

Free Swim Set Sunday For City Pool Opening

South Heppner will resound again with the shouts of children and the splash of the cooling water in the municipal swimming pool Sunday as it re-opens for the summer with its annual free swim.

Pool manager Bill McLeod, who was lifeguard there last summer, will be assisted by Mrs. John (Jacklyn) Wagenblast. Clerks will be Lynda Orwick and Marcia Young.

The free swim on Sunday, June 8, will be from 1-5 p.m. At this time, as throughout the swimming season, smaller children must be accompanied by a person capable of being responsible for their safety for the pool is large and, while closely supervised, the large numbers of swimmers in the pool are a big responsibility for the attendants.

Starting Monday, June 9, season tickets will be available at the city hall at 1 p.m. Daily tickets should be purchased at the pool. Family season tickets are again \$18; adult tickets are \$9 and children and high school students may buy individual tickets for the season for \$6.

Daily tickets are 50c for adults and 25c for children.

Hours listed in the summer schedule for the municipal pool, which was completely rebuilt last year and is now in its second season with its improved facilities, are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays and from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The pool will also be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays. It is closed on Mondays for cleaning and to give the crew some free time.

Swimming lessons will start later this month, with hours and other information to be re-

leased from the city hall shortly.

Users of the popular pool are reminded that the lifeguard may refuse use of the pool to anyone not obeying the rules.

McLeod is finishing his first year at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande. He was an outstanding athlete at Heppner High, where he was a football, basketball and track star. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David McLeod.

Mrs. Wagenblast, formerly Jacklyn Broun of Pendleton, is an excellent horsewoman. She was a Roundup princess in 1967. She is a student at Oregon State University.

Lynda Orwick was graduated from Heppner High this spring. Marcia Young will be a junior at Heppner High next year. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Young of Heppner.

New City Budget Shows Some Drop In Planned Levy

Heppner's city budget for 1969-70, published for the first time on pages 4 and 5, section 2, of this paper, shows that tax levy for the coming year city purposes will be down slightly, even though total budget requirements will be up somewhat.

The budget calls for a total levy of \$41,159, of which \$26,080 is inside the 6% limitation and \$15,079 is not subject to the limitation. Levy for 1968-69 was \$44,134 of which \$24,604 was inside the limitation and \$19,530 was not subject to it.

Total budget requirements for the ensuing year are placed at \$265,077 as compared with \$227,630 for 1968-69. However, resources other than taxes, show a sizeable climb in the forthcoming budget going to \$225,977 as compared with \$184,030 for 1968-69.

Public hearing on the budget will be on Monday night, June 23, at 8 p.m. for hearing discussion on the budget. Any person is invited to appear and present comments. The budget was prepared by the budget committee, including councilmen and lay members, with Gene Pierce as chairman.

The budget shows a slight decline in the general government department, a slight increase (to \$6000 from \$5295) in the fire department, the same budget in the sanitary department, a small decrease in the swimming pool department, and a \$8,000 increase in the street department, principally because of an increase in contractual services to \$18,000 from \$7,800.

This budget for the first time establishes a reserve fund for the Willow Creek dam to cover the city's share of costs if and when the project receives appropriation by Congress and gets under construction. A total of \$2000 is placed in the fund this year.

There will be no vote on the city budget because the tax levy falls within the 6% levy or is not subject to the limitation. Vote is required only when the expenditures exceed the limitation.

Former Resident Returns; Opens Grill

The Heppner Hotel Grill is now open under the management of Mrs. Catherine Carty, who lived here about 15 years ago and worked at O'Donnell's Cafe for six years.

Mrs. Carty announces that she will employ a cook and a waitress and the Grill will be open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Paul Rice was born in Condon and lived in Spray. Mrs. Carty will be remembered in this area. She left Spray in 1942, when her father died.

When she left Heppner she went to Portland. For the past three years she has worked in the records division of the city police force in Salem.

Zoom!

Temperature shot up to a warm 91 Tuesday, making the swimming pool opening on Sunday sounding better all the time. The week earlier brought .16 inch of rain, raising the month's total for May to 1.32, just short of the normal for the month of May of 1.34, according to Don Gilliam, official weather observer. Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	75	37	—
Thursday	76	50	T
Friday	70	51	.16
Saturday	72	40	—
Sunday	81	48	—
Monday	87	51	—
Tuesday	91	55	—

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Package Gets Bad Defeat Across State

Apparently there are few things in Morrow county as unpopular as a sales tax if you vote in Tuesday's special election on the "tax package" referendum is any indication.

