

City Tables Petition To Oust Park Meters

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., former city councilman, presented a petition bearing 32 names to the city council Monday night calling for removal of parking meters in Heppner. He said another petition, which he did not have with him, had another 28 names.

McCurdy said that there was "an undercurrent" of resentment against the meters, suggested that they be removed and that a two-hour parking limit be instituted.

Many of the names on the petitions were persons living out of Heppner who do not like to bother with them when they come here to shop, McCurdy said.

Mayor Bill Collins again stated that bad weather had made it difficult to enforce meter regulations in the winter weather, but that policing the meters has started again.

"In the old days, before the meters, you couldn't find a place to park," he said. "There are more cars now than there were then."

He added that there are five large parking areas just a block from Main street for those who wish to park without paying the meter charge.

Dimes Give Trouble

McCurdy told of the problems of using dimes in the meters. Sometimes they go through without registering any time, and sometimes they stick.

Police Chief Glen Kolkhorst said that the meters were not designed for dimes and told of a plan that might be worked out whereby instructions on the meters would be changed to ask for two nickels, instead of a dime, for two hours parking.

"Fifty percent of the trouble is caused by the new dimes," he said. "If they are not poked in exactly square they may slip over the metal gadget inside. You might pick up 12 minutes, or you might not pick up anything."

Chief Kolkhorst was given authority to change the instructions on the meters and advertise the matter, McCurdy's petition was tabled and placed on file.

Budget Posts Filled

Before he left, McCurdy was named to the city budget committee to succeed Lynn Pearson, who has moved from Heppner. Mayor Collins announced that Carl Spaulding will be budget officer. The council will consider the preliminary city budget for 1969-70 at its May meeting, and a meeting with the budget committee is scheduled tentatively for May 19.

The disposal service franchise of Herman Green was discussed with contract renewal time at hand. Councilman Joe Balfie raised questions on the problem of trash blowing out of the truck and as to the time that the dump is to be open to the public.

Currently it is open to the public on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. Councilmen agreed that litter from the garbage truck along the road has been considerably less since Green purchased his new truck and they supported his action in not permitting private persons to obtain the key to the dump at indiscriminate times.

City Attorney Bob Abrams was instructed to write a new contract and to present it at the next council meeting for approval.

Morgan Street Discussed

Councilmen expressed willingness to cooperate with the county school district in his plan to place a guard rail on Morgan Street extension to Heppner High school. Consensus was that if the district bought the materials for the railing, the city crew might assist with the work of installation. Materials would cost an estimated \$2200, according to the discussion, for 1100 feet of railing.

The street to the school, according to Mayor Collins, is about 3/4 within the city limits.

"We probably have a moral responsibility on this," he said.

The council discussed the matter of abandoned cars, considered drafting a new ordinance on the subject, but decided that state statutes may cover the city on this. Councilman Balfie is to check into the state law to determine the point.

The mayor requested that the city consider starting a sinking fund in its forthcoming budget to provide for defraying its share of cost of the Willow Creek dam project.

He said that the city agreed in 1964 to purchase \$72,000 worth of water from the proposed Willow Creek reservoir over a 50-year period. The city's share of easements, rights-of-way and replacing utilities along the creek channel under the project will approximate \$10,000, the mayor estimated.

The mayor suggested that a sinking fund be started with \$2000 or \$3000 placed in the 1968-69 budget for this purpose.

Well Payment Made

Councilmen engaged in a long discussion over payment to the well driller for work accomplished to date on the new city well, finally agreeing to pay \$1638 for work done to this date. The well is now down 327 feet, according to City Superintendent Vic Groshens, of which 90 feet is 12 inch and 237 feet six-inch. He said that it is hoped to get 700 gallons of water per minute from the well to provide for future needs of the city.

Councilman Jerry Sweeney

said there is a need for rewriting the city charter, declaring that the present charter has not been revised since 1918 and is antiquated. He suggested that a committee be named to study the charter to propose changes and to consult with the League of Oregon Cities on its model charter. Mayor Collins turned the matter over to a committee composed of Councilmen David McLeod, Clyde Allstott and Balfie.

