

HEPPNER

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School Budget Committee Named

Three were named to fill vacancies on the school budget committee at the school board meeting Monday night. Elected were Ralph Skoubo, Boardman, to fill the vacancy created by Gene Taylor moving from the district; Mrs. Max Barclay, Lexington, to replace Eldon Padberg, whose term had ended; and Howard Bryant, Heppner, to replace Dick Wilkinson, who is now serving on the school board. Budget committee members and school board personnel will hold their first meeting Jan. 16 to get work on the 1961-62 school budget started.

A school board policy on sick leave was adopted stating that up to five days leave a year would be permitted for school employees who have illness or death in the immediate family.

Robert Van Houte, superintendent, reported that a retaining wall is under construction for the road to the new Heppner school site from the N. C. Anderson property, and the city of Heppner will use this road right-of-way to lay sewer and water pipes to the school property. He also said preliminary sketches on the lone building had been sent to the architect for rough drafting which would be available to the board at an early date.

Van Houte reported on progress at various meetings in the state among school administrators to work out a plan for basic school support which would be more equitable than the plan proposed by the legislative interim committee on education.

A motion was passed to request the City of Ione to close fifth street between the school and the recently purchased Kincaid property adjacent to the school which is now part of the school grounds.

At the request of a group from Hardman the school piano in the Hardman school was turned over to the Hardman Rebekah lodge for their use.

Construction of a shed to provide a covered work area for school buses was agreed upon. The 24x36 foot building will be built on the George property near the highway where school buses have been serviced this year. Four dollars and fifty cents was granted for the purpose. School personnel will do the construction.

A discussion on salary adjustments on the present salary schedule was held and tabled for a later meeting.

Next meeting of the board will be Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. in the courthouse.

No Primary School Christmas Program In Heppner

Hillard Brown, principal of Heppner grade school, said today there would be no Christmas program locally for first, second and third graders.

A Christmas assembly will be held jointly with the Lexington school children at Lexington at 2 p.m., Dec. 22 instead of the regular primary program here.

Brown gave as reason that there was no place to hold a program at the Heppner Elementary School, and said that the high school gym would be in use at that time.

Parents who wish to see their primary grade children in the program are welcome at the Lexington school.

CHRISTMAS SEALS COLLECTIONS GOOD

Mrs. L. E. Dick, Morrow County Christmas Seal chairman, reminds all residents to use Tuberculosis Christmas Seals on their cards and packages.

All families in the county were mailed seals by the first of December.

Response in the Heppner area was very good the first week. Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, area chairman, reported with \$304.50 coming in. Since then collections have slowed up and Mrs. O'Donnell requested that those who had not yet sent their checks please do so. She said that 74 percent of the money collected remained in the county for free chest x-rays as well as case work on tuberculosis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and family were in Spray Sunday for dinner with Mrs. Howard Evans. Going with the Browns was Mrs. Evans mother, Mrs. Morgan.



Santa Claus and helpers distributing sacks of candy to excited children of Heppner. He arrived on a red fire truck at 2 last Saturday afternoon and will be in the stores here again this Saturday.

SANTA WILL RETURN SATURDAY

Santa Claus arrived in Heppner Saturday and distributed candy to nearly 500 area boys and girls.

He promised the merchant's committee of the chamber of commerce that he would return next Saturday to visit the stores.

Abrams Elected Director Oregon D. A. Association

Morrow County District Attorney Robert Abrams was elected a director of the Oregon District Attorney's Association at the annual meeting in Portland recently.

Abrams has been a member of the Association since he graduated from law school at the University of Oregon in Eugene in 1952. He served as district attorney in Wheeler county before being appointed DA for Morrow county in January, 1956.

During 1960-61 Abrams has also been appointed to serve on the committee on lawyer placement and the committee on minor courts and traffic courts for the Oregon State Bar.

Rambler Dealership Announced By Farley

Jim Farley of the Farley Motor Company, Heppner, announced today that he has become the dealer for Nash Rambler, effective Wednesday, December 14.

Mr. Farley made a trip to Portland recently to make arrangements for the new line, which will replace the Vauxhall and Hillman in the Farley line of automotive equipment. The first Rambler went on display today.

