

Hike in Postage Rates to Go into Effect on Sunday

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect on Sunday, January 7, Postmaster James Driscoll reminded postal customers this week.

The first-class rate will be increased to six cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce for pieces weighing 13 ounces or less. At the same time the rate for postal cards will be increased to five cents each.

Of particular interest locally is the fact that the special rate for drop letters (those mailed to others inside the city limits) will no longer be subject to a rate lower than the regular rate. Thus, it will cost six cents for a Heppner postal patron to mail a letter to another within the

city limits for distribution through post office boxes. This is an increase of two cents per ounce because at present these drop letters may be mailed for four cents per ounce.

All bills and statements of account, regardless of the method of preparation or quantity of identical pieces mailed, will be subject to the first-class rate.

Postmaster Driscoll says that he anticipates no particular problems in implementing the increase here. As of Wednesday he had not received a supply of six-cent stamps for the first class letter demand and also had not received 10c airmail stamps. He expects them in soon, however.

If they do not arrive in time for increase, combinations will

be sold, such as 5c and 1c stamps for the 6c postage.

He said that he expects it will be a month or six weeks before the post office makes its conversion completely. He has ordered a stock of government stamped envelopes of all sizes with the 6c stamps but he has been advised that it may be some time before these are received because of the heavy demand all over the United States. In the meantime, users of government-stamped envelopes may purchase ones on which the post office staff has added 1c stamps to the 5c denomination.

Rates for airmail weighing seven ounces and under will be increased to 10 cents per ounce or fraction. Airmail weighing over seven ounces is subject to

the air parcel post rates. Air parcel post rates in the 5-pound-and-under weight range are changed. They will be computed by zone in one-half pound weight increments. The rate for air cards will be increased to eight cents each.

Postage rates for controlled circulation publications will be increased and other changes and increases will be made in second-class mail.

Basic single per piece rate in third-class mail will be increased to six cents for the first two ounces plus two cents for each additional ounce. General increases will be made in bulk rates.

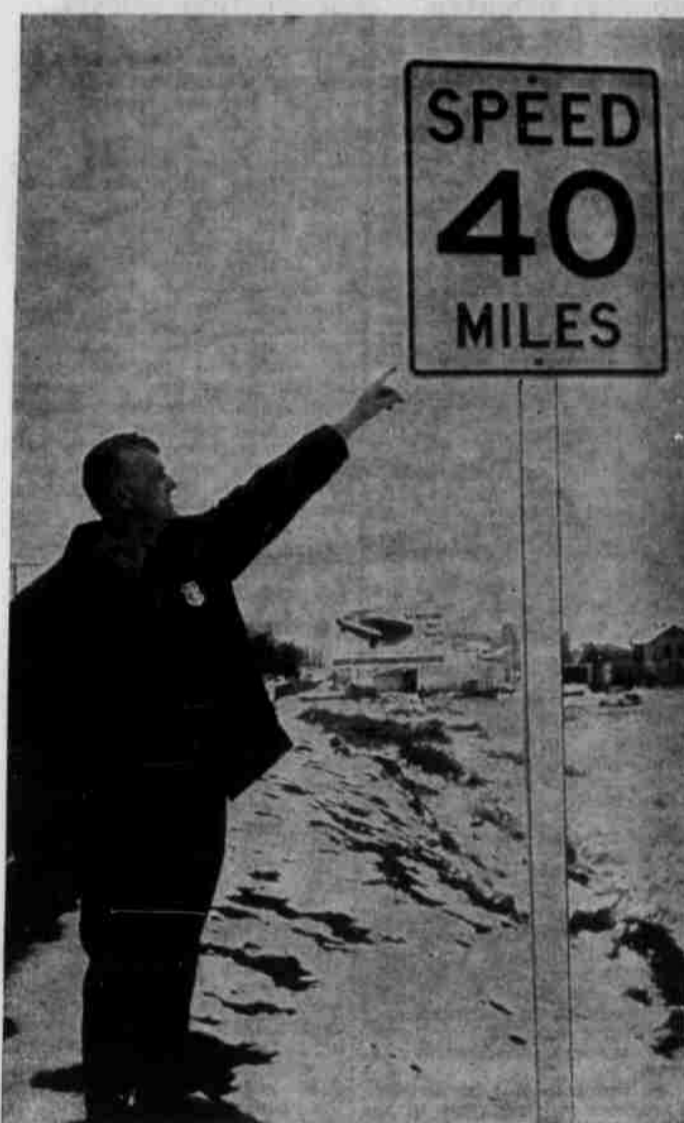
In fourth-class mail, the surface parcel post rates and catalog rates will remain unchanged. However, the special fourth-

