

# Team Sets Mark in Bowling Out at State Tourney

## County Gets Funds For Road Repairs

Morrow county has received \$108,000 as its 75% advance from the federal government for repairing damage to roads from the December flood. County Judge Paul Jones said Monday. The sum does not include damage from the January storm, nor damage to public facilities other than roads.

## Mrs. Newt O'Harra Taken by Death Monday Morning

Mrs. Martha Gertrude Wheeler O'Harra, 73, daughter of pioneer parents of Fossil and resident of Morrow county since 1935, died early Monday morning in the Community hospital, Pendleton, after being there for about a week.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m. in the Folsom Funeral Chapel, Pendleton, with the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church, officiating. Interment was in the Weston cemetery.

Mrs. O'Harra was born November 15, 1891, in Fossil. Her parents owned a cattle ranch nine miles south of Fossil. Moving to Weston with her parents by wagon at the age of two years, she went through grade and high school and attended one year of normal school in Weston. She finished her schooling at Lewiston, Idaho, and taught primary grades two years at Culesac, Idaho.

On November 2, 1913, Martha Gertrude Wheeler married Newt O'Harra at Weston. She and Newt owned and operated a farm east of Weston until June 26, 1927, when a cloudburst completely wiped out their home, farm, garage, machinery and all. She showed her pioneer fortitude then, with nothing to start again but a summer dress and undergarments for her, a pair of coveralls and a shirt for Newt, and some play suits for the children. But they started anew, farming there until 1935.

From Weston, the O'Harras moved to Heppner Flats on the old Andy Rude Ranch, where they got caught in a hailout the first crop, without insurance. The local banker and good credit carried her and the rest through, and again she was willing to go ahead and win, farming there until early 1940, when the O'Harras moved to Klamath Falls for a short time.

Happy to come back to Eastern Oregon and be among "the best people on earth," they returned to Heppner, and in 1941 moved to Lexington which was her home until her death on March 22.

Gertrude O'Harra loved every inch of her ranch and of Morrow county. She was a true conservationist and naturalist, loving the great outdoors and especially their fishing trips. During the last 17 years of her life she was a devoted piano teacher, known and loved by scores of young people in this area.

Mrs. O'Harra was a member of the Heppner Methodist church; of Holly Rebekah lodge, Lexington; and of the Morrow county Farm Bureau; and Morrow county Farmers Union.

Besides her husband, Newt O'Harra, she is survived by a son, John Robert O'Harra, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Patricia Danielle of Milwaukie; four grandchildren; and a nephew.

## Spring Vacation? Snow on the Ground

It must be spring. The calendar says so. March 20 was officially the first day of spring. Heppner merchants had their spring opening over the weekend. And this is spring vacation—isn't it?

If this is all true, though, what's that white stuff coming down today? It looks like snow. It falls like snow. It is as cold as snow.

It is snow! And it's coming down this Thursday morning at a pretty good lick, too. The ground is getting a nice white covering.

Only thing a person can figure is that it is coming by special arrangement of Ken Peck and Bob Henry for the spring ski carnival at Arbuckle this week-end.

Temperature dropped as low as 13 degrees Wednesday, that's cool for spring!

Weather observer Leonard Gilliam is keeping mum about it, disclaiming responsibility. His official report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	40	16	—
Saturday	47	28	—
Sunday	31	31	—
Monday	61	33	.04
Tuesday	50	22	—
Wednesday	44	13	—
Thursday	39	23	—

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## School Election Petitions Now Due For Vote on May 3

With election for Morrow county school board positions and advisory committee members set for May 3, deadline is at hand for filing petitions and acceptances.

The filing deadline is Friday, April 2, and acceptances must also be received at that time. They should be turned into the district school office in the courthouse. Forms may be obtained in the office.

Three directorships on the board, one for a 4-year term and one for a 5-year term, come up for election. Included are the Zone I position (Boardman) with term to expire June 30, 1969; Zone IV position (Lexington) with term to expire June 30, 1970; and Zone III position (Ione) with term to expire June 30, 1970. Present directors from these zones are Ralph Skoubo, who became a director following the death last year of Roy Partlow; Irvin Rauch, Lexington; and Milton Morgan, Ione.

Seven advisory positions are to be filled, all but one for three-year terms. One of two advisory committee positions expiring at Boardman will be for a one-year term. The position is now held by Robert Sclard who was chosen to succeed Skoubo when the latter became a member of the county school board. The term to be filled will expire June 30, 1966.

