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City Points Toward Bond Vote on Pool Election Before June Council Goal



WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS laying the water line around the hill on the west side of Heppner from the reservoir towards the high school. Bob Dobbs is shown operating the backhoe on the hillside while Wayne Harsin is at work in the ditch. The new line will give better fire protection to the school and offer better water service to the northwest part of town. (G-T Photo).

Election Before June Council Goal

A motion to seek financing for rebuilding of the municipal swimming pool by asking Heppner voters to approve a bond issue was passed unanimously by the city council at its meeting Monday night.

City Attorney Bob Abrams was asked to check into details of the matter, at the same time determining what period of repayment for the bonds would be most desirable. He will seek counsel of professional men in the finance field.

City Recorder Elaine George worked out tentative figures to show that repayment of an issue of \$104,000 over a 10-year period on the 1966-67 assessed valuation would cost taxpayers a levy of about 8.1 mills for the first year. Second year would be 7.97 and third year would be 7.97. However, a long payoff period might be desirable to lessen the tax levy.

The city presently has bonded indebtedness of \$140,000, Mrs. George said.

A recent letter from the State Board of Health which stated that the results of a bond election should be available to the Board before it would issue a temporary permit for summer operation of the old pool caused the council to move ahead on the matter.

In the discussion it was pointed out that it will be necessary to hold an election before June on the issue if the Board of Health presses the matter. The attempt might be no swimming in Heppner during the coming summer.

It was decided that as soon as the city attorney has necessary information available, the council will hold a special meeting to determine details on calling the bond election.

Application for a building permit by Jim Hager to build two rooms adjacent to a trailer house on the Hager property was tabled pending decision by the city attorney as to whether the addition complies with the city zoning ordinance.

Under terms of the ordinance trailer houses may be permitted in places other than approved trailer parks only on renewable six month permits. The trailer house of Hager's is understood to have been at the location prior to the date the ordinance became effective.

There is a question whether the ordinance applies to this pre-existing situation and another question as to whether the addition may be built under the ordinance.

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Reservoir-School Pipeline Project At Halfway Point

A four-man city crew is making good progress laying an 8-inch water main high on the hills above Heppner to the west. City Superintendent Vic Groshens said Monday night that the project, which will extend from one of the city reservoirs to the high school, is now about half completed.

A total of 1700 feet of 8-inch transite pipe has been laid and tested by Monday. A total of 2354 feet of the 8-inch line will be laid before connecting with a 4-inch main, already installed, at the end of Water street.

Also at that point, a 6-inch main will be laid to extend 1790 feet to the school, which has had an inadequate supply of water for fire protection ever since it was constructed.

Working with Groshens on the project are Bob Dobbs, Wayne Harsin and Bob Pierce.

The trench in which the main is being laid varies from 3 to 5 feet deep. Groshens said that the crew has encountered no serious problem as yet, but has struck two patches of rock that slowed them down. They were hoping early this week that they wouldn't hit any more.

The crew has been on the project for only about 11 days. "Sidewalk superintendent's" would have to climb a pretty steep hill to offer their counsel and advice, but the crew is in full view of many parts of the city from a distance.

Church to Host Musical Satire Here March 14

The evening of Tuesday, March 14, will be a lively one at All Saints' Episcopal church. Fifteen high school age Episcopal youth, from all corners of Eastern Oregon will arrive that evening to present a Broadway-type musical entitled "For Heaven's Sake." The theme of the musical is a satire, from a Christian point of view, through costume and song, of modern apathy and non-involvement. It is only indirectly of a religious nature and pokes holes in most of mankind's excuses.

The musical was such a success at the Senior High Episcopal Camp at Cove, last summer that the cast decided to go on tour during spring vacation. All Saints, Heppner, was chosen to be the host parish for this area. Young people from Condon, Hermiston and Pendleton will be part of the audience.

High school age youth of All Saints' are presently making preparations for housing and meals for the musical troupe.

The Rev. Dirk Rinehart and All Saints' youth encourage all high school youth and interested adults to attend the one-night, hour and one-half performance. There will be no charge for admission. Refreshments will follow the program.

