

## Chamber Hears Senator Nominee

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to bring adequate relief on the property tax, it would have the highest income tax of any state and would discourage new industry from coming here, he said.

The Hood River man, who graduated from Linfield College in 1939, spent most of the afternoon visiting in Heppner on his "get-acquainted" tour.

Also speaking at the Monday Chamber meeting was Don McElligott, chairman of the Morrow county school board, who discussed matters pertaining to the budget. He said that this year's budget committee is the finest committee that he has known and that the district has received the best cooperation

from this committee that it has ever received from a budget committee.

He told of the necessity of making budget cuts in view of the fact that it was voted down in the second election, and made an appeal for support in getting the revised budget passed, pointing out that good schools are essential to the county's economy as well as providing a good education for children.

Mrs. Lucy Lehner of Missoula, Mont., is visiting this week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie. The visitor arrived at the Pendleton airport Sunday afternoon where she was met by the McQuarries, who had been in Pendleton attending the Pendleton Open Golf tournament. Mrs. Dick Ruhl and daughter, Dana, will visit at the home of her parents for a few days later in the week.

## Howells to Retire From Business

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howell, operators of Economy Market, have announced their plans to retire from business at the end of this month. If the business is not sold by that time, it will be closed, they state.

The couple has operated the market for nine years. In recent years they decided to sell the grocery and meat market for health reasons but no deal has been culminated.

They plan to sell out the present stock to customers and to sell fixtures in the store to anyone interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell have three houses in Heppner, including the one in which they live. After their retirement they plan to "take it easy" for a time to recuperate from the strenuous schedule of operating the store. Hunting and fishing are included in their plans.

Mrs. Bill Heath and daughter Linda, and Mrs. Heath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, left Wednesday morning for Salem, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shepherd for several days. Mrs. Shepherd is a cousin of Mrs. McLaughlin, whom she hasn't seen for 30 years. The McLaughlins, from Montross, Colo., have been visiting in Heppner for about six weeks at the home of their son-in-law and daughter. On the return trip home, Linda Heath will participate in the Pro-Am bowling tournament at the Valley Lanes in Beaverton on Sunday.

## Black Clouds Over Heppner

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Securing fresh horses at Lexington, the desperate men rode on. From Lexington to Ione the road followed the stream closely. Aided by the level road-bed the men took even chances with the flood and reached Ione one hour before the flood waters. At Ione the people were easily warned for they were just assembling for church as Matlock and Kelly breathlessly cried their warning. The people madly, desperately rushed for the hills, but there was no known casualties at Lexington or Ione. Leslie Matlock and Bruce Kelly surely saved many lives in their almost theatrical ride, but still there were many casualties.

The complete destruction left at Heppner was appalling. Where there had been a town of beautiful homes, only sickening piles of rubble remained. List of the dead and missing mounted up to approximately two hundred fifty people. Damages in the city alone stretched to \$500,000 and along Willow Creek to the Columbia thousands more were added on to the already formidable sum. Crops were ruined and lands were eroded. Meanwhile, the survivors formed committees and started the painful process of cleaning up. It was no wonder that the Heppner Gazette published a bulletin about the flood entitled the "Days of Sorrow in Heppner."

People of all descriptions came to help clean up after the flood. The meek, the loud, the poor and the wealthy all joined in the dreadful business. More than two thousand men and hundreds of teams toiled for six long weeks while clearing the debris.

Relief money came from many towns in the Northwest that had planned Fourth of July celebrations but gave the money willingly to aid the community. Pledges for support came rapidly from many cities, Portland leading the list with eight thousand dollars. Still there was barely enough money. Consequently, the workers were paid very little for their toil because there was not enough money with which to pay them. Food supplies were low, but still the work had to continue.

In the city itself, mud and rubble was strewn everywhere in total confusion. Thus, not only in search of the victims, did the work continue, but for the safety of the survivors. Within the debris many of the bodies were found, many of which were unrecognizable. Few ministers were at the scene to perform burials, so men like my grandfather, J. H. Pearson, the father of the little boy who had seen the ominous clouds to the south, served as lay ministers. Gradually the rubble was cleared, and a new hope for the future grew.

Over the years the scars of the great Heppner flood have slowly disappeared, and today if one were to visit the small city of 1690 population they would probably not notice any of the effects of the flood. A new town, with new houses, new streets, and a new life was built exactly where the old town had been.

