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Spokane Firm Calls Bowl Meet

An organization meeting called for the purpose of deciding whether there is sufficient interest for finalization of plans for an eight-lane bowling alley in Heppner has been called by the Spokane, Wn., firm of Joy Higgins and Henderson.

The meeting will be at the Catholic parish hall Tuesday night, May 21, at 8 p.m., the firm announced. It was stressed that it is important to have a good show of interest in determining whether or not the concern will continue plans.

Hank Higgins will represent the company and also present will be Art Dyke who would be owner-manager of the proposed operation.

Higgins told the Gazette-Times Wednesday that the company would construct a building in Heppner if plans materialize. It would be large enough to accommodate eight lanes with AMF or Brunswick pin spotting equipment. The building would be air conditioned and heated. Adequate parking would be provided on the site which would be in downtown Heppner.

He said that the company has been instrumental in building, leasing or operating more than 20 bowling establishments in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. In this state, their lanes are in Dallas and Burns. They operate the Atomic Lanes in Washington.

Oliver Creswick, who has indicated considerable interest in opening bowling lanes here, said Wednesday that he had not heard of the plans of the Spokane firm, to go ahead on their own although he had talked with them about other possibilities. He said that he and his wife are still interested in setting up lanes in Heppner and have been negotiating with a contractor on construction of a building to lease.

Response to a recent survey that Creswick conducted was good, he said.

Music Groups To Stage Concert

Heppner High school band and chorus will appear in spring concert Friday evening, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The band, under the direction of Arnold Melby, will be heard in a variety of numbers including march, semi-classical and popular. Richard Clark will be featured as baritone soloist.

Chorus and vocal ensembles, with Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens directing, will add variety to the evening's program. The mixed chorus will present five numbers, and a boys ensemble, composed of John Privette, Douglas Anderson, John Pfeiffer, Spencer Sampson, Gene Olson and Roger Schoonover will be heard in two numbers. Another vocal group is the girls ensemble, composed of Pam Cochell, Judy Hamilton, Lorraine Leonniz and Shirley Carlson.

Accompanist for the choral groups is Marti Dixon.

A special feature in the program will be a piano solo by Mrs. Groshens. Her number will be "Sextette from Lucia Lamermoor" by Conizetti, arranged for left hand alone.

Admission is set at 75c for adults, 50c for high school students and 25c for grade school students. Tickets purchased for the grade school concert Monday night will also admit for the second concert.

Awards Night Due May 22 in Gym

Awards Night at Heppner High school will be Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the high school gym. Principal Gordon Pratt announces.

At that time each department of the school will present honors and awards for student achievements throughout the year. Athletic, scholastic and activity awards will be given.

Awards Night was tried for the first time here last year, and it proved so successful that it was billed again this year. The public is invited.



FIRST OFFICIAL photo of Morrow County's 1963 Fair and Rodeo Court is this one taken at their appearance at the Arlington Rodeo recently. From left are Princess Sharon Donovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, Boardman, representing the Tillicum club; Princess Shannon Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, representing the Wranglers; Queen Sandra Eubanks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, Ione; Princess Louise Pointer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer, Lexington, representing the Lexington Grange; and Princess Nancy Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland, Heppner, representing the Lena district. (Lyons Photo).

Plans for 1963 Rodeo Already Taking Shape

One sure sign that summer is coming on is the fact that planning is well underway for the 1963 Morrow County Rodeo under the leadership of Floyd Jones, chairman.

At a meeting earlier this month, details already seemed to be pretty well in hand for the various events, although the August 31-September 1 date is still a long way off and some changes may be made.

Bill Jones has been hired as announcer for the rodeo, a job that he performed here in 1961. Chuck Blalock of Redmond has been hired as a clown and Rose City Sound will take care of speaking equipment.

Oregon Barrel Racing association sanction has been given to that part of the program. It was decided at the meeting to close the Morrow County Derby entries to local competitors if at least five local entries signed up, otherwise the field would be open.

Other events will be pretty much the same as in past years with perhaps a few changes. Included will be the Northwest Saddle Bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, cow milking, head and heel, Morrow county amateur roping, Calgary roping, Morrow county derby, quarter-mile open race (non-registered), wild horse race, barrel racing, flag racing, pony racing, registered quarterhorse race, and exhibition riding.

Fred Gimbel, Chamber of Commerce representative on the board, has come up with some new ideas on parking that will be outlined at a later date. These are expected to facilitate faster movement of the crowd at the

same time keep gate crashing at a minimum.

