

Board Agrees to Conditions of School Closure

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Boeing Ceremony Planned

A ground-breaking ceremony signaling the beginning of work for the first test facility at the Boardman test range will be held Thursday, February 20. The Boeing Company announces.

Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon and representatives of state and local governments will meet with Boeing officials in observance of the ground-breaking.

Details of plans for the test facility will be announced at the ceremony, which is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

Governor Hatfield and a top Boeing official, probably Lyse Wood, vice president and general manager, are scheduled to give short talks.

Miss Jones Advanced To National Director

Miss Loma Mae Jones left last Wednesday after a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, for Indianapolis, Ind., where she will have the position as National Director of Children's Work in the Christian church.

The position is under the United Christian Missionary Society organization with national offices in Indianapolis. Miss Jones had been in the same type of work in Portland before her advancement.

Washington Birthday Sale Due Next Week

Third annual Washington's Birthday sale of Heppner merchants will be next Saturday, February 22. At that time the local firms will offer outstanding bargains to the public in the "I Cannot Tell a Lie" tradition of honest values.

Next week's Gazette-Times will herald these bargains, and sample copies of the paper will be sent to the Monument, Kinzua and Spray areas.

The paper staff requests cooperation of merchants in getting advertising copy ready early. Members of the staff will start making contacts tomorrow (Friday) in order to get a head start on the edition which is expected to be larger than usual.

Willow Creek Project Gets Favorable Report

Congressman Al Ullman and Senators Wayne Morse and Maurine B. Neuberger announced Monday that the Corps of Engineers report on the proposed Willow Creek Dam above Heppner is to be released this week, and that the report is favorable.

The Congressional Delegation stated that the favorable report will be sent by the Corps' North Pacific Division office in Portland to Washington, D. C. for review by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

"There is still a long way to go before ultimate construction of this important project, but this recommendation of the District and Division Engineers is crucial," the Delegation said. The study was conducted by the Walla Walla District office, under the direction of Colonel J. H. Beddow, and approved by Major General W. W. Lapsley, Division Engineer in Portland.

According to the Senators and Congressman Ullman, the estimated first cost of construction is \$6,690,000 for a dam reservoir providing a total storage capacity of 11,500 acre-feet, with flood control, irrigation, water supply, recreation, and water quality control benefits. Congressman Ullman noted that the dam is particularly important to flood control, recalling the disastrous flood of 1903, and sev-



HONORED at past masters night at Heppner lodge No. 69, AF & AM, were these men. They are (front row, from left)—John Wightman, Leonard Gilliam, Frank Parker, Millard Nolan, Earl Gilliam and Archie Ball. Second row—Marcel Jones, Oliver Creswick, Claude Graham and Harold Becket. Back row—Don Turner, Herbert Ekstrom Jr., Gene Hall, Clarence Baker, and Raymond Williamson, present worshipful master.

3 More Enter Judge Contest

Contest for Morrow county judge at this early date has broken into a wide open affair with three more candidates announcing their entry into the primary election race, one a Republican and two Democrats.

Oliver Creswick, present justice of the peace, completed petitions this week and said that he would file Thursday (today) on the Republican ticket.

On the Democratic side, Bill Weatherford of Heppner said that he had been urged by supporters to seek the position and also planned to file today. His backers had names of 45 on petitions as of Wednesday, and

only 20 are required. Frank Hamlin said Wednesday evening that he, too, has petitions ready to file and expected to do so at the office of the county clerk Thursday on the Democratic ticket. The courthouse was closed Wednesday because Lincolns' birthday is a legal holiday.

These three candidates joined two other avowed candidates, incumbent Judge Oscar Peterson and Ambrose Chapin, both Republicans, and there were rumors of more to come, but there have been no additional formal announcements to this time. In a statement, Creswick said, "I have filed for this office fully realizing the many problems inherent in the office, but also with the knowledge that a challenge exists for the man who is willing to accept that challenge. Great things can be accomplished for Morrow county, and I would like the opportunity

eral close calls since. "However, in the long run, the other benefits will make the project of every-day, year-round value," Ullman stated. Cost-benefit ratio, as determined by the Corps, is 1.2 to 1.

The following explanation of the steps ahead was given by the Delegation: Information and statements will be received by the Rivers and Harbors Board in Washington until March 16, after which the project is to be reviewed by the Board. Ninety days are given for the filing of any statement from interested Federal agencies and by the State, and then the Board makes a determination as to recommending the project for construction. Assuming a favorable decision, efforts will then be made to contain the approval of the Bureau of the Budget for inclusion of the project in the next Rivers and Harbors Omnibus Bill.

Congressman Ullman, paying tribute to the strong local efforts for the project, and particularly to the leadership of Judge Oscar Peterson of Heppner, said that the dam would be given the highest priority by the Congressional delegation. "Senator Morse, Senator Neuberger, and I have been working on this for some time, and will continue to do everything we can to keep it moving forward," he said.

Masonic Lodge Honors Masters

Heppner Lodge No. 69, AF & AM, honored its past masters at a meeting February 4 at the Masonic hall in Heppner.

Past masters present dated from 1930 when Frank Parker was master to the present worshipful master, Ray Williamson.

A 35-year Masonic pin was presented to Earl Gilliam by worshipful Master Williamson. In all, 15 past masters were present.

The evening concluded with a social hour and refreshments.

On February 18, District Deputy Paul Jones will make his official visitation to the Heppner lodge. All members are urged to attend.

Padberg Picked Shrine All-Star

Lee Padberg, breakaway runner of the 1963 Heppner High school football team, has been chosen by coaches and the Shrine committee as a member of the East team for the Shrine's Oregon East-West All-Star football game.

