

# Plan Advanced To Build High School

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### Boeing Contract Would Provide Taxes For Morrow County

Morrow county and Heppner city officials were busy this week investigating the Boeing contract offer for the Boardman Bombing Range and at latest reports all were enthusiastic about the prospects for development of the Space Age Park.

Adequate protection has been supplied in the contract for taxing of both the land and any improvements with the tax money to go to the county. The land and improvements will be assessed by the county assessor. The quoted value of \$1,000,000 for the land is not binding; provisions are made that when the land is leased the county is to set the value in comparison with adjacent land valuation.

Growth will be gradual if Boeing obtains the site and the company is aware of the problems of supplying services for industry and personnel. It is expected that

the county will be able to provide these extra services with income provided by taxes on the site and on the improvements.

Boeing's announced plans for the site are for manufacturing, research, or development. The company has the right to sublease up to 50 percent of the land, with the rentals going to Boeing. The contract calls for use of the land within five years.

These details of the contract were outlined to Heppner Mayor Al Lamb, District Attorney Robert Abrams, County Judge Oscar Peterson and Port Commissioner Garland Swanson in an hour-long audience with Governor Mark Hatfield in Salem Monday.

The Governor said that his main purpose was to provide diversified industry for the state and that the plans of Boeing, as they were known, could only

improve the lot of Morrow county taxpayers.

The group which met with the Governor was representing the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce which had gone on record as "wanting to know more about the proposed contract." It was originally felt that a sudden influx might over-tax the facilities of schools and roads of the county without providing any tax money to the county to compensate for the expense involved in supplying additional services.

Many persons from the Heppner-lone area also attended the public hearing at Boardman Sunday when Sam Mallicoat, director of the State Department of Planning and Development, outlined plans for the site at a joint meeting of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committee and the public.

### Deere Day Set For Friday, February 24

Farmers attending John Deere Day in Heppner Friday, Feb. 24, are going to see the latest in modern equipment on the city street, reports Dave Townsend, manager of Tri-County Equipment Co., sponsor of the event.

Lined up in the parking area in front of Tryco will be a bright new John Deere baler, a self-propelled swather, a 24-inch tool carrier. Featured also will be a new wheel tractor equipped with a front-end loader.

Deere Day is celebrated nationwide by all dealers with the purpose of getting farmers together to talk over their problems and providing an opportunity of viewing the spring display of newest advances in equipment used on the farm.

All farmers and their families of the area are invited. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and through co-operation of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and city officials free parking will be provided for all who register. Souvenirs are planned for children and adults and prizes will be given. Free coffee will be served during the morning demonstration.

From 12 to 1 a free luncheon has been planned. Seating will be provided in the showroom with Winn-Dee's Snack Shack in charge of the food.

Following the luncheon at 1 p.m. a free movie will be shown at the Star Theater depicting the extensive testing given John Deere tractors for five years before they are put into production and released for sale. Another feature will be "Harvesting in the Northwest."

"We anticipate a crowd and we have some excellent equipment with new features to show them," Townsend stated. He indicated that activities would be arranged so children, too, would be interested.

Dave Townsend has been manager of the Heppner branch since early Fall and moved his wife and young son here in late December from their previous home in Arlington. He has been associated with the machinery business for 12 years.

### John Hanna, Sr., Funeral Last Monday

Services for John Ira Hanna, 75, who died at Pioneer Memorial hospital Friday from injuries received in a fall from the roof of a hay shelter were held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Heppner Methodist church, the Rev. Austin McGhee officiating.

Mr. Hanna and two others were putting tin on the roof of a shed at the Hanna ranch eight miles east of Heppner when the scaffolding collapsed, about 5:30 Sunday evening. All were brought by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial hospital where it was found Mr. Hanna had a broken back. Avery Taylor suffered a cerebral concussion and lacerations. His condition is reported as good. Paul Wachter was treated for badly bruised elbow and thumb and released.

