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REA Gets School Bid; Teacher Contracts Approved

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will provide electric service for the new school site in Heppner. The decision was reached at the Morrow County School District Board meeting Monday night. The site is partly within and partly outside of the city limits, with most of the building to be inside the city. Last week the city council refused a franchise for REA. The Monday night offer of the Co-op was to bring the service to the city limit portion of the site, the school board to extend the service from that point to the building. The vote was four in favor, two against and one abstaining. The board was told that a substantial saving to taxpayers in the cost of electric service to the new site was involved. Bidding also on the contract to furnish service was Pacific Power and Light Company.

Condition of the access road extending from Morgan Street to the site was extensively discussed. The school board recently placed a retaining wall along the road and did some repair work but the roadway is still in such condition that the city will not lay sewer and water lines to the site until a permanent base is made. Attorney for the board reported that as far as he could determine the road was a county road. A decision to meet with officials of the county court and the city was made by the board to see if the road can be developed on a co-operative basis. That meeting is expected to be held early next week. Letters of resignation were received and accepted by the board from Francis Williams, Heppner, Vernon Flowers, Heppner, and William McKinney, Ione. Contracts for teachers of the county were read and approved. A total of 15 vacancies out of 76 exist in the system for next year. Names of those teachers not returning will be released after they have been notified. Contracts were offered by the board to Phyllis Nolan, Nina Smith, and Janet Groves as new teachers in the system for next year.

Robert Van Houte gave a report of his week's attendance at the national convention of the American Association of School Administrators in San Francisco recently.

Daniel H. Bass Services Set

Services for Daniel H. Bass, 65, will be held at the Mt. Scott Funeral Home in Portland at 11 a.m. Monday. Mr. Bass died at Pioneer Memorial hospital March 14. He was born Sept. 16, 1895, at Wynnewood, Okla., and had moved to Heppner about 10 months ago from Portland. He was a member of American Legion post 146 at Portland. Survivors are his wife Ruth, Heppner; two daughters, Margaret R. Sawyer, Vancouver, Wash., and Vivian Penwell, Portland; a step-brother Jack L. Darrow, U.S. Air Force; one brother, Ed Bass, Portland. Interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Truck Damaged In Fire Thursday

Heppner fire department was called to the Merritt Gray home on Morgan street shortly after 10 this morning where a truck had caught fire. Gray and his sons had moved the vehicle away from buildings and had the fire out before the department arrived. Considerable damage to the truck resulted.

ADVENTIST CHILDREN PRESENT PROGRAM

Children of the Seventh-day Adventist school presented a program for their parents and friends last Saturday night at the church school. Twelve children gave readings of the Sons of Methuselah. They had been trained by Mrs. Leo Likey, home and school leader, assisted by Mrs. Harry Ring.

Scouts Plan Court of Honor

Troop 86 of the Boy Scouts of America has been active under the new sponsorship of the Holy Name Society. At a meeting March 8 two training films were shown and a junior leaders training course was planned. The six week course will end with an overnight camping trip for those boys who have attended at least 75 percent of the training sessions. A Board of Review was held Wednesday night and a Court of Honor is planned for the near future.

Heppner High Baseball Opener March 24

By NEAL PENLAND

Coach Bob Cantonwine will officially open the 1961 baseball season on March 24 with the Riverside Pirates on the Boardman diamond. Cantonwine said that he had about 25 boys turn out for the first call with six of them being returning lettermen from last year's squad. Heppner had scheduled eight games and is waiting to schedule with the Ione club. During spring vacation Cantonwine plans to have an intrasquad game if the weather permits. The schedule: March 24 - Riverside, there. March 31 - Riverside, here. April 8 - Condon, there. April 14 - Stanfield (night), there. April 18 - Stanfield, here. April 25 - Umatilla (double-header), there. April 28 - Condon, here. May 2 - Umatilla (double-header), here.

Additions Made To Facilities At Fairgrounds

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo boards received the cooperation of many in building a bridge across Hinton creek at the fair grounds recently. The city of Heppner donated cement blocks for pilings and the city crews delivered and placed them. Both the city and county donated timbers, which were put in place by the crane belonging to REA. Volunteer labor from the fair and rodeo committees finished construction in two days. The heavy duty bridge will make it possible to truck animals to the new barns to be built across the creek. Construction of the box stalls for the horse exhibits in the new location will be by volunteer labor of the two boards. The local chapter of the FFA has agreed to put a roof on the building.

