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**OATH OF OFFICE** of most of the official family of the City of Heppner was taken Tuesday night in the council chambers. Here Bob Abrams, city attorney, says, "Raise your right hand and repeat after me..." (from left) Mayor W. C. Rosewall, Councilman Jerry Sweeney, Councilman Carl Spaulding and Recorder Elaine George. Councilman Bill Collins (seated) is a hold-over member. Several were unable to be present at the meeting. (G-T Photo).

## Heppner Officials Take Oath; Mayor Names Committees

Most of Heppner's official city family took the oath of office for new terms Tuesday night at the first council meeting of the year. Only two councilmen, Bill Collins and David McLeod, are hold-over officials, and all others are starting new terms or are just beginning their city work.

City Attorney Bob Abrams administered the oath to Recorder Elaine George, who was reelected in November. She in turn, gave the oath to Mayor W. C. Rosewall, also reelected, and to Councilman Carl Spaulding and Jerry Sweeney. Spaulding was reelected and Sweeney was elected for the first time by a written vote. Unable to be present were Councilman Harlan McCurdy, who was elected in November after filling an unexpired term; Councilman Joseph Balfe, who was elected for the first time; and Mrs. Mary Jean McCabe, who was reelected treasurer.

Attorney Abrams gave the oath to Mrs. George while he was hobbling on crutches as the result of a recent leg injury.

Mayor Rosewall announced the following committee appointments, all of which were approved by the council:

Planning commission (all citizen members): LeRoy Gardner, chairman; Earl Ayres, Randall Peterson, Ed Gonty and Tim Moore.

City services (library, swimming pool, parks, street lights): David McLeod, chairman; Harlan McCurdy, Jerry Sweeney.

Fire: McLeod, chairman; Carl Spaulding, Joe Balfe.

Finance: Spaulding, chairman; McCurdy, Sweeney.

Streets, properties and ordinances: Bill Collins, chairman; McCurdy, Balfe.

Police protection: Collins, chairman; McCurdy, Sweeney.

Sanitation and health: McLeod, chairman; Sweeney, Balfe.

Water: Collins, chairman; McCurdy, Sweeney.

Wayne Harsin, as president of the Jaycees, was added to the citizens' swimming pool committee, replacing John Pankey, who has left the city.

All appointive city officers were re-appointed, including Dean Gilman, chief of police; Dr. Wallace Wolff, health officer; Abrams, attorney; and Vic Grosheens, city superintendent.

The mayor said that he would make two appointments to the budget committee to fill vacant terms in the near future.

## Weatherford Escapes Destroyer Injuries

Seaman Recruit Bill Weatherford was one of the crewmen aboard the U. S. Destroyer S. S. O'Brien, which was struck by North Vietnam fire while on duty off shore in the Tonkin Gulf Thursday, December 22, according to word received from his parents. There has been no word of injuries to him, however, several personnel on the destroyer were hurt. The ship will be out of operation for some time while repairs are made.

Weatherford was assigned to the Destroyer O'Brien from Long Beach, Calif., leaving the states December 10. He assists in the maintenance of the ship's engine room.

His wife, Mrs. (Alice Jackson) Weatherford and baby son, William Weatherford IV, reside in Hermiston.

## WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of December 28-January 3 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	40	31	.14
Thursday	48	33	.04
Friday	45	29	—
Saturday	52	37	—
Sunday	45	35	—
Monday	43	30	.02
Tuesday	52	40	tr.

Total precipitation for the year was 13.13, which was .12 below the average of 13.25 and one inch more than the previous year, 1965, at 12.13.



**COUNTY JUDGE PAUL JONES** (right), administers the oath of office to County Commissioner Jack Van Winkle (left) and Rod Thomson, assessor, in ceremonies at the courthouse Wednesday morning. Van Winkle succeeds Commissioner Gene Ferguson on the county court, and Thomson starts his second full term following elections in November.

## Schmidt to Take New U.P. Position

Elmer Schmidt, Union Pacific Railway station agent in Heppner for the past 12 years, has accepted a position with the railway at Hinkle and expects to start there at the first of next week, he said Tuesday.

He will be assistant car distributor, and with one other man will have the responsibility of handling freight car distribution for the entire Oregon division of the railway.

A new agent is due to arrive here Thursday to succeed Schmidt. His name has not been announced.

Schmidt, who is a past president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, said that he expects to commute from Heppner to Hinkle until the end of the school year, after which the family plans to move nearer the new position.

