

PLOTTING strategy to use against Enterprise in the opening game of the football season here Friday night are Heppner High's head football coach, Jim Sutherland, and two of his big linemen. At left is John Porter, 190 lb. senior guard, and at right is Dick Springer, 175 lb. senior center. Porter hurt his arm the night after this photo was taken and is on the doubtful list this week. (G-T Photo)

## 1962 Grid Opener Due Here Friday Eve

King football takes the stage in Heppner Friday night with the opening game for the Heppner High Mustangs against the strong Enterprise High Savages. This is a return game for the squads who battled at Enterprise in the opener last year, and the Mustangs came home on the short end of the score, 27 to 0.

Although Coach Mel Victor of Enterprise has his last year's team back almost intact, since it was composed mainly of soph-

Springer, center; Don Creswick, right guard; David Hanna, right tackle; and Dean Lovgren, right end.

In the backfield will be LeRoy Gardner, fullback, and possibly Larry Meussig, halfback to run with Applegate or Padberg.

It is almost certain that many on the squad will see action in the opener.

Game time for this non-league opener is 8 p.m. on the rodeo grounds. Season tickets were sold by squad members in a house-to-house drive Tuesday night, and the endeavor was deemed a success by Athletic Director Bob Cantonwine. A total of \$175 worth of tickets was sold. Those who were missed may purchase them at the gate Friday night at \$3.50, good for all home games, meaning a substantial reduction under the regular price of \$1 per game.

## Merchants Supply Programs for Games

Printed programs will be distributed without charge at Heppner High school home football games again this year through the courtesy of local merchants.

A total of 22 merchants are sponsoring full page displays in the Gazette-Times in each issue preceding a home game and this material is then used for printing the programs to be handed out at the ball games. Complete information on players and team rosters, with some pictures and additional facts on the Mustangs, are included. The page in this paper is page 3, section 2.

## Attorney Plans To Practice Here

Herman Winter of Salem, who passed his bar examination during the summer, plans to begin practice in Heppner soon. He will visit here Saturday and look for a home for his family and himself.

Winter came to Heppner several times early this year and announced then that he expected to open practice here provided he passed the bar examination.

He will be considered for the position of district attorney which Robert Abrams has definitely decided to relinquish. Abrams said that he plans to resign from the post after Winter is installed in practice here. The district attorney would be appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy, Abrams said.

## Schools to Dismiss For Roundup Friday

All Morrow county schools will be dismissed for the day Friday because of the Pendleton Roundup, it is announced.

A large number of youngsters will join their parents in Pendleton to see the show. Participating from Heppner will be the Heppner High school band, which will take part in the parade at 10 a.m. under the direction of Arnold Melby.

Principal Gordon Pratt said that one busload of hand students will return at 12:30 p.m. and another will remain until 4 p.m. for the benefit of those who wish to see the afternoon performance.

## Farmers Consider Rhea Creek Dam At Meeting Here

Seven Rhea Creek farmers met with the Heppner Soil Conservation district supervisors here at the regular monthly meeting of the supervisors Tuesday night to see what action could be taken to get water storage on Rhea Creek.

Several possible dam sites were pointed out, where, with small structures, a fair amount of water could be stored. Ralph Richards of the conservation office said.

Possibilities offered by three programs were explained, the Reclamation Irrigation project, assistance from ACP Group funds, or through the small Watershed program. The group agreed to have the work party leader in charge of the Small Watershed program meet with them and explain this program.

Hope was expressed that a feasibility study may be made, after which the farmers could decide what program would best fit their needs. The group showed an eagerness to get action started, Richards said.

John Wazombast gave a detailed report on his trip to the Youth Range camp this summer. Four boys were chosen from this county for the six-day training camp on range management.

## Power Office Now In Heppner Cleaners

Pacific Power and Light Company has opened a permanent pay station at the Heppner Cleaners in downtown Heppner for the convenience of its customers.

Fred Gimbel, PP&L lineman in Heppner, said the PP&L office next door to the cleaners has been closed. The PP&L telephone number, Heppner 676-9932, will be unchanged, and Gimbel will maintain an office in the cleaning establishment.

"The temporary pay station arrangement at the cleaners has proved satisfactory and will be continued on a permanent basis," Gimbel said.

## Office Hours Change

Hours at the office of the Heppner district, U. S. Forest Service, will go back to the regular schedule Monday, Sam Miller, ranger, announces. They will be from 8 until 12 and from 1 until 5 daily, he said. During the summer months the office was on a 7 to 11 and 12 to 4 schedule coinciding with daylight time in other areas.

