

Pendleton Firm Low on Pool Bid

McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton entered the low bid on renovation of the Heppner municipal swimming pool and construction of a new bathhouse, the city council found when bids were opened at a special meeting last Wednesday afternoon.

The total bid, which includes all four items that had been listed as alternates, comes to \$95,672. This is well within the amount that will be available when bonds will be sold, but the contract had not been awarded as of Wednesday.

It is expected that the acceptance of the bid will be forthcoming at a special meeting of the council at 5 p.m. Friday. The contract can only be awarded contingent on the sale of the bonds, which were voted by the people. The principal reason for the delay in accepting the bid, however, is a letter from the State Board of Health which called attention to a number of items, considered to be relatively minor, that the board insists must be included to comply with health standards.

Most Included
City Supt. Vic Groshens said at the regular council meeting Tuesday night that in a telephone conversation with Clark and Groff, Engineers, of Salem, he had been assured that most of these were included in their planning and others were of a minor nature. However, the council decided that it should have assurance in writing from the engineers that these would be included in the bid price before the McCormack figure was accepted.

The adjourned meeting was set for Friday afternoon to allow time for a letter from the engineers to get here. Mayor W. C. Rosewall said that he felt the bid was very favorable. Renovation of the pool and construction of the bathhouse was figured at \$91,000. Other items, all of which were alternates that might have been omitted if the basic figure was too high, include these: Underwater lights, \$2,300; renovation of the mechanical room, \$1,300; bleachers, \$600; and expansion joints, \$472.

Only one other bid was received, that coming from Paul and Backer Company of Eugene at a total figure of \$99,790. A letter from Clark and Groff to the city said that the firm had reviewed the bid of McCormack Co. and considered it a fair cost on the project. The engineers said that the company is reputable and recommended that it be accepted.

Basic cost is somewhat higher than the \$87,000 estimated at the time of the cost study undertaken by the engineers, but addition of items which formerly were not included accounts for most of the increase.

Alternates Approved
The council agreed to include all the alternates when the contract is awarded.

Considerable discussion Tuesday night centered on the type of bonds to be offered for sale. A resolution was adopted authorizing the city to sell \$110,000 in bonds on a level debt service method of repayment. The bonds will carry a 15-year maturity and will be callable after the ninth year.

City Attorney Abrams explained that proceeds of the

bond sale may be used only on the project described at the special election or for repayment of the bonds. Thus, by making them callable after nine years—the earliest date on a 15-year issue—the city may apply that portion of the funds not used on the project to retire a part of the bond issue. In the meantime, the funds will accumulate interest.

It is planned to proceed at once with legal steps necessary to sell the issue, first advertising for bids on the bonds. Construction on the project cannot start until after the bonds are sold, and a minimum of 20 days from the time of first advertising for bids on the bonds is necessary before bids may be opened.



KEN WRIGHT

Wright is Chosen American Farmer

Ken Wright, an outstanding member of the Heppner High school chapter, Future Farmers of America, during his high school days, has been chosen for the American Farmer degree by the national organization of FFA according to Hal Whitaker, vocational agriculture instructor at the high school.

This high national honor is in recognition of Wright's outstanding project program in high school and for the work he has done since graduation in following through on the program, Whitaker said.

Wright thus becomes one of the few from Morrow county to attain the American Farmer degree. Last selection for the recognition was Frank Osmin, a number of years ago.

Before his graduation from high school in the spring of 1964, Wright was selected as a State Farmer in his senior year. Since his graduation he attended Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon College and Blue Mountain Community College.

He and his wife, Judy, operate Wright's Country Store at Ruggs while he works with his father in their cattle operation there. Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and his wife is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of Heppner.

Wright expects to go to Kansas City to the national Future Farmer convention and presentation of the degree is scheduled for October 14.

Kinzua Mill Fire Cause of Alarm

Two trucks and the rural fire Jeep with 11 volunteer firemen responded to a fire alarm Tuesday at 5:40 p.m. that took them to the Kinzua Corporation mill in the resaw building.

The fire was extinguished by quick thinking men on duty at the mill at that time, Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine said. Probable cause of the fire was a frozen bearing on the resaw.

Some sawdust and part of the interior framework of the building burned. Amount of damage is as yet undetermined. Most of the firemen returned to town within about 15 minutes after the alarm, but four remained standing by for about two hours.

