

# President Kennedy Signs Bill on Boardman Range Land Exchange

## State to Buy 32,000 A. For Project

President John F. Kennedy has signed the bill providing for a land exchange under which Oregon will acquire a part of the Navy's Boardman bombing range for use as an industrial site, Sen. Wayne Morse reported Wednesday.

The State Department of Planning and Development has been obtaining options on land adjacent to the bombing range for the past several months to put together a package of land about 100,000 acres in size to lease to the Boeing Company to be used as a space age park.

The Oregon State Land Board announced Wednesday it is preparing to pay \$748,200 for 32,429 acres of privately held land in the county to fill out the park requirements, about \$23 per acre. The bill signed by President Kennedy makes it possible for the state to acquire the west half of the range, leaving the east half for use by the Navy. The additional 32,429 acres lie mostly to the west of the present range.

The Land Board staff has released the names of property owners involved in the transaction and the amounts they are scheduled to receive.

Paul and Kathryn Webb \$325,000, and Busick estate \$85,000 for 17,987 acres near Heppner to be given for the Frank Wilkinson estate land west of the range; Hynd Brothers \$229,280 for 11,450 acres; Ira Barnett \$64,920 for 960 acres; Frederick Martin, \$60,000 for 800 acres; George E. Miller, 480 acres to be traded to Martin plus \$16,000 difference.

The last four pieces of land are adjacent to the bombing range.

Funds for the trade were provided by the last legislative session giving the department of planning and development authority to cooperate with the State Land Board in purchasing land to lease to Boeing.

The Boeing Company has not announced intentions for use of the land, other than the contract calls for them to be making use of it "within a year." Paul S. Ford, Boeing assistant controller, said last week that development of the missile-testing range will be swift if the company gets the Saturn rocket contract. Ford spoke before the Richland, Wn., Kiwanis club. He said if his company does not get at least a substantial portion of the government's contract, development will take a number of years.

Ford, explaining his company took the site to be on even terms with other missile manufacturers, stressed the company presently has no specific plans for Boardman.

"However, if the government gives us the Saturn, we will get under way in a short time," he said.

Without the Saturn, a million pound thrust, solid-fuel rocket designed to boost a space platform into orbit, the assumption is that Boardman would probably be used on a limited basis until the firm's \$100 million Dyna-Soar program is ready for testing about 1963.

### WEATHER

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	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	35	.04
Friday	61	38	—
Saturday	66	35	—
Sunday	67	35	—
Monday	69	38	—
Tuesday	78	41	—
Wednesday	80	42	—

## Kinzua Closes Woods But Season Still Open

An estimated 200,000 hunters are in the extremely dry woods of the state, according to Ed Schroeder, deputy state forester. No record has been kept of the number going through Heppner but Glen Ward, state game agent, reports more deer have been checked out of this area than ever before.

Deer are plentiful and in good condition, according to Ward, but the fire hazard is critical.

Tuesday Maurice Brown, general manager of Kinzua Corp., reported "25 fires set by campers" in the central Oregon fire district and said eight of them were on Kinzua land. As a result Kinzua requested Governor Hatfield to close all hunting east of the Cascades. Cooperating in this request to the governor were the Pilot Rock Lumber Co. at Pilot Rock, and Brooks-Scanlon at Bend. All three mills closed their lands to hunters, and Pilot Rock and Kinzua closed their operations to send men on to fire lines.

Fire conditions were better Wednesday and Kinzua mill at Heppner began operations again but four men were pulled off the planer Thursday (today) and sent into the woods to fight fire again. Office personnel did not know which location they had been assigned. Logging operations at Kinzua are continuing but mostly by extra loggers, with most regular crews still fighting fires.

Biggest reported of the numerous fires in the area was the La Fever Prairie fire near Camp 5 at Kinzua. It was set by hunters and Monday covered a reported 200 acres, according to Brown, before being controlled.

When Kinzua ordered all hunters out of its 156,000 acres of choice hunting lands, the company estimated 5,000 hunters were affected.

"This is the first time we have had to close our tree farm," Brown said. He added the company had always had cooperation from hunters in the past but this year "scores of fires" had been found untended on Kinzua holdings.