# Move Made to Save Theater

Number 28

79th Year

## THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, September 13, 1962

10 Cents

## Chamber Challenges Lions on Donations

Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce has issued a challenge to the lone Lions club to see which organization can get the most donations for the Monday blood drawing. Fred Gimbel, C of C president, said. The challenge has been accepted by Jim Barnett, Lions president.

Winner will receive a "trophy" to be arranged by the Chamber, probably to become a tradition between the organizations. A check will be made at the blood bank of those who credit their donations to either of the organizations.

## Urgent Call Sounded For Blood

Mobile unit of the American Red Cross blood bank from the Columbia Regional center will be at the Catholic Parish hall, Heppner, Monday from 1:45 to 5:45 p.m. for a blood drawing, and an urgent appeal has been made for donors. Time was changed from 1 to 5 p.m. previously announced in order to accommodate a woods crew coming from Kinzua to donate.

Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, county blood program chairman, said that there is a severe shortage in the area, and she sounded an appeal to all who can possibly donate a pint of blood to come to the drawing Monday.

A large portion of the blood taken here comes back to those in the county who need it. Mrs. Cutsforth pointed out. One Heppner girl used eight pints since the last drawing, and a man living in Kinzua has used at least 14 pints. Many of the Fossil area have benefited and one person in Lexington is administered the Red Cross blood continuously because of his condition.

Goal for the visit has been set at 70 pints, but it is hoped that more than this total will be given, Mrs. Cutsforth said. Both males and females, ages 18 to 59, are eligible to donate, but they must weigh at least 110 pounds. These are the same rules that have always applied to those who give blood.

Handbills have been distributed to point out the urgent need for donations at this drawing, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon has supported the blood bank with a sponsored message elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Cutsforth said that it is helpful if those planning to donate will call for appointment times (Ph. 989-8473). However, is not necessary to have an appointment, and those who are able to give may come at their convenience during the period of 1:45 to 5:45.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	93	55	—
Friday	77	34	—
Saturday	68	35	—
Sunday	76	53	.02
Monday	68	46	.50
Tuesday	66	38	—
Wednesday	65	49	.02

## Farm Survey to Check Irrigation Interest

Survey among farmers and others who have property on Willow Creek from Heppner to the Columbia River will be taken next week to determine definite interest in the proposed irrigation feature as one of the multi-purposes of the Willow creek dam project, now under study by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The action came out of a meeting last Thursday night in the courthouse with some 40 farmers, county officials, engineers and interested persons attending. For some three hours the group discussed all aspects of the irrigation feature but no decision was reached except to take the survey in an attempt to determine whether farmers are interested enough to say that they would like to have irrigation for their lands if the plan proves feasible. At the same time, an attempt will be made to determine how much acreage the farmers would like to have irrigated.

Quentin Bowman of the State Water Resources Board and Assessor Oliver Creswick will make the contacts, and they expect to have the job done by the end of the week. Drafting a form for the survey are the Army Corps of Engineers and the

Bureau of Reclamation. It was pointed out by John Mangan of the Bureau that this evidence of interest is necessary to determine whether irrigation should be included as one of the purposes of the dam now under study. W. E. Sivley, chief of the floods control section of the Engineers, said that inclusion of the irrigation feature would certainly help the project become a reality.

He said it might be possible for the project to move ahead without the irrigation feature but that the engineers would have to recommend to Congress that the best development and the optimum development would include the irrigation feature.

Without this feature, the project may be delayed because Congress may say that if the farmers are not interested in irrigation now, they may be 10 years from now, Sivley said. He pointed out that a public hearing on the project at which times all phases of the study will be presented for consideration, will not be attempted until it is determined whether there is sufficient interest to include irrigation.

Needs for flood control and recreation here are quite clear, Sivley said. The Corps is not

primarily interested in irrigation, which is a matter for the Bureau of Reclamation, but it has the lead on this project as one for flood control and recreation. The Corps is designing the structure, which would be located below the confluence of Balm Fork and Willow Creek—just above Heppner, and is planning its major features.

If irrigation were included, a district would be formed for this phase of the project and the users would pay according to the extent of their ability. Mangan said that the tentative cost to the farm has been set at \$3 per acre foot of water, figuring a benefit of some \$13 per acre.

It had been previously pointed out that there would not be sufficient water for the total irrigation of the 3700 acres downstream but that there would be supplemental irrigation possible at the rate of about an acre foot for 2750 acres. A full supply could be provided for only 800 to 900 acres.

Farmers have shown concern about what may happen to their winter irrigation if water is stored during that time. Those like Herb and John Hynds on the lower end of the creek are con-

cerned about whether their share of water would reach them, and they are concerned about a limitation of 160 acres per person. In the case of a corporation, this Bureau limitation is 160 acres for the corporation.

