

Group Formed to Give Facts on Proposed Issue

At a meeting Friday night at Heppner High school steps were taken to form an organization whose purpose is to reach the public throughout Morrow county with facts on the proposed \$870,000 school bond issue.

Dr. Wallace Wolf was named chairman of the group, which will be called "Morrow County Committee for Better Schools," and W. C. Rosewall was chosen secretary-treasurer.

It is planned to enlist members of the committee from all parts of the county, and they will seek to present information about the proposal to as many organizations and individuals as can be reached, and to answer questions about the proposal.

The group, which was formed through school advisory and building committees, is preparing a brochure designed to answer as many questions about the proposed bond issue as possible, telling of costs, needs, plans and effect on the taxpayer. This brochure is expected to be out early next week and will be made available to anyone in the county who wishes a copy. It will be paid entirely by voluntary contributions and at no expense to the district.

Included in the brochure will be floor plans of the proposed school construction at Riverside school (Boardman), Irigon and Heppner. These floor plans will also be included in the paper, but engravings of architects' sketches were not completed in time to be included in the Gazette-Times this week.

It was brought up at the Friday meeting, attended by some 20 interested persons, that some feeling is prevalent that the present serial levy, which would be displaced by the bond issue, might be levied by district directors in addition to the bond issue.

Robert Van Houte, county school administrator, said that the board is aware of this feeling present in some quarters and, upon the advice of Attorney Bob Abrams, will pass a resolution to be entered in the minutes guaranteeing that the serial levy will not be invoked.

Committee members this week are making contacts with others throughout the county who will be willing to present facts of the proposal to others. Among the first who have agreed to serve are Dewey West and Ralph Skoube of Boardman and William Parker and Andrew Skiles of Irigon.

Of the issue proposed, some \$806,000 would go to construction of the Heppner High school, finishing the plant started at Unit-A; and \$130,000 each would go to Irigon and Boardman for construction there. Expanding school enrollments causing crowded conditions is principal reason for the proposal, together with necessity of relocating the Riverside school and bringing the Irigon school up to standard.

At the meeting Friday, the group studied figures brought up by the proposal. They heard that the 7.9 mills now levied for the serial levy would come off under the proposed plan, and the bond issue together with interest would require a levy of 4.6 mills for the first year, assuming an interest rate in the neighborhood of 3.7%. This would mean that taxpayers would see a 3.3 mill reduction in their taxes for the first year of the issue and a like amount the second year.

It was brought out, too, that the millage rate would decrease through the 20-year paying period as the principal balance decreased, thus cutting the interest. The final year of the paying period would find a levy of about 2.7 mills as compared with the 4.6 mills of the first year. If the county valuation climbs in

the meantime, the millage would drop even more.

Dr. Wolff said that the newly-formed committee will seek to present the needs of the school system to the people, together with facts pertinent to the issue in order that they may be well informed by the time of the special election.

The election is set for Monday, February 26, from 2 to 8 p. m. in the polling places of the district. These will be listed in a later issue of the paper and in the brochure. All registered voters in the county may cast ballots in the election.

Dinner Notes Electric Co-op Safety Record

Recognition of achieving 150,000 man hours of work without a disabling injury was one of the features of the employee-cooperative dinner of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op at the Wagon Wheel Cafe Thursday night.

Harley Young, manager, announced that the cooperative will receive a Certificate of Merit from Employers Mutuals of Wausau which insures Columbia Basin for Workmen's Compensation coverage.

As well as the certificate, the cooperative will also receive a National Rural Electric System Award for the achievement.

"A safety record of this magnitude in your industry is not accidental," R. M. Dinwiddie, accident prevention manager wrote in a letter of recognition. "It can only be reached by careful planning under your good management direction. It is also significant of excellent selection of cooperative and trustworthy fellow employees, which invariably results in improved public relations. Those are only possible under the enlightened company policy set by your Board of Directors."

The informal dinner, which is the first of what promises to be an annual affair, had a minimum of speech-making. Besides the talk by Manager Young, President Walter Jaeger of Condon was the only one to speak.

A social hour preceded the dinner. In all 30 were present. Among officers and wives were President and Mrs. Jaeger, Vice President and Mrs. Dick Krebs, Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Jack Hynd Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer. The men are all directors.

