

Heppner School Bids Being Called For March 28th

Pipe Laying Expected Here In 45 Days

Western-Neill, contractors for Pacific Gas Transmission, are scheduled to start activities in this area near the end of March or early April according to a company spokesman this week. At this time it is impossible to say the exact date. They are presently working in the Bend area and much depends on the weather.

A giant 936-foot long pipe welding machine is now being set up at Hinkle for double ending and wrapping forty miles of 36-inch pipeline. It is built to handle all problems connected with joining two 3 1/2-ton sections of pipe and has been moved to Hinkle from Klamath Falls. The machine will internally and externally weld, x-ray, coat, wrap and grit-blast two 40-foot sections of pipe in a single operation. The time needed to weld the pipe now at Hinkle is not known but the machine may be in operation 10 hours a day, seven days a week in order to meet the schedule of the operation being concluded in about 45 days.

The company spokesman said that this double ending and wrapping activity will coincide rather closely with the start of actual construction activities in Schedule III, which is in the immediate vicinity of Heppner.

Earlier announced plans call for two sections of pipe being laid simultaneously; one beginning at Bend and running to Ione, another starting at Ione and terminating at Rosalia, Washington.

No announcement has been made as to where company offices or crews will be located while working in this vicinity.

Many Attend Elks Annual

Among Elk dignitaries attending the anniversary here last week-end were Warren Randall, Albany, president of the Oregon State Elk's Association; Frank E. Wheeler, Burns, fourth vice president of the state association; Rex Krouse, Portland, public relations chairman for the state association; and G. B. Urlic, Arlington, of the Grand Lodge State Associations committee.

Pendleton Lodge No. 288 officiated at the initiation of 11 new members for the local lodge.

Doris Morris, Heppner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris, and Roger Doherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Heppner, were presented \$50 bonds as winners of the Youth Leadership contest. Making the presentation was Warren Randall.

Other activities on the day-long program included entertainment and a card party at the Catholic Parish hall for Elk's ladies; a social hour at the club rooms; dinner at the Fair pavilion, a floor show at the Star Theater and dancing in the lodge rooms.

COORDINATING DEVELOPMENT GROUP ORGANIZED

The Space Age Industrial Park Development Association was formerly organized at a meeting in Boardman last week. Purpose of the group is to seek suitable government projects for the Boardman site, and to attract satellite industries to the adjacent area.

William Belt, Hermiston, who presided at the meeting, said that the group felt that active community support for space-age government projects as the Boardman site could hasten the start of operations by Boeing and encourage the location of other companies in the area.

Robert Tarr, Portland, recently retired director of the Oregon Department of Planning and Development, praised the group's "positive approach" to the announcement of Boeing's intention to lease the Boardman site. He said that action locally, in Salem, and through representatives in Washington, D. C. should help to bring Oregon a fairer share of the U. S. defense dollar, now that Oregon has a site and a proposed tenant with the capabilities to handle complex, space-age defense projects. The association elected Belt, Hermiston, as president; George

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State Representative Frank Weatherford reports a busy time in Salem. See letter on Page 2.

Rev. John Rydgren Leaving For Tacoma

The Rev. John Rydgren has been assigned a position as associate pastor at Central Lutheran church, Tacoma, Washington. Pastor Rydgren has served the Hope Lutheran church at Heppner and the Valby Lutheran church in rural Ione for the past two and a half years.

The Rev. Joseph J. Groschupf, Spokane, will serve as an interim pastor at both churches until July when a new pastor is expected to be available. Pastor Groschupf will be at the local parsonage four days a week and will carry on the regular church program including the mid-week Lenten services already in progress.

Rev. Rydgren has been taping radio programs locally for distribution to various stations for broadcast under the sponsorship of the North Pacific district of The American Lutheran Church. He said that he will carry on this program in his new location and that the tapes are now being heard over stations at Seattle, Alaska and Spokane. Walla Walla and Portland stations will carry the program in the near future.

Pastor Rydgren and his wife and two small children will leave for their new home following the church services here Sunday.

American Legion and Legion Auxiliary of Ione and Heppner will entertain for state officials of the organization at a meeting here tonight, at 6:30 at the Legion hall. All Legionnaires and their wives are invited.

Laura Lee Sumner Goes To District Speech Contest

Laura Lee Sumner, Heppner high school sophomore, will represent the Heppner Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the district United Nations contest in Pendleton March 5. Laura Lee was chosen from 21 entries, according to Pete McMurry, lodge representative for the contest.

