

85% of Willow Acreage Signed to Back District

School Board Hears Design Approved; Acts on Many Items

Design memo for the new Riverside High school was approved Tuesday by the Chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C. Supt. David R. Potter of the Morrow County School system told the board of directors of the district at their meeting Tuesday night.

The superintendent said that he would meet with the Engineers Wednesday and that a special meeting would be called soon to proceed with the planning for the school.

This was but one important matter to come to the attention of the directors in a busy 3 1/2 hour session.

Consider Contracts

After an executive session to consider teacher contracts, the board reconvened and three-year contracts were approved for Edith Partlow and Nancy LeRoux of Boardman. On recommendation of the advisory committee, also, one year contracts were offered to all other eligible teachers at Boardman and Irigon.

Dean Swenson of Irigon could not be considered for a contract because he is unable to certify with the state, Supt. Potter said. Robert Byrd, who will graduate from Eastern Oregon College in La Grande next week, was hired to replace Swenson as 8th grade teacher and coach for the balance of the school year.

Mrs. Gene (Leona) Winters was hired to fill the position of girls' physical education teacher in Heppner for the balance of the year, replacing Mrs. Wanda Nalar who has resigned.

The board voted to offer a three-year contract to Rex English at Heppner High school. Action was deferred on his contract to this meeting from the previous meeting.

The board voted 4-2 against a contract to Jim Potter, coach and social studies teacher at Heppner High. It reversed a previous action and offered a one-year contract to Richard McIntyre, Heppner elementary teacher. McIntyre was also assigned the duty of track coach when Clint Agee, who has been coach of the sport at the grade school, said that he wished to be relieved of this duty.

At the request of students at Ione High school, track will be added to the sports there and Gordon Meyers was named to handle the duty at the regular pay increment.

Action was taken to correct a salary inequity for Principal Everett Holstein. The board voted an additional \$500 to him for his work this year. When the two principalships at Ione were combined to one position last year, Holstein became the lone principal, and his salary was less than he would have received had he continued under the system of two principals.

Resignation of Charles Moorman from the A. C. Houghton and Riverside band position "for personal reasons" was accepted.

Speaks for Norton
George Luciani of Pine City spoke to the board briefly, stat-

ing that he was sorry that the directors had not offered Clayton Norton, Heppner high principal, another contract.

"I feel that we are losing a real good man," he said.

Basic May Be Up
In connection with the 1966-67 budget, Supt. Potter reported that the state has notified the district that basic school support funds are estimated at \$198,000, which would be \$5000 more than the district estimated in its forthcoming budget. The additional sum may be incorporated in the budget at the hearing and would reduce the amount of increase in levy needed, he said.

Also in connection with the budget the board considered the proposed laundry at Heppner

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Class on Fallout To Start Tuesday

An important class in radiological monitoring, sponsored by civil defense, will start Tuesday, March 22, at 6:30 in the old city library next to the Heppner city hall, Sheriff C.J.D. Bauman, civil defense coordinator, announced.

The class will give training in reading Geiger counters to determine Roentgens of radioactive material in fallout. In case of a nuclear attack, the ability to measure the radioactivity would be vital for survival, Sheriff Bauman said.

Needed equipment for the purpose will be included in every civil defense fallout shelter. Unless someone using the shelter knew how to use it in the case of an attack, it would be of no value, he said.

James Johnson of Ordnance will teach the class.

It is open to men, women and high school seniors, and an appeal is made for all to attend who can possibly do so.

Man Found Dead At Boardman

Charles Ray Fonda, 45, who had been working as a cook at the Hitchin Post, Boardman, was found dead in his house at a trailer court Wednesday.

State police and Joe Balfe, deputy district attorney, investigated, and the body was brought to Sweeney Mortuary Wednesday night.

Jerry Sweeney said that Dr. Robert Connell of Pendleton, clinical pathologist, would perform an autopsy Thursday afternoon to determine cause of death.

Fonda, whose driver's license listed his home as being in Arizona, had worked at the Boardman restaurant since February 22.



Winter Files for D.A., Thomson for Assessor

Quiet continued to prevail on the pre-primary election scene with no contests apparent in filings to date, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, reported Wednesday.

Roderick (Rod) Thomson, Republican, filed his candidacy for a second term as Morrow county assessor. His first term ends this year. Thomson served as deputy assessor in the county office for four years prior to his election in 1962. No opposition in either party has developed for the position to this time.

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Irrigators Meet, Plan To Organize

Willow Creek ranchers representing an estimated 85% of the acreage that could be irrigated in the valley from the proposed Willow Creek dam have signed a paper indicating their willingness to form an organization for irrigation, County Judge Paul Jones said Wednesday evening.

Quentin Bowman of the State Water Resources Board; W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission; and Judge Jones had spent from Monday afternoon through Wednesday contacting the ranchers in person.

"I have the highest feeling of the fine attitude of the farmers and their willingness to assist," the judge said. "I just can't laud them too highly. They have cooperated very generously."

