

Boeing Lease Awaits Final Navy Signature

Air Corridor Agreement Expected

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Final action on the leasing of the Boardman bombing range to the Boeing Airplane Company may be completed in Washington, D. C., this week, according to John Denny, Portland, of the State Department of Planning and Development.

In a telephone conversation with the Gazette-Times Wednesday, Denny said that Sam Mallicoat, state director of planning and development, is in Washington, D. C., this week to obtain the signature of the Secretary of the Navy for approval of the arrangements for air corridors over the Boeing site and land to the east of the bombing range.

Under the agreement affected with the Navy, the bombing range takes the eastern portion of the present site, while Boeing will take the western portion of the site.

The corridor approval was reported as the last step in paving the way for Boeing to move on to the land, and it was indicated that approval might be forthcoming at any moment. These corridors provide for low altitude approaches for the bombing range.

Announcement was made Friday that the Oregon State Land Board had taken final steps to lease the 100,000 acres of Eastern Oregon lands to the Boeing Company. Mallicoat said that the action means that Boeing could start full-scale operations on the site within 30 days.

The site includes the western half of the Navy's Boardman bombing range plus 50,000 acres of other lands.

Boeing has not released definite information on how it intends to use the land. The Company is already drilling a well and making a road and site surveys. Rumors have been many, but none have been confirmed by the company.

In splitting the old bombing range to make part available for use of the Navy and part for Boeing, each was given half. The Navy will retain the eastern half with about 5,000 acres of additional land which the state will provide on the east side.

For a rental of \$60,000 per year Boeing will receive the western half of the range, plus private lands being acquired by the State Land Board in the amount of 33,000 acres, plus 17,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands. All the additional land is west of the present range.

The possibility of additional land being acquired to add to the Boardman site was promoted by Mallicoat who urged the Land Board to acquire some BLM lands along the Columbia River to the north and east of the Boardman site. Governor Mark Hatfield said the state would need this land soon for future space age development.

Governor Hatfield said he expects Boeing to employ 1,200 men on the site. He said that since Boeing signed the lease, another company has said it, too, wanted the site.

The Department of Planning and Development has named the site the Space Age Industrial Park, and has many times stated Boeing would be just the first of several companies to locate in the area.

The board's action last week was to exercise options on 33,000 acres of private lands west of the present bombing range. The cost of this land was \$726,700.

State Treasurer Howard C. Belton, while voting for the exercising of the option, said some of the prices were too high. The state is paying \$20 an acre for non-wheat land outside of the range, and around \$70 for wheat land. Land on the bombing range is expected to go for \$5 to \$8 per acre. Its value is lower because of live bombs in the area.

Crawfords Visit

Welcomed visitors in Heppner from Thursday to Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford and his brother, Garfield Crawford, now of Arlington, Texas, all former residents here. The Crawfords formerly published the Gazette-Times, and the paper was in the family for many years. O. G. Crawford is now associated with the North Lincoln News-Guard at Delake. The group visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker and other relatives and friends here before returning to Delake Tuesday. Mrs. Parker is a sister of the Crawford brothers.

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LEONARD (Len) Gilman, whose home town is Heppner, is shown testifying at a Senate Aviation Subcommittee hearing Friday with Najeeb Halaby, Federal Aviation administrator, after Gilman helped break up an attempted hijacking of a jet airliner in El Paso, Tex., August 3. Gilman, brother of Heppner Chief of Police Dean Gilman and son of Mrs. Viola Gilman, Heppner, broke a bone in his hand flooring one of the hijackers aboard the plane. He now resides in Long Beach and has served for years with the border patrol. (Photo courtesy East Oregonian)

Says 'No' to Jack Paar

Len Gilman, National Hero, Turns Down Offers, Shuns Publicity

Local residents were keenly interested in the feat of Leonard Gilman, 43, Long Beach, Calif., in subduing two gunmen who hijacked a continental Airlines Boeing 707 last Thursday. But Gilman is taking the whole thing calmly and is attempting to shun publicity from the incident.

The hijacking occurred when an itinerant car salesman and his son held hostages at gunpoint in the plane for nearly nine hours at the El Paso, Texas, International Airport when the plane landed there to take on more fuel. Leon Bearden, 38 and his son Cody, 16, had ordered the pilot to change his course and fly them to Cuba.

Gilman, a passenger in the plane, engaged the hijackers in conversation, and eventually caught Bearden off guard and struck him behind the ear, while an FBI agent overpowered the son. Gilman suffered a broken hand from the blow he delivered to Bearden, was taken to a hospital and had his hand placed in a cast.

Gilman grew up in Heppner and has been an Immigration Service agent since joining the border patrol in 1941. His wife, the former Maxine McCurdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Sr., Heppner, was queen of the Pendleton Round-Up in 1941, the same year the couple was married.

Childhood sweethearts, both went through school here and then attended Pacific University, Gilman entering in 1937 and Maxine one year later. At both high school and college, Gilman was an outstanding athlete. He played football four years and was named All-Northwest Conference halfback two years. In addition he was pitcher on the school's baseball team for three years. He also competed in track and boxing. He attended school on an athletic scholarship.

