

Johnnie Hill Again Denied 'Stock' Permit

Johnnie Hill, accompanied by his wife and two children, came to the Heppner city council meeting Monday night to present his case again for a permit to keep chickens and a cow at his place within the city limits.

But he met defeat again. The council voted unanimously to deny the permit, even though he had reduced his "livestock" to 15 hens and a cow. He had applied twice before for the permit, once some two years ago and again a month or two ago.

A council committee, after the second application, went to the place to view the situation and reported that on the place were rabbits, chickens, ducks, and dogs.

The committee then recommended that the permit not be granted and it was denied.

Eighteen Heppner High school students, who came from history and social science classes to see municipal government in action, were interested spectators Monday night.

Making the situation particularly difficult is the fact that Councilman Carl Spaulding's property adjoins that of Hill, and as a citizen, Spaulding has complained of the nuisance.

When the matter came up Monday night, Spaulding said that he had sought to abstain from discussion on the matter because of his position on the council. However, he had to break his silence to reply to Hill's questioning.

Hill said that he could not understand why he wasn't allowed to keep one cow when 12 cattle, owned by another party, were allowed to be pastured just across the creek from Spaulding's house.

This moved Spaulding to reply, "Because your cow is just too close to my bedroom window."

At one time it appeared that a compromise might be reached by permitting Hill to keep his hens and cow 30 or 40 yards away at another part of his property, but this broke down when the argument warmed up.

The discussion was ended when a councilman moved that the permit be denied. The motion was passed, and Mrs. Elaine George was instructed to notify Police Chief Glen Kolchhorst that Hill is in violation of the ordinance.

The city ordinance on the matter forbids a resident to keep poultry and livestock within the city limits without a permit. It has been the policy to grant permits when there are no complaints from neighbors and to revoke them when there are complaints.

High School PTA Plans Open House For December 13

Parents of high school students and townspeople are invited to the Heppner High school Open House, sponsored by the PTA, at the school on Wednesday, December 13, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This year five departments of the school will each present one-half hour sessions for the visitors, and those attending may attend three of the sessions, since three periods will be planned. Included will be those for English, mathematics, science, social science, and vocational.

The evening will start with a short PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 7:30 with Bill Weatherford, president, in charge.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening program.

This is designed as a "get acquainted" meeting for the parents with their children's classes and teachers. Students are invited to attend with their parents.

Postal Service Extends Hours for Yule Season

Additional hours of postal window service will be provided on Saturdays, December 9 and 16, at the Heppner post office, the Lexington rural station and the Hardman rural station, according to James H. Driscoll, postmaster.

On Saturday, December 9, windows will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and on Saturday, December 16, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Mail will be received for distribution to lock boxes on Sundays, December 10 and 17, at Heppner, and patrons with box service are urged to pick up mail on those dates. There will be no star route or general delivery distribution on these dates, however.

Beginning Monday, December 11, and extending through Friday, December 22, the parcel post and stamp window will remain open until 6:00 p.m., however, the money order window will close as usual at 5:00 p.m.

Hill said that he plans to write to Attorney-General Robert Thornton on the matter.

Street Estimate Given

The matter of improving Morgan Street extension to the high school was opened again when Supt. Vic Groshens submitted estimates that the work could be done by the city for \$13,291. This would include resurfacing the street, adding curbs, installing a 5 ft. sidewalk, putting in culverts, doing iron work and installing a guard rail. Two 1 1/2 ft. lanes would be provided on the street, he said.

The \$13,291 estimate is less than one-third the estimate of the State Highway Department which said the job would cost \$45,000, although perhaps their estimates included some improvements that are not included in Groshens' report. The Morrow county school board had budgeted \$8,000 for its share of the job, and the city applied for the state to do the balance of the work under a statute that permits the state to make improvements on city streets where greatly increased use causes a problem.

It was decided that Groshens' estimates would be submitted to the school board for consideration with the thought that a cooperative plan might be worked out to get the job done.

