

# Blue Mountain River Basins Head Stresses Columbia's Importance Vote Tuesday

There are six polling places in Morrow county for the Blue Mountain Community College special election Tuesday, April 2, according to Robin Woodrooffe, clerk of the college district. The special election is called to vote on a proposed change in (See sketches and explanation, page 3, section 2; polling places listed on page 6, section 1).

The college's financing structure and to authorize an operating levy for the 1968-69 school year. If approved by the voters, the financing proposal would replace the present \$120,000 annual serial levy with a 20-year \$100,000 annual bond interest and retirement levy. The measure could reduce taxes for college construction by

at least \$20,000 a year for the first three years, Woodrooffe said. The operating levy is \$389,921, substantially the same as the current year's levy. Woodrooffe said the election had to be called before the regular May school election date in order to assure that the college could qualify for \$250,000 in state matching funds and to complete the proposed multipurpose building on the campus by fall term 1969. Voters in Morrow county will vote at the same polling place they customarily vote on school questions, Woodrooffe said. Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Persons wishing to apply for absentee ballots may write or call Blue Mountain Community College, President's Office, 215 S. W. First, Pendleton, Oregon. Telephone 276-1166.

"What a big deal we have to work with in the Columbia River!" These are the words of Charles Hodde, Vancouver, Wash., chairman of the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission, who spoke to the Heppner, Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday. Hodde explained the work of the young commission which was formed March 6, 1967, at the request of the governors of the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming under the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965. Hodde, as chairman, was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson. Five members, each representing one of the states, serve together with representatives from eight Federal agencies and a representative of the United States-Canadian Columbia River Treaty. Federal agencies represented include: The Department of Agriculture; Army; Commerce; Health, Education and Welfare; Housing and Urban Development; Interior; Transportation; and the Federal Power Commission. In effect, Hodde said, this is a policy commission, and its first objective is to set up a framework plan for development and utilization of the water resources of the Pacific Northwest. The commission will consider best uses for the streams and search out those projects which should be completed in the next 15 years. **Has Coordination Role** Goal is that the whole region be stimulated on the basis of overall good, rather than on a "willy-nilly" basis. Thus, the commission has a role of coordination in reviewing plans. "We have a real concern that irrigation development is lagging in the Pacific Northwest more than it should, just because of lack of Federal funds," Hodde said. He said that steps towards private development of irrigation "worry me somewhat in the overall picture."

He elaborated by stating that such a development might bring irrigation, for example, of 50,000 acres in an area where 250,000 acres should be under irrigation. However, he said that it is necessary to find a different method of financing instead of constantly going to the Federal government. He suggested that the government make its contribution in getting water to a district. The district then could float revenue bonds, free of taxes, and the Federal government would agree to guarantee the payment of interest on the bonds in the case of failure by reason of the inability of the corporation to secure sufficient revenue for such payment from the water users of the corporation. He would also favor eliminating the 160-acre limit on projects. Hodde told his keenly interested audience that the Columbia River rises in Canada at a point about 2600 feet above sea level, and with the completion of the John Day dam, all but about 100 feet of its drop will be

harnessed. The only free flowing fall will be below Bonneville dam for a few miles and another location a little below the Coulee dam. **Columbia Discharge Great** Average discharge of the river at the Canadian border is 100,000 second feet of water, and at the Dalles dam it is 195,000 second feet. At the Pacific ocean, the Columbia's discharge is 272,000 feet per second. Thus, 75% of the flow is from the drainage in the United States, Hodde said. However, in one dry year, 1937, the flow dropped to 35,000 second feet. The public will have opportunity to visualize how low this is when the John Day dam is closed on April 16, and the flow below will be held to 50,000 second feet, the former Department of Interior official pointed out. At the present time there are 162 dams on tributaries to the Columbia either built or under construction. Of them, 20 are in Montana, 48 in Idaho, 33 in

Washington, 45 in Oregon and 16 in Canada. Eleven major dams are on the "main stem" of the river. In pointing out the vast flow of the Columbia, Hodde said that dams on the Colorado River can store three years' flow of that river. However, the dams on the Columbia can store only 20% of one year's average flow of this river. When Bonneville dam was first constructed, and others followed, the choice was made to develop the hydro-electric projects instead of constructing water storage dams. Had storage been the main purpose, Hodde explained, there may now be only four major—and larger—dams on the Columbia. "Some places would have been flooded out which now have people in them," he said. **Computers Being Used** Millions of dollars are now being invested in computers to see that maximum benefit is

