

Boardman Bill Wins Legislature's Final Approval

Passage Paves Way For Boeing

Both houses of the state legislature Monday approved a bill that paves the way for the state to acquire clear title to the 100,000-acre Boardman industrial site.

The House of Representatives approved the bill, 33-26, and the Senate later followed with a 20-10 vote in favor of the bill. The formality of gaining Governor Hatfield's signature remained only to wrap up the matter.

As approved, the bill authorizes another \$908,000 from the state for the land—\$522,000 to the Navy and \$386,000 to the common school fund. The state spent \$900,000 previously authorized for the lands earlier.

This means that the already-signed lease with the Boeing company will be culminated. The company had asked for clear title to the land before the lease could be honored.

A companion bill, designed to freeze land taxes at the site at current values for 77 years, was defeated in the House in the special session, but supporters said that the matter could be considered at the 1965 legislative session. Opponents to this bill had generally held to the idea that the freeze should be for only 28 years, the repayment period on the land, rather than for the 77-year period of the lease.

Passage of the Boardman bill ended a flareup of opposition that developed during the 22-day special session and again threatened the state's long negotiations with Boeing.

A significant meeting in Heppner Friday (reported elsewhere in this paper) climaxed the controversy. After the discussions, the Morrow county court issued a statement, signed by Judge Oscar Peterson and Commissioner E. O. Ferguson, recommending passage of House Bill 1014. The same statement also would freeze the taxes for the life of the lease.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has been quoted as saying that he believes the approved bill to be unconstitutional, but supporters have declared that it will pass any court test if it is challenged.

Gov. Hatfield Tuesday expressed continued confidence in Boeing's future use of the site and said that the company may announce by the "first of the year" its plans for development. While it seemed apparent that vote on the bill generally was on the basis of party lines, the governor said that Democratic leadership in both houses of the legislature being in favor of the proposal softened the partisan effect.

High School Sets Variety Program For December 17

For the first time, Heppner High school's Christmas program will be presented in the new school—on Tuesday, December 17, at 8 p.m.

Through the combined efforts of the drama and music departments, a variety type show will be offered this year.

Familiar scenes at Christmas time will feature song, dance and pantomime.

Mary Johnson and Larry Muessig, two senior members of the drama department, will narrate the show. After a Christmas medley by the band, the show will open with a colorful night street scene in the heart of the city.

Santa Claus, carolers, passers-by, rich and poor, toys, dolls, chipmunks and manikins take part. Following this scene, a parody of the popular, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," features the band and a pantomime act. A Christmas polka done in Old World costumes, a one-act play, "Grandma and Mistletoe," a candle lighting service by the choir, and a fantasy scene on Christmas Island with cannibals, a dragon, Santa Claus and Rudolph complete the show.

In a good night scene a tired and sleepy cast will wish the audience a Merry Christmas and the band will play its final number.

Over 75 students will take part in the program which will be presented free of charge for parents and friends. Gordon Pratt directs the choir. Arnold Melby directs the band and Mrs. Janet Groves directs the one-act play and other scenes.

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LT. DENNIS SWANSON

First Lt. Swanson Wins Air Medal

First Lieutenant Dennis E. Swanson of Lone, has been awarded one of the nation's highest peacetime medals at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, for his service with a United States Air Force advisory unit aiding the forces of South Viet Nam.

Lieutenant Swanson, an Air Force pilot, was presented the Air Medal in a recent ceremony at the base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland L. Swanson of Lone.

The lieutenant received his B.S. degree from the University of Portland and was commissioned upon completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program there in 1959.

His wife, Margaret, is the daughter of Walter W. Ingram of Athena.

Dohertys Badly Hurt in Accident

Paul Doherty of Heppner remained in critical condition Thursday but his wife, Mrs. Marge Doherty, was no longer listed as critical, following an auto accident that occurred about 10 a.m. Sunday about 1/4 mile west of the Alpine junction on Highway 207 between Lexington and Butter Creek. The two are in Pioneer Memorial hospital with multiple injuries.

Their physician said that Doherty, although still considered critical, is showing improvement. He has multiple rib fractures, a broken collar bone, a collapsed lung, broken left ankle, broken right hip, and two broken vertebrae. Doherty is conscious but because of chest pain and shortness of breath can speak only with difficulty.

Mrs. Doherty also sustained multiple rib fractures, a severe fracture of the left femur (thigh), and severe concussion. She is able to talk without difficulty. It is expected that Mrs. Doherty will be able to undergo an operation soon. Her husband must also undergo surgery but the time will depend on how rapidly he improves.

