

Heppner to Get New Post Office

Heppner will have a new post office sometime before November 30, 1967, to be located at the corner of North Chase and Willow streets, according to information received Thursday morning by the Gazette-Times from the Seattle regional office of the Post Office Department.

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien advised Postmaster James H. Driscoll of Heppner that a bid has been accepted to construct the new postal facility. Successful bidders are John F. and Cora M. Soward of Madras.

The building will be in the block behind the Wagon Wheel Cafe at the site where a house owned by Mrs. Harry Munkers and occupied by Mrs. Snoda Blake is now located. This is diagonally across the intersection from Fiesta Lanes.

The building will contain 2,850 square feet of interior floor space and will have a 120 square foot platform. There will be 2,437 square feet of parking and maneuvering area.

Postmaster Driscoll, who has the plans for the building, said that it will be of concrete block construction and dimensions will be 50 feet by 57 feet. It will include new counter-type fixtures, new post office boxes and all new equipment, according to his present information.

The interior will have over 1000 square feet of floor space more than the present building, which now is owned by the Heppner Investors Corp. Lease on the present building expires November 30, 1967, and the

building will be vacated by that time, the postmaster said.

Talk of a new post office has been in the air for some time, but the announcement came as something of a surprise here. Postmaster Driscoll said Thursday that he had been advised from the regional office that plans are to "get rolling immediately" once the contract was let.

Jobless Rating May Bring Public Projects to Area

For the second time in four years the Heppner area has been classified by the State Employment Service as an "Area of substantial unemployment." County Judge Paul Jones told members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The judge said that the announcement came through the office of Governor Mark Hatfield.

Because of the classification, the area is eligible to apply for funds for public works and development under Title 1 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

The judge said that the county court will check on the possibility of implementing a project on water impoundments through the Act. He said that the federal money might be used for such projects, for park development, for sewer systems, for water system construction, for road construction, or other uses.

Judge Jones said that he has conferred with Sam Mallicoate, administrator of the Division of Planning and Development, Portland, and has written Eugene Foley, Economic Development Act administrator in Washington, D. C., stating that the county will present plans for public works projects soon.

When the area was declared one of substantial unemployment in 1963, the county did not apply for public works funds. However, the U. S. Forest Service did apply and obtained \$73,000 with which it developed the Tupper work center, adding dormitory buildings and other facilities.

The judge said that a meeting of county and city officials will be held soon to seek the greatest needs. Tom Current, state coordinator of the Economic Development Act, will be asked to attend.

Meanwhile, some Heppner businessmen declared their irritation at the classification. Many believe that it stems from winter shutdowns in the woods when cold weather brings logging operations and other activities to a halt temporarily.

In 1963, it was reported that when unemployment reaches more than six per cent of the labor force, the area qualifies as one of "substantial unemployment," putting it in a preferential position for procuring the federal aid.

First Grass Fire Covers 30 Acres

First grass fire of the season covered about 30 acres on the Frank Parker place about a mile west of Heppner Monday morning.

Alarm was sounded at 10:30 a. m. and one fire truck and a Jeep of the Heppner department were taken to the scene, Fire Chief Charles Ruggles said.

The grass, apparently damp, burned slowly and the fire was not hard to bring under control, the chief reported.

Origin of the blaze was from a fire set by two boys who had intended to cook their lunch in the open.

Fireworks Displays Due At Ione, Irrigon, Condon

There will be fireworks displays in towns all around Heppner during the July 4 week-end, but there is no public celebration planned here.

Ione will have its annual fireworks display on the Ione Memorial Field at dusk Saturday evening, July 2, under sponsorship of the American Legion, and the public is invited. There is no admission but a collection will be taken for those who care to contribute to the cost of the display. The swimming pool will be open from 7 until 9 p. m.

