

# State to Call for Bids On Highway Stretch

Work of rebuilding 3 1/2 miles of the Willow Creek highway from Heppner north is expected to start soon, and the State Highway Department will call for bids on the project on March 8, County Judge Paul Jones told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday in a report on county business.

He said the road will be widened to 28 feet in the 3 1/2 mile section with 4 ft. shoulders on each side. Alignment will be improved and the road will be straightened. Road edges will have a painted stripe in accordance with modern safety practice.

Judge Jones said that he had been assured that the Willow Creek highway to the highway 80 junction will be straightened in a 5-year project, including Horseshoe bend at Morgan. However, work on this "granddaddy of all curves" will not start earlier than three years from now. The straightening project will be financed from highway maintenance funds.

**Power Poles to Move**  
President Harley Young also announced that Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative will soon start removing a roadside power line from Heppner to Ione and will add the line to the high-line above the highway by adding crossarms lower down on the mainline poles.

In some places the present lower line is within a few feet of the highway edge. Some effort was made a few years ago to have the poles removed when the line was under Pacific Power Co. ownership, but nothing was done.

The Chamber voted to submit a letter to the Highway Commission asking for a frontage road adjacent to new construction on highway 80 east of the bomb range road.

Judge Jones had told of the county court's work to convince the highway department and Bureau of Public Roads of the need for the road, without which the county would have no access to the freeway for a distance of some seven miles. The request for the frontage road also included an interchange at the Patterson Ferry road.

Young pointed out that the county would only have three points of access to the highway without this interchange, one being at the Boeing site entrance, another at the new town of Boardman and the third at the interchange five miles east of Boardman (bomb range road). The main access to the county, however, is in Gilliam county, being the Willow Creek route.

**Talks on BLM Lands**  
The judge reported on the hearing of the state legislature's interim committee on public lands in Pendleton Friday and Saturday. He pointed out that Harney county is 72% under federal ownership and 52% of the

**Science Teachers Attend Workshop Of Phone Company**  
Workshop for science teachers of junior and senior high schools in Morrow county was presented in Heppner Wednesday evening, January 26, by J. R. Tompkins of Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company.

He discussed and demonstrated crystallography, which leads to an understanding of the structure of materials; wave behavior, and the study of sound waves and their importance to people; and solar energy and its work in the transmission of sounds, as well as other types of energy used for transistors, solar cells, transformers and capacitors.

Tompkins told of the problems encountered in the transmissions of sounds, discussed the speech chain and the ability to use computers to program speech.

One of the most interesting features of the presentation was the tape recorded production of the song, "Daisy," sung by a computer, with another computer producing the music. This climaxed a film shown on the voice and the problems of developing mechanical talk.

Machine talking, Tompkins said, is an electronic production of vowel sounds at various frequencies and volume to produce almost human sounding speech.

The visitor told of his company's desire to help the school in the training of students in the fields of science.

lands in Morrow county are federal or state lands.

He said the county recommended that the BLM lands in the north be entered by desert entry. Among filings now on record are a number by local people, and some local persons are cross filing on those of the so-called "Portland group."

He said that the main purpose of the 2-day hearing in Pendleton was to determine "whether anything good could be done on giving advance information on the release of the public lands by the state.

The Bureau of Land Management must act to classify the land before any type of development may proceed, he said.

Judge Jones also touched on the recent hearing in Boardman on the proposed county zoning ordinance and announced the public meeting on the Willow Creek project for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the grade school multipurpose room in Heppner.

## School Issues To Be Discussed By Board Panel

Program for the February meeting of the Heppner High School PTA on Wednesday, February 9, will feature a panel discussion by members of the district school board, it is announced by Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, program chairman.

The panel will present "The Voice of the School Board," discussing important issues related to the present school system, and presenting areas in which there may be misunderstandings relative to the coming school budget. It will provide an opportunity for communication between members of the school board, parents and teachers on questions that have come up during the year.

A good attendance is urged in support of the PTA officers and its program committee. The meeting will be held in the high school multipurpose room.

## Mothers' March Sets New Mark

Women who participated in the Mothers' March for the National Foundation, which is devoting attention to birth defects, were thoroughly gratified with the response given by the public when they made contacts for contributions Tuesday night.

The \$632.64 raised throughout the county was nearly three times the amount received at the last Mothers' March in a previous campaign. At the earlier date, \$225.19 was contributed.

