

# School Board Awards Bus, House Contracts

Contract for the construction of a teacherage at Ione was awarded to Eastern Oregon Construction Co. of Pendleton by the Morrow County school district after bids were opened Monday.

The firm's bid was \$14,895, as compared with \$15,970 submitted as the bid of Keith Walker and Associates and \$16,945 of Red-Cut Homes of Portland.

Directors awarded the contract to the Pendleton firm at the regular meeting Monday night. The teacherage will house Principal Harold Beggs and his family, and they will pay rental to the district.

Low bid of Fulleton Chevrolet Co. of Heppner on a 30-passenger school bus was accepted by the directors. Fulleton's bid was \$3,073, including trade-in. The Chevrolet bus will have a Superior body and Schetky equipment. Other bids were by Morrow County Grain Growers with a delivered price of \$5122 and Farley Motor Co. which entered two bids on different bodies, the lowest being \$3096 with trade-in.

The directors rejected all bids on a panel vehicle, designed to carry eight persons and the driver, because of a misunderstanding on specifications. Bidding on the panel were Morrow County Grain Growers, Fulleton Chevrolet Co., and Farley Motor Co. Specifications called for an engine of 310 cubic inches, but representatives of the Grain Growers said that they had been told by Leonard Toll, bus supervisor, that their 304 cubic inch engine would be satisfactory. Both Fulleton and Farley bids were qualified by clause stating that if 1967 models were not available, it would be necessary to add any factory charges that may be made as additional for 1968 models.

New bids were requested by the board on the same specifications as those previously advertised.

### Six Teachers Needed

Superintendent David Potter reported that six teachers are still needed to fill vacancies in the system for the 1967-68 year. These include one at Heppner High school, two at Ione, one at Riverside High and two at A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon. The number of vacancies was down to three at one time, Potter explained, but three contracts previously offered were declined.

The board voted to transport students in the Ordinance area to north end schools for the coming year rather than to pay tuition to Umatilla county to send them to Hermiston. The district has been paying some \$550 tuition per student to Umatilla county district. Since the number of students has gained, it is felt that it will be more economical for the district to furnish transportation to Morrow county schools. The distance involved is 44.6 miles per day, or 7,938 miles per year. Buses, with drivers, are operated at \$24 per mile, making a cost of \$2546 per year in addition to the outlay for buying the bus.

In the coming year school, perhaps 10 or 11 students from the area will be transported.

### Zone Change Eyed

Attorney Bob Abrams, in answer to a previous question from the board, pointed out that zones in the county school district may be changed once per year. This question was asked in connection with the possibility of expanding the city zones in Heppner to include some adjacent rural areas. There has been considerable difficulty experienced in getting director candidates from the city zones.

It was decided that possible zone changes should be discussed with Heppner people and then recommendations for changes be made to the board.

McElligott Chairman  
Don McElligott of Ione was elected chairman of the board to start in that position as of July 1, succeeding Irvin Rauch, who has been chairman for two years. Ralph Skoubou of Boardman was chosen vice chairman.

This was the last regular meeting for Director Ken Batty, whose term expires at the end of this month. Mrs. Beverly Gunderson will become a member as of July 1, having been elected by writen at the school election in May.

The board acted on other "housekeeping" chores in the balance of the meeting. It authorized calling for bids on service, bulk gasoline, fuel oil, anti-freeze, and contract bus runs. It authorized bond for Alice Vance, clerk, and it instructed Mrs. Vance to balance the books and call for the annual audit.

It was reported at the meeting that two vacancies exist on advisory boards. Jerry Sweeney has declined to serve on the Heppner-Lexington board, and

### Supple Chosen Chamber Treasurer

Norman Supple, new general loan officer of Heppner Branch, First National Bank, was elected treasurer of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Monday.

Supple will succeed Harley Sager, who has been promoted to the position of commercial loan officer at the Merrill Branch, First National Bank. Sager was treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce for several years.

Mrs. Vesta Kilkenny has moved from the county.

