

President Lyndon B. Johnson

Assassination Shocks Residents

Stunned disbelief, typical of that throughout the nation, was the reaction of Morrow county residents to the death of President John F. Kennedy, assassinated in Dallas, Texas, Friday.

First word came via radio and television and spread rapidly from person to person so that virtually everyone, except those on trips or working away from their homes or places of business, knew of the shooting within an hour.

One reaction was that it was some cruel hoax or joke perpetrated by persons unknown, but those who turned to their television sets and followed rapidly ensuing developments soon realized with numbing shock that the assassination was true.

Killing of the alleged assassin, Lee Oswald, 24, by Jack Ruby, 32, Sunday brought a bizarre twist that also came as a shock to an already numbed public.

Saddened residents went somberly about their duties during the day Friday and small groups gathered at various points in Heppner to exchange their feelings of grief.

Flags at the county courthouse and the schools were quickly lowered to half-mast.

Students at Heppner High school were assembled early Friday afternoon for a memorial service with six clergymen and Principal Gordon Pratt participating. Father Raymond Beard

of St. Patrick's Catholic church delivered the invocation and the Rev. Charles Knox, pastor of Heppner Christian church, and Principal Pratt spoke. Other ministers attending were the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church; the Rev. J. G. Weller, pastor of the Nazarene church; Father C. Bruce Spencer, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church; and the Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor of the Assembly of God church.

In speaking of the fallen president, Principal Pratt said, "His passing, particularly in this manner, has grieved the world and shocked, to the very roots the conscience of America. I speak for all of us gathered here when I say that we here, too, share with Mrs. Kennedy and her bereaved family the grief which we know to be theirs this day."

"Assassination and anarchy are not our ways of bettering our lot. And yet even a great and formidable system such as ours has its moments of weakness, one of which we have experienced today."

Annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative was in session when the word reached the group at the fair pavilion Friday morning. Announcement was made of the shooting, and a radio was procured. It brought the news of the death of the president.

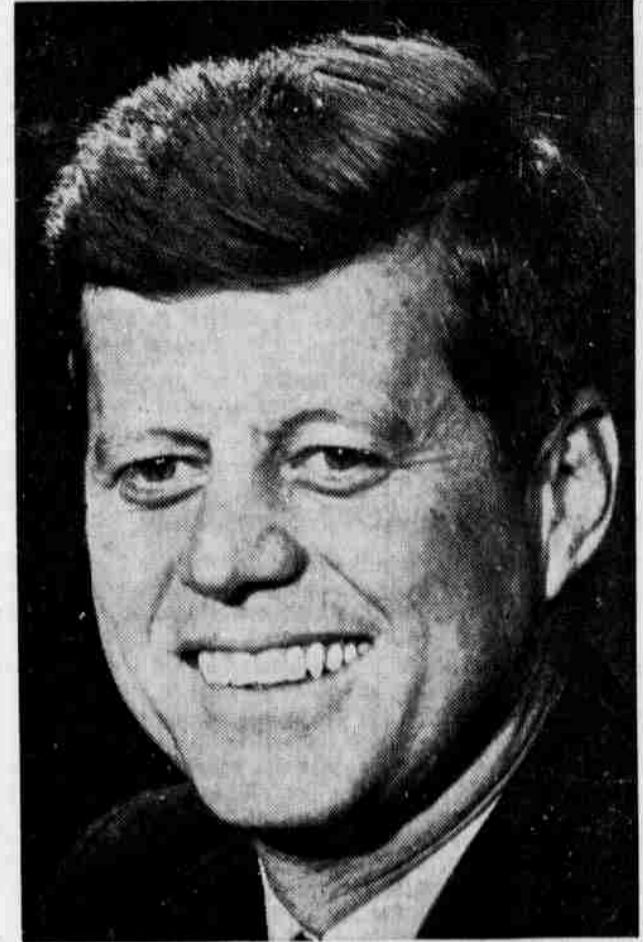
Public Utility Commissioner Jonel Hill, principal speaker, turned from his prepared text to deliver an impromptu eulogy for the president. Directors of the cooperative and Manager Harley Young decided to proceed with the meeting to its conclusion despite the stunning news.