County voters voted overwhelmingly in the negative, the total count being 113 yes to 1230 no.

Some 60% of the registered voters cast ballots with the turnout totaling 1343 from the registration of approximately 2000.

The four Heppner precincts and Hardman voted in the courthouse as one combined polling place for the usual five precincts. They recorded a vote of 61 yes to 559 no.

Irrigon gave the "package" the worst beating with only six voting yes and 190 casting no votes.

But the rest of the county was almost as emphatic. Boardman cast 16 yes and 126 no; Ione was 13 yes and 223 no; Lexington was 17 yes and 132 no.

It was apparent when the first call came to The Gazette-Times about 9 p.m. that the sales tax was a loser here. This was the Irrigon vote. Boardman quickly followed with the other three ensuing shortly after.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, and her election crews had the total job done here by 10:30 p.m. Since it embraced five normal precincts, the Heppner-Hardman board was last to finish, but it was a quick wrap-up to the election.

With the state also voting in the negative, it spelled doom again for the sales tax.

While Morrow county was posting its negative vote at the rate of about 11 to 1, every other county was turning overwhelmingly against the "tax package," too. With most of the vote complete, the margin statewide was about 8 to 1 against the referendum.

Downtown Sidewalks Off Limits to Riders

Bicycle and horse riders are reminded by Police Chief Glen Kolkhorst that there is a city ordinance forbidding riding on downtown sidewalks by cyclists, and use of sidewalks by horses is illegal any place in Heppner.

With the opening of the municipal swimming pool many youngsters will ride their bikes to and from swims, generally down Main Street. Summer also brings out the horseback riders, some of whom also forget the ordinance concerning riding on Main Street sidewalks.

Although bike riders especially may prefer the walks to competing with cars for space on the streets, pedestrians find bikes dangerous. They also dislike to share sidewalks with horses for many reasons.

Since some of the younger set may not be able to read the paper, parents should make sure that children know and follow the regulations when they ride. Not only the restriction from use of the sidewalks, but other traffic regulations should be followed for the safety of the rider as well as others, reminds Chief Kolkhorst.

Rep. Irvin Mann To Speak Monday

Rep. Irvin Mann will be guest speaker Monday, June 9, at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at noon in the Wagon Wheel Cafe banquet room.

County Judge Paul Jones will also report on his trip to Washington, D. C., where he appeared before the Public Works subcommittee Monday on behalf of the Willow Creek project.

Crowds Due Saturday At Auction, Barbecue

Seventh annual Ione Community Auction and Barbecue on Saturday, June 7, has several big attractions for individuals and families throughout the area. The full day of activities begins at 10:30 a.m. when Don Wink of Hermiston, veteran auctioneer, calls his first bid on the variety of new and used merchandise gathered for the occasion.

Serving of the pit-cooked beef barbecue dinner, accompanied by varieties of salads, vegetables and desserts, will be at 12:30 in the Willows Grange hall dining room.

Up for auction will be items of interest to both young and old. Children may well be interested in a puppy, a shetland pony or a 4-month-old filly, all of which will be offered for sale.

Mrs. Pete Cannon, an avid antique collector, has collected and restored many valuable and interesting antiques. Among them are some apothecary jars, dating back to the 1880's. Also for sale are some old car parts, which will be of interest to old-time auto buffs.

One of the major items to be presented at the auction is a choice lot of almost one acre in the summer home development of Earl Blake in the mountains southeast of Heppner. This lot borders on the meadow and is expected to attract keen interest at the auction.

A list of new and antique items offered at the auction appears in an advertisement by the Bank of Eastern Oregon on page 1 of section 2.

Paintings by some talented local artists will be up for sale, among the many other items.

Collectors will also be interested in the commemorative plates

which will be offered for sale again this year. The gold-fluted plates feature a picture and history of the Ione United Church of Christ.

A large country store will offer selections of handmade clothing, fancy work, hand-crafted items and homemade goodies throughout the day. The country store opens at 10 a.m.

There will be free rides for all in the Model T and Model A Ford cars provided by Norman Nelson and Lindsay Kincaid. Fun for the kids will be provided also at the Kiddie Korner and Fish Pond, sponsored by the 7th and 8th grade classes.

Lunch was served by the Rudy F. Bergstroms and the E. W. (Bill) Bergstroms to 50 people who assembled at their ranch Monday, June 2, on the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation Annual Tour. Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year is Rudy F. Bergstrom.

On the bus which carried many of those who made the complete tour were between 20 and 25 people. They were joined at 11 a.m. at the Bergstrom ranch by other interested farmers and townspeople and friends of the Bergstroms.

