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## Council Approves Water System Job

Many matters of unfinished business which were initiated at the September city council meeting were completed at the regular October meeting Monday night. One of the most important was approving expenditures which will result in a greater water supply for the city.

Councilman Bill Collins, chairman of the water committee, outlined a plan where 220 to 300 gallons per minute could be added to the normal average flow of 630 gallons per minute at a cost of some \$1300.

At the September meeting he had proposed that the city dig the well at the Norman Florence place 100 feet deeper, but the plan offered Monday night indicated that this would not be necessary at this time.

Collins said it would take an estimated \$522 to make the changes and another \$500 would be needed to make improvements at the lower well nearer town. This is considerably less than the cost proposed at the September meeting when it was felt that deepening the Florence well would be needed.

The council approved the expenditure pending a ruling of City Attorney Bob Abrams as to whether it would be necessary to call for bids.

Truck Price Holds  
Attorney Abrams advised the council that in his opinion it could not legally pay Western States Fire Apparatus Co. more than the bid price for the new city fire truck.

way Commission in this area. **Alley Matter Cleared**  
Attorney Abrams said that he had checked into the matter of the alley between C. F. Hall and Walter Edger residences. The city has at least a 21 ft. alleyway there, he said. He said that he had notified both parties after the matter was broached for information at the September meeting.

The sewer line, which comes down from the hospital and crosses some of the private property, was put in at the direction of Garnet Barratt prior to the installation of sewers by the city, Abrams said. Therefore, the matter is of no concern to the City of Heppner, he said.

Abrams also referred to the city street rights of way at May and Gale, which by usage through the years, has a rounded corner that encroaches on private property.

He said that he has written (Continued on page 8)

**Mustangs Travel To John Day; Ione Hosts Riverside**  
Having suffered their first defeat of the year, Heppner High's football team expects to even its league record Friday night at John Day when it meets Grant Union on the gridiron there.

Although Grant took a 40 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Sherman County Huskies of Moro last week, Coach Potter's lads are expecting no soft touch. Their loss to Wahtonka, 12 to 6, Friday at The Dalles was their only defeat of the year. The Mustangs have now tallied 82 points in four games to a total of 18 for the opposition.

## Motorbike Flips; Portlander Hurt

Theron Jones of 6330 S. E. 61st St., Portland, became a hunting season casualty when he was hurt after his light motorcycle flipped Sunday on the hill of the Condon highway south of town. He was here on a hunting trip.

Jones underwent treatment for severe facial lacerations, a broken nose, and cuts on the head, chin and hand. He was dismissed from the hospital Monday morning and returned home from a disappointing outing.

## Voters Approve 5-Year Serial Levy for College

Voters in Umatilla and Morrow counties Tuesday approved a \$120,000 per year serial levy for five years for Blue Mountain Community College. Total vote was 1056 yes to 319 no.

If state and federal matching funds are forthcoming, the levy will permit the college to erect a new vocational-technical building next year and a library the following year.

The college this year moved into its new building and now has an enrollment of more than 650.

Every community of the two counties polled an affirmative vote for the levy, which will be effective next year with the conclusion of a 2-year levy of the same amount. However, an exceptionally light vote was cast in Morrow county with a total of only 119 casting ballots.

In Morrow county, the vote was 99 yes to 20 no. Only 24 persons in Heppner cast ballots, and 23 of them voted in favor of the levy. Other communities polled the following counts: Boardman, 16 yes, 2 no; Hardman-Ruggs, 8 yes, 2 no; Ione, 11 yes, 7 no; Irrigon, 27 yes, 4 no; and Lexington, 7 yes, 4 no. In Pendleton, the vote was 528 yes to 193 no.

President Wallace McCrae of the college and Don Ericson, representative of a Spokane firm of architects employed by the college, planned to go to Salem Thursday to meet with state department of education leaders and college facilities people to make application for further state and federal funds.

## Movie to Benefit Ione Public Library

As a benefit project for the Ione Public Library, the Ione Topic club is sponsoring the showing of a full-length color movie, "Bye, Bye Birdie," at the school cafeteria Sunday evening, October 10, starting at 6:30.

The comedy show will appeal to all ages, with two favorite stars playing the leading roles, Dick Van Dyck and Janet Leigh. Concessions and refreshments at the end of the show are planned. Admission is 25c for children, 50c for junior and senior high students and adults. It is open to the public.



