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## Flood Remains Vivid After 60 Years

On the sixtieth anniversary of the great Heppner flood of 1903, the catastrophe remains dramatically but poignantly vivid. Old-timers who were here to witness it have the disaster indelibly impressed on their memories. Those who came here later and those of succeeding generations become to feel almost as if they had been through it because of hearing others relive the story and from reading of it again and again.

In a sense, Heppner has its own Memorial Day on June 14 when thoughts go back to the some 250 who died so suddenly on that Sunday afternoon. It would not be amiss, indeed, for the community to observe the day with flags flying at half-mast.

On this anniversary of the flood, one can look at peacefully babbling Willow Creek, at the blue skies over Heppner, and see green branches of trees gently waving from soft breezes. He could well say with disbelief, "Such a tragedy could never have happened here!"

Those caught in the flood must have experienced the same awesome incredibility, mixed with abject horror. But it happened.

Lesser floods at various times since the Great Flood have perpetuated the memory of the 1903 disaster and renew the anxiety that it could happen again.

It is fitting that our residents pause on this anniversary to think of the tragedy that came to Heppner in 1903, to remember the acts of heroism and courage that were shown, and to express gratitude to those who resolutely set about to rebuild the town so that today few scars remain to show the horrors of that terror-filled Sunday.

Memory of the 1903 flood will never be erased as it is handed down from generation to generation, but fears and anxieties over a possible recurrence could be allayed if the Willow Creek dam is constructed.

If the time comes that the dam is completed, it would be entirely fitting and proper that it be dedicated in memory of those who died on June 14, 1903.

## Crucial Hour for the School System

Turmoil that reached its climax in the Morrow County school district with the resignations of four board members and the district superintendent seems to have been mollified considerably for the present. Election of new directors is set for June 22, and at the same time the revised budget will be voted upon by residents of the district.

While it cannot be said definitely that the budget will carry, there is every reason to believe that it will be approved as modified. Previous opponents from various parts of the county have given the new budget their support and have expressed the opinion that it will be approved.

However, the grave situation that faces the district was apparent at the "lame duck" meeting Monday of the retiring board which is required by law to continue serving until a new board is elected. Only one experienced member, Harvey Warner of Irrigon, will remain on the new board. He will be the only one to whom the others can turn for orientation; the only one who has a close knowledge of what has been done, what has been started, what has been formed in the way of policies.

Although the new board obviously will implement new ideas, it still must have a foundation of what has gone on before.

It cannot turn to the broad shoulders of a superintendent to provide answers, for there is none. One of the new board's first and foremost duties is to choose a new man, and he will be hard-pressed to become orientated, particularly in view of the short time to become acquainted before the next school year.

A strong administrator is needed to fill this position, and it would be desirable to find a man who has the ability to bring unity to the county, but that is no easy task.

It would be a good investment to find the man who is eminently well qualified to do the job here, and pay him what is needed to bring him to the county.

Problems facing the new board were not lessened with the number of resignations of administrators and teachers that came up at the Monday meeting. There will be little time to find replacements.

There are many problems that are arising with the abrupt break between the retirement of the old board and the inauguration of the new one. It cuts the thread of continuity in the system and brings delays, some of which cause hardships in the various local schools.

It will take some strenuous and dedicated work on the part of the new board to handle all the problems with which it will be faced. While it now appears that everyone in the county is looking to them in cooperative spirit, all eyes will be on them, too, to provide a sound administration and an educational system that is worthy of the young people attending school.

One thing is sure. The time for rancor is past. Members of the retiring board should carry no bitterness and they show no evidence that they will. With the best interests of the county in mind, they undoubtedly will be willing to give counsel and advice that may be of help to the new board.

This is the time to plea for forgetting what has gone before, to unite under the new regime and work towards an educational system in Morrow county that is equal to any in the state. It is a crucial hour for the school system that requires cooperation from everyone.

## Envelope System Proving Out

Several months ago the City of Heppner, at the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce merchants committee, inaugurated a system that provided overtime parkers with the opportunity of avoiding a court appearance by putting 25c in an envelope with the officer's citation for overtime parking.

It is good to report that the system is working very well despite a closer watch on overtime parking by the police department.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman states that angry complaints are considerably less than under the former system even though he and his officers have issued probably twice as many citations since the new system started as they did throughout the entire year of 1962.

After all, it is much more painless and convenient to put a quarter in the envelope provided than it is to go to the city hall and square up in municipal court, and at the same time it is much less embarrassing.