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U. S. Forest Closure Off; State Holds

Closure of the National Forest lands was lifted as of Wednesday morning, W. S. (Sam) Miller, Ranger in charge of the Heppner district, Umatilla National Forest, said Wednesday morning.

This means that the national forest lands are open again for recreation, logging and other uses. Bull Prairie, which had been shut down by the closure, was re-opened to the public.

But lands under protection of the State Department of Forestry remained closed as of Wednesday, and this may lead to some confusion on the part of hunters.

Glen Ward, state game agent, said that an archery season on deer will open Saturday in the Heppner management unit. Dove season is on, and grouse season will open Saturday morning. But hunters cannot seek their game on lands under state protection.

Ward was in contact with the state, expecting that this closure might be lifted, too, but it wasn't as of late Wednesday afternoon.

Forest Rainfall .06 Inch

Ranger Miller said that .06 inch of rain was recorded at Tupper on Tuesday. Higher humidities that day were more responsible for lifting of the closure, however, since the burning index did not indicate as great a fire hazard. The amount of rainfall was not sufficient to cause much relief in itself.

Meanwhile, it was reported the loggers for Kinzua Corporation went off the "hoot owl" shift and returned to regular hours.

Miller said that no more fires have occurred in the Heppner Ranger district. Seven men from this district have been helping on the Airstrip fire near Hoodoo Bowl in the North Santiam country and some have been working on Washington fires.

Tuesday's rain here came after 74 days without measurable rain, but only .01 inch was recorded in Heppner according to the instruments of Don Gilliam, weather observer. This was the second longest dry spell in Heppner's recorded history, being beaten only by the 95 days in 1928.

The last measurable rainfall was on June 22. Both July and August were without measurable precipitation, and four days of September passed before the cooling drops fell on Tuesday, September 5.

Maximum temperature cooled to 84 degrees on that day, but this was not the low maximum for the week. On Saturday the temperature climbed to only 81 degrees after a string of six consecutive days in the 90's.

Gilliam's complete report for the week, Wednesday, August 30, through Wednesday, September 6, is as follows:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Wednesday	96	59	—
Thursday	96	61	—
Friday	90	52	—
Saturday	81	54	—
Sunday	87	46	—
Monday	89	54	—
Tuesday	84	62	.01
Wednesday	81	52	—

mine which speed applied to which particular area, except in general terms.

"This is just backwards from what we wanted," exclaimed Mayor W. C. Rosewall.

And Chief of Police Glen Kolkhorst said that raising the speed limit to 30 miles-per-hour in the downtown district was in "direct opposition" to the motor vehicle code which fixes it at 25 mph in a business district.

"I think this (30 mph) is too fast, particularly in view of liberties taken here on jaywalking and with the hazards of diagonal parking," he said. "They are setting up three speeds going through town. All they are doing is laying a bunch of booby traps so we can catch a lot of violators."

The council is in favor of 35 (Continued on page 8)



GETTING READY for the opening battle with the Enterprise High Savages here Friday night are these five who will guide and direct the Mustangs. Watching Coach Ed Hiemstra (center) are (from left) Assistant Coach Adrian Cook; Veteran Dave Hall, versatile back and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall; Quarterback John McCabe, sophomore and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCabe; and Assistant Coach Dean Naffziger, who is here for his first season with the Mustangs. Hall will be a co-captain with Alfred Drake in the Friday night game. (G-T Photo).

Heppner Library Report Reveals Gains for Year

Heppner Public Library continues to make steady gains, both in number of volumes and in circulation, the annual report reveals.

Marion Green, president of the trustees, presented the report to the Heppner city council at its meeting Tuesday night.

He said that the trustees appreciate the support of the city council and hope that the support will be continued.

"One of the most noteworthy parts of the report is that the library operated on a budget of less than \$2000," he said. The report is for the fiscal year that ended June 31.

Total volumes now in the library number 5869 as compared with 5736 at the start of the year. Of these, 3606 are adult volumes and 2263 are juvenile books. The library has 21 periodicals, 18 as gifts and three paid. One newspaper, the Heppner Gazette-Times, is furnished as a gift by the publishers.

Circulation of books outside the library shows adults taking out 3,463 volumes, juveniles 3,287 and periodicals going out number 189 for a total of 6,939.

Total income for the 1966-67 year was \$2,417.81, of which \$1600 is given by the city. Miscellaneous gifts accounted for \$150 and fines and fees totaled \$141.76. Expenses for the year were \$1,996.02, and next year's budget is set at \$2,250.