Among the employees were Manager and Mrs. Young; Judie Brannon, stenographer-cashier; Mrs. Gertrude Applegate, bookkeeper; Bill Gentry, forman, and Mrs. Gentry; Art Vance, line-man, and Mrs. Vance; Doyle Key, truck driver, and Mrs. Key; Jimmy Procker, truck driver, and Mrs. Procker; Bud Marshall, power use advisor, and Mrs. Marshall.



A/2c KAY I. CORBIN

Airman Corbin On Special Show

A2/c Kay I. Corbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbin of Heppner made his TV screen debut last Wednesday evening before millions of Bob Hope fans and also incidentally, before his surprised parents, relatives and friends here. The roving TV camera picked out Airman Corbin for a good life-sized closeup during Hope's special Christmas program telecast at the U. S. Air Force Base at Sondestrom, Greenland. Of course the phone at the Corbin home began ringing immediately by those who recognized the familiar face.

Airman Corbin has been stationed at the Greenland base since last May, attached to the air police division. He expects to return to the states this May unless conditions require him to stay longer. He will have completed four years in the service in September, having graduated from Heppner High in 1958. In letters to his parents, he tells of temperatures there down to 30 degrees below zero, and at this time of year, they have only three hours of daylight.

According to reports, while Hope and his troupe were entertaining the several thousand Air Force soldiers at Sondestrom, the klaxon horn warning signal sounded for an alert and hundreds of crew members of the air corps walked out on the show to take up their assigned duties.

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Boardman Relocation Site Chosen

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN—At a special meeting of the Boardman City Council last week, Mayor Joe Tatone and George Wiese, city consultant, presented a report on another meeting they had January 19 in Portland with the Bureau of Municipal Research and Holly Cornell, city planning consultant, regarding the chosen townsite for moving the city when water is backed up by the John Day dam.

The Army Corps of Engineers had indicated, said the bureau of Municipal Research, that the present site may not be suitable as a small lake nearby could cause a severe drainage problem. The council decided that further study would have to be made and a decision reached soon.

At a meeting of the council two weeks previously they had voted to retain the present site and continue with plans until they were proven unfeasible.

Last Friday Mayor Tatone, Wiese, together with council members, and the city planning commission met with the Army Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla, Wn., to discuss procedures to select a specific site for the new townsite and complete planning to the stage required to permit signing for an agreement between the city of Boardman and the Corps of Engineers.

It was brought out that at least part of the new town will have to be built on a different site than the one Boardman has been planning on the last four and one-half years. It will be in the earlier site was, but about a half mile east, and will be south-east of the present town.

It is planned that grading and construction of streets and utilities by the engineers will be commenced early in 1964 so that construction of new buildings or moving of homes from the present townsite can be started late that year and continue into 1965, according to Col. J. H. Bedford, district engineer, Walla Walla district.

The new site will be adjacent to the new four-lane highway which is to be completed in 1965. Grading for the relocated Union Pacific Railroad will go through the present city limits of Boardman and south of the present highway. This is one of the chief factors in the need for early relocation of Boardman even though the pool back of the dam will not be raised until the spring of 1967.

Following the conference Friday, all persons present were of the opinion that the change in plans would be worked out very well, and that residents of the new Boardman would not have to worry about water in their basements at a time when the water level would be high.

Mercury Zooms Up!

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

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Thursday	53	41	—
Friday	54	40	—
Saturday	58	34	—
Sunday	66	32	—
Monday	61	29	—
Tuesday	54	30	—
Wednesday	57	31	—

He Couldn't Get Out and Walk

Judge Speaks in Arizona; Has Bad Time on Home Trip

Judge Oscar Peterson appeared as scheduled on a Community Development Workshop panel at a meeting sponsored by the National Association of County Officials at Phoenix, Ariz., Friday.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, considerable interest in the Planning Machinery workshop in which he took part, and his talk on "Development of a Six-County Space Age Industrial Park—A Case History," went off in good shape. He left the conference feeling that it had been time well spent.

However, trouble developed soon after the airplane on which he was a passenger Saturday took off and headed home. Judge Peterson looked out his window and saw that one motor of the two-motored plane had conked out.

Few on the plane realized the difficulty until a stewardess came hustling through the passenger compartment and admonished to everyone, "Don't panic!" Then they did start to get concerned, the judge said.