The chief reports only one apparent "bug" in the system. Some who are caught with the red flags up on the meters put the quarter in the envelope, all right, but they fail to include the original copy of the citation. Instructions, printed in red on the envelope, caution them to leave the citation in the envelope. If this is not done, the officer has no way of telling that the offender paid his quarter, and the person stands a good chance of being cited to municipal court.

This new system, copies from a Nampa, Idaho, plan, seems to be about the nearest thing to a satisfactory answer to the pestiferous parking problem.

However if the motorist will just remember to put the citation slip in the envelope when he is caught transgressing, he will save some difficulties later on the officer's followup.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

DOUG MCCONNELL of the Oregonian had a fine two-page spread in the Sunday Oregonian about the Heppner flood after spending a night and Memorial Day here with his family gathering information. Ed Gonty introduced him to some old-timers at the picnic and so he was able to get some firsthand accounts to help him with his story.

McConnell called us Sunday afternoon after the story broke and said that already he had received a number of telephone calls about the story. One of the calls was a little unusual. In the lower left-hand corner of a picture that he had taken to show where the proposed Willow Creek dam would be located was a horse grazing on the side of cemetery hill.

A Portlander spotted the pinto, wanted to buy him, and asked how he could get in touch with the owner. We referred Doug to Floyd Hutchins since the spot picture was behind Hutch's place. Haven't seen Hutch to learn whether a deal has been culminated or not.

MORE ATTENTION for the area came via the Oregonian in a story Monday on the "four Rocks" of Oregon—Pilot Rock, Arook, Fort Rock and Lonerock. This was the story by Mrs. Ben Maxwell which we mentioned was forthcoming after the Maxwells of Salem had visited here a few weeks ago. It gave a good account of Lonerock and showed a picture of the church there.

YOUNG RORY Stillman, who won first prize in Heppner's Spring Festival parade some time back with his Keep Oregon Green entry, received a pleasant surprise this week. Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary of Keep Oregon Green, saw the Gazette-Times account of Rory's entry via a clipping service and sent Rory a letter and package via the G.T.

"In behalf of the Keep Oregon Green Association," Wiesendanger wrote, "I wish to congratulate you for your fire prevention display you entered in the Spring Festival parade in Heppner last month."

"Enclosed are four gifts we would like you to have for stressing the need for keeping our forests and range lands green and productive."

The gifts were a pocket knife, a key chain holder, a maple wood letter opener, and a Smokey Bear book.

IF THERE was anything left undone to make the first line Community Auction and Barbecue a lot of fun and wonderful success, it wasn't apparent to those who attended.

The barbecue was great, and the pit-cooked meat was "out of this world." Jack Loyd, one of the chefs, modestly declared that he had little to do with it, but we know that he, along with Garry Tullis and Fred Nelson, was one of the experts that did the job. Shirley Loyd is fortunate to have such a good cook for a husband. We wonder if he is so good and modest about cooking around home?

The girls in the kitchen were so busy dishing up food to the long line going through that they didn't have a chance to look up for a couple of hours.

Auctioneers kept the sale moving at a lively pace, and a fellow hardly dared scratch his head or bat a fly. If he did, he might find that he had bought something. Don Wink and Omar Bonnie did a professional job on it.

Since we still have stuff in our household that we haven't had any room to unpack from the move, two years ago, we didn't really intend to buy anything, but the co-publisher, Mrs. Sherman, couldn't resist a floor lamp which she thought would be just dandy to help outfit son and daughter-in-law, visiting here from Corvallis after end of the college year, and Presto! we had ourselves a good lamp for five bucks. By now it is gracing their apartment in Corvallis.

Buck Lieuellen perhaps didn't make the run from Umatilla to Cayuse in the old rejuvenated and authentic stage coach that Dave Horne used in making the trip in 1874, but he undoubtedly was as tired at the end of the day as if he had. The stage-coach was a highly popular attraction for the kiddies, and many adults as well.

This was a real holiday for lone, and it proved to be such a success that there are plans already going forward for next year. It can really be built up into a major attraction, and we'd suggest that it be listed as one of the community celebrations in the state travel information division's calendar of community events that is distributed across the country.

To a visitor to lone it couldn't have been a nicer affair. As we pulled out to go, some real western flavor was added by a cattle drive, said to be that of Slim Emert's, going through town. Daughter-in-law Rose Marie, born and reared in the Willamette Valley, was really impressed by this and figured it must be a part of the celebration. Her eyes really popped at seeing this drive right through town and genuine cowboys (like Jim Valentine) in action.

