

# Engineer District Rejects Riverside High Bids

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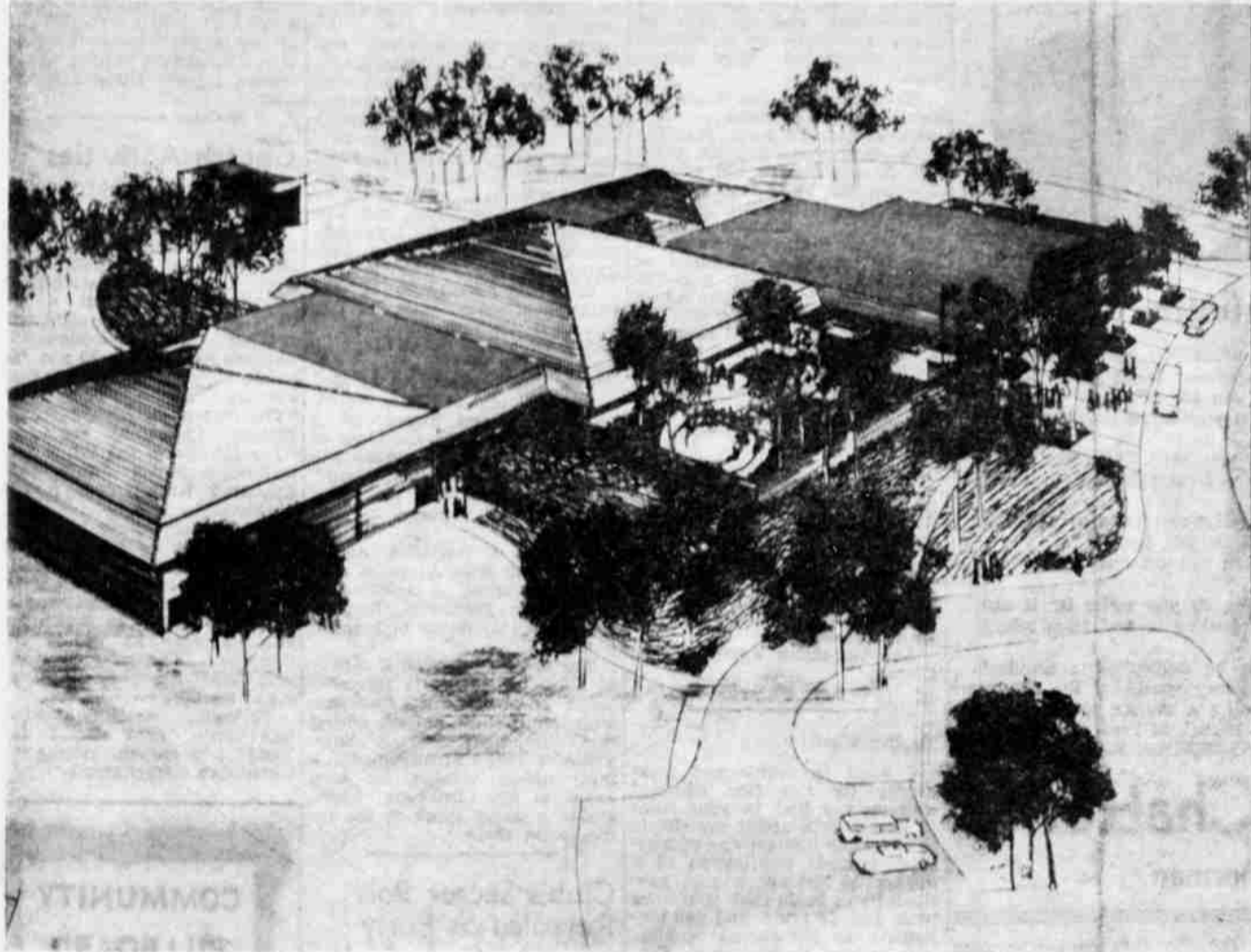
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## School Board To Consider Alternatives

