

Hermiston Firm Low On Riverside Bid

The Timber Company of Hermiston entered a low basic bid of \$1,799,500 on construction of the new Riverside High school in Boardman when bids were opened Tuesday afternoon at the Lexington office of the Morrow County School District, scaping but it does not include equipping the structure.

One of five bids submitted, the Timber Company's proposal. The bid includes the construction of the building and land was close to the architects' estimate of \$1,760,800 for the job.

Contract will not be awarded until December 14 after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has had an opportunity to study the bid and act on it.

Of the total cost, the county school district will pay 8 per cent which includes the architects' fees. The rest of the cost will be borne by the Federal government in replacing the present high school which must be abandoned because of the forthcoming rise of the John Day dam reservoir.

Other bids were higher, ranging up to \$2,059,000. The four others submitting bids were De-

Gree Construction Co. of Bend, Lawson Construction Co. of Portland, McCormick Construction Co. of Pendleton and Riverman and Sons of Portland.

Architect Howard Leonard Glazer of Portland was present for the bid opening, together with representatives from the Corps of Engineers and other interested persons.

Many sub-contract bids were also submitted, details of which are to be studied. All of a number of alternates asked for in the call for bids are included in the basic bids given. Any alternates that would be accepted would be at the expense of the district. The alternate bids totaled \$34,859. Decision on them will be made at a later time.

Present plans call for construction to start on the new school by December 26.

Public Invited To View Show Of Garden Club

Committees of the Ione Garden Club are busy this week making last minute preparations for the Christmas Show and Silver Tea, planned for Friday afternoon and Saturday, December 9 and 10, in the Gilliam and Bisbee building, Heppner.

Schedule of exhibits will be divided into six divisions, and will carry out the general theme, "Christmas is Coming." Entries will be received December 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on December 9 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., with judging for prizes for both junior and adult entries. Community organizations are invited to enter live and artificial trees, with handmade or commercial decorations, and ranging from 18 inches to 6 feet.

Mrs. Omar Rietmann is serving as general chairman for the show. The executive board, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. Garry Tullis and Mrs. L. M. Johnson serve as schedule chairmen; Mrs. Don McCarty, staging chairman; Mrs. Vida Heliker, silver tea chairman; Mrs. Tullis, entries and classification; Mrs. Phill Emert, hospitality chairman; Mrs. Jones, judges chairman; Mrs. Mary Lundell, publicity chairman, and Mrs. Johnson, trees chairman.

The public is cordially invited to come and view the entries with the hope of suggesting ideas for home Christmas decorations as well as for business or church. There is no charge, but those desiring to share in the silver tea are invited to do so.

Wheeler county raised \$2800 at an auction for the OMSI project, Pierce said, and those meeting with McKinley last week considered a similar idea for raising funds.

Present at the meeting were David Potter, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Jim Wishart, Gene Winters, Pierce and McKinley.

OMSI Committee To be Formed Here

As a result of a meeting of several interested persons here with Loren McKinley, director of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, one night last week, a committee will be organized to help promote the museum in this area.

Gene Pierce reported on the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. He has been named temporary chairman of the committee.

One of the immediate purposes of the local committee will be to help raise funds to go towards a new \$300,000 agricultural building now under construction at OMSI. The structure is now about two-thirds completed and some \$140,000 has been raised towards the total cost.

Morrow is one of the few counties that does not have an organization seeking financial support for the project, Pierce said.

The agriculture building will have some 20 major exhibits, of which one-third will be changed each year. Some of the exhibits will be designed so that they may be taken to county fairs and other public gatherings.

Pierce said that support of granges, the Wheat League and others will be sought in final organization of the local committee.

Snow on Sunday First of Season

First snow of the winter season came to Heppner in a storm Sunday, bringing 2.3 inches, according to measurement of Don Gilliam, weather observer. The snow was confined to the south end of the county.

In other parts of the county, a heavy rain fell, accompanied by strong winds.

November ended with total precipitation of 3.16 inches, Gilliam said. This made it the third wettest November on record. Wettest was in November, 1942, with 3.24 inches, and second wettest was in November, 1921, with 3.19 inches.