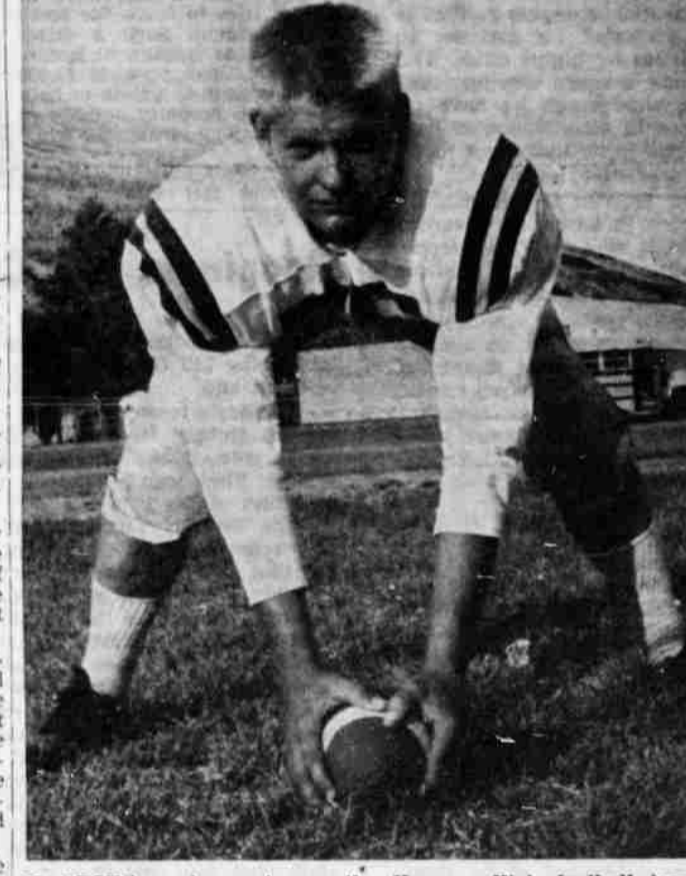
An expenditure of some \$350 for additions to furniture and fixtures is anticipated, Green said.

Mrs. Blanche Brown is librarian and the library is open four hours each Monday, four hours each Wednesday and three hours each Saturday.

Trustees, in addition to Green, are Mrs. Lucy Peterson, vice president; Mrs. Nora Turner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gene Starks, W. C. Rosewall and Clarence Baker.

Portlanders Open Hotel Grill Here

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson of Portland have opened the Hotel Grill and will feature everything from sandwiches to full course meals, they announce.



AL DRAKE, senior center on the Heppner High football team, will be one of the co-captains in the opening game Friday night here against Enterprise. Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Drake, shows promise of being the outstanding center in the Greater Oregon League this season, according to his coaches. (G-T Photo).

Mustangs Face Savages In Grid Opener Friday

Football season opens here Friday night at 8 p.m. when the Heppner High Mustangs will play the Enterprise High Savages.

Forty Heppner candidates have been working since August 22 under the guidance of Head Coach Ed Hiemstra and his two assistants, Adrian Cook and Dean Naffziger.

This year's varsity will have its work cut out to improve on last year's record.

"Every game will be tough," said Coach Hiemstra.

Enterprise has replaced the Hermiston Jayvees on the schedule. This is a non-league encounter and will give the coaches and fans a chance to see how the 1967 Mustangs will look before they launch the conference season.

Coach Hiemstra is pleased with the progress of the squad as a whole but hopes for much more improvement, especially in the line where the guards and tackles are inexperienced except for Terry Corbin and Steve Munkers.

Drake's Work Pleases
Showing of Al Drake at center has brought pleasure to the coaching staff.

Total 1,112 On First Day In County

When school opened in Morrow county Tuesday, three schools showed increases in enrollment, three showed decreases and one remained exactly the same as the first day of the 1966-67 school year, figures from the office of Supt. Ron Daniels show.

However, neither increases nor decreases were substantial, and the total registration figure was 1112, down just 18 students from the first day last year.

Heppner High topped the 200 mark, reaching 204, as compared with 184 at the opening last year. But Heppner Elementary was down by 42 pupils below the 460 of last year. The opening day total Tuesday was 418. First grade class there was 15 below that of last year, 44, as compared with 59, and second graders number 52 as compared with 65 last year.

Ione's registration was almost identical to last year. The elementary school was exactly the same at 125, with the first grade class of 15 one more than last year's 14. At the high school, registration totaled 57 as compared with 58 last year.