Some \$50 was raised at a card party conducted at Cecil. Contributions made to the mothers brought the following totals from the respective communities: Ione, \$168.11; Lexington, \$34.40; and Heppner, \$380.13.

Mrs. Darrel McLachlan, county chairman for the March, said that the public had read of the march in the paper and the women were met with a generous response wherever they went.

Mrs. McLachlan extended thanks to the various community chairmen, including Mrs. James Prock, Mrs. Marion Green, Mrs. Ralph Kincaid, Mrs. Lynn Pearson and Mrs. Harley Sager, as well as to the other mothers who assisted. She said that the chairmen had their work very well organized and this helped make the March a success.

The county chairman extended special appreciation to the Bank of Eastern Oregon for sponsoring an advertisement that gave the public advance notice of the March.

## Myers Improving After Surgery

Jim Myers is making continued improvement following brain surgery performed Friday night at Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, according to a report Wednesday. He came through the delicate operation nicely and responded well after coming out of the anesthetic.

It is expected that he will remain in the hospital another two weeks.

His wife, Mary Ellen, went to Portland to be with him at the time of the operation and returned here early this week to devote attention to operating their Pharmacia. She plans to go back to Portland this week-end. Myers' parents, who live in Idaho, are also staying near him.

Myers became ill about two weeks ago and was hospitalized here before it became apparent that specialized treatment would be necessary. Mrs. Myers requests that no flowers be sent to him because of an allergy and visitors are not permitted, but he would welcome hearing from friends.

# Willow Project Meeting Tuesday

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## Officials To Answer Questions

(Also see page 6)

Public informational meeting on the Willow Creek project is set for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary multipurpose room. All those interested in getting more information about the project and having questions answered are urged to be present, County Judge Paul Jones states.

To be present at the meeting are officials who will be prepared to answer questions on any phase of the project. Among them will be Joel Griffith, Howard Hogan and Howard Preston of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Carl Huih of the Bureau of Reclamation; Quentin Bowman of the State Water Resources Board; and Jerry Haines, district watermaster.

The judge emphasized that this will not be a formal hearing but an informational meeting only.

While recent interest has focused largely on the irrigation aspects of the project, those interested in any phase of the matter are asked to come and pose their questions.

It is planned to have ensuing meetings on the irrigation feature alone in order to work out details preparatory to forming an organization for implementing this part of the project.

Over a period of several months, Judge Jones compiled questions that had been asked him by the public. He has submitted these questions to the public agencies involved for their answers, and the replies have been compiled for the benefit of the public. In order that these may be disseminated as widely as possible they are printed in this issue of the Gazette-Times on page six.

Congressman Al Ullman recently explained the necessity of moving fast in forming the irrigation plan for the Willow Project, which has been authorized by Congress. It will be important to have the organization for irrigation arranged to facilitate construction appropriation.

Proponents hope that information that potential irrigators will receive from the coming meeting and others planned will expedite this organization. The judge states that from interest apparent to him in the time prior to the Tuesday meeting a near-capacity crowd is expected in the multipurpose room.

## Primary Filing Deadline Set

March 15 is the deadline for filing candidacy for the primary election, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, reminds possible office-seekers. The election will be held the fourth Tuesday in May this year, May 24.

Previously the primary election has been held on the third Friday in May every even-numbered year, but the legislature at its last session changed it to the Tuesday date. Filing for county positions is done at the office of the county clerk.

Indications are that it will be a quiet election year here. Up for election are the positions of county assessor, one county commissioner and two port commissioners. Rod Thomson will conclude his first term as assessor at the end of the current calendar year, and the position now held by Gene Ferguson is the commissioner post to be on the ballot.

Term of District Attorney Herman Winter also expires this year. This is considered a state position, and filing is done for it in Salem.

The two port commissioner terms that will conclude at the end of the year are those of Garland Swanson of Ione and Joe Tatone of Boardman. Swanson is completing a 4-year term and Tatone is finishing a two-year term, having been elected in 1964 after George Wiese former commissioner, moved from the county.