He said that a meeting for those who wish to participate was set for the county Courthouse today (Thursday) at 1:30 to continue discussions towards the formation of the district.

"I feel the irrigators are interested in getting this district formulated and I have every reason to believe we will have their full cooperation," the judge said.

The three men spent whatever time necessary with each rancher to answer questions and give as much information as they could. This has meant working until 9 to 10 p.m. each night to get the job done. Still by Wednesday evening there were some who they were not able to reach. They expected to make more contacts Thursday morning prior to the afternoon meeting.

Since the irrigation feature appeared to be the only part of the multipurpose project in doubt, this response on the part of the ranchers will be greeted with enthusiasm by those who have worked hard for the project.

Supporters are hoping that the irrigation organization plans can be completed in time to ask Congress for pre-construction appropriation this year.

State Commends City's Pure Water --But Pool Gives Cause For Concern



SENIOR GUARD GENE HELIKER casts off with a shot for Heppner in the Wahtonka game in the finals of the district tournament on the Eastern Oregon College floor, La Grande, Saturday night. The Eagles scored a 10-point win to end the Mustangs' season despite Heliker's outside shooting performance. All five Eagles in the game at the time are in this picture, including (far left) Lucky Proctor, Bill Hammel (44), Gary Ricketts (24), Jerry Harmon (32), and Terry Way (34). Heppner players include Russ Kilkenny (33) at far right, Mac Hoskins (center foreground) and Jim Jacobs (background, visible beside Ricketts). (Lloyd Johnson photo.)

--But Pool Gives Cause For Concern

Certificate of merit from the Oregon State Board of Health on the purity of the Heppner water system brought happy smiles from city councilmen when it was read at the regular council meeting Monday night.

The certificate, signed by Richard H. Wilcox, M. D., state health officer, commended these responsible for the system for "safeguarding public health by meeting standards for bacteriological purity."

This was the third consecutive year that the city has required such a certificate for meeting the exacting health requirements with its water.

Pool in Bad Condition
Several other matters in connection with state agencies were brought before the council, and two caused considerable concern.

Supt. Vic Grogshens said that the state sanitary engineer came to inspect the municipal swimming pool and made recommendations that would require an extensive remodeling job. "Some of them would be prohibitive," Grogshens said.

Concrete on the bottom of the pool is rotten and the structure is full of cracks, the city superintendent said. No expansion joints were provided in the building of the pool.

He said that he explained to the engineer that \$8000 had been set up in a city sinking fund for a new pool. The engineer deferred action at this time but said that he would return during the first week of the pool's operation this summer for another inspection and then would report to the council on his recommendations.

The council discussed briefly the implications of constructing a new pool. Grogshens gave an "off the cuff" estimate that \$125,000 to \$135,000 would be required for the job.

One idea presented was the possibility of building a pool with a plastic cover that might get more use.

New Dump Recommended
Another matter of interest to the state that was brought to the council's attention by Grogshens was the city dump. Stan Phillips, assistant state fire marshal made an inspection of the city dump in connection with the burning being done there, the city superintendent said.

The marshal's report is that burning is being done in a fire safe manner now but he recommended a remote landfill area for future city dump.

W. C. Rosewall, president of the council acting as mayor during the illness of Mayor Al Lamb, said that the city had some land in view for possible purchase as a city dump. He pointed out that if the Willow Creek dam is constructed the present dump must be abandoned.

A committee will go to check the property under consideration at 10 a.m. Saturday and will report to a forthcoming meeting of the council.

Highway Improvement Set
Grogshens announced at the council that the State Highway Department expects to call for bids in April on the widening and realigning of the highway coming into town from Lexington. The work is expected to link with the new bridges over Willow and Hinton creeks and will extend nearly to the Molahlan place three miles from the city.

The highway is to have two 12 ft. lanes with four foot shoulders on either side, Grogshens said that the plan told by the engineer is to acquire 10 to 12 feet of property on either side of the present highway for the improvements.

Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, who was present at the meeting, said that the cooperative will move the power line now located on one side of the highway.

Rosewall announced that Joe Balfe, Jerry Sweeney and John (Continued on page 8)

Eagles Scuttle State Tournament Hopes of Heppner Basketeers

By JOHN COX

Wahtonka ended Heppner's state basketball hopes Saturday night in La Grande by beating the Mustangs, 52-42, to earn this district's berth in the state A-2 tournament in Coos Bay.

The defeat was a tough one to take for the western division champions of the Greater Oregon League and also brought some gloom to the hundreds of Heppner fans who followed the team to the district tournament, giving by far the best representation of any of the four towns entered. They found solace, though, in the outstanding season of the fast breaking Mustangs and in the first A-2 league championship in the school's history.

The Eagles, showing skill and balance which should make them a strong contender in Coos Bay, overcame a narrow Heppner lead at the end of three quarters and powered their way into the state tourney by outscoring the Mustangs 19-8 in the final stanza.