Meetings and entertainments which had been scheduled for the week-end were cancelled, including two dances, the Methodist silver tea, and others.

Attendance at regular church services Sunday brought out capacity crowds, and many of those who attended were so deeply touched with the turn of national events that they said they felt they were attending services for a relative or close personal friend. Ministers in most pulpits altered their planned services to be memorials for the departed president.

On Monday, set aside as the national day of mourning, several churches in the county conducted services, and others were open for those who wished to come in and spend a time in prayer.

All public buildings and virtually all businesses, except necessary service establishments, were closed Monday and Heppner was unusually still and quiet, a condition that extended throughout the week-end.



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Boeing 'Hassle' Erupts; Meet Called Friday

(See also "Salem Scene" Page 4, Sec. 2)

By WES SHERMAN

Controversy over the Boeing lease on the space-age industrial park, Boardman, which has smoldered for months, flared into turmoil during the past week.

An important public meeting has been called for Friday in the multipurpose room of Heppner High school at 2 p.m. with Bill Belt, chairman of the space-age association, to be on hand, together with several of the proponents and antagonists of the Boeing lease.

Developments on the situation during the past few days were these:

1. Battle in the state legislature, now recessed until Monday, over proposed legislation that would make it possible to proceed with the already signed lease.

2. Meeting of the development committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce last Thursday and sending of a telegram to legislators asking for full support of the Boardman project.

3. An impromptu meeting Monday with Rep. J. E. Bennett of Portland at Boardman with some 15 interested persons attending to discuss the matter.

4. Calling of the public meeting for Heppner Friday to give both sides opportunity to present information.

5. Public statement by Reps. Jack Smith of Condon and Clinton P. Haight, Baker, opposing House Bills 1014 and 1020 which are designed to pave the way to complete arrangements with Boeing.

County Judge Oscar Peterson, who has been following developments carefully and has been participating in discussions, said that the Friday meeting, which is expected to attract a large group, will be in the form of a panel with Senator Ben Musa of The Dalles, president of the state senate, and Rep. Stafford Hansell of Hermiston speaking in favor of the Boeing lease. Rep. Smith will take the opposition, together with another to be named later. President Wally McCrae of Blue Mountain College will be moderator at the meeting, Judge Peterson announced Wednesday. Warne Nunn, assistant to Governor Mark Hatfield, may also be present.

The public is invited to attend and present questions that they may have regarding the project. Six copies of the telegram sent by the Chamber's development committee, headed by Oliver Creswick, were made and sent to Rep. Clarence Barton, speaker of the House, Rep. Smith, Rep. Katherine Musa, Hansell, and to the House Ways and Means committee.

Text of the telegram was as follows: "Urge full support of Boardman project. Economic future holds more than costs involved. Morrow county stands on threshold of tremendous development. Let's stop political bickering on this vital project and unite for the progress of Morrow county and Oregon as a whole."

At the development committee meeting were Creswick, Jim Farley, Carl Spaulding, Elmer Schmidt, Dick Wilkinson, Herb Hynd and Frank Turner.

Perhaps as a result of the telegram, Rep. J. E. Bennett of Portland, former Portland city commissioner, asked to meet Judge Peterson in Boardman for a dis-

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Board Calls Bids On Music Room; School Accepted

Board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 has issued a call for bids on the completion of the music room in the new Heppner High school. Legal notice on the call for bids is printed on page seven of this section of this week's paper.

A sum of \$18,000 was allowed in the 1963-64 district budget for completion of the large area which is located below the school gymnasium. Finishing was left out of the construction contract on the building when it was found that the work could not be completed within the sum allowed for the project.

Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, clerk, said that those bidding on the job will consider three alternates included in order that portions may be omitted if costs are found to be too high.

Bids will be received until December 16, she said. While called "the music room," the area actually encompasses enough space for several large rooms. Included were those for band and other phases of the music program as well as student council rooms and others.

The board made the decision to call for the bids last Thursday when it convened to formally accept the building from the contractors. Stewart Tuft of the firm of architects handling the construction project was present, and the building was accepted with the exception of \$2000 withheld temporarily pending completion of some minor parts of the structure.

