

'In-Between' Location Picked for Riverside School

Dr. Hummel Makes 37 Recommendations For Morrow Schools

Thirty-seven recommendations in a 103-page report have been presented to the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 by Dr. Errett Hummel of Portland as a result of a study and survey of the county school system.

In a presentation to the board and public Tuesday night after a session with the directors alone Monday night, Dr. Hummel said that the district "is a million dollar business that is still operating as a very small district."

He said there is urgent need for centralized purchasing, elimination of duplication in purchasing and a need for centralized warehousing.

"No firm that spends \$1 million per year can run without an inventory. Yet you do," he said.

Dr. Hummel said that policies should be written to aid all patrons, school communities, and employees to work together with tolerance. He stressed the need for setting up a cost system.

"You should know the cost of educating a child for a year," he said.

All employees, both certified and non-certified, should be provided with clearly worded statements regarding the conditions of their employment, he said. Non-certified employees should be provided opportunities for their upgrading and improvement. More professional assistance for teachers should be provided.

He said that the county is "several hundred dollars too low on its salary schedule" and the district must face up to this if it expects to get good teachers in competition with other districts.

"You must stop putting off until mid-summer the hiring of teachers," he declared. Dr. Hummel said that at Portland State it is expected that by Christmas of this year 20% of the graduating class of teachers will have been signed to contracts. You know which teachers are chosen first, and you know who will be left by summertime. I don't say this is good; I'm just trying to be realistic."

The educator said that he had talked with two teachers who indicated they planned to leave the district because of poor housing. "This is something that you simply are going to have to face up to," he said.

Prospective teachers must be convinced that the Morrow County schools offer better than average professional advantages if they are to be attracted to employment, Dr. Hummel said.

Policies and procedures relative to hiring teachers and assigning of staff should be reviewed, the educator recommended.

"Staff members acquire a feeling of security, frequently possessiveness, about particular job assignments, and ignore the fact that they have no inherent right to assume that they are always going to teach the fourth grade, or work in this building," he said. "Like any other employee of any organization . . . they can be transferred or shifted if it appears the best interests of the organization may be served by such re-assignment."

On the other hand, Dr. Hummel said that in his interviews "too many times I had teachers tell me that they were unsure of what they were supposed to do."

He had some complimentary words for various schools in the district and their personnel but also had some stern criticism.

Speaking of the Heppner elementary school, he said, "I was very impressed with the very capable and very skillful way of teaching reading. The teachers were doing a good job. But they were not doing a good job of teaching understanding of what is read."

He pointed out the trend towards junior high schools in the county and advised that "if the district wishes to move into a junior high school program, it should do so with thoughtful planning that considers such elements as: Academic curriculum, guidance and counseling, and activity curriculum."

Dr. Hummel said that the Houghton school had a good program pointing towards a junior high without being one, and that it is clear that the school "wants to do more for young teen-agers."

"They are doing even more at Ione, bringing over a high school teacher in biology to help those in the upper grades," he said.

Heppner has the closest approach to a junior high, he said, with a good upper grade departmentalized program. All schools are attempting to do extra things for teen-agers, but he pointed out that there is no coordination in the efforts between the schools.

"You should decide on a program and get all schools to do the same thing without leaving it to the individual principals

Public Invited To Hear Report On School Survey

Dr. Errett Hummel, professor of education at Portland State College, will be present at a joint meeting of the Ione and Heppner Parent-Teacher associations on Wednesday, December 2, at 8 p.m. to present a report on the survey he has concluded on Morrow county schools.

The meeting will be in the elementary school multipurpose room. Dr. Hummel will present recommendations he has made in the survey and will give the public an opportunity to ask questions about the recommendations and the report.

The educator was engaged to make the study in connection with the proposed relocation of the Riverside High school and at the same time consider matters in the district.

His extensive report comprises 103 pages and includes 37 recommendations. Forrest Burkenbine, president of the Heppner PTA, will preside at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Postmaster Urges Careful Wrapping Of Mail Parcels

With the Christmas mailing period at hand, Postmaster Jim Driscoll urges all postal patrons to wrap and tie parcels carefully.