Sweeney also reported for the city services committee, stating that he recommended the hiring of Bill McLeod and Mrs. John (Jacqueline) Wagenblast for swim pool lifeguards for the coming summer. McLeod served last year at the pool and Mrs. Wagenblast has a senior life saving certificate and water safety instructor's certificate, the councilman said. He also recommended that two assistants be hired as basket girls after the lifeguards are chosen.

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100 PE Students To Stage Program

About 100 students of Heppner Elementary and Heppner High schools will participate in the annual spring physical education program that will be presented in the high school gymnasium Friday night, April 11, starting at 7 p.m.

Students in grades five through 10 will perform feats and routines that they have learned in their P. E. classes.

The Heppner school band will also play, under the direction of Arnie Hedman, music instructor, and both grade and high school musicians will take part.

Included in the P. E. portion of the program will be gymnastic work, tumbling, ballet, balancing, ball bouncing, free exercise, trampoline exhibitions and others. Ballet is new on the program this year, as are hoops and rope climbing.

The program is sponsored by the Girls' Athletic Association at the high school. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50c for students, and pre-school children are admitted free.

Physical education students are under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Agee and Dean Naffziger.

The first such program was presented here last year and proved to be an outstanding success, much enjoyed by those attending.



FOUR HEPPNER school band members are pictured at work making preparations for the Band Carnival scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at the county fair pavilion. From left are Paul Van Marter, Kyle Buschke, Allen Burkenbine and Clayton Wilson. (Heppner Elementary Photo).

Preparations Go Forward For Band Carnival April 19

By MRS. JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Heppner band members, together with Arnie Hedman, their leader, and Paul Warren, both construction supervisors, started some big-muscle work this week in preparation for the coming band carnival, which will be Saturday, April 19. The musicians got busy cleaning up and getting set to construct carnival booths at the fairground.

The band members are a hard-working group and have already held work projects which paid a good part of their trips to basketball tournaments and also paid part of the costs of their new uniforms. Now they are planning to work along with parents and teachers in setting up and in operating carnival booths.

Classes Competing There is competition going on at both the elementary and high schools. The fifth through eighth grades are working at various projects to support the carnival. The most successful class will select a queen and king, and each member of that winning class will be rewarded with gift script to enjoy using on carnival night.

At the high school the four classes are competing through their contributions to the large and always popular country store. Class members are label-

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All Precincts Vote 'Yes' on School Levy

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Raymond Nichols Memorial Service Set for Saturday

Memorial services are planned for Saturday, April 12, at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish hall for Raymond Nichols, who drowned in the Pacific Ocean March 15, while on an outing with classmates from the University of Oregon.

The service will be held at 2 p.m., and will be read by the Rev. Raymond Beard. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements for the special service.

Nichols was born May 19, 1946, at Crane, Colo., the son of Alonzo J. Nichols and Nettie Mundon. His father preceded him in death several years ago.

Members of his family who survive him are his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thorpe, former Heppner residents who now reside in Banning Calif., his sister, Mrs. John (Micky) Mollahan of Heppner, and his brother, Capt. Robert L. Nichols of the U. S. Army, now serving in Vietnam, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mundon of Delta, Colo.

Nichols attended Heppner schools until the time of his graduation with the class of 1964. He was a fine student and participated actively in football and basketball during his high school years. At the time of his death he was a senior student in mathematics at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where he expected to graduate this June.

During the previous summer he had assisted at the Heppner City pool as a lifeguard and had a senior lifesaving certificate. He also assisted during the summer months with the chamber of commerce sponsored summer youth recreation program for the youth of the community.

Both young people have attended all of their high school years here and have been active in class and student body activities.

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Terry was initiated into the National Honor Society in his sophomore year and has been active in the organization. This year's valedictorian has applied for entrance into West Point Military Academy and is waiting for definite word on acceptance. If he is not accepted, Terry plans to enroll in architecture at the University of Oregon in the fall term.

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MISS SARA MILLER
Salutatorian



TERRY PECK
Valedictorian

Two Seniors Chosen For Class Honors

Two outstanding honor students at Heppner High school have been announced as this year's valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class of 1969, according to Principal Dick Carpenter.

Terry Peck, with a cumulative GPA of 3.97 over the seven semesters of high school study, will be valedictorian. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Peck, Heppner.