The topic for this year's contest is "What the United Nations Has Done for Underprivileged Countries." All contest entrants use the same topic. Judging in the preliminary contest is based on the written speech; the district contest is based on speech content and delivery.

Winners of this annual contest receive an all-expense trip to the United Nations next summer, where they are able to attend sessions of the UN. Laura Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sumner, Heppner.

Jerry Anderson Star Farmer

Jerry Anderson, senior at Heppner High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Heppner, was named Star Chapter Farmer at the annual FFA banquet last night at the Catholic parish hall.

A complete story will be in next week's paper.

Odd Fellows To Hold District Convention Here

Odd Fellows representing 11 lodges in two counties will be in Heppner Saturday for the 48th annual Umatilla-Morrow County Odd Fellows District convention, according to Randall Peterson, president of the district group. Activities will center in the lodge hall on Main street with registration starting at 11 a. m.

Grand Master Stanley Odham, Oswego and secretary to the Grand Lodge, Earl Shank, Portland will take part as well as dignitaries from other lodges. A regular lodge session will convene at 1:30 with a welcoming address by Lew Robbins, Heppner. The response will be given by Art Holmes, Pendleton, past Grand Master of Oregon. Sans Souci Reb-kah Lodge No. 30 will be in charge of a 6:30 dinner in the lodge dining room. Entertainment has been scheduled from two schools in the area. At 7:30 the evening session will begin and will feature the Milton-Freewater lodge exemplifying the 3rd Degree.

The IOOF Grand Lodge will convene in Pendleton on May 14-18.

Chamber Retires Lighting Bonds

Outstanding bonds owned by individuals on the lighting fund for the fairgrounds will be called by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce this spring. Action of the board of directors recommending the retirement of all such bonds was adopted by the chamber Monday.

Total amount of money involved is about \$1100. It was announced that within two years the lighting fund bonds will be completely retired.

Several years ago the Chamber paid for lighting of the field by floating the bonds. Each year at the annual Chamber banquet a drawing of names has been held to see which individual's bonds will be retired. There will be no such drawing at this year's banquet, which is tentatively scheduled for late March, as all individually owned bonds will be retired now.

SCOUT MEETING

Bob Grant, Pendleton, District Scout executive, will be in town for a meeting tonight at the Methodist church to organize a new troop committee for Boy Scouts in the area. The meeting will be held at 7 p. m. in the church basement and any men interested in serving in this program are urged to attend.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Charles McLean, fire control officer of the Heppner Ranger district, has returned from a three week vacation trip which took him to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and one week of skiing at White Pass, Wash. He also visited friends at Seattle.

McLean was accompanied by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mortenson, Naches, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles and his mother, Mrs. Walter Ruggles, are spending a few days in Portland.

WEATHER

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Friday	46	33	.01
Saturday	45	29	—
Sunday	52	35	.24
Monday	59	35	—
Tuesday	61	50	—
Wednesday	61	32	.16
Thursday	48	33	—

Rainfall for the week was 41 of an inch, for February 2.59 inches. Total for the year is 3.20 inches.

Lexington Co-op Elects Directors

Three new directors were chosen at the annual meeting of the Lexington Oil Co-operative held recently. They are Archie Munkers, Heppner; Kenneth Palmer and Kenneth Peck, Lexington. Hold-over directors are Karl Miller and Millard Nolan, both of Lexington.

A dividend of 9.44 per cent was declared. Gross for the Co-op for the year was reported at \$197,715.72 with a net of \$18,672.11, according to Joel Engelman, manager.

Non-members earn dividends in the same ratio as members, but are not allowed to vote in company operation.

Heart Sunday Ends Fund Drive

Sunday, February 26, is Heart Sunday, Mrs. Cecil Thorne, Ione, county chairman, reminds the public that the culmination of the Heart Fund drive will be that day with a three day door-to-door campaign ending Sunday evening.

In charge of collection are: Mrs. Earl Soward, Heppner; Mrs. Cecil Jones, Lexington town; Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Lexington rural; Mrs. Thorne, Ione; Beta Sigma Phi, Ione rural; Mrs. William Seehafer, Boardman and Irrigon.

Mrs. Thorne asks all who have received envelopes and not returned them with their contributions to please do so this week.

Warren S. Miller New Ranger

Warren S. Miller, Dale district ranger, of the Umatilla National Forest, is being transferred as district ranger on the Heppner district, according to Forest supervisor, C. M. Rector.

Miller assumes the post made vacant by the transfer of Victor Kreimeyer to the Forest Service regional office in Portland.