Riverside High school picked up three above last year, going to 91 from 88, and Boardman Elementary declined by nine, dropping to 45 from 54. A. C. Houghton Elementary at Irigon was reported at 172, which is 11 more than the 161 on opening day last year.

Administrators reported that the first day of school went "very smoothly," and few problems were encountered. Principal Alan Martin of Heppner Elementary school said that this was the "smoothest first day" in his experience, and Principal Dick Carpenter at the high school said that he had anticipated some first day problems but none developed.

Number of first graders in the county-wide system again showed a decline, totaling 86 as compared with 95 last year. In 1965-66 there were 113.

High school seniors number two more than last year, 78 to 76. Riverside has 26 seniors as compared with 17 in 1966-67, Heppner High has 41 as compared with 47, and Ione High has 11 as compared with 12.

Total enrollment of the two Heppner schools on the first day of this year is 622 as compared with 644 last year, a decrease of 22 students. In 1965-66 it was 633 and in 1964, 675.

By schools, registration Tuesday was as follows with last year's figures in parentheses: Heppner Elementary — grade one, 44 (59); two, 52 (65); three, 51 (53); four, 48 (54); five, 49 (53); six, 58 (61); seven, 60 (54); eight, 56 (61).

Heppner High — grade nine, 66 (45); ten, 48 (48); eleven, 49 (44); twelve, 41 (47).

Ione Elementary — grade one, 15 (14); two, 12 (11); three, 12 (20); four, 21 (20); five, 17 (20); six, 20 (13); seven, 14 (14); eight, 14 (13).

Ione High — grade nine, 12 (16); ten, 15 (19); eleven, 19 (11); twelve, 11 (12).

Riverside High — grade nine, 26 (25); ten, 24 (18); eleven, 15 (28); twelve, 26 (17).

Boardman Primary — grade one, 10 (10); two, 9 (13); three, 11 (15); four, 15 (16).

A. C. Houghton Elementary — grade one, 17 (12); two, 13 (16); three, 14 (12); four, 17 (12); five, 24 (28); six, 29 (35); seven, 35 (24); eight, 23 (24).

Nine Vets' Loans Granted in Year

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs granted farm and home loans to 4,350 veterans during fiscal 1966-67 in the amount of \$53,471,500. This was the highest dollar volume on record for a fiscal year and the third highest in loans. It was a 23 percent increase in dollar volume and a 14 percent gain in loans over 1965-66.

In Morrow county last year, loans were granted to nine veterans in the amount of \$99,850, compared to seven loans in 1965-66 for \$72,250.

Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have gone to 105 veterans in this county in the amount of \$796,300. State-wide, 58,211 loans have been granted for \$530,744,524.

Borrowers have repaid \$272 million of this in principal and another \$91.7 million in interest, with monthly repayments currently averaging over \$4 million. Interest payments alone are running over \$1 million a month. Of the 58,211 loans, 33,113 were outstanding June 30, in the amount of \$321,688,384. Saalfeld said the loan program continues to earn a net revenue after paying all expenses of the loan program and of the department's service division. This net revenue last fiscal year was a record \$2,927,986, bringing the total earnings since 1945 to \$21,644,217.

Council Ponders Speed Limits; State Proposals Prove Confusing

What shall be the speed limit in Heppner's downtown district?

This was the question that faced the city council Tuesday night at its September meeting. It wouldn't seem to be a very confusing proposition, but it turned out to be so.

Here's the story: At a recent meeting the council had, in general, approved state recommendations that would permit higher speeds than the posted 25 at the northern entrance to the city and set limits in other parts of the downtown area. But in the recommendations they found an apparent conflict, since the state suggested a speed of 25 coming down the Condon highway hill but a 30 mile-per-hour speed through the downtown district.

Councilmen directed that Mrs. Elaine George, recorder, write a

letter, pointing out this apparent error, which would permit a driver to speed up after he reached the center of town.

The letter that came in reply from the state acknowledged the discrepancy and recommended the entire speed be 30 miles per hour. Speed at school crosswalks would be 20 miles per hour, and another speed was recommended for another area, meaning three separate speeds in the short section through town.

'Just Backwards'
Councilmen were nonplussed. They had expected that the state would reduce its recommendation to 25, instead of raising it uniformly to 30, with the exception of the other two designated areas.

Then in examining the letter, they were confused by the site descriptions and couldn't deter-