Miss Sara Miller, second highest in her class with a seven-semester grade point average of 3.85, will be salutatorian. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Sam) Miller, also of Heppner.

The two will be honored at graduation exercises on May 25, and will present their respective speeches.

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Every precinct in the county polled an affirmative vote, only the third time in 17 budget elections of the 11-year-old county-wide district that this was true. Lexington was close, with 22 yes votes to 21 no votes, but it was still on the affirmative side.

Precinct count was as follows:

	YES	NO
Heppner	149	56
Lexington	22	21
Hardman-Ruggs	20	7
Ione	95	44
Boardman	70	12
Irrigon	33	18

TOTAL 389 158

The budget calls for a tax levy increase over 1968-69 of \$42,547. Percentage-wise, the increase is 3.7% or approximately 45c per \$1000 of true cash value of property. The special election was to ballot on the amount over the 6% limitation, which is \$863,656. Total requirements of the budget are \$1,379,992.

Passage of the budget brought expressions of pleasure from school leaders.

"We're very pleased with the results," said Supt. Ron Daniels. "We're a little disappointed that we didn't get a higher turnout of voters, but we appreciate the people who did take time to ballot."

The superintendent added that the district will continue to "get by as cheaply as we can."

"We realize that we will have to do something about teacher salaries next year, and now we will devote some time to fill the 10 vacancies and three new positions."

Needed Moisture

Rainfall coming late Friday, Saturday and Sunday brought .63 inch of moisture at just the right time to alleviate drying conditions during a relatively dry March. Don Gilliam, weather observer, reports .13 inch Friday, .13 inch Saturday, and .37 inch Sunday. High temperatures for the week ranged from 55 to 60, and minimum fell below freezing only once—to 31 early Tuesday morning.

Complete report for the week follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	59	34	—
Thursday	55	36	—
Friday	58	36	.13
Saturday	55	38	.13
Sunday	55	36	.37
Monday	55	33	—
Tuesday	60	31	—

Wednesday Fire Destroys Property At Mecham Home

Fire at the Glen Mecham place last Wednesday destroyed a tack room storage building and its contents. Value of the equipment destroyed was placed at about \$1500, and included five saddles, bridles, one ton of baled hay and other items.

Most of the burned items were covered by insurance although the hay and the building were not. The property is owned by Steve Thompson of Pendleton.

Firemen received the rural alarm at 3:40 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, but by the time they arrived at the Mecham residence, located six miles out in Balm Fork canyon, the building was destroyed. Cause of the fire is not known.

Brisk winds blowing later in the day made necessary a second call to firemen, who returned to the ranch where fire had broken out again in the baled hay.

Meeting to Inform Incoming Freshmen

An informative meeting has been scheduled at Heppner High school for students who are now completing the eighth grade, and for their parents, on Thursday evening, April 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Principal Dick Carpenter and the counselors, Adrian Cook and Mrs. Vi Lanham, will discuss course selections and other matters pertaining to next year's high school program, and answer questions which students or parents may have.

Rummage Sale Offers Bargains

Two full days of bargains will be offered to the bargain hunter at the annual spring rummage sale in Heppner this Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, at the former Tryco building on Heppner's main street.

The sale is sponsored by Civic League mothers and proceeds are used to help with teacher's salary and other expenses and supplies needed for the kindergarten.

Hours of the sale are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., both days, and members also plan to hold a baked food sale both days.

A large assortment of clothing, toys, dishes and some furniture items are offered for the event and items may be purchased for half price on Saturday afternoon, the final day of the sale.

Homemakers Day to Feature Oregon Council President

Mrs. James Whittaker, Pilot Rock, president of Oregon Extension Homemakers Council, will be the featured speaker at Morrow county's annual Homemakers' Achievement Day, Tuesday, April 15, at the Rhea Creek Grange hall.

Mrs. Whittaker will show colored slides and tell of her experiences while representing Oregon homemakers at the National Extension Homemakers Council meeting in Puerto Rico last fall.

The Achievement Day is sponsored by the Home Extension advisory committee, for the purpose of showing the general public what Home Extension is and what it accomplishes. Mrs. Frank Connor, Heppner, is general chairman. Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, will serve as mistress of ceremonies, with the Rhea Creek Unit in charge of general arrangements. Assisting with the planning are Molly Saul, Home Extension Agent for Umatilla and Morrow counties, and Birdine Tullis, Extension Aide for Morrow county.

