

Directors Refuse Contract Renewal

Board of directors of Morrow county school district R-1 voted 5 to 1 at a meeting Monday night not to renew the contract of Hillard Brown, elementary school administrator in Heppner for the past six years.

The action came in an open meeting after the matter had been discussed in an executive session. The advisory board had voted 6-2 against the renewal in recommending the action to the school board.

No reason was stated by the directors for the action, but it was clear that discussions had centered on administrative matters.

Director Irvin Rauch of Lexington was the only one to vote in favor of retaining Brown. Chairman Howard Cleveland did not vote, since it is customary that he vote only in breaking a tie.

The action came as a surprise to many in the community, and a number expressed their feelings to the Gazette-Times in person or by telephone. Consensus of these comments was to the effect that Brown has served as a conscientious and responsible administrator.

Contacted Wednesday night, Brown said that he did not wish to comment on the matter but said that he had not been officially notified nor given the reasons for the action. He said,



JIM DOHERTY thrilled local basketball fans Friday night when he fired four long shots in a row to score eight quick points against the Sherman Huskies. He will be in action Friday night here against Wah-tonka.

Wahtonka Hoopers Due Here Friday; Ione in Showdown

Important games face both the Heppner Mustangs and the Ione Cardinals in basketball Friday night with the Heppner five playing Wahtonka here while Ione travels to Umatilla in a showdown for the leadership of the Umatilla-Morrow B league.

The Mustangs will entertain DeSales of Walla Walla at home Tuesday night, February 2, in a return game. The Heppner lads topped DeSales in their first game on December 11, and a scheduled return game here on December 19 was postponed on account of bad weather. Jayvee teams will open the evening at 6:30.

In Wahtonka, the Heppner five has a highly respected adversary in the Greater Oregon league although the team from The Dalles took it on the chin from Pilot Rock Friday night, 56 to 43. This brought the Rockets into second place in the western division, behind Grant Union, which defeated Burns, now in third. Wahtonka was scheduled to play Grant Union Saturday night but the game was postponed because of bad weather.

Heppner's kings-X games with Pilot Rock, also scheduled Saturday, were postponed, too, because of the icy conditions.

Coach Bob Clough's team is surging back after its rough road trip to the southland and they hope to add Wahtonka as another rung of the ladder in their climb towards the top of the loop.

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Creeks Go on Flood Rampage

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REP. IRVIN MANN of Stanfield, a member of the legislature as a freshman representative from the 28th district, including Morrow county, is shown conferring with Governor Mark Hatfield in Salem as the legislative session gets underway.

Heart Campaign Seeks \$800 Goal In Morrow County

The 1965 Heart Fund campaign, spearheading force in the nationwide fight against heart and blood vessel diseases which now accounts for 55 per cent of all deaths, will get underway here and in 6500 other American communities, Monday, February 1. Continuing through the month, it will reach its high point with a residential canvass during Heart Week, from Monday, February 15, through Sunday, February 21.

General chairman of the Morrow county campaign is Harley Sager. Other important posts in the appeal are being filled by Mrs. Frank Hamlin, chairman of the Heppner campaign; Mrs. John Ledbetter, campaign chairman in Lexington, and Carol Miller, heading the drive in Ione. Mrs. Hamlin will work closely with the local American Legion Auxiliary in the business establishment canvass, an important phase of the month-long drive. The American Legion Auxiliary was the first organization to donate to the American Heart Association on a national basis, donating \$50,000 in 1958, and has continued each year to play an important role toward the success of the appeal.

The local Heart Fund goal is \$800. A year ago the total realized was \$643.23. These public contributions are used to support research, education and community service programs of the Oregon Heart Association.

PTA to Sponsor Show February 10

Favorite hobbies and collections which persons have and wish to share with others will be welcomed at the PTA-sponsored Hobbies and Collectors Show, set for Wednesday evening, February 10, at the Heppner High school multipurpose room.

It is hoped that a wide variety of crafts, art, historical or any favorite collection of both adults and youth will be entered. There will be tables set up for display, and those entering are asked to bring articles between 3 and 5:00 that afternoon, and are asked to pick them up immediately after the meeting.

