

Flood Threat Monday Brings Emergency Alert, Scare



HARLAN McCURDY, JR., hands over a heavy sack full of money to Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Loyd, county chairman for the March of Dimes, after the benefit basketball game between Heppner and Lone town teams here last Thursday night. Despite the terrible weather, the game brought \$252. McCurdy represents Morrow County Grain Growers as sponsors of the Heppner team. (G-T Photo)

Benefit Billed at Lone; Game Here Nets \$252

Plenty of basketball action is in store for fans at the Lone High school gym Thursday night, February 14, when the Heppner Townies play the Condon All-Stars, and the Lone Townies take on either Echo or Hermiston in a March of Dimes benefit.

Heppner and Condon already have had two nip and tuck ball games, each winning one. Condon took the first encounter, but Heppner, sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers, evened the series at the second meeting.

The Condon club is led by Ted Schadowitz, an all-time great at Eastern Oregon College of Education. Pete Glennie, special services coordinator for the March of Dimes here, says, "They are tough. They're loaded with talent."

Lone, composed of ex-high school stars and sponsored by Art Stefani, Jr., made a good showing against the Heppner club at the first March of Dimes benefit here last Thursday night, although they were defeated by the bigger Heppner team, 87 to 56.

Other fine entertainment is planned on the coming program. The Heimburger-Halvorsen trampoline team, popular at events throughout the northwest, will perform at halftime at one of the games, and the lone grade school chorus will sing at the half of the other game.

Admission will be \$1 for adults, 25c for students and 10c for children. Glennie states. First game will get underway at 7:15 p.m.

Gate at the game here last Thursday brought \$252 for the March of Dimes despite the miserable weather that made it difficult for fans to get out. The Heppner gym was nearly full for the tilt.

Clint Agee, big center of the MCGG team, poured 25 points

Oil Co-op Bills Annual Meeting

Dividends of \$13,877 for the past year will be declared at the annual meeting of the Lexington Oil Co-op which will be on Tuesday, February 12, starting at 10:30 a.m. Joel Engelman, manager, announces. The meeting will be in the Lexington Grange hall and dinner will be served at noon by the Lexington Home Economics club.

Demonstrations by women of the co-op will include those of millinery by Mrs. Ewing Hynd and flower plaques by Mrs. Harold Peck. Many other crafts will be on display and all members are urged to take part in the Hen House Fair.

Three directors will be elected at the annual meeting for 2-year terms. Those whose terms expire this year are Kenneth Palmer, Archie Munkers and Kenneth Peck. Holdover directors are John Ledbetter and Millard Nolan.

President Millard Nolan will be in charge of the meeting. Door prizes will be given during the day. Officers of the co-op will be elected later by the board of directors.

Regular meeting of the Co-op Biddies was held February 4 with Mrs. Edna Turner and Mrs. Irene Nolan as hostesses. Next meeting will be Monday, March 4, at 1:30 at the Lexington city hall. Program will be given by Mrs. Ewing Hynd, demonstrating some phase of millinery.

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Recreation Plan Runs Into Snag

Proposal by a community committee for a municipal recreation building, financed by a bond issue and to be leased to a private operator, appears to have hit a legal snag.

Jos. J. Nys, city attorney, advised the city council at a special meeting Wednesday night that in his opinion it would not be legal for the city to construct such a building and lease it to a private operator. He felt that to comply with the law, the city would have to operate the proposed motion picture theatre and bowling alley itself, just as it does the swimming pool.

City Recorder Ted Smith telephoned the office of the League of Oregon Cities in Eugene Thursday morning and talked with the staff attorney there who expressed the same opinion.

"He was very dubious about it," Smith said. The League's attorney will further investigate the matter and send a letter about it to City Attorney Nys.

In all instances around the state where cities have constructed recreational facilities, such as the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, the city also assumes the management.

Mayor Al Lamb said Wednesday night after the meeting that he did not believe that the City of Heppner would be interested in "going into the recreation business."

