

# Road Serial Levy Passes by Whopping Majority

## Engineer Predicts Dam Will Attract 20,000 Annually

An estimated 20,000 persons would come to Heppner annually to enjoy the recreation features of the Willow Creek dam if the project is completed as now contemplated, Col. Frank McElwee, district engineer of the Walla Walla district, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, told members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Sports fishing, with stocking of the reservoir by the state, and other recreation would be enjoyed as one of the multipurpose features of the dam.

Col. McElwee said that the Oregon legislature has sent a memorial to Congress asking that the project be authorized. If it is authorized in an omnibus bill this year, Congressional appropriation must follow for drawing the detailed design. Cost reimbursement features

must be worked out also prior to actual construction.

"If no bottlenecks develop, it will take a minimum of five years to get the project," Col. McElwee said. In answer to a question, he explained that the "five years" means having the project finished and water in the reservoir.

The pool would rise some 100 feet above the elevation of Heppner, he said, and explained that it has to be placed near town in order to catch both Willow Creek and Balm Fork.

While benefit-cost ratio has been figured in preliminary studies at 1.2 to 1, this does not take into account the additional "benefit ratio" in protection of human life, the colonel said.

"This is one of the most important," he said.

One hundred acre feet of the water storage would be reserved for municipal and industrial supply, and the city would reimburse the Engineers for this water. However, it would not need to use the water until it needs it, and would not have to start paying for it until it uses it, Col. McElwee said. The city could wait as long as 15 years, he said.

Explaining that the Engineers would not sell water, but only storage, some other agency would administer the water for irrigation, probably the Bureau of Reclamation. Cost would depend on benefits and ability to pay, which remains to be worked out.

All existing water rights on the creek would be protected, the speaker said, and irrigation water would be only that available above existing rights.

A continuous flow of two second feet per water year-around, would be assured by the dam on Willow Creek, Col. McElwee said. This is a flow of about 900 gallons per minute.

Cost of the dam is figured at \$6,690,000 with total storage capacity of 11,500 acre feet.

Assisted by Merwyn Jenkins, staff planner, Col. McElwee showed pictures of the December and January floods, including scenes of Willow Creek, Butter Creek, town of John Day, John Day River, Umatilla River, Highway 30, La Grande and Milton-Freewater.

He said that the Willow Creek project would not have prevented flooding of lower Willow creek as it occurred in the December floods.

Damage suffered on the John Day Dam project to cofferdams and other installations, while extensive, was "peanuts compared to the beating farmers took," the colonel said.

The John Day River's flooding was amazing, scoring the river bed to a depth of 15 feet, he said.

Army Engineers are now working at more than 300 sites in the state to make repairs and be prepared for whatever else may come.

"The spring is not over yet," he declared, pointing out that in some areas there is more than 20 inches of normal snowpack and moisture.

Also, with Col. McElwee was Jake Woodruff, staff engineer with the Corps at Walla Walla. The visitors were introduced by County Judge Paul Jones.



**DON SCHOLLANDER**  
Famous swimmer is state chairman of the 1965 Easter Seal Sale.

## Mrs. Lindstrom Named Chairman For Easter Seals

Appointment of Mrs. Arthur (June) Lindstrom of Ione as chairman of the 1965 Easter Seal campaign in Morrow county has been announced by Ralph D. Floberg, president of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and adults.

Mrs. Lindstrom will lead local volunteers in the cause for crippled children during the 1965 Easter Seal appeal March 1 through Easter Sunday, April 18. An Easter Lily sale will be conducted by Ione girls on Saturday, April 10.

Coin containers, for receiving contributions for the Society for Crippled Children, will be placed in local business outlets by March 1.

The society assists many throughout the state. Among those helped locally by the society was Dean Lovgren of Heppner who was crippled in an auto accident two years ago.

In accepting the Easter Seal chairmanship, Mrs. Lindstrom said, "I am deeply honored to take such a prominent role in activities of the Easter Seal organization, a voluntary agency that has worked to help the handicapped in the nation for 44 years. I invite the volunteer cooperation of all residents of Morrow county in helping to bring this very finest work to as many crippled adults and children as possible in 1965."