Permit Granted

Building permit for repairs was granted to Matt Hughes, \$4000, 460 Morgan Street, to remove back porch and remodel kitchen.

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Elementary School Program Monday To Feature Music

Annual Christmas program of Heppner Elementary school will be presented Monday, December 11, at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room, and all parents are invited, Principal Alan Martin announced.

The program will be staged in the multipurpose room instead of the gymnasium for many reasons, all of which contribute to a better presentation and comfort of the audience, the principal said. Since seating capacity is limited, parents are asked not to bring their children.

A special program for pupils and pre-school children will be on Friday, December 8, at 9 a.m., and high school students will attend the program on Monday morning.

Vocal music will comprise the first part of the program with Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens in charge, and band numbers will furnish the second half of the program with Arnie Hedman, director, conducting this portion.

First vocal presentation will be a group of numbers concerning Christmas in songs from several countries, including Germany, Spain, England, France, Huron Indians and America.

Other numbers will illustrate the spirit of Christmas in five groups, including "Christmas is Bells," "Christmas is Snow," "Christmas is Preparation," "Christmas is Giving," and "Christmas is the Look of Wonder on a Child's Face as He Hears His First Story of the Savior's Birth."

In the band presentation, the beginners' band (fifth grade) will present the first group of three numbers. The intermediate (sixth grade) will play a group of five numbers, and the advanced band (seventh and eighth) will complete the program with four selections.

The program is designed to be only about an hour in length, the principal states.

"It is our aim to have a beautiful Christmas program—one that you will enjoy seeing and hearing," he said.

Voters to Decide on Road Levy at Election Friday

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County Asks To Continue Serial Plan

Polls will open at nine polling places in the county at 8 a.m. Friday for the special election on a road serial levy for the county. Registered voters may cast ballots at any time until 8 p.m.

A list of the polling places is contained in the display advertisement on page 4 of this paper. The list was also published in last week's paper.

At the election the voters will decide on a levy of \$150,000 annually for five years to construct, improve, maintain and repair Morrow county roads. This is a continuation of the serial levy plan that has been in effect in the county since 1948.

The \$150,000 annual levy would be an increase of \$25,000 per year above the \$125,000 levied for each of the past three years. Voters approved the last serial levy for a three year period in the early part of 1965.

Morrow county's road improvement committee points out that this is not a new tax nor an additional tax but continues a plan used here for some 19 years. The amount needed to operate the road system cannot be included in the regular county budget because it would bring it over the 6% limitation.

In 1962, the county sought to place before the voters the proposition of broadening the tax base to provide funds for road development and maintenance without the necessity of holding a periodic vote, but it was declared illegal prior to the time of election by the attorney-general. Thus, the county returned to the serial levy method of sustaining the road program.

The increase asked in the levy, amounting to \$25,000 per year, would amount to 29¢ per \$1000 of true cash value of property owned. The total tax levy to raise the \$150,000 annually would amount to \$1.57 per \$1000 of true cash value as compared with the present \$1.28 per \$1000 to raise the \$125,000.

The road improvement association points out that the serial levy is vital to the county's road program and that future development hinges on passage of the levy.

Through several successive county administrations, Morrow county roads have been improved to the point where they rank high among eastern Oregon counties. One goal is to place virtually every farm on a hard-surfaced road within the next 10-12 years.

Road improvements in the north end of the county are planned, and considerable progress is being made in improving roads to recreational areas as well as to farms. A portion of the tax collected is apportioned to cities or their use. All county taxpayers share in the cost of the levy.

Highline Trouble Results in Outage

A pole fire on a transmission line near Kennewick resulted in a general power outage that hit the area early Sunday afternoon, Harley Young, manager of Columbia Basin Electric co-op, said.

Morrow county was without electrical service for about 45 minutes. Also affected by the outage were Hermiston, Stanfield, Irrigon and the north end of Gilliam county.

