuesday, April 26.

That evening he was speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Morrow County TB and Health Association at Stefani's in Ione.

Dr Churchill's topic was "Tuberculosis Forecast in Oregon 1960-1965". He stated that "if Morrow county's population remained static, it is estimated that there will be about three cases of active tuberculosis during that period."

Mr and Mrs Mike Fulleton of Vale stopped to visit with Mr and Mrs Roice Fulleton and Mr and Mrs William Heath for the weekend, on their return trip from California.

Mrs Otto Eggers of Walla Walla was a guest on Tuesday at the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Graham.

Museum Nearly Completed; Exhibit Donations Needed

The Morrow County Museum Commission announced today that it hopes to have the official opening of the new museum-library building the end of May and that there is a need for antiques and other historical pieces to place on display by opening time.

It is expected that there will be many out of town people here for the opening and the commission hopes to have a sizeable display in place by that time.

Persons in the county who have anything of this nature that they will loan to the commission are asked to call any member: Mrs Harry Duvall, phone 6-9624; Mrs Ted Smith, 6-9752; Mrs Ralph Thompson, 6-9213; O W Cutsforth, Lexington 3-8473; Mrs Omar Rietmann, Ione, 8-7279, or Herbert Hynd, Cecll.

The items collected for the museum are just on loan for a year, or some set period of time, and are not given to the museum unless the donor so desires. There is also still a need for cash donations for furnishing the building. All donors will be listed, and those who give \$500 or more will be listed on a plaque in the building. Money for construction of the building itself was donated by Mrs Harry Duvall.

CD Alert Goes Smoothly in County

Within seven minutes after Morrow county's first warning of enemy planes, all communities and Civil Defense organizations in the county had been advised of the test attack. The test came at 10:04 a m Tuesday as part of the nationwide test alert under the supervision of the CD organization, county CD director, sheriff C J D Bauman reports.

Aiding in handling communications between the local CD headquarters in the court house and state headquarters in Salem were several local radio amateurs who set up emergency communications in the court room and kept in constant contact for two and half days. Hams who took turns operating the equipment were Earl Blake, Ralph Taylor, Mr and Mrs Loyal Parker and Mickey Van Scholack.

As part of the exercise, it was reported a nuclear weapon hit Grand Coulee Tuesday night, forcing the evacuation of Boardman and Irrigon in the county.

An actual alert alarm was not sounded in Heppner this year, but all CD units were readied.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	63	44	.01
Friday	64	40	—
Saturday	69	36	—
Sunday	71	44	—
Monday	64	42	.13
Tuesday	62	36	—
Wednesday	58	39	.01

Rainfall for the week: .15; for April 1.12; for May .14; for the year 5.25 inches.

POPULATION OF HEPPNER UP, THOUGH LITTLE

The apparently complete, but unofficial census shows Heppner gained population since 1950—but not very much. The total now is 1659, just 11 more persons than were here 10 years ago.

Conley Lanham, one of the federal enumerators for this area, released the figure this week, but stated that the official count would not be completed until early fall. It is probable that the final figure could be slightly higher as late reports are received at the district office in Bend.

Like most other towns, it is thought the area immediately surrounding the city limits will show the greatest increase.

Rummage Sale Due This Weekend

The annual Heppner Civic League spring rummage sale will be held this Friday and Saturday at Heppner Auto Sales with proceeds to go for the financing of the League's kindergarten program.

A good supply of wanted merchandise has already been collected and prepared for the sale, but League officers ask that anyone who has a last minute rummage that they would like to have picked up may call Heppner 6-9101, 6-9916 or 6-9679.

County Working to Obtain Water Flow Records for Area

The Morrow county court revealed this week that it is working with the United States Geological Survey to obtain two additional water gauging stations on Willow and Rhea creeks. The only one on the watershed is located at Heppner.

In a recent letter from the district engineer, the cost of building and operating the two stations would be \$5,850, one half of which would have to be borne by the county. The engineer suggested that one of the stations be located on Rhea Creek about 1.3 miles below Sanford Canyon, and the other on lower Willow creek a short distance above the pool level of the John Day dam. Complete water flow records would then be available to aid in future planning and development.

JAY D HUDSON WINS ARMY PROMOTION

ERLANGEN, GERMANY—Jay D Hudson, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Darl Hudson of Heppner, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 4th Army Medical Division. He also recently qualified as an expert in firing the M-1 rifle.

Specialist Hudson, a jeep driver in Headquarters Company of the division's 35th Armor in Erlangen, entered the Army in October 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Texas.