John Hanna was born May 2, 1885, at Smithport, Pa. He married Lula Ann Brickell, August 19, 1904, in Pennsylvania and they moved to Independence, Oregon in 1905. He operated a hopyard and hardware store there until 1923 when they moved to Heppner and purchased the Tom Matlock ranch east of town on Hinton creek. He operated the ranch until his death.

Mr. Hanna was a member of R.P.O.E. No. 358, A.F.&A.M. No. 69 and the Methodist church, all of Heppner.

He was preceded in death by his wife who died Dec. 1, 1958.

Survivors are two sons, Wilford, Depoe Bay, and John Jr., Heppner; three daughters, Mildred Bergstrom, Genevieve Corbin and Jean Bennett, all of Heppner; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Emilie Groschen, Jack Bedford, Roscoe Cox, Walter Beckett, Ben Cox, John Wightman.

Pallbearers were Harley Young, Dallas Craber, Bill Barratt, Charles Monagle, Don Greenup, and Raymond French.

### Burglars Enter Two Schools, Bristow Store

Two Morrow county schools were broken into Monday night but no money was taken.

At lone entry was made by removing a glass panel in a door. The office safe was locked and a heavy instrument was used to attempt to force it open. The safe was reported battered quite extensively, but was not opened.

At Riverside high school in Boardman it was believed the thieves had been frightened away. No attempt had been made to force open the locked safe, which contained \$200.

Entry was made by prying open a cafeteria window and forcing open the locked office door.

No attempt at vandalism was made at either school.

School officials of both towns were in Heppner attending a board meeting at the time the entries were thought to be made.

Edmon and Donald Bristow, lone, reported Sunday morning that a forceable entry into their store at lone had been made sometime during the previous night. Discovery was made Sunday when Bristow went to the store. Entry was gained through a side window.

The owners said that unless a complete inventory were taken it would be impossible to determine how much was lost. However, a check showed that some 13 cases of beer were taken, but the cash register was not bothered. State police are investigating.

### Two Committees Give Recommendation

A proposal to build the complete high school at Heppner "now" was made at the Monday night meeting of the county school board.

Gene Pierce, speaking for the Heppner building committee and the Heppner school advisory committee, said that some active survey regarding building the complete new school should be made as soon as possible and that these committees were recommending to the board such a survey be made, with construction planned at an early date—"not three or four years from now."

A four year serial levy in the amount of \$130,000 each year was adopted by the voters in a special election last year. At that time the proposed building schedule for schools of the county called for a four to six room unit being built at Heppner this year, to accommodate upper elementary grades and later to serve as the first unit of a complete high school plant to serve Lexington and Heppner. Work was to be done in constructing more facilities at the lone plant the second year; Irrigon the third year; and Boardman the fourth, or at such time as the backwater from the John Day dam made a new school there necessary. The Heppner high school was to be completed following this program.

Pierce said that the combined committees had reached a decision that a large amount of money could be saved by building the whole school at once at Heppner and stressed that the need was here now. He proposed that the building be financed by bonds and said that these would not have to be paid simultaneously with the serial levy but could be carried at interest only until the four-year levy had been paid.

The proposed plan is not a change in building plans for the schools of the area, but merely a change in timing. It was brought out by the board that the new program, if adopted, would not interfere with construction and alterations at other locations in the school district, which would continue to be fulfilled under the special levy.

Bonding capacity of the district is adequate to take care of building needs both at Heppner and the north end without adding too great a load in taxes. A large portion of the expense of building the Boardman school will be taken care of by the Army Engineers, members of the board indicated.

The district board took the recommendation for the Heppner building under advisement.

At a continuing meeting Feb. 21 the architect's plans for the unit which will be built this year will be reviewed. An earlier request that the unit be expanded to eight rooms has been provided for with \$20,000 being included in the proposed 1961-62 school budget of \$888,559.

Teacher contracts were reviewed and it was announced that one administrator and two teachers were retiring, having reached retirement age. Out of the 76 administrators and teachers in the system a total of 12 empty positions will exist because of retirement, resignations, or other causes.