Some doubt was registered as to the benefits and whether the water would mean enough better or greater crop to cover the cost. It was pointed out that alfalfa is the principal crop now and there were some who felt that the additional water may not benefit the crop to the extent of the cost.

Existing water rights came in for considerable discussion at the meeting, and it was reiterated that these would be protected.

A possible supplemental supply of water to the dam by diverting from Ditch Creek was also touched upon. Judge Oscar Peterson, who presided at the meeting, said that he felt this is a good possibility.

Attitude of the farmers as expressed at the meeting was that they want to make full use of the water and are in favor of any project that would be of benefit. However, it was clear that a number of questions remain to be answered.

## School Board Starts Program for Retarded

Attention was given to mentally retarded children in the county at the regular meeting of the board of directors of School District R-1 Monday night. Darrel Reisch, director of special services, outlined some points that may be considered as "preliminary guidelines" in setting up such a program, together with a summary of the state plan on reimbursement to districts for such programs.

The district is required by state law to have its program for the mentally retarded child in operation by 1964. To this time, the district has not made formal application to the state, but this may be accomplished this year.

Mrs. Kathryn Hoskins was hired as a part time teacher of the mentally retarded in the district meeting. There are seven children who are participating in her classes with a rather wide range of ages. Mrs. Hoskins will teach the children one-half day, and they will attend other classes and school functions during the other half-day. While no special provision had been made in the budget for her salary, incoming teachers with lower placements on the salary schedule left enough in the current budget to provide the needed \$3600.

Reisch said that there were 140 classes for mentally retarded children in the state last year and there are more than 200 this year.

The area of primary concern, Reisch pointed out, is that of the moderately retarded—children with intelligence quotients from the low 60's to middle 70's. Some 2 or 3 percent of the school population is figured to be in this group. Those severely retarded—with I.Q. of less than 50—include only about one-half of 1% of the school population and virtually none attend school. Those mildly retarded—ranging with I.Q. of middle 70's to 80 include some 15 to 18% of the school population and can be relatively successful in the regular curriculum.

Under an approved program, the state will pay 60% of the first teacher's salary and 50% of succeeding teachers' salaries.

Also under preliminary consideration is planning for special education for gifted children.

The board awarded a contract to Lexington Implement Co. low bidder, to supply a 9-passenger station wagon to the district. The company's low bid for a 1962 International Travelall was \$3141.25 with \$1041.25 to be allowed the district as a trade-in for its used station wagon. Additional options on tires and equipment were approved. Only one other bid was received, that from Heppner Auto Sales, on a 1963 9-passenger Ford at \$3618.59 less \$1118.59 trade-in.

Guy Jeppe, Mobilgas, of Hermon was low bidder on supplying fuel oil to the district at a cost of \$3.80 per 42 gal. barrel delivered at Umatilla, and this

Continued on page 6)

## 250 Youngsters Sign Petitions On Theater Need

Signatures of 257 students and children of the Heppner community are included on petitions presented to the editor of the Gazette-Times Wednesday asking for an effort to restore the Star Theater.

The petitions apparently were circulated early in the week, and they read as follows: "Mr. Editor: We present the following petition signed by students, children of the Heppner community: To the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, PTA, Elks and other lodges, City of Heppner, businessmen and women, and the Heppner community as a whole. We respectfully request that the above organizations undertake a combined effort to restore the last remaining recreation center in Morrow county by rebuilding the Star Theater.

"We feel that closing the theater will be a severe loss to the youth, parents and community, and once closed will never be replaced."

Eight different sets of the petition were submitted. Number of names on each ranged from 20 to 65.

## Tickets Move for Big Game

As far as a sizeable number of Morrow county persons is concerned, the Oregon State University-Iowa State game in Multnomah stadium, Portland, on the night of September 22 will be "Dick Ruhl" night.

At this time a goodly contingent from Ruhl's home county will honor the young man who is the county's first athlete on a major OSU team in many years.

Tickets were received Thursday morning for Heppner High school and lone high school football squads, who will be guests of the Gazette-Times at the game, through cooperative arrangement with Jim Barnett, OSU athletic business manager. In all, there are 78 tickets for the high school athletes and their coaches.

Bill Blake, who is selling adult tickets at Wilson's Men's Wear for the big game—the first major college game in the state this year, said Wednesday that about 60 of the 170 tickets that he received from Barnett have been sold.