"While the increasing piles of parcel post being received at the post office indicate that many local citizens are preparing early for the Christmas season, it is evident from the condition in which many parcels are arriving that somewhere in transit the gremlins are busy shaking boxes apart, tearing wrappers and splitting the seams on numerous parcels that are not securely wrapped and tied," he said.

Paper tape alone does not seem to withstand the shuffling that the mail receives in transit, Driscoll said.

All fragile items must be protected with corrugated cardboard or the equivalent in addition to a strong outer carton. "We strongly urge that all valuable items be insured," Driscoll said. "Do not send money in an envelope. Purchase a postal money order, a convenient form in which to send money to loved ones, if making a gift in this manner."

UNITED

Thanksgiving

SERVICE

Heppner Nazarene Church
Heppner, Oregon
November 25, 1964 7:30 p.m.

(ORDER OF SERVICE)

- The Piano Prelude
- Call to Worship (100th Psalm) Rev. Dixon
- *Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People" 222
- *Invocation "Rev. Alsop
- Responsive Reading (Page 345) Rev. Boyd
- Ministers' Trio
- Thanksgiving Proclamation Fr. Spencer
- Welcome and Announcements Rev. Weller
- Offertory Prayer Rev. Weller
- Our THANKS-GIVING
- *The Doxology
- Reading of the Holy Scriptures Rev. Dixon
(Philippians 4:1-20)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Robinson
- Vocal Solo Mr. John Schmidt
"Give Thanks and Sing—Harris"
(Accompanist: Mrs. John Schmidt)
- Sermon Rev. Crowell
THANKSLIVING
- *Hymn "America the Beautiful" 228
- *The Benediction Fr. Spencer
- *The Postlude

* The congregation will please stand!

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Engineer Board Gives Approval To Willow Dam

Heppner's Willow Creek dam project took another step forward to remain on schedule last week when the Board of Engineers of Rivers and Harbors approved the project in Washington, D. C., according to a telephone message to the Gazette-Times from Ron Ahern, assistant to Congressman Al Ullman, Friday.

The project must now be approved by the Chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, after which it will be sent back to the Northwest for a period of 90 days for review by all interested agencies.

Following this, it will go to the Public Works committee in Congress for consideration, and it is hoped that it will be included in the next omnibus bill in Congress. Should the project be approved in the omnibus bill, it still must go up for appropriation before it can be continued for construction.

County Judge Oscar Peterson, in commenting to the Chamber of Commerce here Monday on the matter, said that Maj. Gen. W. W. Lapsley, Portland, division engineer of the Engineers, has stated that it was one of the most feasible projects under consideration by the Corps.

Hurts Minor for 6 As Vehicle Rolls

Six young people suffered minor injuries when a roadside bank in the Johnson creek area gave away Sunday evening, causing their car to roll over twice down a 40-ft. embankment.

The six had been hunting and were returning home in the dark near the Paul Hisler place, Stuart Dick, 17, driver of the car, pulled to the outside edge of the road and stopped when he saw lights of another car ahead. He expected to wait for the other car to go by.

However, he was closer to the edge than he realized. The occupants could feel the ledge start to give way and the car slowly rolled over, then gained momentum and rolled over a second time as it went down the embankment.

The car landed on its wheels. The occupants had managed to brace themselves when they felt the car starting to roll and all remained inside. Three of the 1954 station wagon's doors were nearly ripped off, however, and four rifles were thrown out. The car rolled over the rifles and they were in badly damaged condition.

Stuart suffered cuts to the head that required seven stitches to close. Others in the car suffered bruises. Included were Sue Ellen Greenup, Terry Greenup, Jerry Greenup, Bill Snyder and Earl Struckmeier. Jerry's back was scraped and bruised, and Earl was temporarily knocked unconscious.

Don Greenup was in a following car, and he, together with occupants of the stopped car, stopped to give aid. Greenup brought the injured to Heppner for treatment.