Gilman was president of the senior class in 1941. He left school in the second semester to join the border patrol, and was awarded his BS degree in physical education in 1948.

During the year following their marriage, Len and Maxine have "lived in 25 houses from San Diego, Calif. to Brownsville, Texas." They have developed a closeness admired by many who know them. They return to Heppner almost every year to visit his mother, Mrs. Viola Gilman, her parents, and his brother Dean, who is Heppner Chief of Police. Their 16-year-old son Lance is spending the summer here helping with harvest this year, while Brent, 13, is at home with his mother in Long Beach.

His wife told relatives here she was not worried about the incident because she "figures Len can handle any situation."

She knew about it for hours before he emerged from the plane and attempted to phone her parents. When she couldn't get them she called his mother, who got word to them at their mountain cabin. They listened on the radio until evening when they returned to town so they could call their daughter.

Maxine told her parents Len had called her when he got off the plane and that his biggest concern was that he had got blood on his new white shirt and he wanted to know how to get it off.

"That's our Len," Mrs. McCurdy said. Len called his mother as soon as he was able after the incident and told her about his appearance before the Senate to tell his story, about receiving a written commendation from President Kennedy, and about the praise he had received from the border patrol.

Since the incident he has been contacted by Life magazine, which wanted to do a family spread on him and had been asked to appear on the Jack Paar and Art Linkletter TV shows. Mrs. McCurdy reports he turned them all down because he was afraid of "misquotation, misrepresentation, and detriment to the service."

\$50 Prize Slated In Lucky Bucks Here Saturday

Saturday is the day to look for special buys in the City of Heppner when the 61 business houses sponsoring Lucky Buck Days will offer a total of \$85 in prizes at the 2:30 p. m. announcement of winners. Top money will be \$50 for some lucky shopper.

Only \$1.00 was collected out of a total of \$35 in winnings at the last Lucky Buck day. The top prize of \$25 is added to this week's money, making a total amount of \$85 available. First prize will be \$50.00. A second prize of \$10, three prizes of \$5, and five of \$1 will also be announced at the magic 2:30 hour Saturday afternoon.

To be eligible one must be registered, and be in one of the 61 establishments when the names are called. Registration is free and can be done at any of the 61 stores. It is only necessary to register once.

Free parking in the downtown area is provided for the convenience of shoppers. Many stores are offering special values and bargains for this Lucky Buck day. A number of their advertisements appear in this paper.

Mercury Zooms To Near Record

The temperature in Heppner did not set an all-time high record during the long hot dry spell, but it equaled the second hottest day ever known here when it hit 107 degrees last Friday.

The all-time high is 108 which occurred July 25, 1928. The 107 mark was reached once before on July 28, 1939, according to Leonard Gilliam, weather observer here.

Besides being hot, there has been very little rain this summer. Only 20 of an inch was measured during July and 10 so far in August. The July rainfall was on July 5, so there was over a month without rain. Gilliam said this is no record. The records show "many times we have gone without any rain throughout both July and August."

Regardless of records, residents have lived through some hot days and are welcoming the lower temperatures recorded this week.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	103	68	—
Saturday	107	72	—
Sunday	76	47	.10
Monday	86	52	—
Tuesday	94	54	—
Wednesday	90	51	—
Thursday	68	51	—

Council Eyes Problem of City Dump

Problems regarding the city dump occupied the city council during much of its regular meeting Monday night in the city hall.

The matter came up as a result of a fire at the dump Sunday, which caused city firemen to haul three truckloads of water to the site.

Councilman Ed Gonty, who had headed a committee to check on a new floor covering for the city hall, recommended a wood fiber tile, coated with vinyl, which would cost about \$436, and then said that he thought this work might better be delayed and the money used at the city dump.

He expressed the thought that another burner should be installed.

It was brought out that the state fire marshal had reported to Fire Chief Charles Ruggles that there could be no fire of any kind at the dump outside of the burner. It was Gonty's suggestion that a second burner might be placed in use when the first was being filled or was burning out.

Vic Groshens, city superintendent, stated that he felt the city would eventually have to have a landfill dump, which

would eliminate the necessity of fire.

Mayor Al Lamb suggested that this type of dump might cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and declared that it could not be accomplished without a vote of the people.

The mayor named Councilman Earl Ayres and Councilman Gonty to serve on a committee headed by Councilman Carl Spaulding to check further into the problem of the city dump.

Councilman Ayres and Councilman LeRoy Gardner were welcomed to their first meeting on the council by Mayor Lamb, after being appointed last week. Each signed the oath of office.

Discussion on improvement of Morgan street one of two approaches to the new school building occupied part of the meeting. This work is not being done by the city, but is being done by county crews with the cost to be paid by the school board.

The city has agreed to lay the sewer and water lines along Morgan street to the school when the road is ready. Recorder Ted Smith was instructed by Mayor Lamb to write a letter to the board saying that the city is ready to fulfill this agreement



PRINCESS SANDRA EUBANKS

Princess Sandra Rated As Top Horsewoman; Dance Due at Ione

Princess Sandra Eubanks chose her home town of Ione in which to hold her honor dance Saturday night. The dance will be at the Ione Legion hall beginning at 10 p. m. with music provided by the Leonigg orchestra.