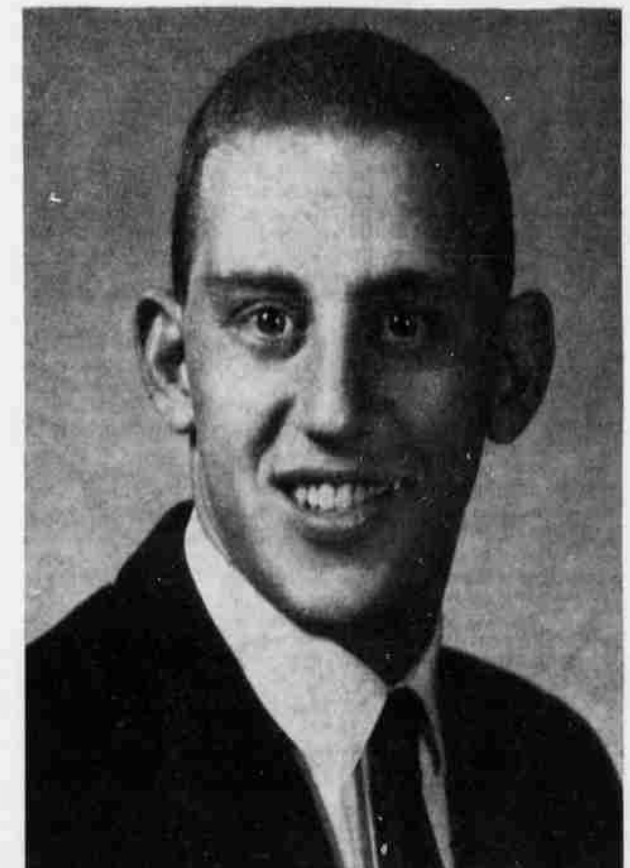
Others planning to go are urged to buy them as soon as possible. The section reserved for local persons, who will sit together, is on the east side of the stadium.

This big game will feature All-Americans against each other in Dave Hoppman, Iowa State back, and Terry Baker, the OSU whiz. They are expected to put on an offensive display to thrill the some 30,000 fans that are expected to crowd the stadium.

Ruhl, the Lexington lad who graduated from Heppner High school, is destined for action as first or second string linebacker on defense and probably third string fullback on offense. This is his first year of duty with the Beavers, and his position on the squad speaks very highly of his ability and how he is regarded by his coaches.

Although the county contingent is called a "caravan" there will be no attempt for the cars to go to the game in a literal caravan. The Morrow county fans will merely assemble at the same spot in the stands to cheer their native son.

The high school students will



DICK RUHL, 204 pound fullback from Heppner, will see action with the Oregon State Beavers in their first game of the season, September 22 in Portland at 2 p.m. (DST). Ruhl is expected to see considerable action as defensive linebacker and at present is number three offensive fullback on the team. He is the first Heppner boy on the Oregon State football roster in modern history. He is a junior at OSU but this is his first year on the varsity. (OSU Photo)

sit in a reserved section on the west side of the stadium and will make the trip to Portland in two buses. They will return the same night.

Another big attraction for the sports-minded in Portland on the same week-end is the Portland Open golf tournament, and many local golfers will stay over to see the finish on Sunday at Portland Golf club. Jack Nicklaus, who just won the World Series of Golf from Gary Player

## Elks' Vote Due Soon On Space

Announcement by Mrs. Elaine George, owner of Star Theater, that she does not plan to reopen the theater that was severely hit in a fire that razed the Elks building in May, has brought a wave of concerned reaction from the community.

Harley Young, one of the leaders in a movement to get some plan worked out for reopening of the theater, said that its loss would be a severe one for business in the community and leaves the town without any public entertainment for its young people.

Elmer Schmidt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development corporation, has also been working on the matter in the hope of coming up with a plan that would mean that the theater would be restored.

The Elks lodge, now involved in planning for rebuilding their structure, had set the night of September 20 to vote on whether they would incorporate space occupied by the theater on the first floor of their building into their lodge facilities.

However, Jack Van Winkle, chairman of the board of trustees, said that date for the vote has been postponed until the night of October 4 in order to give the trustees time to prepare a complete report on the matter. Cost of including the additional space would require a considerable larger expenditure of money, he said.

"If we decide against including the theater space, there would be no harm in meeting with those interested in reopening the theater to see what can be worked out," Van Winkle said. If the lodge decides to use the space, however, the possibility of reopening the theater would become more remote because there seems to be little other place available for it.

Young and Schmidt expressed the hope that some plan might be conceived, perhaps under the guidance of the development corporation, that would permit the theater's reopening.

Mrs. George used the space under lease from the Elks but owned the seats, equipment and furnishings. The equipment was considerably damaged in the fire and much of it has been removed to Portland where damage was appraised. Seats remain in the structure.

The Elks, Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. George have all had considerable pressure to do something about reopening the theater for the public. Whatever plan is worked out may involve greater public support and interest to make it feasible, Young said.

Mrs. George had offered the theater for sale for some time prior to the fire.