Don Schollander of Lake Oswego, Olympic gold medal winner and most-honored athlete in Oregon's history, will serve as state chairman of the 1965 Easter Seal sale.

Proceeds of the sale of Easter Seals are used to finance various projects of the society, including the Children's Hospital school in Eugene, Camp Easter Seal on the coast, Oregon's only summer camp designed for the exclusive use of physically handicapped persons; three mobile therapy units that travel the state; a social worker for Emanuel hospital's rehabilitation center and a pool of special equipment for the needy handicapped.

## Wrangler Princess Tryouts Set Sunday

A princess will be chosen to represent the Wrangler's club in this year's rodeo court in tryouts this Sunday, February 28, at the Wrangler's grounds.

All eligible girls wishing to compete are asked to be at the grounds at 1:30 p.m. Several qualifications, including personality, horsemanship, appearance, activities in the club, and others will be included in selecting this year's princess. Further information may be secured from Mrs. Roice Fulleton.

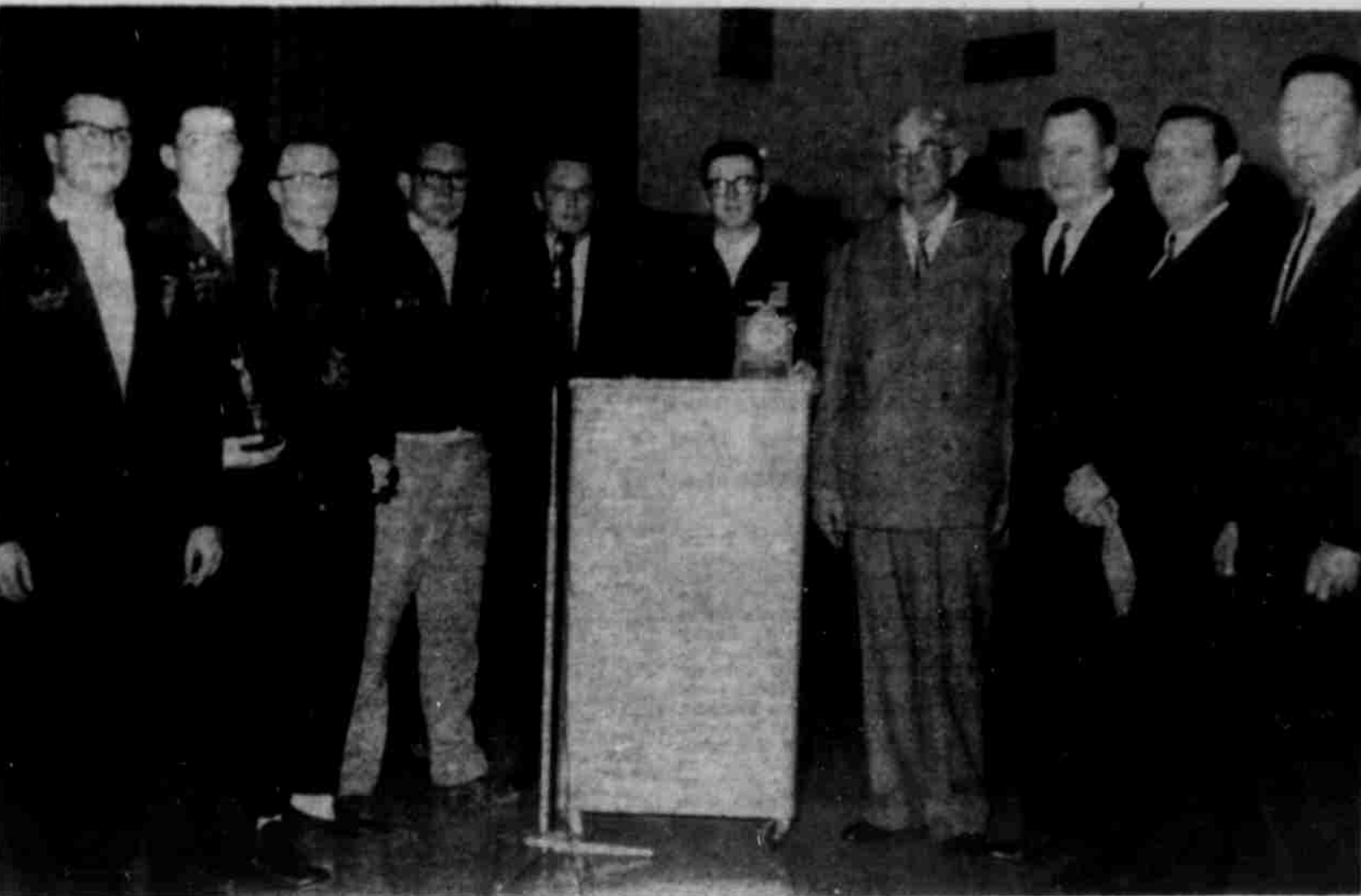
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**BOYS OF HEPPNER** chapter, Future Farmers of America, won many awards and initiated four honorary members at their annual banquet at the high school Monday night. Officers and honorary members are pictured above. From left are Paul Swaggart, sentinel; John Wagenblast, reporter; Dean Robinson,

