



LOWELL GRIBBLE was sworn in as justice of the peace for district 6 (Heppner) last Thursday succeeding Earl Soward who resigned effective February 1. Gribble is pictured at the desk in the office of the justice of the peace on the second floor of the courthouse. (G-T Photo).

Good Support Given Mothers On Last March

The annual Mothers' March for the March of Dimes has shown a good response from Heppner and Ione, with a total of \$517.95 being raised to aid in the treatment and research of birth defects. Volunteer mothers in the two towns made house-to-house contacts on January 26.

Heppner residents responded with \$365.10, and \$152.85 was contributed in Ione. Collections through containers in Lexington stores and from mailers in their rural areas will also add to the total.

Officers of the Morrow County Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes would like to thank all of the people in Heppner and Ione for their generous support. The mothers who volunteered to help also deserve special thanks, as do Mrs. Jim Prock, Mrs. Marion Green and Mrs. Ralph Kincaid, for organizing and leading this year's march.

Two Donations Start Book Fund

Two donations from out of the county were the first to be received to start the fund for publication of a Morrow county history book. Gene Pierce, treasurer, reported Tuesday. One donation came from an ex-resident of the county now in Seattle and the other came from a person in Portland.

With these, the fund for the book is underway, but if publication is to become a reality, many, many more will be needed.

Pierce said that a number of persons have talked to him and said that they plan to donate, but no local donations have been received as yet.

The donation coupon is published elsewhere in this paper again this week. It may be used in sending in contributions, or if the donor chooses, he may merely send in his donation with a letter.

The contributions should be sent to Gene Pierce, treasurer, Morrow County Historical Association, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner 97836. Checks may be made payable to the Morrow County Historical Association.

Those who contribute \$25 or more are entitled to a copy of the completed book upon publication.

Oscar Peterson is chairman of a steering committee planning for the book publication, and Giles French of Moro has agreed to compile the book.

School Budget Meetings Start

Budget committee of Morrow County School District R-1 has started meetings for the purpose of preparing the district budget for the 1966-67 school year, according to Mrs. Alice Vance, clerk.

All meetings and deliberations of the budget committee are open to the public.

A meeting was held Wednesday night at the Heppner Elementary school and others are scheduled February 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the district office, Lexington, and on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the A. C. Houghton school, Irigon.

Budget hearing is March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the district office in Lexington. Publication of the budget will be in the Gazette-Times on February 23 and March 3. Election is scheduled for April 10.

Gribble Takes Oath as Justice

Lowell L. Gribble officially became justice of the peace for district 6 (Heppner) last Thursday when he took the oath of office after his appointment by Governor Tom McCall.

He said Tuesday that his wife, Mrs. Dolores (Dee) Gribble, will act as secretary in his office. She will have the right to accept bail where applicable.

While in essence the justice court is open 24 hours per day, the office in the courthouse will observe the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Gribble said.

Gribble has been in Heppner for 15 years. He will continue as manager of Inland Chemical Company. Prior to coming here, he was with General Petroleum Company for 15 years, starting as a service station operator and eventually becoming district sales manager in Pendleton.

Gribble's college education was at Willamette University where he majored in liberal arts for 2½ years and took law for a year.

He is one of two justices of the peace in Morrow county. Ernest Jorgensen serves district 5 in the north end of the county.



RON BISHOP
Union Pacific Agent

Dual Agent Starts Work in Heppner

Ron Bishop, who has served as agent-telegrapher for the Union Pacific Railway in Ione since June 16, 1959, has begun work in his new dual role as agent for both Ione and Heppner for the company.

Bishop, whose service with the company goes back to Christmas Day, 1938, will devote the early morning hours at Ione to handle duties as agent there and will come to Heppner to serve the station here for the balance of the day. Normally he expects to be here from 9 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. although hours have not been definitely established.

The double duty arrangement comes about through a dualization program or the two stations announced recently. Elmer Schmidt, former agent here, is now at work at his new position at Hinkle.

Bishop's service extends back to the Morse telegrapher days, and he retains the title of agent-telegrapher even though telegraphy is no longer used in the railway system.

During his more than 28 years with the company, Bishop has served in many places. He was at Arlington on Christmas Day, relieving a man who wanted to take the holiday off. Since then he has been at The Dalles, Biggs, Hinkle, again at Arlington, Bonnevill, Wyeth, Umatilla, Milton-Freewater, the Old Oregon Trunk Junction, Echo and Ione. He lived for many years at Biggs. With his wife and daughter, Barbara, Bishop now lives in the depot at Ione.

Committee Favors Rebuilding Pool

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Corps Firm On School Bid Stand

Plans were at a standstill towards the construction of Riverside High school at Boardman this week when the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers reaffirmed its position that bids recently received on construction of the school were not reasonable and no contract can be awarded.

