

City Gets Temporary Permit on Swim Pool

Here's How Heppner Landmark Looked in Heyday ...



TWO EARLY PICTURES of "The Fair" corner, loaned to the Gazette-Times by Cornett Green, give a three-dimensional effect of the Main and Center location. The pictures were taken prob-

ably about 1901 and are similar to ones in a "Twentieth Century" edition of the Gazette of February, 1901, when John Watermelon Redington was publisher. At the left, the viewer looks

west on Center street, and at the right, he looks north on Main street. Before "The Fair," a department store, was located in the building in 1899, the structure was used as the National Bank.

Bond Issue Vote Gives Reprieve

(See picture on page 8)

Heppner's condemned municipal swimming pool got a short reprieve this week from the State Board of Health on the strength of the fact that a bond election is impending to seek funds for rebuilding the pool.

Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, said the pool will open for the summer on June 10.

A. D. Smythe, associate sanitary engineer for the Board of Health, notified the city by letter that the board will grant an operating license for the old pool for the season of 1967 as "marginally acceptable" because the city is showing good progress towards a new pool. Smythe said that it is recognized that some time is required to complete the preparations necessary for bringing the existing pool up to an acceptable state.

However, he warned, "It should be understood that this will be the last operating license issued for the old pool."

In the letter, Smythe said, "It has come to our attention that the City of Heppner has made good progress in arousing public interest in a new community pool and has already undertaken the initial steps required for obtaining voter approval of the bonds necessary for financing the construction of this project.

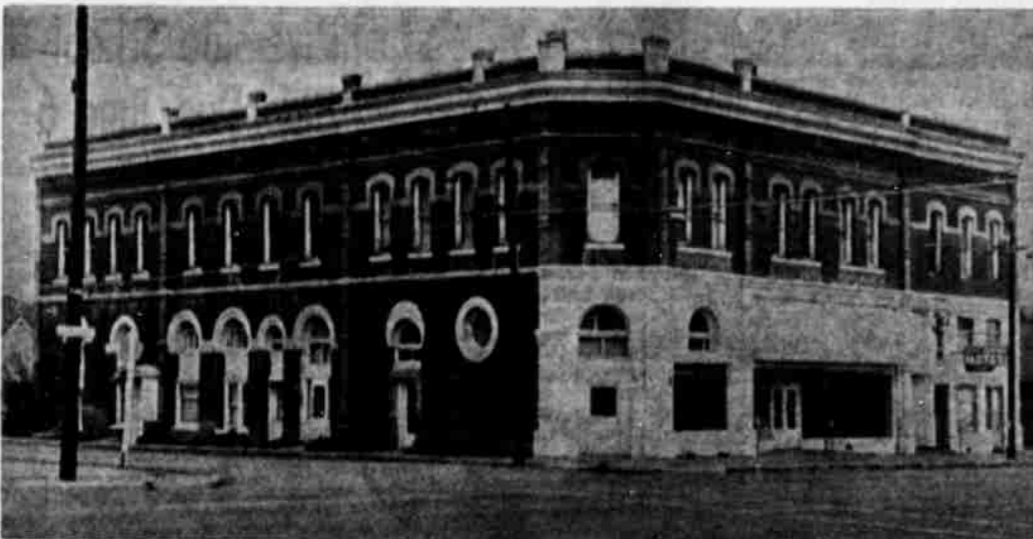
"We understand that May 31, 1967, has been set as the date for the vote on the bond issue. We are confidently hopeful that the citizens will approve this measure.

"In our letter of February 21, 1967, we stated that we would withhold issuance of a license to operate the existing community pool in Heppner for the 1967 season until the bonds for the proposed new pool were approved.

"In view of the fact that pro-

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PROUD BUT DOOMED



DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION was the Case building (once "The Fair" department store) when this picture was taken earlier this year. A Richfield service station will be located on the corner. The section at the right (where the "Motel" sign is) was added some years after the corner structure was built. The addition at one time housed the post office. (G-T Photo).

GOING, GOING



EXPOSED AND BATTERED, the old structure was humbled by the wreckers and presented this picture by late last week. By Tuesday night of this week, the structure was reduced to a heap of debris. (G-T Photo).

Old Brick Structure Housed Many Businesses During Long History

By WES SHERMAN

When the sun-dried red brick walls of the old Case building at the corner of Main and Center yielded to the heavy equipment of a Bend contractor last week to make way for a new service station, it wasn't just a building that fell into a pile of rubble.

If the past 68 years were compressed to the present, it would be discovered that an entire business district was wiped out.