MORROW COUNTY Grain Growers members Walter Jacobs; Al Lamb, manager; Paul Jones, president; and Harlan McCurdy, assistant manager, inspect scale model of new export grain terminal, now nearing completion at Kalama, Washington. The new North Pacific terminal will be completed in March at a cost of \$6 million and will have a storage capacity of 3,326,000 bushels. North Pacific's board of directors and the directors of the 52 local member associations throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho were in Portland January 18-20 for their annual meeting.

County Seal Sales Total Below Goal; April 1 Closing Date

A shortage of \$41.85 stands between community Christmas Seal sale chairmen in Morrow county and their goal of matching or exceeding last year's sale proceeds, reports Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., county seal sale chairman.

A total of \$236 has been collected by Mrs. Garry Tullis, lone chairman, and \$129 by Mrs. Gene Orwick, Lexington chairman.

Both Boardman and Irigon communities have exceeded last year's sale proceeds, with \$91 reported by Mrs. Ruth Coy at Boardman and \$86 collected at Irigon. Susan McCoy served as student chairman at Irigon and Staudie Thorpe at Boardman.

Returns in Heppner, reported by Harry F. O'Donnell, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Annie Healy, total \$646.50 to date.

Official books for the drive do not close until April 1. At this time 26% of the money received from the seals is mailed to the state and national TB associations for their work, and the remaining 74% stays in the county for work carried on by the county association.

The biggest expenditure out of the county's share buys and maintains equipment used at Pioneer Memorial hospital for chest X-rays, pays the hospital for taking the X-rays (which are free to the public) and pays for the reading of the X-rays. Free X-rays are given the first Wednesday evening of each month excepts those of TB. Each X-ray costs the association nearly \$2, but the association is hopeful that more people will avail themselves of the program.

Any who have not yet made his donation to the battle against TB and other respiratory diseases, are urged to do so before April 1 to local or to the county chairman.

Baby Girls Rule Roost At Memorial Hospital

Girls, baby girls, that is, are ruling the roost at Pioneer Memorial hospital this week as a new lively trio has the nursery to itself. The girls are to take advantage of the attention, no doubt a good beginning for more years to come!

The first young miss to arrive on the scene was Marie, the 8 lb. 5 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Schoiack, born at 11:48 p. m. January 29. This little cowgirl joins two other cowgirls and two cowboys on the Van Schoiack ranch south of town.

Kimberly Anne, 7 lb. 12 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cantonwine, made her appearance at 6:58 p. m. January 30. This little gal put a halt to Coach Cantonwine's budding basketball team, but how about your own yell leader? Those young basketball players at home are Scott, age 5, and Robert, age 3 1/2.

Completing the singing trio, was Janice Irene, 7 lb. 8 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman, born at 5:45 a. m. January 31. She joins a brother, Ronnie, age 8, and sister, Barbara, age 6. Right now, Calvin will have to settle for one "cat" mechanic while Bev gets the little "house-keeper."

Injured Boy, 4, Making Progress

Danny Donald Akers, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Akers, lone, was reported making "satisfactory progress" in the Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday after suffering a serious accident Thursday in the Akers' garage.

The youngster underwent emergency surgery Thursday night for ruptured liver and other internal injuries. He showed immediate improvement and has been gaining steadily. His doctor said Wednesday that he had been in considerable pain Tuesday night but that his condition is satisfactory. Barring complications, he may be able to leave the hospital within a week, the doctor said.

Danny was pinned between a wall and a car that rolled accidentally off the grease rack at Akers' Motor Service. He had come to the garage and slipped in unnoticed.

Free Chest X-Rays Set

Free chest X-Rays will be taken at the Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday, February 7, from 7 to 8:30 p. m. It is announced. The free clinic is sponsored as a service by the Morrow County Health and Tuberculosis association.

Banks Point to Good Gains Here

Eastern Oregon Earnings High

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Eastern Oregon was held in the Veterans hall in Arlington on January 17. The meeting was well attended both in person and by proxy.

The directors of the bank were presented to the stockholders and praised for their conscientious attention to the affairs of the bank as partly evidenced by the fact that there were only three absences at directors' meetings during the year of 1961.

The directors' report showed a slight drop in deposits during the past year but gains were made in all other categories, especially in earnings, which were again an all time high. After paying a dividend in the middle of December of \$10 per share, there was added to undivided profits and reserves \$28,976.00.

Gross income amounted to a little over \$200,000.00, out of which some \$140,000 was added to the economy of the area in payment of savings and time deposit interest, dividends, salaries, real estate taxes, rent, donations and other items.

