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County, City Offices Up For Election

In this election year several Morrow county offices and a number of city offices will come up for vote. County office seekers will face their first test in the primary election in May and successful candidates then will run in the General Election in November.

City candidates will not run in the primary, since they are not designated by party affiliation on the ballot. They will run only in the November election.

On the county level the positions of assessor, justice of the peace, one commissioner position and one precinct committeeman and committeewoman for each party for each precinct will be open.

In the city, the position of mayor and four councilmen will be up for election. Al Lamb has served as mayor since the last election, chosen for a two-year term. Councilmen whose terms expire this year are Conlee Latham and Carl Spaulding. LeRoy Gardner and Earl Ayres, both serving by appointment to fill unexpired terms, must also face election to continue on the council. Regular term of councilmen is four years.

County Assessor Oliver Creswick has served in that capacity by appointment of the county court since July 1, J. O. Hager has been justice of the peace here for a number of years. Commissioner whose term expires this year is Gene Ferguson.

As yet, none of those whose office come up for election has filed for reelection, and none has stated his intention. Deadline for filing is March 3, and the date of the primary election is May 18.

Council Work Program Approved At Planning Meet

BOARDMAN — Mid-Columbia Planning Council met at the Hitchhiker Post Cafe to review the council work program, to approve contracts and to hire a consultant for an economic survey of the six counties. Ebasco Services, Inc., San Francisco, Calif., was hired by a vote of the council.

Larry J. Aubrecht, director of Western Region, and C. R. Gavannah were here from Ebasco to explain the contract between the consulting firm and the State Dept. of Planning and Development. This contract was approved by vote of the council.

The meeting started at 10 a. m. with Morrow County Judge Oscar Peterson presiding as council chairman.

The contract between the Dept. of Planning and Development and the Mid-Columbia Planning Council was discussed and approved by vote. Lloyd Anderson, Portland, who is deputy director of the State Dept. of Planning and Development, led in discussion. Anderson has been in charge of the arrangements of the contracts. Main discussion was on scope of services, compensation and method of payment.

After a no-host luncheon at noon, the afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of the works of area re-development administration and to the rural area development program in Oregon. Speakers were Jean Scheel, assistant director of extension services of OSU, Lloyd Anderson, John Norton, Salem, district supervisor of Oregon State Employment Service, and A. V. Smith, Portland, manager of Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone system. Hood River County Judge Harris Higgins introduced the speakers.

Oliver Creswick spoke on tax income in Morrow county.

The council approved the offer of Norton and Anderson to work together to interview applicants for the position of an executive secretary for the council.

Judge Peterson will leave by airplane, Wednesday, January 24, for Phoenix, Ariz., where he will take part on the program of the Community Development Workshops jointly sponsored by the National Association of County Officials and the combined state associations of county officials.

The meeting will continue from Thursday, January 25, through Saturday, January 27, and Judge Peterson will appear on the program Friday afternoon as one of a panel on a Planning Machinery Workshop, designed for counties and officials who are looking for industrial planning ideas.

Judge Peterson will present "Six-County Space Age Industrial Park—a Case History." This is in relation to the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, embracing six counties, of which he is chairman. Four others, from Nevada, California and Montana, will be on this panel and Judge Rex Hartley of Marion county, Oregon, will be moderator.

Judge Peterson will be gone through the balance of the week.



HAROLD WRIGHT of Ruggs was honored by Morrow County Livestock Growers as Livestock Man of the Year at their meeting last week, but the title is shared by members of his family, shown in their ranch home. With him are his wife, Mary, and son, Kenneth, 15, who has 10 registered Herefords of his own. (G-T Photo)

Wright is Chosen Stockman of Year

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Climaxing the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers here Friday and Saturday was the selection of Harold Wright of Ruggs as Livestock Man of the Year in Morrow county.

The honor for Wright and his family was announced at the banquet Saturday night at the county fair pavilion, and presentation of the trophy was made by Floyd Jones, vice president of the Livestock Growers.