For, since 1899, the building at various times has housed the following: Department store, two banks, two grocery stores, feed store, post office, jewelry store, hardware store, doctor and dentists offices, shoe and clothing store, motel, restaurant, county welfare offices, flower shop, barber shop, accounting office, and even a Jaycee meeting place.

—And some old timers may be able to add more to the list. A "Last Look"

When the heavy equipment started to tear down the foot thick brick walls, dozens came to view the proceedings. They were not all "sidewalk superintendents." Many were older citizens who came for a last look at a structure that had been of great importance in the history of Heppner.

Perhaps none of the old timers shed tears, but there were plenty of sad and nostalgic looks cast at the tumbling structure that was giving way to progress.

The brand new building was a glorious and proud structure

when the century started. It then housed the "Fair Department Store." A rare "Twentieth Century Edition" of the Heppner Gazette, owned and cherished by Mrs. Clara Kincaid of lone, tells about it.

The paper was published in February, 1901, when John Watermelon Redington, renowned as an Indian fighter, was publisher.

"The Fair Store, which is so well and familiarly known throughout this section and far into the interior, was established in Heppner by Mr. Geo. Whittles in August, 1899, who was succeeded in March, 1900, by A. C. Giger, the present owner and proprietor," an article in the paper states.

Came From The Dalles
"Mr. Giger came to Heppner from The Dalles where he was successfully engaged in the same line of business, and knowing, as he does, every little detail that makes a store like "The Fair" a success, at once put new life and energy into the business that made it what it is today, the trading center of low prices in Morrow County.

"The Fair" occupies the entire ground floor of the old National Bank of Heppner building on Main Street and its sales rooms and warehouse cover an area of over 8,000 square feet of floor space devoted to the different departments of the store, which include all lines of general merchandise. From this article, it appears

that the structure was built some years before "The Fair" started, being first the National Bank. Before the brick building was erected, the Baptist church was on the corner, having been erected in 1883. (Perhaps someone has the exact date that the Case building was erected?).

But back to "The Fair." The old Gazette said, "The stock carried is one of the most diverse, as well as one of the largest in the city and is up-to-date in all its departments, the principal of which are men's and boys' clothing, shoes, dry goods, ladies' and children's goods, hats and caps, furnishing goods, notions besides an extensive stock of light hardware, granite and tin ware, glassware, china, crockery, stationery and (Continued on Page 5)

Jaycees Cancel Talent Show

Because of an inability to secure enough performers, the Jaycee Talent Show, scheduled for Saturday night, has been cancelled, Gail McCarty, chairman, announces.

Only nine had signed definitely by the deadline time, and it was felt that 15 acts would be necessary for a program, he said. The officers of the organization met Monday night and decided to call off the show. Money for any tickets purchased from Jaycee members will be refunded by the Jaycees.

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Students to Aid In Town Cleanup Friday Afternoon

By CAROL RAWLINS

Students of Heppner High school will be busy at work on the annual Clean-up Day Friday afternoon, May 19.

Clean-up Day will start at the high school at noon with a picnic lunch of hamburgers, potato chips, macaroni salad and ice cream bars being served at the school with the Chamber of Commerce furnishing thirst-quenching pop.

Heppner has been divided into four sections with each class taking a designated area. The freshmen will clean the school and school grounds. Sophomores will take the area east of Main street. Juniors will work west of Main street, and seniors will take the area south of the former Gilliam and Bisbee store.

To haul rubbish away, many students will supply pickups and trucks.

The city also has offered to assist the school during the clean-up.

Activity will be supervised by members of the faculty who will evaluate class participation during the day. A point system is being developed by the evaluation committee, and the class receiving the most points will have their name engraved on the rotating plaque in the school's showcase.

Students of Heppner High urge everyone to set any rubbish they wish disposed of out in their yards and some students will come by and haul it away.

To finish the day, punch and cookies will be served at the high school for all students at 3:15.

