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7 City Posts Up for Vote November 8

Seven of nine elective city positions will be on the ballot at the time of the general election on Tuesday, November 8, a check with Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, shows.

Four council positions will be on the ballot, as well as those of mayor, treasurer and recorder. Regular terms of Mrs. Ernest (Mary Jean) McCabe, treasurer, and of Mrs. George, recorder, expire as of January 1, 1967. Also, councilman Leroy Gardner and Carl Spaulding will complete their regular four-year terms as of that date. Therefore, these four positions must be on the ballot.

In addition, the mayor position must come to a vote because W. C. Rosewall was appointed to the position following the death of Al Lamb, and, according to the charter, serves only until the next election when he may be a candidate for election if he chooses.

Two councilmen, Harlan McCurdy Jr., and Bill Cox, were appointed to fill vacancies, and so they, too, must stand for election if they wish to continue in office. McCurdy was appointed to the vacancy left on the council when Rosewall was elevated to mayor, and Cox was just recently appointed to fill the vacancy left when Councilman Hassell Sharrard resigned.

This means that only two elective officers in the city government will be holdovers. They are Wm. C. Collins, whose four-year term as councilman does not expire until January 1, 1969, and David McLeod, councilman whose term expires on the same date.

Candidates for the elective positions coming up on the November ballot may file by petition, and copies of the form are obtainable from the office of Mrs. George. Such petitions must be completed and filed 20 days prior to the election.

Candidates for the offices must reside within the city limits of Heppner for at least one year immediately preceding election and must be qualified electors of the city.

Ski Season Plans Getting Underway; Work Days Slated

Plans for the ski season at Arbuckle Mountain course were kicked off at a meeting of directors and others interested last Thursday night.

It was definitely decided to operate the course again this year with first skiing set for Monday, December 26.

Work days will start Sunday and will continue for the next six week-ends. Any interested in helping are asked to contact Bob Henry at the J. C. Penney Company store.

Projects to be undertaken will be the removal of trees on the run and removing humps on the course to make a smoother run. It is also expected to move the tow motor from the bottom of the hill to the top of the present tow.

Some real good news came for the Arbuckle Mountain Corporation when it was announced that the State Highway Department will assume responsibility for keeping the road to the course open this winter. This is in line with the new policy of using state crews to keep roads to all public ski areas open.

Loren Luore of the U. S. Forest Service and Henry went to the course Wednesday to check the course in preparation for the forthcoming work parties.

Personnel for the ski patrol has been pretty well affirmed, and among those planning to work in this capacity in the season are Alan Martin, Ken Peck, Don Wise, Gerald Bunch, Chris Culp, Luore, and Henry. A first aid course will start soon.

Negotiations are also underway to arrange for a bus to haul skiers to the hill on Saturdays during the season, but no definite announcement has been made as yet.

Present plans are that the course will operate each day of the holiday vacation week starting December 26 and after that week it will operate on week-ends until April 1.

Family season tickets will be sold in advance for those wishing to buy them to provide season's skiing at reduced rates.



ED HIEMSTRA (right), new head football coach at Heppner high, and Adrian Cook, assistant coach, will make their home debut Friday night when the Mustangs go against the Condon Blue Devils on the rodeo grounds field. (Heppner High Photo).

Mustangs to Open Here with Condon

Heppner High's football team, after losing its opener on the road Friday to Pilot Rock, 6 to 0, hopes to get on the winning trail in the home opener here Friday night.

The Mustangs will perform before a home crowd on the rodeo grounds against the Condon Blue Devils. Although not in the same league, the schools, being close neighbors, always develop a strong rivalry and a good contest is expected.

It will be the first chance that home folks will have to see the

new coaches in action—Head Coach Ed Hiemstra, Assistant Coach Adrian Cook and Assistant Charles Carr.

Game time is 8 p.m., and barring strongly adverse weather, a large crowd is expected.

Coach Hiemstra will field pretty much the same starting lineup as that which went against Pilot Rock with Jim Doherty at the quarterback spot.

Coach Richard Thew of Condon, who is assisted by Coach Jerry Tucker, has a roster of 40 boys, almost the same number as Heppner, carries on its roster. Each squad has eleven seniors.

Heppner merchants again this year are furnishing free programs for football fans, and these will be distributed at each home game in the stands. They also sponsor a page in this paper telling about the coming home game (See page 5).



MRS. MARJORIE WILCOXEN, Morrow County Extension Agent

New Extension Agent Begins Duties in County

Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Wilcoxon, new Morrow county extension agent, arrived in Heppner last week from Sacramento, Calif. to take over full time duties of the county office.