This was the second major honor for the winner in the past six years. He was chosen county Grassman of the Year in 1955. Wright was finalist for the honor along with Roger and Elmer Palmer, a father and son operation, and Dick Wilkinson, the choices having been narrowed to the three by a selection committee, which also determined the winner but kept it a secret until the announcement Saturday.

Ranch Said Ideal

The Wright ranch is considered by many as an ideal cattle set-up. Contributing to good range management is the fact that the range is well watered. A number of springs have been developed and farm ponds help for good distribution of livestock. Seventeen ponds were built in one year with three more added in 1961.

The ranch operation consists of 9,420 acres of land with 8,000 in the Hardman ranch, 1,420 in the Rhea Creek ranch. Of this 150 acres is irrigated bottom land. The bottom land is seeded to an alfalfa grass mixture which he likes for his feedlot as the grass eliminates bloat trouble. The first crop is used for this purpose. Irrigated bottoms are then used for the registered herd as summer and fall pasture after range land begins to dry up. A fertilizing program is carried on on this irrigated bottom to get the most production per acre. Over 100 miles of fence is kept in good repair at all times.

Registered cows are divided 25-30 head to a pasture for spring and early range at the Hardman ranch then these go to the irrigated bottom at the home ranch in mid-summer. A pasture of approximately 3,000 acres in the lower elevation on the Hardman ranch is used for early spring grazing. The cows then move to timbered pastures where they are kept until shortly before hunting season. They are then moved back to the lower pasture which has had a chance to be deferred during this time. A rotation and deferred program is carried on. Perennial noxious weeds are sprayed.

Started At 18

Wright was born on his father's ranch near Hardman which he now has as a part of his operation. He attended elementary school at Hardman and Rhea Creek and high school at Heppner, and has had full operation of the ranch since he was 18 years old which started with him having charge of four bands of sheep when his Dad became sick. His wife is the former Mary Jackson who grew up on a ranch in the Monument country in Grant county. Their son, Kenneth, 15, has a stake in the Wright livestock operation owning 10 registered Herefords; the offspring from a cow now 10 years old which he started as a 4-H project. He is active in both 4-H and FFA. In addition to his registered Hereford herd he has a flock of 16 head of Suffolk ewes; starting with three ewes which lambed out 3 sets of twins

Chamber Hears Talk On School Needs, Plans

Robert Van Houte, district school administrator, spoke on school population and school building needs at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. He illustrated his talk with projection of tentative plans for additions to the new Heppner high school, now being studied by the board of directors of the school district, together with graphs showing school population.

Van Houte said the total number of children between the ages of four and 19 increased in the county from 1200 to 1600 in the decade between 1950 and 1960. He stressed that this increase occurred while the county population figure remained about the same. In 1952 there were 275 grade school students in Heppner; in 1960, 450, and in 1961-62 there were 444. Heppner high school population figures shown were 130 in 1952; 115 in 1956; 210 in 1961-62. His forecast was that there will be 250 in high school in the community in 1964.

An estimated enrollment in 1970, based on children now in first four grades in Heppner elementary school, shows high school figures for 1970 at 72 freshmen, 65 sophomores, 59 juniors and 54 seniors. "In 1961 there were 46 babies born to parents living in Heppner," Van Houte said. He noted this does not account for those babies born to Heppner residents at hospitals other than the local one.

"We always find about 25 percent more students registering for the first grade than our census indicates," he added.

For 250 high school students, 61,300 square feet of school building is necessary to meet the indicated standards set up by the State Department of Education, he said. Unit-A supplies only 9800 square feet. Plans for the new units were shown and explained by the administrator. Unit-B has two additional classrooms and office space, taking about 5800 square feet. It would be an extension of Unit-A on the west end. Unit-C is the gymnasium, 8400 square feet, with music rooms on the bottom level, dressing rooms on gym level and deck above, accounting for an additional 12,000 square feet.

"This building would be constructed on the hill with the north end only having three levels," Van Houte explained.