class rate and the library rate will be increased.

Changes will be made in the definition of books available at the special rate, and provision will be made for mailing books issued as supplements to other books.

A new service will be provided whereby a mailer may request, by marking a piece "Address Correction Requested," to be notified of the addressee's new address when first-class mail is forwarded. A charge of 15 cents will be made for this service.

Mailers who have on hand envelopes or cards prepaid with stamps at the old rates may revalue such materials by affixing postage or meter stamps sufficient to cover postage at the appropriate new rate.



POLICE CHIEF Glen Kolkhorst points to new 40 mile per hour designated speed sign just installed by the state at the northern city limits of Heppner. The designated speed has been increased from 25 miles per hour on the stretch entering the city. New downtown designated speed is now 25 miles per hour. The chief cautions that the basic rule still applies, however. (G-T Photo).

New Signs Designate Speed Zone Changes

Oregon's speed control board has authorized a designated speed of 25 miles per hour through downtown Heppner and 40 miles per hour on the highway from a point near the Willow Creek bridge on the north side of town to the north city limits.

This was revealed at the meeting of the city council Monday night when it was reported that the board had given further consideration to the speeds in Heppner. Previously it had recommended a speed of 30 miles per hour in the downtown district, but the council requested that this be reduced to 25 miles per hour.

The 40 mile designated speed at the north end of town ups the previous limit by 15 miles per hour, since it was previously posted at 25 mph.

The 25 mile speed through town increases the previously posted speed by five miles per hour, since it was formerly 20 miles per hour. New signs have already been erected.

Police Chief Glen Kolkhorst cautioned the motoring public, however, that the basic rule still applies. The posted speeds may be too high when conditions make it prudent to travel at slower speeds. (See editorial comment, page 2).

Meeting Short
The year's first council meeting was a short one, being completed in less than an hour.

Councilman Bill Collins reported to the council that he had checked on the need for a railing near the bottom of the Chase street hill on the east side. After some discussion, installation of the railing was approved to prevent cars from slipping off in inclement weather.

Collins said that he could not recommend removing the stop sign from the bottom of the hill. At a previous meeting, it was pointed out that traffic in icy weather has a difficult time stopping at the bottom of the hill. However, Collins said that the sign was installed to help eliminate speeding. He also pointed out that poplar trees alongside the hill make it a blind corner for traffic coming to the intersection from the east on Cannon Street, and that a driver must get well into the intersection before he can see if anyone is coming down the hill.

The council discussed the possibility of removing the trees, but took no action.

Swim Pool Talked

Progress of the reconstruction of the swimming pool was reviewed, and a letter from Engineers Clark and Groff was read, recommending a row of tiles on the inside lip of the gutter around the pool. The letter was a copy of one written to McCormack Construction Co. and pointed out that the council had previously approved the tile.

Sandblasting of the old pool is nearing completion, and roof was in process of being installed on the bath house.

The council approved the offer of the Bank of Eastern Oregon to supply a new clock for the pool to replace the old one that also had been given by the bank. The offer was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Elaine George, recorder, reported that a check for \$23,688.62 for taxes from Morrow county had been received. This

represents much of the city's share of property taxes for the year 1967-68, together with some back taxes and other payments.