A free fireworks display will be at the A. C. Houghton school grounds, Irrigon, Monday evening, July 4, at dark under sponsorship of the Irrigon Lions club. There will be concessions stands and entertainment preceding the display, including a variety of games. This portion of the program starts at 7:30. The



HERE'S THE GROUP who represented Morrow county at 4-H summer school in Corvallis June 13 to 18. Top row (from left) Alford Drake, Chuck Nelson, Melvin Ashbeck, Kay Huson, Sheila Luciani, Merrilee Jacobs, Cheryl Smouse, Dave Hall, Keith Nelson, Mike Smith, Mark Tullis. Middle row — Leonard Munkers, bus driver; Patti Healy, Sherri O'Brien, Sandra Carlson, Linda Coop-

er, Lynda Early, Christine Munkers, Nancy Doherty, Larry Pettyohn, Leon Wilson. Bottom row — Marge Shads, Irrigon 4-H leader; Teresa Harshman, Kathleen Sweeney, Maureen McElligott, Mary K. Campbell, Julie Ayres, Kerry Peterson and Gail McCarty, county extension agent.

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Barley and Wheat Harvest Starts At Lex and McNab

Barley harvest is getting well underway at Lexington, North Lexington and McNab and wheat is starting at North Lexington, Harlan McCurdy, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, said Wednesday.

Stan Kemp was the first to bring in loads of barley to the North Lexington elevator on June 20. Others cutting now in the area are Roy Martin, Larry Lindsay, Jack Barak and Max Barclay.

Barley started at Lexington on June 21 with some coming from fields of Mrs. Amanda Duvall. Others in harvest there are Vernon Munkers, M. V. Nolan, A. G. Pieper and Bob Lovgren. Marion Palmer was first to bring in barley at the McNab elevator on Monday, June 27, McCurdy said.

First to bring in wheat at North Lexington were Stan Kemp, D. O. Nelson and Irvin Rauch.

Both barley and wheat are of apparent good quality better than anticipated, McCurdy said. However, he said that it is too early to make a statement on the trend in yields.

The barley test weight at North Lexington is averaging about 45 pounds, making it top grade, the MCGG manager said. Prices in Portland are starting higher this year than last year in both wheat and barley. Barley is going at about \$50 per bushel with wheat at \$1.69 per bushel.

McCurdy said that he believes the county will average better yields in the harvest than was expected in view of the lack of rain during the growing season. The late rain helped considerably and ensuing cool weather kept the fields from "burning up," he said.

Heppner Fire Loss \$34,076 in 1965

Fire loss in Heppner for the year 1965 totaled \$34,076, according to the statistical report of C. Walter Stickney, state fire marshal. The report has just been released.

The 18 fire losses were in buildings with a total value of \$164,492, the report shows. Total insurance carried was \$155,000, and insurance paid was \$31,209. Percent of loss to value was 20.71.

Of the 18 losses, 14 were in dwellings, two were in apartments and two were in hotels. Four losses are listed in the Heppner Rural Fire Protection district, three in dwellings and one in wood products. Sound value of property involved was \$112,786 and insured to the full value. Loss was listed at \$3,665 and insurance paid was also \$3,665. Percent of loss to value was 3.25.

In Ione, there were three losses, all to dwellings, totaling only \$656, fully paid by insurance. Value of buildings involved was \$11,500, and insurance was the same amount. Percent of loss to value was 5.70.

In Lexington there was one loss, amounting to \$120 in a dwelling, fully paid by insurance. Value of property involved was \$500, fully covered by insurance. Percentage of loss to value was 2.40.

Fun, Bargains Due At Bazaar July 8-9

Heppner's sidewalks will become a fun-filled market place on Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9, when the third annual Sidewalk Bazaar returns with its summer festival atmosphere.

An early report from LeRoy Gardner, a member of the committee, shows that 21 merchants and organizations have indicated that they will participate, and more will be added during the week.

At the bazaar, a person will be able to buy anything from candy cotton and tacky tape to furniture and appliances — all at ridiculously low prices.