Information may be secured from Mrs. Clint McQuarrie or Mrs. Lowell Gribble, committee chairman.

A short business meeting will begin at 8 p.m., and observance of Founder's Day will be during the evening and social hour.

Wranglers to Plan For Cutting Event

The Wranglers club will make plans for the spring cow cutting event at a meeting Tuesday night, February 2, at the fairgrounds. The cutting event is to be held this year on April 17 and 18.

Also at the meeting a motion picture film, "The Horse America Made," concerning the American saddle horse, will be shown. Jerry Dougherty, club president, will be in charge.

Group Considers Forming Mental Health Clinic in County

As a result of a Tuesday night meeting with representatives of the Mental Health Division, Oregon State Board of Control, a committee of citizens will study the possibilities of forming a mental health clinic to serve Morrow county.

Judge Paul Jones will act as temporary chairman of the group, working with doctors, teachers, ministers and other county officials as the volunteer committee interested in the matter.

At a no-host dinner meeting in All Saints' Episcopal parish hall Tuesday night, Robert E. Stevens, mental health plan-

Bank of EO Shows Gains in Deposits, Loans, Earnings

For the eighth consecutive year the Bank of Eastern Oregon made substantial gains in deposits, loans and earnings. It was reported at the regular annual meeting of the stockholders held Wednesday, January 20, at Arlington in the new city hall.

Of the 1500 shares of stock outstanding, 1203 were either present or represented by proxy. During the business meeting the plans of the new Arlington office were presented to those present and the financing of the building was discussed. It was pointed out that some \$47,500 was set aside in the bank's reserves and undivided profits during 1964 in contemplation of having to build and move in 1965 or 1966.

Directors elected to serve during 1965 were John W. Krebs, Earl P. Hoag, D. L. Lemon and Dave Childs, all of Arlington, Arthur A. Allen of Boardman, Gar Swanson of Ione, and Howard Bryant, R. B. Ferguson and Gene Pierce, all of Heppner.

John Krebs was re-elected as chairman of the board of directors and Gene Pierce was re-elected president. William F. Slewert of Heppner was elected vice president and cashier. James F. Green was re-elected assistant cashier and manager of the Arlington office and Marlon C. Green was re-elected assistant cashier and manager of the Ione office.

Advanced First Aid Course Starts Monday

An advanced course in Red Cross first aid will start Monday, February 1, at 7:30 in the Junior High school library, according to Bill Crook, instructor and chapter chairman.

Over 20 persons successfully completed the first session of standard first aid classes last Monday night and are eligible for the advanced course. The class will last two hours of each Monday evening through the month of February.

ning coordinator; Dorothy Col-lard, psychiatric nursing consultant; and Dr. Clement Vickery, assistant administrator of the Oregon State hospital, Salem, discussed the matter of mental health and the possibility of setting up a clinic here. Some 25 citizens, including doctors, county officials, teachers, nurses, attorneys, and others, were present to ask questions.

After a three-hour session, it was apparent that enough interest was expressed on the matter to warrant further investigation. A volunteer committee of some 10 persons agreed to meet again on February 24 in

Tax Study Bill Pleases Rep. Mann

A decision Friday of the House of Representatives taxation committee to introduce as a committee bill a measure creating a permanent legislative tax study committee was reported by Irvin Mann, Jr., of Stanfield, who represents the 28th legislative district and is a member of the taxation committee.

Mann expressed pleasure that the measure would have the prestige of being a committee-sponsored bill.

"The success of this bill would be the first concrete step toward needed tax reform and arriving at base-broadening tax procedures that will be able to withstand the inevitable referendum that awaits any new tax law," he said.

Mann added that although no new taxes might be needed for the next biennium, it was apparent that normal increase in education's requirements would bring about a necessity for new taxes in the 1967 session and the permanent tax study committee would be the "ideal vehicle to study such base-broadening taxes that are needed in order that we may have some meaningful reduction in property taxes."