Collins Re-elected
Bill Collins was re-elected chairman of the council and Harlan McCurdy, Jr., was chosen again as budget officer. Both held these same positions last year.

Mayor W. C. Rosewall asked committee members to continue serving for the coming year in their same appointments as last year.

It was reported that a mailed notice to Johnnie Hill to remove the "livestock" from his property had been returned unclaimed. However, it was also reported that the poultry and animals are gone. The city had refused to grant him a permit to keep them.

A liquor permit was approved for Call's Tavern, and an application by Wavel Wilkinson to build a flower box at a cost of \$200 was granted.

Federal Reserve Names Anderson

Frank Anderson, Heppner rancher, has been appointed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as a director of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, it was announced Saturday.

The appointment is for a two-year term and became effective January 1. Anderson succeeds Graham J. Barbey, president of the Barbey Packing Co., Astoria, whose term on the board has expired.

Ralph J. Voss, president of the First National Bank of Oregon, was also appointed a director by the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He succeeds E. J. Kolar, retired chairman of the board of the U. S. National Bank of Oregon, whose term has expired.

Robert F. Dwyer, Portland lumberman, who has been a member of the board, was elevated to chairman effective January 1. Barbey had previously served as chairman.

Townwide Sale Set Next Week

A townwide January Clearance Sale is scheduled by Heppner merchants for Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13, Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants' committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce announces.

Merchants decided to hold the sale at a meeting held at the Wagon Wheel Cafe last Thursday. Many are now taking inventory and the sale will be designed to reduce stock, giving the public the advantage of lower prices.

Other events planned for 1968 are as follows: Sidewalk Bazaar in July, Crazy Days in September, Moonlight Sale in October, and Christmas Opening in November. Some discussion was held about the possibility of holding another Moonlight sale in April, but this will be decided later.

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10 Cents

Nine-Pound Boy First 1968 Baby

A 9-pound, 4 1/2 ounce boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenison of Heppner, arrived at Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday, January 3, at 4:50 p.m. to become First Baby of Morrow county of 1968.

The boy had not been named as of Wednesday night. He joins one brother, Kevin, 2, in the

family. Father of Morrow county's first baby is employed by the Heppner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service.

As the first baby of the year, the Kenison baby will receive many prizes from local merchants and organizations. Parents will be given a letter from The Gazette-Times later this week and they will arrange to obtain the prizes from the donors.

Pioneer Memorial hospital's gift to the baby's parents is a 25% reduction of the hospital bill. Other prizes reach more than \$150 in total value.

Donors, whose prizes were all listed in last week's paper, include Hager's Dairy, Morrow County Grain Growers, Heppner Cleaners, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply, The Gazette-Times, Heppner Nor-Gas, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

First National Bank, Fullerton Chevrolet, M & R Company, Mil-Ladies Apparel, Heppner Auto Parts, Central Market, Turner Van Marter and Bryant, Peterson's Jewels, Economy Market, Gonty's, Gardner's Men's Wear, J. C. Penney Company, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., Case Furniture Co., Van's Variety, Western Auto, C. A. Ruggles Insurance, Murrays Rexall Drug, Lott's Electric, Jack's Chevron Service, Thomson's Grocery and Elma's Apparel.

Lindstrom Dies; Service Saturday

Paul Franklin Lindstrom, 60, lone, died of an apparent heart attack late Wednesday night in Good Samaritan hospital, Portland.

Lindstrom underwent major surgery for a hernia condition on Tuesday morning, and showed every indication of making satisfactory recovery from the operation until complications developed suddenly the following night with the heart seizure. He had been enjoying relatively good health previously.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 6, at 2:00 p.m., at Ione United Church of Christ. Interment will follow in High View Cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are his wife, Edris; two sons, Roy A. and Arthur; one brother, Roy W., all of Ione; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Hellins, Seattle, and Mrs. Louise Crutcher, Gresham.