One daughter remaining at home, Jill, will complete her senior year at Heppner High this spring.

Mrs. Schmidt is teacher in Heppner kindergarten and formerly was home economics teacher in Heppner High school. She has been active in PTA, Mothers club and other organizations.

Schmidt served as development committee chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and served as a director of the Morrow county rodeo. He has been in charge of taking tickets at the rodeo for years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have been active in the Lutheran church.

He has been with Union Pacific for about 25 years, serving for 12 years as station agent in Echo before coming here.

## New Year's Baby Slow in Arriving

A prize bonanza is waiting but Mr. or Miss 1967 of Morrow County has not arrived to claim it.

Pioneer Memorial hospital reported Tuesday that the New Year's baby has not made an appearance, and the attendants there did not have any information of any being expected.

So apparently, the newcomer is going to be a procrastinator, and he will take his time in collecting the 33 prizes offered by local firms and announced last week.

## School Budget To Be Discussed On PTA Program

David Potter, Morrow county school superintendent, will speak on the upcoming budget for Morrow county schools at the Heppner grade school PTA meeting planned for Wednesday, January 11, in the grade school multipurpose room at 8 p.m.

Budget matters upon which the budget committee will begin work February 6, affect all school activities and will determine, through financing, the quality of our children's education. It is hoped that parents will gain an understanding of the way in which school expenditures are planned and how they can participate in the planning.

Supt. Potter will use an overhead projector in his talk and will answer questions from the floor.

Art classes who are working on a puppet theater project will display some of the work they are doing under the direction of Miss Terry Linecum, art director of the Heppner schools.

According to Elementary PTA President, Mrs. Clyde Allstott, main business for the meeting will be the voting of the new by-laws to the constitution.

Hostess chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Lynn Pearson.

## Rodeo Directors Approve Contracts

Three contracts for the 1967 Morrow county Rodeo were approved at the December meeting of the board of directors, it is reported by Tom Currin, publicity director.

The board offered a contract again to Howard Johnson of Condon for furnishing stock for the rodeo. Johnson has been stock contractor for the 1965 and 1966 rodeos.

Contract for announcing the 1967 event is offered again to Joe Daley who has announced the past two shows. Rose City Sound, which has supplied the sound system for years, has been offered the contract to furnish the sound once more.

It was decided also at the meeting to offer the all-around saddle again to the all-around cowboy in the 1967 rodeo.

## Bob Burns

## Coach Sits Out Game In Dressing Room; Team Wins

Coach Bob Clough of the Heppner Mustangs sat in the dressing room through the final three quarters of the third lone-Heppner basketball game in the Cardinals' gym Tuesday night, but his team won, 75-55.

He was ejected from the bench after continuing to protest a personal foul called on a Heppner player. The official called a technical at first, but Clough said later that he continued to protest and received another technical. After that, he was ejected from the game.

"I kept talking when I should have kept my mouth shut," Clough said after the game. However, he still maintained that the officiating was poor.

Ione's Cardinals played a good game and kept pace with the Mustangs pretty well through three quarters of the contest. Then the Heppner team pulled away, led by Mac Hoskins' 27 points and Jim Doherty's 25 counters. Half-time score was 37 to 35 for Heppner.

Frank Halvorsen paced the up-and-coming Cards with 22, followed by Jim Swanson with 12.

Asked how the Mustangs looked, Coach Clough said, "I don't know. I didn't see 'em!'"

Freshman Coach Jack Carr took over the coaching assignment through the final three quarters.

Shortly after the ejection of Coach Clough, the official threatened to call a technical on the Heppner rooting section which obviously was not in sympathy with the official's action.

Coach Clough had words of praise for the Cardinals, despite his early exit. "They played a good game for three quarters. They are looking a lot better," he said.

The victory for Heppner gives them three straight over Ione this year.

## Winter Elected As Chamber Prexy

Herman W. Winter, practicing attorney and Morrow County District Attorney, was elected Tuesday as president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce for 1967.

Winter, who served during the past year as first vice president, was elected at a luncheon meeting by the board of directors of the organization.

Wes Sherman, publisher of the Gazette-Times, was elected first vice president. He served as second vice president during the year ended. County Judge Paul Jones was chosen as second vice president.

The new president will appoint the secretary and treasurer. Jerry Sweeney is serving as secretary and Harley Sager is treasurer.

The new officers will be installed at the regular meeting Monday after a two weeks lay-off by the organization because of the holidays.