The following were elected directors for the coming year: D. L. Lemon, Earl P. Hoag, John W. Krebs, M. L. Brady and L. C. Buchner, all of Arlington; Arthur A. Allen, Boardman; Garland Swanson, lone; and Howard Bryant and Gene Pierce of Heppner.

Immediately following, officers were elected for the coming year: D. L. Lemon, chairman of the board; L. C. Buchner, president; Earl P. Hoag, vice president; Gene Pierce, vice president and manager; Wm. F. Siewert, assistant manager; James F. Green and Marion C. Green, assistant cashiers.

First Aid Classes To Organize Tuesday

An important meeting to organize a course in Red Cross First Aid classes has been called for Tuesday evening, February 6, at 7 p. m. in the courtroom at the Morrow county courthouse.

Those wishing to enroll for the course are asked to make a special effort to be present for this first meeting. A definite meeting night must be chosen for the classes, and divisions will be assigned between the two instructors, Bob Cantonwine and Bill Crook. Textbooks will also be available at this meeting.

Three Men to Attend Principals' Meeting

Three high school principals of Morrow county left this afternoon (Thursday) to attend the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals meeting in Eugene Friday and Saturday.

Making the trip are Gordon Pratt, Heppner High school principal, Ron Daniels, Riverside High principal, and Darrel Reich, lone High principal. They are making the trip in Daniels' car and expect to return home late Saturday night.

Mary Pierce Doing Fine After Operation

Mary Pierce, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pierce, is coming along fine in the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, after undergoing a major operation there Wednesday, her father said Thursday morning.

Surgery for an ailment that has been troublesome for several years, required about four hours, he said. Mrs. Pierce is with the daughter. It is expected that Mary will remain in the hospital for about two weeks.

City Eyes Reserve Water Plan

At an informal meeting with representatives from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State Board of Health and sanitary engineers last week, members of the city council heard preliminary figures on possible use of stored water from the proposed Willow Creek dam project as a reserve source of municipal water supply.

The Army Engineers are now working on a study of the Willow Creek project for multipurpose use, including irrigation, recreation, flood control, conservation and wildlife use, and are seeking to determine if the city is interested in using part of the stored water.

W. E. Sively of the Corps of Engineers indicated that it would cost the city approximately \$150,000 over a 40-year period for reserving the water that it might need. If it were used for human consumption, a filtration system and chlorinator would also have to be provided.

However, the city is giving some consideration to using the water for irrigation and sprinkling only for such large users as the cemetery, the schools and the hospital.

It is emphasized that at this time costs are very tentative. No report has yet been forthcoming on whether the Willow Creek project is feasible, and this possible use is being considered in the exploratory process.

The peak for a 24-hour period of water use in Heppner last year was 880,000 gallons, according to Recorder Ted Smith. The system of wells has handled the job to this point, but a growth in population and increasing use of water might send the city looking for other sources.

Some consideration is being given too, to additional wells at different locations. At the present time none of the city water is chlorinated.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens says that as long as "we can keep it underground we won't have to chlorinate it. We don't want to chlorinate any sooner than we have to," he declared.

The matter will be thoroughly discussed at the council meeting Monday night.

Central Slates Free Breakfast

Free breakfast Saturday from 9 a. m. until noon is offered by Central Market as a feature of a special sale for the weekend at the market.

At the same time the store is announcing a contest in which the grand prize is a year's supply of food, a part of a promotion featuring Standby foods.

Everyone is invited to come and join the fun Saturday. Clint McQuarrie, owner, announces there will be free cotton candy for children.

Full page announcement of the sale and special features is on page three of section 1, this paper.

College Drama Troupe Schedules Play For Feb. 10

First Christian church, Heppner, will sponsor the Christian Drama Troupe from Northwest Christian College, Eugene, in its presentation of the unique play, "The Comedian" here on February 10.

The two hour play is centered around a troupe of Roman actors in the year A. D. 306, who are ordered by Caesar to do a play about a Christian martyr. In this way the early Church is objectively seen in its dynamic struggle against a Rome of quality and quantity.

This is the fourth western tour for the drama troupe, developed in order to provide professional quality religious drama. It has become so successful and the demand for its services so great that it is now touring throughout the western United States on week-ends, vacation periods, and during the summer.

"The Comedian" will be presented in the High school gym at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, February 10. Advance tickets are on sale at Heppner Hardware and Elma's Apparel. They will also be sold at the door.