The accident occurred when their auto, with Mrs. Doherty driving, went out of control on slick pavement on a slight curve on a return trip from Pendleton. They had gone to that city to take his nephew, Shan Applegate, to catch a bus to return to Carroll College, Helena, Mont. Shan had been visiting his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Applegate, and other relatives here since the previous Sunday.

When the car left the road, it went into an open wheat field. The soft soil caused it to catapult end over end. Mr. and Mrs. Doherty operate Heppner Laundry and their hospitalization left Heppner without laundry service, which is felt particularly by hotels, motels, schools and similar establishments.

Bazaar to Offer Gift Items, Lunch

Annual Christmas bazaar of All Saints' Episcopal church will be Saturday in the parish hall of the church starting at noon. Lunch will be served, also starting at noon, at \$1 per plate for adults, 75c for high school students and 50c for children. Many gift items will be available to the public and stocking stuffers will also be offered.

Court Appoints Walter Hayes As Commissioner

Walter Hayes of Boardman was appointed by the Morrow county court Wednesday as county commissioner to succeed Milton Biegel who has resigned. Hayes, who operated a grocery store in Boardman for about 13 years, took the oath of office Thursday morning. It was administered by Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk.

Hayes, a former member of the county budget committee, sold the grocery store last year and now operates a motel at Boardman. At one time he had a ranch on Little Butter Creek and later operated a ranch at Lonerock. Before going to Boardman in 1949 he had a meat market in Condon.

The new commissioner was supported by a group of Boardman residents. Name of Rees Morgan of Irrigon was also proposed for the office, and he was given strong consideration for the post, Judge Peterson said.

"We feel that both are good men," he said. Decision on the appointment was made by Judge Peterson and Commissioner E. O. Ferguson, Biegel, who recently moved to Pendleton from Irrigon and therefore was no longer eligible to serve, did not have a voice in the appointment.

Commissioner Hayes will serve until election time. If he chooses to continue in office, he must be a candidate in the primary next year.

The new commissioner's first official duty was to attend, with the two other members of the county court, a meeting of the welfare commission Thursday afternoon.

Commissioner Hayes is a Republican. The Court was required to appoint a member of the same party as the commissioner who had resigned, and Biegel is a Republican.

Upper Grades To Give Concert Tuesday Night

Students in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades will present a public pre-Christmas concert Tuesday, December 10, first in a group of four school holiday programs. It will be held in the old high school gym, starting at 7:30 p.m., and no admission will be charged.

Band numbers, under the direction of Arnold Melby, will feature the 6th grade band, 7th and 8th grade band, grade school solo band, and instrumental solo by Kit Anderson. General music classes, which includes all students not in band in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, will present numbers under the direction of Mrs. Ola Groshens, vocal instructor. Special numbers are being prepared by 7th and 8th grade girls' ensemble and 7th and 8th grade boys' ensemble.

Another elementary school program is planned for Wednesday evening, December 18, when lower grades 1 through 5 will be heard in "Christmas Means So Many Things."

The following night, December 19, a special Christmas program is planned by the Lexington elementary school in their school auditorium.

Completing the week of student programs, is the high school talent program in the high school multipurpose room Tuesday, December 17.

Curfew in Effect For County Youth

A curfew for youth in Morrow county became effective in the month of November upon action by the Morrow county court. Details of the curfew were announced sometime ago.

Conforming generally to an ordinance adopted by Umatilla county and with Walla Walla, Franklin and Benton counties in Washington, the ordinance prohibits youths under the age of 18 to be upon any street, highway, park or alley between midnight and 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. on other nights, except under certain conditions.

Complete legal notice on the ordinance may be found on page 6 of this section.



SANTA, with children flocked around him, presents a typically seasonal picture. This picture caught part of the youngsters who visited with Santa when he came to town Saturday for the annual Christmas opening.

Mustang Five Prepares For Opener Friday

Heppner High school's basketball squad will open its 1963-64 basketball schedule Friday night when it plays host to DeSales High of Walla Walla, Wn., in the old high gym. Saturday night they travel to Walla Walla to meet the same club.

Last year the Mustangs took both ends of a two-game series with the DeSales team. Both schools lost heavily via the graduation route, however, and are fielding relatively inexperienced clubs this season.

Head Basketball Coach Bob Cantonwine won't be on the scene when the Mustangs play their inaugural tilts. He is presently recovering from pneumonia but hopes to be back on the job Monday.

During Cantonwine's illness, two other members of the HHS staff, Jayvee Coach Don McClure and Freshman Coach Pete Glennie, have been handling coaching chores. Glennie will be at the helm when the Mustangs make their first outing and McClure will head the Jayvee quint.

