

BOARD REACHES DECISIONS ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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AGENDA OF SOIL CONSERVATION MEET INCLUDES RE-SURVEY OF WILLOW

Ralph Richards, soil conservationist, announces that at the annual Soil Conservation meeting Glenn H. Von Gunten, chief of planning for the Corps of Army Engineers, Walla Walla, will explain the findings made on the re-survey of a flood control dam on Willow creek above Heppner.

The long awaited report will be of much interest to the public and to conservationists. It was originally expected to be made at a public meeting in August following the re-survey, but had not been completed at that time. It is not known that the report is complete yet, but a progress report of the findings of the Army Engineers will be made, Richards said.

The re-survey of Willow creek watershed for a flood control dam has been actively promoted by Judge Oscar Peterson for a number of years. He was instrumental in obtaining allowance of funds in the public works bill passed by Congress in 1959 for the project. The Corps of Engineers started the re-survey early last year.

Willow Creek was first surveyed for a flood control dam and a report made dated Dec. 26, 1945. No money was ever appropriated to start construction as then planned and it was deemed necessary to re-survey before any appropriation could be requested at this later date.

There have been five floods of major proportions and 10 minor floods which have caused considerable damage in the 80-year period since records have been kept on Willow creek. The earliest occurred in 1883 with considerable damage and killing of livestock but no loss of life. Another major flood in 1888 resulted in the loss of two lives. In the great flood of 1903, 247 lives were lost and property damage of \$350,000 resulted; another in 1905 took five lives and caused much damage; the last major flood occurred in 1934.

Advocates of the dam point out that a flood control dam on Willow creek seems to be a very necessary investment for the possible saving of lives and property from the sudden spring

cloudbursts. More recent efforts have been pointed toward a combination dam which would provide irrigation and recreational facilities, as well as flood control. Conservationists of the area are much interested in seeing that these other aspects are provided for in any contemplated construction.

The annual meeting, the 17th for the local district, will be held at the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7 and is open to the public Richards said.

Native Of Heppner Dies In Oswego

Robert A. Jones passed away at his home in Oswego, Ore., on January 4 from a heart attack, at the age of 49 years.

Mr. Jones was a native of Heppner, having been born here June 28, 1911, the son of Emmett and Lexie Jones. He grew to young manhood here, attending in the public school from which he graduated in 1929.

For a number of years he was in the trucking and delivery business in this city, which also included transportation of the mail between Heppner and Arlington.

He was married to Barbara England and in a few years moved to Coos Bay for a time, later going to Oswego.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Rose Karen of Alaska, Barbara and Gretchen, and one son, Phillip, all of the home, and a brother and sister, Don W. Jones, Medford, and Mrs. Edna Hauswirth, Albany. One son, Joel, preceded him in death.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Oregon City where funeral services were conducted January 7 at the Hillside Chapel with Mr. Howard Hutchins, minister in charge. Interment was in the Mountain View cemetery there.

Mr. Jones was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones of this city.

Those attending the services from here were Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones and Mr. Marcel Jones.

County Court Fills Vacancies By Appointment

The Morrow County court held its first meeting of 1961 January 4. Several appointments were made to fill vacancies in county positions.

Bernard Doherty, Heppner, was re-appointed to the Morrow County Fair Board. His term will be for three years. For the past two years Mr. Doherty had served on the board by appointment, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Carlson.

Appointed for a three-year term on the county budget commission was Henry Baker, Ione. Baker had already served one term.

Leta Humphreys, Heppner, was appointed to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board for a five-year term. She replaces Mrs. D. O. Nelson, Lexington, who had served three years. Mrs. Nelson did not wish to continue on the board.

A five-year lease on the Lexington airport was granted Gar Leyva. The county recently obtained the airport from the City of Lexington.

The Heppner Gazette-Times was named the official county newspaper by the court.

Morrow County Court meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Meat Demonstration Scheduled Friday

The Morrow County Cowbelles are again sponsoring a meat demonstration meeting at the Morrow County Livestock Growers meeting on Friday, Jan. 13, which will take place at the Fair Annex in Heppner at 1:30.

The demonstration this year will be on lamb and will be given by Mrs. Betty Ashbaugh, home economist for the American Sheep Producers Council. She will show cuts of lamb and how to cook them properly.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Oddfellows hall, the M. C. Cowbelles will hold their annual meeting and election of officers. Both of these meetings are open to the public.

Free Ski Lessons Made Available

Ski lessons will begin at Baldy Butte Ski Club at 2 p.m. Saturday, according to Kenneth Peck, club president.

The lessons are for beginners and are so designed that after one month's instruction the ski enthusiast should be able to navigate on the run with some degree of competence.

Three instructors will be available for both children and adult beginners. They are, besides Peck, Bob Jepsen and Don Peterson. Present indication is that lessons will also be available on Sundays at the ski area, but it is not necessary to take both days if inconvenient. The classes are open to all skiers, though Baldy Butte club is interested in obtaining more members and special family rates are still available.