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LINDA CLARK, sister of the late Cpl. David Clark, and John Rawlins, Heppner High school student body president, hold plaque given to the school Tuesday, March 19, in memory of Cpl. Clark, who died last year in service in Vietnam. The memorial was given by classmates of his Heppner High school class of 1966 with Gene Heliker (right) and Tim Driscoll (left) making the presentation at an assembly. (HHS Photo)

## Memorial Plaque Honors Cpl. Clark

"I know why I'm here." This is the inscription below a picture of the late Cpl. David Clark on a memorial plaque presented to the Heppner High school student body at an assembly Tuesday, March 19, by his classmates of the class of 1966. Cpl. Clark died in action in Vietnam on August 25, 1967, after graduating from Heppner High school in the spring of 1966. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark, formerly of Heppner and now of La Grande, and his sister, Linda Clark, a student at Eastern Oregon College, represented the family at the ceremony here. The quotation on the plaque referred to words expressed by Cpl. Clark as to his mission in Vietnam prior to his death. Balance of the inscription on the memorial reads as follows: "Dave Clark paid for your freedom with his life." "Presented to H.H.S. Student Body by Classmates and Friends, 'Stand Tall.'" "Born April 29, 1948, La Grande, Oregon. Died August 25, 1967, Vietnam." Gene Heliker, now a student at Willamette University, and Tim Driscoll, student at Oregon State University made the presentation, representing classmates and friends who arranged for the memorial. Heliker addressed the student body with words of memoriam in making the presentation.

## Supplemental Budget Printed

A supplemental budget to the Morrow county school district budget for 1967-68 is printed on page 8 of this section. Its purpose is merely to provide for transfer of \$8100 from a special fund for street improvement to the teacherage fund to be used in defraying cost of construction of the teacherage at lone. The street improvements were first proposed some two years ago, when it was anticipated that the state would assume a major portion of cost of improving Morgan Street to Heppner High school. When the state did not approve the program, the \$8100 was left on deposit with the City of Heppner. The board of the county district recently approved the supplemental budget, and the \$8100 is to be paid back from the teacherage fund from rentals over a three-year period. Public hearing on the supplemental budget is called for April 15 at Riverside High school at 7:30 p.m. No vote is required because no tax levy is called for. The supplemental budget has no bearing on the district's proposed 1968-69 budget, which is also printed in this paper (for the second time) on pages 2 and 3, section 2. The supplemental budget merely serves the purpose of making it legal to make the transfer of funds. A copy of the supplemental budget printed on page 3 of section 2 is to be disregarded because an error was made in dates in the notice on this printing. The error was caught by the staff after the section was printed and the notice was corrected and reprinted in the last press run on page 8 of this section.

## Ullman Survey To Ask Opinions

Residents of the Second District will soon be receiving a questionnaire from Congressman Al Ullman, asking their views on a wide range of topics. Over 80,000 forms will be mailed next week from his Washington office. The questionnaire is designed to show how Oregonians feel about a broad range of issues, including Vietnam, taxes, farm legislation, balance of payments, draft deferments, and natural resources development. Ullman pointed out that his question on Vietnam offers four possible alternative courses of action, and extra space for individual comments and specific recommendations. Ullman has submitted questionnaires to Second District residents each year throughout his service in Congress. He noted that, "along with the many thousands of personal letters I receive each year from Second District residents, such questionnaires are a most effective means of obtaining the personal views and advice of the people I serve."