treasurer; Melvin McDaniel, vice president; Gerald Jonasson, advisor; and Frank Osmin, president. Honorary members are (from left) Alton Osmin, Creston Robinson, Gordon Pratt and Alvin Wagenblast. Chris Brown, secretary, is not in the picture.

## Mark Brown Enters U. N. Speakoff

Mark Brown, Heppner High school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, will represent his school in the United Nations speakoff in Pendleton on March 7 in a contest sponsored by the IOOF lodge.

The talk will be based on an essay that Brown wrote in the United Nations Pilgrimage competition. It will be from 7 to 10 minutes in length.

One student will be chosen from the Umatilla-Morrow area as winner of the summer trip to the United Nations in New York. Last year's winner was Kris Young of Helix. In the previous year, Marcia Rands, then a Heppner High junior, won the Pilgrimage trip.

**WEATHER**  
By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	71	40	—
Saturday	64	32	—
Sunday	55	30	—
Monday	50	35	.02
Tuesday	46	25	—
Wednesday	52	29	—
Thursday	56	29	—

## Honors Go to Many at FFA Dinner

Some 130 persons, including FFA members, their parents and guests, attended the annual banquet of the Heppner High chapter, Future Farmers of America, in the high school cafeteria Monday night. They heard of accomplishments of the chapter, saw many awards presented for achievement, and heard talks by Roger Harris of Milton-Freewater, FFA district president, and Waldin Wedin, FFA advisor at Milton-Freewater.

John Wagenblast, a senior in the chapter, received the chapter Star Farmer award. He was presented with the speech award, a Foundation medal, with an achievement award and the livestock farming award, a rotating plaque from Morrow County Grain Growers.

John and Dean Robinson will receive the State Farmer degree and each is in the running for the state Star Farmer award. Robinson also won an achievement award.

President Frank Osmin, who was master of ceremonies at the banquet won FFA Foundation Medals for achievement with

farm mechanics and soil and water management.

Achievement awards—plaques from the Bank of Eastern Oregon—were presented to Paul Swaggart, Ron Beckett, Cecil Berry, Chris Brown, Tony Doherty, Ron Jones, Gary Struthers, Larry Heath and Melvin McDaniel, as well as to Osmin, Wagenblast and Robinson.

David Hall was named as outstanding freshman and received an FFA knife, a gift from Mervin (Red) Leonard. Steve Wagenblast won first as Star Greenhand and for his initial farming program, receiving \$10, and Stanley Rauch won second, getting \$5.

All awards were presented by Gerald Jonasson, advisor for the local chapter.

Four men of the community were initiated as honorary members in ceremonies conducted by officers of the chapter. They are Alton Osmin, Creston Robinson, Gordon Pratt and Alvin Wagenblast.

Wagenblast, recent winner in the district FFA speaking contest, gave the chapter report, showing a busy and successful year for the chapter. He told of Ken Wright receiving the state farmer degree, touched on The Dalles junior livestock show, the Pendleton Junior Livestock show, sending delegates to the National convention at Kansas City, and achievements of individual members, as well as other highlights of the year.

