

# New Council Loses No Time Getting to City Business Team of Engineers To Assess Damage For Federal Aid

New city officials were given their oaths of office at the first council meeting of the year Monday night and lost no time getting into the routine of business for the City of Heppner.

City Attorney Bob Abrams administered the oath to the new recorder, Mrs. Elaine George, and she, in turn, gave the oath to re-elected Mayor Al Lamb.

Mrs. Ernest McCabe, new city treasurer, and Councilmen Haskell Sharrard, David McLeod and W. C. Rosewall were sworn in by the mayor. For Sharrard and McLeod, this is the first experience on the council, but Rosewall was elected to a full term in the position which he has been serving by appointment.

W. C. (Bill) Collins, another councilman elected in November, was unable to be present.

**Expresses Appreciation**  
Mayor Lamb expressed appreciation to the retiring councilmen, Ed Gonty, Earl Ayers and John Pfeiffer; to Ted Smith, re-

turning recorder; and La Verne Van Marter, who concluded his service as treasurer.

He had particular words of praise for Smith, and said "all have served faithfully and well."

The mayor also expressed appreciation to Supt. Vic Groshens and city employees for having cleaned creek channels and debris from under bridges that placed the city in such a good position for the recent flooding storm.

**Appointments Made**  
Committee appointments were announced as follows:

City service (library, swimming pool, parks, street lights) — Leroy Gardner, chairman, David McLeod, W. C. Rosewall.

Fire department — McLeod, chairman, Carl Spaulding, Haskell Sharrard.

Finance (fees, license, budgets) — Spaulding, chairman, Rosewall, Gardner.

Streets, property and ordinances — Rosewall, chairman, W. C. Collins, Sharrard.

Police — Collins, chairman,

Gardner, Rosewall.  
Sanitation and health — Sharrard, chairman, McLeod, Gardner.

Water — Collins, chairman, Gardner, Rosewall.  
On the planning and zoning commission, which includes some non-council members, are: Rosewall, chairman, Collins, Spaulding, Elvira Irbay, C. E. McQuarrie, Randall Peterson and Jim Myers.

Other appointments for the year include the following: City attorneys, Mahoney and Abrams; health officer, Dr. W. H. Wolff; chief of police, Dean Gilman.

**Flood Damage Minor**  
Supt. Groshens reported to the council that damage in Heppner was very minor during the flood.

One main was washed out along the upper Willow Creek road and a 6-inch main was broken under the Willow Creek bridge on Main street.

One foot bridge was washed out on Cannon street and lawns and yards of some homes in that area were flooded. Max Buschke

had reported to Councilman Gardner that low bridges above his place on the stream channel dammed the water and caused the flooding. All the bridges are privately owned.

The mayor instructed the street committee to check the area and see what might be done to alleviate the condition.

**Jaycees Offer Help**  
Councilman Sharrard reported that Jaycees had contacted him about their willingness to erect new street signs if the city purchased them. Some are missing and some have been damaged.

Metal post type signs one of which had been sent to the council by a firm as a sample, were considered too expensive since it would cost the city \$3000 to do the job with them, Groshens said.

The superintendent was asked to get prices on less expensive signs.

The Assembly of God asked the cost of using the old city library as a meeting place for one hour per Sunday on a regu-

lar basis. Churches have been allowed to use the library without charge for occasional meetings. It was decided that since the meetings would be regular and the city would have the expense of lights and heat that the regular rental rate of \$2 per meeting should apply.

**Fire Contract Talked**  
Marcel Jones and Dick Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the rural fire protection district and said that the contract with the city on rural fire protection will expire June 30. They said that they want to negotiate a new contract for another five years.

It was agreed that the council's fire committee will meet with the rural fire protection board at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 13, in the IOOF hall to consider the new contract.

During the past five years the fire district has paid the city \$3700 per year, which includes the purchase of the rural truck. The rural district includes an area approximately seven miles in radius from the city.

# Team of Engineers To Assess Damage For Federal Aid

State and federal engineers will visit Morrow county Thursday, January 14, to start assessing damage to public property done by the flood as a basis for federal aid under Public Law 875. County Judge Paul Jones said after attending a meeting in Pendleton Monday.

With him at the meeting were Commissioners Walter Hayes and Gene Ferguson. Supt. David Putter and Principal Everett Holstein of Ione represented the schools and Mayor Charles J. Connor and Bill Rietmann were present on behalf of the City of Ione.