Despite crusty, icy snow as a result of last week's warm rains, over a dozen skiers enjoyed a full day of the sport at the run last Sunday.

Road conditions are still good but it is advisable to carry chains, a jack and a shovel when driving to the park.

All those interested in taking the free lessons should contact one of the instructors in order that they may have some indication of how many will be in the classes.

Former Resident Dies In Pendleton

Margaret B. Miller, 49, resident of La Grande died Monday in Pendleton. Services will be Monday, Jan. 16, 2:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, Pendleton.

She was born in Fossil and lived in Heppner and Pendleton for several years.

Survivors include the husband, Henry Merle, Portland; two sons, Eugene Merle, Salem and David Clark, U.S. Navy; two daughters, Mrs. Carol Inve Snyder and Mrs. Elizabeth Merlene Peoples, both La Grande; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Portland; sister, Nellie Hazel Miller, Vancouver, Wash.; brother Ralph Elder, Jr., Pendleton, and seven grandchildren.

Key Corbin was here from his base in Winnemucca, Nev. visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbin.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS FOR 1961—Mike Whitesmith, president; Dr. C. M. Wagner, second vice president; Bert Huff, treasurer; Bill Wildman, secretary; Fred Gimbel, first vice president, was unable to be present when picture was taken.

Whitesmith Heads C. of C. for '61; Roads Discussed

Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce held its annual installation ceremonies Monday noon at regular meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Frank Turner, installing officer, gave a short resume of progress in the county during the past year. He said that nine new homes were built or started during the past 12 months and indicated that an out-of-town contractor is presently planning on a housing project in the Heppner area. He mentioned increased recreational facilities, new businesses and other developments of the past year.

Looking toward 1961 he said that the Boardman Bombing Range held the best potential industrial location in the country with cheap transportation facilities on the river, railroad already serving the area, and a good highway. He cited a more attractive tax climate as necessary to encourage industry to locate in the county.

Installed as president was Mike Whitesmith; second vice president, Dr. C. M. Wagner; treasurer, Bert Huff; and secretary, W. O. Wildman. Fred Gimbel, the new first vice president, was unable to be present and will be installed later.

Installed on the board of directors were Earl Ayres, Robert Van Houtte, Al Lamb, Dr. Wagner and Gimbel.

The new president told the chamber that two men from Milton-Freewater were interested in starting an eight-lane bowling alley in Heppner and had requested the chamber to state how the members felt concerning this addition to the businesses of the town. Following a discussion a motion was adopted instructing the secretary to write a letter to the interested parties telling them that the chamber had gone on record to encourage them in every way possible to make this addition to the recreational facilities of the area.

Dick Wilkinson asked the chamber to promote building of a road through to Ukiah. Speaking on behalf of Morrow County Stock Growers' Association, he pointed out that there were eight stockmen in the area who have summer range at Ukiah and said they would use such a road if it existed. He also said several growers from Buttercreek needed this cut-off in getting cattle and sheep to and from summer range.

He stressed the benefits to business of having such a road to make a short cut to the Columbia River highway from Ukiah for tourists and other travelers. He was backed up by O. W. Cutsforth who said "we are always building roads out of Heppner area, but never any leading into it."

Victor Kreimeyer, U. S. Forest Ranger, requested an opportunity in the near future to appear on a chamber program and explain the Forest Service plans for roads in the area.

Judge Oscar Peterson said that it was important to stress specific roads at a time when requesting help of the state in building them and reminded chamber members that the county court had already requested state funds for the Spray road and the lower Willow creek road.

Dr. McMurdo Attends Medical Session

Dr. A. D. McMurdo left Tuesday night to attend a special medical symposium on obstetrics and gynecology in Portland Wednesday.

The symposium was sponsored by the Oregon Academy of General Practice, as part of a program of postgraduate studies for family doctors to keep abreast of latest advances in medicine.

Campus Style, Wood Frame With Brick Veneer Chosen

The school district board voted Monday night to use a wood-frame-with-brick-veneer construction for the new Heppner-Lexington high school building. This will be similar to the Heppner elementary school construction, and will eventually be three buildings joined by corridors — a campus style.

To determine the most economical building program the board also voted to instruct the architect to call for bids for three separate versions of the first unit which will be built this spring and summer. They will be for a completed six-room unit with two additional rooms framed in, and for a completed eight-room unit. On the basis of these bids the board will decide which would be the best to construct within limits of the money available from the special levy already approved.

A meeting with the lone advisory committee and the building committee to study plans for the lone building program is scheduled for tonight (Thursday). The possibility that the two construction projects might be carried on simultaneously was discussed. If financially possible, it was pointed out that this would represent a savings to the taxpayers as well as speed the time in which the lone improvements could be made available.

It was reported that the road to the new school site has been laid and construction is planned for as soon as bids can be awarded by the board. Occupancy in the fall term of 1961-62 school year is expected.

A salary schedule adjustment program was adopted by the board which provides for small increases for teachers who fall in the seventh step or above on the schedule. It was stated that the total effect on the budget was not expected to be over \$4,000.