IF YOU ARE planning a picnic this week-end, here is some information you should have: There is a 70% probability that it will rain at least .01 inch

within the next seven days, a 57% probability that it will rain .10 inch, 47% probability that it will rain .25 inch, 27% that it will rain .50 inch, and 3% chance that it will rain an inch or more.

These aren't just statistics from a Gloomy Gus, but are taken from "Weekly Probabilities (In Inches) of Precipitation (In Inches) at Heppner, Oregon (Period 1928-1957)" coming via the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

On this chart, you can look up the rain probability for Heppner for any week of the year.

If you are a betting man and want a cinch, on the week of January 17 you could bet someone that it will rain at least .01 inch. There is a 97% chance you will be right. There is even a 3% chance that it will rain more than one inch during the week of July 26!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles left Sunday evening for Yakima to attend a meeting on Monday of the United Pacific Insurance company. They have introduced a new individual life insurance plan to add to their group life insurance plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz met his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schwarz, Corvallis, in The Dalles Saturday and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and children went to Union Friday evening to attend the reunion of Mrs. Smith's high school class of 1943 on Saturday. While there they were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Murray.

## Allen Ferguson Wins Scholarship

Allen D. Ferguson of Heppner, has been named winner of a \$233 scholarship for next year in the Oregon State University School of Engineering.

He was chosen to receive one of four study grants sponsored by Texaco Company. More than \$20,000 in scholarships and fellowships were awarded to top OSU engineering students this week. The study grants are sponsored by various engineering organizations, business concerns, and industrial groups.

Ferguson will be a junior next year at OSU.

Week-end guests at the Randall Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Franc, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Martin, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Krueger, Spokane, Wn.; and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Grants Pass.

Judy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, is visiting this week in Portland with Lynn Burkenbine, who moved recently from Heppner.

Mrs. Verle Green and son Kelly accompanied the Glenn Smith's to Union, Friday night. Mrs. Green visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Van Housen, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, and family, and her aunt, Mrs. Avis Giltner. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cork McLeod and son, Steven, Vancouver, Wn., visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. David McLeod, over the week-end. Steven will remain for a longer stay and his parents returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall and sons were week-end visitors in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Steiger. The Hall's son, David, entered the Junior Olympics competition Saturday and won second in standing broad jump.

Portland visitors last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn and family. They were guests at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilcox. Their son, Larry, competed in the Junior Olympics on Saturday.



## Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES  
Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.  
"Dragon Fly Squadron."  
Plus 1/2 hour cartoons.

CRUSADER CONCERT -  
By Crusader Quartet, students of Northwest Christian College, Eugene.  
Lexington Christian church  
Tuesday, June 18, 8 p.m.  
Public invited. No admission

SWIMMING POOL OPEN  
Open daily, except Monday.  
Afternoons—1 to 4 p.m.  
Evenings—6 to 8 p.m.  
Sunday afternoon, 1 to 5 p.m.

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Sponsored by Heppner PTA.  
Election Day, June 22, during  
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## NOTICE OF 1963-64 BUDGET MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the "Local Budget Law" (ORS 294.305 to 294.415), notice is hereby given that the budget committee of Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District, Heppner, Oregon, in compliance with said law, prepared and adopted on June 10, 1963, the budget estimates for Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District, Heppner, Oregon, for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 1963, to June 30, 1964, as set forth in the accompanying schedules. All persons are hereby notified that on Wednesday the 3rd day of July, 1963, at 7 P. M., in the District Office at 630 N. Main Street, Heppner, Oregon, said budget estimates may be discussed with the Levying Board, for Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District, Heppner, Oregon, and any person subject to the proposed tax levy or tax levies will be heard in favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof.