Four More Inches Of Snow Falls

Snow covered the landscape again in Heppner this week, with four inches reported by Don Gilliam, weather observer.

—And it appeared that this snow might do more good than the previous snow in December. It seemed to have a higher moisture content and ground was not so frozen when it arrived. However, it was pretty well localized and some areas received little. Those in higher altitudes received more.

Three inches fell on New Year's day and another inch was added Tuesday morning, Gilliam reported.

Meanwhile high temperatures ranged between 35 and 54 and lows between 19 and 32.

Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	54	32	—
Friday	48	28	—
Saturday	46	27	—
Sunday	45	29	.02
Monday	42	32	.55*
Tuesday	35	19	.06**

(* 3 inches snow; ** one inch snow)

Total precipitation for 1967, 8.64 inches. Normal, 12.95 inches.

Green Reappointed To Budget Group

Marion Green was reappointed to the Morrow county budget committee Wednesday by the Morrow county court.

Ione, Heppner Vie Tuesday; Mustangs on Road Friday

The Heppner High Mustangs are preparing for basketball games Friday, January 5, and Tuesday, January 9, in which they will travel to Enterprise, then will be hosts to Ione High.

Friday, January 5, the Mustangs go to Enterprise for their return game with the Enterprise Savages. When the Savages played at Heppner in December they were clobbered, 79-60.

This will be a tell-tale game for Coach Clough's team, which is coming off a two-game winning streak, squaring its record at 4-4. They have lost to Ione, Grant Union, Condon, and DeSales, and defeated Burns, Enterprise, Wahtonka, and Columbia High of White Salmon, Wash. The latter two wins were last week in the Mid-Columbia Christmas tourney, where Heppner brought home the trophy.

The Friday night game with Enterprise could determine whether the Mustangs have finally decided to play basketball or were just lucky at the Morrow event. Nothing is particularly at stake as far as the spectators are concerned as the game is another non-league tilt. Last Tuesday night Enterprise, playing at Pilot Rock, was dumped, 63-54.

The Mustangs' second encounter with the Ione Cardinals will be Tuesday, January 9, on the Mustangs' home court. They lost their first game with Ione by 59-52, with the Cardinals coming on strong at the close to snatch the victory. Ione is rolling along but the Mustangs seem to have found themselves and are able to play ball since they got trimmed by the DeSales Irish.

It will be interesting to see if the Mustangs can check Frank Halvorsen next Tuesday night and prevent the high-scoring spree of 23 points that he made in the first of the two traditional battles between the neighbor schools.



STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT John Rawlins (right) of Heppner High School congratulates Dave Hall (left) and Bill McLeod, co-captains of the Mustangs basketball team in the Mid-Columbia Holiday tournament, upon the team's winning the championship in the tourney. They hold the trophy that the Mustangs brought back. (HHS Photo).

HHS Hoopers Breeze To Tournament Title

By GARY KEMP
(Tourney Scores on Page 5)

Heppner High brought home the trophy for the first Mid-Columbia Christmas basketball tournament, played December 28 and 29 at Moro.

Teams competing in the tourney were Wahtonka, Sherman County, Columbia (White Salmon, Wash.), and Heppner.

Thursday night the Mustangs took on the Wahtonka Eagles from The Dalles and did a good job of routing them. The Mustangs opened up an early lead which they never relinquished as their fast break was working successfully and resulted in a lopsided 64-45 score. The Mustangs also did a good job on the boards with Jon O'Donnell and Gary Kemp pulling down 10 rebounds each while Russell Kilkenny grabbed nine.

Friday night the Mustangs encountered a tough first quarter but after that the Columbia High school Bruins were never in the game. The Bruins had gained the finals by a decisive defeat of Sherman County Thursday evening.