The proposal to construct the building by a municipal bond issue was offered by the committee to do something about the need for recreation here when it was apparent that private capital could not be found to do it. Several have been interested in starting a bowling alley but none have reached the culmination stage.

Councilman Ed Gonty, chairman of a special committee appointed by the mayor recently to study the plans of the community committee, reported to the regular meeting of the council Monday night and recommended that the citizens' petitions be accepted and that an ordinance be drawn to start to implement the bond issue.

The committee, however, suggested that the price of the building (\$195,000) was too high and that if the site by the creek were chosen, the structure should be elevated to alleviate the danger of flooding. It also recommended that the proposed rental structure be studied with the thinking that the proposed \$150 per month for the theatre and \$550 per month for the bowling alley were too low.

Mayor Lamb pointed out that there were many questions on the proposal that would need to be studied before the matter could be submitted for vote.

"Unless we can answer more questions on it, it would be doubtful of passing," he said. The council committee had talked with two prospective operators and said that each was eager to go ahead with the operation of the recreation center on a lease basis.

At the Monday meeting Attorney Nys was instructed to get the necessary information for the writing of an ordinance, and the mayor appointed a committee composed of Gonty, chairman; Nys, Clarence Rosewall of the citizens' committee, another member to be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and himself as mayor to visit with the bonding attorneys in Portland to check on proper procedure on calling the bond election.

However, with the development Wednesday night it appeared that any further action will be delayed until after a definite ruling is made on whether it is legal and possible to proceed.

All farmers and interested persons are invited to come and take part in the discussion. Questions pertaining to the program will be answered.



THIS PICTURE gives only a vague idea of what happened Saturday when the chinook came and melted snows in a hurry. Waters pouring down Shobe canyon flooded pastures, ripped fences and threatened a few homes, as well as farm buildings. Here the torrent is shown flooding the road to the Marcel Jones residence along the Condon highway. (G-T Photo)

City and County To Declare War On Dogs at Large

War has been declared here on dogs running at large and the city and county will use a new weapon to fight it.

This word came through Chief of Police Dean Gilman who had met with the county court and Monday night asked the city council to provide a share of the weapon to fight this war.

He said that the county has decided to build a dog pound near the county shops and had asked the city to share the expense of a gun that shoots tranquilizer pellets for use in catching the animals. The pellet is a humane device that brings no pain and causes the animal no damage, although the amount of tranquilizer dosage depends on the size of the animal.

After the animals are impounded a period of five days is provided for the owner to redeem them before they are destroyed.

Chief Gilman said that conditions near the schools have become atrocious with the dog packs jumping on children and causing considerable trouble. Previous warnings have been given owners to keep them away from school grounds.

On one recent day, the chief said, a large German shepherd had two small children backed against the school building and might have hurt them except an adult came by and came to the youngsters' rescue.

The council voted to pay half the \$180 cost of the pellet gun and needed supplies to be effective when the pound is completed.

If it is necessary to amend existing ordinances to provide for the dog control, it is apparent that the council is in a mood to take the action.

Irrigators Talk Willow Project

Some 15 farmers who irrigate in the Willow Creek basin attended a meeting at the Lexington Grange hall Tuesday afternoon to discuss questions and problems concerning the proposed irrigation district of the Willow Creek project.

County Agent Nels Anderson presided, and two men from the Bureau of Reclamation, Carl Hulsh and Lee Robinson, both of Spokane, together with Allen Robertson and W. E. Sivley of the Corps of Army Engineers and Question Bowman of the State Water Resources Board were present to answer questions.

WHAT EMERGENCY SIGNALS MEAN

If you are new to the area, or have forgotten the meaning of Heppner's emergency signals, Fire Chief Charles Ruggles reminds of their significance. It is advised that this be clipped out of the paper and saved.