Irvin E. Rauch, chairman of the Morrow County School district, issued a statement Friday saying that the board had received a telegram from Brig. Gen. Walter P. Leber, director of Civil Works, Corps of Army Engineers, Washington, D. C.

The telegram reaffirmed the position of the district engineer at Walla Walla, Wash., that the bid figures were not reasonable. The telegram indicated that the district engineer would meet with the school board "next week" and discuss alternatives.

As of Tuesday, however, no such meeting had been scheduled, according to David R. Potter, superintendent of the Morrow county district.

Rauch said the school board also received a telephone call from the office of Senator Wayne Morse indicating that he had insisted that reasons for such a decision be put in a written report and delivered to him at once. Morse's office said that he would forward this report to the school board as soon as it is received and requested comments from the school board.

The Morrow county school board and the school administration is very desirous of securing a well constructed school facility that will fill the educational needs of the students of North Morrow county for many years," Rauch said in the statement.

"They have worked hard to keep from getting into the position that the Detroit, Oregon, school district currently finds itself in. In 1948 the Corps of Engineers designed and built a school for Detroit under similar conditions to ours. Now, the taxpayers of the Detroit district have had to abandon a large portion of that building and rebuild at their own expense. If the building had been properly constructed, it would have served the needs of that community for 50 years."

"In negotiations with the Corps," he continued, "the school board has attempted to work in

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Council Approves Change of Speed

Change in the 25-mile-per-hour speed zone at the north entrance to the city was approved by the city council Monday night after the State Highway Department had recommended increasing the designated speed in part of the fringe area.

While there was some confusion on just what the department recommended, the council approved a 35-mile per hour speed from the present city limits to the Morgan street junction with the highway (location of Pettyjohn's Building Supply). At the present time, the 25-mile-zone extends to the city limits.

Some understood the state's recommendation to mean that the 25-mile-zone would end at Morgan street, and that the basic speed (55) would apply from there north. Some felt that this would be too fast in the fringe residential and industrial area served.

If the city's action is followed, a 35-mile speed sign will replace the 25-mile sign at the city limits and a 25-mile sign will be placed near Pettyjohn's. The 20-mile zone will continue to apply in downtown Heppner.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

Official weather report for the week of February 1-7 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	53	30	—
Thursday	52	28	—
Friday	58	40	—
Saturday	61	37	—
Sunday	50	27	—
Monday	56	31	—
Tuesday	55	27	—



BOY SCOUT Barney Marshall, second from right, applies a bandage to the head of fellow Scout Rory Stillman in a first aid demonstration at the meeting of Scout troop 661 here Monday night. Watching the demonstration are (from left) Scoutmaster J. G. (Moose) Stephens, and Scouts Tod Sharrard, John Healy, Mike Hughes and B-nham Malcom. Scouts are observing their national anniversary this week. (G-T Photo).

City Ponders Process Under Zoning; Columbia Basin Talks Building Plan

Which comes first—the planning commission or the city council?

This was the question that confronted the council at its meeting Monday night when first applications for building permits were submitted after the new zoning ordinance had gone into effect.

The question is whether the applications should be submitted first to the planning commission to determine whether applicant's plans comply with provisions of the ordinance or whether the applications should go to the council for action and later referred to the commission if there is a question about compliance.

The matter came up when three applications for permits were presented and when Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, asked for a determination as to whether a new building contemplated by the utility would be in compliance if the structure were located in the M zone (Industrial) where the co-op's present sub-station is located at the north end of Main street.

Pros and cons of the questions were discussed, some feeling that these decisions are the responsibility of the newly-appointed commission, which is composed of non-council members. Others felt that the matters should be presented to the council.

It was brought out that those contemplating building or remodeling should not start before the application is approved. On the other hand, it was noted that proposed construction should not be delayed to await council action when a meeting might not be scheduled for two or three weeks after an application is made.

Special Meet Called
A special meeting with the council and commission members attending was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon to work out a feasible procedure.

City Attorney Bob Abrams, who pointed out that the ordinance did not "spell out" the procedure, said that it would seem reasonable that applications should be filed as in the past at the city hall, then be acted upon by the planning commission. The council would consider any appeals by the applicant from action of the commission. However, he said that the city may wish to set up a reverse procedure—for the applications to be presented to the council first.

He said that if applications are not approved before construction is started, provisions of the zoning ordinance would not be effective.

Abrams told Young that he believes plan for the Co-op's new office and storage building

would comply with the ordinance at the sub-station location, but because residential property is located nearby, the matter would need to be checked before a final decision is made.

Building Factors Told
Young submitted a letter to the council explaining plans for the Columbia Basin building. Four sites have been under consideration, he said, and have been under study by two architectural firms. Factors considered include office space, shop and warehouse (including loading dock), equipment parking, yard storage, personnel parking, visitor parking and access, access to the public, public relations and asset to the city, consolidation of overall operation, and total cost.

Both firms recommended the sub-station site which is located parallel to State Highway

74, he said. The tract contains about three acres and the utility has options on some additional highway frontage and other properties.