Chairman of the tour, Bryce Keene, introduced Harold Kerr, county extension agent; Al Oheim of the Soil Conservation Service; Ralph Richards, recently retired as work unit conservationist with the service; and Rudy Bergstrom, who in turn, introduced his wife and parents.

Rudy Bergstrom told the group of the ranching operation and conservation practices.

Enroute to the Bergstrom ranch the touring group on the bus, which left Heppner at 9:30 a.m., visited the proposed dam site on Rhea Creek and the ranches of Laurence Beckett, John Bergstrom, Wilbur Worden, and Leonard Rill. After lunch at the Bergstrom ranch, they toured the ranch by truck, going to Eightmile canyon to view the ponds and other conservation practices of the 1969 Conservation Man of the Year.

After the delicious lunch, which was served as a courtesy of the hosts, the tour group observed diversion ditches on lower Rhea Creek and stopped at the Bryce Keene ranch to see his irrigation system.

Further stops were made at the Al Bunch and Paul Brown ranches northwest of Heppner where strip cropping was observed.

The tour was completed at 3:30 p.m. with the feeling by the leaders that it was highly successful, enjoyable and informative.



SEATED IN HIS OFFICE in the new Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative building, Harley Young, manager, extends an invitation to all to attend dedication of the building on Tuesday, June 10. (G-T Photo).

Dedication Stated For New Building

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Dedication and open house of the newest and brightest building in Heppner—and one of the largest—will be Tuesday, June 10, when the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative building makes its formal debut to the public.

Open house and dedication are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a brief program planned for 10:30 a.m. Harley Young, manager, states.

Mayor Bill Collins will speak briefly and Jay Seefeld of Eugene, operations field representative for the Rural Electrification Administration, is also scheduled for a short talk.

Guided tours of the building are planned, and there will be free gifts for all who attend. A solid state portable stereo will be given at the end of the day as a door prize.

Refreshments of coffee, pop, sandwiches and cookies will be served by the Methodist church Women's Society of Christian Service.

All members of the cooperative—including electrical users in Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties—have a share in the building, and all, with their families, are invited to attend the dedication.

Planned Two Years Completion of the concrete structure of more than 11,000 square feet concludes more than two years of planning. A building committee of the board of directors was composed of Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; Ken Smouse, Ione; and Jack Hynd, Jr., secretary of the cooperative, of Cecil.

Others on the board of directors who had a hand in the planning and development of the building include Walt Jaeger,

Condon, president; J. R. (Dick) Krebs, Cecil, vice president; W. H. Steiwer, Fossil; Randall Peterson, Heppner; Walter Wright, Heppner; Elmer Palmer, Heppner; Paul Jaeger, Condon; Floyd Anderson, Olex; and Raymond Lundell, who just resigned from the board because he and his family moved to Eugene from Ione.

Architect Wes Korman of Pendleton designed the functional building, which is about half devoted to the warehouse and garage area and half to office space. It is designed to serve as headquarters for the cooperative's office for years to come, and the extra space above that furnished by the old quarters on Main street will add to efficiency of the operation as well as providing complete housing for equipment and supplies.

Growth Rapid Growth of the electrical load in the three-county area has been substantial in the past few years, particularly with the sharp development of irrigation, and the new structure is expected to provide for increasing growth as service headquarters for the foreseeable future.

Eastern Oregon Construction Co. of Pendleton was general contractor and the cost of the building was about \$213,000. Among sub-contractors were Zenphy Electric, Pendleton, who installed and furnished the electrical facilities in the all-electric building; Thews Sheet Metal, Pendleton, sheet metal work and air conditioning; Wheeler Plumbing Co., Pendleton, plumbing; Van Petten Lum-

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Employment Office Available for Help For Work Applicants

The Heppner office of the Oregon Department of Employment, in the city hall, is seeking employment for a number of student labor applicants who have applied to them for work for the summer. Anyone who has need for help by youth, ages 14 and over, in town or in the country, is invited to contact Mrs. Gayle Arbogast at 676-9954 or 676-5336, or stop in at the city hall office.

The employment center also has listings from employers who want to hire trained help, such as knot bumper or limber for work on logging crew, day cook, cook's helper, waitress, or property appraiser. It also has listings for 30 truck drivers, 18 or over, needed out of the area for pea harvesting.

Under the direction of Mike Patrick, the survey for labor force and economic study of Morrow county is nearing completion. House to house interviews and in the business areas have been completed, and the office will soon have available a summarizing survey report.