Queen Sandra Eubanks and her princesses have already received their outfits for the rodeo and are making appearances at other rodeos and shows as they occur. First publicity pictures have been taken, and date of first dance in the pre-rodeo season has been scheduled for July 13.

Those on the rodeo committee attending the recent meeting included Chairman Jones, Gerald Swaggert, Gimbel, John Eubanks, Jack Loyd, Wes Sherman, Al Fetsch and Bert Huff, secretary.

Heppner's Main street, from the Main street bridge over Willow Creek to midway between May and Willow, took on a smooth new black finish Wednesday as state highway workers gave it a new asphaltic coating.

The paving job, which necessitated rerouting traffic around the main downtown district for a time, is a part of the improvement work now underway between Heppner and points north.

Due to reconstruction soon are the two Willow Creek bridges and the Hinton Creek bridge in Heppner, according to Larry Smilton, maintenance superintendent for this district of the highway department.

Entertainment was by Gene Heliker, who played a trumpet

Wheat Referendum Vote Due Tuesday

Vote on the important wheat referendum—deciding on the 1964 wheat program—will be Tuesday, May 21, and a high percentage of ranchers in Morrow county are expected to turn out to the polls.

Polling places are Tri-County Equipment Co. in Heppner, Lexington Grange hall, Ione Legion hall, and Boardman city hall. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

To be approved, the referendum must pass by a two-thirds vote of farmers and ranchers casting ballots across the county. Today (Thursday) was the deadline for obtaining absentee ballots from the ASCS office by those who expect to be out of the county on Tuesday.

Those who have questions regarding their eligibility to vote should check with the ASCS office. Other details are on farm pages of this paper.

Kinzua Coming For Golf Tourney

Willow Creek Golf club will be host to Kinzua golfers for a day of play Sunday on the Willow Creek course, Clint McQuarrie, president, announces.

Play will start at 9 a.m., and all members, both men and women, are asked to be on hand.

"This will be a fun event," the president said. There will be various prizes to be awarded at the end of the day. No joint luncheon is planned for this event.

Martin Recall Spurs Move; Only Two Members Remain

Four directors of Morrow County School District R-1, incensed over the recall of Director Fredrick Martin on May 6, tendered their resignations as directors at the regular May school board meeting Monday night.

Following closely after the action came the resignation of Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent, to be effective July 1.

The resignations leave the district with only two members remaining on the board, L. E. (Ed) Dick of Heppner, whose term expires July 1 of this year, and

Harvey Warner of Irrigon. Those quitting their positions were D. O. Nelson, Lexington; Robert Seward, Boardman; Dick Wilkinson, chairman for the 1962-63 year, Heppner; and Mrs. Esther Anderson, Heppner.

Van Houte tendered his resignation to Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, district clerk, Tuesday morning. He said that he will remain on the job until June 15, then take two weeks vacation that he has coming and will retire from the position as of July 1.

"In a democratic society,

strong public support is essential if our schools are to be effective," Van Houte said in a statement. "I sincerely trust that the people of this district will give strong support to their new school board and new superintendent."

He has served as administrator for four years.

Director Nelson read a statement giving the feelings of the four who resigned. Its text is as follows:

"Since the advent of the administrative district in Morrow County, there has been increased resentment against the administrative district, against members of the board, and against the administrator of the district.

"Direct results of this have been the recent recall of Mr. Martin and the defeat of the budget by a three-to-one vote.

"In our opinion the administrative district is here to stay and should be supported by the people of Morrow county.

"The recall of Mr. Martin was unjust. The recall should have been instituted against each board member and not just Mr. Martin. We, the members of the board, are equally as guilty of the charges made by the recall committee as was Mr. Martin.

"For these and other reasons we take this opportunity to present our resignations to Mrs. Gunderson, clerk of the district.

"It is our hope that by his action and by subsequent actions when new members are appointed to this board that better support, unity and harmony will prevail throughout the county."

Although there had been rumors of possible resignations because of the stormy and bitter strife that has marked school operations here recently, and it was also rumored that other recalled petitions would be circulated, the mass resignation came as a surprise to even those closest to the operations of the board.

Administrator Van Houte had said after the recall of Director Martin that he would not be surprised if other directors resigned but said after the Monday meeting that the joint action of the four coming as it did, was a surprise to him.

Wilkinson and Mrs. Anderson were both elected for five year terms last year after previous service on the board and thus had four years left to serve. Wilkinson had been elected for a one-year term in 1961 and then reelected in 1962, and Mrs. Anderson had been appointed early last year to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Elaine George and was reelected at the May, 1962, election.