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CONTRACT FOR THE NEW RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL building, shown in this architect's sketch, was not awarded Wednesday as planned because the Walla Walla district, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, rejected the bids. The structure will face southwest (entrance near upper right of picture) and will be located in the northwest part of the new town of Boardman. Athletic fields would be at left (out of the picture). The gym is at the far left of the sketch with dressing rooms adjoining. Mechanical department would come next (to the right) with student

commons adjoining. Drama, music and auditorium would be at the top (left of center) with vocational science and shop at top center. Library, academic section and classrooms would be in upper right. Home economics and art rooms would be located roughly in lower center of the building as sketched here. The school could accommodate 250 students. Present enrollment in the high school, grades 9 to 12, is 90 students. The new structure will house grades 7 through 12 with a starting enrollment of about 150 expected.

Walla Walla district, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, rejected bids on construction of the new Riverside High school, Boardman, at a meeting with members of the Morrow county School District R-1 directors Tuesday, Supt. David R. Potter said Tuesday night.

The announcement came from Col. Frank McElwee, district engineer, after the Corps had reviewed the bids. Too much spread between the bids and original estimates was given as the reason.

Rejection of the bids by the Army Corps district does not mean that the bids are also rejected by the county school district. However contract may be awarded by the school district only after review and approval by the Engineers, and this approval is necessary before the contract can be let because the federal government pays all but 8% of the cost of the construction.

The rejection was the most recent disappointment in a long history of setbacks, reverses and controversy which have marked the planning for a new north end high school since it was known that it would be necessary to abandon the present school with the rising of the John Day dam reservoir.

Supt. Potter said that the school district board will consider possible alternatives which might reduce the cost of the school construction. Bids submitted by the firms last week are effective for 90 days.

Low bidder on the project was The Timber Company of Hermiston at a cost of \$1,799,500 on the basic bid, including landscaping of grounds.

## G-T Office Moves Two Doors East; Machine Installed

If you are one of those who have come to the old Gazette-Times office, only to find the door locked and the office dark, you already know: The Gazette-Times office has moved.

If you haven't had this experience, this is to advise you that the new office is located two doors east of the old one on West Willow. The bright new quarters are in the office formerly occupied by the late Jos. J. Nys, attorney.

While work is not fully completed, the staff is enjoying the new facilities. The old office, according to present plans, will be used for a bindery and stock room, relieving pressure for space on the shop.

When adjustments are all finally made, it is hoped to hold an open house for the public. (See Chaff and Chatter, page 2).

The week also marked installation of the new Fairchild Cadet photo-engraver, and pictures in this edition, for the first time, were produced entirely in the local plant without the necessity of sending away for "cuts."



FIRE CHIEF CHARLES RUGGLES huffed and puffed as he attempted to blow out 16 candles on a cake presented him at a dinner given in his honor by members of the Heppner Fire Department Friday night. Some of the candles wouldn't blow out. Mrs. Ruggles (left) got a hearty chuckle from her husband's efforts.



IN DESPERATION, the chief, who will retire on January 1 after 16 years in the department, did what every good fireman should do—doused the candles in water to extinguish them. Rumor has it that the firemen had special non-extinguishable candles prepared for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Phillips, special guests, watched proceedings in the background. Phillips is a deputy state fire marshal. (G-T Photo by Spike Pardee)

## Teachers Propose Higher Salary Scale

A new salary schedule that would fix salaries of beginning teachers with bachelor degrees at \$6000 per year in Morrow county School District R-1 as compared with the present \$3200 was proposed to the district board of directors Monday night at a meeting in A. C. Houghton school at Irigon.

Mrs. Vi Lanham, who was elected some time ago as the chairman of the professional negotiations committee in the district, presented the schedule, which was worked out by the committee following consultations with teachers in the district.