OMSI Committee Slates Benefit Dinner, Auction

Organizations of Morrow county responded wholeheartedly to a call for a committee meeting for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry last Wednesday night, according to Gene Pierce, who called the meeting.

Some 25 persons gathered in the Bank of Eastern Oregon to lay plans to help raise funds for the OMSI building project, now in progress. The addition will be devoted to agricultural and will contain many exhibits, some of which will be designed so that they may be sent to such events as county fairs. Virtually every county in the state, with the exception of Morrow, has helped share in the cost of the project.

It was decided that an auction and dinner will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the county fairgrounds with all proceeds to go to the OMSI project. Granges plan to serve the dinner, which will precede the auction, at \$1.50 per plate.

Another meeting has been set for Tuesday, March 21, in the Bank of Eastern Oregon to continue planning. It will be at 7:30 p.m.

Clint Gruber of OMSI was present to tell of plans for the agricultural section, and Loren McKinley, director of OMSI, who had been at a meeting in Hermiston, came later in the evening.

Pierce and W. C. Rosewall were elected co-chairmen of the committee. Allen Nistad of Kinzua Corporation, Kinzua, was present to describe how \$2900 had been raised at a community auction in Fossil for Wheeler county's contribution to the project.

The number of organizations represented and planning to participate in the auction and dinner here was very gratifying, Pierce said. Among them were the Lexington grange, Pomona grange, Rhea Creek grange, Willows grange, the Morrow county CowBelles, the Morrow county Livestock Growers association, the Morrow county Wheat League, Parent-Teacher associations, Chamber of Commerce, the schools, the Lone Lions club, the Soroptimist club, the Morrow county fair board, and the Morrow county Rodeo board.

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Ski Event Brings Good Turnout; Winners Named

Arbuckle Mountain was well covered with skiers on a beautiful afternoon Sunday for the ski carnival held annually near the season's end, Dick McElligott stated.

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From Joy to Sadness...



THIS EXULTATION of the Heppner bench mirrors victory in the making against Grant Union at La Grande Friday night. Among players visible are (from left) Calvin Ashbeck, Pat Sweeney, Steve Wagenblast, Randy Stillman and Steve Pettyjohn. Coach Bob Clough at right has eyes closed while someone has just tossed a towel in the air above his head. All these players but Wagenblast will be back for next year's Mustangs. (Photo courtesy La Grande Observer, John Buchner).

School District Budget Published For First Time

Budget for Morrow county school district for 1967-68 is published for the first time in this issue of the Gazette-Times. It will be found on page 4 of this section.

Principally because of an increased salary schedule for teachers and because of some capital outlay items, the budget will be up from last year. Because it is unknown which way the legislature will go on school support at this time, the budget resources (revenue) cannot be predicted accurately at this time.

The budget will be published for the second time next week, and the public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday night, March 28, at the district office, Lexington, at 7:30.

Election on the budget is scheduled for April 17 throughout the county. School patrons and all voters are requested to review the budget as published. A story giving an explanation of the estimated requirements and resources will be published next week. Since the final budget committee meeting was held only Monday night there has not been adequate time to review the budget and prepare a story for this issue.

Anyone with questions on the budget is invited to present them to David E. Potter, district superintendent; to any member of the school board; or the budget committee.

The budget committee consists of members of the District R-1 board and citizen members. C. E. (Clint) McQuarrie of Heppner is chairman of the board. Other lay members are Bob Seward, Boardman; Charles Carlson, Ione; Frank Anderson, Heppner; Harley Young, Heppner; Elden Padberg, Lexington; and Mrs. Warren McCoy, Iririgon, who serves as secretary of the committee.

Board members of the committee include Irvin Rauch, Lexington, chairman; Don McElligott, Ione; Maxwell Jones, Iririgon; Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Heppner; Kenneth Batty, Heppner; Jack Sumner, Heppner; and Ralph Skoubo, Boardman.

The budget committee held several meetings and devoted many hours of work to the budget. They cut estimated expenditures in a number of areas before approving it Monday night.

Spring Vacation To Close Schools

Morrow county schools will be closed next week for spring vacation, running from the dismissal of school Friday, March 10, until resumption Monday morning, March 20.