Hager Milk Truck In Accident

A Hager Dairy truck-tractor and tank was involved in a one-vehicle accident on the Prosser hill in Washington Monday afternoon about 1 p.m. Frank Payne, driver of the big rig, lost control in loose gravel. The outfit climbed a bank, crossed the highway and jack-knifed into a ditch. Both the driver and Jack McTimpeny, a passenger, were shaken up and bruised. McTimpeny more seriously. Damage was expected to run into several thousands of dollars and was not covered by insurance. The truck was towed the 65 miles from the scene of the accident to a local garage.

Mrs. Ed Gonty and son, Douglas, have returned from Beaver-ton where they had gone to help her mother, Mrs. Stella Hemrich, move into her new apartment.

Red Cross Program In 1960 Reviewed By Health Office

Do you know what your local chapter of the American Red Cross did with your contributions in 1960? Velma Glass, county health nurse, has listed some of these activities and expenditures: First aid books were placed in all school libraries and first aid cabinets were supplied to the high school health classes in Heppner and Ione. Instructors' books were purchased for use in the water safety program. Over 200 persons benefited from the Red Cross water safety program in Heppner (Heppner has the only Red Cross trained instructors in the county). Life saving certificates were issued to 10 juniors, five seniors and 15 intermediates. Over 100 youngsters and 10 adults took advantage of the swimming instruction in Heppner. First aid classes were conducted in Cecil and Heppner upon request of interested citizens with 25 receiving Beginners' First Aid cards. Riverside high school health students received Red Cross first aid cards since their teacher was a qualified Red Cross first aid instructor. The Mobile Red Cross Blood Unit was in Heppner for one blood drawing. Pioneer Memorial Hospital obtained over 60 pints of blood from the Red Cross blood bank. Gamma Globulin, Fibrinogen and serum albumin were among the blood derivatives available to your doctors upon request. A disaster fund was available but not used. Over \$600 was spent in services to 24 members of the armed forces or their families. Three women from North Morrow county received training at the Red Cross Gray Lady training program in Hermiston. First aid films have been supplied upon request. Triangle bandages from unbleached muslin were made by volunteers for use in first aid classes.

Remember, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Catholic parish hall March 27, to collect your blood donations.

Pheasants, Fish Supplied For Area Sportsmen

Glen Ward, Oregon State Game Commission, reports that 300 adult pheasants have been turned out ready to nest in all drainage areas of the county, and that 600 additional young birds will be released later. Those already turned out will raise young this spring and Ward noted that there is a pretty good breeding group in the county now as carry-over. He said that bird population hit a low cycle two years ago in Eastern Oregon and that there should be a good hatch this spring as the population is on the increase. Plans call for 3,000 fish to be released in Willow Creek, 3,000 in Rhea creek and 2,000 in the Cutsforth Park pond, Ward said. They will be released in three liberations as soon as spring runoff goes out and before the water gets low.

Slides of Jerusalem To Be Shown At Christian Church

Colored slides of scenes within the city of Jerusalem will be shown at the First Christian Church in Heppner Sunday evening at 7:30. The Sunday evening programs have been in progress for several weeks with Miss Leta Humphreys showing pictures of the Holy Land taken on her recent trip. These pictures of Jerusalem conclude the series. Refreshments will be served following the program. The public is invited.

Wheat League Sponsors Contest

The Oregon Wheat Growers League is sponsoring a contest open to any high school student in the state for newspaper articles written on "Advantages of Wheat in the Everyday Diet" or "Production and Marketing of Oregon Wheat." Entries may be made any time between March 1 and midnight Oct. 31. First prize is a cash award of \$75.00; second, \$50.00; third, \$35.00; and fourth, \$15.00. The articles are not to exceed 1500 words. Entries are to be mailed to the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Box 438, Pendleton. The articles will be judged on originality, research, subject matter, spelling and composition and conclusion or summary. The winning articles will be published in various publications.