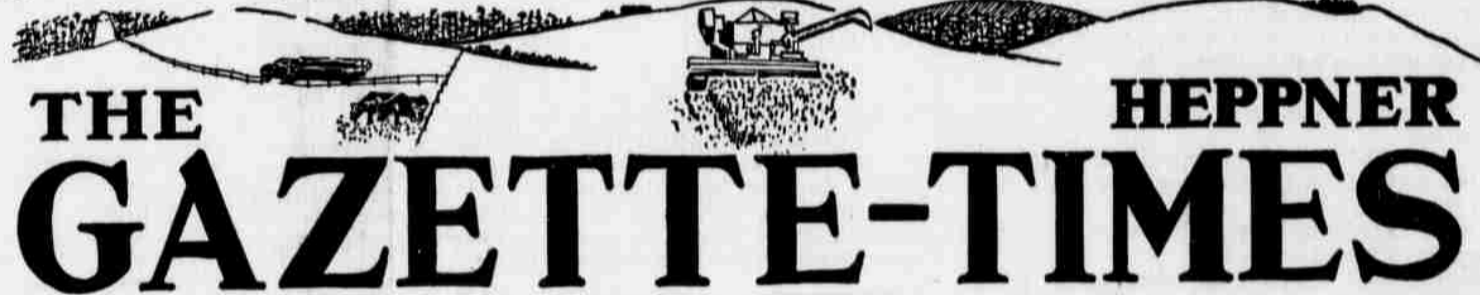
Christmas Chorus Formation Slated

Formation meeting for a Christmas chorus, which has as its purpose the presentation of a concert of sacred Christmas music in Heppner tentatively on the afternoon of Sunday, December 22, has been called for Wednesday, December 4, at 8 p.m. in Hope Lutheran church.

Gordon Pratt has consented to direct the chorus, which is to be composed of singers from churches of the community and others interested. The first session will be to organize the chorus and hold first rehearsal. Ensuing practice sessions will follow at times to be selected.

All adult or high school age singers interested are asked to join the group.

80th Year



Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, November 28, 1963

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Christmas Opening Due Saturday

Mayor, Judge Express Loss After Death of President

County Judge Oscar Peterson and Mayor Al Lamb have issued statements expressing their shock and sorrow upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Elks Lodge Plans Memorial Service

A service in memoriam of members of Heppner Elks lodge No. 358 who died during the year will be held Sunday, December 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the lodge hall, Clint Agee, who is in charge of the service, announced.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Methodist church, has been asked to bring the message at the service. Those whose memories are to be honored are the late Jack Flug, Russell O'Donnell, Floyd Worden, Bert Mason and Harold Evans.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

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Their statements are as follows:

Judge Peterson—I was shocked to hear of the assassination of our president. We were in the closing session of our annual meeting of association of county officials when word came that the president was shot. All seemingly were stunned by the news. One member was asked to lead in prayer for our dying chief.

A few minutes later word came, "Our president is dead." We are all grieved. Our nation has sustained a great loss. We have lost a great leader.

Mayor Lamb—Our nation and the entire world has been dealt a staggering blow. The death, by an assassin's bullet, of our great president in his prime of life is stunning and unbelievable to all of us.

President John F. Kennedy was the champion of the underprivileged, a defender of freedom, a patient and highly intelligent man upon whom the hopes of free men everywhere rested. He has given the causes of freedom and peace his best life, and, in death, he gave his all.

We who remain can best honor our fallen leader's memory by uniting behind our new president in full support and in tight unity. Give him that support and the works of John F. Kennedy and his noble purposes will be completed and fulfilled.



Community Thanksgiving Service

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Thursday, November 28, 10:30 a.m.

- Organ Prelude Mrs. C. C. Carmichael
- Invocation Rev. Kenneth Robinson
- Call to Worship Rev. Bill Alsop
- Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy" Congregation
- The Thanksgiving Proclamation Rev. J. G. Weller
- Announcements
- Offertory Prayer Rev. Bill Alsop
- Presentation of offerings
- The Doxology
- The Old Testament Lesson, Ps. 145:1-10 Father C. Bruce Spencer
- The New Testament Lesson, Eph. 3:14-21 Rev. Melvin Dixon
- Vocal Solo Mrs. Sam Miller
- The Sermon, "In All Things Give Thanks" Rev. Charles Knox
- Hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God" Congregation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Melvin Dixon
- Benediction Rev. Kenneth Robinson
- Organ Postlude Mrs. C. C. Carmichael

A major portion of the offering will go to the new local Christian Youth Council.