MIKE BENGÉ, shown at work in Viet Nam where he is serving as a farm technician with the Montagnards, has been "adopted" by the tribe, according to a story in the Chicago Tribune.

## Chicago Tribune Lauds Work of Mike Bengé

How Mike Bengé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé of Ione, has been "adopted" by the Montagnards of Viet Nam, is told in a story recently printed in the Chicago Tribune. It was written by Samuel Jameson, Tokyo bureau chief for the Chicago Tribune Press Service. After the writer had lived with Bengé in Viet Nam for a short time.

As the story points out, Bengé went to Viet Nam as a farm technician for the International Voluntary Services and has been there several years, although he returned for a time on leave last year.

The Tribune story was spotted by Mrs. Marry Houston of Paris, Ill., sister of Mrs. Conley Lanham.

Mike is now at Tuy Hoa, Phuyen Province, Viet Nam, according to his mother.

The story follows:  
BY SAMUEL JAMESON  
(Tokyo Bureau Chief)  
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

KONTUM, Viet Nam, Aug. 25—As gongs echoed and a drum made of water buffalo hides reverberated, a swarthy tribesman dressed in a bright red jacket with red binding and brass buttons drew wine from a large jug and sprinkled it on a chicken he was carrying.

Then he beckoned Michael Bengé, 30, of Heppner, Ore., to come to a special straw mat, separate from the others in the long bamboo house, and face the wall.

The rhythm stopped. The holy man lifted the chicken over Bengé's head, sprinkled the American with wine, waved the fowl back and forth. Then he began a chant:

"... This man is to be made a part of the family of H-Jon

and Y-Bham. We offer a sacrifice for Mr. Bengé, our son whom we love very much. We offer him the name of Y-Ben, a jug of wine, a hen, and these bracelets..."

All Generations Sing  
The gongs began beating again and all generations of the household and their children sipped wine from the jugs. One mother, a pipe in her mouth and chewing betel nut, turned to prod the small baby on her back to take a sip of the wine. A small boy took a puff from his mother's pipe.

Then the feast began—more than a dozen dishes of rice, vegetables, salad, dried meats, fish, egg plant, fruits, jungle plants. It was all for Bengé, who won his way into the inner circle of Montagnard tribesmen as an \$80 a month farm technician for the International Voluntary Service.

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## Civil Defense Meet Set for Tuesday

An all-day conference on disaster preparedness will be held at the Elks Lodge in Heppner on Tuesday, October 12, for county and municipal government officials from Morrow county.

The 9 a.m.—3:15 p.m. program is the fourth in a series of 31 Oregon conferences designed to help public service officials deal with large-scale emergencies in their towns and counties. The series began in mid-September and will continue through next June.

Invitations to take part have been sent to county commissioners and judges, mayors of incorporated towns, city councilmen, superintendents of schools, and fire and police chiefs.

Community leaders and key officials representing organizations capable of responding to disasters have also been invited.

Information will be presented to the conference participants on local needs, the development of emergency preparedness programs within Morrow County, and objectives of national disaster assistance programs.

## Senior Citizens Club to Organize Next Wednesday

Mrs. John Jackson, secretary, and Mrs. Olyn Hodge, organizer of the Golden Age Club of Hermiston, will be in Heppner next Wednesday, October 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the former Ron's Flower Shop, to speak to all interested in a club for Senior Citizens of South Morrow county.

The Soroptimist women will gladly transport anyone needing transportation to the meeting and to their homes after the meeting. It is realized that a daytime meeting will be preferred after the first organizational meeting.

Seating will be provided, as well as refreshments.

The Soroptimists will appreciate as many as possible calling one of the women listed below to advise them of intention of attending so they may be assured of having enough chairs for all, and to arrange transportation for anyone needing it.

Those who may be contacted include the following: Mrs. Gene Starks, 676-5817; Mrs. Wavel Wilkinson, 676-9735; Mrs. Betty Pfeiffer, 676-9957; Mrs. Joyce Johnson, 676-5850; or Mrs. Jewel Hager, 676-9453.

The series of conferences is being conducted under a contract with the U. S. Office of Civil Defense. Similar programs have been conducted with universities and colleges in all 50 states.

Director of the Oregon program is Dale E. Price, Eugene. Consultants are Louis D. Farnsworth and Leonard J. Chase, also of Eugene.

Principal purpose of the conference is, according to Price, to assist local persons in understanding what constitutes emergency preparedness as well as in planning for survival during major disasters.