Weather report for the week of November 30 to December 6 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	64	40	.03
Thursday	57	40	.35
Friday	50	39	tr.
Saturday	52	32	—
Sunday	53	32	.54*
Monday	46	32	—
Tuesday	48	40	—

Mann's Visit Brings Good Response Here

Visit of Rep. Irvin Mann to Morrow county last Friday afternoon brought a good response, according to County Judge Paul Jones, host for the visit.

Some 12 to 15 came to the courthouse to discuss taxation and other problems that might come before the legislature, the judge said. Mann had invited any with thoughts or ideas on pertinent matters to come before the next session to present them to him on this visit.

Following the informal session in the courthouse, he went with Judge Jones and Mayor Dewey West of Boardman on a tour of the north end of the county and was impressed with plans and developments, the judge said.

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Union Pacific Depot Here Soon May Be Thing of the Past

From a request for information made at the Monday night meeting of the city council, it appears that the old two-story Union Pacific railroad depot here will soon be a thing of the past.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens relayed a request from the company asking about location of a depot on railroad property on Morgan street, which would be perhaps a block from the site of the present depot. Groshens had the understanding that the railroad plans to raze the venerable old structure and move the depot now located at Heppner Junction, near the Columbia River, to Heppner.

The portion of Morgan street where the depot would be located is dedicated but not improved. The council agreed to request Clark and Groff, Salem, engineers, to check on the street location when they are here in connection with furnishing estimates on costs of rebuilding the Heppner municipal swimming pool.

The present depot has served the community long and well, but recently has been source of some criticism because of its need for painting and repair. The depot at Heppner Junction has been in use for some 10 years, replacing a depot that burned there prior to erection of the pre-fab metal building.

Elmer Schmidt, agent here, said that he had received no official information on the proposed project but said that it is being considered.

Scouts Place Trees On Sale in Heppner

Boy Scout Troop 661 will hold a Christmas tree sale, starting Friday, December 9, at the corner of Willow and Chase streets, across from Fiesta Lanes, it is announced by Moose Stephens, scoutmaster.

Members of the troop went into the mountains over the week-end, bringing a large variety of fir and pine trees, in varied sizes to place on sale. Scouts will be on duty after school to make the sales or those desiring may pay for them at the Heppner Hotel. Any special orders may be placed by calling Stephens at 676-5379.



CHECK FOR \$593 was presented by Jerry Sweeney (right), chairman of the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, recently to Will O'Hara, administrator of Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The money, which comes from donations received in the annual Red Cross fund drive here, went for the purchase of the blood refrigerator, in the lower right of the picture. The refrigerator is especially designed for storing the blood and will hold some 20 pints, assuring a supply for local emergencies. Most of the money collected in the annual Red Cross drive is used locally for financing the many services the organization offers. (G-T Photo).

He Wears Only 7D, But—

City Having Hard Time Filling Fire Chief's Shoes

Charles Ruggles wears small shoes—only 7D—but the City of Heppner is having a problem filling them, now that he

has announced that he must resign as fire chief.

At the same time, the city is facing a crisis in the shortage of volunteer firemen. The department's roster is now down to 10 men.

Councilman David McLeod of the fire department reported at the Monday night council meeting that conferences with the fire department had failed to find anyone willing or able to take the fire chief position. Top firemen who are qualified feel they cannot accept the responsibility because the nature of their work means that they are not available for calls much of the time.

The city has enjoyed a rather ideal situation with Chief Ruggles, who has been a fireman for 16 years, because he lives close to the fire station and conducts his business there. He had the experience and ability to operate the department efficiently, and with the assistance of his wife, Helen, was in a good position to take calls and dispatch men and equipment.

None of the other regulars of the department live close to the station nor have their businesses close.

Consider All Possibilities
Councilman McLeod said that the department and council committee have considered every possibility they could think of, but as yet have no solution. Chief Ruggles, who has been advised by his physician to quit activity in the department, will leave the position at the first of the year.

McLeod said that turnouts to the fire department drills, which are on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month, bring out a maximum of six men. With the department at such a low level of manpower, there is apprehension at what would happen if a major fire occurred and a number of the volunteers were out of the city.

The question was brought up as to why an electrician from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op has not been turning out to fires. It was pointed out in the meeting that when Pacific Power supplied the city with power, the lineman-agent, Fred Gimbel, turned out regularly.