After the assessment is completed, the county may apply for

a 75% advance of the figure, which is said to be available upon application, Judge Jones said.

However, the intent is not to replace property destroyed "in kind," but merely to bring the damaged property to minimal needs and make emergency repairs.

On work of an emergency nature already done by the county, the law will reimburse for overtime work of employees, pay for fuel and oil used by equipment, and will pay for parts on equipment that must be replaced because of breakdowns while engaged on flood disaster work.

Since the flood, county road crews have been working on a 24-hour week, the judge said. This means that the federal government will pay for the 14 hours per week that each employee works above the normal 40-hour week.

The public law will pay for patching clogged roads but not for replacement. It will replace washouts and provide two courses of gravel on gravel roads up to a width of 12 feet. Cost for additional width must be borne by the county.

It will pay for silt removal, debris clearance, channel clearance and replace bridges and culverts to minimal standards. If washed out culverts can be found, they must be used in the restoration.

Only one major bridge was washed out in the county, that over Rock Creek on the Lone-rock road. The federal government will reimburse for the cost of building a 12 ft. wide structure of untreated local timber, but the county must bear the cost of replacing that portion which would bring the bridge up to its width and quality standards.

Application for the funds must be made within 90 days of December 24, 1964, and work must be completed within a year, the judge said.

What the estimate of damage by the team will be is anyone's guess at this point. A previous estimate within the county placed loss to roads and bridges at \$300,000 and to the City of Ione and Ione High school at \$15,000.

Judge Jones said that he understood it would "do no good" for the county to apply for more than that estimated by the team.

"It doesn't look as if we can restore our roads to anywhere near their previous standard without the serial road levy," the judge said. The county court will discuss when to propose the levy to another vote of the public and the amount to ask for after it has been determined what damages will be forthcoming from the federal government, Jones said.

The team coming here is concerned only with public property and they can offer no relief through Public Law 875 to private property. Private individuals who are damaged may apply to other sources, information on which is available through the county agent's office.

Meanwhile, several roads in the county remained closed this week and a number were open only to one-way traffic.

The upper Rhea Creek road was opened to trucks by action of the county court Wednesday after a delegation from Kinzua Corporation approached the court on the matter, pointing out the necessity of getting logs cold jacked now. The Willow Creek road was opened to trucks two days ago.

The opening was permitted with the understanding that if breakup of the roadbed starts, the county court "will take another look" at the matter, Judge Jones said.

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## Todd James Asher New Years Baby In Morrow County

(Picture of the New Years baby and parents will be printed next week. It failed to get back from the engravers in time for this edition.)

Arriving just after the flood of December, 1964, Todd James Asher received a deluge of his own when he was born in Pioneer Memorial hospital on New Years day.

As the first baby born in the county, he qualified for a flood of prizes from 36 Heppner and Lexington firms with a total value of over \$150.

The boy weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces at birth and is the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Asher of Spray. His sisters are Valerie Kay, 12 and Bonnie Joy, 6 and his brother is Roger Dean, 9.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Asher of Spray and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangs of Spokane, Wn.

Father of "Mr. 1965" is employed by Barney Malcom as sawyer in the sawmill at Spray, temporarily shutdown while repairs are made to flood damages suffered at the plant.

Todd, who arrived at 7:50 a.m. on January 1, had a good edge on the second baby born in the new year at the hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Way of Lexington at 8:34 p.m. on January 4.

While the sawmill is shutdown, the father of the No. 1 baby can spend part of his time collecting the prizes offered. He has been given a letter of introduction from the Gazette-Times to be used as he goes to the 36 participating firms.

## Red Cross Names Locke Drive Head

Jack Locke of the Heppner branch, First National Bank of Oregon, has been appointed fund campaign chairman for the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, Bill Crooke, chapter chairman, announces.

The appointment was made by the directors of the chapter last week, Crooke said. The fund will be conducted during the month of March.

Crooke also announced that an area Red Cross meeting, scheduled for Yakima later in January, has been postponed indefinitely because so many volunteer workers are engaged in work connected with the flood in the northwest.

## Captain Bristow Wins DFC For Airmanship, Courage

Capt. John L. Bristow, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow of Ione, was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross at his Greenville, Texas, Air Force Station in late December, according to information received here.