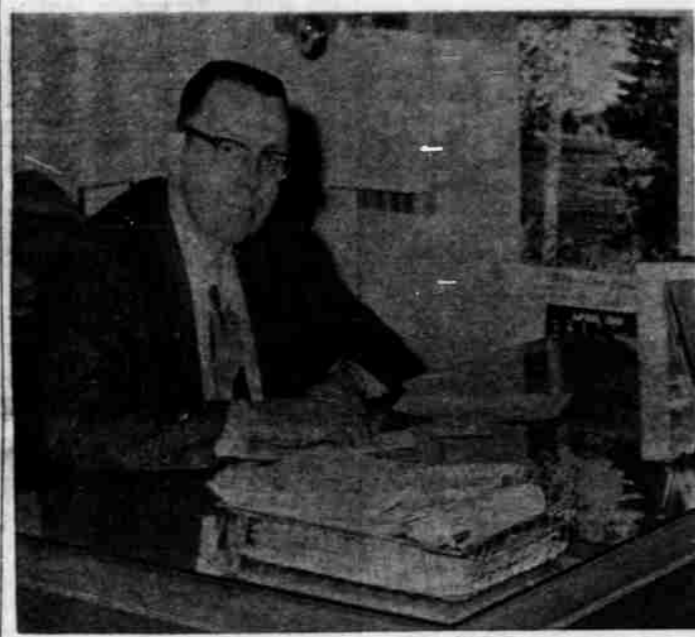
Faculty assignments are:
Freshmen—Mrs. Brosnan, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Hilderbrand, Mrs. Thomson. Sophomores—Mr. Carr, Mr. Weitzel, Mrs. Weatherford, Mr. Lawson. Juniors—Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Winters, Mr. Melby, Mr. Thompson. Seniors—Mr. Hiemstra, Mrs. Struckmeier, Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Holland. Spot checking all classes—Mr. Clough, Mr. Cook, Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Lanham.

Morrow County's Budget Published

County budget for 1967-68 for Morrow county is printed for the first time in this issue of The Gazette-Times on pages two and three of section 2. It is printed in full in line with the policy of the county court to give the public full information on estimated expenditures and receipts for the ensuing fiscal year.

The budget is within the 6% limitation, and therefore requires no vote of the people. Public hearing is set for Wednesday, June 7, in the county judge's office at the courthouse in Heppner. Any and all persons interested are invited to come at that time to give their views on the budget and to speak for or against any part of it.

The Gazette-Times plans to print a summary explanation as a news story next week, explaining some of the increases and decreases in contemplated expenditures.



DAVID R. POTTER resigned Monday night as superintendent of Morrow County School District after serving for three years.

Supt. David Potter Resigns School Post

David R. Potter, superintendent of Morrow County Schools, Monday night resigned his position after serving the county-wide district for the past three years.

The step was taken on the advice of his doctor. Potter is currently convalescing from a major operation, one of several that he has undergone during the time he has served as superintendent here.

Troubled with a chronic kidney ailment that had its inception from an injury during World War II service, Potter said that his doctor was uncertain about the success of the most recent operation and urged him to quit the position to be free from the strenuous duties it entails.

He had planned to leave the position as of July 1, he said, but in discussing the matter with the district board in an executive session during the regular meeting Monday night, agreed to serve until August 1. Bias on the construction of the Riverside school in Boardman are called for June 6, and several other important matters face the district at this time.

The extra month will give the directors additional time to choose a replacement.

Chairman Irvin Rauch said after the meeting, "We're all sorry to see him go, and we're hoping that he will get a health clearance so we might ignore the resignation."

Supt. Potter has a month's vacation coming, and Rauch said it is possible that he may take

the vacation time or may stay on until August 1 and be paid for the vacation.

Rauch said that in the executive session Potter told the board he felt it unfair to the rest of those in the school system for him to be gone so much or to be handicapped by his health condition at a time when there was so much work to be done.

Potter said that he has made no definite plans for the future.

Two Young Men Killed In Accident Saturday

In Morrow county's worst auto accident in several years, Paul Swaggart, 20, of Heppner, and Michael Lynn Downing, 20, of Enterprise died, probably instantly, about six miles north of Heppner on the highway to Lexington about 1 a.m. Saturday morning, May 13.

Critically injured in the one-car accident was the third occupant, Joan Burcham, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Burcham of Lexington. She was at first hospitalized in Pioneer Memorial hospital but was transferred by ambulance later Saturday to Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, for specialized treatment. Her injuries included a broken collar bone, concussion, broken back, broken pelvis and severe lacerations.

Swaggart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart of Heppner, and Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Downing of Enterprise, were both students at Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton. They were returning to Pendleton after spending the evening with friends here and intended to drop Miss Burcham off at her home en route. Bill Johnson and Linda Heath, both of Heppner, had been with them through the evening and got out of Swaggart's car here only a few minutes earlier.



PAUL SWAGGART

Ironically, Downing was planning to help with an auto safety check program at BMCC Saturday, Johnson said.

The car apparently went out of control on a curve near the Ellis Pettyjohn place, skidded sideways, struck the ditch, bounced and rolled. All three were thrown from the car, according to Dr. L. D. Tibbles, medical officer, who with other officers investigated the accident. Swaggart and Miss Burcham were lying 50 or 60 feet in front of the (Continued on page 5)

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of May 10-16 is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	55	36	.12
Thursday	55	36	.05
Friday	59	39	.18
Saturday	66	33	—
Sunday	73	37	—
Monday	76	44	—
Tuesday	86	45	—