## Peterson Explains Idea for History

Oscar Peterson presented his idea for publication of a Morrow county history in a talk before the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce December 19.

The project has received some financial support particularly since an editorial appeared recently in the Gazette-Times, he said. But considerably more is needed before the project may be undertaken.

The former county judge estimates that the cost would be between \$5000 and \$6000. Giles French of Moro has agreed to edit the history and do supplemental research for it. According to the plan, a manuscript already written by O. M. Yeager, now of Castle Rock, Wash., would be the basis for the history.

Yeager has agreed to allow his manuscript to be used provided that he may review the publication before it reaches print, Peterson said.

"I feel we have a rich heritage here that should be preserved," Peterson said. He said that he believes a committee should be formed to help develop a plan for financing the project.

Support for the book was evident from some of the members. Gene Pierce proposed that donations of \$25 each be sought with the provision that each donor would receive a free copy of the book, Peterson said that he liked this proposal.

Frank Turner also expressed strong support for the book, and Judge Paul Jones said that he feels it important to the county.

## Fights Fires



**FORREST BURKENBINE**  
Heppner Fire Chief

## Burkenbine Appointed Fire Chief

Forrest (Forrie) Burkenbine, member of the Heppner Fire Department for 11 years, was appointed chief of the department Tuesday night by Mayor W. C. Rosewall, and the selection was confirmed by the council.

Burkenbine agreed to take the position after other apparent possibilities had been exhausted. Both Bill Farra and Clyde Allstott, leaders in the department, said they were not in a position to serve as chief because the nature of their work takes them out of town often. Farra said that he was not prepared to do the "paper work" involved.

Burkenbine, who is manager of Central Market, is also pressed for time but finally agreed to accept when no other likely candidate could be found.

He suffered a rather severe back injury a number of months ago, but said that he would count on cooperation of other members of the department to do work that he is unable to do.

Burkenbine succeeds Charles Ruggles, who resigned as chief on the advice of his physician after serving the department for 16 years.

The new chief said that a fire phone will be placed in his home, and the one in Farra's home will remain there, so that either may take fire calls. Allstott is instructor in the department.

Burkenbine's acceptance ends a dilemma that has confronted the council since Chief Ruggles ago that he must resign effective since two months ago the first of the year.

The council faced the possibility of being without a chief for some time, although Farra said that he would fill the gap until a replacement was found. He, with Allstott and Burkenbine, went from the council meeting to check on other possibilities but came back unsuccessful. It was then that Burkenbine agreed to accept the post.

Mayor Rosewall expressed appreciation to the new chief and pledged full cooperation from the city.

Chief Burkenbine's appointment was effective immediately. He said that the department needs more men and urged all interested to volunteer. Four new members have joined since a previous appeal was made. They are Jerry Hollomon, Jerry Samples, Wayne Harsin and John Privett.

## Service Station Permit Poses Problem for City

Atlantic Richfield's application for a building permit for a new service station at the corner of Main and Center streets posed a problem for the city council when it was presented by Fred Cruise, regional manager for construction, at the January meeting Tuesday night.

The new station is in the city fire zone. Application calls for a \$40,000 wood frame structure with some fireproofing features. A city ordinance prohibits wood frame construction in the fire zone.

Cruise said that the plans have been approved by the state fire marshal for city fire zones because of the type of materials used in connection with the wood framing. A similar type building has been constructed in McMinnville. While it is outside the city fire zone, it is under similar county jurisdiction.

Another has been approved within the city fire zone in McMinnville by the council, he said.

City Attorney Bob Abrams said that it would be necessary to change the ordinance before the permit could be granted. A motion was made and approved that the application be accepted subject to a change of the ordinance to conform to state fire marshal's regulations. Cruise said that construction of masonry or metal would make the building too costly.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the ordinance was written in 1940 and that modern methods of construction might make it possible to use wood construction with proper safeguards and still retain the effect of the ordinance.

Abrams was asked to consult with former Fire Chief Charles Buzgales and the state fire marshal's office as to the possibility of changing the ordinance.

Harris Drivain requested permission to hold private dances for teenagers in the driveway on nights that it is closed to the public. The request came with the approval of Chief of Police Dean Gilman on the condition that the dances are properly supervised. The council granted the request subject to limitation of hours of the county curfew law.

Claude Cox requested permission to park his vehicle on downtown streets while making deliveries for Bill Cox for the Morrow County Creamery. Ordinance provides for a fee of \$5 per year for regular delivery vehicles parking in a place no longer than a half hour at one time. Others may obtain permits to park on downtown streets without paying parking meters for \$35 per year. The council decided that the applicant must only comply with the ordinance.