## Neighborhood Board To Meet on Monday

An important meeting of the advisory board of the Heppner Neighborhood Center is announced for Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the center. Next regular meeting will not be held until August.

Directors of the center urge a good turnout of board members. Ideas for additional public projects, including children as well as adults, will be under discussion. Anyone who has suggestions for projects in which the center may be of service is invited to contact Mrs. Pat Brindle or others at the center before the Monday evening meeting.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: John Williams, Kinzua; Harley Young, Heppner; Amelia Harris, Heppner, and Wesley Marlatt, Heppner.

Those who were admitted, and still receiving medical care, are Edna Turner, Heppner, and Venice Stiles, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rill, Heppner, are announcing the birth of their second child, a daughter, born Wednesday, June 5, weighing 8 lb., 5 oz. She has been named Noella Jean, and joins a brother, William Dean, Jr. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, Heppner; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rill, Heppner, and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rietmann, Ione, are welcoming a second son, Michael Paul, born Tuesday, June 11, weighing 8 lb., 7 oz. He joins a brother, Christopher Eugene. Maternal grandfather is George Munford, Nampa, Idaho, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Anderson, Condon, are parents of their first child, a son, born Tuesday, June 11. He weighed 7 lb., 4 oz., and has been named David Wayne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyman VanderWege, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Anderson, Condon. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Havens, Norton, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, Condon, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cottogin, Mitchell.

## School District Tax Levy Pared

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ed for athletic officials will mean that schools may have to increase their gate receipts at athletic contests, the board indicated.

Due to additional information not available when the budget was prepared it was necessary to increase three items as follows: Insurance, \$1,000; electricity, \$2,000; and interest \$1,000. Included in the \$5880 in equipment that was to be replaced but now which has been dropped from the budget are these items:

Projector, \$600; tape recorder, \$170; opaque projector, \$270; three 4-drawer file cabinets, \$180; record player, \$70; three manual typewriters, \$540; projection screen, \$60; sewing machine, \$150; diving board, \$350; chalk board, \$50; clarinet, \$150; microscopes, \$270; three teachers desks, \$330; furnace cleaner, \$300; convection oven, \$1500; two teachers chairs, \$140; two goal posts, \$150; two glass backboards, \$500; circulating pump, \$200.

Included in the equipment to be cut from the proposed capital outlay budget, the reduction totaling \$9,461, are the following items:

Tape desk and language lab, \$310; stage props, \$250; 12 chemistry lab stools, \$125; large usage master, \$270; two file cabinets, \$115; wireless shorthand, \$1500; overhead projector, \$170; portable phonograph, \$130; controlled reader, \$195; rotary calculator, \$800; side horse, \$535; choir riser, three, each \$150; tympani drums, \$400; four tennis rackets, \$48; six typing desks, \$550; nu-solar system, \$25; human torso, \$90; counseling table, \$150; classroom drapes, \$200; four blueprint files, \$210; convection oven, \$900; 50 folding chairs, \$190; water softener, \$1770; foot pad cleaner, \$53; and electric typewriter, \$325.

## Swimming Lessons Start Tuesday, June 18

Heppner Municipal Pool

Registration: Monday, June 17, at the pool, 11 A.M. to 12 Noon

Basket fee: \$2.00 covers pool costs. The American Red Cross supplies teaching materials free of charge.

Classes: Mother-Tot, Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediate, Swimmers, Junior and Senior Life-saving. Classes run from 9 A.M. to Noon, half hour each.

Swimming schedules will be set up on Registration Day. Men's Swimming Hour: 6 to 7 A.M.

Women's Swimming Hour can be scheduled 6 to 7 P.M. Women are requested to notify Lifeguard Stuart Dick if interested, or of another time preference.

Teen Night every Friday starting June 14. 9 to 11 P.M. 50c.

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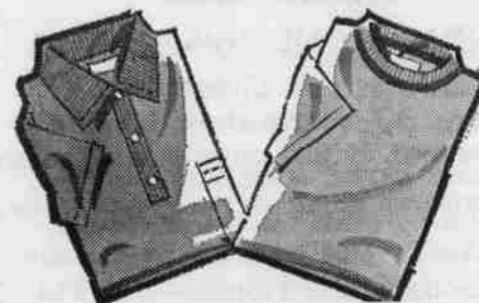
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