Terms of the other six will all expire June 30, 1968. Positions to be filled, together with incumbents, are as follows: Heppner, Clarence Rosewall; Lexington, Mrs. Robert Kilkenny; Ione, Don McElligott; Cecil, Jack Hynd Jr.; Boardman, Mrs. Dewey West; and Irrigon, Warren McCoy.

Working budget for Blue Mountain Community college, Pendleton, serving the two-county district of Morrow and Umatilla counties, has been completed, according to Wallace McRae, president.

## Community College Budget Estimate Set

The budget calls for total expenditures of \$670,503.67, of which an estimated \$424,310 will come from receipts other than taxes. Amount necessary to balance the budget will be \$246,193.67, and another \$100,000 is added for delinquent taxes and discounts, making \$256,193.67 to come from taxes in the district.

It is estimated that millage assessment for the college in 1965-66 in the district will be 2.13 as compared with 1.70 mills for 1964-65, an increase of .43 mill.

Plans for the coming year are based on 470 fulltime equivalent students at the growing college, as compared with the plan of 365 for the current year, which actually turned out to be 400 with an unexpectedly high enrollment.

Receipts shows cash on hand of \$20,000 which comes about, President McRae explains, because the current year's estimates were based on 365 full-time equivalents at \$410 per student reimbursable from the state. The actual experience was 400 FTE at \$433.

Of the \$670,503 expenditures for the coming year, it is anticipated that the state will reimburse \$203,510 (470 FTE at \$433) and student tuition will provide another \$112,800.

"We will be occupying our new building which requires certain investments," President McRae said, "and we will be strengthening the second year program—particularly expensive being that of chemistry and the lab equipment it requires. We are starting on a part-time basis the agriculture program which our board has been anxious to get started, feeling that this can play a definite part in improving agriculture in this region. We, likewise, will be starting a course in police science and expanding our practical nursing program."

The president said that the board of directors and budget committee was gratified that the proposed millage increase could be held to .43 mill in the district in light of the new demands placed on the college.

The budget provides \$377,512.97 for instruction and \$77,187.70 for capital outlay for new equipment, \$27,255 for operation of plant, \$39,500 for student services, and \$39,732.00 for administrative expenses as the major items of the budget.

The new college building is now well underway across from the state hospital in Pendleton, on the hill above the highway, and is being constructed on funds from the state and federal governments as well as district funds voted in a serial levy.

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## Carnival of Fun Set for Arbuckle Ski Area Sunday

Several trophies will be at stake Sunday afternoon when ski enthusiasts of all ages will compete at Arbuckle Mountain in races at the skiers' Spring Carnival, marking the end of the skiing season.

Skiers are asked to assemble at the Arbuckle area at 2 p.m. Sunday for a fun-filled afternoon. Races will include slalom for both boys and girls; fun-type team races, with Don Wise in charge; the Arbuckle "down-hill"; the "no alibi" slalom for men over 30; numerous races for younger skiers; and others, according to co-chairmen of the day, Bob Henry and Ron Reid.

Two traveling trophies for experienced skiers, and three smaller ones, donated by Randall Peterson, will be awarded permanent possession to some of the young enthusiasts.

Good ski conditions prevail, with 4 to 5 ft. packed snow on the run, roads are clear and chains are not needed.

## Donors Needed For Blood Bank Here on Monday

Many more donors are needed to register for the bloodmobile visit here Monday.

Goal for the visit is 80 pints, decreased 10 pints from the last visit, and urgent help is needed to fill this goal, according to Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, blood program chairman for the Morrow county chapter, Red Cross.

The bloodmobile will be at the Elks Temple from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday and Dr. A. D. McMardo will be on hand as attending physician. Many volunteers will assist with the clerical duties, helping as nurses and other tasks, but at least 100 volunteers are needed to offer to give blood to assure the 80-pint goal.

The Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor of the Assembly of God church, is heading a group from his church in a campaign to recruit donors. Those interested in giving a pint of blood are requested to telephone him for an appointment or Mrs. Cutsforth.

Appointments are desirable, but it is not necessary to have an appointment to give blood. Those who do not find it convenient to call in advance are urged to come anytime between 3 and 6 p.m.

## Road-E-O Talked By Jaycees Here

Jaycees of Heppner have decided to sponsor a local Teen-Age Road-E-O, competition for young drivers, and have named Don McClure as chairman of the event.