Along with the other county agents, Eugene Winters and Gail McCarty, Mrs. Wilcoxon is spending this week in Corvallis, attending annual staff conferences and become acquainted with procedures in Oregon extension work.

Mrs. Wilcoxon will be a welcomed addition to the county staff and will soon be working personally with adult extension units and with young people in their 4-H programs. Her friendly and congenial personality is expected to help make friends quickly over the county.

The new county agent has been a former teacher in junior and senior high schools in the Sacramento area. She holds a B.A. degree from San Jose State college in 1962, majoring in home economics. She has done custom dressmaking for the past 12 years, with sewing and knitting her "most favorite" interests.

She is making her home in Heppner with her husband and 19-year-old daughter, Nancy, who plans to enroll winter term at Blue Mountain college in Pendleton. Their 22-year-old son, Don, continues to live in Sacramento where he is employed.

The county has been without a full time home extension agent since Miss Donna George left in June for further study. Miss Tami Young, agent-at-large for the summer has been serving Gilliam and Morrow counties temporarily, and will return to college this fall.

Heavy Rainfall Brings over Inch Here Wednesday

Enough rainfall came to the Heppner area Wednesday to make up for lost time after a long dry spell.

The steady drenching rain added up to 1.19 inches during the day and gave the area a good soaking. This was by far the heaviest rain for a single day during the year to date. July 1 recorded .63 of an inch followed by .42 on July 2.

Added to the .99 on Tuesday and the .15 on Sunday, this brought rainfall for the week to 1.33, according to Don Gilliam, weather observer.

The 1.19 Wednesday did not approach any kind of a record for a single day's rainfall, but it might have been enough to send a person to the record books to see for sure. Gilliam said that one day several years ago here recorded 2.07 inches, but he had not checked out the date.

Most ranchers rejoiced at seeing the rain come, but some reservation was held for the Pendleton Round-Up. It was reported, though, that rainfall there Wednesday was not as heavy as it was here.

Temperatures dropped with the coming of the rain, and furnaces and heating systems around town were pressed into duty. The maximum Wednesday of 65 degrees was 20 degrees cooler than the 85 of last Thursday and Friday.

The rain was good news to the hunters as well as the ranchers. With the dry conditions in the woods, they had been fearing a postponement of the deer season scheduled to start October 1, but it looks much better for them now.

	Max	Min	Prec.
Thursday	85	51	—
Friday	85	49	—
Saturday	81	47	—
Sunday	70	49	.45
Monday	70	38	—
Tuesday	61	40	.09
Wednesday	65	50	1.19

Wife of Spaceman Gordon Related Here

Concern for the safe space flight of astronauts Charles Conrad and Richard Gordon in their Gemini 11, spaceman has been of special importance to Mrs. C. E. Lynch, Heppner, and her family, this week.

A niece of Mrs. Lynch, the former Barbara Jane Field, is the wife of spaceman Richard Gordon. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lynch's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields of Freeland, Wn., and married Gordon two years after he joined the Navy.

Both Conrad and Gordon served in Fighter Squadron 96 at Miramar (Calif.) Naval Air Station when they applied for jobs as astronauts, and have been close friends through all their training in the space corps. Gordon was a graduate of the University of Washington in 1951, and in 1961 set an air speed record of 859 miles an hour and a transcontinental speed record of 2 hours and 47 minutes in a Navy jet from Los Angeles to New York.

His wife and six children reside in Houston, Texas. His mother, a widow, lives in Seattle.

State Gives Okeh On Parks Grant

Approval at the state level has been given to a \$6200 matching fund contribution to Morrow county parks under the Land and Water Conservation act, County Judge Paul Jones said Wednesday.

Federal approval is yet to be given. The grant, when finally approved, will be matched by county funds to make improvements to Cutsforth and Anson Wright Memorial parks, the judge said.

Work was started on improvements at the Cutsforth park on the assumption that this could be done in advance of the approval of the contribution. It was stopped when it was learned that approval must be forthcoming first, the judge said. Work had begun on providing trailer spaces with utility connections at the park.

Approval on the matching funds for the county must first be given by the area office in Tacoma, Wn., and then by the office in Washington, D. C., the judge said.

Martin Buchanan Gives Ideas on Tax Problems

Oregon's tax study committee has recommended a 3 per cent sales tax if the 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation is placed on the ballot and is passed, and has recommended a 2 per cent sales tax if the limitation is not passed, Martin Buchanan, a member of the committee, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday in an address.