Mr. Farley states that the demand for Rambler prompted him to make this addition to his products.

Brass Chorus Entertains Chamber

A brass chorus made up of seven boys from the eighth grade at Heppner Elementary School entertained members of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at their noon meeting Monday. The boys played a group of Christmas carols.

Besides being outstanding musicians, these boys are all active in athletics in school and are also very good students, according to Arnold Melby, instructor. None had a grade below B in the first nine weeks of this term and among them they had garnered 48 "A's."

Making up the brass chorus were Mike Sweek, baritone; Dean Robinson, baritone; Douglas Anderson, trombone; Wayne Evans, trombone; David Anderson, bass; Chris Brown, cornet; and Donald Munkers, cornet.

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of the town and to interview children of Heppner to find out just what each one wanted for Christmas. And he further stated that he would have a special treat for each child who visited him. He will be in the stores by 11 a.m.

The annual chamber sponsored free show for children of the area will be held at the Star Theater beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday.

The special children's program will include "My Pal Gus" and a cartoon carnival.

There is a good choice of Christmas gifts still in stock in the stores of the town and parents will find cooperative sales persons to help them in making their selections while the children enjoy the show, a chamber spokesman said.

Robert Van Houte To Head OEA In 1962

Robert Van Houte, Morrow county superintendent of schools, was elected to the office of vice president of the Oregon Education Association at the representative council held in Portland Dec. 2-3. He will assume office at the OEA convention March 15 in Portland and will progress to president of the state organization the following year.

Van Houte is a life member of NEA. He has served as chairman of the OEA federal legislative committee for the past two years. At present there are 15,000 dues-paying members in the state.

Besides promoting his professional organization, Van Houte has been active in Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce since he moved here two and a half years ago, and has been nominated for the board of directors of the chamber.

Former presidents of the OEA include Henry Tetz who at one time was superintendent of schools in Heppner, Wallace McCrae of Pendleton; and Lucy Rodgers, former Morrow county school superintendent was president of the old Oregon Teacher Association.

Hoop Action Here Thursday and Friday

The Heppner High freshmen will meet the Pilot Rock freshmen in a basketball game here Thursday night, Dec. 15, starting time at 7:00 p.m. There will be a small charge for admission to the game.

On Friday there will be lots of action on the maple courts here with the Junior Union of John Day in a league game with the "B" team starting things off at 6:30.

Then Friday evening, the high school "A" and "B" teams will tangle with Grant Union of John Day in a league game with the "B" team starting things off at 6:30.

Free show, Star Theater, 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17. Feature picture "My Pal Gus"—reissue of a film especially suitable for children—plus a cartoon Carnival.

Parents are requested not to send to the theater children too small to take care of themselves, unless they are accompanied by an older child to stay with them.

Soil Conservation Group Sets Annual Meet

Plans for the Soil Conservation annual meeting for Feb. 7 were made at the regular monthly meeting of Heppner Soil Conservation supervisors last week. Location of the evening meeting will be announced later.

A special program is being lined up with the theme to be water and its use.

A tour in March of the drainage areas of the Willow creek watershed by all supervisors, to determine sites to be surveyed for flood control and water protection will be made. Request for the survey under public law 566 which pertains to watershed protection and flood prevention is expected to be made by the Heppner district.

In an annual inspection of the Heppner Soil Conservation district office Wednesday by John Denison, Pendleton and Louis Parton, Hermiston, farm planning and other activities of the office were judged to be up to standard.

"They were well pleased with what they found," Ralph Richards, conservationist, said.

Registration Deadline In Lighting Contest Nears

Those who are interested in entering the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the chamber of commerce are reminded that Tuesday is the deadline for registering.

To date only a few business houses have entered and no outdoor or private home entries have been made. Judging will be December 21 between the hours of 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Harry Duvall has notified the chamber that the lovely outdoor nativity scene at her home will not be entered in the contest.

The time for judging this contest has been changed to 6 to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21 to avoid conflict with the Grade school Christmas program at 8.