There will be grab bags and giveaways; there will be food served from sidewalk booths; and there will be all kinds of soft drinks. The public is advised that western attire is the dress for the occasion. This event will be used to stimulate kickoff interest in the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo, and the kickoff dance will be Saturday night, July 9, at 9:30 in the fair pavilion with the Taynes of Pendleton furnishing the music.

Free parking will prevail throughout the Sidewalk Bazaar with meters to be hooded for the two days.

Among organizations which have indicated that they will have booths at the Bazaar are these: Triple Links club of the Sans Souci Rebekah lodge, dipping dogs; Triple Links club of the Holly Rebekah lodge, Lexington, home baked cakes, pies, pastries; Women's Society of the Methodist church, grab bags; baked foods, Marion-Kay spices, boxed note paper; Mother's club, Sno-cones; Ione Garden club, plants and bulbs and tacky tape; Lexington Grange Home Ec club, cookie bar; the Latter Day Saints church, Pronto Pups, bake sale; and the Ju-

nior Chamber of Commerce, which will operate from its Little League shack brought to the main sidewalk for the occasion.

Among merchants who will be doing bargain business from the sidewalks will be these: Central Market, Sears Catalog store, Van's Variety, Gray's Saddlery, Miladies Apparel, Gonty's, Thomson Grocery, J. C. Penney Company, Peterson's Jewellers, Gardner's Men's Wear, Western Auto Store, Murrays Rexall Drug, Elma's Apparel, and Case Furniture Store. Others probably will join the list during the week.

Early Copy Needed For Next Paper

Because of the July 4 holiday and the Sidewalk Bazaar coming up, early copy in both advertising and news is requested for next week for the Gazette-Times.

In all possible cases, the paper should have advertising for the Sidewalk Bazaar on Friday, July 1, and cooperation of the merchants is requested so that the paper can have time to do justice to the coming event. The office will be open Saturday, July 2.

The paper will be out at the regular time, and sample copies of the July 7 issue will go to boxholders in Monmouth, Spray and Kinzua. The Gazette-Times office, like most businesses in town, will be closed Monday, July 4.

Swim Classes Begin July 12; Signup July 11

Swimming classes at the Heppner municipal pool will begin Tuesday, July 12, it is announced by Ron Gray, lifeguard and instructor. They are timed to start after the 4th of July vacation period.

The basket fee, which includes the instruction will be \$1.50. Sign-up for classes will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. on Monday, July 11, with payment of basket fee. No one is signed up until fee is paid. Classes will be assigned after the number of students is determined.

Anyone wishing to assist with the classes will be welcomed by Lifeguard Gray, and urged to contact him before the time for classes to begin.

Ron has just returned from two weeks of intensive Red Cross Water Safety instruction at Jantzen Beach in Portland.

For public swimming, the pool is open during the following hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1 to 4 p. m. and from 7 to 8:30 p. m.; Sundays 1 to 5:00 p. m. It is closed on Mondays for cleaning.



PASTOR DON PEDERSON

New Pastor Here To Serve Hope, Valby Lutheran

Pastor and Mrs. Donald R. Pederson arrived in Heppner with their one-year-old daughter, Kristi Ann, Monday to serve Hope and Valby Lutheran churches and will begin their ministry Sunday at outdoor services in Cutsforth Park.

The two churches are combining for the services at Cutsforth at 11 a. m. Sunday. Picnic dinner will follow at noon.

The Rev. Pederson was ordained in services at the Trinity Lutheran church, Westbrook, Minn., on Sunday, June 12, 1966, after his graduation from Luther Theological Seminary on May 29 with a bachelor of divinity degree.

Pastor Pederson's elementary and secondary education was in the Westbrook Public Schools. Following his graduation from Westbrook High school on June 3, 1964, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served for five years.

After being released from military service he enrolled at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn., and graduated on June 4, 1963, with a bachelor of science degree.