The decoration was presented by Lt. Col. H. C. Mann, commander of the Air Force Logistics Command Liaison Office at Greenville, in ceremonies attended by Air Force personnel.

Citation, signed by General Curtis LeMay, attributed "outstanding airmanship and courage" shown by Capt. Bristow while flying co-pilot on a special mission during a previous assignment as the occasion for the honor. Details of the incident were not released.

Capt. Bristow, who was recently assigned to the Texas post, joined the Air Force in February, 1956, and completed pilot training the following year. He was assigned with the Strategic Air Command and served in Great Falls, Mont., at Clinton Sherman AFB, Okla., and at Allison AFB, Alaska, prior to his present assignment.

A graduate of Ione High school, the airman received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Oregon State University. His wife is the former Marie Linder of Hermiston, and they have two children, Douglas, 4, and Linda, 3. The

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THESE PHOTOS, taken by Jim Devine, show more of the flood damage in Morrow county. Rolled in a ball of debris in picture top left is a tractor of Noval Lane which was caught in Willow Creek floodwaters near the mouth of the creek. At bottom left, damage to the U. P. branch line is shown at the overpass of the new cutoff to highway 80N. Dotted line marks spot formerly occupied by the tracks. At upper right, damage to the road to the old Heppner junction is visible, showing heavy wash along the road.

## WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of January 1-7 is as follows:

|           | Hi | Low | Prec.   |
|-----------|----|-----|---------|
| Friday    | 27 | 23  | —       |
| Saturday  | 42 | 33  | —       |
| Sunday    | 46 | 32  | 06      |
| Monday    | 42 | 25  | —       |
| Tuesday   | 48 | 35  | —       |
| Wednesday | 53 | 33  | 48      |
| Thursday  | 42 | 22  | 04 snow |

## Mustangs, Rockets Vie Friday in League Game

Running 4-0 in basketball action so far this season, the Heppner High Mustangs travel to Pilot Rock Friday night for their first league game.

Coch. Bob Clough's team holds victories over Enterprise, DeSales (of Walla Walla) and a pair over Condon, including the

Tuesday night contest. The team has yet to meet defeat and received five points Tuesday in the Oregonian A-2 poll.

When they go to Pilot Rock Friday night the home five will be in something of a favored role but could be upset by the Rockets who are usually tough to handle on their own floor.

The DeSales quint was scheduled to come to Heppner Saturday night for an interrupted return game with the Mustangs, but it has been postponed again. It was first scheduled for prior to Christmas but was postponed because of the pre-holiday storm. The December 18 game with Enterprise was also postponed, and is now tentatively re-scheduled for February 13 at Enterprise.

The DeSales game is now tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, here.

The scheduled December 16 game with the Ione Cardinals here was moved to Friday, January 19, at Heppner.

An outstanding performance by Gene Heliker in the game at Condon last week puts him in the running for a starting berth on the Mustang five. Heliker, a Jaycee last year who has seen limited action earlier this season, poured in 17 points in two quarters of play against Condon there. Coach Clough has not announced that Heliker will start but it is quite obvious that it will be up for consideration. Gene plays at a guard post.

Heppner and Pilot Rock play a rather unusual schedule of four games, two of which are league contests and two of which are kings-X affairs. The first one, Friday night, is a counter, but a second contest, coming January 23, also at Pilot Rock is a non-counting tilt. The Rockets then come to Heppner on February 6 for another kings-X game before the final battle here on February 26, the second league game between the teams.

## Christmas Seal Sale Totals \$825; Cooperation Urged

Total of \$825.50 has been collected from sale of Christmas Seals in Morrow county as of December 31. Mrs. H. J. Stroeber, chairman, announces the goal for the 1964 campaign was \$1200. Those who have not yet sent in their payments for the seals or contributions in the continuing fight against tuberculosis are urged to do so at once so that a final report may be made.

Envelopes may be returned to the respective community chairman: Heppner, Mrs. W. L. Cox; Lexington, Mrs. Gene Cutsforth; Ione, Mrs. Paul Tewes; Irrigon, Mrs. Ruth Coy; Boardman, Mrs. Dewey West, Jr.

During the past year the funds Morrow county Tuberculosis and Health association received from the campaign have supported the following:

New duplicating machine at the Morrow county Tuberculosis and Health association.

A flu clinic held with the cooperation of Boardman and Irrigon residents.

