



THIS MAP, drawn by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at the request of the Gazette-Times, shows facilities and relocations at the northern end of Morrow county that will come with the completion of the John Day dam on the Columbia River. It will be noticed at the far left that the highway to

Heppner will turn south from Interstate Highway 80 a mile or two west of Willow Creek. Some of the recreational possibilities of the Willow Creek basin are noted. Highway relocation in the Boardman area is apparent, the thin curved line being the present highway. The old highway to Irrigon

from Boardman will be eliminated, and the new highway 730 to Irrigon will take off from U. S. 80 on a beeline as indicated. Construction of this section is now underway with crews installed at the junction of highway 30 and the Bomb Range road to Lexington. Completion of the project is expected in 1967.

Year's Review Shows 1961 Was Busy, Eventful Here

HEPPNER

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A wide variety of happenings contributed to the news in Morrow county during 1961. Included were a severe lightning storm, flood at Ione, a major forest fire, and four traffic fatalities. On the happier side were recognition of county residents for outstanding activities and accomplishments, advancement of the Boeing use of county lands for industrial purposes, and completion of two school buildings in the county.

Death took its toll during the year, and the county lost some prominent citizens. Although some residents moved away, new residents moved in, and new businesses were started.

January, 1961, had mild weather which permitted worried farmers a second chance to plant crops, improving the crop outlook for the year. Due to too much rain at the wrong time, striped rust and grasshoppers most farmers still will recall 1961 as a poor crop year in Morrow county. The county average was 19 bushels of wheat per acre, against a normal average of 30.2; or about two thirds a normal crop. Higher prices helped relieve the effect of smaller yield.

Lamb Becomes Mayor
Al Lamb took over as Mayor of Heppner, replacing William C. Collins who held the office for four years, and Mike Whitesmith became the new president of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Both proved effective leaders during the year. The chamber has had an outstanding year with many activities promoted for the good of the area. A Progress Edition of the Gazette-Times was sponsored by the chamber and a Lucky Buck program organized. Both promoted business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wyatt, Kinzua, became the parents of the first baby of the year. Don Greenup, Heppner, became Morrow County Livestock Man of the Year. A Lions club was organized at Ione, with Gar Swanson as its first president.

County livestock won recognition when Prince Husker Anna E-I owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom was declared the champion cow of the National Western Polled Hereford Association Show and Sale in Denver. A Hereford steer owned by Gary Van Blokland, Heppner, won grand champion of the Pacific International Exposition in Portland. Both animals had already won at county and state fairs.

"Sonny," a horse exhibited by Sandra Eubanks, Ione, was named grand champion gelding of the FE, bringing another top honor from the show to Morrow county.

Boeing Applies For Lease
In February the Boeing Co. applied for a long-term lease of 100,000 acres of county land. Only two contracts remain to be signed by the state in obtaining the land for lease to the company.

Plans to re-locate the city of Boardman were laid and options were taken on 600 acres located a mile southeast of the present town. Plans were laid by the county to zone that portion of the county north of the Base Line.

Bids were opened for construction of the first unit of a new high school in Heppner on March 28, and construction was started in April. The 8-room unit was completed for occupancy with the beginning of the fall school term. Addition to the Ione high school, making a complete high school plant, was started in September and was completed for occupancy just before the end of the year. Both buildings were financed out of a special four year serial levy and were paid for on completion.

Gene Pierce became Morrow County Father of the Year for 1961 and Vernon Munkers, Lexington, was named County Conservation Man of the Year.

Pipeline Brings Influx

An influx of workers taxed the facilities of Ione and Heppner in spring and summer when pipeline construction crews arrived to work on the Pacific Gas Transmission Company's big line going from Alberta, Canada, to the San Francisco area. People of the area cooperated in supplying living quarters for close to 250 additional men for the duration of their stay.

The Heppner high school girls won signal honors during the year. Sandra Harshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, was chosen state parliamentarian of Future Homemakers of America and was a delegate to that organization's

national convention in St. Louis, Mo. Beverly Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Davidson, Lexington, won the local soil conservation speech contest, followed up by winning the area contest at Arlington, and the district contest at Pendleton. She placed third in the state contest held at Klamath Falls at the annual meeting of soil conservation districts of Oregon.

The district school budget passed at the third election by a vote of 605 to 498. Capacity crowds attended graduation ceremonies at the three high schools in the district. Jean Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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Ambulance Hearing Gives Hope Of Relaxing New Regulations

Ambulance service will be continued by Pioneer Memorial hospital and other small operators because of rules recommended for their operation by the State Board of Health "with full consideration given to the hardship of small operators and their problems," Rep. Frank Weatherford said last week.

The representative of the 22nd district and Will O'Hara, hospital administrator, appeared at a public hearing in Portland December 18, held by the State Board to determine the effect of proposed regulations on ambulances of the state. As a result of the facts disclosed at that hearing, the Board now proposes two classifications for ambulances operated in the state, Weatherford reports.