Salaries, under the new schedule would be advanced by the index figure of .04 for each additional year of experience and by the same figure (.04) for each step of educational training, including those of BA or BS, BA or BS plus 30 hours of additional college credit, MA or MS (or BA or BS plus 60 hours), and MA or MS plus 30 hours.

### Would Add Four Years

The salary schedule now in effect in the district goes only through the 11th year of experience and up to the MA or MS degree in training. The new scale would eventually reach 15 years of experience with the .04 index increment provided for each successive step in the column of MA or MS plus 30 hours.

The experience levels 12, 13 and 14 would be added to the schedule at the rate of one per year beginning with the 1967-68 school year. Thus level 12 would be effective for 1967-68, level 13 for 1968-69, level 14 for 1969-70, and level 15 for 1970-71.

Maximum salary under the current salary schedule is \$7900 for a teacher with a master's degree and 11 years of experience. Under the proposed schedule this teacher would receive \$9120. It would be possible for a teacher (one with a master's degree and 30 additional hours together with 15 years experience) to earn a maximum of \$10,320 per year.

### Increments Would be \$240

The index figure of .04 interpreted in dollars, means that increases for each year of experience, or for each advancement in the educational training column, would be \$240. Teachers with bachelor degrees would increase from the starting figure of \$6000 with no experience as follows: 1-year experience, \$6240; 2 years, \$6480;

3 years, \$6720; 4 years, \$6960; 5 years, \$7200; 6 years, \$7440; 7 years, \$7680; and 8 years, \$7920. This is the highest a teacher with only a bachelor degree could go on the scale.

The teacher with a bachelor degree plus 30 hours would (Continued on page 8)

## Cover of 'Life' Features Marine Known in Morrow

Cover of Life magazine of the October 28 issue featured Dennis Steigman, a Marine who spent a year in Morrow county in 1963-64, according to Herb Hynd, who employed Steigman on the Hynd Bros. ranch at Cecil.

The cover showed Steigman giving aid to a wounded fellow Marine south of the demilitarized zone in Vietnam. The lead story in the magazine, "Marines Blunt the Invasion from the North," also included a picture of Steigman.

Although not identified by name, Hynd said that he and others who were close to the youth when he was here are positive that he is the man in the picture.

Steigman, who came here from the state of Washington, worked on the Hynd ranch during a summer and lived with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schaffer of Cecil during the winter of 1963-64. He attended high school at Ione and was a member of the junior class at that time.

Hynd recalled that Steigman had made a good record in the sport of wrestling in high school before coming to Morrow county, but the sport was not on the high school schedule here so he could not continue in it.

After leaving the county, Steigman joined the Marines and has been in action in Vietnam for some time. He has been wounded twice and has received the purple heart each time.

The article in the October 28 issue of Life pictures the man as being involved in "one of the meanest, most important battles of the war." They were contesting for ground just south of the supposedly demilitarized zone which divides North and South Vietnam.

## 'Call Santa', Kids! He'll Be Waiting On Monday Evening

Hey, kids, want to talk to Santa? He will be on the telephone line, ready to answer all the wants and desires of the little folk Monday evening, December 19.

Just dial 676-9163 anytime between 7 and 9 p.m. and old Santa Claus will be at the other end of the line ready to listen to all the wishes, and perhaps talk on any other matters that may be on little minds before Christmas.

Jaysces of the community have arranged for the genial old gentleman to take the calls, a repeat of the same service which was so well received two years ago.

## Elks Lodge Slates Memorial Service

Memorial service of Heppner Lodge No. 358, B.P.O.E., for departed members will be Thursday night, December 15, in the Elks Temple, starting at 7:45 p.m. Exalted Ruler Jerry Daggert announces. Regular lodge will follow at 8:15.

Address will be by Al Boschee, pastor of the Christian church. Musical selections will be presented by the Methodist church choir. Marshall Lovgren, chaplain of the lodge, will give the invocation.