In an executive session, the board reviewed candidates for superintendent, but a special meeting has been set for Thursday, June 22, to consider the applications. Supt. Potter said that about 20 applications have been received. Also in the executive session the board further considered the matter of bids on the Riverside High school construction. Supt. Potter said, but no action was taken. A special meeting on this matter was scheduled for June 21.

It was also reported at the meeting that district funds are running low at the end of the fiscal year, but Mrs. Vance said that there is sufficient money to pay bills, with another tax turnover coming in. The financial report shows a total of \$1,038,825 expended for the year as compared with a total of \$1,081,801 budget, leaving a balance of \$22,915.

### Gazette-Times Gets Editorial Award In State Contest

First place award for the best editorial in its division in the state for 1966 was presented to The Gazette-Times Saturday at the convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association at Gearhart.

The editorial that won the award was "Governor Makes Impact Here," written by Wes Sherman, editor, at the time Gov. Mark Hatfield, running for U. S. Senator, visited in Heppner. It explained the candidate's position on the Vietnam war.

The Gazette-Times competed among weekly papers of less than 2500 circulation. This competition for best editorial was one of two contests that the paper entered.

Salem Capital Journal won first place for the best editorial in the daily division and The Itemizer-Observer, Dallas, won first for weeklies over 2500.

Sixty awards, including a first, second and third in each of 20 categories, were presented at the awards luncheon Saturday noon in the Gearhart Motor Inn. Each winner was presented a plaque.

The Eugene Register-Guard won three first place awards in the daily division, including one for general excellence. The Salem Capital Journal won two firsts.

In the weekly field the Hillsboro Argus and the Cottage Grove Sentinel each won three first places. Other weeklies winning first place awards were: Valley Times, Beaverton, best women's page; Forest Grove News-Times, best news story; Clatskanie Chief, best local column.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman attended the convention Friday and Saturday. Sherman was reelected to the ONPA board of directors. Mrs. Sherman won several prizes in the women's golf tournament on the Gearhart course Saturday morning.

### Fire School Set At Tupper Center

Forest fire control school at the Tupper Work Center is scheduled for June 26 to 29, according to Loren Lucore, fire control officer on the Heppner Ranger district, Umatilla National Forest.

Attending the school will be employees of the district and those of the Dale and Ukiah districts. About 70 trainees in all are expected to be on hand. Included in the training will be fire fighting, lookout practices, and other skills needed for the fire season in the forests.

A total of 15 instructors will assist at the school.

Thirty-nine new employees have been hired here for the fire season, and for the present they are working on roads, in camps and parks, and cleaning up until fire season activities begin.

### Fred Andrews Applies For BLM Land Purchase

Fred Andrews of Echo, who owns lands in the northern part of Morrow county, has made application for purchase of Bureau of Land Management lands contiguous to his property. County Judge Paul Jones said Monday.

The BLM lands are in the process of being classified for disposal by sale, and a public hearing has been set at the Morrow county courthouse for Wednesday, July 12, at 2 p.m.

Judge Jones said that he understands that the Andrews application is for 8960 acres of BLM land that is contiguous to his private property. The judge said application for the land purchase was made the same day that the BLM announced it would classify the lands for sale.

# 95-Degree Weather Hastens Harvest Time

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# Wednesday Rain Halts Hot Streak

A soaking rain Wednesday morning, accompanied by refreshingly cool temperatures, changed the complexion of the weather pattern for the past week. Prospects were that it might slow the start of barley harvest for a day or two, after it had been predicted that the warm weather would open the harvest by the first of next week.

With five consecutive days topping 90 degrees in temperature, crops are maturing fast and first barley is expected to be harvested by the first of next week in Morrow county.

Three days hit 95 degrees in Heppner, according to the report of Don Gilliam, weather observer. They were Friday, Saturday and Monday. Saturday was close behind with 93, and Tuesday recorded 92.

Last Thursday reached 88 degrees after Wednesday's maximum of 83 had given the tip-off that hot weather was on the way.