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## Contracts Offered To 28; Several Resign

Contracts were offered to 19 teachers eligible for one-year contracts and to nine teachers eligible for three year contracts by the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 at a meeting Tuesday night.

Five teachers have resigned, one is retiring, and no action was taken by the board on three others whose contracts are up for renewal. One part time position at Ione has been dropped, and another Ione teacher, Edwin Haseloff, was given a conditional contract depending upon whether a position is open in the district in his science field.

Many more, not acted upon Tuesday night, have contracts which do not expire this year.

Donalda Knighten, Heppner elementary teacher, will retire after teaching in Morrow county for years.

Those who have submitted resignations for their various personal reasons are Annabel Damon, Ione; Glenda Richards, Sara Wilson, Juanita Duffy, and Fordyce Hills, all of Heppner.

One year contracts were offered to the following: Clarence Bare, Mary Bare, Virginia Buch, Robert Clough, Rachel Dick, Rex English, Harry McAllister, Wanda Najar, William Nelson, and James Peter, all of Heppner; Eugene Dockter, Gordon Meyers, and Carol Miller, all of Ione; Gladys Hobbs, Rose Hoosier, and Darrel Swenson, all of Irrigon; Elaine LaCombe, Edith Partlow and Vernita Talbott, all of Boardman.

Three year contracts were offered to the following: Donald Clark, Margaret McCarter, and Cleo Robinson, all of Heppner; Elsie Gugle and Ted Talbott, both of Irrigon; Esther Herrick, Jack Loyd and Beth Hynd, all Ione; and Della Lindsay, Boardman.

The part time position being taught by Diana Kincaid of Ione has been dropped. She would be considered for a full time contract if she desires to teach full time, Supt. Potter said.

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ter Star Farmer award. He was presented with the speech award, a Foundation medal, with an achievement award and the livestock farming award, a rotating plaque from Morrow County Grain Growers.

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## 2 Games to End Season; Cards Eye Sub-district

**UMATILLA-MORROW LEAGUE**

	W	L
Weston	12	2
Umatilla	11	3
McEwen	10	4
Riverside	10	5
Ione	8	6
Helix	5	9
Echo	4	10
Stanfield	4	11
Umapine	0	14

Cardinals can't finish worse than fifth, they may be able to climb a notch higher by winning both of the final games.

Under the league setup, the champion does not play in the sub-district tournament. Weston is now leading with a 12-2 mark and has the edge for the pennant. The eight remaining teams play in the sub-district for the one other spot in the district tourney. Second place finisher is matched against ninth place in the first round. No. 3 plays No. 8, No. 4 plays No. 7, and No. 5 plays No. 6.

Ione's first game in the tournament will be either on Thursday afternoon at 4:15 or Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Two teams from the Umatilla-Morrow league will compete with two B teams from the south in the district tournament, which will be March 12 and 13. The tournament was set for John Day but may be changed because of limited seating capacity there.

## Pilot Rock Scheduled Here For Final Game Friday

**GREATER OREGON LEAGUE (Western Division)**

	W	L
Pilot Rock	7	2
John Day	5	3
Heppner	5	4
Burns	3	5
Wahtonka	3	5
Sherman	2	6

League-leading Pilot Rock will come to Heppner Friday night for the final regular season basketball game for the Mustangs, and it would be hard to conjure a more fitting climax to a good year for the Blue and Gold.

The Rockets are the only team that has been able to fashion two wins over the Mustangs this year, and the last one was by a mighty close squeak. Coach Bob Clough's boys know that they are going to have to give a top performance to win from the astronomical Rockets with their big height advantage. However, they know they can turn the tables on the league leaders and figure this is their turn.

Victory for Heppner would mean undisputed third place in the league. This is important because it will give them the opportunity of playing against the No. 2 team of the eastern division for a spot in the district tournament at La Grande on March 12 and 13.

As it stands now, Heppner has

clinched a tie for third. Tied for fourth are Burns and Wahtonka. These teams play each other, so one will climb a notch. If the winner also cops its other remaining game, and if Heppner should lose to Pilot Rock, third place would be in a deadlock again. So it is important that the Mustangs knock the Rockets over Friday night.