A review of proposed legislation which would affect the schools of the state was made and the board went on record officially opposing House bill 216 which would restrict buses to use only for transporting students to and from school; Senate bill 13 on tenure; Senate bill 6 on teachers duty-free lunch period (as an administrative problem not legislation) and a bill providing for collective bargaining for public employees.

### Expect 500 Elks For Anniversary Here Saturday

Arrangements are in full swing for an anticipated 500 people who will convene here Saturday to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the local Elks Lodge, reports Everett Keithley, exalted ruler.

The full day's program includes an afternoon card party at the Catholic parish hall for the ladies with entertainment provided for non-card playing visitors. The party will start at 2 p. m., coinciding with the afternoon regular lodge meeting for Elks at the temple.

A six o'clock dinner will be served at the fair pavilion by the women of Willows Grange. At 8 and again at 9 floor shows will be presented at the Star Theater followed by dancing at the club for all Elks and their ladies.

Dignitaries from all over the state are expected to be in attendance, including Jack Judson, Ontario, Esteemed Lecturing Knight for the Grande Lodge.

### A World Day of Prayer will be Friday afternoon at the Christian church starting at 2:00 p. m. This is sponsored by the Union Missionary Society, which is made up from several denominations.

Allen Tom, vice president of the Oregon Wheat League, told the Farmers Union meeting Tuesday night that there would be a referendum on any new farm proposal made under the Kennedy administration.

He outlined a farm legislation plan expected to be backed by President Kennedy which would require co-operation in a land retirement program by the farmer in order to participate. He said under this three-price system the build-up of surpluses would be stopped and a reduction of present surpluses would result.

Bills which affect farmers coming up in the state legislature were reported on by members present and action was taken to oppose some and support others.

### MCGG Elevator Storage Lowest In 10 Years

Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers has announced that it now appears all MCGG elevators will be empty prior to harvest this year. "If this is the case, it will be the first time that this condition has prevailed for around 10 years," Lamb said.

A surplus of wheat does not exist in the Pacific Northwest according to Lamb, and he indicated we are rapidly moving into a shortage position in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Only the normal carry-over not exceeding 40 million bushels is expected this year in these states. This carry-over is needed to meet demands during the year for seed, mills and export.

### Frank Young Services Held

Frank Young died Feb. 7 at Hermiston where he had lived for 17 years. He formerly lived in the Gooseberry section out of lone.

Mr. Young is survived by his wife, Cecil, Hermiston and three sons, Walton, Hermiston; Clair, Portland; and Leo, Roseburg.

Services were held at the Methodist Church in Hermiston on Friday, Feb. 10 at 10:00 a. m. with graveside services at 11:45 a. m. at the lone cemetery.

Members of the lone Odd-fellows lodge were pallbearers.

Mr. D. B. Harshman, Portland is here for a stay with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williamson.

### Man Charged In Circuit Court

James Smith, 22, Irrigon, was arraigned in circuit court Tuesday and charged with taking and using an automobile without the consent of the owner.

He pled not guilty in front of Judge W. W. Wells. He was ordered returned to the custody of the sheriff to await trial.

He was taken to the Umatilla county jail.

### Kinzua Corporation To Add Chipper And Barker

Confidence in the economy of the Heppner area was expressed by Maurice Brown Monday when he told the chamber of Commerce that Kinzua Corporation is installing new chipper and barker machines at the Heppner mill.

Brown said the new additions will employ a few additional men and will be in production within 60 days.

The machinery is being acquired at a cost of "in excess of \$100,000," Brown said.

The barker will be located on the pond at the mill and the chipper will be adjacent to the mill.

The product will be shipped from the area in the form of chips.

### Chamber Hears Bill Reviewed

Chamber of Commerce was told Monday that taxes on Kinzua Corporation timber holdings in Morrow county had increased 43 percent last year, by Allen Nistad, Kinzua.

Nistad reported on legislation proposed at this session of the Legislature which would provide a severance tax. The bill, No. 1114, would further increase the taxes for Kinzua, he said, but would promote a fairer distribution of tax and would lower other taxes in the county. Under the bill the county would also receive a percentage of the timber taxes collected.