Reports of vandalism have been received from other areas but Brown stressed that there had been none on Kinzua land and said that "We have had full cooperation from all those we asked to leave." He said their only reaction was that "the woods should not have been opened at all with the dry condition."

Governor Hatfield decided Wednesday to take no immediate action in closing hunting season east of the Cascades. This leaves all state land and private lands not posted open to hunters who are obliged to leave the several private mill-owned areas in the state. Hunters were reminded to ask permission to hunt on private land.

"The number of fires will determine whether or not the season will be curtailed at an early date," State Agent Ward said Wednesday. He commended the action of area hunters on the lack of vandalism as reported elsewhere but added they must

### Van Houte To Speak

The Farmer's Union will hold a meeting at the old city library building at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday. Main speaker will be Robert Van Houte, school district administrator, speaking on "Space Age Education."

## Addition Asks for Water; Dump Gets Low 'Grade'

Several residents of the G. W. Wells addition, located out of the city limits along the Condon highway, petitioned the city council for city water at the Monday night meeting.

Councilmen were advised by Frank Payne, spokesman for the group, that the petitioners would pay costs of installing water lines. The council deliberated on whether the city could exceed budgeted expenditures for such a purpose even though the money would be paid back by the petitioners.

Finally, at the suggestion of Councilman John Pfeiffer, they advised Payne to suggest to the residents that they form a water district and install the system at the expense of the district. In such a case the city would furnish the water at the rates applicable to those living outside the

city limits. Payne agreed to take the suggestion to the petitioners. Names on the petition were Frank Payne, Jane E. Payne, Marilyn E. Jones, D. H. Jones, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman.

## Residents Report Early Deer Kills

Many hunters bagged their bucks soon after the opening of deer season. Among the first reported were the following:

Eddie Gunderson, Dick Robinson and Norman Templeton, each with their deer by 6 a. m. Saturday. They found the game about 30 miles southeast of town. Matt Hughes, Heppner, and Albert Leonnig, Tillamook, shot two near Wall Creek Saturday afternoon.

Ron Leonnig, Heppner, got his near Red Hill Sunday. Rodney Ayers shot one on Rock Creek Saturday afternoon.

Others reporting kills in the first three days of the season were Jack Bedford, Bert Huff, James Norene, Mrs. Gerald Rood, Mrs. Don Munkers, Glenn and Mike Smith, Gregg Pierce, Victor Lovgren, Joe Hartle, all of Heppner; Kenneth Marshall, Lexington; John Jackson, Sr., and John Jr., and Louis Carlson, all of Ione.

## Willow Creek Funds Approved

Funds to complete the re-survey of Willow creek for a multi-purpose dam have been appropriated by Congress in the Public Works bill, according to word received recently by Morrow County Judge Oscar Peterson. Amount appropriated was \$21,000.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Walla Walla completed most of the physical part of the survey last year. Remaining to be finished is the reports and paper work involved in outlining recommendations for Congress.

A public hearing will be held to gain the opinions of local residents before any recommendations are forwarded to Washington, the Corps of Engineers has announced previously. This hearing is expected to be held sometime in early winter.

## School Program Evaluated Here

An evaluation of the educational program at Heppner and Boardman schools was carried out last week by Lyle Riggs of the State Department of Education, Salem.

The evaluation is made by the State Department regularly at about two year intervals.

Riggs arrived in the county Sept. 26 and expected to complete his survey by Thursday evening, Sept. 28.

A formal report on his findings will be sent to the district school board later.

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## Chief Warns Kids, Parents to Take Care of Bicycles

An increasing carelessness in leaving bicycles and tricycles out at night on sidewalks and lawns has been noted by Chief of Police Dean Gilman. He advises children and parents alike to take care in seeing that bikes and trikes are put away at night.

"I could pick up between 30 and 60 bikes almost any night around town," he said.

While bicycle thefts have not been common here, there have been some cases reported, the chief said. Those who value their property should not run the risk.

The chief Saturday picked up bicycles of three boys who had carelessly left them on the Condon highway shoulder near the city limits while they hiked over the hills out of sight. The three later redeemed the bikes at the city hall, and the chief explained to them he was afraid some transient might stop and pick up the bicycles that were left unattended.

