

# Six-Year Plan Proposed for Heppner School System

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Proposal to make six-year schools at Heppner Elementary and Heppner High will be presented to the Morrow county school district Monday night at the regular January meeting to be held in the Heppner High library.

Under the plan, grades one through six in the Heppner area would go to school at the present primary and junior high school building (the old high school). Grades seven through 12 would go to school in the new Heppner High building.

Although the high school would contain the six upper grade levels, the proposal is that grades seven through nine would compose a junior high

school and grades 10 through 12 would compose the senior high school.

The junior and high schools would operate as separate entities although under the same principal, according to Richard Carpenter, Heppner High principal, and Al Martin, elementary principal, who told the Gazette-Times Tuesday of details of the proposal.

### Advisory Board Approves

The six-year schools plan has been presented to the Heppner advisory board and received unanimous endorsement by the board. It was to be presented at the elementary PTA meeting Wednesday night to determine the reaction of the parents. It will officially reach the county school board at the regular

meeting Monday.

The two principals state that teachers in both schools are heavily in favor of the plan.

Benefits would include a full use of buildings and facilities here, better educational opportunities for students, balance the load between the schools, permit teachers to instruct more fully within their specialized fields, smooth the adjustment from elementary school to high school, implement better guidance and counselling programs, provide for individual differences and ability groupings, eliminate problems between the present primary and junior high levels, and eliminate congestion in the present junior high building.

### Facilities Adequate

Carpenter and Martin said that facilities are adequate to handle the additional enrollment at the high school, and the teaching staff is also adequate to accommodate the change. At the present time, at least four classrooms at Heppner High are not in use during any period of the day. Carpenter said

that five classrooms are not in use during period A, six during period B, five during period C, four during period D, four during period E and five during period F.

Meanwhile, at the primary school, even the stage in the multipurpose room has been converted to a classroom. The stage has been partitioned off from the multipurpose room, and is used for classes. Congestion is particularly heavy on the second floor of the old high school building where upper grades in the elementary system go to school.

Martin envisions using some of the space on this floor for other needed purposes: A study hall, audio-visual room, storage

of equipment, and a reading room. He would like to restore the stage in the multipurpose room to its original purpose and use the room for school programs and presentations.

At the start of the current school year, enrollment in Heppner Elementary, including the primary and the junior high buildings, totaled 460 pupils. Enrollment in the high school was 184.

### Would Balance Enrollments

Removal of the seventh and eighth grades to the high school building would bring enrollment in the junior and senior high schools there to 300 or 310 and would cut the enrollment in the primary school to about 340, grades one through six.

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more effective use of resources and talents available, the principals said. The schools would use their most inefficient plant (the old high school building) less and would use the efficient buildings more. Teacher time would also be used more efficiently.

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HERMAN WINTER (seated, center) took the gavel as president of the Chamber of Commerce for 1967 at installation ceremonies Monday. Harley Young, retiring president (standing, center), was presented a past president's award by Winter and will continue as a member of the board of directors. First vice president for this year is Wes Sherman (standing, right) while Judge Paul Jones (standing, left) will be second vice president. Secretary is Al Boschee (seated, left) and treasurer is Harley Sager (seated, right).

### Al Boschee Installs Chamber Officers

"Community spirit doesn't just happen. It happens because we work at it. This is what the Chamber of Commerce tries to do."

So said Al Boschee in a talk at the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday in installing officers for 1967.

Officers of the organization have a high responsibility, Boschee said, not only for their work in the Chamber but for their part in shaping the community.

He installed Herman Winter as president, Wes Sherman as first vice president and County

### McDaniel Injured As Horse Falls

Carl McDaniel, for many years a government trapper here, suffered a broken right leg Tuesday when a horse he was riding lost its footing on steep, rocky ground and fell back over on him.

McDaniel, accompanied by Tommy Campbell, was in the Rudio canyon area near Kimberly. Campbell had been having coyote trouble and was taking McDaniel to look at his sheep.

The horse McDaniel was riding slipped on an icy spot and toppled back on the rider, breaking both bones in McDaniel's right leg between the knee and ankle.

The mishap occurred before 3 p.m. and Campbell went back to his ranch home to get a Jeep to bring the Heppner man out. It was about 8 p.m. before McDaniel reached Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment. Mrs. Campbell is a nurse and was able to assist in making the injured man more comfortable.

McDaniel is expected to be confined to the hospital for at least two weeks. He also complained of his back hurting from the fall. But most painful to the outdoorsman is being confined inside for a long period of time, his wife, Sylvia, said.

Judge Paul Jones as second vice president. Winter took the gavel from Harley Young, retiring president, and in turn presented Young with a past president's plaque.

Boschee will become secretary for the year, succeeding Jerry Sweeney who asked to be relieved after serving two years. Harley Sager will continue as treasurer.