Interest in the A-2 state basketball tournament for Heppner students and parents, which starts Monday in Coos Bay, waned when the Mustangs bowed to Vale in the district tournament. Attracting interest in Pendleton this week-end, however, is the state B basketball tournament, although there are no Morrow county entries. Pilot Rock and Condon are participating, however.

Some of the teachers will go to professional meetings in Portland with the convention of the Oregon Education association scheduled Monday and Tuesday. The State A-1 basketball tournament in Portland later in the week will also attract some interest.



THERE'S SOMETHING more in this photo than the mere presentation of the game basketball to Captain Jim Doherty for the runner-up Heppner Mustangs at the conclusion of the district basketball tournament at La Grande Saturday night. Making the presentation is Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High, acting in an official capacity for the district. The principal undoubtedly is concealing feelings for the Mustangs while Captain Doherty also hides disappointment at losing to Vale. (G-T Photo by Pardee).

Viks Trip Mustangs, Gain State Berth

Heppner High's valiant basketball team was state tournament bound during the first quarter of the district 7 A-2 finals at La Grande Saturday night against Vale. But the bubble burst at that point, and the Vikings went on to claim the championship and the state berth, 60 to 52.

The Mustangs gained the final round with a convincing 61-46 victory over Grant Union Friday night while Vale smacked Sherman County, 56 to 40.

A little 5-7 bundle of athletic annihilation administered the coup de grace for the Mustangs. Rick Johnson, who as tailback led the Viks to a crushing defeat over Heppner in the state football playoffs last November, bombed the Mustangs for 28 points from his guard position and almost literally blasted the Heppner five from a trip to Coos Bay.

His scoring spree came on 10 field goals, most of them net swishers from outside, and eight consecutive free throws. Johnson's point production was just two short of accounting for half of the total Vale output.

At the opening horn, Heppner was off and running. Floor play sparkled as they lighted the scoreboard with eight points while holding the eastern division winners without a bucket until four minutes were gone.

Jim Jacobs, Jim Doherty and Russ Kilkenny gave the Mustangs their opening thrust as they fired the ball through the hoop with unerring accuracy. Exultation gripped Heppner supporters as it became clear the Vale crew wasn't going to demolish Heppner in the first quarter as it had Sherman County the night before.

When Johnson hit for Vale with four minutes and nine seconds remaining in the first quarter on a 20-foot pusher, it was an ill omen of things to come, but no one realized it. This diminutive sparkplug had gone almost unnoticed the night before when he made only 11 points against Sherman while his teammates, Pat Cammann, only 5-6, and lofty Randy Findley, 6-3, mowed down the Huskies with 18 and 17 points respectively.

Johnson was the only one to get Vale on the scoreboard in the first four minutes on two single free throws, and it stood 8-2 when he connected on his opening bomb. Hall countered 30 seconds later with a long pusher of his own, but Johnson

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OSCAR PETERSON, president of Jordan Elevator Company, holds a plaque he received from stockholders for 40 years service as a director of the company. Kenneth J. Smouse made the presentation at the annual meeting February 28.

Jordan Elevator Honors Peterson

President Oscar Peterson, who has served continuously on the board of directors of Jordan Elevator Company for 40 years, was presented with a plaque and wrist watch at the annual stockholders' meeting of the company in the Ione Masonic lodge hall Tuesday evening, February 28.

Kenneth J. Smouse, secretary-treasurer of the company, made the presentation "in honor of his faithful leadership as a board member."

Alfred Nelson, Jr., was elected to the board of directors, replacing Millard Nolan, who wished to retire after several years of service as a director. Paul Pettyjohn was reelected as a director.

There was considerable discussion regarding an increase in handling charges, and it was the opinion of the majority present that the charge should be left at the present rate of four cents per bushel. It was felt that the acreage increase would bring in additional revenue and an increase in handling rates may encourage more from storage to be built.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings that preceded the business meeting was prepared and served by the women of the Rebekah lodge.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
March 1-7

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	49	34	.06
Thursday	46	30	—
Friday	45	20	—
Saturday	47	21	—
Sunday	56	25	—
Monday	58	36	—
Tuesday	59	24	—

Total precipitation for month of February was .19; compared with average of 1.19.