Parents' cooperation will be appreciated, the chief said.



GENE PIERCE has been appointed Morrow County chairman for the Keep Oregon Green association. (G-T Photo)

## Pierce is Chosen To Head Morrow Committee of KOG

Gene Pierce, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon here, has been appointed chairman of the Morrow county committee of Keep Oregon Green.

The new chairman will succeed Garnett Barratt who headed the county organization for 12 years. Pierce was active in the Keep Oregon Green Organization in Umatilla county before coming to Heppner.

Pierce's appointment was confirmed in a letter from Governor Mark O. Hatfield.

"With your interest in forest fire prevention, I know Morrow county will continue to have a successful season with few man-caused fires. I greatly appreciate your serving as chairman," he wrote.

In his capacity as KOG chairman, Pierce will help organize volunteers to promote fire prevention within the county and will seek cooperation of the public to this end.

## PTA Plans to Talk School Construction

The regular meeting of Heppner Parent-Teacher association scheduled for Oct. 11 has been changed to Oct. 18 at the multi-purpose room of the Heppner elementary school, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

A special program has been arranged to present building needs in the Heppner schools, and members of the school district board will take part in the panel discussion. Board members will meet with Dr. Leon Minear, superintendent of public instruction, in Pendleton on the regular meeting night.

Others appearing on the panel will discuss how needed schools in the city can be financed. A question and answer period will be included. Eighth grade room mothers will be hostesses.

## Morrow Pioneer Will Celebrate Century Birthday

An Oregon centenarian and former Morrow county resident, Mrs. Emma A. Gemmill, will celebrate her 100th birthday October 15.

Mrs. Gemmill moved to Salem in 1942, where she has made her home with her youngest son, Paul M. Gemmill. An open house will be held in her honor at the Gemmill home in Salem Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15, and friends over the state are extended an invitation.

Mrs. Gemmill was born in Iowa October 15, 1861, and came to Oregon in 1886 with her husband, Joseph H. Gemmill and three oldest children. Five more were born to them in Oregon. Mr. Gemmill passed away in 1926.

She made her home through pioneer day vicissitudes in Morrow county and had many close friends here at the time she moved. She is undoubtedly one of the oldest subscribers to the Gazette-Times and would probably hold a record in the long-time subscription department.

## Hearing Stated On Co-op Filing

Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Tuesday announced that Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., Heppner, had filed an application asking for an exclusive allocation of about a fourth of the territory it serves in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Hill said the application was the first to reach this stage of the processing provided for under the terms of Senate Bill 487 passed by the 1961 Legislature.

He said the hearing will be held in the County Courthouse in Heppner on October 9, and will get under way at 9:30 a. m.

The area applied for contains a large part of the Boardman Industrial site, Umatilla Cooperative, Inc., of Hermiston, serves the remainder of the Boardman site as well as a large area to the west of that area applied for by Columbia.

## Heppner Sailor Visiting Japan

John F. Kiggins, fireman, USN, son of Mrs. Irma M. Jelfcoat, Heppner, is serving aboard the Seventh Fleet attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger which is anchored off Sasebo, Japan.

The carrier is the largest operating in the Pacific. It began its Far East cruise in early September. Home port is Alameda, Calif.

## Sudden Death Calls Jesse O. Turner, 69

Jesse Ogden Turner, 69, prominent Heppner attorney and rancher, died suddenly at his home Wednesday morning about 11:30.

Mr. Turner had been at his law office earlier in the morning but had gone home about 10 a. m. because he was not feeling well. He had appeared in court Tuesday.

Active in community and state affairs for many years, Turner helped organize the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and was a life member of that organization. He helped also in organization of the Morrow County Grain Grow-

ers and the Lexington Oil Co-operative.

He was a state representative in the 1933 and 1935 legislative sessions and was mayor of Heppner from 1935 until 1947. He was active in farming and his law practice until his death. As a lifelong Republican he was active in party affairs both in the county and on a state level.

