

# Weather Damage to Roads May Hit \$25,000

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## Sunday Thaw, Runoff Brings Flood Threats

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MAYOR W. C. (BILL) COLLINS (seated) officially became Heppner mayor Monday night when he took the oath of office, succeeding retiring mayor W. C. Rosewall. Standing by the new mayor are (left) Dick Robison, who took a councilman position following his election in November and Clyde Allstott (right) who succeeds Harlan McCurdy, Jr., who resigned, on the council. (G-T Photo).

## Mayor Collins Takes Helm Of City Government Here

W. C. (Bill) Collins took the oath of office as mayor of Heppner at the regular January council meeting Monday night and presided at the session, his first in the mayoralty since his

election in November. Collins, who has had many years of experience in city administration, has served on the council for several years in his most recent tenure. He is owner of Heppner Cleaners.

At the same time, P. W. Mahoney of the city attorneys, Mahoney and Abrams, administered the oath to new councilman Dick Robison and four more re-elected city officers, Councilman David McLeod and Jerry Sweeney, City Recorder Elaine George, and Treasurer May Jean McCabe. Oath had been administered to Clyde Allstott, another new councilman, at the December meeting. He replaces Harlan McCurdy, Jr., who resigned.

In one of its first actions of the new year, the council unanimously elected Jerry Sweeney as chairman. In this capacity, he presides at council sessions during the mayor's absence or otherwise fulfills duties of the mayor when the latter is gone.

Mayor Collins announced the formation of a new committee to work with the Chamber of Commerce and other groups for development. Called the "city development and coordination committee," it has as its chairman Carl Spaulding with Sweeney and Allstott as members.

Appointments made by the mayor with the confirmation of the council were as follows: Glen H. Kolkhorst, chief of police; Dr. W. H. Wolff, city health officer; Mahoney and Abrams, city attorneys; Vic Groshens, city superintendent; Forrest Burkenbine, fire chief; and Elaine George, utilities clerk. Mrs. George serves as recorder and municipal judge by election and as utilities clerk by appointment.

Chief Kolkhorst announced that Dean Gilman, former chief of police and most recently

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## Ione Hoop Team Tips Heppner Five

COMING BASKETBALL  
Friday, January 10—McEwen of Athena at Ione High.  
Saturday, January 11—Enterprise High at Heppner.  
Ione High at Stanfield

With Frank Halvorsen scoring 24 and Jim Swanson, now off the injured list, hitting 22, the Ione High Cardinals edged the Heppner Mustangs in a basketball game at Ione Tuesday night, 68 to 66.

The Mustangs fell behind in the first quarter, 21 to 12, but overtook Ione by halftime, 37 to 34. However, the Cardinals came back in the third to reclaim the lead, 53 to 50.

Heppner had a 27 to 23 margin in field goals but the Cardinals tallied 22 free throws on 33 attempts. Heppner had 20 chances on the line and made 12.

The Mustangs led in rebounding, 46 to 39, but Halvorsen led all rebounders with 15.

Leading scorers for Heppner were Cal Ashbeck, John McCabe and Larry Pettyjohn, all with 15.

Ione's victory evens this season's home and home series at one game each for the two teams. Heppner won the December 10 game by the score of 65 to 49.

In the preliminary, Ione's Jayvees defeated Heppner's freshmen, 48 to 43.

Scoring, varsity game: HEPPNER 66—C. Ashbeck 15, McCabe 15, O'Donnell 11, Kemp 10, Pettyjohn 15. IONE 68—Ball 6, Sherman 9, Halvorsen 24, Swanson 22, Nelson 2, Wilson 5.

## City to Improve Street Lighting; Plans for Future

Various parts of Heppner will be brighter at night as a result of action taken by the city council at its meeting Monday night. It was voted to improve street lighting in 11 different locations, either replacing present incandescent lights with mercury vapor units or installing new lights.

At the same time, the city services committee was requested to work out a long range plan of improvement of street lighting throughout the city.

Councilman David McLeod reported for the committee in recommending the 11 improvements which will be made at nominal cost to the city. He explained that the present incandescent lights cost \$1.90 per month and a 175 watt mercury vapor lamp will cost \$3.00 per month if it is not necessary to erect a pole. An additional charge of 50c per month is made if it is necessary to install a pole for the light.

It was figured that the 11 improvements will cost the city \$360 per year, well within the figure of \$500 budgeted for the purpose.

Some of the changes will be made near the grade school, one at the entrance of the fair and rodeo grounds, others on Willow street and others in various locations in the city.

The original recommendation for some of the lights came from Police Officer Bert Corbin who pointed out the need for the additional illumination.

The long range program will consider replacement and improvement of the lighting system over a 10-year period.

While much of the council meeting was devoted to organizing for the new year, the city dads passed an ordinance which provides that structures for which building permits are issued must be completed within a year after the permit is issued. If it is not completed by that time, an owner may apply for an extension.

A package malt beverage license was approved for Dorothy M. Rugg for Bucknum's Tavern, which it is reported that she is purchasing. Mrs. Rugg is formerly of Arlington.

