

County School Calendar

January 20
Pilot Rock at Riverside
Umapine at Ione High
Heppner High at Sherman County High
A. C. Houghton at Ione Elementary

January 21
Basketball:
Madras at Heppner High
Ione High at Athena

January 26
Basketball:
Ione Elementary at Olex
Heppner High Fresh at Condon—5:30

January 27
Basketball:
Riverside at Athena
Heppner High at Wah-tonka
Ione High at Pilot Rock
National Assembly at Riverside—8:30 a.m.

January 28
Basketball:
Stanfield at Riverside
Athena at Ione

Six-Six Schools To Be Studied By Committees

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Elwee of the Walla Walla district of the Corps Monday, and he agreed to working out temporary housing for the school if a new building is not ready by time that the old Riverside High school must be abandoned.

The difficulty arose when the Corps rejected all bids on the school as being higher than allowable estimates.

In commenting on the matter, Supt. Potter said that the design is expensive because it incorporates features for junior and senior high schools and provides for "more and more ideas" to meet problems of education for years to come. He said that he feels that the Corps is comparing cost of this total project to others, such as Wah-tonka High school, which were bidden as "incomplete" projects without athletic fields, without paving and with provision for other rooms to be added later.

Rauch said that while the design includes some features that might now be considered unnecessary, twenty years from now "we'll be glad that we have them."

McQuaw, a member of the Boardman advisory board, injected the criticism of Supt. Potter being forced to devote so much time to the Riverside High project without devoting more time to the educational needs of the rest of the county. He was advised that Principal Ron Daniels is devoting approximately one-fourth time at the county level to help alleviate the situation.

Jepsen Makes Plea

Bob Jepsen appeared before the board in the hope of clearing what he feels is a misunderstanding on his payments for transportation of his children. Before the start of the school year, he had asked a change of route and said that he would pay the district for the additional distance involved. Misunderstanding arose over what constitutes the additional distance, Jepsen interpreting it as 2.9 miles and some members of the board as 5.9 miles.

At its last meeting the board took the position that Jepsen should pay for the 5.9 miles. He presented notes that he had taken at the original meeting to support his contention.

When the matter came to a vote again, two directors—Dr. Tibbles and Batty—voted to support Jepsen; two voted to stand on the board's previous decision—McElliott and Sumner—and two abstained—Skoubo and Jones.

Chairman Rauch cast the tie-breaking vote, holding to the board's decision on the longer mileage.

"I don't feel the board has treated Mr. Jepsen fairly, but I feel I must stand by the board's action," he said.

Well Decision Postponed

Decision on whether to continue with drilling of a well for Riverside High school was postponed until the next board meeting in view of the uncertain status on the school. The well will supply water for the heat pump system at the school. Delay on the drilling may cost the district some \$320 in additional setup charges by the contractor, but the board faced the dilemma of whether it should proceed with the cost of the well when it is not known whether the Army Corps will provide the school building.

Jones was the lone director to take a dissenting view, voting no on a motion to delay action until the next board meeting.

Budget Members Named
C. E. McQuarrie of Heppner and Eldon Padberg were nominated for the budget committee to fill vacancies and they were elected by the board.

The board met in executive session for a few minutes to consider "three minor personnel problems." Back in general session, Supt. Potter reported that it was felt that no action was necessary on the matters since it is expected that they can be handled through regular school channels. No action was taken.

The superintendent announced that the National School Board association meeting will be in Portland this year on April 22-25 and Oregon school

board members will be asked to attend and to assist with the program.

Field trips for biology classes of Kirk Horn of Heppner to the University of Oregon Medical school on Wednesday, February 25, and for speech students of Jack Fielder of Heppner to McLaughlin High school, Milton-Freewater, on February 4 were approved.

At the request of Supt. Potter, Horn told of a project in which his classes are now engaged to count birds of various species in Morrow county, which he described as "virgin territory" so far as research in biology is concerned. Horn said that the project will require about a year to get organized but that Heppner High school's work probably will be recognized by national wildlife magazines.

Contracts Delayed
Consideration of administrative contracts, a matter that was included on the agenda, was postponed until the next meeting because Ione and Boardman irrigation advisory committees have not yet submitted recommendations for the next year.

Contract of Tom Caldwell, sixth grade teacher in Heppner elementary, was approved. He was chosen recently to replace Wayne French who resigned some time ago.

Bell Project Eyed

Request of the Ione Garden club to take the school bell in Lexington and set it up in the school yard with appropriate mounting and plaque to commemorate the school was discussed. Chairman Rauch, by motion of the board, was asked to investigate and to work with the club on the matter.

Heppner Branch Of First National Gains in Deposits

Heppner branch of the First National Bank registered year-end deposits of \$6,520,278, John Venard, manager, said this week. This compares with \$6,099,112 at the same time a year ago.

Loans outstanding at the end of 1966 were \$5,609,509 as compared with \$5,095,026 as of December 31, 1965.

The banking system experienced a good year throughout, according to Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide bank. Deposits and loans reached record highs despite the tight money conditions prevailing throughout the nation in 1966.

Deposit growth slackened in comparison with recent years, which Voss said reflected restrictive policies of the Federal Reserve Board. Loans tended to level off following the mid-year, permitting a continuation of a satisfactory loan-deposit ratio, which stood at 62.7 per cent at the year end.

Statement of condition at December 31 revealed total statewide deposits of \$1,330,922,614, an increase of \$61,880,425 over the 1965 figure of \$1,269,042,189. Loans outstanding at the banks 111 offices throughout Oregon jumped from \$786,208,199 last year to a new year-end high of \$834,201,285.