Boschee spoke in both light and serious vein in seating the officers, acknowledging each with a humorous story.

"Each community has its own personality," he said. Contributing to this "personality" are people — their value system, moral code, ethical code, and how they relate to each other — and institutions, including churches, lodges and civic organizations.

"A community is nothing more than a group of people living together, and relating to each other."

Boschee characterized Heppner as having a warm and friendly personality. Others are cold and indifferent.

### Tough Tilts Set For Lone Quintet

Two tough games are scheduled for the lone Cardinals as they rush into the stiff competition of the Umatilla-Morrow B league on the basketball court. They play Echo on the Echo floor Friday night and entertain Umatilla in the Cardinals' gym Saturday night.

Already the league has turned into a "dog-eat-dog" race. Echo has beaten Pilot Rock, which was heralded as a B team power in the state, and Umatilla has beaten Echo.

The lone team, though, has been improving as rapidly as any team in the league with the sophomores that dominate the squad getting more experience in each contest.

Jayvee games start at 6:30 each night with varsity contests to follow.

### McCarty Chosen For CD Position

Don McCarty, who is serving as Morrow county juvenile counselor, recently was appointed also to the position of county Civil Defense director. It was announced this week. He succeeds Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who acted as Civil Defense director for many years.

McCarty, who is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Heppner, says that he is working now on a shelter survey and with Sheriff Bauman's assistance is working out details of a Civil Defense program here.

Also in progress is the emergency operations center being prepared in the basement of the courthouse. Need for such a center was demonstrated in the widespread state flooding of December, 1964.

The McCarty's have been in Heppner about 18 months. He will receive \$50 per month as Civil Defense director.

### Assurance Given On Riverside High

Morrow county school officials in Washington, D. C., Monday received assurance from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers that a "favorable agreement will be reached in the immediate future" on the Riverside High school project.

David R. Potter, superintendent of Morrow county schools, and Irvin Rauch, chairman of the directors, made the trip to Washington, D. C., to contact the Corps in the hope of reaching a decision on the school. They were accompanied by Howard Glazer, architect, and Ivan Luman of the standards division of the State Department of Education.

The Walla Walla district office of the Corps had rejected all bids recently received for the construction of the new school as being higher than approved estimates. Low bidder was the Timber Company of Hermiston at a basic bid of \$1,799,000 which included construction of the school and landscaping but not the equipping of the school.

In the capitol city Monday, Senator Wayne Morse and his executive assistant, Bill Berg, met with the Morrow county school delegation and a General Leber and a Colonel Pike of the Corps of Engineers, as well as other members of the Corps.

At the meeting the district was assured that the Corps would work with the district to the "fullest extent of the law," and as reported by Supt. Potter in a telephone conversation with Ron Daniels, Riverside High principal, "the district received every indication that a favorable agreement would be reached in the immediate future."

Action of the district office of the Corps in finding the bids unacceptable was in the face of the fact that the design memo of the school had previously been approved by the Corps of Engineers.

Supt. Potter and Chairman Rauch flew to Washington on Portland Sunday on instructions of the district's directors who held a special meeting on the matter January 4.

They were instructed to appeal the decision of the contracting officer to the Chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The board reaffirmed a decision of December 12 requesting Sen. Morse's assistance in

obtaining an adequate educational facility to replace the existing Riverside High building.

Delay on the school project puts the district in a dilemma time-wise. It is faced with meeting the Corps' schedule in abandoning the old school building but must have a facility to replace it before the John Day dam pool rises.

Potter told Daniels that the Morrow county visitors in Washington had received an invitation to attend ceremonies inaugurating Mark Hatfield as U. S. Senator. They expected to be back in the county Wednesday.

### Burns, Grant Due This Weekend For Big Series

It's a big basketball weekend for the Heppner High Mustangs.

Leadership in the western division of the Greater Oregon league will be at stake.

Currently, Grant Union holds two victories in the circuit against no defeats while Heppner has one win and no losses. Although only one week of league competition is over, these are the only two undefeated teams in the division.

The John Day five will play here Saturday night after the Burns Hillanders have faced the Mustangs here Friday night. One of the two leaders is bound to fall — if not in their Friday night games, one will trip the other Saturday night.

The Prospectors go to Wahnoka at The Dalles Friday night, and although the Eagles lost last week-end to Enterprise, last year's state tournament team could have some surprises for the vaunted John Day outfit.

In Burns, the Mustangs will face a team that has lost to powerful Sherman, 58 to 48, but smacked Madras, 62 to 47, so it appears that Coach Bob Clough's team will have its hands full each night. The Mustangs need to win these home games in order to be prepared for what might happen on the long road trip later in the season. It is tough to win against both Burns and John Day on the road.