City Superintendent said that he had received no bids from contractors for drilling the proposed city well to supplement the city water supply. The council authorized him to re-advertise for bids.



COUNTY OFFICIALS, elected or reelected in November, took their oath of office from County Judge Paul Jones (right) Monday in the courthouse. From left are Sheriff John Mollahan, Treasurer Sylvia McDaniel, and County Clerk Sadie Parrish. Oath was to be administered to Commissioner Walter Hayes, reelected in November, on Wednesday. (G-T Photo).

## Mollahan Takes Oath As Morrow Sheriff

John F. Mollahan became Morrow county's sheriff Monday morning when he took the oath of office just before 9 a.m. in the chambers of County Judge Paul Jones.

The new sheriff, former Heppner city police officer, took the oath with Sadie Parrish, county clerk, and Sylvia McDaniel, county treasurer, both of whom were reelected to their positions in the general election in November. Mollahan was elected for his first term at the same

election. Larry Fetsch, who was born in Heppner and has lived here most of his life, was named as a deputy sheriff, and retiring sheriff C. J. D. Bauman will also continue as a deputy. Fetsch will spend much of his time on duty in the north end of the county, and probably will eventually live there, Sheriff Mollahan said.

Fetsch served in the aviation section of the army and was (Continued on page 8)

## Sweeney Installed Chamber President At Monday Meeting

Jerry Sweeney, recently elected president of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, was installed in the office at ceremonies Monday at the regular meeting of the organization. Herman Winter, president in 1967, was installing officer.

The new president presented a plaque to Wes Sherman, retiring president, citing him for "outstanding leadership" of the Chamber during 1968.

Norman Supple was installed as treasurer for a second year and new directors were also installed. Two vice-presidents and the secretary were unable to be present because of conflicts. They are Paul Jones, first vice president; Gene Pierce, second vice president; and Harlan McCurdy, secretary. Jones and McCurdy were reelected to their positions.

The retiring president extended thanks to all the committees, officers and members for their cooperation and work during the past year.

Sweeney said that he and other officers will work on committee assignments and announce them at a later meeting. He is owner of Sweeney's Mortuary, is chairman of the city council on which he has been serving since January, 1967, and is state president of the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Board.

## R-1 Board Rejects Teacher Proposals

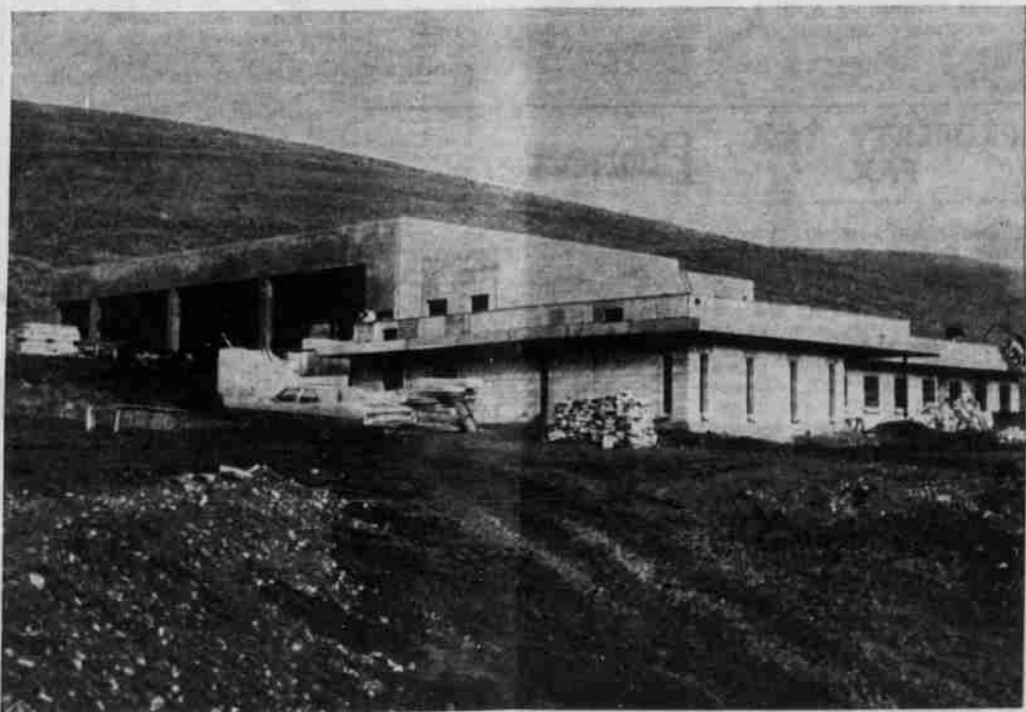
Teacher consultation committee and Morrow county school board members met on January 6 at Lexington to discuss the proposals presented by the teacher consultation committee.

The board members indicated that they could not accept the teacher consultation committee proposals. Following considerable discussion on alternative proposals, the board scheduled a special school board

meeting for 8:00 p.m. on January 13, at Lexington.