In winning over Wahtonka and Grant Union over the weekend, the Mustangs showed their real stuff. Wahtonka had pretty well bowled over opposition on its home court this year, but Heppner surprised the Chenoweth team. Instead of coming up with the usual zone defense on the cracker box floor there, the only type of defense Wahtonka had faced at home all season, Coach Clough surprised them with a man-to-man, and it rattled the Eagles so badly that Heppner knocked them over rather easily.

The Mustangs had an excellent crowd for its home game against Grant Union Saturday night, and their victory made it an especially enjoyable night for the home fans. Another packed house is expected for the game here Friday night.

Should Heppner earn the right to meet the eastern division runner-up, probably either Enterprise or Vale, a single game would be played either March 5 or 6 at a place to be chosen.

## 590-157 Vote Favors Proposal

Morrow county voters gave resounding approval to the three-year road serial levy at a special election Wednesday, polling 590 yes to 157 no.

This was a whopping 5 to 1 margin in favor of the levy, foundation of the county's road department financing. It calls for \$125,000 per year to be levied for each of the ensuing three fiscal years.

It was an abrupt change from the defeat of the proposed \$100,000 per year levy that was on the ballot at the time of the November general election last year. This was defeated at that time, 865 yes to 1028 no. The emergency situation brought about by the December and January floods apparently was the big factor that influenced the change of attitude on the part of the voters.

Only one precinct, Hardman, went against the proposal at this election and that was by a vote of seven yes to 10 no. Only other serious opposition came from Ione which gave the levy a margin of only 13 in the affirmative—78 yes to 65 no.

Heppner gave the serial levy an even wider majority than the county average, supporting the proposal by a 6 to 1 vote—327 yes to 50 no. This would indicate that townspeople were strongly behind better roads for the rural residents. Northwest Heppner went better than 10 to 1 for the measure, 107 to 9.

Boardman, however, polled the widest majority, swinging more than 25 to 1 for the levy. Only two votes there were cast against it, the count being 54 to 2.

Voting, as anticipated, was light compared to a primary or general election. With a total of 747 ballots counted, this represented only about 33 per cent of the county's registration of some 2200 at the time of the general election.

Total results are as follows:

Boardman	54	2
Hardman	7	10
Ione	78	65
Irrigon	48	10
Lexington	76	20
N. E. Heppner	82	9
N. W. Heppner	107	9
S. E. Heppner	64	12
S. W. Heppner	74	20

Passage of the levy will mean that the county will be able to proceed with its normal road maintenance and development program as well as to restore roads, with supplementary aid by the federal government, from damage done by the floods.

## School Bands Set Concert March 3

Heppner elementary school bands will present a concert for the public on Wednesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium, Director Arnold Melby announces.

Participating will be bands of the fifth grade, the sixth grade and the combined seventh and eighth grades.

Debra McBeth will play a flute solo, "Gypsy Sweetheart," as a member of the sixth grade band, and Terry Peck will play a trombone solo, "Jupiter," for the seventh and eighth grade band. A flute trio, composed of Bebie Barnett, Linda Cooper and Susan Barnett, will play "Tutti Fluti," as another feature of the seventh and eighth grade performance.

## Mental Health Meeting Called

Meeting of a committee to consider a mental health clinic for Morrow county has been scheduled for Tuesday night, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of All Saints' Episcopal church, Mrs. Gene Pierce, secretary, announces.

A representative from the state hospital, Pendleton, and another from Blue Mountain College will be present.

The committee was formed to continue considering plans for a mental health clinic as a result of a meeting of community leaders held recently. About 10 members expressed willingness to serve on a continuing committee with Judge Paul Jones as temporary chairman. The members and all others interested should attend the coming meeting.

## President McCrae To Speak at C of C

Wallace McCrae, president of Blue Mountain College, is scheduled as speaker for the coming Monday luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Wes Sherman, program chairman, announces.

President McCrae will tell of progress made towards construction of the new Blue Mountain College building and of plans for the college's future.