Minimum temperatures also climbed and nights became warmer. Mercury did not fall below 65 degrees Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

But a threatening storm Tuesday night brought some cooling to perspiring residents. Whether it would materialize and bring some measurable moisture or fade away after some rumblings of thunder and lightning remained to be seen at this writing.

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., general manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, said that he expected barley to start coming in to North Lexington at the first of next week and that the Lexington elevator would be in operation shortly after.

He said that the barley looks very good. Meanwhile, wheat is also turning fast with the hot weather. The rise in temperature is not helping the harvest outlook, but is to be expected at this time of the year.

McCurdy, like Gene Winters, county extension agent, predicted that this year's harvest will be a very good one in both wheat and barley. However, it will not be a bumper crop, McCurdy said.

While there is some concern elsewhere that the harvest will exceed storage, the MCGG general manager said that there is plenty of storage here.

Complete weather report from Gilliam is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	83	46	—
Thursday	88	49	—
Friday	95	51	—
Saturday	93	55	—
Sunday	95	57	—
Monday	95	60	—
Tuesday	92	65	—



MORROW COUNTY 4-H CLUBS were represented at this year's Summer School session the week of June 11-17 by the above group of 26 4-H members. Front row, left to right, Julie Ayres, Denise Bloodworth, Kathleen Sweeney, Marcia Young, Kristine Peterson, Kristin Nelson, Maureen McElligott, Gwen Drake, Debby Warren. Second row, Leonard Munkers, Linda Early, Linda

Cooper, Cindy Harsin, Susan Melby, Sherri O'Brien, Ruby Fulleton, Tanya Tucker, Vicki Hobbs, Mrs. Marjorie Wilcoxen. Third row, Mrs. Bessie Kerlin, Sandi Carlson, Larry Pettyjohn, Kerry Peterson, Jill Padberg, John Hall, Dave Hall, Melvin Ashbeck and Leon Wilson.

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### Lumber, Trailer Burn at Hardman

Fire of undetermined origin that broke out on a trailer load of lumber on a Britt Bros. truck coming from the Spray sawmill of Heppner Lumber Co. destroyed about a half-mile south of Hardman Saturday evening.

Elmer Steers, driver of the truck, stopped when he noticed the flames in his rearview mirror, but apparently the load had been ablaze for some time. Motorists who arrived upon the scene from the south said that they had noticed burning bits of lumber beside the highway for some distance back.

After stopping, Steers was unable to start his engine to pull away from the trailer, but Del Piper came along and hooked his rig to the truck tractor to pull it out of danger.

At its height, the fire made a spectacular blaze and halted travel on the highway. It took from 6:30 until 9:30 to clear the highway.

Local residents and motorists attempted to battle the blaze with fire extinguishers but to little avail. A State Forestry truck arrived from Fossil after the lumber had burned out and the trailer was destroyed.

Heppner Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said that the area is out of the Heppner Fire Protection district, and trucks are not permitted to be dispatched out of the district.

Loss was estimated at between \$3000 and \$4000 and is partially covered by insurance. There were some 13,000 board feet of 2x4 studs on the load.

The load was enroute to the Heppner Lumber Co. plant at Heppner.

### CowBelles Host Father of Year Barbecue Sunday

Doug Drake, Father of the Year for Morrow county, will be honored by the Morrow County CowBelles at the annual do-it-yourself barbecue to be held Sunday, June 25, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Mrs. Walter Wright, president of the CowBelles organization, cordially invites the public to attend the barbecue. Each family is requested to bring steak or hamburger to barbecue, utensils for barbecuing and eating equipment. Coffee, salads and dessert will be served by the host committee.

A barbecue pit behind the fair pavilion will have hot coals ready for barbecuing from 5:30 until 6:30 in the evening. The meal will be served outside weather permitting.

### Gonty Elected Heppner TV Head

Ed Gonty was elected president of the directors of Heppner TV, Inc., at the annual meeting of the cable system last Wednesday night in the Elks' Temple. Conley Lanham, retiring president, was reelected as director. L. E. (Ed) Dick was chosen vice president, and Carl Spaulding was reelected secretary-treasurer. Holdover directors include Riley Munkers and Larry Prock.