Nelson was elected three years ago to serve for the Lexington zone and thus had two years left to serve on his regular term. Seward was elected two years ago for a three-year term and had one more year to serve.

Dick, one of the two remaining members, was out of town because of his father's death at Helena, Mont., and thus was not at the meeting. He was due back in Heppner today (Thursday). Warner was the only one of the board members at the meeting who did not resign. On the shoulders of these two men currently rests the responsibility for the school system, and Dick's tenure is short-lived because he will be replaced by Andy Van Schoeck on July 1. Van Schoeck, currently a member of the Heppner advisory board, was elected to the school board position at the May 6 election.

Van Houte, who has weathered a stormy time almost from the inception of his administration here, said that he is looking for another position elsewhere in the state and currently is being considered for two. He served as president of the Oregon Education association for the 1962-63 year and has worked on committees of the National Education association.

Other resignations may be forthcoming. Robert Abrams, school attorney, said that Mahoney and Abrams will resign as school attorneys as soon as there is a quorum on the board to whom they can submit the resignation. Their resignation must be acted upon by the board, and since there is not a quorum on the board, it cannot meet and conduct business.

The resignations have intensified a situation of unrest throughout the school system. Administrators of some of the schools are known to be looking for positions elsewhere.

The district faces the job of getting a budget passed for operational needs for the system for 1963-64, of getting new directors elected to replace those who have resigned, of finding a new administrator, and of filling vacancies that will occur on the school staff.

A report that Frank Anderson, chairman of the budget committee, had resigned, published in a daily paper, is incorrect. He has not resigned and has not given any indication that he intends to.

Attorney Abrams said that members of the budget committee probably would find themselves in the same position that he is in, should they wish to (Continued on page 8)

Dean Morris Speaks; Creswick Gets Award

"Good creative ideas are the most valuable thing in the world," Dean Victor F. Morris, dean emeritus of the school of business, University of Oregon told the 72 members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and guests at their annual banquet in the Legion hall Monday night.

"They are more valuable than discovering gold," he added. "The whole area of development swings around really good creative ideas. On such ideas you folks will build this area here."

The address came after Dr. C. M. Wagner, president of the Chamber, had presented the annual Certificate of Recognition to Oliver Creswick, chairman of the Chamber's development committee, for his outstanding work in that position. He cited his work towards promotion of the Willow Creek dam project, work on highway development and other projects.

the meeting was the final payment of \$600 to the Elks lodge for retirement of field lighting bonds at the rodeo grounds. Treasurer Bert Huff made the presentation of the check to Bob Platt, exalted ruler of the Elks.

Fred Gimbel reviewed the work of the Chamber for the year in his report of activities. Included were resumes of the work done in development, youth work, work on forestry, merchants promotions, rodeo, and many other projects. Text of his report will be printed in the May 23 edition of the Gazette-Times.

The meeting was preceded with a social hour with Bert Huff in charge. After the meal was served by the members of the Legion auxiliary and their Legionnaire assistants, Elder Elwood Boyd of the Seventh-day Adventist church gave the invocation.

Entertainment was by Gene Heliker, who played a trumpet



OLIVER CRESWICK, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee.

solo, accompanied by Marti Dixon, and by Laura Sumner, who played a saxophone solo, also accompanied by Miss Dixon.

Dean Morris, who has visited Heppner on probably three occasions a number of years ago—twice as a commencement speaker, told of his work on an economic mission to Korea for two years and tied the problems of that country in with development problems in America.

"Biggest problem is getting people to cooperate and work together," he declared. Emphasizing the significance of good local leadership, he said that an area may have the best of natural resources, but with poor leadership, it "won't get any place."

Looking to Morrow county, he declared, "Some areas are desparately shy of important resources. Population is often too great in comparison with the resources. But I cannot say you are shy on resources. Your first great resource is living space—

you can go—you have freedom of movement."

Dean Morris said that the State of Oregon isn't "exactly situated" for great development at the moment. "I think it is going to come but not for a while."

He took the new brochure of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed to the map it contains and discussed the "great recreational potential in the county."

Standard of living has risen tremendously in this country in the past 100 years, he said, and now "threatens to outrun us."

One form that it is taking is that related to recreation.

In the United States today, for industry not to grow and change is for it not to survive, he said in quoting an article in Time magazine.

"What troubles us is how to grow and in what direction to change."

The Chamber of Commerce holds the key point of economic life in the area, he concluded.