The gym section would serve as the base of the U-shaped structure. Unit-D would include the multipurpose room which would serve also as cafeteria, with kitchen adjoining on the east. The opposite side of the center hall would be taken up with chemistry lab, biology lab, and home economics classrooms. Unit-D has about 13,000 square feet.

Unit-E would be a separate building for agriculture and electric shop courses. It contains an arts and crafts room, an agriculture shop, an electric shop, and agriculture classroom. This adds 5000 square feet.

The total structure would cost between \$1250 and \$13 per square foot, Van Houte said.

Dr. C. M. Wagner, first vice president, presided in the absence of President Fred Gimbel. He reported to the members on the construction of a new ski area at Arbuckle mountain and said it was a needed improvement in recreational facilities of the area.

A letter was read by Secretary Wes Sherman from the City of Pendleton regarding a meeting there of the State Board of Aeronautics requesting that any interested persons in the area attend. Orville Cutsforth said he would go to the meeting.

Planning Board Reviews Moving Plans at Council

By MARY LEE MARLOW

A special meeting of the Boardman city council was held last week, at which time Mayor Joe Tatone and George Wiese, president of the city planning board, presented a report of the meeting held recently in Portland among themselves, city planning consultant Holly Cornell and the Bureau of Municipal Research. They reported that members of the bureau suggested changing the chosen townsite to one nearby that would be on higher ground, since the lake caused by the John Day dam near the present townsite could present a severe drainage problem.

Wiese, who is assistant administrator of the city of Boardman to handle any problems arising from relocation of the city, stated that "this is nothing but conversation, and not official." He also stated that the site the bureau suggested has never been engineered, while there has been extensive engineering done on the present site. He further stated it is felt by the engineers that there probably wouldn't be much more of a drainage problem than there is in the existing town of Boardman. Council members said there would be a terrific problem with blowing sand on the site suggested by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

In view of the fact of Boeing's interest in the area, Tatone and Wiese wondered if they are planning on a large enough scope, since the new townsite was planned before Boardman ever heard of the possibility of Boeing coming here. Tatone said "we have just about decided to build Boardman as Boardman is" and make plans for any large influx of population.

If there is a growth in population, there is room for growth behind the present planned townsite. After deciding the reasons given by the Bureau of Municipal Research for changing to a different site are not good sound reasons, the council voted unanimously to continue with the present plans unless they are proven unfeasible.

Mike Smith to Lead Student Dimes Drive

Mike Smith, Heppner high school junior, has been named head of the March of Dimes for students of county schools. Present plans are to invite the students of Pilot Rock, Condon and Ione to enter a contest to see which school can raise the most money for the March of Dimes on a percentage basis. Contest winners will be honored at a school dance sponsored by the Heppner student body, with a king and queen for the dance chosen from the student body of the winning school.

No date has been set for the contest as yet.

Julie Pfeiffer was named chairman of the Heppner schools of the Dimes effort. Other chairmen will be chosen for schools of the district and announced soon.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	30	17	.03
Friday	39	21	.12
Saturday	23	20	—
Sunday	42	30	—
Monday	39	29	—
Tuesday	42	28	.01
Wednesday	34	20	.05
Thursday	.03 snow	Friday	.12 snow



DAVID MARICK, whose twelfth birthday is coming up soon, visits with LaVerne Van Marter, chairman of the 1962 March of Dimes drive in Morrow county about the current campaign. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marick of Ione, underwent an operation on his leg last year as a result of a polio attack, and the local chapter of the polio foundation contributed towards payment of costs. He is now able to walk very well by using a brace. (G-T Photo)

Dimes Drive Underway

More than 1500 letters asking for contributions to the 1962 March of Dimes went into the mail this week with LaVerne Van Marter of Heppner, county campaign chairman, in charge of the work.

The mail appeal will be only a part of the effort by the local chapter for the National Foundation to raise funds to combat arthritis, birth defects and polio-myelitis. Schools are planning a contest, and coin containers have been placed in various business establishments and other locations.

set for the drive, but some \$2000 is raised annually in the county, half of which stays with the local chapter to provide for deserving cases here and half of which goes to the national foundation for research and other national work.