Ten members of the cable system cooperative were present to discuss items of interest. Some discussion centered on the present microwave system with points pro and con being offered from those attending.

Some improvements on the local facilities are contemplated for the future which may benefit reception here, but it was pointed out that expenditures necessary to install the microwave system have used as much funds as can be devoted to the improvements for the present.

Financial report showed that the cable system can continue to operate within its present rate structure without an increase. There was no increase in rate at the time microwave was installed, despite a rather heavy outlay required.

### Principal Receives Master's Degree

Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High school received his master's degree at commencement exercises at Portland State College on Sunday, June 11.

The degree was in the field of science. Principal Carpenter had completed work for the advanced degree at an earlier date but waited until the commencement for the degree to be awarded.

### Improvements Due at Airport

Extension of the main runway by 1300 feet, making it an improved strip 50 feet wide and 2600 feet long, is among improvements planned at the Morrow county-owned airport at Lexington, County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

Mel Boyer, operator of the airport, said that the State Board of Aeronautics has authorized a grant up to \$6700 for the improvement project. The county will pay the balance and will do the work.

Its fund for the improvement comes from revenue accumulated from the operation of the airport, including rental from the Boyers who lease the facility. Under agreement with him, all revenues accruing to the fund

are to be placed back in improvements.

In addition to extending the runway, improvements will be made to present aprons, and new aprons will be installed for a cross strip. Parking area near the hangars will be repaired.

The longer runway will make it possible for larger planes to come in and leave, the judge said. He said the Board of Aeronautics told him that planes valued up to \$100,000 are using the airport, and their owners are reluctant to use the facility until the runway is lengthened and paving is completed.

Boyer said that the improvements will make the county facility a "No. 1 airport." Use of the airport is steadily on the increase, he added.



HEPPNER'S TWO ENTRANTS in the Jaycees' Oregon Auto Road-E-O join with Jerry Hollomon, secretary of the Morrow county Jaycees, in showing the awards they won at the state competition at Baker Sunday. Kathy Melby, who graduated with the Heppner High class of 1967, holds trophy and radio she received as second place winner in the girls' division while Hollomon (right) holds the \$25 check she also won. Jim Sherman, who will be a senior at Heppner High this fall, holds check he was awarded as 10th place finisher in the boys' division. (G-T Photo).

### Kathy Melby 2nd, Jim Sherman 10th In State Driving

Kathy Melby of Heppner won second place in the girls' division at the Oregon Road-E-O safe driving competition, Sunday at Baker, the event being sponsored by the Oregon Jaycees and the Lincoln-Mercury division of the Ford Motor Co.

Jim Sherman, also of Heppner, the Morrow county winner for boys, placed 10th in the boys' division.

Kathy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby, missed first place by just nine points. If she had won, she would have received a trip to Ann Arbor, Mich., to the national finals in July and a \$500 scholarship. For taking second, she won a trophy, \$25 in cash from Georgia

Pacific Corp. and a transistor radio. Kathy also is the alternate for the first place winner, and would go to the nationals if the first place winner, a girl from The Dalles, is unable to compete for any reason.

Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, received a \$10 check, given by Nehalem Valley Motor Freight, for his good showing. The state winner in the boys' division was a youth from Milwaukie, and second place went to an entrant from Springfield.

Twenty-three county winners from around the state competed in the event, nine in the girls' division and 14 in the boys' division. Mr. and Mrs. John Privett and

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hollomon took the Heppner contestants to Baker. It was an all-day event that began with registration and was followed by written competition in the morning. A picnic luncheon was held at noon, after which the driving competition took place. Skills in handling a car and parking were tested in a series of difficult maneuvers, and then a road test was conducted in a course around the City of Baker.

Banquet concluded the event Sunday evening with a well-known race driver being the principal speaker. Some 100 persons attended the banquet, and

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