In a campaign being staged for the charitable organization, "Eyes for the Needy," the Altar Society of St. William's church, Ione, is seeking old eye glasses and discarded hearing aids. Mrs. Dick McElligott is chairman of the local project.

Old Hearing Aids, Eye Glasses Sought

Collection boxes are to be placed in Hick's Market and Bristow's Market, Ione; Del's Market, Lexington; Phil's Pharmacy, Bank of Eastern Oregon and First National Bank, Heppner.

All who have glasses or hearing aids of no further value to them are asked to give them to this cause. The Ione Lions club is cooperating in supporting the project.

Club Leaders Receive Awards For Achievement

Mrs. L. A. McCabe, Ione, was given a diamond and gold pin in honor of her 20th year of 4-H leadership at the Morrow County 4-H Leader's banquet, January 27.

Others receiving recognition for the 1963-64 4-H year are: 13th year—Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mrs. Louis Carlson, and Everett Struckmeier; 12th year—Mrs. N. C. Anderson; 11th year—Mrs. Andrew Skiles; 9th year—Wilbur Van Blokland; 7th year—Mrs. Mildred Davidson, Marcel Jones, and Mrs. John Swearingin; 6th year—Charles Daly, Mrs. F. J. Murtishaw, Mrs. W. E. Rawlins, Gary Tullis, and Mrs. B. J. Doherty; 5th year—Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, Weldon Witherrite, and E. J. Doherty; 4th year—Mrs. Gene Cutsforth, Mrs. Keith Bea, Kurt Gantenbein, Mrs. Louis Shade and Barbara Witherrite; and 3rd year—Rachel Harnett and Pat O'Brien; Mrs. Leo Ashbeck, Mrs. Howard Crowell, Andrew Skiles and Chester Wilson.

Second year recognition was given Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Robert Abrams, Mrs. Lary Cook, Raymond French, Mrs. Bill Gentry, Floyd Jones, Gene Hall, Mrs. William J. Doherty, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Gene Harryman, O. J. King, Mrs. George Sawyer, Mrs. Harold Van Horn, Harold Van Horn, and Mrs. Arnold Hoffman.

First year leaders are: Robert Bergstrom, Mrs. Harriett Evans, Dean Graves, Mrs. Lorine Ledbetter, Mrs. Dave McLeod, Mrs. Wallace Wolff, Mrs. Ernest Christopherson, Mrs. Ralph Crum, Herb Ekstrom, Jr., Jim Pettysjohn, Mrs. William Spohn, Mrs. Ewing Hynd, Mrs. Henry Krebs, Mrs. Harold Baker, Harold Baker, Mrs. Floyd Hobbs, Mrs. Max Jones, Ollis Lathrop, Mrs. Charles Mead, Mrs. Wilbur Olin, Mrs. Richard Ryan, and Ted Talbott.

Chamber to Have Lunch at School

Heppner - Morrow county Chamber of Commerce will have luncheon at the high school Monday, it is announced by Randall Peterson, president.

Members and guests will be transported by bus from the wagon wheel cafe. Those planning to go on the bus are asked to be at the cafe at noon sharp.

Mike Bengé Home From Vietnam Duty; To Leave Sunday

Mike Bengé of Ione, who has been working with International Volunteer Services in Kontum province, Vietnam, arrived home Saturday for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé, and friends here.

He will leave again Sunday for Washington, D. C., flying from Pendleton, to prepare for an assignment in federal employment after which he will return to Vietnam for two more years under the new program. This will not be associated with International Volunteer Services.

Bengé, 29, arrived by bus in Arlington where he was met by his parents. He left Vietnam by air and came via Honolulu to Portland, spending two weeks in Hawaii en route.

Mike lost weight in working with the Montagnards in Vietnam but regained some of it on his vacation in Hawaii. He was away from the conflict in Vietnam, and he said that he enjoyed his work very much.

A graduate of Ione High school and Oregon State University, Bengé also stopped to visit at OSU on the trip home. He is making several talks at schools and local organizations while he is here.

Lena Bridge Out; Fairground Covered

This will be known as the winter of the floods that wouldn't quit.