Class "A" would designate vehicles meeting all the stringent new requirements for construction, capacity, equipment and personnel.

Class "B" would designate special service, utility, and limited use vehicles which cannot meet all the requirements for Class "A" because of terrain, area, and service involved.

"This elimination of ambulances in small communities from the new requirements is what we were fighting for," Weatherford said. He added that there is a definite need for regulations in large cities and compared the lack of regulations to the situation in the state if there "were no pure food laws."

"But it was never the intent of the legislature, when they passed the law asking the State Board to set up standards for ambulances, to cripple service to the public. Rather it was meant to provide better and safer service," he said.

Rep. Weatherford and O'Hara told those present that such ambulances as the one operated by

Fire Department Is Busy In 1961

Heppner fire department answered a total of 40 calls during the past year, according to Fire Chief C. A. Ruggles. Thirteen were rural calls, 26 were city calls, and one was a false alarm.

The city dump received its share of attention by the busy firemen, seven of the 26 city calls were to fires started in grass around the area, the chief's report shows.

A total of \$300,500 worth of property was at risk in the 40 calls, with only \$5,465 loss reported. In the 13 rural calls, \$72,050 was at risk in buildings and contents. The total loss was \$2,140, of which the MCGG fire truck was the major part. In the city calls, \$128,450 was at risk with \$3,325 loss.

A record of the number of men answering each call is kept and it shows a total of 87 men fighting rural fires and 140 responding to city calls.

"We did not count the 30 to 40 calls received in our fire station of August 14, only the ones we were able to answer," Chief Ruggles said. He reported all equipment was out that afternoon and all available men fighting long before the heavy rains came and stopped the phone calls for help from the many lightning strikes.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	54	44	—
Friday	58	38	1.01
Saturday	54	28	—
Sunday	43	26	fog
Monday	33	23	fog
Tuesday	58	25	.11
Wednesday	51	32	—
Total rainfall for December	1.25		
Total rainfall for 1961-1962	14.43		
Yearly average for past 40 years	13.14		

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City Council Acts to Keep Water Pure

Steps necessary to assure continuation of a pure water supply were considered by the city council at its January meeting Tuesday night in the city hall when attention was called to some matters in a letter from the State Board of Health.

Recommendation included those of air venting the wells, examination of air vents on transmission lines, placing a door on the warehouse, scraping up manure from around the warehouse and installing a fence a distance of 50 feet away from the warehouse to keep cattle from the well area.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that in early fall, one or two of the water samples submitted for testing showed a high bacteria count. Although opinion on the reason for this differs, the state board felt that cattle in the proximity of the booster pump house and the warehouse might be responsible.

The superintendent said that he had already done most of the steps asked in the recommendations but asked the council to contact property owner Dick Wilkinson to arrange for permission to install the fence asked. City Recorder Ted Smith was instructed to contact Wilkinson.

Virtually all tests of the water show it to be pure, but only once or twice in the fall do the poor samples show up, Groshens said. The water is not now chlorinated, and the feeling was expressed that this should be avoided if a pure supply can be maintained without it.

Referring to a matter that arose at a previous meeting, the council heard a letter from the State Highway Department in answer to the city's query on crosswalks. The department said that it did not favor mid-block crosswalks in general since they are considered a source of hazard because of the element of surprise for the motorist. However, the letter informed the council that if it were felt that such crosswalks were needed here, an engineer could be sent to investigate.

Councilman John Pfeiffer, who had been asked to investigate on crosswalks, said that he looked at all locations brought up by a delegation of women at the last meeting. He said that he could not recommend any crosswalks. A footbridge would be necessitated at the South Court bridge to help the situation there, and the council discussed this possibility before Mayor Al Lamb turned the matter over to the police committee for further investigation.

The council unanimously agreed that no jaywalking ordinance is necessary here.

Possibility of putting luminous paint on the rocks at the bridge on North Main was discussed. All agreed that because of the angle these jutting rocks present a hazard to motorists, many of whom have struck them with their cars.

The council granted permission to Chief of Police Dean Gilliam to have a simplified overtime parking ticket printed, eliminating the present more cumbersome form.

No New Years Baby Appears on Scene Yet

Suspense mounted as to which baby will become Morrow county's Baby of the Year, when the first three days of 1962 passed with no baby born at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

More than 30 gifts await the new baby and the parents by firms of south Morrow county when the infant arrives. Parents of the winning baby will receive a letter from the Gazette-Times to introduce them to the local firms and to aid in their collection of the gifts.

The baby must be born at Pioneer Memorial hospital or enroute to the hospital.

Planning Meeting Set at Boardman

Mid-Columbia Planning Council will meet at the Hitchin' Post in Boardman at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 16, Judge Oscar Peterson, council chairman, announces.

The meeting has been arranged to review the council work program, hire a consultant for an economic survey of the six counties, and to hire an executive director.