Receiving degrees from Oregon State University in its 100th commencement program Sunday, June 8, will be seven students and one teacher from Morrow county. Heppner High graduates who will receive bachelor's degrees include John Wagenblast, Wayne Evans, and Margaret Ann Marks, agriculture; Lee Daggett, Business and Technology; Chris Brown, Humanities and Social Science; and Karen McCurdy, Education.

Richard Hynd of Cecil will receive his bachelor's degree in Education.

A Master of Education degree will be conferred upon Mrs. L. E. (Rachel) Dick, Jr., for work completed last summer. Mrs. Dick teaches at Heppner High school.

About 2500 bachelor's degrees and 800 advanced degrees will be conferred at the graduation program, scheduled in Gill Coliseum at 2 p.m. Television coverage of the entire program will be provided for those able to watch channel 10, Portland, and channel 7, Corvallis.

100th Graduation At OSU Will Honor Eight from County

A broken casing in the new city well has brought complications to Don Foreman of Estacada, well driller, but the city council Monday night held firm in its position that he must fulfill his contract by leaving a well with a "clean" hole.

A 70-ft. section of the casing broke off at a welded joint when Foreman was engaged in pulling it out, and the long section remains in the bottom of the hole with the top portion at about the 235 ft. level.

Foreman, who was at the council meeting, said that it would be necessary to blast off a top five-foot section in order to get a "fishing" tool down to the casing with the hope of bringing it out. Even so, he said, there is no assurance that it can be removed.

In doing the blasting, the present flow of water may be impaired or perhaps stopped, he said, declaring that he is bound by the contract not to affect the flow of the water. Foreman said

that as it now stands, it is impossible for him to comply with the contract, since the blasting will affect the flow, and if the casing is left in, it will not provide a "clean" hole as required.

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Reason for sinking the casing deeper was to probe for more water, which was struck, without disturbing the artesian flow at the higher level.

P. W. Mahoney, city attorney, told the council that it is in a position to require the "clean" hole in compliance with the contract. Leaving the casing in does not comply, he said.

The thinking was expressed that if the pump were able to be placed at a deeper level, the city probably would obtain

more water for its investment of some \$6000.

Mayor W. C. Collins said that he was in favor of compliance with the contract and called for any objections to his position. There were none except for the one expression that the blasting would possibly shut off the flow entirely and that the present flow of water would be better than none.

The matter was left at that point with the understanding that Foreman is to blast in an attempt to remove the casing.

The new well is being drilled to supplement the present city water supply.

Jaycees Propose Projects Tom Wilson, speaking for the Jaycees, proposed several projects that his organization felt might be undertaken for city betterment. He proposed planting grass where the slides are at the city park, pointing out that rocks and stickers from puncture weed are hurting and

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Montana Cowboys Win Rodeo Honors

Montana cowboys walked off with a lion's share of the honors at the intercollegiate regional rodeo here Friday through Sunday with J. C. Bonine of Eastern Montana emerging as all-around cowboy.

Bonine won the saddle bronc competition and was second in calf roping to gain a total of 1725 points.

Montana State University led in team totals, followed by Eastern Montana, and the crowd favorite, Blue Mountain Community College of Pendleton, made a good showing by coming in third in the field of 15 competing schools.

Blue Mountain finished with a total of 207.5 points. John Rhoden of Blue Mountain was second in bareback and Bill McCoin of Pendleton was second in saddle bronc riding, behind Bonine. McCoin tallied a total of 169 points and successfully rode War Drums on the final day. Bonine gained 73 points with his ride on the famous Tijuana

Dolly for a rodeo total of 195 in the bronc event.

Paul Rice of BMCC was third in ribbon roping, an event that was won by Jerry McCormick of Montana State.

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staging the rodeo with the Morrow county rodeo committee and volunteer workers lending a big hand. Judges were Les Kamm and Jim Bothum. Pickup men were Loren Wood, Bob Sparr and Bud King. Raymond French of Heppner was arena director and Charley Daly, Morrow county rodeo committee chairman, was chute boss.

Bob Chambers was scheduled as announcer but was forced to quit when his voice failed, and Joe Daley, announcer for the Morrow county rodeo, filled the spot capably.

Placings Given Among placings that were announced by the end of the rodeo were these: Bareback riding—Lee Eddins, EOC, first; John Rhoden, BMCC, second. Calf roping—Leland Kelly, Walla Walla Community College, first; J. C. Bonine, Eastern Montana, second; and Larry Jordan, Eastern Montana, third.

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