Two returning lettermen, Lee Padberg and Ken Wright, will be suited down for the tilt. Both will be depended on to carry a bulk of the Mustang hopes this season.

McClure said that several of the hopefuls for starting jobs for the Mustangs this season have been showing good in practice. Besides Padberg, Carl Bauman, Bruce Spencer and David George have been hitting and rebounding well during practice sessions.

When asked to comment on the upcoming season, McClure and Glennie both expressed the opinion that whether or not the team jells will determine the outcome of the season.

Two things, lack of height and lack of experience seem to be the biggest liabilities the Mustangs will have to overcome during the upcoming campaign.

The JV contest will start at 6:30 p.m. and the varsity tilt will begin at 8:15 p.m. The game will be played in the old gymnasium because the baskets for the new plant have not arrived.

Those members of the Mustang squad are: Wayne Evans, Stuart Dick, Bill Snyder, Carl Bauman, Lee Padberg, Richard

Scout Counsellor To Meet With Cubs

Don Wike of Pendleton, district counsellor of the Blue Mountain Boy Scout area, will be in Heppner Monday evening, December 16, to meet with cub scouts, those interested in joining the cub scouts and their parents. The meeting is open to the public, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Interest in the cub scout program is growing for boys between the ages of 8 and 12, with increasing need for den mothers. Mrs. Alice McCabe or Mrs. Elmer Steers may be contacted for further information.

Cards, Bucs Due To Lock Horns In Jamboree Go

Ione high school initiates its 1963-64 basketball schedule Friday night when the Cards travel to Umatilla to play in the Umatilla-Morrow league jamboree. The Cardinal quint will meet the Riverside Pirates in a contest slated to start at 7 p.m.

The Redskins and the Bucs will play a 20 minute contest which will count on the score of their respective sides as three teams from the west half of the league and three teams of the east half will lock horns in three separate contests. Each game will last 20 minutes and the score of each team will be added to the score of its half of the league until the final score is tallied.

Those teams representing the west half of the loop are Ione, Echo and Hermiston Jayvees. Riverside, Umatilla and Stanfield have been tapped to go for the east.

The Cards are in the process of building this year, according to Coach Dick Strait. They have only one returning letterman on the squad, Tom Heimberg, a sophomore, Mark Halvorsen, Jay Ball and Joe Hausler; and two freshmen, Louis Ortiz and Leon Magill round out the varsity squad.

Last year the Cardinals finished second in their league and played in the district 6-B tournament.

Ione will play its first regular season contest of the year December 13, when it goes against Gervias in a game on the Ione court. The next evening the Cardinals will travel to Arlington to meet the Honkers in a non-conference battle.

Santa to Return; Free Movie Booked

Santa Claus will be back in Heppner on Saturday, December 14, Randall Peterson, merchants committee chairman announces. At that time he will greet kids in the downtown area throughout the day.

Also with the cooperation of the Elks Lodge, a free movie will be shown at 2 p.m. on that day in the lodge temple. Name of the movie is not yet known, but it is expected to be full length with cartoon shorts.

On December 21, the Saturday before Christmas, parking meters in Heppner will be hooded and shoppers will have the privilege of free parking, Peterson said.

Crowd Turns Out To Greet Season Festive Opening

Bright, crisp autumn weather greeted Santa and a large, active crowd to Heppner's third annual Christmas opening Saturday. Guessing contests for both adults and youngsters and treats for the youngsters were the order of the day as the festive spirit moved into the city.

A majority of the merchants were well-pleased with the opening and seemed in favor of continuing with the event in the future.

Highlight of the day for the kids was at 1:00 o'clock when Santa rode into town on the fire truck and proceeded to hear their wishes and to hand out bags of candy.

Adults were given the opportunity to see some of the merchandise in the local stores which is aimed at satisfying their Christmas needs and at the same time were given a chance to win some of the merchandise in the window guessing contest.

One merchant commented that there seemed to be more adult participation this year and that it seemed that the event was bigger than previous years.

Those merchants giving prizes, the prizes and the winners are listed below.

Anderson's Builder's Supply, fishing pole, Cecil Rill; Case furniture, set of table lamps, Mrs. Vern Evans; Central Market, Sunbeam electric hair dryer, Lilian Swick, L. E. Dick, Libbey hostess set of 2 dozen glasses Mrs. Andy Van Schoelack; Economy Market, \$10 in merchandise Amanda Smith; Elma's Apparel, \$12.98 ladies robe, tie between Ruth Bergstrom and Mrs. Kenneth Cutsforth; Fiesta Bowling Lanes, 20 lines of bowling, Peggy Snyder; Gazette-Times, \$10 in cash, Terry Hutchens; Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, 16 pc. set of Melmac dinnerware, Sue Vinson; Gonty's, transistor radio, Martha Peterson; Helen Cox Flowers, floral arrangement, Mrs. Lee Palmer.

