

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Directors Award Music Room Bid

The Timber Company of Hermiston, low bidder, was awarded contract for completion of music rooms in the new Heppner High school building at a special meeting of the board of directors of District R-1 Tuesday night.

It is expected that work will start soon, and it is figured that it will take about two months to complete. Included will be a large band room, a room for storage of instruments, two separate practice rooms, and office that can also be used as a practice room, and a hallway to the rest of the school building.

Bids on the job were rejected at an earlier call, but revisions of the heating system made it possible for the lower bids, Supt. Wayne Brubacher said.

Also discussed at the special meeting were pros and cons on the high school vocational shop. Present to discuss advantages and disadvantages of placing the shop under the school gymnasium, where a large space is available, were Leonard Kunzman, state supervisor of agricultural education, State Department of Education, and Leno Christensen, teacher-trainer, agricultural mechanics, Oregon State University. The board made no decision on the matter.

A letter was read from Arbutuckle Ski club, pointing out that the club had decided that it could not accept the house for raising because of lack of finances.

The board went on record as allotting a maximum of \$2000 towards getting water through a pump and to the practice playing field for a sprinkling system with the stipulation that it will later decide on an appropriate sprinkling system. Howard Cleveland, chairman of a subcommittee, was given authority to proceed with plans towards development of the system to the maximum approved.

"Re-arrangement of Oregon's fiscal structure will be an essential task of the next legislature. With eastern Oregon's representation decimate by re-apportionment, it will be a challenging task requiring all the forbearance and wisdom we can muster for eastern Oregon legislators to see that as the tax base is broadened, our area is treated fairly," Mann said. "Because property is bearing too great a share of the burden, I am sure we are generally agreed in eastern Oregon that new bases of taxation must be found."

"I am acutely aware that I am asking to be elected to serve five counties and not just one," he continued. "I see no conflict of interest between the five counties. I do know, however, that each of the counties has problems peculiar to itself. As president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, I covered this area intensively and am well aware of many of these local problems."

Mann was born in Pendleton, received his grade and high school education in Adams, and attended the University of Oregon's schools of journalism and law from 1936 to 1942. He is a non-practicing member of the Oregon Bar Association.

Mann and his wife, the former Peggy Lee Reavis, have five children. His father, Irvin Mann of Adams, represented Umatilla county in the 1954 session of the legislature until his death in 1957. Irvin Mann, Sr. was one of the original members of the Umatilla Port Commission who served on the commission from the time of its inception until 1954.

High schools from all over the state will enter the competition at the festival.

Some of the original cast members of the play will be unable to make the trip to the festival because of the district basketball tournament in La Grande and college entrance exams in Pendleton on the same week-end. Others have been chosen to take their parts in the play.

Those who will make the trip are Doug Anderson, Marcia Rand, Nancy Cleveland, Daryl Dick, Larry Muessig, Tana Valentine, Bill Sherman and Vicki Barratt. Those in the original cast who have other commitments and are unable to make the trip are Lee Padberg, Mary Johnson, Dean Robinson and Karen McCurdy.

Also the winners of the individual prizes for performances during the evening have been announced. There were ties for both the title of best actor and best actress.

Larry Muessig and David Clark finished in a deadlock for the title of best actor. Clark won support for his performance in "Drag Race," while Muessig was acclaimed for his role of Algeron in the "Why I am a Bachelor."

Nancy Cleveland and Marcia Rand tied for the best actress award. Miss Cleveland portrayed the part of a crazed lady in "Beyond the Door." Miss Rand was outstanding as Henrietta in "Why I am a Bachelor."

Karen McCurdy, who was outstanding as Mrs. Rush in "Drag Race," was chosen as the best supporting actress.

Doug Anderson played the part of a lecturer in "Why I Am a Bachelor" and was awarded the title of best supporting actor for his fine individual effort.

Mrs. Groves stated this week that the students are continuing to work on the play to polish it for the presentation at the contest next month.

## Appraisal Of Wheat Lands Eyed

Reappraisal of wheat and range lands in Morrow county was discussed at a meeting in the courthouse last Thursday with Bill Johnson and Bob Fielder, appraisers, in charge. Johnson opened the meeting and Fielder discussed various aspects of the subject.