Interest paid on savings and other time deposits increased to \$28,825,766, 22 per cent more than in 1965. Total resources climbed to \$1,496,614,275 from the previous record of \$1,412,646,359 in 1965. Capital funds plus the reserve for possible loan losses aggregated \$110,612,469, as compared with \$105,194,616 a year ago.

\$100 Reward Posted After Vandalism

Barney Malcom announced Tuesday that he is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for alleged vandalism at his horse pasture.

Malcom said that three strands of wire were broken on the pasture fence, allowing his children's horses to stray and endangering motorists along the highway. The incident occurred Thursday.

The reward offer is also valid for information that results in arrest and conviction of others who may do damage to his personal property or to Heppner Lumber Company, the mill owner said.



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CHURCHES

- IONE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Rev. Walter Crowell, pastor
Ph. 422-7530
Church School classes, for youth and adult, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Heppner
Al Boschee, minister,
Ph. 676-9209
Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
CYF, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, Thurs., 7:30 p.m.
- HOPE AND VALBY LUTHERAN**
Rev. Donald R. Pederson
Ph. 676-9940
VALBY: Worship 9:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:20 a.m.
Holy Communion first Sunday of month.
HOPE: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion first Sunday of month.
Winter Quarter Adult classes
Sundays from January 8, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Hope.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
American Legion Hall
Glen T. Meacham, Br. President
Priesthood meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament Service, 11:30 a.m.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**
Rev. Billie Alsop, Ph. 676-5581
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.
Mid-week Service, Tues., 7:00 p.m.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
Rev. Melvin Dixon, Ph. 676-9224
Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
M.Y.F., Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsal, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study, Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
W.S.C.S., 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL**
Rev. Dirk Rinehart, Deacon
Ph. 676-9285
Sunday: Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Evensong, 7:00 p.m.
E.C.W. Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
Pastor H. E. Preston
Ph. 676-9952
Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.
Church Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Lexington
Al Boschee, minister, 676-9209
Bible School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Family Night Services, Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Christian Women's Fellowship, third Tuesday.
- ST. PATRICK'S and ST. WILLIAMS CATHOLIC**
Father Raymond H. Beard
Ph. 676-9462
ST. PATRICK'S (Heppner) Sunday Masses, 7:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- ST. WILLIAMS (Ione); Sunday**
Masses, 9:15 a.m.
Confessions, St. Patrick's Sat. 7-8 p.m.

Tight Money Situation Affects Farm Loan Pattern, Clinic Finds

Commercial banks in Oregon are lending as much money as ever to farmers but the long term mortgage funds from other sources, such as insurance companies and federal lending agencies, seem to have largely dried up.

The tight money situation and its effect on Oregon agriculture was reviewed during the 16th annual Agricultural Clinic held by the Oregon Bankers Association at Oregon State University.

A panel of bankers, including J. E. Blinkhorn, Oregon City; R. D. McCurdy, Portland, and B. A. McPhillips, McMinnville, agreed that they were not turning away their farmer customers who needed funds.

Several of the more than 80 bankers present for the clinic agreed that, if anything, farmers seem to be turning more to the bank for funds as other sources of credit became tighter.

The two most significant economic events since the World War II, according to Emery Castle, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at OSU, have been the formation of the European Common Market and the decision by President John F. Kennedy to ask Congress for a tax cut to stimulate business activity.

The first represented the start of the present economic growth and prosperity in Western Europe, he said. The second represented the first time that the power of the government was deliberately used to influence the total business activity of the nation.

In commenting on the present tight money situation, Castle said that if "the government continues to rely on monetary policy to control inflation there will probably be no increase in the money supply. However, if fiscal policy is used to help control the inflationary trend through a tax increase, it may be possible to relax the present fiscal policy and to loosen up money supplies in this country, he suggested.

While much emphasis is being placed on the declining number of farms in this country, the commercial farms which produce the bulk of our food and fiber are actually increasing at the rate of 4 per cent per year, according to Grant W. Perry, vice president, First National Bank of Oregon, Portland.

Perry and Manning Becker, extension farm management specialist at OSU, reported on the 15th National Agricultural Credit Conference held by the American Bankers Association. The emphasis at the ABA meeting, said Perry, was on the responsibility of bankers to provide adequate credit to meet the increased capital requirements of the new breed of commercial farmers.

The need for bankers to recognize the changing financial requirements of commercial agriculture was also emphasized by Grant Blanch, OSU agricultural economist. According to Blanch, the number of farmers in Oregon has decreased by at least a third since 1950.

At the same time, there has been a 21 per cent increase in farm size. Investment has also climbed. The trend toward fewer and bigger farms will continue according to Blanch, who also raised some question about the adequacy of involvement by commercial banks in financing the farmer's entire operation rather than leaving his budget to fragmented financing from several different sources.

Marvin Shearer, OSU extension irrigation specialist, told the bankers that about one-third of the crop acres in the state are now irrigated. He predicted further irrigation development during the coming years, including development of high lift irrigation along the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Shearer pointed out that bankers who are involved in financing irrigation development, particularly where lifts of 400 to 700 feet are required, should



My Neighbors

"What's the use of giving you an off-the-record remark—you don't print a word of them lately."

know something about the farmer's plans including type of system he intends to install. He indicated that the new continuous-move lateral systems may cost about four times as much as a conventional hand-move system, but because of the economics of operation and the efficiency involved, this type of system could be far less costly to the farmer in the long run.



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