Watershed Tour Planned, Progress Report Given

The monthly soil supervisors' meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District was held last week which resulted in a decision to determine the feasibility of developing the watersheds of Willow, Rhea and Butter creeks. The development would be under the Small Watersheds Act, and Ronald B. Elmes, watershed work plan party leader with the Soil Conservation Service in Portland, will be asked to come here to be conducted on a tour of the three watersheds to see if they can be developed under this act. If he reports favorably, a public tour will be arranged with the promotion of this development as the aim. Conservationist Richards said work progress for January and February at his office included: one field trial grass planting, 75 acres of land levelled, 600 acres of subsiding carried out, 24,400 feet of permanent irrigation ditch installed, one stock pond built, and 16,800 lineal feet of channel changes made in creeks on three farms in the district.

Everett Keithley Wins Recognition As Ford Salesman

Everett Keithley, Heppner Ford, Inc., car and truck salesman, will be presented Ford Motor Company's 300-500 Club award at a banquet in Seattle honoring high-ranking Ford dealership car and truck salesmen of 1960 in the Seattle Ford sales district. C. J. Powell, district sales manager, said 300-500 Club membership awards are presented for excellent retail sales performance. The Ford 300-500 Club was founded in 1950 to recognize the performance of outstanding Ford salesmen throughout the nation. Mr. Powell added that the average 300-500 Club member sold nearly \$400,000 worth of automotive merchandise in qualifying for the national honors.

The Easter cantata has been called off and there will be no further practice, according to Gordon Pratt, director.

City Streams Being Cleared

To improve the flow for spring runoff and remove obstacles which might cause flooding Willow and Hinton creek beds are being cleared by city crews. The men are presently working on Willow creek between the bridge at the north end of Main street and the one on north Gale street. All brush is being cut and burned and trash removed from the stream bed. Plans call for clearing above each bridge in the city with additional clearing completed as soon as possible.

Tibbles - Fergeson Valedictorians Lydia Van Houte Is Salutatorian

Grade point averages of 3.8 brought valedictory honors to two graduating Heppner high school seniors this week. Sharing the honor and each giving an address will be Dennis Fergeson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fergeson, and Larry Tibbles, 17, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles. Close is Lydia Van Houte with GPA of 3.63. Miss Van Houte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Houte, will be salutatorian. Dennis received the scholarship award from the local Elks

petition in the National High School mathematics contest both his junior and senior years and was one of three from Heppner to take the Stanford Sylvania competitive examination in mathematics at Ione recently, trying for a four year scholarship. In the National Honor Society Scholarship competition Dennis placed in the upper one per cent of students in the nation. This made him eligible to take the final test which will determine scholarship awards to six students out of 2,500. He took this test last Saturday. Dennis is senior class president this term; a member of the student council; of the Beaker Breakers, the school science club; the literary club, and the National Honor Society. He also played on the freshman basketball team and had the lead in Lady Be Good, the junior class play. Dennis plans to take up civil engineering at Oregon State College next fall. Larry Tibbles, 17, has been an outstanding athlete as well as a top student during his school years. In grade school he received three-year letters in band and baseball and two year letters in basketball. In his high school career he earned one year letters in band and track, three year letters in football, basketball and two year letters in baseball. Larry was county chairman of the March of Dimes drive for all

high schools of the county this year; last fall he was a Morrow County youth delegate to the Oregon Conference on Children and Youth at Salem. He is a member of the Beaker Breakers, National Honor Society and the H Club, the local lettermen's club. And as a special distinction, he is now serving as president of each of these three organizations. Larry, son of a doctor, plans a career in medicine and will attend the University of Oregon this fall.



DENNIS FERGESON



LARRY TIBBLES

club this spring and a \$200 scholarship. He enters regional competition at The Dalles next Sunday. He placed first in local com-

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Mason's Grand Opening, Ione, This Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Mason have announced the official grand opening of their new general merchandise store in Ione Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18. The store will be known as Mason's General Merchandise. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are well known in the community as they lived in Ione some years ago. Mrs. Mason's father was George McDuffee, who was Morrow county sheriff until 1928. The building they will occupy was built in 1916 by Mason's father, Bert Mason, who was in business there until 1946 when he sold out to Cot Swanson. The Masons have five children, Janet who is Mrs. Jack Brink and lives in Portland; John who is with the U. S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany; Judy who is teaching the second grade in Santa Fe Spring, Calif.; Alyce who is Mrs. Richard Rea and lives in Portland; Jerry who is four years old and the only one at home. They come to Ione from Burns where they had a general merchandise store, starting from a variety store and expanding. Here they will carry a general line of groceries, meats, produce and various gift articles, household utensils, and many other items.