Buchanan, candidate for state representative from the 28th district on the Democratic ticket, said that he supported the 3 per cent tax if the limitation is passed but was opposed to the 2 per cent tax if the measure fails.

"I opposed this, as I feel we should stay with our concept of the income tax with a net receipts tax if necessary," he said. "Only under the reality of the 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation and its revolutionary impact on Oregon's local tax structure do I believe that a sales tax is needed at this time."

The Milton-Freewater rancher said that although he does not favor the proposed 1 1/2 per cent limitation, he felt it unfortunate that it may be kept off the ballot

by a "narrow and technical decision of the courts."

Just because the 1 1/2 per cent property tax limitation may have lost its turn on the ballot doesn't mean that this problem is not real or has been swept under the rug and neatly forgotten," he said.

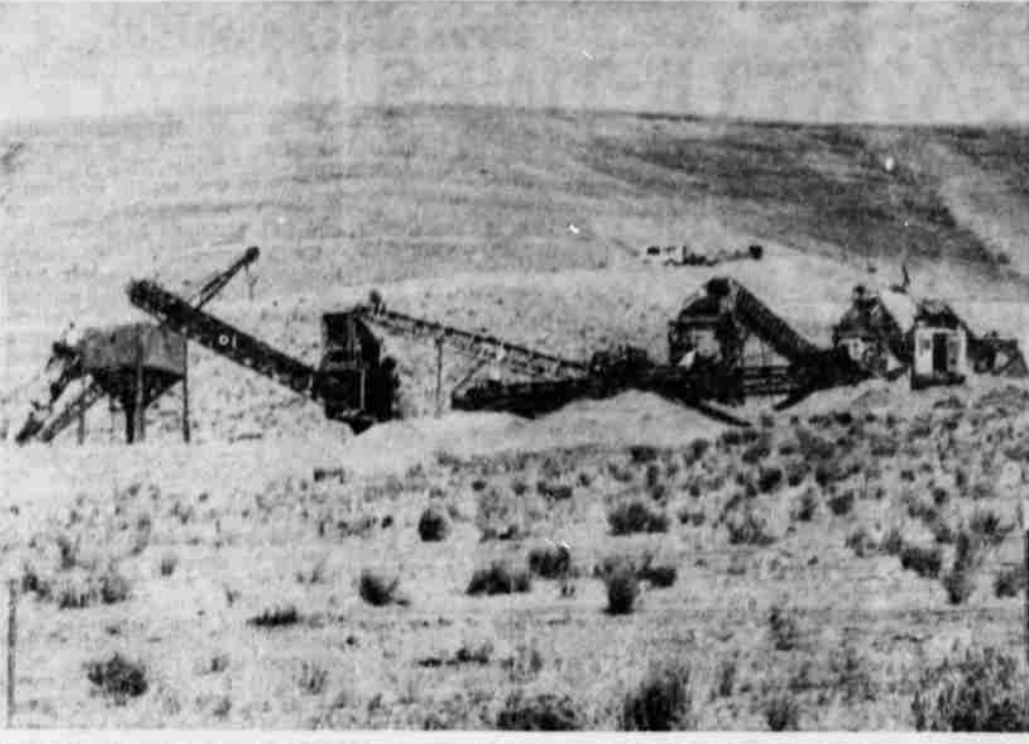
In reviewing Oregon's taxing system, the speaker said that the state has two major budgetary systems—local and general fund budgets.

The local budgetary system is supported by local property tax with school budgets taking nearly 70% of all local monies raised. Total property tax levies in Oregon in 1966 totaled \$294,000,000. In 1967 it is estimated that this will increase to \$346,000,000.

The last general fund budget was \$485,000,000, including minimum property tax relief.

Present estimates place the general fund sources of income at \$530,000,000 with a probable increase to \$590,000,000 in the 1967-69 biennium," Buchanan stated.

This is one area of budgeting in Oregon that has been doing "real well," he added. The econ-



WORK WAS UNDERWAY at full tilt pace this week by E. H. Itschner and Company of Molalla on the job of improving a stretch of Highway 74 from Heppner to a point 2.84 miles north under contract to the State Highway Commission. Top photo shows rock crusher set up near the project and bottom shows heavy equipment engaged in straightening a curve. Other equipment at other points is visible in the background. The company submitted a bid of \$233,255 on the project at the July 28 commission meeting. Two 12 foot lanes of highway will be provided and the stretch will be straightened and grades improved. The highway department called for completion of the job in 80 calendar days. Columbia Basin Electric power lines are being moved away from the highway to allow room for the improvement project. (G-T Photos).