Pastor Pederson succeeds Pastor Kenneth Robinson who recently accepted appointment to Luther Memorial church in northeast Portland.

Counties to Share Services of Agent

A home extension agent, Miss Tammy Young, will be helping out during the summer months in Morrow and Gilliam counties. Dividing her time between the two counties, she plans to help here with 4-H camp, 4-H Demonstration Day and the Morrow County Fair.

Miss Young is from Lake Oswego and Prineville. She completed her course of work at Oregon State University and will return in the fall for her student teaching. Her home

Opinions Vary On BLM Lands

No clear cut trend of opinion on the classification of Bureau of Land Management lands in North Morrow county resulted from the hearing conducted by the Bureau here Tuesday afternoon.

It was the first of two hearings scheduled on consecutive days, the second to be at Boardman Wednesday afternoon.

Among the few who spoke from the audience of 75, some favored that the land be classified for Desert Entry, some favored outright sale, and some urged formation of a Bureau of Reclamation project.

Most of those in the audience merely sat and listened through the session of nearly two hours. Chester E. Conard, BLM district manager for the Baker district, explained that purpose of the informal meetings was to hear the opinions of the public on how the land should be classified.

With him to assist in the meetings were Dennis Erickson and Leo Simmons, realty specialists from the Baker district office.

"Highest and Best Use" classification is to determine the highest and best use of the lands," Conard said.

When the BLM decides on a classification for the Morrow lands, it will be published in the Federal Register, after which the matter will be open for 30 days. Then if there is enough interest in holding a hearing, it will be held, after which another 60 days will be allowed before final classification of the land, he said.

The BLM has the power to retain or release the lands, Conard pointed out. Objectives under the Multiple Use Act for which they may be used under Federal ownership include the following: 1. Domestic livestock grazing. 2. Fish and wildlife development and utilization. 3. Industrial development. 4. Mineral production. 5. Occupancy. 6. Outdoor recreation. 7. Timber production. 8. Watershed protection. 9. Wilderness preservation. 10. Preservation of public values.

If the lands are released, they may be placed in the hands of county or state governments, to private individuals or corporations. Simmons outlined procedures in public sale or Desert Land entry. In the case of public sale, the land could be sold under (Continued on page 8)

Barbers to Raise Prices on July 5

Prices on haircuts, shaves and shampoos will be increased by Heppner barbers as of July 5, they announced this week.

Haircuts will go to \$2 from \$1.75 and children's haircuts (grade school age or under) will go to \$1.75 on weekdays. Shaves will be \$1.50 and shampoos will be \$1.50.

The three barbers, who comprise the Morrow County Barbers' association, said that this is the first increase in more than five years. The prices have been in effect since March 21, 1961. The new scale has been in effect in many other areas for some time, and in some locations it is even higher.

Increases in the costs of living and supplies make the step necessary, they pointed out. Included are the Heppner Barber Shop, operated by Lyle Jensen; Dick's Barber Shop, operated by Dick Robison; and Jerry's Barber Shop, operated by Jerry Hollomon.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the past two weeks, June 16-29 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	91	47	—
Friday	82	50	—
Saturday	84	57	—
Sunday	73	49	—
Monday	74	46	—
Tuesday	74	40	—
Wednesday	77	57	—
Thursday	68	39	.12
Friday	67	39	.05
Saturday	81	46	—
Sunday	87	49	—
Monday	91	54	—
Tuesday	73	41	—
Wednesday	75	41	—

Circus Nets \$180 For Jaycee Work

Morrow county Jaycees received \$180 net as proceeds from the Birmam Bros. circus which was here for two shows last Wednesday night, John Pankey, Jaycee president, said.

The Jaycees received \$210 as their share of advance ticket sales. They paid three policemen for their assistance in handling the crowd, and this brought the net to \$180 which will be used for civic projects.

Good-sized crowds attended both performances of the circus. Two elephants proved to be the most popular attraction at the event.