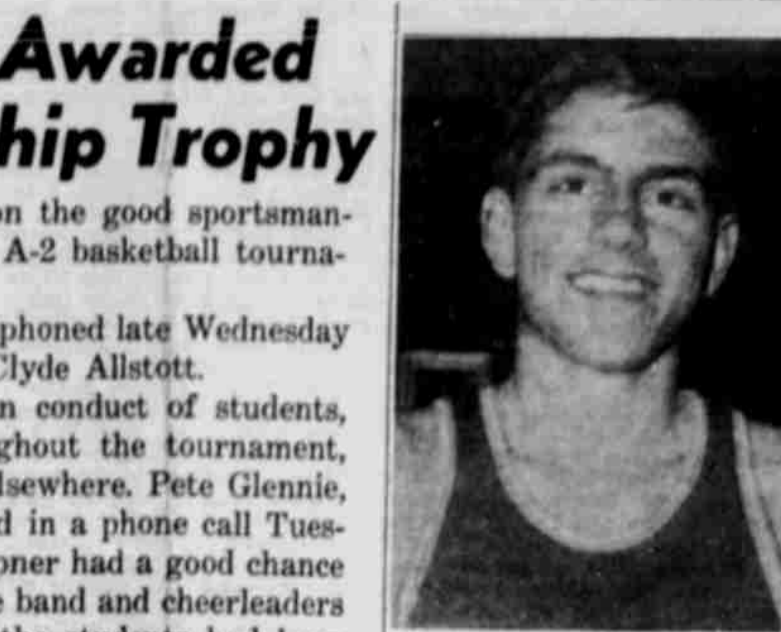
Various tests of driving skill are involved in the Road-E-O and both teen-age boys and girls may participate. Harley Sager said that the Jaycees may ask permission to use the rodeo grounds for the event.

No citizens appeared to remonstrate or speak on behalf of the budget. Total expenditures estimated in the budget are placed at \$1,042,285, of which \$733,620 will be levied as property tax. Of this, \$488,051 is outside the 6% limitation.

The amount levied as property tax in the current (1964-65) budget was \$732,417.

Vote on the amount over the 6% limitation, \$488,051, will be at a special election in the county on April 13. Public notice of that election is printed elsewhere in this paper.

Time of holding the local Road-E-O has not been set, but it must be held before the state contest in the summer.



GENE HELIKER led Heppner scorers at the state A-2 basketball tournament with 32 points in two games. The 5-8 junior guard tallied 16 each against Phoenix and Dayton. Wayne Evans scored 26 and Jim Doherty was third high with 25.

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## Board Reverses School Site Decision

A six-year junior-senior high school to serve northern Morrow county will be located in Boardman, it was decided at a meeting of the county school board in the courthouse, Heppner, last Wednesday night. The action reversed a previous decision to locate the school at a Patterson Ferry Junction site between Irrigon and Boardman.

At the same time the board voted to modify the A. C. Houghton school in Irrigon to provide for all students in grades one through six from the Boardman-Irrigon area. The two proposals were included in the same motion, and it carried, four yeas to two nays. Dissenting votes were cast by Directors Harvey Warner of Irrigon and Andy Van Schoelack of Heppner.

The Patterson Ferry site was chosen in November after Dr. Errett Hummel of Portland State College made a survey and proposed this site.

In reversing itself the board weighed several factors, according to a statement issued by Supt. David R. Potter and Chairman Howard Cleveland.

They said that the Morrow county planning and zoning committee had indicated that the Patterson Ferry Junction area should be reserved for industrial development; that the Morrow county citizens' tax advisory committee had strongly recommended that serious consideration be given to any program that would decrease the tax burden within the county; and that many individual taxpayers had expressed concern

regarding additional costs in a third school development in the north end of the county.

As had been proposed in November, the six-year junior-senior high would be located between the towns and each would have a grade school, the Houghton school serving Irrigon and a new six-year grade school to be built in Boardman.

The statement from Potter and Cleveland said that having all pupils of grades one through six in a single building will provide opportunity to develop a library and materials center with a fulltime librarian, that will provide greater use of existing facilities; and that it will bring sufficient numbers of children in the areas of special classes to make these classes economically feasible.

"By bringing us the junior and senior high school students under one program," the statement said, "We can better de-

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## First Mustangs Due Back Today 6 p.m.; Team May Watch A-1

Two busloads of Heppner High Mustangs, including the band, cheerleaders and others, are due back in Heppner about 6 p.m. today (Thursday), according to a telephone message from Athletic Director Pete Glennie from the state A-2 basketball tournament at Coos Bay Wednesday morning.

The Heppner team, however, may stop to see a game or two at the A-1 tournament at Eugene. If this is so, arrival time in Heppner will not be until 10 or 11 p.m. today.

Glennie said that the team had won tremendous support at Coos Bay and was a general crowd favorite in both the games it played.