Emphasis will be placed on war-caused disasters, as well as nuclear attack. Preparations for such events are correlated, though, to natural disasters like the floods last winter.

Twenty-four similar conferences were held in Oregon last year. Six of the all-day programs are scheduled this year; 23 three-hour meetings of a more concentrated representation of officials are planned in counties which took part in the 1964-65 schedule. (The three-hour program is tentatively planned for next year for Morrow County.)

Two five-day programs, one a radiological monitor instructor course, the other a radiobiological defense operation, will be held in Eugene early next spring. A civil defense management course is also scheduled in central Oregon in June.

## Hunter Succumbs At Bull Prairie

Stricken by an apparent heart attack, Charles A. Thomas, 65, of Boardman died Friday evening while camped at Bull Prairie reservoir. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, county medical examiner, said death was due to coronary thrombosis.

Thomas had been fishing at the lake and was cooking his catch over a campfire when the attack came. He had planned to go hunting at the season's opening Saturday morning. His wife, Mrs. Inger Thomas, was with him on the trip.

The body was brought to Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, and was later removed to Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, for funeral arrangements.

One of the survivors is Jess Thomas of Napa, Calif., a renowned opera singer and former Hermiston school teacher.

Obituary and additional details on page 4, section 2.

## Heppner High Schedules Open House October 13

Open house at Heppner High school will be held next Wednesday night, October 13, with several purposes in mind, according to L. E. (Ed) Dick, High School PTA president.

It will give the parents and public an opportunity to meet and greet the teachers.

It will give the parents a chance to ask questions of the teachers and to go through their children's class schedules.

For some, it will give an opportunity to go through the high school building for the first time.

Dick said that the open house will be held in lieu of a formal teachers' reception at the request of the teachers. In meeting with the PTA executive board, the new teachers stated that they would much prefer meeting the parents at the school in a situation where they could tell the parents of their work.

The plan is that all will gather in the multipurpose room at 8 p.m. for a short meeting. This is the regular meeting night of the PTA and the first to be held this year. Following this assembly, the group will go through class schedules of the children, parents undoubtedly choosing to go through the routines of their own children.

Dick said that a sheet with a floor plan of the building will be given to each person.

"It's surprising how many people have never been in the high school building since it was constructed," Dick said. These townspeople and patrons are especially invited, whether they have children in school or not.

The final abbreviated period, which in the normal high school schedule is used as an activity period, may be used as a "free" period on open house night, Dick said. Those attending are



CLAYTON NORTON  
Heppner High School principal will be among hosts at high school open house Wednesday, October 13.

invited to visit any part of the building and are particularly invited to visit the library.

Mrs. Marshall (Etta Mae) Lovgren, program chairman for the PTA, is working on arrangements with Principal Clayton Norton of the school. Mrs. David McLeod, chairman of the PTA membership committee, will also act as head of the hospitality committee.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

Dick stressed that everyone is invited, with a special welcome you oq uw suawed ol papuaxa have students in school.

## Punt, Pass, Kick To Seek Prizes Here on Saturday

Boys 8 through 13 will compete for prizes in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored by Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., Saturday at the rodeo grounds, Heppner, beginning at 2 p.m. Dave Barnett, sales manager and P&K chairman announces.

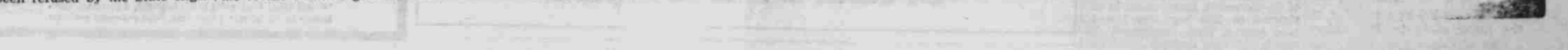
Keen interest was shown in the recent clinic to give instruction in the football skills, and so a goodly number of youngsters is expected to be on hand.

Prizes will be awarded in each of the six age brackets, including footballs, helmets, jackets, trophies and others. Scores of winners will be compared with those of other areas, and the best will get a trip to a National Football League playoff.

Scores are tallied on the basis of the composite showing of each competitor's punt, pass and placekick.

Members of the Ione Lions club will again assist with the competition, acting as judges and officials.

The public is invited to watch the proceedings and cheer for the boys taking part.



COMPETITION in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick contest, sponsored by Heppner Auto Sales with an assist by the Ione Lions club, will be Saturday afternoon at the rodeo grounds, Heppner, for boys 8 through 13. The above photo shows Terry Hughes competing in last year's event while other boys in his age bracket watch. Jim Pettyjohn (standing) was one of the officials at the meet.