

Irrigators Organize; Appropriation to be Asked Tillicum Chooses Princess Mardee

Articles of incorporation for the Willow Creek District Improvement Company, composed of those who expect to irrigate their lands from waters of the proposed Willow Creek Dam, will probably be filed with the Oregon Corporation Commissioner the first of next week. Herman Winter, who was appointed secretary-treasurer of the new organization, said Wednesday.

W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission. Names of some 30 potential water users were on a document signifying their willingness to form such an organization, and about 25 attended the Thursday meeting.

Winter said that he is proceeding this week with necessary steps prior to filing articles of incorporation. Several others who had not signed to be members of the company have appeared and signed since the Thursday meeting, Winter said.

Ullman's assistant, Ron Ahern, said by telephone that the congressman has been keeping abreast of the progress through the newspapers and already was laying groundwork to present the matter with Oregon projects in a bill to Congress seeking funds for pre-construction work on the Willow Creek project.

The impression has been here that if the water district were formed prior to April there would be some hope of getting the pre-construction appropriation from Congress in a bill to be presented in April or May. However, the increasing intensity of the Vietnam war and the demand for funds to support it, the project may meet a delay on this account.

Mardee C. Childers, attractive, dark haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Childers of Boardman, has been chosen by the Tillicum Club to represent it as its princess on the royal court for the 1966 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

Verina French of Lena; Princess Barbara Bloodworth of Lexington; Princess Susan Lindstrom of Ione, and Queen Erna Winchester of Heppner.



PRINCESS MARDEE CHILDERS

Princess Mardee is enjoying her first year as a student at Riverside High school. She transferred here at the beginning of this, her junior year. She spent 12 years of her life in Bend, and in other Oregon towns before transferring to Riverside. Her father has been employed in construction work.

Comparable to others in her court, the young miss is 5 ft. 6 in. in height, has blue eyes and dark brown hair. She enjoys all types of outdoor sports, especially horseback riding. Although she has never had any professional lessons, she is a very competent rider.

For her appearance throughout the summer, she will ride a quarter horse, "Pepal," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bentline of Boardman.

After graduating next year, Princess Mardee plans to enroll in a state university and major in medicine.

Although Mardee is the only child left at home, she has three sisters and a brother, all older. Her sisters are Mrs. John W. Stenkamp of Pendleton; Mrs. Ronald Evans and Mrs. C. E. Mershon, both of Troutdale. Her brother, R. L. Childers, lives in Portland.

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Band Festival Due On March 25, 26

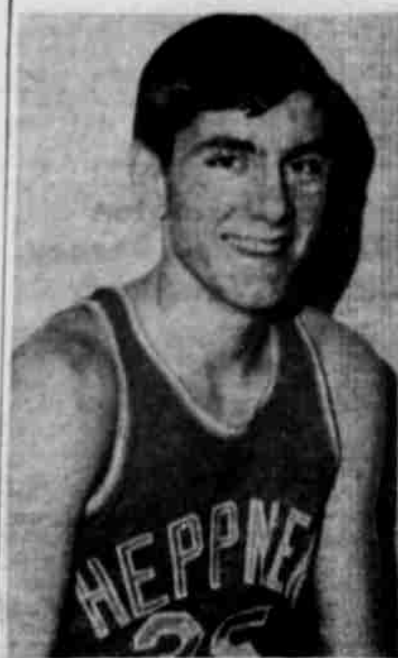
About 200 music students from six neighboring schools are expected to congregate at Heppner High school next week-end for a spring band festival.

Participating will be bands from Ione, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo and Heppner, on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, and under arrangement of Arnold Melby, Heppner band director.

New Farm Value Notices Ready

Notices of new assessed valuations on all rural property south of the Base Line in Morrow county will be mailed to property owners Friday, March 18, Bill Johnson, appraiser, said Wednesday.

The new values are the result of the final phase of the farm land reappraisal program conducted jointly by the Morrow county assessor's office and the State Tax Commission during 1964 and 1965. These values have been placed on the 1966-67 assessment roll, and will appear on the tax statements that property owners receive in October of this year.



GENE HELIKER

Heliker Listed For State Honors

Gene Heliker, fast breaking senior guard for the Heppner High Mustangs during the recent basketball season, has been given honorable mention on the Oregonian's All-State A-2 team.

Farley Motor Marks Birthday

Farley Motor Company this week is observing its 18th anniversary in the auto business in Heppner, Jim Farley, owner, said this week. He became a Pontiac dealer in March, 1948, and other makes now handled were added in subsequent years.

Zoning Hearing Set March 28

Hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance for Morrow county north of the Base Line will be Monday, March 28, at the A. C. Houghton School, Irrigon, at 8 p.m., Marion Green, secretary of the county planning commission, announces.