The main purpose of the meeting will be to prepare a counter proposal to submit to the teacher consultation committee.

Teachers had submitted five proposals on salaries and benefits, one of which was to increase base salary in the district to \$6400 from \$6000 for a teacher with a bachelor degree and no experience.



DESPIITE BAD WEATHER, the new headquarters building of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative is taking shape as a prominent addition to Heppner. The structure is tentatively scheduled for completion by April with Eastern Oregon Construction Co. as contractors. Bad weather may cause some delay. Not visible in the photo is the deep mud that recent snow and thawing have caused. (G-T Photo).

## Columbia Basin Building Takes Shape

Looming prominently over the north end of Main street from its location on the hill above the street is the new headquarters building of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative. Concrete and block shell of the building has been completed by Eastern Oregon Construction Co., contractors. Dan McCamber, owner of the company, is on the job and work is press-

ing forward despite the weather but somewhat handicapped by it.

The split level structure, which will house offices, crew quarters, garage and equipment storage of the power utility, is scheduled for completion in April. However, with the delays encountered by inclement weather, it may not be finished by that date. Harley Young, co-op

manager, said Monday.

The building will have a total of 11,500 square feet and will centralize the operations of the cooperative with ample room for equipment storage and other phases of the operation.

Contract was awarded at \$213,500 and loan for financing the structure was obtained from the Rural Electrification Administration.

## 1968 Precipitation Exceeds Normal at 14.21 Inches

Total precipitation for 1968 was 14.21 inches in Heppner, nearly an inch above normal and almost six inches more than in 1967, figures compiled by Don Gilliam, official weather observer, show. Annual normal is 13.25 (for 50-year period) and last year's total was 8.64.

The year just completed recorded the most rainfall since the 14.45 inches of 1963, he said. The heaviest precipitation came late in the year after the relatively mild winter of 1967-68. December's total was 2.23, which compares with the normal of 1.38 inches for the month.

While the December precipitation brought joy to farmers, more moisture was added this week—the first week in the new year. A total of .70 inch was recorded together with another snowfall of three inches Tuesday.

But while the moisture brought smiles to farmers, the quick thaw of Saturday and Sunday was bringing problems to others, particularly from damage to roads.

Temperature, which a week ago was playing hide and seek with the zero mark on thermometers, shot up as high as 59 on Monday. But the snow which had blanketed the ground for a number of days had melted

away speedily Saturday and Sunday with temperature hitting 50 on Saturday and 55 on Sunday.

This brought quick thaw problems. Since the mercury climbed fairly slowly for a couple of days following the low of eight below on Tuesday, December 31, the runoff was not as bad as a full scale chinook would have made it. Ranchers reported that much of the moisture went into the soil, which brought jubilation.

But there was considerable difference from the high of 22 on Friday and the 50 of Saturday. By Sunday afternoon, the landscape was bare. However, this did not last long. Tuesday brought a fairly heavy snowfall that was whipped by fairly strong winds, but it remained warm with the high of 52 recorded on that day.

Complete report for the week by Don Gilliam is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	4	-8	.04
Wednesday	9	1	.06
Thursday	20	6	—
Friday	22	9	.02
Saturday	50	20	—
Sunday	55	42	.15
Monday	59	41	.01
Tuesday	52	22	.42*

(\*three inches snow)



PRINCESS JOYCE HOWTON

## Joyce Howton Named Princess By Ione Grange

Miss Joyce Howton, daughter of Lloyd Howton of Ione, was announced this week as the second princess to be chosen for the 1969 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo court.

Princess Joyce was selected by Willows Grange of Ione at its December 21 meeting, to be its representative on the court. She will join Queen Sheila Luchman, of the Lexington Grange, and Princess Patti Healy, of the Lena Community. Others are yet to be chosen by the Heppner Wranglers and Boardman Tillicum club.

The new princess has recently transferred to the Ione High school from Hermiston, and will complete her senior year this spring. She had attended elementary grades in Ione before the family moved to Hermiston, and is now returned with her father and younger sister, Jackie, to make their home on their grain and cattle ranch south of Ione.

Joyce has developed excellent riding ability during her 17 active years, riding since she was five years of age. She has been a member of the Sour and Burr 4-H Horse club in Hermiston for five years and participated in competitive events at the 4-H Horse Shows and Umatilla County Fairs. Her interests also include swimming, cooking and water skiing, and has been a member of Ray Heimburger's McNary Yacht club ski troop.

Princess Joyce was active in school events at Hermiston High school and in the Girls' Athletic Association. She had the honor of being selected Miss Poise for the fall term by the Girls League.

Joyce is the second rodeo princess to be chosen from the Howton family. Her older sister, Janet, now Mrs. Bob Brindle of Pendleton, was a princess in the 1954 court of Queen Grace Miller of Boardman.

Besides her father and younger sister, Jackie, a freshman at Ione High school, she has another older sister, Mrs. Keith (Judy) Rea of Ione, and two brothers, Jim of Moscow, Idaho, and John, of La Grande.

For her summer appearances with the court, her mount will be a registered sorrel quarter horse named "Little Rat".