Born in Heppner May 7, 1892, he was the fourth son of R. W. and May Shepherd Turner. He attended Heppner schools and graduated from Oregon State college in 1916, majoring in agriculture. After college, he returned to Morrow county and operated a wheat ranch. He married Virginia Crawford May 6, 1917, at Heppner. Their only child, Donald, was born in 1919, and in 1931 Turner graduated from Willamette University law school, beginning practice of law in Heppner at that time.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Heppner; past exalted ruler of BPOE No. 358, Heppner; past master, Heppner Lodge No. 69, AF&AM; past patron of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star; past high priest of Heppner chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Al Kader Temple, Order of the Shrine; of Multnomah Athletic club, Portland; Oregon State Bar; Umatilla Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters; and the Pendleton Commandry No. 7, Knights Templar.

He is survived by his widow, Virginia, Heppner; one son, Donald E. Lexington; three brothers, Frank W., Heppner; John H. Baker, Loy M., Long Beach, Cal.; and a sister, Anita LaDuire, Eugene.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Christian church in Heppner, with the Rev. Charles Knox officiating. Interment will be in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

## Mustangs to Face Tough White Buffs

Heppner's Mustangs, fresh from their first high school football victory of the season, face the tough White Buffaloes of Madras on the Buffs' gridiron under the lights Friday night at 8 p. m.

Because of Heppner's victory over Grant Union of John Day, its first league opponent, the Mustangs are tied with Madras for leadership of the Greater Oregon league, each with 1-0 records. Heppner's losses to Enterprise, Umatilla and Pilot Rock all were non-league frays.

In the Buffaloes, though, the Mustangs meet a formidable opponent that has carved a niche for itself in state rankings. It is one of the top-rated teams in the state in A-2 ranks.

"We know that we will be in for a tough night, but maybe we can get a few breaks and give them a game," Coach Jim Sutherland said.

## Substation Repairs To Shut Off Power

Repairs to be made to the Bonneville substation by the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op will mean a power outage on lines of the cooperative north of Ione between 12:01 and 3:00 a. m. Thursday, October 12, Harley Young, manager said. The same Rhea Creek and lower Willow creek areas were out of service for about two hours early Thursday morning while repairs were in progress, he said.

# Civil Defense Meet Eyes Shelters

Engineers will be in the Heppner area to inspect public buildings to determine which could best be made into public shelters within the next two months, Tom Campbell, Civil Defense Director for Umatilla county, told those attending a meeting at the courthouse Monday night.

"Still, every family should provide its own shelter," Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Civil Defense Director for Morrow county, stressed.

No one knows for sure how many people would have to use shelters here. Present plans of Civil Defense call for 3,000 from the Portland area being evacuated to Heppner.

"We might even have to send some here from Pendleton if certain events happened," Campbell added.

Food and shelter for the evac-

uees would be under the County Welfare with Lowell Challey in charge.

All supplies of food and gasoline would be frozen immediately and would be rationed. "Sadie Parrish, county clerk, has been appointed in charge of the rationing board with her present election board members serving on the boards in each community.

Other volunteers already appointed to serve in emergency in the county were introduced to the 70-some present by Sheriff Bauman. All fire equipment would be pooled under the direction of Charles Ruggles, Heppner. Communication would be by "Ham" radio with Ralph Taylor, Heppner, in charge. Sheriff Bauman suggested that any interested persons join the present classes of instruction in "ham"

radio use which will be given at Heppner high school science room. The evening classes are open to all in the county. Haskell Sharrard, Heppner, is in charge.

Robert Van Houte, county school administrator, is in charge of pupil protection. He outlined a plan already made which would send children home via their regular routes if enough time were allowed, would keep them in school gyms to provide maximum protection, or would assign them to buildings with cafeterias if it looked like a long enough siege that food would be needed. He stressed that parents should not come to school to pick up their children unless they normally do because the additional traffic would interfere with bus runs. All children in the county could

reach their homes in less than two hours, he said.

Morrow and Umatilla counties are strategically placed where they are considered as safe as any areas, Campbell said. In addition there would be a time interval of from five to eight hours before fallout from bombs in the Portland area would reach here. He said that in the last test alert this was extended to 12 hours, and this was with a 30 mile an hour wind.

Fallout injures only living material, and only as long as it is alive, he said in explaining that cattle could be slaughtered during this waiting interval and would be safe to eat following passing of the fallout.

Because radiation fallout is accumulative there is a definite time the people can be exposed (Continued on page 6)