FIRE SIGNAL (AIR HORN)

City fire alarm—12 blasts, four series of three blasts each, separated by 10 second intervals.
Rural alarm—three blasts separated by intervals.
Noon on Mondays—one blast, except on the first Monday when the full city sequence (12 blasts) is sounded as a test in compliance with state law.
Fire meetings—two blasts on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month.

CITY SIREN

(For flood and Civil Defense alarms only)
Alert for flood threats—Three sequences of three soundings (total of nine); the series separated by 10-second intervals.
Civil Defense alert—Five minutes continuous blast, no intervals.
Notice to evacuate—Continuous blowing of siren with 10 second intervals between each series of three.

Mustangs Face 'Big One' Against Moro Here Friday

The big game of the season—the return game with Sherman County High of Moro—faces the Heppner High basketball team here Friday night with the jayvee opener starting at 6:30.

Undefeated Heppner is closely pressed for Greater Oregon league leadership by Sherman County, which has met defeat only at the hands of the Mustangs at Moro on January 11, 68 to 54.

This "big one" might be the crucial contest in deciding the western division championship. Should Heppner come out on top, they will have a full two-game lead on the field with three to play. However, should they lose, the Moro five will temporarily, at least, take over top spot because each team shall have lost one, and Moro has played more league games than Heppner.

Mustang followers were hoping that either John Day or Burns would down Sherman at Moro last week-end, but the Sherman five took both contests, trouncing Grant Union and defeating the Highlanders by two points.

This means that the visitors are pressing closely behind the Mustangs as they arrive here Friday night.

In the first meeting, although Heppner won by 14 points, it was a mighty close struggle through three quarters. Sherman led at halftime, 26-23, but faltered in the last half while Heppner exploded with 42 points.

Saturday Runoff Hits Homes Here

Melting snow from a "real old-fashioned Chinook" and heavy rains brought threats of floods to the Heppner area Saturday and Monday.

A number of homes, particularly in the hospital hill and Fairview Way areas, were damaged by runoff waters Saturday. An emergency alert that sounded following a spout that caused a torrent down Shobe canyon Monday evening brought a scare to city citizens with the result that a number of families temporarily left their homes.

The chinook started Friday and continued through the weekend, but the heavy runoff came Saturday, causing a cascading torrent of silt-laden chocolate-colored water down Shobe canyon, paralleling the Condon highway, Saturday afternoon. Fences were washed out, access roads to homes along the highway were inundated, and pastures were flooded.

Monument Reports Weather Extremes

Monument reported the biggest ice jam on the John Day river in 22 years last week. Martha Matteson, Gazette-Times correspondent, said that weather extremes ranged from 10 below zero Friday and Saturday nights to 70 above at noon Monday. More details are on page 2, section 3.

The Howard Pettyjohns reported considerable loss of hay from the flood waters, and the Jim Devine residence was virtually surrounded by water. It poured under the house and halted operation of the furnace in the residence.

The Willow Creek channel, recently cleaned by city crews, handled the flow adequately even below the confluences with Balm Fork and Shobe both Saturday and Monday.

Probably heaviest damage of the period, however, was not inflicted by the creeks but by the runoff from the hospital hill. The Clarence Johnson home on Fairview Way was one of the most seriously damaged. Back in g water pushed against a basement wall and bowed it inward. A fireplace was knocked out of alignment. The water undermined an outside walk and it tumbled down. To prevent the basement wall from collapsing, a hole was punched in it and water poured through the basement.

Also hard hit were the Herman Strobers where mud and water poured in around their home. Neighbors rushed to their aid and at one time 14 were counted on the job to assist in diverting the runoff.

Carey Hastings said that eight inches of water came into his basement, causing some damage to the plastered wall of the finished basement. One bed was soaked.

The L. E. Dicks were caught with the runoff diverted by the exit road from the hospital parking lot and water and silt poured into their basement. A door was removed to allow it to run out of the daylight side of the basement.

Damage was also done at the homes of the LeRoy Gardners, Stanley Coxes, Wayne Harsins, Darrell McLaughlins, and others. Temperatures, which had been below freezing last week, climbed to a maximum of 43 Thursday.