State Aid Denied  
A letter from the State Highway Department was read, pointing out that the state had denied the city's request for improvement of the Morgan Street extension under a law that provides state funds to be used on city streets in cases of unusual traffic. The latter said that while there is some evidence of wear on the street, conditions do not seem to indicate that there is need for major improvement. Morgan street extension serves the new high school here.

This was some surprise to the council since the state had tentatively approved the project the previous year on condition that local funds be provided for sidewalks and curbs. Since neither the city nor school district had budgeted for the needed \$8000, the project could not be included in the school district's 1966-67 budget, and the new request was made, only to result in being denied by the state.

Mrs. Elaine George, recorder, replied to the state letter to point out conditions which may have been overlooked in the state's survey.

Guard Rail Approved  
Council approved Supt. Vic Grosheens' request to purchase guard rails in the amount of \$500 which tentatively is earmarked for the corner of May and Gale streets, a problem to the city for some time.

At the same time, City Attorney Abrams was authorized to purchase from Roice Fullerton a portion of a lot for \$400 to correct a hazardous condition on the corner. Through a period of time, the street has extended over on property not owned by the city, and at the same time parking at the corner creates a hazard.

Grosheens also pointed out the dire need for a guard rail on the Morgan street extension.

Zoning in Effect  
It was announced that the new zoning ordinance in Heppner goes into effect as of Thursday, 30 days after its final passage.

Council also approved a lease-purchase plan on a Burroughs' Sensimatic billing machine which will be used in doing the city's water and sewer billing work. Cost will be included in two budgets, including those of this year and for 1967-68.

Hoop Teams Face Counting Games  
Heppner High's basketball team, after going through nine non-league games with one defeat, swings into counting action Saturday night when the Enterprise Savages come to the Mustangs' gym.

The doubleheader will start with the jayvee game at 6:30.

Ione's Cardinals continue their league play with a pair of counting games. They will host Stanfield at Ione Friday night in a doubleheader, and on Saturday night they travel to Helix for another pair of clashes between the jayvee and varsity fives.

Heppner has only the one game this week-end, but has a pair of important ones at home on the January 13 and 14 weekend, playing Burns here on the Friday night and Grant Union of John Day here on the Saturday night.

Enterprise was not a league opponent for Heppner last year but is this season.

Nickerson on TV; Tells of Liberia  
Dr. Francis Nickerson, formerly of Heppner and now associate dean of students at the University of Oregon was guest Monday on a noon television program over KOIN-TV.

He told and showed pictures of a recent trip he took to Liberia, Africa, as a member of a 3-man team sent by the U. S. government to aid the Liberian educational system. On the trip he also visited Spain, Italy, England and Greenland.

Dr. Nickerson left November 2 and returned December 19. On the Monday program, he told of the music, customs and culture of the Liberians, showed pictures and exhibited items that he brought back with him. Johnny Carpenter was master of ceremonies for the program.

Dr. Nickerson is son of Mrs. Grace Nickerson, formerly longtime resident of Heppner and now of Hillsboro.

## Department Allots FAS Highway Fund

Oregon State Highway Commission has allocated \$2,388,661 in 1968 Federal-aid Secondary Highway Funds to the 36 counties in Oregon, a news release from the Oregon State Highway Department announces.

The state will add \$795,670 to the Federal-aid fund and the counties will add an equal amount to make the total funds approximately \$3,900,000.

The funds are allocated on a formula basis of 25 percent equally, 60 percent on rural population, and 15 percent on total county road mileage as proposed by the Association of Oregon Counties and approved by the highway commission.

Federal funds are estimated to represent approximately 60 percent of the total fund, with State and county funds estimated at approximately 20 percent each.

Morrow county's share of the \$3,900,000 is placed at \$62,000. Judge Paul Jones recently said that the Morrow county court has not determined whether it will be able to take advantage of the allocation to this county.

## Ione Man Hurt In Ranch Mishap

Jewell Hoyt, 53, of Ione is in Pioneer Memorial hospital recovering from injuries sustained in an accident on the Don Linnell ranch Friday.

According to a report of the accident, Hoyt, who is employed on the ranch, was loading tires on a pickup truck when it rolled backwards and pinned him against a garage door. Both bones in his lower left leg were broken.

His doctor said that Hoyt will probably be hospitalized for two or three weeks.