The band and cheerleaders have performed in excellent fashion and have received many fine compliments from the public, Glennie said.

While the team played in a manner to bring pride to everyone in Morrow county, Glennie said, they were a "little jittery" in the opening stages of the two games and this proved their undoing despite their superb comebacks in each game.

He said that Wednesday's Oregonian reported that if a trophy for courage were given at the tournament, it should go to the Heppner team.

About 150 students and adults are in the contingent that has been supporting the team at Coos Bay. Weather has been excellent, the students' conduct both at the tournament and around town has been fine and Glennie said that he felt Heppner should be in the running for the sportsmanship trophy that was to be awarded Wednesday night.

## Mustangs Lose 2 But Push Rivals

Heppner's Mustangs bowed out of the state A-2 basketball tournament Tuesday afternoon after their second loss in two days, but they left their mark in Coos Bay.

They threw a scare into tournament-wise Dayton Monday night before losing, 65 to 58, and pressed tall Phoenix, rated No. 1 in the state in the final A-2 poll, to the limit Tuesday afternoon in consolation before retiring 81-78.

The Heppner-Phoenix game wrote two records for the 10-year old tournament and tied another. It was the highest single game total (159 points), and the highest total for a losing team (78). Phoenix' 81 points tied the mark for a winning team.

In each game, a slow start probably spelled defeat for the Mustangs, but also in each contest they came back with a rush to perilously threaten their opponents. They never quit until the final buzzer made them do so.

Lack of tournament experience—trying too hard—may have accounted for the bad first quarters. In each case the opposing team had a bigger lead at the end of the first quarter than it had at the end of the games. Against Dayton it was 17-9, an eight-point spread, as compared with the seven-point final margin, 65 to 58; and against Phoenix it was 23-10, a 13-point spread as compared with only three at the end.

But in both games the Pirates prevailed. Dayton and Phoenix both carry the nicknames of Pirates.

Bucs Get Fast Start

Dayton's Bucs got off to the fast start Monday night, and for a time it appeared that the Mustangs would be smothered. Led by Captain Mike Freeborn and Bill Darnell, Dayton tallied seven field goals and three free throws while Heppner made single buckets by Wayne Evans, Gene Heliker, Carl Bauman and Jim Doherty, plus one free throw by Heliker. This put them down, 17 to 9, as the first quarter ended.

Things picked up for the Mustangs in the second quarter with Evans sparking the play on a pair of field goals and two free throws, while Heliker, Bauman, Doherty and Bill Snyder each hit for one. But while the Heppner five was getting 14 points in the period, Dayton tallied 16 with Freeborn and Darnell getting strong scoring support from Roger Hildebrandt and Bob Jensen. At the half, it appeared that Dayton had things well under control at 33-23.

Mustangs Buck

But the Mustang came out bucking in the third period. Darnell widened the gap to 12 points as he opened the scoring with a bucket, making it 35-23. Then came the fast break rush and ball stealing tactics so familiar to Heppner fans. Heliker opened with a swisher from outside, Bauman scored on a free throw, Heliker scored on a rebound, and Doherty ripped a long push shot. Heppner was now right back in the ball game, just four points back, 35-31.

But Darnell, Dixon and Jensen started hitting again and temporarily stopped the Heppner surge. Quarter ended with the Mustangs trailing by seven, 48 to 41, but more dynamite was yet to come to singe the whiskers of the Pirates.

Dick Sparks Rally

Stu Dick didn't hit the scoring column until he tallied two field goals in the third period but he was to come on in the fourth to nearly scuttle the Pirates.

With just over two minutes to play, the Heppner team was down by that same seven points, 59 to 52. Snyder brought last ditch hope for Heppner when he connected on two free throws, and then Dick ran rampant, pitching in a pair of one-handers that brought the count to 59-58 and only 1:07 to go.

A foul was called on Heppner and converted by Dayton. With time against them, the Mustangs battled for the ball, and in so doing committed personal fouls which gave the winners their final spread in the waning moments. The Pirates racked up four free throws and a layin on a rebound from a missed free throw.

Dayton had four in double figures, led by Freeborn's 18 and followed by Darnell's 17. Gene Heliker had 16 for Heppner. Each team scored 24 field goals, so the final margin was the difference in chances on the free throw line. In this department Heppner scored well with 10 of 14 put in the bank but didn't have the opportunities that they provided Dayton, which made 17 of 25. Nineteen personals were charged to Heppner, most of them in the first half, while only 10 were whistled on Dayton.

Mustangs Hit 375

The Mustangs hit their 24 baskets on 64 tries for a .375 average. (Continued on page 4)