Ione, Arlington To Play Saturday

Ione and Arlington High school football teams will meet on the Cardinals' field Saturday afternoon, second game of the season to the Ione 8-man unit.

The Cardinals lost to Dufur last week in their opener, 31-25, but displayed a good offensive attack and hope to come back with a win against Arlington.

Coach Gordon Meyers expects to be without the services of Keith Nelson, halfback, who was injured in the Dufur game, but Monte Crum will probably step into that spot.

After the Arlington game, the Cards take to the road against Mt. Vernon September 23 and Riverside September 30 before returning October 7 against Echo at Ione.

Fish Talk Slated At Chamber Meeting

Russell Bristow, executive secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Union, Astoria, has been invited to speak Monday, September 19, at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Gene Wilinters, program chairman, announces. A talk at the Chamber of Commerce recently presented the sports fishermen's side of the fish controversy, and the fishermen's union asked for an opportunity to speak to present the other side.

New Time Schedule Set For Riverside School

New time table for the construction of Riverside High school, Boardman, was reviewed by the board of directors of School District R-1 at the regular meeting Monday night at the Lexington school office.

The revised schedule calls for opening of bids on the building December 6, Superintendent David R. Potter said. Awarding of the contract is due on December 14, and construction is scheduled to begin December 26.

Completion date is scheduled for December 15, 1967, and move into the new building is expected to be undertaken on the day after Christmas next year, December 26, 1967.

No one appeared to speak for or against the supplemental budget that was published on the project, funds for which are reimbursed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The budget hearing was held just prior to the regular board meeting Monday night. The board adopted the budget unanimously.

Architect Howard Glazer is to complete preliminary plans and specifications on the new school by October 10 and forward them to the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps will review the plans and return them to the county school board by October 19.

Advertisement for bids will start November 3.

A request to consider adding an assistant football coach at Ione High school brought out some knotty angles for the directors. The request, which was explained by Principal Harold Beggs, apparently came from Gordon Meyers and parents of some of the football boys.

Without any assistant, the football players are left on their own devices when it is necessary for the coach to be away. This was the case recently when one of the players was injured.

Principal Beggs said that the squad is composed of 17 boys.

The request brought a review of the situations at Riverside and Heppner High. Principal Ron Daniels, in answer to a question from the board, said that Riverside has 31 boys out for football, which is handled by Coach Dan Daltoso without assistance. Daltoso has never asked for help with the sport, he said.

Principal Dick Carpenter said that between 50 and 60 boys are out at Heppner High, which has three coaches working on the sport, meaning that there are some 17 to 20 boys to each coach.

One suggestion was made that a faculty member be designated as a trainer at Ione with moderate pay, thereby allowing some supervision without the added expense of an assistant coach. However, it was pointed out that such a person would become an assistant coach in actuality, whether he was so designated or not.

The board felt the need of an advisory committee recommendation on the matter, but it was noted that the committee would not meet again for a month, when football season would be past the peak.

It was decided that Supt. Potter work with the administrators on the matter for a temporary solution, after which it will be taken to the advisory committee for consideration and recommendation.

Pool Work Eyed
Louis Carlson of Ione's advisory committee spoke to the board on the condition of the Ione swimming pool, pointing out the need for repairs. It was brought out that \$1500 is allowed in the budget for repairs to the pool, but one sandblasting firm contacted submitted a price of 50c per square foot for sandblasting the pool, making the cost some \$1900 for that phase of the repairs alone.

Supt. Potter said that he would contact other firms on estimates for sandblasting but said that the only way to be sure of getting the repairs done within the budget is for employees of the district to do much of the work.



MARVIN BUCHANAN

county to county and city to city.

"The area of greatest tax burden has fallen on the small home owner, people with farm lands where that is the major tax base, and people with fixed incomes who own homes."

Buchanan declared in this connection that one of his main disagreements with the proposed tax limitation is that in aiming at helping the average home owner to save \$120 per year in taxes, it would give the state's top ten utilities \$1,300,000 per year each.

He pointed out that "it is obvious that the cost of local government has grown faster than the ability to pay in many counties in this state."

Buchanan told of Oregon's efforts on property tax relief: 1. Tax exempt property, amounting to \$10 billion, of which half is owned by federal, state and local governments. Other exemptions include property of fraternal and veterans groups, churches, lodges, bank deposits, motor vehicles, household goods, farm produce, senior citizens, merchandise in transit and other

omy has been on the incline during the past four years.

Local Pressure Great

It is in the local budgetary system that pressure of the tax burden is felt the heaviest, he asserted. This burden varies widely in the state and from

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