Several state and federal officials have been asked to attend and to answer questions and present information as an aid to the economic development which can assist in the growth of the Mid-Columbia area, the judge said. Lloyd Anderson, Portland, chief consultant for the State Department of Planning and Development, has been in charge of these arrangements.

The work of Area Re-development Administration and the Rural Areas Development Program, two new federal agencies, will be explained at the meeting, the judge said.

The morning session will be followed by a no-host noon lunch, and an afternoon session of general discussion which is expected to last until about 3 p. m.

Board to Discuss School Finances

Robert Van Houte, school administrator, says that two important items will be on the agenda of the school board meeting Monday night, January 8.

Stewart Tuft of Hayslip and Tuft, Portland architects, will be on hand to make a report of the estimated cost that would be required to complete the new high school at Heppner. This is a result of the board asking such information due to a petition by the Heppner Parent-Teacher Association requesting the building be finished as soon as possible.

Van Houte said the other important item of business will be to consider possible methods of financing the building program at Heppner. One possibility that has been proposed is a bond issue that would, of course, require favorable vote of the people.

The meeting will be at the courthouse and will start at 7:30 p. m.

Cards, Mustangs Face Basketball Weekend

Sports action resumes in the area this week-end after the holiday layoff with Ione and Heppner High school basketball teams each playing games Friday and Saturday nights.

The Heppner Mustangs will play at home both nights against Grant Union of John Day. Junior varsity games will start each night in the Mustang gym at 6:30 with varsity games following at 8 p. m.

Ione's Cardinals go to Pendleton Friday night for a return game with St. Joseph, a team that the Cards defeated earlier in the season. On Saturday night, Coach Glenn Biehl's boys will

be back at home to face McEwen of Athena to whom they lost last Thursday night at Athena, 39 to 35.

Coach Bob Cantonwine of the Mustangs has had the big problem of attempting to keep his team in shape during the long layoff and after 21 days without a contest, it will almost seem like starting the season anew when they take the floor against John Day.

However, through the vacation period the squad got in three good practices, and all hands have been working out this week. Sonny Biddle apparently has dropped the sport, but spirit and morale on the team are good and the coach has high hopes of coming up with a winning combination this week-end. He expects to start Shan Applegate, Bruce Moyer, Lee Padberg, Doug Dubuque and Dick Springer. Kit George, a good reserve, has been ill with the flu, but otherwise the club seems to be in top shape.

Some added strength for the future came when John Porter transferred to Heppner High from Pilot Rock. The 6-2 lad will not be eligible to play in the John Day games, however, but should be ready to go in the next games.

The pair with John Day count in league play. Heppner has lost two each to Madras and Moro in other league contests and hope to get into the winning column this week. Grant Union's record is not imposing, having lost most of its games except a recent 45-43 triumph over Vale. Some of their leading men are Jerry Gibson, a 6-2 shotmaker, Joe Gaare, a high scorer, and Andy Conforth.

In his games this week-end, Coach Biehl will probably start Jim Martin and Tom Pointer at forwards, Ron Crabtree at center, and Rollie Ekstrom and Wayne Hams at guards. The Cards now have a 3-2 record in season's play, having lost by one point to Wheeler county and by four points to Athena while winning over Maupin, St. Jo and Heppner.

Clean Creek Bed Urged by Council

Cooperation of property owners living along Willow Creek and other residents in keeping the creek bed free of trash and debris was asked by the city council after the matter was discussed at the January meeting Tuesday night.

Throwing trash, garbage, debris or litter of any kind into the stream bed is in violation of the city's litter ordinance, it was pointed out. City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that he is now in the process of cleaning out part of the creek bed, in line with a plan of taking a section of the creek each year. He asked the council to enforce the litter ordinance, and they agreed to call the public's attention to the matter and to ask for compliance and cooperation.

Groshens said that all manner of trash can be found in the creek bed, and although most property owners apparently attempt to keep debris from the creek, a few seem to disregard the ordinance.

"It should be kept clean for fire protection alone, if for no other reason," Groshens said.

Postal Receipts Decline In 1961

A decline in postal receipts during the past year is noted by Postmaster James H. Driscoll. The decline was continued in a drop in Christmas mailings, Driscoll said.

Postal receipts for the calendar year ending December 31, 1961, were \$1,280.35 less than the calendar year of 1960. Total receipts in 1961 were \$34,222.81 and in 1960 the figure was \$35,503.16.

Driscoll said the decline was recorded in the period from July 1 to October 15, normally the slowest period of the year.

During the period of heaviest Christmas mailings, cancellations recorded by the automatic cancelling machine amounted to 77,432 in 1961 as against 79,246 for the similar period last year.

"While the decline in receipts was not major it is the first decline recorded at the local office since 1939," the postmaster said.



LEE PADBERG, a sophomore with natural basketball ability and desire, has become one of the mainstays on the Heppner High basketball team. He will be in action Friday and Saturday nights when the team plays John Day here. (G-T Photo)