A former Heppner lad, Chris Labhart, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Labhart, could well be the big gun against the Mustangs for John Day. The 6-2 junior scored 28 points against Madras, 62 to 47, and Sherman. He and Mac Hoskins should be a well-matched pair in the Saturday night encounter. Hoskins, at 6-3, put in 24 points against Enterprise in Heppner's first league game.

Top performance from a Hillander has been that of Mike Figg, 5-10 senior guard, who pumped in 21 against Madras.

While having trouble hitting in the first half of their game against Enterprise, the Mustangs showed the best team play they have displayed so far this year and appeared ready to get into the tough competition of the western division.

### WEATHER

Official weather report for the week of January 4-10 is as follows:	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	57	33	.01
Thursday	38	29	—
Friday	43	25	—
Saturday	45	33	.01*
Sunday	55	36	—
Monday	48	33	—
Tuesday	45	33	—

\* Snow

## JANUARY SALE In Heppner

It's January Sale time in Heppner, and merchants are offering exceptional buys as they clear their stocks at the start of the New Year.

Six firms are joining in a January Sale as advertised in a full page display in this section. Those participating are Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company, J. C. Penney Company, Gonty's, Peterson's Jewelers, MiLadies and the Gazette-Times.

Section two of this paper announces Murray Rexall Drugs' "Cut Cost of Living Sale" with four pages of exceptional bargains.

—And not to forget that Friday of this week is that Black Cat day, Friday the 13th. Central Market is advertising a "Friday, 13th" Sale on page three of this paper.

Those living out of town are invited to come to Heppner to enjoy shopping in a friendly atmosphere where bargain prices prevail this weekend.



QUEEN VERINA FRENCH

### Verina French Chosen Queen

Verina French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond French of the Butter Creek area, was chosen queen of the 1967 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo by the Rodeo board at its meeting Wednesday, January 4.

Queen Verina will reign over festivities of the fair and rodeo August 23 through 27, and with her court, yet to be chosen, will attend and participate in other cities through the summer.

Verina was a popular princess in the 1966 court, representing the Lena community. She is a senior in Heppner High school, where she participates in many school activities. She radiates pep and enthusiasm among fellow students, completing her third year as a popular cheerleader on the pep staff.

She has served in several club and student body offices, is a member of the National Honor Society, F.B.L.A., Girls League, and Future Homemakers club. As student body treasurer, she has served on the student council, and last year was

chosen Girl of the Month for Sportsmanship.

As a Girls' State delegate Miss French represented the Legion Auxiliary in Corvallis last summer.

The attractive miss was chosen for the Homecoming court both her junior and senior years.

The new queen is a native Morrow County girl, living all her 17 active years on her family's ranch along Butter Creek. She has an older sister, Karen, a student at Oregon State University, and a younger sister, Susan, an eighth grader.

She is an active cowgirl, riding since she was four years of age and helping her father with farm duties on their large ranch. She has been a member of 4-H riding clubs and has competed in many horse shows. She has won ribbons and trophies in horse showmanship, and has competed in state fair where she was second showman and third in horsemanship.

County organizations who will be represented on the fair and rodeo court with princesses will make selections at a later date.

### Chamber Proposes History Committee

Directors of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, in their first action of the new year, urged the formation of a committee to raise funds and plan for the publication of a book on the history of the county.

The action was taken by motion after Oscar Peterson, former county judge, appeared before the directors to ask their support.

Directors felt that the size of the project is such that cooperation of every organization in the county should be enlisted to help. As proposed, the committee would be composed of representatives from each organization, including the Chamber, farm groups, civic organizations, lodges and others.

Peterson will continue by seeking committee representatives from these organizations.

Groups around the county can help expedite the work by selecting representatives who may be interested. Names of the representatives for the committee should be turned in to Peterson, or if more convenient, may be turned over to the Gazette-Times.

### Bluebirds Visit

Twenty-seven members of the second-grade Bluebirds visited the Gazette-Times at press time Wednesday to see the paper being "put to bed." There was one little space left on the front page. They wanted to help us fill it, so we agreed to write this little story about their visit. Leaders are Mrs. Judy Laughlin and Mrs. Donna Bergstrom. Mrs. Ginger Keithley is assistant.

### Stork Still Absent; Prizes Await Baby

If anyone spots a lost stork flying around with Morrow county's New Year's baby for 1967, he is advised to notify the Gazette-Times or Pioneer Memorial hospital at once.

With eleven days of the New Year gone, the hospital reported Tuesday that no baby had arrived to claim the bonanza of prizes offered by firms here, and the hospital staff knew of no prospects for the near future.

Would you believe prizes for the first Fourth of July baby? But regardless when the first baby arrives here, he or she will get the prizes offered even though he is a slow poke.