Mustangs Open Here Against Grant Union

Heppner High's basketball team will open its season here Friday night against the Grant Union Prospectors, rated as one of the top A-2 teams in Eastern Oregon. This will be the first of two week-end games, second of which takes the Mustangs to Burns Saturday night for a battle with the Hillanders.

Unlike last year, however, neither of these games will be league encounters, since both Burns and John Day are now in the eastern division of the Greater Oregon League. However, it will be an early test of strength for the participating clubs.

Junior varsity games will start at 6:30 with varsity contests to follow. A near full house is expected for the Friday night opener here.

The Prospectors are led by Chris Labhart, 6-4 1/2 tall fir of the quintet. Coach Hank Talus has three other veterans, including Ken Stevens, 6-1; Bob Clenger, 5-10 1/2; and Bill Diest, who is nearly as tall as Labhart at 6-4.

Coach Bob Clough of the Mustangs has five veterans for his varsity club, but some of those up from last year's jayvees are pressing them for starting positions. The vets are Dave Hall, 5-10 1/2, guard; Bill McLeod, 5-11, guard; Randy Stillman, 5-10, forward; Steve Pettyjohn, 6-1 1/2, forward; and Russell Kilkenny, 6-4, center. All are seniors.

Up from the jayvees are some strong candidates, including Calvin Ashbeck, 6-2, junior; Gary Kemp, 6-1 1/2, junior; Jon O'Donnell, 5-11 1/2, junior; Jerry Healy, 6-0, junior; and Larry Pettyjohn, 5-7, junior.

Also on the varsity is Bob Dobbs, senior, whose height matches Kilkenny at 6-4. Dobbs has jayvee experience but did not play last year. John McCabe, who played as a freshman last year, rounds out the varsity squad. He is 5-9.

At Burns, the Mustangs will see some familiar faces among the veterans back. Lynn Losee, 6-3 senior, and Mel Barnes, also 6-3, a junior, are the tall men on the squad. Jack Smith, 6-2, senior; Doug Stott, 6-1, junior; Bob Cole, 6-1, junior; Scott Miles, 6-0, senior; and Benny Cordova, 6-0, senior, are other spires on the squad. Thus, Coach Don Persinger has seven men who are six feet and over. Mike Revak, 5-10, senior, and Miles are co-captains of this year's Hillander quintet.

Rounding out the traveling squad are Gary Shelton, 5-9, junior; Gary Peterson, 5-9, junior; Tom Howard, 5-10, senior; and Martin McManus, 5-6, senior.

Car Shears Pole; Driver Fined \$150

A car driven by Rex Boggs, 40, formerly of Heppner, went off now living in Heppner, west off the Heppner-Lexington highway and sheared a telephone pole near the Mollahan place about three miles north of Heppner Saturday afternoon about 5 p.m.

The driver apparently sustained only minor injuries, but he was cited into justice court Monday where he was fined \$150, received a 90 day suspension of his license, and his driver's license was suspended. He was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The car was extensively damaged.

Car Fire Reported

Heppner firemen were alerted Monday evening at 9:05 p.m. when they were called to the Jim Lovgren residence where a car was reported to be on fire. Two trucks and about 14 men answered the call to extinguish the fire which started in the wiring in the car belonging to Frank Lovgren. Loss on the 1960 Corvair was covered by insurance, according to Forrest Burkentine, fire chief.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 5 is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	49	32	.08
Thursday	43	29	—
Friday	45	30	—
Saturday	53	33	.07
Sunday	54	38	.07
Monday	53	32	.03
Tuesday	46	31	.04

Rep. Mann Says 1 1/2% Limit Could Result in State Paralysis

Rep. Irvin Mann, discussing the "what now?" possibilities after the special session of the legislature failed to solve the state's property tax dilemma, made it clear to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday that he doesn't favor the "meat ax approach" of the proposed 1 1/2 percent property tax limitation.