A graduate of Utah State University, Miller received his appointment on the Ochoco National Forest in 1951 where he worked until going to the Dale district as ranger in November, 1958.

Miller, his wife and daughter will be moving to Heppner in the early part of March.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wildman and Larry attended the semi-annual meeting of Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association in Eugene Friday and Saturday.

Construction Planned For Early April

The Morrow County School District board approved the building plans for an 8-room unit of the Heppner-Lexington High School Tuesday night, and called for bids to be opened March 28.

Construction is expected to start in early April.

The present serial levy of \$130,000 was stated as being adequate to construct six rooms. Funds for the additional two rooms are included in the present budget which will be voted on next month.

Stewart Tuft, of Hayslip & Tuft, Portland architects, was at the meeting to answer questions of the board and to give a complete description of the building. Present also were members of the building committee.

The new building will be campus style with frame construction and a brick veneer finish, the same design as the present Heppner Elementary School. It will be heated by electricity with heat pumps which will also provide cooling for spring and fall months.

No office space is provided in the 8-room unit, just class rooms and rest rooms.

Construction is expected to take about 150 days with completion by the end of August and occupancy the beginning of the fall term.

Robert Van Houte, administrator, and Tuft also met Tuesday night with the Ione advisory committee and building committee to discuss plans for a new 6-room and office addition to the existing cafeteria and gymnasium building at Ione. Bids for this building are anticipated for opening in late June with construction scheduled for July 1. Financing will be by the second-year serial levy.

Local Teachers To Host County Education Group

Teachers from all over Morrow County will meet in Heppner Monday following school when the Heppner OEA entertains the county association. A business meeting will be held at the high school followed by a 6:30 dinner at the Catholic parish hall.

Featured speaker will be Michael Mattich, Portland, who will explain the public employees retirement system.

CORRECTED DATE

The Women's cancer film showing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 7:30 p. m. at the Star Theater. It was incorrectly stated in last week's paper for March 13.

COUNTY WELFARE COSTS HELD AT LOW FIGURE

Morrow County Public Welfare is the most economical in the state in many categories. Lowell Challey, administrator, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The local office ranks lowest in the state in old age assistance, with an average of \$40.22 per month. In aid to dependent child, an average grant per person of \$29.19. The average family grant in Morrow is \$84.91 with the next lowest being Columbia County with \$111.44 and the state average being \$147.68. Only in aid to the disabled is the county near the state average; the figures are \$68.00 per month here and the state average is \$68.47.

Challey gave as a reason for this "The tendency here is for the family to help themselves more than in some other places." He said often less unfortunate members of the family would contribute more freely than in other places, and that additional help outside the welfare agency was often forthcoming. He also gave credit to the local Welfare Commission saying "the county commission has developed more resources."

Challey said he is presently preparing the anticipated budget for next fiscal year, which will be slightly higher than the \$80,000 present budget.

January and February are usually the highest months in expense of disbursing funds for the county welfare cases, he said. For this year the January total was \$7,273 and the February budget is \$7,820. The present work load at the Heppner office is 90 cases. In 78 of these involving 99 people, financial assistance is being provided.

There were 53 new cases in

the county in 1960, but the number of able bodied men receiving financial assistance is always so low that no work programs have been set up. He said if the number should noticeably increase such a program would be put into effect.

Because of the expense of administering the program no present plans are being made to use the surplus food available to state welfare offices. Challey said. The food costs 25 cents per unit, must be transported here from Salem, stored at strategic locations for distribution throughout the county, and someone would have to be hired to dispense it. If the costs of operating the program should change, he assured the audience that the local office would make use of this food.

A typical month in the local office results in some 175 contacts relative to public assistance. In addition to assistance programs there are adoption investigations for the court, social and financial reports for other agencies such as the state hospitals, draft boards, and many others, as well as out of the state welfare inquiries.

Expenses of operating the local office are also small in comparison with other counties. The average monthly administrative cost during 1960 was \$747.86. This includes salaries of the administrator and secretary, rent, heat, lights, telephone and transportation.

Challey, who has been the local administrator since September 1958, said that a routine grand jury investigation this month resulted in "a clean bill of health with a commendation for the state of welfare matters in Morrow county."



Visiting Heppner and Ione Legion posts this afternoon was Commander Merrill E. Johnson, Oregon City, who is in his 17th year as a member of the Legion and capping his remaining five months in office with a whirlwind tour of Legion facilities designed to renew interest in America's largest veterans' organization.

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