Flu Cuts Visits At Hospital Here

Restrictions on visiting at Pioneer Memorial hospital were placed in effect Wednesday by Administrator Will O'Hara as a result of the increase in the number of influenza cases.

He said that four new patients with the flu entered the hospital Wednesday, bringing to nine the total hospitalized there for that reason. In all, the hospital at this time has 16 or 17 patients.

PTA Groups Set Open Study Meet

Elementary and high school Parent-Teacher associations of Heppner will hold an open study meeting Monday, March 21, at 7:30 to consider educational philosophy, policies towards school personnel, and community relations. To be the first in a series of planning sessions, this will be in the multipurpose room of the elementary school, and everyone is welcome, according to Forrest Burkenbine, president of the elementary PTA.

Four Firms Again To Donate Saddle

Four firms centered at Lexington again will sponsor the trophy saddle for Champion All-Around in the 1966 Morrow County Rodeo, Charley Daly, a rodeo director, said this week.

Mayor Al Lamb May Return Home Soon

Mayor Al Lamb, who has been under treatment at Providence hospital, Portland, recently after suffering a stroke in January, has shown some response to the treatment, his son, Wayne Lamb, said this week.

Monahan Nephew Killed in Action

A telegram to Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan, received this morning (Thursday), informed them of the death of a nephew, James Bradley, 20, killed in action in Viet Nam this week. He was a commissioned officer in the army and had been stationed in Viet Nam since November.

Late Filings Stir Races For Primary

Races at the local level will be "few and far between" but late filings for the primary election prior to the March 15 deadline have brought two contests for the May balloting on county offices.

Two Democrats filed for the position of county assessor, and they will oppose each other on the May 24 ballot. They are Robert J. Laughlin and Haskell Sharrard, both of Heppner. Winner of this race will meet Rod Thomson, Republican, incumbent, in the November election.

Some opposition developed for Gene Ferguson, Republican, county commissioner, in the filings when Jack Van Winkle of Heppner entered on the Democratic ticket. Neither has opposition in the primary, however, and their contest will be in November.

District to Sign Contract at Meet

Contract with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the new Riverside High school will be signed at a special meeting of the directors of Morrow County School District R-1 tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the Riverside High cafeteria, Boardman, it is announced by Irvin Mann, board chairman.

Sears Catalog Store Opens This Weekend

Grand opening of the new Sears catalog store in Heppner is scheduled for today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, March 17-19, Mrs. Lillian R. Carey, authorized catalog sales merchant, announces.

Prack to Head Red Cross Drive

Larry Prack of Heppner will be Morrow county campaign chairman of the Red Cross drive, Herman Winter, acting chairman for the county Red Cross chapter, said Wednesday.

Polar Bear Camp Brings 50 Scouts To Arbuckle Mt.

Fifty Boy Scouts and leaders seemed to thrive on camping out in cold and snow at their week-end "Polar Bear Camp" at Arbuckle Ski Area from Friday evening through Sunday, J. G. (Moose) Stephens, scoutmaster of Heppner troop 661 said.

Troop 661 sponsored the camp and was host for the event, which started at 5:30 p.m. Friday when the group left Heppner and ended at 9 a.m. Sunday. Troop 662, McNary, and 666, Hermiston, joined the local troop in a day of fun and competition Saturday.

Winners of competitive events were as follows: Snowshoe race, Danny Sweeney, troop 661; intertube race, D. Rose, troop 666; sack race, Phil Jones, troop 662; and compass race, team of troop 661.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of March 10-16 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	53	27	—
Friday	56	38	—
Saturday	61	40	.04
Sunday	61	36	.02
Monday	58	34	.04*
Tuesday	56	33	—
Wednesday	46	27	—

*Hail

Helberg Reveals Irrigation Plan

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Max Helberg of Irrigon is starting work to lay an 8 ft. culvert under the present Highway 80 and to lay another under the roadbed of the additional two lanes of the highway, County Judge Paul Jones said.

Budget Meeting Set Tuesday Eve

Meeting for the purpose of discussing the 1966-67 budget of Morrow County School District No. R-1 will be held Tuesday night, March 22, at 8 p.m. in the Heppner elementary school, Irvin Rauch, district chairman, announces.

Murray's Rexall Drug Buys Phil's Pharmacy

Sale of Phil's Pharmacy to Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray of Murray's Rexall Drug is announced this week by Mrs. Jim (Mary Ellen) Myers, who, with her husband, owned the store since buying it from Mr. and Mrs. Phil Blakney in July, 1961.

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Plans for the drive were made at a meeting held last week with eight persons attending. The drive is expected to start late next week, and the goal for the county will be \$1300 of which 40% will stay in the county.