Thinking was expressed that failure to cut off power at some of the fires may create a real hazard for firemen.

One idea that might furnish some hope for additional manpower came from McLeod, who asked whether the members of the city work crew might not be willing to assist when the alarm sounds. City Superintendent Vic Groshens said that sometimes the crew has some problem in connection with the

Zoning Law Passed; Pool Cost Study Set

Two important actions taken at the meeting of the Heppner city council Monday night were final passage of the city zoning ordinance and approval of a study of the swimming pool to be undertaken by Clark and Groff, Salem, engineers.

Provisions of the zoning ordinance, which has been under consideration for several years, will take effect within 30 days.

The study of the municipal swimming pool, recommended by a special committee appointed to consider the matter, will be undertaken to determine how much it would cost to rebuild the pool. The engineers will make the study and pre-

sent estimates on costs for a sum not to exceed \$500. The rebuilding would include a new bath house and wider decks. When the figure is compiled, the cost can be compared to that of constructing a new swimming pool to determine which course the city should take.

The special committee report, asking for the cost study, was made at an adjourned meeting of the council last month with Councilman LeRoy Gardner speaking for the committee.

Some consideration is being given to the possibility of a pool for joint school and public use, but an informal report Monday night indicated that such a plan might be out of the financial reach of the district for the foreseeable future.

Pool Below Standard

The State Sanitary Authority has informed the city that the pool at present does not meet state standards, and it operated during the past summer on somewhat of a probationary basis. City Superintendent Vic Groshens has said that the pool is in a bad state of repair and requires continuous maintenance to keep going in the summer.

The new zoning ordinance divides Heppner into agricultural, residential, central commercial and industrial zones, with provision also for a limited commercial zone. It sets up regulations for uses in the various zones and for conditional uses, going into such things as lot sizes, sanitary facilities required, off-street parking and loading, height of buildings, signs permitted, and other pertinent points to orderly planning and development.

Nonconforming uses in effect at the time of the adoption of the ordinance may be continued and any such uses under construction or development at the time may be completed.

The ordinance sets up regulations on trailer houses and trailer parks.

Copies on File
Copies of the 30-page ordinance are on file at the city hall for those who wish to study its provisions.

The ordinance was developed under a city planning commission, of which W. C. Rosewall was chairman. Since he became mayor, Harlan McCurdy has served as chairman by appointment. Other members of the commission at the present time are Councilman Carl Spaulding and Bill Collins, and citizen members Earl Ayres and Randall Peterson.

Upon recommendation of Bob Abrams, city attorney, the personnel of the committee may be changed to include more citizen members and less councilmen.

Two bids were opened on installation of an insulated ceiling in the fire station that would be designed to conserve fuel used in heating the station. However, neither was within the \$500 provided in the budget and were rejected. Low bid was that by Melvin Piper at \$539. City Attorney Abrams said that it would not be legal to accept a bid over the budget. New bids will be sought with the hope that some may be obtained that would come within the budget figure.

Five Nominated For Chamber Posts

Names of five men were presented as nominees for directors of the Heppner - Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday when Randall Peterson, chairman of the committee, reported at the regular meeting of the organization.

Those nominated are Wes Sherman, Bob Henry, Harlan McCurdy, Gene Winters and Jerry Sweeney. Sherman and Henry are serving as directors but their current terms expire this year.

The membership may propose additional names for the positions. Election is to be held on December 19, after which the directors elect officers for the coming year.

Parents Invited To 'Go to School' At Open House

Wednesday, December 14, will be the night that Heppner High school parents "go to school."

Parents, the students and the general public are invited to attend the Heppner High school PTA Open House at the high school beginning at 7 p.m.

In order to present a realistic example of the student's daily schedule, buses will make the regular bus runs (excluding the contract runs). Parents and students are requested to ride the buses; bus drivers will inform the students when they will be picked up between 6 and 6:45 p.m. Parents and students living in town are requested to ride the buses from the elementary school.

The program will commence with a general PTA business meeting in the gymnasium. Following the meeting, parents will visit each class attended by their children. Each teacher will have his own program during these visitations.

Audio-visual equipment will be on display during the evening. The use of this equipment will be demonstrated in the various classrooms.

The evening will conclude with refreshments served in the library.