## Al Lamb Showing Some Improvement

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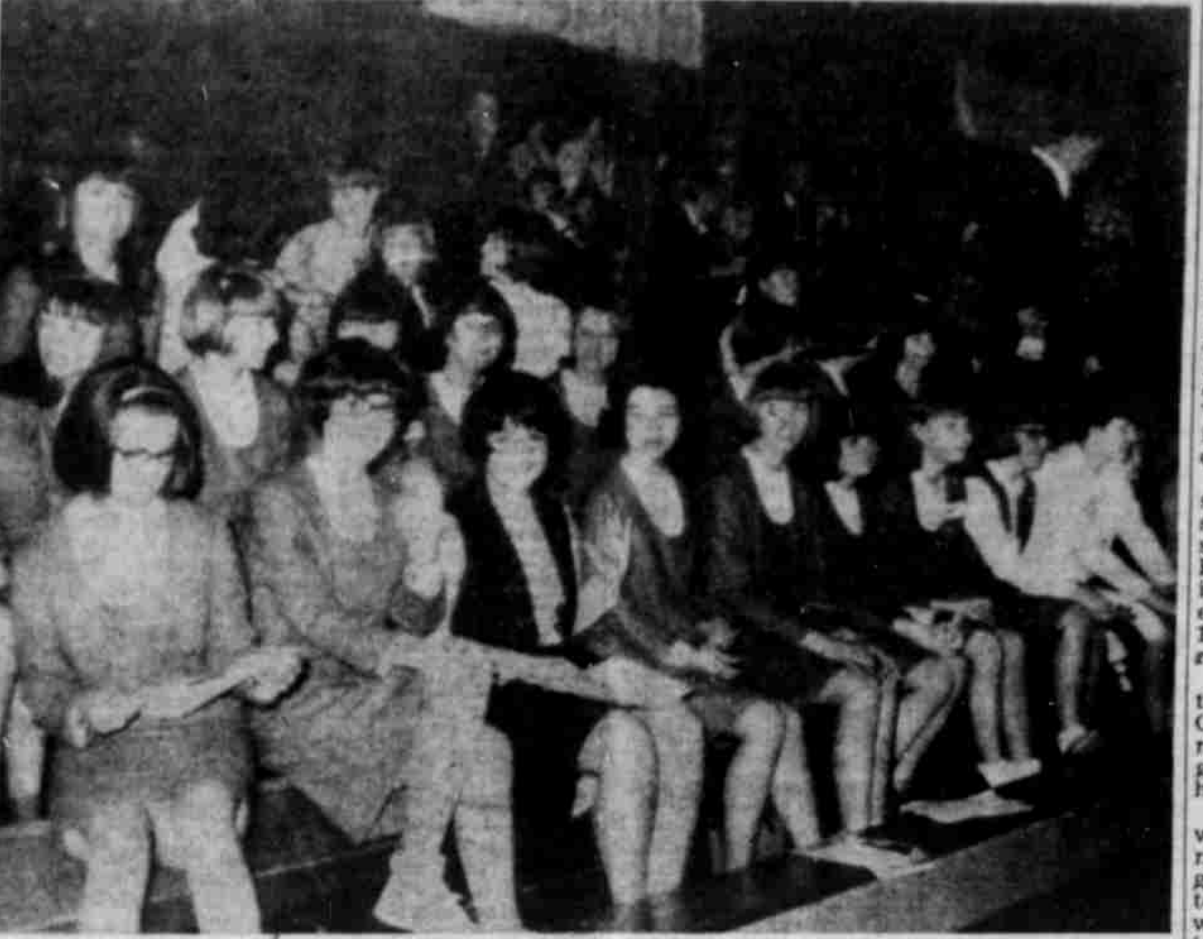
## Sgt. Larry Cook Killed Tuesday In Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook, Sr., of Heppner left early Wednesday morning for Albuquerque, N. M., after learning of the death of their son, M/Sgt. Larry A. Cook, Jr., in an auto accident Tuesday near Cle Elum, Wn. M/Sgt. Cook and his family made their home in Albuquerque.

For the past two years the son, who had been in army service for some 18 years, was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base near Yakima. He was an instructor in demolition and electronics and only had about 1 1/2 more years to serve before retirement.

He served in the navy prior to his army enlistment. M/Sgt. Cook had never lived in Heppner but with his wife and daughter, Cathy, visited his parents here occasionally.

No details of the accident were learned. The parents were notified of his death by telegram and immediately prepared to go to Albuquerque to assist with funeral arrangements. No information has been received as to the time and place of the service.



IF THIS PICTURE were in color, one could see the true blue impression these loyal Heppner High school Pep club girls were making at the Sherman-Heppner basketball game. They were clad in their new blue outfits and were especially happy when Mrs. Rachel Dick, journalism teacher, took the picture because the Mustangs were winning their game.