The board voted to negotiate contracts with present district administrators: Robert Van Houtte, superintendent; Gordon Pratt, Heppner high school principal; Hillard Brown, Heppner elementary and Lexington school principal; Dallas Shockley, assistant superintendent; Donald Clark, lone elementary school principal; and Donald Oimscheld, principal of the Irrigon elementary school. All will be offered contracts on a 12-month basis and it was indicated that staggered vacations of one month would be allowed, with special leave arranged for those administrators who might wish to attend summer school. One administrator would thus be at each building on a year-around basis. Length of contracts and salaries will be determined at a later meeting.

Income Tax Returns Discussed At Meeting

The Farmers Union met Jan. 10 at the Newt O'Hara home with president, Clarence Rosewall presiding. He appointed Mrs. Max Barclay as educational director and O. W. Cutsforth as legislative chairman.

It was decided to have the old library room as a permanent meeting place due to increased membership.

Carl Spaulding gave a report on current income tax rulings and general discussion was held on farmers' income tax returns.

It was noted that the new administration will hold a second farm summit meeting on Jan. 26 in Secretary of Agriculture Freeman's Washington office. James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union will again be among the farm leaders attending. The purpose of the first meeting, held in December was to find ways and means for the major farm organizations to gather and work with the new Secretary of Agriculture in the future. It was the first of such meetings held in 10 years.

A report of the January summit meeting will be given at the February 14 Farmers Union meeting to be held at the old library room at 8:00 p.m. with the Clarence Rosewall's as hosts.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	50	18	—
Friday	58	44	.10
Saturday	50	34	.04
Sunday	47	31	—
Monday	52	34	—
Tuesday	56	32	—
Wednesday	58	30	—

Maximum temperature, 58. Minimum, 18. Rainfall for the week was .14 of an inch. Total for the year is .15 of an inch.

"LIVESTOCK MAN OF THE YEAR" TITLE EARNED BY DON GREENUP



THE GREENUP FAMILY—Don, Terry, Sue, Bill, Greg, Mrs. Greenup, and Mary Ann.

A new operator on an old ranch was chosen last week for 1960 Livestock Man of the Year.

Don and Colleen Greenup, with their five children, all work to make livestock growing a success. Mrs. Greenup was born and raised on the home ranch, nine miles east of Heppner on Hinton Creek, which has been in the Kilkenny family for 50 years. The Livestockman title was earned by the family through a steady increase in the improvements of the beef herd and the development of a registered flock of Suffolk ewes known for their breeding and quality through the Pacific Northwest.

The Greenups, who run 320 commercial brood cows and "lambled out" 194 registered Suffolk ewes in 1960, have been operating the old Kilkenny ranch since 1946. Numbers of beef cattle have been built up as range land was improved and a forest

service reserve right obtained.

The ewe flock was added in 1955 mainly on the interest of Mrs. Greenup who was raised in a family of sheepmen. These sheep, a far cry from the range bands operated years back on the ranch, have won recognition for their quality and size for age.

A person needs to spend only a short time at the Greenup ranch to find that as the children say, "Mama is the Sheepman of the Year."

Management of the range used for the commercial beef herd includes deferred and rotation grazing of range land which is divided into five pastures for best operation. The cattle are summered on range in the Blue Mountains and calves sold at weaning time.

Calves are ear-tagged as born, the tag number matched with a shoulder brand on the cow so

that gain and conformation can be compared as a means for selecting replacements and culling the old cows.

As one of the factors in considering the Greenups for the Livestock Man of the Year, recognition was their program of land clearing, development and leveling on the ranch. One hundred twelve acres has been put under irrigation in the past five years, most of it flood irrigated with excess spring runoff which was wasted before; other sub-irrigated, all is seeded to recommended varieties of grass and alfalfa which have replaced lower producing native grasses. A planned program of fertilization increases production.

Range improvement through distribution of livestock and reservoirs for irrigation have been provided through a series of stock water ponds. Several of

the ponds have been stocked with trout. Many other ponds have been built and stocked as a direct result of this.

The entire Greenup family is interested in livestock and livestock production. Terry Ann, 13 and Sue Ellen, 10, are members of the Hoof & Horn Livestock Club and are presently carrying sheep and dairy projects. Bill, 8, Greg, 7, and Maryann, 3, have an interest in the operation.

Don is active in community affairs, has been a 4-H leader for three years, a member of the Morrow County Livestock Growers' Association, Oregon Cattleman's Association, American National Cattleman's Association, American Suffolk Society, a member of the Elks Lodge, Morrow County Farm Bureau and American Legion.

Born in Montana, living there and in the state of Washington prior to coming to Morrow County in 1941, his entire life has been spent in ranching. He has carried out the latest of recommended practices in livestock and forage production over the years and has demonstrated the value of grazing alfalfa in a plot on his farm.

On the Livestock Man of the Year selection committee appointed by the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association were Herbert Ekstrom, Ron Curran, Frank Anderson, and Don Robison.

Don Greenup will be recognized at the twelfth annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers in Heppner this week end, January 13 and 14.