Hinton Creek, which behaved itself in the Christmas flood, and Little Butter Creek went on rampages early Thursday (today), fed by heavy rains in the mountains and melting snow.

The state highway bridge at Lena was washed out on the Heppner-Pilot Rock road and several bridges on the county road up Little Butter Creek were taken out, County Judge Paul Jones said. The Ray French and Paul Hisler families were isolated by the flooding, and French asked the county to repair damage as quickly as possible because he must haul hay to feed his stock.

County shops and the fair buildings were surrounded by the swollen Hinton creek early Thursday. Water came in the shops, but it was swept out by the county crews. Little damage was done.

The flood waters came up

some four inches above door sills of the fair pavilion, but Glen Ward and Shorty Hudson said they were able to block off the water, and contrary to some reports, the floor was not covered. Ward said that they were able to mop up seepage around the doors as it came in.

The rodeo grounds looked more like the setting for a water carnival than for the rodeo or football games. It was a big windswep lake Thursday morning.

At the Bill Barratt ranch, the torrential Hinton Creek waters washed out dams and cattle were in jeopardy. One woman reported seeing a cow swept in to the creek and it tumbled in the torrent going downstream, apparently to drown.

The Willow Creek golf course appeared to be taking more damage and the creek seemed to be trying to cut a new channel across the bend where the bridge is located.

Fields below town on the Frank Parker and Fred Hoskins places and the Wightman place were covered.

Tuesday night brought damage in other parts of the county when heavy rains came and snows melted on the frozen ground. Several culverts and fills on county roads were washed out, a culvert in Juniper canyon, another near the Milt Morgan place, fills by the Crabtree place at Ione and another by the Markham Baker place. Judge Jones said that it was also reported a temporary fill that had replaced December damage near the Oscar Peterson place went out.

Willow Creek did not overflow its banks above Heppner but it was rolling strong. Ken Peck reported that a culvert had filled with rocks about a quarter-mile above the pavement's end on the Willow Creek road, and it appeared that the creek would wash out the road at that point.

County Agent Nels Anderson was making a check of damage Thursday, but said that it would be difficult to assess until the waters went down. By noon, they were receding and it appeared the crest had past—unless there is more to come from the floods that apparently won't quit!

Heppner itself had only mild rains and there was no trouble inside the city.

As of 1 p.m. Thursday, Ione had no trouble. Rhea Creek apparently was not flooding substantially. Mayor Charlie O'Connor said he had checked and didn't expect any trouble.

"Maybe we're living right for a change," he said.

As to the county road damage, Judge Jones was very concerned. "We just can't keep ahead of it," he said.

Complete weather report from Leonard Gilliam is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	48	31	.09
Saturday	42	26	.19
Sunday	36	27	.21
Monday	38	32	.05
			snow
Tuesday	40	33	—
Wednesday	49	37	—
Thursday	52	41	.11

Three Towns Set Mothers' March

Plans are underway for the annual Mothers' March as part of the March of Dimes campaign, according to Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz, county chairman.

A group of mothers will call on residents in Heppner, Lexington and Ione for donations. People wishing to donate are urged to turn their porch lights on that evening.

Wednesday evening, February 3, is the date set for the March by mothers in Heppner and Lexington. Mrs. Dick Robison and Mrs. Stacy Lovgren have been selected as co-chairmen of the drive in Heppner, with Mrs. Delbert Piper in charge in Lexington.

Mrs. Ralph Kincaid, head of the volunteers in Ione, announces that mothers will call on people in Ione on Monday evening, February 1.

Contributions to the March of Dimes help finance birth defect study and treatment centers throughout the nation, along with polio care.

Merchants' Meet To Plan for Year

All Heppner merchants and any others interested are called to a meeting of the merchants' committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday night, February 1, at 7:30 in the old city library, Bob Henry, chairman, states.

Promotion plans and merchandising events for Heppner will be discussed. Among items to be considered will be another Sidewalk Bazaar, a "Moonlight Madness" sale, events surrounding the rodeo, crowning of the rodeo queen, and other monthly promotions.

Henry urges all merchants to be present in order that an effective program for the year may be worked out.

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