Seven members of the county's wheat-range committee were present, including Dick Krebs, Ken Smouse, D. O. Nelson, Paul Hlsler, Dick Wilkinson, Frank Anderson and Paul Tews. O. W. Cutsforth, Jr., the eighth member was absent.

Others in attendance were Assessor Rod Thomson, Oliver Creswick, Ken Peck, N. C. Anderson, Judge Oscar Peterson, O. W. Cutsforth, Sr., Paul Jones, Earl Sorensen, farm supervisor of the State Tax Commission, and Art Jenkins, State Tax Commission, working in Gilliam county.

Fielder explained the purpose of reappraisal: 1. to equalize value between like properties, 2. to equalize value between types of properties, 3. to equalize value between areas.

He said that appraisal is made on market value according to law as "the highest price in terms of money which a property bring if exposed for sale in the open market, allowing a reasonable length of time to find a purchaser who buys with knowledge of all the uses to which it is adapted and for which it is capable of being used."

The different value classes for different types of land were discussed. It was brought out that the market values on these classes is not definitely fixed, and another meeting with the committee will be held within the next two or three weeks to consider the matter further.

Basic wheat land classes here will be those of Class III and IV, with values tentatively set at \$125 and \$80 per acre with plus and minus variations.

Recent sales of land were also discussed at the meeting.

Fielder also described the methods of appraisal (improvements and land), and the need for a new appraisal.

The meeting evoked considerable discussion among those present and lasted for approximately four hours. It is expected that reappraisal of wheat and range lands will start right after the next meeting of the committee. Fielder will do most of this work. Now underway in the county is a reappraisal of farm lands in the northern part of the county.

## Speaker to Talk on Bad Checks

Paul Jones, a deputy in the office of the Umatilla county sheriff, will speak at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce in the Wagon Wheel Cafe Monday on the subject of bad checks.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said that Jones has specialized in criminal work on bad checks and has become an expert on the subject. He said this subject should be of particular interest to local businesses because of the number of bad checks which have been passed here recently.

## Students Propose City Cleanup Day As Civic Project

With the idea of "doing something for the community," Heppner High school students have offered to stage a "cleanup" day in Heppner at a date to be chosen.

Lee Padberg, chairman of a committee from the student council, proposed the idea at the Monday Chamber of Commerce meeting, and it met with welcome and grateful response.

In telling of the plan, Padberg said that any cleanup work felt needed around town could be done on the day set aside without charge. He stressed that this is not a "money raising" plan, and the students are volunteering their services as an expression of appreciation to the community.

President Al Lamb said the Chamber of Commerce welcomed the idea and would be happy to cooperate with the students.

In the past, the Chamber of Commerce has staged a spring cleanup day and has offered prizes for the most improvement shown. President Lamb turned the matter over to the merchants' committee, which previously has had charge of the spring cleanup, to coordinate plans and work out a date with the students.

Padberg was introduced by Principal Gordon Pratt.

Hillard Brown told the members that 35 school pupils from Portland will visit here on April 25 under a plan sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat-growers' association. The pupils all eighth graders, will visit farms as guests of local farm families.

Brown asked the Chamber to provide someone to welcome them here and tell them something about Heppner, Morrow county and the surrounding area.

President Lamb asked Pratt,

## Merchants To Stage Geo. Washington Sale



George Washington's birthday is Saturday, February 22, and marking this event will be Heppner's annual George Washington Birthday Sale.

Special bargains and hot buys are offered by many merchants, and a wide variety of them are listed in advertisements in this paper. Page five is devoted to these specials, and other ads list bargains throughout this issue.

Ed Dick, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, says that parking meters will be hooded Saturday, eliminating charge for parking for those who come to shop.

Copies of this paper are being sent to the Kinzua, Spray and Monument areas as samples to invite folks in those areas who are interested to come and shop for the day.

The merchants committee met Wednesday and laid plans for other promotional events through the year, including Spring Opening on March 20-21 with Chairman Dick in charge of the event; Spring Festival to be in April with Randall Peterson in charge; a Mothers Day promotion in May with Jim Myers in charge; Father's Day promotion in June; another special event to be determined in July; Back to School promotion in August; Hunting Season event in September; another special event in October and Christmas Opening in late November.

Bob Henry, Clint McQuarrie and Ed Gonty were designated as a committee to check on the possibility of holding a Sidewalk Sale here sometime in the summer.