Boardman School Superintendent Ill

Jack Flug, superintendent of schools at Boardman, was taken to Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston on Monday afternoon. He has pneumonia and will be in the hospital for several days.

Mr. Flug was county school superintendent and lived in Heppner before moving to Boardman.

Forrest Deatsman from Indiana has been here visiting his sister, Mrs. Myles Martin.

Post Office To Be Open Sunday Morning

Now that it is only 10 more days until Christmas, patrons are urged to bring in their parcels and letters this week.

The Heppner, Ione and Lexington post offices will provide window service all day Saturday, December 17. Mail will also be distributed Sunday morning, December 18. Arrangements have been made for a special trip by the mail contractor who hauls the mail from Arlington to Heppner. Patrons are urged to visit the office on Sunday and remove the mail from their boxes. Parcels will be distributed to those who call before 1:00 p.m.

Mallings are slower this year as indicated by automatic counter in the cancelling machine, as it is 1,220 behind for the first 10 days of December. This is not a significant figure, except that it indicates patrons are not heeding the warnings to mail early in order to prevent Christmas delay. Windows are open until 6:00 p.m. for the season, please do your mailing as early as possible, but take advantage of the extra service if you find it more convenient.

Organization Tax Protest Meeting Set

A protest meeting is being called at the Lexington Grange hall at 8 p.m., December 27. The Grange-sponsored meeting will study the new interpretation by the state Tax Commission of exemptions of real property owned by fraternal and other organizations from taxes.

Orville Cutsforth, legislative chairman for Morrow County Pomona Grange, said that the new interpretation of present tax laws would increase the annual Grange dues by as much as 50 percent.

Invited to speak to the public at this meeting will be the state senators and representatives from the district and also a representative of the state tax commission.

All fraternal organizations, veterans' groups, Granges and any others who are affected by the new decision are asked to attend the meeting and to see what can be done to get a new interpretation of the law.

This new interpretation can cause a real hardship to many organizations in the state and it is important to find out just what it will mean before the beginning of the next legislative session, Cutsforth indicated.

SCOUTS HOLD SUCCESSFUL FUND DRIVE

Robert Abrams, chairman for the Boy Scout fund drive, reports that close to \$500 has already been turned in by those who collected for the organization. He urged all persons still holding money to turn in their collections as soon as possible.

Special Prices Offered For Rabies Shots

Pets should be inoculated for rabies in the state of Oregon due to the recent discovery of rabid bats. Bats are known to pass the disease on to cats and dogs.

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association has recommended a reduction in fees charged by its members in the state from the normal \$5.00 fee to \$3.50 to encourage all pet owners in protecting their animals against this dread disease.

"The most effective method of preventing a large-scale outbreak of rabies in Oregon," the OVMA board has said, "is the creation of a large reservoir of vaccinated animals."

Dr. James Norene, local veterinarian, has stated that he is going along with the state association in the lower charge in order to make it easier for people to obtain this protection.

Four rabid bats have been found in Medford, two in Klamath Falls and one in The Dalles. Curry county had one case of a rabid dog. Rabies are quickly passed from bats to dogs and cats and the state health department has said that "Oregon is wide open for a rabies epidemic due to the lack of vaccination of pets in the state."

Pet owners should take advantage of this offer. Parents should warn children not to touch sick animals.

Rabies cannot be cured in humans, but with care it can be prevented.

Social Security Field Representative Here December 21

A field representative from the La Grande social security district office will be in the Heppner City hall from 9 a.m. to noon on December 21 to answer questions relating to provisions of the social security law.

Many changes were made in the social security amendments signed by the President on September 13 which will have real importance to many thousands of the nation's young people under the age of 18. Some children will receive increased benefits and some will qualify who could not previously do so.

The field representative will answer questions of any who think they may come under the new amendments.

Business House Providing Your Christmas Music

Haskell & Haskell, Inc., local TV and musical store, is responsible for the Christmas music heard in the shopping area every afternoon during the holiday season.

They are broadcasting from a public address system placed on top of their building and have added a large selection of Christmas records to their stock for use in this "present" to the shopping public.

When asked why they were doing this at their own expense, a spokesman for the company said they "just thought it would be nice and add to the Christmas spirit." They started their project last year and resumed it this past weekend.

CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS REQUIRED

Ranger, Vic Kreimeyer, of the U. S. Forest Service, requests that all people desiring to cut Christmas trees on Forest Service land for their personal use, please stop at the Forest Service office, above the First National Bank and pick up a Christmas tree permit. There will be no charge for trees cut for personal use.

Christmas Gifts Needed For Mental Patients

An urgent appeal for gifts for the 6,000 patients in the State mental hospitals has been issued by the Mental Health Association of Oregon.

"More gifts are needed if each patient is to receive at least one gift on Christmas," Mrs. Thomas T. Denison, chairman of the gift project, emphasized. Individuals and organizations who can participate in this project are urged to take their gifts to local extension unit members or to the county agent office.

Gifts should not be wrapped, so they can be sorted and the "right gift for the right patient" selected. Gift wrapping materials are welcome as are cigarettes, toiletries, costume jewelry, games, craft materials, clothing, books, musical instruments and sports equipment.

Donations of money are particularly needed, according to Mrs. Denison. Money received will finance Christmas parties in the wards, decorate halls and rooms, purchase large gifts such as record players and pianos, and meet special needs of patients. Checks may be made out to "Christmas Gifts-MHAO" and mailed to the Mental Health Association of Oregon, 427 S. W. 11th, Portland 5, or left at the local county agent's office to be sent to the Pendleton hospital.

County agents, Esther Kirmis, N. C. Anderson and Joe Hay attended the annual extension conference at Oregon State College in Corvallis last week. Theme of the week-long meeting was Agriculture Adjustment.



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USE CHRISTMAS SEALS

FIGHT TB



Van Marter Named March Of Dimes County Chairman

LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., has been named director of the 1961 New March of Dimes for Morrow county.

The appointment was announced by Mrs. Jack Loyd, chairman of the county chapter of the National Foundation. Campaign dates are Jan. 2-31.

"The New March of Dimes already has made a substantial beginning in its expanded program of seeking to prevent birth



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defects and arthritis in addition to continuing to seek total control of paralytic polio," the new campaign director declared.

"The people of Morrow county, through their splendid support of the March of Dimes for more than 20 years, have contributed substantially to a great health program that resulted in the Salk vaccine.

"The 1961 New March of Dimes offers opportunity for all of us to be a part of work aimed at prevention of still more of the great cripples that afflict so many millions of Americans today," he said.

"I am confident that the people of this county will continue to fight for better things for themselves and their children through the New March of Dimes, both as volunteer workers and through their contributions."

McGhees Honored On Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. Austin McGhee were honored Sunday following the morning service at the Methodist church on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, which was Dec. 12. Mrs. Carl McDaniel presented them with a set of silver on behalf of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the church.

When they returned to their home after church they were greeted with a surprise party, planned by their children. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hauser and small daughter of Pasco had decorated the house in pink and silver, set up a wedding table with silver candelabra and centered by a wedding cake.

The honorees were given a scrapbook "This is Your Life," compiled by Mrs. Hauser and containing cards and letters from persons in all the churches the Rev. McGhee has served during his pastorate. Members of the congregations of the Methodist churches at Miller, Colony, Welda, Redfield, Everest, Piedmont, Severy, Fall River, all of Kansas; and Yoncalla, Oregon, as well as relatives of the McGhees, had sent donations to the scrapbook.

Only members of the immediate family were present for the family celebration.

The Rev. McGhee has served as pastor of the Heppner Methodist church for two and a half years.

ATTEND STATE MEET

Five Heppner high school girls and Mrs. Clint Agee attended the Girl's Athletic Association state meeting at Wy-East high school at Hood River last weekend.

Making the trip were Diane McCurdy, Beverly Davidson, Martha Doherty, Libby Van Scholack and Sherron Bunch.

WEATHER

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Thursday	26	13	—
Wednesday	29	22	—
Saturday	24	20	—
Sunday	24	15	—
Monday	31	19	—
Tuesday	42	23	—
Wednesday	48	28	—

Maximum temperatures, 48. Minimum, 13.
No precipitation this week. Total for the year is 12.89 inches.