Heppner managed a one-point edge in the first quarter, 8 to 7. In the intense, tight game, scoring was exactly even through the next two periods with the Mustangs clinging to the one point at the start of the fourth.

Wahtonka, which had profited from two previous meetings with the Mustangs, came up with an exceptionally strong defense, never allowing Heppner to fast break and plugging up the key to drives and layins.

Gene Heliker, Heppner's flashy senior guard, kept Heppner ahead through three quarters as time and again he made long pushers. He ended with high game honors of 17 points. Jim Jacobs added 14 to the losing cause and Jim Doherty had eight.

Terry Way led the Eagles with 15, after not scoring in the first quarter. Jerry Harmon dumped in 11 points, and Lucky Proctor added 10 to power Wahtonka.

Throughout the game Heppner had to settle for the long shot as it could not work the ball in against the strong Wahtonka defense. Consequently, Mac Hoskins got only three points which really hurt the Mustangs. The Eagles also controlled the boards all through the game which had a lot to do with the outcome.

The fourth quarter really proved the difference in the game. The Mustangs could not find the basket while the Eagles scored 19 points. Doherty fouled out midway through the quarter and this all but sealed the lid on the Mustangs' coffin. Heppner used a press in the last quarter, but this didn't help as Terry Way and Bill Hammel

HEPPNER (42)		WAHTONKA (52)	
Fg	Pf	Fg	Pf
4	5	3	4
8	17	5	15
1	3	5	2
3	2	5	10
0	2	2	1
0	2	2	1
0	2	2	4
0	0	0	0
TOTALS	16 10 16 42	TOTALS	22 8 9 52

New Owners Open Talk on Adoptions Wishing Well

Grand opening of the Wishing Well drive-in will be Saturday, March 12, Mrs. Lavelle Cecil and Mrs. Betty Sadler, new owners, announce.

They formerly operated the Kinzua Cafe together and have purchased the drive-in, located north of Heppner on the highway to Lexington, from Mrs. Betty Hamilton.

Their policy will be to serve good food at reasonable prices, they said. Hours will be from 10 a.m. daily.

On the day of the grand opening, they are offering popcorn to children at 5c per bag and ice cream will be on sale at 95c per half gallon and 50c per quart.

Sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee and short orders will be offered at the drive-in, the new owners state.

Talk on Adoptions Set for Chamber And Lions Club

Mrs. Jean Reed, case worker for the State Adoptions Unit in Salem, will speak to the Chamber of Commerce in Heppner on Monday, March 14, according to Lowell Chally, welfare administrator. That evening she is to address the Ione Lions club and will present a colored film.

Persons interested in adoption should make their initial contact through the Morrow County Welfare Department, Chally states. This is located in the Case Building in Heppner. The mailing address is Box 175, or phone 676-9211.

As an adoption agency, the State Public Welfare Commission plans adoptions for children from infancy to approximately 12 years of age. Homes are particularly needed for children over five years as well as those belonging to family groups needing placement together, minority racial groups and children with some physical handicap.

Since the state's permanent concern is finding adoptive families to meet these children's needs of love and security, its requirements for applicants are reasonably flexible, Chally said.

Adoption applicants should be within the normal age span found between parents and children and must have been married for at least two years. There are no rigid standards in regard to religion and financial standing other than that they have such income to provide adequately for a child. There is no fee attached to a state welfare adoption. Couples with children are also eligible.

Court Schedules 7 Appearances

Seven out-of-county appearances are tentatively scheduled for the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo court in the spring and summer, John Venable, rodeo secretary, announces.

Queen Erna Lynn Winchester and her court are scheduled to go to Arlington, Condon, Umatilla, Spray and Joseph for rodeo events; to the Umatilla county fair and to the Pendleton Round-Up.

WEATHER
By LEONARD GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of March 3-9 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	41	20	—
Friday	50	39	—
Saturday	55	34	—
Sunday	52	32	.18
Monday	50	37	—
Tuesday	57	50	—
Wednesday	63	33	.58



MAC HOSKINS

Hoskins Chosen To Star Five; Two on 2nd Team

Mac Hoskins, Heppner High's 6-2 high scoring basketball center, has been chosen to the all-opponent first team of the Greater Oregon League (District 7-A-2), western division, Coach Bob Clough announces.

The team was chosen by coaches of the division who voted only on players on teams of their opponents.

Hoskins is the only junior on the team. The other four are seniors, including Ray Eakin of Sherman county, Grant Gunderson of Burns, Steve Waterman of Grant Union and Terry Way of Wahtonka.

Heppner's sparkling pair of guards, Jim Doherty and Gene Heliker, were selected for the second team. Seven were chosen from the division for this unit, and all are seniors except for Doherty and Gene Lanthorn of Sherman county, who is only a sophomore.

Other choices included Jerry Harmon, Wahtonka; Ron Hill, Madras; Ron Vanek, Madras; and Brad Ward, Grant Union.

Heppner was the only school to place three on the all-opponent selections. Grant Union, Wahtonka, Madras and Sherman each placed two, and Burns one.