Santa Claus to be Saturday Guest Here



Christmas Opening Features Contest with \$250 in Prizes

Old Santa Claus, who hasn't been seen around these parts since the same time last year, will make his first call of the season to Heppner Saturday as a special guest at Heppner's Christmas Opening.

He is due to arrive at 1 p.m. and will be escorted to the main corner on a fire truck. Santa will have candy treats for the kids and has said he is looking forward to meeting and visiting with all of them.

Stores of Heppner will blossom with Christmas merchandise immediately after Thanksgiving and displays of fine gift items will be prominent in most of the business houses.

Twenty firms have announced participation in the annual window guessing contest which has attracted keen interest in former years. Prizes offered in the contest total more than \$250. Full details are announced in the Chamber of Commerce advertisement on page 1, section 2.

Among stores participating are Case Furniture Co., Central Market, L. E. Dick, Elma's Apparel, Gardner's Men's Wear, Gonty's, Humphreys Drug, Lairds', M. Ladies Apparel, M & R Floor Covering and Heating Co., J. C. Penney Co., Peterson's Jewelers, Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply, Heppner Auto Parts, The Gazette-Times, Phil's Pharmacy, C. A. Ruggles Insurance Agency, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Red and White Store, and Western Auto store.

Each store will offer a prize in the contest, and in most instances the store's contest will be to guess the retail value of gift merchandise in a display. However, some of those businesses of a type that does not lend to this sort of contest will have other contests, such as guessing the number of pennies in a jar.

There is no obligation and guessing slips are available at each of the stores. While guessing, however, the public is invited to take a good look at the merchandise the local stores offer for Christmas shoppers. Merchants are making a real effort to provide the very most attractive gift items this year to accommodate all shoppers.

Pecks' Ski Shop Opening Again

Pecks' Ski Shop, operated by the Ken Peck family, will be open for the winter season starting this week-end. Location is in the Main Street site formerly occupied by Fred's Cafe and adjoining Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Insurance.

All types of ski equipment and clothing for ski wear will be offered at the shop. The owners invite the public to come in this week-end to see the re-opened shop and the goods they are stocking.

coming to the community. There will be free parking downtown Saturday with meters hooded.

Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, states that he hopes to have Christmas street lighting installed by the opening event Saturday to give a festive air to the community.

Santa Claus will return to Heppner on future Saturdays, in

accordance with a schedule to be announced later, and a free show for kids is also being considered for a later date, according to L. E. Dick, chairman of the merchants committee.

Copies of this issue of the paper are being mailed to all boxholders in the Kinzua, Spray and Monument areas as an invitation for folks there to come and join the fun of Christmas Opening in Heppner.

Rain, Snow Adds Needed Moisture

Combination of over one-half inch rain and between one and two inches snow over the past four days has brought welcome moisture to farm and range land. Mr. Rain still has a lot of catching up to do during the coming month to bring the yearly average to a normal year, but recent precipitation has been an aid to ranchers in preparing for winter seeding.

Official weather report for the past week as given by Leonard Gilliam, weather observer, is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Thursday	36	25	—
Friday	33	27	—
Saturday	34	29	.12, 1" snow
Sunday	48	32	.14
Monday	58	48	.05
Tuesday	61	31	.23

Graves Threatens Women's Control of Cake Bake-off

The ladies' contingent of the Oregon Wheat Growers League had better look to its culinary laurels when the farm organization convenes its annual state meeting in LaGrande on December 3. For the first time in several years, a male hand will be stirring the cake mix in the League's bake-off for the state cake baking title.

Dean Graves, a wheat farmer from Hardman, walked off with county honors at this summer's Morrow County Fair, and will compete with eight members of the fair sex in the cake baking finals. Should his entry meet with the judges' "taste" at LaGrande, Graves will cop a cash award of \$100 as well as proving that female domination of the kitchen ain't necessarily so.

Competing for the baking prize against the male insurgent will be Mrs. Eunice Squires of Baker, who captured first place at the Baker County Fair, and

Mrs. Floyd Palmer of Olex, the Gilliam County champion. Other county winners who will vie for the state title are Mrs. Josie Cross, Jefferson; Mrs. Kenneth Hattrop, Sherman; Mrs. Joe Garcia, Umatilla; Mrs. Glen Henry, Union; Mrs. Cora Freudenberg, Wallowa and Mrs. Clarence Brown of Wasco County.