Princess Sandra, sponsored by the Willows Grange and the Ione Community, is pretty, 16, and an outstanding horsewoman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, Ione, and her mother is official chaperone for the 1961 queen's court.

Slender and attractive, Princess Sandra looks well in the saddle, and the many prizes she has won over the years prove she does as well as she looks. This spring and summer alone she has been an entrant in nine different competitive events, riding her quarterhorse, Sonny, to first place in many of them. At

the junior rodeo held in Redmond June 27 and 28 she was named all-around senior cowgirl, winning a trophy and belt. At the Spray rodeo May 27 and 28 she took first in both the Oregon Barrel Racing association event and the track race for her class. At John Day junior rodeo June 2 and 3, she was first in the track race, second in barrel race, fifth in horsemanship in 4-H and 6th in showmanship. At the Pendleton Mustangs Spring show in April she was first in breakaway calf roping, winning another buckle. Local enthusiasts had an opportunity to see her perform at Heppner at the cow

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Townies Capture Baseball Title; Enter State Meet

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Heppner's town baseball team captured the Wheat League title Sunday by defeating More than 3 to 2, and thus won the right to enter the state semi-pro playoffs.

The team will play in Portland sometime during the opening round of August 18-20, according to Manager Bert Corbin, but the exact date and time is not known as yet.

The tournament will be double elimination, and the second game will be played by the local club, entered as the "Heppner Merchants," either August 26 or 27.

Manager Corbin said that 18 men are signed to make the Portland trip.

The win Sunday concluded the season for Heppner with a 5-1 record. The game was a tight pitchers' duel that wasn't decided until the 7th inning when Jerry Bristow broke up a 2-2 tie with a tally for Heppner after getting on with a double.

Manager Corbin said that he is seeking a game to be played here on Wednesday of county fair week, if a team can be found to furnish opposition. A scheduled game with Kinzua for August 20 was forfeited by that team.

Hoppers, Hoppers! Hopping Everywhere

Grasshoppers in the Heppner area are moving out of the gardens and shrubbery and into community affairs.

One was poised on the edge of Harry O'Donnell's coffee cup at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday, noon. Quick action by Harley Young in slapping a place mat across the offending cup and imprisoning the 'hopper within saved its jumping down the table.

Monday night at city council meeting another grasshopper (or maybe the same one had developed a taste for the sound of men's voices?) quietly sat on the ceiling during the deliberations of the city fathers.

Tuesday one was spotted in the First National Bank, Wednesday in the post office, and Thursday on this typewriter.

Adult Divisions Slated at Fair August 22 to 25

Adults have an opportunity to show their skills at the Morrow county fair, August 22-25, Heppner, as well as the youngsters, according to Mrs. Walter Wright, general superintendent for the home economics exhibits.

Superintendents have been chosen to head up the following divisions for the display of adult work.

Clothing—Mrs. Jerry Brosnan and Miss Marilyn Bergstrom, superintendents—Adult clothing (dresses, skirts, jumpers, suits, jackets, shirts and blouses); children's clothing (dresses, jumpers, blouses, coats, skirts, nightwear, sweaters and booties); miscellaneous clothing (garments made from feed sacks, remodeled clothing, aprons and laundry bags).

Needlework—(Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mrs. Orin Wright, Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Supts.)—Adult articles (afghans, bedspreads, dollies, handkerchiefs, luncheon cloths, pillowslips, quilts, rugs, etc.); children's articles (same as adult articles).

Hobbies—(Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, William Heath, Mrs. Ray Drake, and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Supts.)—ceramics, textile painting, art work, crafts, copper work and toys.

Canning—(Mrs. Ernest Heliker and Mrs. Randall Martin, Supts.)—Fruits, vegetables, meats, jelly jams, marmalades, pickles, etc.)

Food—(Mrs. George Curran and Mrs. Marion Finch, Supts.)—breads, rolls, biscuits, pie, cake, cookies, and candy.

Oregon Wheat Growers League is sponsoring a layer-type spice cake baking contest for women over 21.

Flowers—(Mrs. William Rawlins, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs. Oris Padberg and Mrs. Helen Cox, Supts.)—house plants, all types of flowers, and artistic arrangements.

Men will have an opportunity to exhibit hay and grass, grain, fruit and vegetables, and wool, besides such animals as sheep, hogs, dairy and beef cattle, rabbits, and poultry.

School Opening Due September 5

School bells will ring for students of Morrow county the morning of September 5, according to an announcement from the office of County School Superintendent Robert Van Houte. Buses will run on their regular schedules, cafeterias will be open, and regular school hours will be observed.

A teacher's workshop will be held in Heppner August 30 and 31.

Pre-registration for first graders and all new students will be from 9 to 12 a. m., Sept. 1. The Heppner Civic League-sponsored kindergarten pre-registration will be held Sept. 1 from 1 to 4 p. m., at the George house, Haskell Sharrard, vice president, announces.