Rodeo Date Changed; Fair Date Same

At a joint meeting of the Morrow County Fair Board, Fair Committee, and Rodeo Committee held Monday evening, it was decided to change the dates of the rodeo from August 26 and 27 to September 2 and 3. The fair dates will remain the same, August 22 through August 25 so that 4-H members and open class exhibitors eligible for state fair may get their exhibits in place in time to be judged before state fair begins on September 1. It was also decided to hold the Open Class (Wranglers) Horse Show in conjunction with the rodeo, tentatively set for August 31 and September 1, with the rodeo beginning on September 2. The fair and rodeo parade will be held on Saturday morning, September 2. Because many Morrow county residents will be attending the Shrine football game in Pendleton on the night of August 26, the conflict with the Tygh Valley Rodeo held the same weekend, and also because of Morrow county's participation in state fair, it was thought these changes of dates were necessary for the best interests of both the fair and rodeo.

\$522,947 For Schools Outside Limitations

Voters will decide on \$522,947 for school operation which is outside the 6 per cent limitation at the school election March 27. Reasons for the increase were given by the school district board as: additional teachers, increased cost of operation, expanded transportation costs, improvements in school program and the low tax base of the district. The additional money is for operating the schools for the fiscal year 1961-62 and is included in the total general fund expenditures of \$888,559.

Tumbling Exhibition Next Saturday

A 12-member exhibition tumbling team will appear at a public performance Saturday at 8 p.m. at the recreation hall of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Composed of youngsters 10 to 14 years of age who are each required to be able to do 15 separate acts, the team recently appeared at Hermiston and has toured Eastern Washington extensively this winter. The team is made up of students of the Brookside Academy at Yakima, Wash., and is trained by Fred Heid. The program is open to the general public at no charge. An offering will be taken up and punch and popcorn will be sold to raise expenses for the act.

Elks Awards Winners Compete

Everett Keithley, exalted ruler of Heppner Elks, will take Lydia Van Houte and Dennis Fergeson to The Dalles Sunday where they will enter district competition for the Elks scholarship. Both are winners of the local district contest, and have been awarded \$200 scholarships. The local people will be guests at a luncheon sponsored by the State Elks Association before the interviews which will decide the district winners. Winners at The Dalles will compete at the state level at Ontario March 25, for a \$500 award and winners there will enter national competition for a \$1,000 award.

Lydia Van Houte, salutatorian, is also 17 years old and has had a varied program in school. She spent her first two years of high school at Stanfield. As a freshman she was student council representative, played in the girls' sextette as freshman and sophomore and in the school band. Enrolled at Heppner high school in her junior year, she has continued her music and plays first clarinet in the high school band and the concert band, and was a member of the All State Band last year. She attended Music in May at Pacific University as a junior. She was a member of the girls' trio as a junior and has served as band secretary for two years.



LYDIA VAN HOUTE

Lydia was chosen Homecoming princess her junior and senior years and was March of Dimes Queen last year. She was a delegate to the Pacific Slope Press Conference this year and has worked as a reporter on the Hehisch as a senior. She has been elected to class office three times by her schoolmates. She is a school cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Quill and Scroll, Pep Club, Pep Band, Girls' League, and the Girls' Athletic Association. Lydia also received the scholastic award from the Elks Foundation in the recent local district contest with a \$200 scholarship and will compete in the regional contest in The Dalles March 19. She will attend the University of Oregon next fall where she will major in business and will specialize in retailing.

BUDGET ELECTION

School budget vote for county voters will be held at the regular polling places March 27. School officials have stated that a large vote is needed to show the wishes of the taxpayers.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	52	31	.06
Saturday	50	36	.04
Sunday	51	35	.01
Monday	60	42	.06
Tuesday	59	48	.23
Wednesday	68	45	—
Thursday	57	36	.56

Maximum temperature, 68. Minimum, 31. Rainfall for the week .96 of an inch. Total for the year is 4.92.