Dance to Benefit Hardman Center

Hardman's new Community Center will benefit from the proceeds of the dance scheduled at Hardman, Saturday night, February 9. The public is invited to come for an evening of fun and to help raise the funds needed for improvement of the center.

The community recently acquired title to the Hardman school building from the Morrow county school district for the purpose of developing the center.

Music of Roy Quackenbush will be featured at the dance and supper will be served.

Lyle Jensen Buys Barber Shop Here

Lyle Jensen, Bend, former Heppner resident, purchased the Heppner Barber shop this week from Bill Edwards. Edwards will continue running the shop until February 19 when Jensen will assume ownership.

Lyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, has been working in Bend and will move with his wife, Pat, and small son, Jody, to Heppner to make their home.

Edwards bought the shop from the late John Key and has continued to operate it for about six years. He with his wife, Dotty, and three children reside south of Heppner on the Condon-Heppner highway.

Wranglers Slate Princess Tryouts

Princess to represent the Wranglers club at the Morrow county rodeo on August 31—September 1 will be chosen after tryouts at the Wrangler grounds on Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m. it is announced.

Girls competing must be members of the Wranglers to be eligible and must be either sophomores, juniors, or seniors in high school. Their horses and saddles must pass the rodeo committee's approval.

Out of town judges will be on hand to make the final selection and the winner will be chosen on the basis of riding ability.

Band Parents Set Meeting Monday Eve

Heppner Band Parents club will meet Monday evening, February 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school band room, Bud Peck, president, announces.

The sixth grade band will present a concert for a highlight of the program. A discussion on the band carnival will also be held. Peck said.

Elks Memorial Planned Sunday

Memorial service for departed brothers of Heppner Elks' lodge No. 358 will be Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Elks Temple here. Exalted Ruler Conley Lanham will preside and Jerry Daggett is in charge of the program.

All Elks and their ladies are urged to be present, and the meeting is also open to the public. Special ceremonies will include those who have died during the past year.

Wheat Program To Be Discussed

Morrow County's ASC committee will hold a meeting Monday, February 11, at 1:15 p. m. in the Lexington Grange hall to discuss the 1963 wheat and feed grain programs, Dave McLeod of the ASC office announces.

All farmers and interested persons are invited to come and take part in the discussion. Questions pertaining to the program will be answered.

Joint PTA Groups To Hear Speaker From Pendleton

Heppner and Lexington PTA's will meet jointly next Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Heppner grade school multipurpose room.

Dr. T. M. Barber, staff psychiatrist at Eastern Oregon State hospital in Pendleton, will be guest speaker. Dr. Barber, who is also director of education and research at the hospital, will discuss out-patient facilities for children and adults. There will be a question box into which members of the audience may drop questions for Dr. Barber to discuss.

Founders' Day will be celebrated following the meeting, with arrangements for the traditional cake celebrating another birthday for PTA under the supervision of fifth grade room mothers, Mrs. David Wright and Mrs. Orval Matheny, and their assistants, Mrs. Marshall Levgren and Mrs. Bud Peck.

This is the first of two PTA meetings at which staff members from the Eastern Oregon State hospital will speak. On March 12 at 8:00 at the Lexington school, Dr. Martin Gish and Dr. L. H. Burman, psychiatrist and psychologist respectively, will discuss the emotional problems of school-age children, their recognition and what can be done about them in the home, the school, and by professional help when necessary.

The two PTA organizations issue a cordial invitation to the public to attend their meetings.

Washington Birthday Promotion Planned

Plans for a Washington's Birthday promotion in Heppner are underway through the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Randall Peterson, chairman, announces.

All merchants are asked to take part with special buys appropriate for the occasion. Special advertising will be planned for the sale.

This is the first of a series of special events that will be offered throughout the year. Further details will be given next week. Merchants wishing further information are asked to contact Peterson.