Coach Bob Clough's boys again did a marvelous job on the boards with Kilkenny nabbing 17, Kemp 11, and O'Donnell 10 rebounds. The Heppner fastbreak can again be attributed with winning the game for the Mustangs as they just out-ran Columbia. The score was 56-41.

After the close of the game the Mustangs' co-captains, Dave Hall and Bill McLeod, and Coach Clough received the championship trophy for the team.

Wahtonka captured third place in the four-game holiday event by downing the host team, Sherman, 56-49.

With the location of the tournament changing from year to year, the 1968 tourney will have the Wahtonka Eagles as hosts.

Annual Meet Slated On Conservation
Annual meeting of the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district is scheduled for Tuesday night, February 6, in the Lexington Grange Hall, Raymond French, chairman of the supervisors for the district, announces.

O'Gara to Speak At Chamber Meet
Lorin C. O'Gara, director of the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, is scheduled as speaker of the regular luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce in the Wagon Wheel Cafe Monday at noon.

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Reservoir Crack Being Repaired By City Workmen

A crack in the main city water reservoir that allowed an estimated 70 gallons of water per minute to escape is now being repaired by a three-man city crew, including City Superintendent Vic Groshens, Wayne Hains and Bud Springer.

The reservoir, which holds 780,000 gallons of water, is dry during the repair job and has been for the past three weeks. At this time of year, when demand for water is relatively low, the west reservoir, second of the city's storage system, is adequate for the municipal supply. It holds 330,000 gallons.

The crack in the reservoir located on Cemetery Hill extends horizontally around the 330 ft. circumference of the reservoir and ranges from a hairline to one-eighth inch wide, Groshens said.

The crack apparently dates back to the construction of the reservoir, which was in 1947. The concrete was to be poured in a continuous operation, but it was stopped for a time due to an equipment breakdown. When it resumed, the two sections did not bond perfectly.

A previous repair job on the crack was done at a cost of \$1700, but it has not held.

In the fall, the city crew cleaned out the crack on the outside of the reservoir, filled it with rich concrete grout and coated it with an epoxy glue and fiberglass. Dirt was then banked around the outside.

Groshens said that part of the problem is caused by intense summer heat on the broad expanse of exposed concrete, followed by drop in temperature during cool evenings. This causes an expansion and contraction.

Currently the three men are working inside the reservoir, chipping out the crack and filling it with a pliable epoxy. Groshens said the work in the fall eliminated 70 percent of the leak. The inside work may not eliminate it completely but should stop at least 90 percent of the trouble, he said.

Arbuckle to Open Saturday Morning

Arbuckle Mountain ski course will open to the public Saturday morning for the season with a new layer of snow bolstering the thin layer that existed before the week-end.

Two buses, one from Condon and one covering the Ione-Lexington-Heppner areas, will carry 4-H club ski members to the course for their first outing at Arbuckle. Dick McElligott is in charge of the 4-H skiers.

On Sunday, Morrow county Jaycees will start operating the tow. As planned, the 4-H clubs will be in charge of operation on Saturdays and the Jaycees will do the work on Sundays for the minimum of nine week-ends of skiing.

Ed Dick of the ski corporation said that he and Clyde Allstott were at the grounds Sunday to take care of some details before opening, and McElligott was out this week to complete other details.

It is expected that the course will be open at 10 a.m. each Saturday and Sunday and will continue operation until 4 p.m.

Season tickets are available now from Herman Winter of the corporation at his law office in Heppner at \$60 per family or \$25 for an individual ticket. A daily ticket is \$2.

Dick said that the road is in good condition, and skiers of all ages are welcome to come up for the opening week-end.

Elementary PTA Meets Wednesday

Heppner Grade school PTA will meet on Wednesday, January 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the grade school.

A short business meeting will be held and school principal Alan Martin will conduct the program, according to Mrs. Herman Winter, program chairman. Parents and teachers are urged to attend this meeting.