In other business the chamber heard reports on the Boardman hearing by the joint Ways and Means Committee of the House and Senate Sunday. A delegation of chamber members had attended the meeting and reported that people of the north end of Morrow county were in agreement that the Boeing contract would be good for their area.

### Women's Cancer Show March 13

The Oregon division of the American Cancer Society will sponsor a film on uterine cancer at the Star theater at 7:30 p. m., March 13.

Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr., county chairman of the Cancer Society is in charge of arrangements. Dr. A. D. McMurdo will be present to answer any questions in the discussion period following the showing.

All women of the area are urged to attend this free showing, one of a series being carried out all over the state.

### Jail And Welfare Pass Inspection

The Grand Jury, as a part of its regular duties, investigated the condition of the Morrow county jail and the county poor when it sat February 9.

The jail was found to be acceptable and the county welfare administrator was commended.

### Elaine George Wins Award

Mrs. Elaine George, operator of the Star Theater, has been named winner of a special \$500 prize in the national showmanship contest conducted by Motion Picture Herald and the United States Steel Corporation.

The prize was awarded in conjunction with a showing of the short subject, "Rhapsody of Steel."

### Change In Date Of Social Security Visit

Because Washington's Birthday is a national holiday, the social security representative will be in Heppner on Thursday, Feb. 23, instead of on the usual Wednesday.

The hours on February 23 will be from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. The place remains the same at the Heppner city hall.

Joe Hay, extension agent, spent the week end in Salem with his folks.

### STATE BASIC FUND DISTRIBUTION REVIEWED BY VAN HOUTE

Eastern Oregon and Multnomah county school administrators have developed a new formula for the distribution of state school funds, which will be presented to the legislature.

Robert Van Houte, chairman of the committee that drew up the bill said that the basis of the plan is that state money would be distributed in equal proportion to every school district in the state according to the number of students in attendance.

The proposal provides that the total amount to which all districts in a county are entitled would be distributed as follows: 55 percent of the county's share would go directly to the district in a county; the remaining 45 percent would be divided among those districts having a lower than average assessed valuation per pupil than the average of the county in which that district is located.

No county would be penalized. Each county would be guaranteed that it would receive the total money which the school districts in the county received in 1959-60.

The total amount of money to the state for distribution would be divided by the total weighted resident students in the state. For example, if 60 million dollars is available and is divided by 400,000 students the amount per pupil would be \$150. Any school district could then determine how much money it would receive from the state. By counting each elementary student as one and each high school student as 1.3 the actual amount to be received could be determined.

Van Houte said this formula, in contrast to the existing pattern of distribution, would bring some increase in state money to the schools of Eastern Oregon.

The proposal of the legislature's interim committee on education would make substantial reductions in the amount of money available to Eastern Oregon schools, Van Houte said, and explained that this bill would be proposed in opposition to that of the interim committee.

The same amount of money is involved in both plans.

### LEGIION JOINT MEETING

State officials of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will attend a joint meeting of the lone and Heppner posts at the American Legion hall in Heppner February 23.

A 6:30 social hour will be followed by a 7 p. m. pot-luck dinner, before the meeting.

All Legionnaires and their wives are invited.

### Mrs. Roy Kirk, Mrs. Cloud Graham, and Mrs. Jim Thomson were in Corvallis during the week end.

Mrs. Kirk attended the principal's and guidance director's meeting and visited with the Heppner students attending O. S. C. Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Thomson visited their daughters, there.



The newly-won wings of a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force are pinned on Lowell Turner, 1956 Heppner high school graduate, by his wife, Edith, in a special commissioning ceremony held at Willamette University. Lieutenant Turner is the son of Mrs. Lois Winchester.

### WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	63	44	.32
Saturday	52	43	.17
Sunday	58	32	—
Monday	49	39	—
Tuesday	55	35	.04
Wednesday	54	36	.11
Thursday	58	33	—

Maximum temperatures, 63. Minimum, 32. Rainfall for the week is .64 of an inch. Total for the year is 2.79 inches.