The contest will be in Pendleton on August 22, matching A-2 and B-School stars of East schools against those from the West.

At the same time, Tom Heimbigner of the Ione Cardinals, was selected as an alternate for an end position.

Padberg was picked as a fullback, along with Bill Grover of Eagle Valley, Richland, and Dave Moores of Elmira.

The senior from Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elden E. Padberg, was a powerful cog in the Mustang offense during 1963's successful grid season that fell just short of a western division championship. He made a number of spectacular long runs, and once in the open was rough to catch and rougher to bring down.

Padberg and Heimbigner are the only choices from Morrow county, and there are none on the team from Gilliam county, either as regulars or alternates.

Heppner High's back ace is the only representative of the Greater Oregon league (western division) on the regular squad, although three are named as alternates, including Tim Tyler, tackle, Burns; Bob Hamilton, halfback, Pilot Rock; and Burrill Moulton, halfback, Grant Union.

Umatilla high placed Albert Eisele as a halfback on the reg-

Lexington Group Asks For Bus Runs

Closure of the Lexington elementary school for the next two years was approved by the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 Monday night under the conditions asked by residents of the Lexington community.

After considerable discussion, the board approved all of the provisions asked by the residents with the exception of running 2:30 p.m. buses from Heppner and Ione to Lexington daily to bring younger children home. It was agreed that this phase of the matter will be considered by the district's new transportation committee, composed of the superintendent, several directors and several advisory board members, at a later time for a decision.

Several Lexington advisory board members were present at the meeting, Mrs. Bob (Vesta) Kilkenny said that the Lexington residents had agreed at the decision to close the school—a difficult one for them to make—and felt that it would be a saving of some \$12,000 to the district. In view of this concession, the people there feel that they have a right to ask for the conditions on transportation and other points that would lessen the blow of losing the school.

Other conditions include maintenance of buildings, providing supervisors at the school in the mornings if students are there to be picked up by buses, maintenance of the school grounds and equipment for use by the community, and operating an activity bus from Heppner to Lexington to bring back students who are engaged in school athletics and activity programs. This latter provision would also apply between Ione and Lexington if there are a sufficient number attending at Ione.

The point on the activity bus evoked considerable discussion before it was agreed by the board. It has been a perennial problem, since it is felt that if any activity bus is provided for one area in the county, the board sets a precedent for running activity buses to all areas.

Don McElligott pointed out that next year there probably would be sufficient students attending at Ione from the area southwest of Ione to qualify for an activity bus under conditions recently prescribed by the board.

Principal Hillard Brown said that he expected about 25 pupils in lower grades would ride a 2:30 bus from Heppner to Lexington.

Mrs. Kilkenny and Gene Mageske said that the Lexington people asked only that the children be brought to the town of Lexington. Parents of rural children would have to make arrangements to get them home from there, or have their children wait

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QUEEN SHANNON MAHONEY

Former Princess Chosen Queen

Shannon Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney of Heppner, was chosen queen of the 1964 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo by the Rodeo board at its meeting Wednesday, February 5.

She will reign over festivities of the fair and rodeo August 25 through 30, and with her attend and participate in celebrations and functions in other cities through the summer.

Queen Shannon, who was a princess in the 1963 court, representing the Wranglers club, is a freshman at Pacific University, Forest Grove, after graduating from Heppner High school with the class of 1963.

She is an active cowgirl and works with cattle on the Spring Hollow and Clarks Canyon ranches of the Mahoneys. As a member of the Wranglers, she has won awards in their competitive events and has placed in the Morrow county horse show as well as winning a trophy for horse showmanship in the county 4-H horse show.

Her school and community activities make an impressive list. She is a past worthy advisor of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and in 1962-63 was grand honorary song leader for Oregon. She attended Supreme Assembly of Rainbow in Chicago in the summer of 1962.

Queen Shannon was president of the Girls' League in her senior

year of high school. She was a member of Future Homemakers of America, of the Future Business Leaders of America, and of the Pep club. She helped organize the high school drill team in her sophomore year and served as drill leader.

For her work on the high school paper she received the Bonnie Wiley journalism award as a senior, and she also worked on the school annual.

Jones Reelected Rodeo Board Head

Floyd Jones was reelected chairman of the Morrow county fair board at its meeting last Wednesday night. He has served for several years in that capacity.

E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., a new member of the board, was elected vice-chairman, a position required by the new by-laws. Bert Huff was reelected secretary-treasurer, a position that he has held for two years.

She was the first to receive the school's citizenship award, offered for the first time last year.

Scholastically, she ranked high in school and was a member of the National Honor Society. She also belonged to the International Quill and Scroll, for journalism students.

Being royalty is not a new experience for Shannon. Besides having been a princess for last year's fair and rodeo, she was a princess of the FFA-FHA Sweetheart Ball for two years. County organizations who will be represented on the fair and rodeo court with princesses will make selections at a later date.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

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Curtain Due Tonight On One-Act Plays

Three one-act plays will be presented by the Heppner High school drama department tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the high school.

Included are, "Beyond the Door," a mystery melodrama; "Why I Am a Bachelor," a comedy about the pitfalls of married life; and "Drag Race," a teen-age drama in police court.

Thirteen students are in the casts with some participating in more than one play. They have been working diligently on practices over the past six weeks.

The best play presented tonight will be given at a one-act play festival at Pacific University March 7 in competition with other schools, and the best actors and actresses will be chosen tonight.

Admission is 50c for adults and 25c for children.



ALL-STAR LEE PADBERG

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