Heppner Auto Parts, 2 1/2 lb. Casco fire extinguisher, Shirley McClure; Humphreys Rexall Drug, Parker fountain pen, Brette Howell; Laird's blanket, Shirley McClure; M&R Company, wall lamp, Carol Partridge; Miladies, Barns Knit sweater, Laura Lee Sumner; Peck's Ski Shop, pair of ice skates, Dale Munkers; J. C. Penney Co., electric blanket, Brenda Templeton; Peterson's Jewelers, 12-inch anti-tarnish silverplate serving dish, Mrs. Joan Grey.

Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders, 1 gal. wall paint, 1 quart of woodwork paint, tie between Jean Stahley and Steve Hutchens; Phil's Pharmacy, Flint Eckoware serving set, Mrs. Jack Healy; Red and White Grocery, \$5 in merchandise, Doug Gonty; C. A. Ruggles Insurance Co., \$10 in cash, Betty Henderson; Wagon Wheel, \$10 value prize, Ralph Marlatt; Wee TV, free service call, David Gunderson; Western Auto, electric wall clock, Mrs. Joe Hay; Wilson's Men's Wear, 1 pair men's shoes, Effie Weems.

Meeting Here Airs Pros, Cons

By JIM MORRIS

Controversy on the Boardman bills in the state legislature was debated Friday at a meeting in the multipurpose room of Heppner High school at which time four members of the legislature discussed pros and cons of the bills.

Those speaking in favor of the bills were Sen. Ben Musa, D., The Dalles, and Rep. Stafford Hansell, R., Hermiston. Opposing the proposals were Sen. Arthur Corbett, D., Portland, and Rep. Jack Smith, D., Condon.

Each speaker was allowed 15 minutes to present his views to the audience, which numbered about 180 persons. Later each was given five minutes to present a rebuttal.

Rep. Smith led off the debate by saying that he stood opposed to the passage of House Bills 1014 and 1020 as they were written.

Rep. Smith pointed out that, in his opinion, the lease gave all the options to Boeing and gave the State of Oregon few guarantees in return. He said that under the terms of the lease Boeing doesn't have to guarantee any substantial increase in development, people or taxes to the state.

Next to speak was Sen. Musa who charged that the state is under obligation to meet its commitment to Boeing. He said that if there are flaws in the lease, it is still up to the legislators to meet their obligation and to learn from this experience.

Sen. Musa cited the appropriation, by the state legislature, of \$2 million that was used to commemorate the state's centennial and said that the amount was appropriated without any fight in the houses of the legislature. He said that the Boeing deal has the possibility of bringing greater industrial growth to the state whereas there was no financial return to the State of Oregon from the Centennial.

Sen. Corbett answered Musa's remarks by saying that the lease is "an unbusiness-like way to get business." He said that the state would be subsidizing industry by freezing the land taxes on the property and allowing Boeing to subvert or sublease part of the lands for agricultural and grazing purposes.

Sen. Corbett charged that it is possible that Boeing intends only minimal use of the land and that under the terms of the lease the company, even though it was making only a minimal use of the land, could tie it up for 77 years, which is the length of the lease.

The last to speak was Rep.

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Ione Community To Stage Dinner, Festival Sunday

Organizations in the community of Ione will join efforts again this year to put on the third annual Community Festival at Willows Grange hall Sunday, December 8. General chairman for the event is Mrs. Hershel Townsend, assisted by members of the Willows Home Economics club.

Starting the afternoon of festivities is a ham dinner served from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and high school students, \$1.00 for child's plate, and pre-school children free.

Booths at the festival will open at 12:30, with each of the participating organizations sponsoring a booth and each furnishing a door prize for drawings, which will be awarded each hour. Games of all kinds will provide entertainment for both old and young.

Christmas foods, decorations and novelty gift items will be on sale for the Christmas shopper.

A full afternoon of fun is promised to all who come and participate.

Mrs. George Elected To Cemetery Post

Mrs. Elaine George was re-elected director of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district in an election held December 2. She received all 14 of the vote's cast.

Other directors, with unexpired terms, are John Pfeiffer and Paul Jones.

Wrangler Party Set December 14

Christmas party of the Wranglers club will be Saturday night, December 14, at the club house, it is announced.

Santa Claus will be present and a gift exchange will be a feature of the evening. Other entertainment will also be provided. A welcome is extended to all Wrangler members.