Members of the Heppner day-time unit will host a coffee hour, with registration from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Part of the morning's program will include a style review of garments made in the recent knit workshops. Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom of Ione will be narrator. Mrs. Whittaker's presentation will follow a potluck

Work Day Slated At Golf Course

All golfers of the area are asked to come to the Willow Creek course Sunday, April 13, before and after church, armed with rakes, shovels, axes and other tools for the spring clean-up and work day.

Both present members, former members and those who would like to join the club are asked to come. It is expected to get the course in top shape for spring play, according to Dr. Ed Schaffitz who is spearheading the work day.

Women members are preparing a free lunch for all those who participate.

The club is concurrently putting on a campaign for members, and those interested are invited to take out memberships now. This may be done by contacting any present member, or telephoning Dr. Schaffitz, whose office phone is 676-9465.

Pharmacist Joins Staff at Murrays

Dave Kircher, formerly of Bend, has started work as pharmacist at Murrays Rexall Drug, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray, owners, announce. A graduate of the University of Houston, Texas, Kircher was employed for a year as pharmacist in LaPorte, Texas, before returning to Oregon.

For the past five years he has been pharmacist at the Owl Pharmacy in Bend.

Kircher is a native Oregonian, having been born in Silverton, and he grew up in Chiloquin.

He has rented a home in Heppner, but his family will not move here until later. Mr. and Mrs. Kircher have two children.

The new pharmacist succeeds Lynn Pearson in the position here. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson purchased a pharmacy recently in Council, Idaho.



MRS. JAMES WHITTAKER

luncheon. Main dish will be provided by the Rhea Creek unit. Others are asked to bring salads or desserts. The day's program will conclude at 2:30 p.m. All interested persons in Morrow county and adjoining areas are invited to attend this educational event. There is no charge. Members of Home Extension units in Morrow county will provide the potluck luncheon.

Budget Vote For College Set Tuesday

Polling places for the Blue Mountain Community College budget election Tuesday, April 15, have been established, according to Robin Woodroffe, clerk of the college district.

The election was called to vote on a proposed operating levy for the 1969-70 school year. The tax for operating the college, to be collected in Umatilla and Morrow counties is \$25,937, requiring a levy estimated at \$1.00 per \$1,000 true cash value. A small additional amount will be included for bond retirement, Woodroffe said.

The election was called because the college has no tax base and operating funds from local sources must be approved by the voters each year. Funds from local sources make up only a portion of the college's income, the remainder coming from federal and state sources and from student tuition and fees. The total amount approved last month by the budget committee for operating the college is \$1,358,325.

No Opposition Heard

A public hearing on the budget was held on the campus March 26 and no opposition was expressed to the budget as proposed.

College President Wallace McCrae told the budget committee last month that BMCC held the line in its operating program this year and, although no new major programs are being added next year, more attention needs to be devoted to program development.

"Our enrollment is increasing 12-13 per cent a year," he said, "and we are projecting a 10 per cent increase next year. In light of this, the operating budget is dangerously tight and the minimum we can propose in the light of rising costs."

He pointed out that Blue Mountain's total levy this year is 22 cents under the average for the state and that Umatilla and Morrow counties were the only counties in the state whose property tax levies for community colleges were not increased the past year.

"The dollar amounts for each of our two counties was actually a little under the previous year," he added.

Robert Abrams, Heppner, chairman of the college board of directors, described the budget as "very austere" in the light of rising enrollments and rising costs. He said the board appreciates the public's confidence in the operation of the college and pledged continued efforts to "keep pace with the minimum needs of our students."

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Persons wishing to apply for absentee ballots may write or call the college at 276-1260 or 276-1166, Pendleton.

Polling places for the election in Morrow county are as follows:

Precinct No. 1, Riverside High school, Boardman; precinct No. 2, Rhea Creek Grange Hall, Ruggs; Precinct No. 3, Ione High school; Precinct No. 4, A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon; Precinct No. 5, school district office, Lexington; Precincts No. 6, 7, 8, 9, Heppner Elementary school.