Both Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Hattrop were runners-up in last year's state "bake-off," which was won by Mrs. Carol Wulff of Wallowa County.

This year's finals will be held in the home economic kitchen at LaGrande Junior High school. The nine contestants will be required to bake a Silver White layer cake. Entries will be judged on outside and inside appearance, flavor and frosting.

The contest winner and runners-up will be announced at the December 4th annual Wheat League banquet, which climaxes the three-day meet.

Six-Year Plant Due For North

An area in-between Irrigon and Boardman was selected by the directors of Morrow County School District R-1 Tuesday night as the site for relocation of Riverside High school.

In accordance with a report presented by Dr. Errett Hummel, professor of education of Portland State College, prior to the decisions, the site will be somewhere in the area bounded roughly by the Patterson Ferry Junction, the Ordinance property and the newly relocated highway 80N.

At the same time, Dr. Hummel recommended, and the board later approved, that the school to be constructed on this location be a six-year junior and senior high school, including seventh and eighth grades and four grades of high school.

He further recommended, and the board also approved, that six-year elementary schools be provided in each community of the northern end of the county. The board's approval will mean that it must construct a building for the first six grades in Boardman, while the existing A. C. Houghton school will be used for this purpose in Irrigon.

David Potter, school superintendent, asked the board for permission to hire a qualified engineer to study the proposed Riverside site area and to recommend three or four sites that appear best as to drainage, water supply, and other factors that must be considered. The board approved a motion to this effect.

All motions were passed unanimously. Director Roy Partlow of Boardman made the motion to place a 6-year high school in the City of Boardman. Director Harvey Warner made the motion to construct a 6-year junior-senior high school at the 'in-between' site. Director Milton Morgan had made the motion to accept Dr. Hummel's report, and Director Andy Van Scholack made the motion to hire engineers to check for a suitable specific site for the junior-senior high school.

Supt. Potter and Chairman Howard Cleveland each pointed out that some \$900,000 would be available for construction of the schools, including the payment expected from the Army Engineers and \$130,000 plus interest that has been held from proceeds of a serial levy that had been earmarked for construction of the relocated school to fill the gap between the expected Engineers payment and actual cost.

Two Boardman residents, Bob Sicard, a former school board director, and Earl McQuay expressed the feeling that \$900,000 would not be adequate to construct two schools (the Boardman elementary and the junior-senior high) when the amount had been considered sufficient for only one school.

However, Supt. Potter said that he expected it would "come very close, pointing out that the entire Heppner High plant (including the original Unit A) cost about \$900,000, while the proposed junior-senior high would be constructed for 100 less students. He also pointed out that an elementary school can be constructed at considerably less cost than a high school because of the fact that requirements in facilities and equipment are less for the smaller children.

In general, the decision on the schools in the northern part of the county brought a favorable reaction. Warren McCoy of Irrigon said that while residents of both communities may be disappointed that the high school will not be located in their respective towns, he felt that Dr. Hummel's report was sound and that the board should be commended for seeking his services for the survey. Others expressed the feeling that it was a fair solution.

In presenting his recommendations, Dr. Hummel candidly expressed his views that the schools should be designed and planned for education of the children, rather than for any personal or business reasons to satisfy the adults.

"Unfortunately some people look upon the Riverside high school and its location as a means of personal achievement," he said. "Unfortunately personal emotions and personal desires have been allowed to run five years, and in five years people can build up some terrible emotions."

Dr. Hummel interviewed many persons in the county and some 30 financial, business, government and industrial sources in a background study for his recommendations. Among them were the U. S. National Bank, on future prospects for the area; the Boeing Company, the Port of Portland, and Inland Barge Co. He said that after interviewing many persons and sources, both in and out of the county, he was convinced that neither Irrigon nor Boardman would grow to sufficient size in the foreseeable future to justify a secondary school in either community.

"There are only two justifiable reasons for building a school," (Continued on page 8)