The building will be used for warehouse facilities, including storage for trucks and heavy line construction equipment; outside storage of pole line hardware; pole yard storage; and office space to serve as general headquarters building for handling all of the customer accounts in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Present office staff consists of six employees, and it is anticipated that this will be increased to 10 or 12 persons with normal growth in the future, Young said. Outside personnel at Heppner totals 10 employees, and this number would even-

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Cabin Owners Meet To Form Organized Group

Property owners who have cabins located in the forested areas of Willow Creek and Rock Creek held an organizational meeting last Tuesday, with the main purpose of outlining plans to cut down and control vandalism on cabin properties.

The organization, known as the Morrow County Cabin Owners' Protective Association, elected Orville Cutsforth president and Del Piper, secretary-treasurer, and plans are to solicit membership of all cabin owners in Morrow county. Eighteen cabin owners were present for the first meeting, out of approximately 40 in the county.

Many have experienced costly destruction to cabins or trailer homes during the past year by vandalism. Initial plans are to offer for information on break-ins, or anyone molesting or destroying property. They also feel that cabin owners can be more mutually aware of each other's needs and will do a more thorough job of patrolling when passing another's property.

Tryouts Set Sunday

Wrangler tryouts will be held Sunday, February 12, at the Wrangler grounds for the selection of a princess which will represent the group on this year's fair and rodeo court. Tryouts will begin at 1:00 p.m., and only Morrow County Wranglers are eligible to compete.

Grain Program Signup Changed

The wheat and feed grain program signup period has been modified for Oregon counties, according to David McLeod, office manager of the Morrow ASCS office. The previous closing date was March 3. The final date for Oregon is now March 17, 1967.

The state committee has determined a signup period which will insure that all farmers have an opportunity to discuss the program with ASC county office people and to make up their minds about taking part. In some counties where there are large number of farms, there were not enough hours available in the original signup period to accommodate all farmers in the county offices. Also, bad weather in some areas made a revision of signup time necessary.

Signup is the essential first step toward participation in a farm program. No extension is anticipated for adverse weather or other reasons; therefore, farmers should not wait until the last minute to enroll. The final date of March 3 to signup in the cropland adjustment program was not changed in view of the fact that present requests under this program generally have already exceeded available funds.

Farm program officials point out that the United States has more cropland than is currently needed to meet the demand for crops.

Saving Seen Of \$40,000 Below New Job

After receiving the results of an engineers' study the Heppner swimming pool committee has recommended to the council that the municipal pool be rebuilt rather than be replaced with a new one.

Councilman David McLeod made the recommendation to the council Monday night on behalf of the committee, stating that about \$40,000 could be saved by rebuilding. But either way it will be costly.

Rebuilding the pool to standards required by the State Board of Health will cost an estimated \$104,400, the engineering report by Clark and Groff of Salem states.

A new pool of AAU dimensions—somewhat smaller than the present pool—at the same location would cost an estimated \$144,100.

The council discussed the matter at some length and considered how the project might be financed. Councilman Joe Balfe said that some residents had approached him about attempting to do the job with volunteer labor. Mayor W. C. Rosewall said that he thought a bond issue probably would be required.

Improvements Outlined
The State Board of Health has listed seven improvements that are required at the pool to bring it to standard:

1. The existing pool shell leaks and the interior surface finish is pitted and not amenable to easy cleaning. This could be corrected by applying 3 or 4 inches of reinforced gunite with a ½ mortar finish over existing walls and floors.

2. Deck drainage must be improved and the deck surface should be refinished.

3. A new bathroom is needed.

4. Additional inlets must be installed to improve recirculation in the pool. These should be fitted with adjustable heads.

5. Filter and chlorination equipment appear to be adequate but the pumps should be checked for adequacy and replaced if necessary. Arrangement of equipment and plumbing in the equipment room could be improved and the structure itself should be rebuilt of more permanent materials.

6. Portions of the fence should be replaced.

7. The walkway on one side of the pool is less than 8 feet wide, which is normally required. But since space is limited on only one side, we would make an exception in this case provided.

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JIM JACOBS

Jacobs Nominated For West Point

Jim Jacobs, Heppner High school senior, has been nominated, along with 11 others in the state, to the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, Congressman Al Ullman has announced.

In all, 40 young men have been nominated to the various service academies, including the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis and the Merchant Marine at Kings Point. Jacobs was the only one among the 40 from Morrow county.

Nominations were made on the basis of the results of a competitive Civil Service examination and the recommendation of school officials. With the exception of the Merchant Marine, whose nominees will compete statewide, the boys will compete among themselves for the principal appointments to the academies. Final appointments are determined by College Board test scores and rigid standards of physical health and aptitude.

Jacobs is student body president at Heppner High. He has been a top athlete, particularly in football and basketball, and is a member of the Honor Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs of Ione.