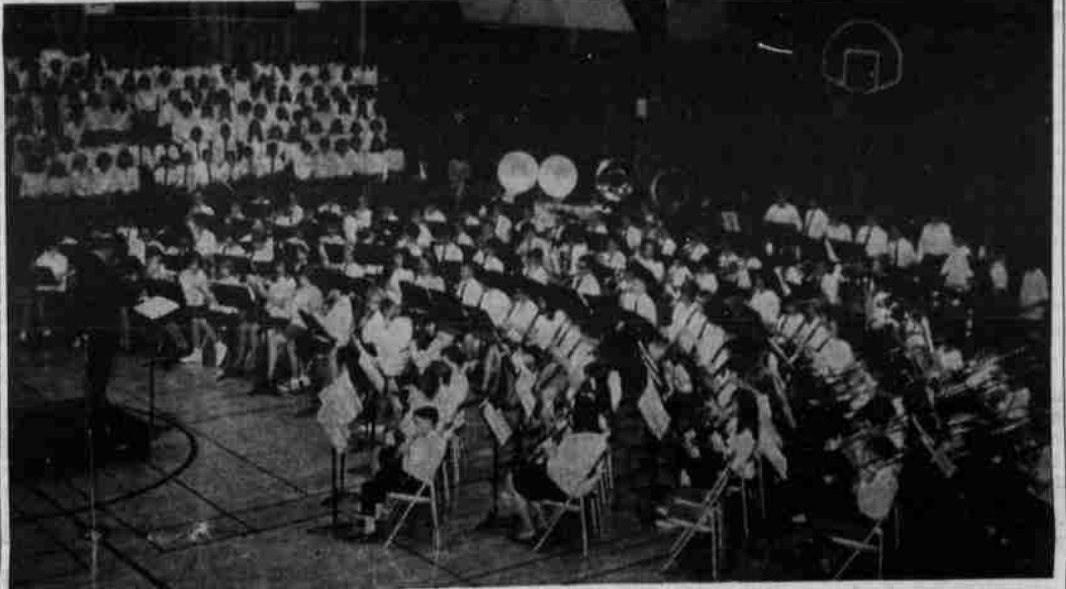
## Board Awards Rodeo Contracts

Contracts for the 1968 Morrow county Rodeo were awarded at a meeting of the rodeo board on March 20, Tom Currin, publicity chairman, states. Stock contract was awarded again this year to Howard Johnson of Condon, and Rose City Sound will again take care of the speaking system. Morrow county Jaycees will handle food concessions as they did last year, and John Irwin of Tacoma was hired again to be the rodeo clown. Purposes of two events have been changed by the board. Purse for saddle bronc riding has been decreased by \$100, going to \$250 from \$350, and the \$100 has been split and added to bull riding and bareback riding, raising the purse for each from \$125 to \$175. Some of the directors are planning to attend a meeting of the Northwest Rodeo Association Saturday in The Dalles, Currin said.

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## Pupils to Plant 1500 Young Trees In School Project

Pupils of the fifth and sixth grades of Heppner Elementary school Monday received 1500 young trees from the State Forestry Nursery at Elkton, according to Tom Caldwell, sixth grade teacher. As a school project the youngsters applied for the trees under the direction of Caldwell. Thirty of the pupils will divide them and take them home to plant them on their parents' ranches. Included in the 1500 trees are the following species: White fir, ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, scotch pine, black locust, chinese elm, and caragana. They will be used for erosion control, shade, wind breaks, and wildlife cover. The young seedlings were given free of charge, and Caldwell arranged to pay the freight. Gene Winters, Morrow county agent, arranged for the shipment, and a representative of the State Forestry Department from Umatilla county came to give the children instructions on planting. Children participating in the plan "ordered" trees in various amounts, ranging up to 400. Parents will assist them in the planting.



FORTY HEPPNER 7th and 8th grade band students were a part of the 500 who participated in the 1968 Music Festival at Burns Saturday. Groups included combined high school choruses and bands and junior high school choruses and bands from six towns—John Day, Burns, Heppner, Prairie City, Seneca and Culver. This photo shows combined junior high band and chorus. (Photo by Al Martin)

## High School Play Now Set April 8-9

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will be presented by Heppner High school students on Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. These dates are later than originally announced because the school's participation in the state A-2 basketball tournament consumed time planned for the play production. Rehearsals for the well-known play and set preparation are keeping many students occupied. Properties are lined up. The art class has been painting the flats needed for staging the production. Martha Pierce is in charge of ticket sales and publicity. An advance ticket sale will be held. Tickets will be \$1 for adults and 75c for all students.



THIS GROUP OF 40 Heppner 7th and 8th grade band members had a big—and long—day in Burns Saturday when they participated in the Music Festival sponsored by the Central Oregon Music Educators. A total of 500 students from six schools took part. Youngsters here got up before 4 a.m. to make the trip and arrived back home at 2 a.m. next morning—but still enjoyed it! (Photo by Al Martin)

## Case Furniture Slates Opening

Grand opening of Case Furniture Co. in its new location, Gilliam and Bisbee building, will be Friday and Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, owners, announce. They moved their store to the more spacious location at the first of the year but deferred a grand opening until stocks were more complete. New stock has been arriving daily, and for the sale, bargain prices will be in effect on all furniture with substantial reductions from regular prices, Hedman said. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to those who come for the grand opening and door prizes will be given, the owners state.