Taking of 159 small X-rays at Pioneer Memorial hospital and nine large X-rays, also at the hospital.

Administering 242 tuberculin tests to the school children of the county.

Mrs. Stroeber also announced that free X-rays are available at Pioneer Memorial hospital the first Wednesday of each month.

## 4 Teams to Play In Sunday Games

Three town teams, Ione, Heppner and Condon, and Blue Mountain College team will play in a basketball doubleheader in the Ione High School gym Sunday, starting at 2 p.m.

Heppner's Townies, organized by Harley Sager, will vie with Condon, spearheaded by Ted Schadewitz, former college star, in the opener.

Blue Mountain's varsity will play against the Ione Townies in the second game, to start at approximately 3:30. Tom Pointner of Lexington will be on the Blue Mt. team. Among the players participating for Ione will be Carol Miller, Gene Doherty, Larry Rietmann, Keith Rea, Francis Rea, Kenneth Brenner, Leonard McKinney, Marvin Padberg, Les Matthews, Wayne Ball, Lindsay Kincaid, and Don Eubanks as coach.

There will be no admission charge, but "the hat will be passed" for contributions to cover expenses. All are urged to come out for an afternoon of entertainment, and to support their favorite teams.

## Auto Smashed As Tree Topples

High winds that hit the area in early morning hours Saturday caused a big black walnut tree to fall on the parked car of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt at their home in Lexington at about 2:30 a.m.

The car was severely damaged with a portion of the top crushed and the windshield broken out. Mrs. Hunt said. A woven wire fence and its concrete foundation were also damaged.

The tree was some two feet in diameter and perhaps 40 to 50 feet high. The Hunts did not realize that the tree had fallen until they went out later in the morning, although they had heard the high wind in the night.



JUDGE PAUL JONES took the oath of office as Morrow county judge Monday. Others starting new terms were Walter Hayes, commissioner; Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer; Sadie Parrish, clerk; C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff; and Earl Soward, justice of the peace. Four past commissioners also began new terms.

## Engineers Request Pictures of Flood

Pictures of the flood in Morrow county are requested by the Walla Walla district, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, to be used in compiling flood histories of the area and compiling data for future reference. David G. Welch of the Corps states.

Any with such pictures are asked to turn them into the Gazette-Times for forwarding to the district. Welch said that payment will be made for the pictures if requested. Negatives are usable, and after prints are made, can be returned.

## Sager Appointed Heart Chairman For County Drive

The Oregon Heart Association has announced the appointment of Harley Sager as Morrow county campaign chairman for 1965.

Serving with Sager as committee chairman in the month-long campaign which begins here and throughout the nation on February 1, are Mrs. Frank Hamlin, Heppner chairman, who has been very active in the past with the Heart Fund drive; Mrs. John Ledbetter, Lexington chairman, and Carol Miller, chairman of the Ione community drive. Ruth Chapter No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will handle the house-to-house solicitations in Heppner.

The Heart Fund drive will reach its high point during Heart Week, February 15 through 21, when volunteers in all of the county's community residential areas will visit their neighbors to deliver educational information on how to reduce the risk of heart attack and to accept contributions to the Heart Fund. It is conducted simultaneously in thousands of communities throughout the United States and affords every family in the community an opportunity to contribute.

Morrow county's number one health enemy, diseases of the heart and blood vessels, accounted for 15 of the 36 deaths in the county last year, or 42%. Since the first Heart Fund campaign in 1949, there had been a decline of 7% per cent in the cardiovascular death rate applying to American males aged 45 to 64.

"The Heart Fund is a great crusade against the number one health enemy of our nation in which we all can participate through giving and serving as volunteers. I am happy and proud to serve as chairman of this 1965 drive," said Sager.

Volunteers are still needed in the Boardman and Irrigon areas and anyone interested may contact Harley Sager at the First National Bank in Heppner, by writing him in care of P. O. Box 527, Heppner, or by phoning 989-8438, Lexington.

## Banks Announce Interest Increase

Both banks serving Morrow county have announced increases on rates of interest effective as of January 1, 1965.

Gene Pierce, manager of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, said that interest paid on savings accounts in the three branches of the bank, Arlington, Ione, and Heppner, will be increased to 4%. Deposits made prior to January 10 will bear interest from January 1, he said.

First National Bank of Oregon also announced increase of its rate of interest on regular savings to 4% through Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system. Voss said the increase is retroactive to January 1.