The outstanding indebtedness of Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District, Heppner, Oregon, at June 10, 1963, was as follows:

NATURE OF OBLIGATION	AMOUNT
None	None
Signed:	
C. A. Ruggles, Chairman Budget Committee	John A. Pfeiffer, Member Budget Committee
Willard Blake, Secretary Budget Committee	Paul W. Jones, Member Budget Committee
E. K. Schaffitz, Member Budget Committee	Elaire S. George, Member Budget Committee

## Summary Of Estimated Expenditures, Receipts and Tax Levies Fiscal Year 1963-64

Item No.	1963-64 TAX LEVY CALCULATION (1)	Total All Funds (2)
1. Total Estimated Expenditures (Schedule III, Column 8)		\$ 14,223.14
2. Reserve for Estimated Amounts Not to be Expended This Year		10,595.00
3. Transfers as Specifically Directed by Law		855.00
4. Total Estimated Expenditures, Reserves and Transfers		25,673.14
5. Deduct—Est. Receipts Other Than 1963-64 Taxes (Sch. IV, Col. 8)		23,060.00
6. Amount Necessary to Balance the Budget		2,613.14
7. Add: Est. Amt. of 1963-64 Taxes that will not be Rec'd. 6-30-64		130.00
8. Total Levy Needed for 1963-64		2,743.14
9. Tax Levies: Inside 6% Limitation		2,743.14

## Summary Of Estimated Expenditures, Receipts and Tax Levies Fiscal Year 1962-63

Item No.	1962-63 TAX LEVY COMPUTATION (1)	Total All Funds (2)
1. Total Estimated Expenditures (Schedule III, Column 8)		\$ 14,849.39
2. Reserve for Estimated Amounts not to be Expended This Year		Not Shown
3. Transfers as Specifically Directed by Law		Not Shown
4. Total Estimated Expenditures, Reserves and Transfers		14,849.39
5. Deduct—Est. Receipts Other than 1962-63 Taxes (Sch. IV, Col. 8)		14,849.39
6. Amount Necessary to Balance Budget		None
8. Total Levy Needed for 1962-63		None

## EXPENDITURES

Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960	Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962	Actual For July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963	Budget For Year	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
\$ 344.05	\$ 1,265.79	\$ 1,635.88	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,000.00	Machinery, New or Rental	\$ 300.00
100.57	87.96	50.87	29.57	150.00	Office	150.00
None	None	222.25	170.00	225.00	Audit and Recording	200.00
512.00	511.14	331.16	175.00	350.00	Legal	350.00
1,069.96	241.80	114.42	51.45	150.00	Utilities	100.00
1,381.63	1,544.14	1,412.48	576.76	1,500.00	Maintenance and Supplies	1,500.00
None	1,375.63	358.00	251.25	2,124.39	Roads and Fences	1,873.14
244.84	435.61	104.59	112.73	150.00	Insurance	600.00
7,499.85	7,890.71	6,462.11	3,390.11	8,500.00	Payroll	8,000.00
None	None	120.00	None	150.00	Lot Purchases	600.00
		10,045.00	10,595.00		Perpetual Care Fund—Not to be Expended	10,595.00
None	None	428.43	None	500.00	Transfer to P/C Fund	855.00
35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	Emergency	500.00
					Miscellaneous	50.00
					SALARIES:	
					Custodian	\$5,139.60
					Secretary	720.00
					Attorney	300.00
					Additional summer employees	1.50 per hour
\$ 11,187.90	\$ 13,177.78	\$ 21,320.59	\$ 15,416.87	\$ 14,849.39	Total Expenditures	\$ 25,673.14

## RECEIPTS

Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960	Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Actual For Fiscal Year July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962	Actual For July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963	Budget For Year	Fund and Classification	Estimated for Fiscal Year July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
\$ 1,170.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 435.00		Grave Openings	\$ 750.00
700.00	275.00	910.00	420.00		Liners	600.00
100.00	150.00	390.00	105.00		Space—Old Cemetery	100.00
					Space—New Cemetery	
1,275.00	450.00	1,050.00	750.00		(1/2 to Perpetual Care Fund)	500.00
930.00	840.00	800.00	150.00		Annual Care	750.00
2,320.00	2,200.00	2,057.00	340.00		Perpetual Care	400.00
					(1/2 to Perpetual Care Fund)	
					Perpetual Care Fund—Not to be Expended	10,595.00
					Transfer to Perpetual Care Fund	855.00
					Miscellaneous: Interest on TCD,	
					Stone-setting, etc.	510.00
					Roads and Fences Carry-Over	1,873.14
					Total—Items 1 to 35 inclusive	16,933.14
\$ 6,573.18	\$ 4,896.70	\$ 6,382.81	\$ 2,374.57	\$ 14,849.39	Add: Beginning available appropriated and unexpended Cash Balance or Deduct:	
					Beginning (Deficit)	6,126.86
					TOTAL RECEIPTS OR (DEFICIT)	\$ 23,060.00