## Mustangs Face Big Test With Eagles Due Friday

The Heppner Mustangs will face the pace-setting Wahtonka Eagles at Heppner Friday night at 8 o'clock in a Greater Oregon league basketball game. The Eagles have a league record of 4-0 while the Mustangs are right behind with 3 wins and 1 loss. This means with a win over the visitors, the Mustangs would move into a tie for first place. If they lose, they possibly would drop into a tie with Grant Union.

The two schools have played the same competition, with the difference in standing resulting from Heppner's loss to Grant Union whom Wahtonka defeated.

The starting five for the Wahtonka ball club is composed of all seniors. They are Bill Hammel, 6'2", Terry Way, 5'11", Jerry Harmon, 6'1", Lucky Proctor, 5'8", and Gary Ricketts, 5'10".

The game between the Mustangs and the Eagles will be a battle of the guns. The game should be one of good defense and hard running, with the hottest-handed team emerging on top.

The Mustangs will have to play a different brand of ball

## Workers Named For Heart Fund

Harley Sager, Morrow county Heart Fund campaign chairman, announced early this week the names of those donating their services as campaign heads throughout the county during the month of February for the Oregon Heart Association.

February 1 through 11 is the period set aside for a personal appeal to all businessmen in the communities to help in the fight against diseases of the heart and blood vessels, by making a contribution to the Heart Fund. Mrs. Frank Hamlin is in charge of solicitations in the Heppner business district.

The door-to-door residential campaign in Heppner will be handled by members of Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, under the direction of their mother advisor, Mrs. Tom Hughes.

Other campaign chairmen for the county are Mrs. John Ledbetter, Lexington; Mrs. Wayne Ball and Miss Rita Kerr, co-chairmen for the Ione area; Mrs. Adrian Bechtoldt, Hardman; Mrs. Ewald Ritzer, Irrigon; and Mrs. John M. Phillips, Boardman.

Especially from the rural areas contributions may be mailed, payable to the Oregon Heart association, to Harley Sager, in care of the First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner.

## Rodeo Committee Awards Contracts

Contracts for the 1966 Morrow rodeo were awarded at a meeting of the rodeo committee Wednesday night in the First National Bank, John Venard, secretary, said.

Stock contract was given to Howard Johnson of Condon, who furnished the stock for the 1965 rodeo. Joe Daley of Pendleton will be announcer again and Wayne Lund of Rose City Sound, Portland, will furnish the sound system on contract.

Daley was announcer for the 1965 event, and Rose City Sound has supplied the sound system for a number of years.

## Pat Sweeney Wins Free Throw Contest, Advances to State

Pat Sweeney, Heppner eighth grader, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sweeney, has been announced the winner of this year's Elks' free throw contest. Pat's winning score was 38 of 50 free throws.

Second high in the contest was LaVern VanMarter III, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Van Marter, Jr., Heppner, and 7th grader. He hit 35 out of the 50.

Clint Agee was in charge of the contest, which also included grade school students in Ione. It is sponsored locally by Elks Lodge 358.

Pat will represent this district at the state contest on Saturday, February 12, at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis, sponsored by the Oregon State Elks Association. It will be an expense-paid trip for him and his parents. They will be guests at a noon luncheon and at the Oregon State-Stanford game that evening.

The four finalists from the afternoon contest will compete at half-time of the game for the state championship.

## Conservation Speaker Boosts Columbia Plateau Council Plan

"Critical problems in development, use, management, and conservation of land and water in the Columbia Plateau must be solved soon," said Paulen Kaseberg at the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting Tuesday evening in the Lexington Grange hall.

Kaseberg, Sherman county wheat farmer and conservation district supervisor, pointed out the causes of soil and water problems in the plateau to 60 farmers and persons interested in conservation. The cause of depletion is both natural and manmade with climate and soil conditions different from other parts of the country.

Solutions when known have been hampered by lack of long range planning, and conflict of purpose in farm programs. Kaseberg proposed that consideration be given to the formation of a Columbia Plateau Resource Council. This group would plan and conduct long range programs of land and water conservation and use for all purposes including agriculture, industry, transportation, domestic, wildlife and recreation. All lands regardless of ownership would receive consideration.

Council management would be kept in the hands of citizens of the area. An advisory group would be available to the council. The results of such a council could be a Columbia Plateau program along the lines of the Great Plains program, he said. Kaseberg suggested a number

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## Weather

By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	35	—
Friday	56	32	—
Saturday	51	28	—
Sunday	50	25	—
Monday	48	20	—
Tuesday	41	28	—
Wednesday	43	27	—

Total precipitation for the month of January was 1.43".