Santa Claus To Arrive; Contest Set

Heppner's third annual Christmas Opening event, featuring Santa Claus, a window guessing contest, treats for the kids, \$250 in prizes and other features, will be Saturday, November 30.

Santa Claus is due to arrive at a downtown corner at 1 p.m. and has sent word that he will definitely be here. He will pass out candy that is provided through the cooperation of the Elks lodge.

This will be Santa's first appearance in Heppner this season, but others will follow at a later date.

The window guessing contest, started two years ago here and now a popular feature at the advent of the holiday season, will have 27 stores participating. Their prizes total at least \$250 and are listed on page 1, section 2, of this paper. Rules of the contest are included in an advertisement also on that page.

The contest starts at 9 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m. Purpose, in most instances, is to guess the retail value of merchandise on display, but some stores will have variations to fit their particular types of business.

In each instance, the person whose guess is closest will receive the prize from that store. Guessing slips are available at each store. The contest will be closed promptly at 4:30 after which names of winners are to be posted in the stores.

Businesses participating are as follows: Anderson's Builders Supply, Case Furniture Co., Central Market, L. E. Dick, Economy Market, Elma's Apparel, Fiesta Bowl, Gazette-Times, Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, Gonty's, Helen Cox Flowers, Heppner Auto Parts, Humphreys Rexall Drug, Lairds' M & R Company, MILadies Apparel, Peck's Ski Shop, J. C. Penney Company, Peterson Jewelers, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders (formerly Barratt Sales Co.), Phil's Pharmacy, Red and White Store, C. A. Ruggles Insurance, Wagon Wheel Cafe, Wee TV, Western Auto, and Wilson's Men's Wear.

There will be free parking in Heppner throughout the day Saturday, Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants' committee, announces.

Stores will have displays of their gift merchandise out for the public to view and some are having bargain events for early shoppers for the week-end.

Harley Young and Fred Gimbel, of Columbia Basin Electric and Pacific Power, expect to have Christmas street lighting up for the event to add color to the opening.

No special entertainment is planned for the children, but Glenn Ward and D. E. (Shorty) Hudson have announced that the skating rink will be open during the afternoon Saturday from 1 to 4 as well as at regular hours for those who wish to take part.

Power Deal Highlights Electric Co-op Meet

Expected exchange of service areas and purchase of some systems of Pacific Power and Light Company by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op highlighted proceedings at the all-day annual meeting of the cooperative at the fair pavilion Friday.

A pall was cast on the large-sized crowd on hand during the morning session when news was heard of the death of President John Kennedy. Decision was made, however, to continue with the meeting.

Oregon's public utility commissioner, Jonel Hill, principal speaker at the meeting, departed from the prepared text of his speech to deliver an impromptu and fitting eulogy for President Kennedy, stressing the importance of constitutional government as vital to a democratic society.

Despite the shocking turn of events, Hill said, the country will continue to go forward, and he expressed the feeling that President Kennedy would wish for all to carry on.

Hill said that with the contemplated power exchange Columbia Basin "will change from a rather thinly distributed organization to a rather mature cooperative."

He told of legislation that he had pressed for to eliminate duplication of power service in Oregon.

"Columbia Basin was the first co-op to receive territorial protection for part of its service area under our new allocation law—and interestingly that chunk of the Boardman site is involved in the trade just announced," the speaker said.

"Equally significant is its agreement with PP&L which, if approved by state and federal agencies, will provide Columbia with an integrated system and an additional 2,000 customers."

The commissioner suggested to the cooperative that it consider eliminating line extension charge and urged the directors to emphasize its advertising program as a means of building load.

"Advertising is a powerful means of showing all the things that electricity can do for the people your system serves," he said. "You are insuring the success of your operation when by advertising you can show your members how they can benefit from the increased use of appliances."

Hill also pointed out that it is time that Columbia and all other REA's take a "realistic look" at the nationwide controversy over REA 2% loans. These loans may have stringent restrictions placed on them, he declared.

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