## Dick Enters Plea In Circuit Court

Kemp Dick of Heppner pleaded innocent to a charge of taking an auto without authority when he appeared in Morrow County Circuit court Friday. He had been indicted secretly by the county grand jury earlier the same day.

Dick is accused of taking an auto belonging to Vaughn Waite on November 12, 1963. He posted \$1000 bail in circuit court with Judge William W. Wells. Date of trial has not been set.

## Columbia Basin Loan Approved

The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a loan to Columbia Basin Electric Co-op of Heppner in the amount of \$976,000, according to a telegram from Senators Wayne Morse, Maurice Neuberger and Rep. Al Ullman to the Gazette-Times.

The loan is to finance the construction of 127 miles of distribution line to serve 98 new consumers, six miles of high line to make extensive improvements, and acquisitions from Pacific Power and Light Company of 90 miles of distribution line and related facilities serving 831 Pacific Power and Light consumers.

This loan expedites the exchange of power facilities between Columbia Basin and Pacific Power and Light. Hearings on the proposed exchange were held in Heppner and Condon recently and decision is now pending by the State Public Utility Commission.

## Episcopal Bishop Coming Sunday

Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, Bend, bishop of Eastern Oregon and diocesan of the Missionary district of the Episcopal church, will make his annual visit to All Saints' Episcopal church Sunday, February 23, for confirmation services at 10:00 a.m.

Father C. Bruce Spencer will present a large class of children and adults for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Laying of Hands, with Bishop's blessing. Confirmation in the church is the act of confirming baptismal vows after instruction, and made in the presence of the Bishop and the congregation. The congregation is urged to be present for the services.

## Candidates Enter Race For Justice

Three candidates have filed for the non-partisan office of justice of the peace, Heppner district, according to information from the office of Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk.

They are Mrs. Arnold (Avon) Melby, who filed on February 13, William James (Jim) Devine, who filed on February 17; and the Rev. Earl Soward, who filed Wednesday, February 19.

Each of the three seeks the position now held by Oliver Creswick, who was appointed by Governor Mark Hatfield to fill the vacancy left by the death of J. O. Hager.

The candidates will run on the nonpartisan ballot and election will be at the time of the primary, May 15, since no runoff between parties is necessary.

All three candidates are well known here. Mrs. Melby is wife of the Heppner High school band director and instrumental music instructor and works part time for the East Oregonian and other daily papers.

The Rev. Soward has lived in Heppner for 13 years and is former pastor of the Heppner Christian church. He is now supply pastor of the Lexington Christian church.

Devine lives on a small place south of Heppner on the Condon highway and is employed by Lexington Implement Company. He formerly was employed by Tri-County Equipment Co.

Two other recent filings were Dick Krebs, Republican, and Joe Tatone, Democrat, for port commission. Other earlier filings for the commission were Al Lamb, Democrat, Dewey West, Republican, and Ron Turner, Republican.

Tatone is the lone candidate for a 2-year term. There are three 4-year positions open. Thus, if no more file on the Republican ticket, all three Republicans will be nominated, and if no more than three file for 4-year terms on the Democratic ticket, all present candidates will be nominated. The winners, then, would be decided at the November election. If Tatone is the lone candidate for the 2-year term, he will be elected.

## Mustangs Face Crucial Game In Final League Title Chase

It should be an interesting week-end, win or lose, for the Heppner High basketball squad as it entertains the Pilot Rock Rockets in its final league game of the season.

The Mustangs defeated the Rockets in an earlier encounter this year and will try to turn the trick again Friday night when the two teams face off on the Heppner court.

The Rockets are still smarting from the pasting they took from the Grant Union and Burns lives on their last outings and will be in an ugly mood this Friday.

The game is a must for the Horsemen. They must win the scrap in able to claim at least a share of the western division Greater Oregon loop crown. Should they lose the encounter, the Mustangs stand a chance of finishing as low as third in the league.

As of this writing, the Mustangs are deadlocked atop the league with the Sherman Huskies. Both teams sport identical 7-2 records in league play. The Huskies will play the Rockets Saturday evening and they too must win in order to stay in contention for the title.

There are many interesting possibilities that depend on the outcome of this final week of regular action.