Open House time schedule is as follows:

- 6:45-6:55—Buses arrive
- 7:00-7:30—PTA business meeting—announcements
- 7:30-7:45—Visit "A" period classes
- 7:45-8:00—Visit "B" period classes
- 8:00-8:15—Visit "C" period classes
- 8:15-8:30—Visit "D" period classes
- 8:30-8:45—Visit "E" period classes
- 8:45-9:00—Visit "F" period classes
- 9:00-9:30—Refreshments
- 9:30-9:35—Buses depart

Ione and Heppner Bill Home Games

Both Ione and Heppner have home basketball games Friday with the Cardinals meeting Pilot Rock in their first league contest while the Mustangs take on DeSales of Walla Walla here in their third non-league contest of the year.

The Cards have some basis for measuring strength against Pilot Rock since Heppner has played both teams, downing the Rockets 66 to 44 and Ione 61 to 36. Jayvee game at Ione will begin at 6:30 Friday night with the varsity contest to follow.

Heppner has carried on a pre-season home and home series with DeSales for the past several years, and most games have found the clubs pretty evenly matched. Jayvee game here will also begin at 6:30.

On Saturday night, the Mustangs travel to Condon for a doubleheader with the Blue Devils while Ione has an open date.

Program To Feature Christmas Windows

"Christmas Windows" will shine brightly on the stage of the Heppner Junior high school auditorium Tuesday evening, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Principal Alan Martin announces that this year's annual Christmas present to the public will be a program from the children in grades 1 through 5, directed by Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, music teacher. Stage setting, with Miss Terry Linecum, directing the art and scenery production, will be a series of Christmas windows of Heppner business establishments along the familiar main street. Teachers in the first five grades, assisted by room mothers, will help with costuming and staging.

Chorus of the lower grades will enter the street scene singing a lively arrangement of "Jingle Bells." Songs of welcome will greet families and friends, and a parody on the

familiar tune, "Glow Worm," will carry out the appropriate setting for "Shine Christmas windows, glimmer-glimmer, all over Heppner, shimmer-shimmer."

Children in the first grade of Mrs. Kathryn Hoskins will present their interpretation of the "Shoemaker's Dance" in the window of Farra's Shoe Repair Shop. Another group of first graders, directed by Mrs. Alena Anderson, will appear in the window of Ayers' Heppner Auto Sales, presenting an arrangement of "Airs for Reindeers," featuring the familiar tune, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Scenes of "Twas the Night After Christmas," will come to life in a store window by first graders in Mrs. Cleo Robinson's room, with their interpretation of the song story of the little mouse, Ceila, and the scoundrel (Continued on page 8)



THESE TWO "DAN'L BOONES" weren't wearing their coonskin caps and buckskin jackets when this picture was taken at the Lions club meeting last week. Marion Green (left) presented a program on old rifles and muskets. Jim Barnett (right) holds an old time gun from his collection. Green displayed rifles from the collection of Howard Bryant, as well as his own and Barnett's. (G-T Photo).

Marion Green Gives Interesting Talk On Antique Rifles and Collecting Hobby

Kentucky rifles, of the kind that Daniel Boone made famous, helped to found our nation.

So said Marion Green in an interesting talk on old-time rifles, muskets and carbines before the Ione Lions club at its meeting here last week. He displayed rifles from the collections of Howard Bryant, Jim Barnett of Ione and his own to demonstrate the talk. Their collections span the time from the Revolutionary War.

Frontiersmen with their flintlock rifles were called upon to fight the British, and the accurate long-barreled weapons

figured in winning the war.

"The European nations laughed at the Kentucky rifles at first as a military weapon," he said. But the rifle had an exceptional range and was exceptionally accurate. These rifles are still a challenge to most modern rifles up to 150 yards, if telescopic sights are banned, Green said.

Use Antiques for Hunting
Green and Bryant hunt with the antique weapons that they have in their collections as an interesting sidelight to their hobby, going through the rather technical process of loading

the rifles with ball and powder. All the guns displayed in the collection are in shooting condition. Some are authentic antiques and some are modern made copies.

The old rifles are classified by their method of ignition, Green explained in the talk, including the matchlock, which was ignited by a burning cord; the wheel lock, of more complicated ignition; the flintlock; caplock and others.

The Kentucky rifle came into being about 1770 in the area

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