## Two Boys Blamed For Barn Fire

Two young boys playing with matches were blamed by Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine with starting a roaring fire which destroyed a barn, two saddles and miscellaneous items belonging to Jim Farley last Thursday evening, shortly after 6 p.m. The barn, owned by the county, was adjacent to the rodeo grounds, and was leased by Farley, who kept horses, saddles and other items in it. No horses were in the building at the time of the blaze. Monetary loss is estimated by Farley at approximately \$300. The fire was reported by Mrs. Rose Marie Stroeber, whose home overlooks the grounds. A dozen volunteer firemen fought the blaze, pumping an estimated 1250 gallons of water on the fire.

## Band Kids Have Big Day At Music Fete in Burns

Forty young musicians of Heppner Elementary school put in a 22-hour day Saturday, but they seemed to enjoy every minute of it—and to all appearances, received a great deal from the experience. The youngsters, members of the seventh and eighth grade bands, went to Burns to participate in the Central Oregon Music Educators' 1968 Class C and D Music Festival. To make the trip they had to get up around 4 a.m. with departure time set at 4:30, and they arrived home about 2 a.m. Sunday morning. Accompanying them were Arnie Hedman, band director; Mrs. Hedman and Mrs. Bob Jessen. Leonard Munkers drove the bus, and Principal and Mrs. Al Martin drove down to be at the festival. Purpose of the festival is to give junior and senior high students clinical experience from specialists in the field of vocal and instrumental music. While Heppner was represented only by the junior high band, high schools participated from other areas with choruses and bands together with junior high choral groups. In all, some 500 students participated, and the day was culminated with an evening concert, open to the public. During the morning, students practiced under the direction of Dr. Gary Martin, University of Oregon, junior high massed chorus; Leonard John, Sheldon High school, Eugene, junior high massed bands; Estley Schick, North Eugene High school, high school.

## Wishart Named To Manage Bank At Prairie City

Promotion of James Wishart, instalment loan officer at the Heppner branch of First National Bank of Oregon, to manager of the bank's newly acquired branch in Prairie City was announced Tuesday by the bank. Manager John Venard also announced the appointment of Pat Wonsler, present operations officer, to the position of instalment loan officer, succeeding Wishart. Coming in here as operations officer is William Walker, who has been undergoing training in operations work. Wonsler has been at the Heppner banking office since June, 1967. He joined the bank at Bend in 1962 and was promoted to pro assistant cashier in June, 1966, at the time of his transfer to the operations department at the Baker branch. Walker joined First National in July of last year, following his graduation from Treasure Valley Community College at Ontario. Wishart, who has been active in a number of community organizations since coming to Heppner in January of 1968, began his banking career in 1950 at the Hood River branch. In 1955 he went to the Union branch and was operations officer there at the time of his transfer to Heppner. He was named an instalment officer two months after his arrival in Heppner and was promoted to assistant cashier less than a month later. His service in community affairs includes the chairmanship for Morrow county of both the American Cancer Society and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry planning committee. He also has served as treasurer of the Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## Mustangs Slate Meets and Games

Practice track meets and baseball games are underway for Heppner High boys this week. The cindermen vie with Umatilla and Pilot Rock at Umatilla Friday and the baseball players host Grant Union here Saturday. The first game of the Saturday doubleheader with the Prospects begins at 1 o'clock. This is the third encounter on the Mustangs' non-league schedule. They dropped their first game last Saturday at Umatilla 10-2, and played at Pilot Rock Tuesday. Though the Umatilla game was the opener for both clubs few errors were chalked against the teams. Heppner had three and Umatilla only one. The Mustangs scored their two runs in the sixth inning. The Vikings scored eight runs during the fifth and sixth innings. Heppner collected three hits, one each from Pettyjohn, McCabe, and Huson. The track meet at Umatilla Friday, March 29, will start at 2 o'clock. Coach Dean Naffziger says that the boys' performance should help him determine in which events each boy should specialize. Last week a grader was at work on the track field behind the high school and curbing have been added to further improve the track.

## That's Better!

Rains here Monday and Tuesday brought .36 inch of rain, according to the report of Don Gilliam, weather observer. This was an encouraging development, and the hope was for more. Temperatures continue to stay fairly warm and spring opened last week on a 64-degree note. Complete report for the week of March 20-26 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	60	26	—
Thursday	64	29	—
Friday	64	37	—
Saturday	62	34	—
Sunday	58	39	—
Monday	56	37	.34
Tuesday	57	35	.02