Special contributions from various firms and organizations supplement the drive. Chairman Van Marter urged everyone to respond to the annual appeal with generous donations. Official ending date of the drive is January 31, but it may be carried on longer here if necessary.



RETURN of Dr. R. E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, to Ione for dedication of the new high school there, was a happy homecoming for him, and he was greeted by many old friends. Dr. Lieuallen graduated from Ione High school in 1933 and was valedictorian of his class. Shown visiting with him after the ceremonies Monday night are Delwin O. Nelson (right), chairman of Morrow county school district R-1 and a friend of many years standing, and Don McElligott (left), chairman of the Ione advisory and building committees. (G-T Photo)

Chancellor's Address Features Dedication

Dedication of the new Ione High school building, featuring an address by Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education and a graduate of Ione High in 1933, brought out a crowd of some 300 persons Monday night.

Principal Darrel Reisch accepted a "key" to the building from Delwin O. Nelson, school district R-1 chairman, in the dedication ceremony, and the chairman pointed out that the letters "K-E-Y" stood for Knowledge, Education and Youth, all important to the new school.

In the principal address, Dr. Lieuallen spoke briefly of the state system of higher education but stressed what he termed as a "lesson in the principles of education," as basic convictions fundamental to the education system in this country.

Four points were included in the "lesson": 1. The conviction that universal, compulsory free education is essential to our way of life. 2. Conviction that the responsibility of education of all children is the responsibility of all the people. 3. Conviction that legal responsibility for education rests with the state government and not with federal nor

local governments. 4. Conviction that the appropriate agency is the public school.

Mayor Charles O'Connor extended greetings at the start of the program and said that a great deal of good planning and good workmanship went into the new building.

"The best students in the world will be going through these doors for some years to come," he declared.

Robert Van Houte, administrator of the county school system, pointed out how school population in the county has gained despite the fact that the total county population has not gained materially in the past 10 years.

Cost of the new Ione school represents an investment of approximately \$125,000 when fully completed, and the school was built on a pay-as-you-go basis. Architect Stewart Tuft, representing the firm of Hayslip and Tuft, spoke briefly and told of his pleasure with working with the school board and other officials in developing the new structure.

Principal Reisch presided at the program and introduced directors of the district, the Ione advisory committee, the Ione building committee, some former teachers, and other guests. Rev. Rod Mackenzie delivered the invocation. Student Body president, Wayne Hams led in the flag salute, and the Ione High school band, conducted by Arnie Hedman, director, played two numbers.

Dan Macomber of the Eastern Oregon Construction company, builders of the new school, was to be on the program but sent his regrets when he found it impossible to be present.

Because of the fact that Dr. Lieuallen spent his boyhood in the area, the program proved to be a delightful homecoming event. Informality marked many of the remarks, and in introducing him, Chairman Nelson told of incidents that happened when he and Dr. Lieuallen worked in harvest some 25 years ago.

Dr. Lieuallen responded in kind and extended greetings to the many friends of years' standing that he knew in the audience. He spoke briefly of his new work as chancellor, pointing out that nine institutions of higher education come under the State System, including University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State, Eastern Oregon College, Oregon Technical Institute, University of Oregon Medical School, the Dental School, Oregon College, and Southern Oregon College, as well as the extension division.

Of the current budget of \$60,000,000, half is supported by taxes, he said.

The crowd enjoyed seeing the facilities of the new building at open house following the program, and then enjoyed a period of refreshments and visiting in the cafeteria. Members of the Parent-Teacher association, with Mrs. Mike Matthews, social chairman, in charge of arrangements, served coffee, punch and cookies.

Ice Causes Accident

A car driven by James M. Healy 18, Heppner, skidded on snow and ice at 11:30 Saturday night, and the car hit a fence and plowed into a bank, according to a report from the Sheriff's office. The accident was six miles south of Lexington on county highway Lexington-Rhea Creek. No one was reported hurt.