Roll call of departed members of the lodge will include L. E. McBee, H. E. Warner, Max Buschke, Joe Aiken, L. L. Gilliam



STRETCHING every muscle are these basketball players going up for a rebound in the Heppner High-DeSales game here Friday night, which the Mustangs won, 75 to 57. In the center of action is John McCormick (43) of the Irish with Randy Stillman (20) and Mac Hoskins (22) of the Mustangs trying to get their hands on the ball. In the background is Nelson Ouderikirk (23) and at right (partially visible) is Jim Volz (21), both of DeSales. (G-T Photo by Spike Pardee)

## Governor Protests Cutting Projects, Including Willow

Governor Mark O. Hatfield has protested President Johnson's recent decision to cut back or delay Corps of Engineers projects in Oregon, including the Willow Creek project in Morrow county, according to a news release from the governor's office.

He has asked Charles L. Schultze, director of the federal budget, to restore the funds when the budget is submitted to Congress next month.

Gov. Hatfield told Schultze by letter that starts on top priority flood control and water conservation projects approved by Congress, such as the Lower Grande Ronde and Catherine Creek projects in Union county and Willow Creek in Morrow county have already been delayed by their omission from last year's budget.

Hatfield reminded Schultze that the federal administration has avowed support of water control projects to reduce flooding that in the past two years has taken 20 lives and caused property damage of more than \$250 million.

... the national administration's policy last year of 'no new' starts in construction of major water resources projects, coupled with the new 'stretch out' program seems inconsistent with administration programs discussed last year for the accelerating of water storage projects," the governor said. "These delaying actions are also causing serious concern in the construction industry which has declined steadily the past seven months. We are completely in accord with reductions in Federal spending and a balanced Federal budget; however, we do not believe that cutting back and delaying capital investments in essential water resource development works in Oregon is a sound or proper approach to either objective."

His letter was accompanied by a list of 34 Oregon projects, planned, underway or under study by the Corps of Engineers. The projects affect almost every part of the state.

The President on November 29 announced that civil works projects now in the works would be stretched out over a longer period of time or axed entirely in the interest of economy.

## Firemen Pay Tribute To Retiring Chief At Surprise Dinner

Heppner's Volunteer Firemen honored their retiring fire chief of 16 years, Charles Ruggles, with a surprise dinner on Friday, December 9, at the Heppner Hotel Grill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra, Mrs. Charles Ruggles and Deputy Fire Marshal Stan Phillips and Mrs. Phillips of John Day joined forces to arrange the surprise and Ruggles declared himself completely "taken in."

Much hilarity resulted from the sneaky surprise, and from old fire department stories and jokes brought up by those attending. Decorations of toy fire equipment and red candles added to the spirit of the dinner.

Mr. Phillips, speaking of the years of association between himself and Ruggles, paid tribute to the Heppner fire chief who, he said, always has given him full cooperation. He also went on to say that Heppner is now in a favorable situation as far as equipment and water supply are concerned, compared to many of the communities of comparable size in his district.

Mayor Clarence Rosewall also complimented Ruggles saying he and the council "never had to worry" about the Fire Department as long as he was fire chief.

In recognition of his 16th year of service as fire chief, Ruggles was presented a cake decorated with 16 candles and the problem of putting out the blaze. Specially treated candles kept burning after repeatedly being blown out and finally were successfully doused in a glass of water.

Assistant Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine presented a retirement gift of deluxe rod, reel and fishing tackle box, along with many good wishes from the firemen, and Mrs. Farra presented a lovely potted plant to Mrs. Ruggles.

Attending the dinner, in addition to the Ruggles, Farris and Phillips, were Mayor and Mrs. Rosewall, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green, Mr. and Mrs. Forrie Burkenbine, Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allstott, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abrams, Charlie Walker and Nate McBride.

## WEATHER

December 7-13

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	42	33	.06
Thursday	40	28	tr.
Friday	39	27	.08*
Saturday	53	27	.10
Sunday	55	27	—
Monday	61	35	.05
Tuesday	55	43	.07

—SNOW