The proposal, which is now being circulated for signatures in the form of an initiative petition, is almost certain to be on the ballot, Rep. Mann said in a talk before the organization.

Lighting Contest Entries Invited

Entries are invited for the 1967 Christmas lighting and decoration contest in Heppner, Al Boschee, chairman of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce committee, announces.

Serving with him on the committee are Mrs. Avon Melby, Orville Cutsforth and Harley Young.

Again this year, \$60 has been donated by an unidentified giver for prize money in the contest, to be distributed in two categories.

Prizes will be as follows: Outstanding residential—\$15 first; \$10, second; \$5 third. Residential window or interior—\$15 first; \$10, second; \$5 third.

Judges will use a point system, as follows: 40 points for carrying out a theme; 20 points for simplicity; 20 points for originality; 20 points for general appeal. Out-of-town judges will be used, and the judging will be done between 5 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19.

Those wishing to compete are asked to register at the Gazette-Times by 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 19. This may be done by telephone if the entrant wishes.

Lights are to be kept on each evening through Christmas Day.



LOUIS CARLSON, shown here with his wife, Betty, has been chosen Oregon Conservation Man of the Year. It was announced at the meeting of the Oregon Wheat League in Portland Friday night. This picture was taken at the time of his selection as Morrow county Conservation Man of the Year.

Louis Carlson Chosen For State Honor; League Meet Lauded

Called "one of the most successful conventions in years," the Oregon Wheat League's annual meeting ended at noon Saturday, December 2, at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland.

It was an especially fine convention for Morrow county because Bob Jeppson of Ione, was in charge of the meeting as president; Louis Carlson, also of Ione, was chosen Oregon Conservation Man of the Year; and more than 40 Morrow county ranchers attended the convention.

Carlson was presented as state conservation man at the banquet Friday night. He will receive a large plaque for the honor, and he will host the annual state conservation tour next June.

Mrs. Al Fetsch of Lexington, county cake baking winner, competed in the state cake baking contest. Mrs. Lois Kennedy of Wasco county was declared the winner; second went to Mrs. Carol Wulff of Wallawa county; and third to Mrs. Clara Picanso of Umatilla county.

President Jeppson said all of the cakes this year were of unusually high quality, and admitted to a bit of prejudice in saying he would have judged Mrs. Fetsch's cake a winner.

Jeppson continues as president until January, but Bill Hulse of Dufur was elected at the meeting as president for 1968. Other officers chosen are Tom Vaughan, Jr., Pendleton, first vice-president; Dick Skiles, Wasco, second vice president; and John Welbes, Pendleton, executive vice-president. Tommy Thompson, county extension agent in The Dalles, will serve as assistant to the president.

Wheat county was official host to this 40th annual convention. Some of the many outstanding speakers included Senator Milton Young of North Dakota who discussed "What's Ahead for Wheat?"; Floyd Corbin of Los Angeles, "Are You a Winner or a Whiner?"; Jim Dyess, chief, wheat subsidy and marketing branch of ASCS, Washington, D. C., "Subsidies and How They Function"; Secretary of State Clay Myers, "Roll of Agriculture in Oregon's Future"; Don McKinnis, development specialist, State Dept. of Agriculture, Salem, "Irrigation and Total Development"; R. K. Wheat, Wheat Association report; Dr. Joellene Vannoy, Wheat Associates Asian home economist, "Nutritional Problems in Southeast Asia"; Glen Hofer, executive vice president, Washington, D. C., "National Association Report."

Committee meetings started Friday and reports were started Friday morning at the annual business meeting. Welbes gave his report as executive vice-president at the meeting.

One of the interesting resolutions passed was that to investigate the sponsorship of a rotating trophy to be given to the winner of the annual Oregon State-University of Oregon football game. It was recommended by the public relations committee that the league offer such a trophy.

Many other resolutions were passed by the wheat growers.