Here are some of the possibilities. Should Pilot Rock defeat Heppner and Sherman in succession and if Burns should topple Grant Union in their Friday game, the league will be in a three-way tie for the championship with Heppner, Sherman and Burns sharing the honors.

Should Heppner and Burns both win and Sherman lose, then

Burns and Sherman will meet in a playoff to determine the second and third place teams.

If Sherman and Burns win their games and Heppner should lose its game then the Mustangs and Hilanders would have to play the Burns club to determine the second and third place winners in the league.

If Heppner and Burns lose while Sherman is winning, then the Huskies will finish in the first position, the Mustangs in second and the Hilanders in third. If Heppner should win while Burns and Sherman are losing, then the Mustangs will Heppner will be the champ and

finish in first and the Huskies in second.

Another interesting possibility is that if Heppner and Sherman both win, they will have to play off for the championship of the league. That would be the fourth meeting between the two teams this season.

If the teams come to a showdown for the league title, they will both go to the district playoff in La Grande, March 6 and 7. If this is the case, it is possible that they could meet again in the championship or consolation round of the district meet.

Almost any way you look at it, it appears that Heppner hasn't seen the last of the Huskies yet.

## Players Dropped From Mustang Squad

Heppner High's hopes for league and district basketball championships took a severe blow Wednesday when six players were suspended from the squad for the rest of the year in action by Principal Gordon Pratt with concurrence by the school's entire coaching staff.

The six include four of five starters in recent games. In the group are Lee Padberg, Ken Wright, David Anderson, Dave George, Stuart Dick and Doug Dubuque.

The players were dropped for an infraction of training rules that occurred on last week-end's trip to John Day and Burns. All six admitted being involved in drinking beer at a motel following the game with Grant Union, which they won.

According to a report by Coach Bob Cantonwine, the incident happened after 2:30

a.m., long after coaches had believed they were asleep for the night. The matter did not come to the attention of school authorities until this week, and after the boys admitted their implication in the affair, Principal Pratt suspended them with the concurrence of Coaches Cantonwine, Jim Sutherland, Pete Glennie and Don McClure.

The team lost its game with Burns Saturday night following the incident.

Principal Pratt said that the school is investigating the possibility of filing a complaint against an adult allegedly involved in giving the beer to the players.

Heppner High had been rated high in A-2 polls all through the season, and until this incident occurred had shown the best possibility of becoming a state tournament team in recent years.

## Committee Formed For College Support

Formation of a Morrow County committee of Colleges for Oregon's Future, a statewide organization for creating better understanding of the significance of higher education to the future of Oregon and its citizens, was initiated Tuesday at a meeting in the Gilliam and Bisbee building.

George Diehl, assistant director of public services from the office of the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, and Ralph Steelt, director of divisional relations of the State System, were present to implement the organization and tell of its purposes.

Mrs. Nels (Esther) Anderson was elected chairman of the Morrow county committee and Frank Anderson was chosen vice-chairman.

Others present at the organization meeting were Bob Abrams, Esther Kirmis, Hillard Brown, Gordon Pratt, Mrs. Douglas (Grace) Drake, and Wes Sherman.

The state College for Oregon's Future committee is headed by former governor Charles Sprague, who has outlined a 2-fold purpose:

1. To serve as a continuing, active lay group to provide more comprehensive public understanding of the higher education requirements of Oregon youth,

the responsibilities, challenges and needs of higher education thereof to the future of the State of Oregon aid its citizens.

2. In keeping with the intent of the CFOF state committee, the immediate concern of the county committee is directly related to the bond measure which will be voted on at the May election. The measure will ask for a bond issue of \$30,000,000 of which \$25,000,000 would be for higher education projects and \$5,000,000 for community college projects. The measure was authorized by the 1963 legislature and will be on the ballot at the time of the primary election, May 15.

Leaders of CFOF point out that although some informational assistance can be provided by higher education, the role of advocate in issues which are related to the education of our youth and benefits thereof to the state can best be, and should be, performed by dedicated lay citizens who are well informed.

The small group assembled Tuesday discussed some of the increasing enrollments in state problems facing higher education and considered the rapidly increasing institutions of higher education. It was decided to proceed with the committee organization, and Mrs. Anderson was chosen to

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Wednesday	55	27	—
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