

By DON GILLIAM
For week of Sept. 12-16

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Wednesday	84	55	—
Thursday	90	56	—
Friday	90	57	—
Saturday	75	54	—
Sunday	67	36	—
Monday	73	35	—
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OSAA Says

Board Must Make Decision Monday on Redistrict Plan

A final decision regarding Heppner High school's athletic classification for the 1970-71 school year will have to be made when the Board of Directors of Morrow County School District R-1 meets Monday night.

The change resulted from a decision by the Board of Control of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) at its meeting last Thursday.

Last week, R-1 superintendent Ron Daniels, also a member of the OSAA board, told the Gazette-Times the decision could be made as late as July 1, 1970 to affect the classification that fall.

"We know that a large number of schools are contemplating petitioning the OSAA (for a change in classification) so we are moving the deadline up," Daniels said Tuesday.

The new deadline is now the first week-end in November, according to Daniels.

That means a final decision by the R-1 board must be made at its meeting Monday night.

The meeting is set for the district office in Lexington at 8 p.m.

Daniels said the OSAA board decided at its Thursday meeting to get all the applications in early to avoid stringing out decisions along the year.

"We can't wait all year for them to decide," Daniels said. The new plan will allow conferences to be set up in time for schedules to be arranged for the fall of 1970, he noted.

When the R-1 board decides whether to drop down to the A classification next year or to petition to remain AA, its wishes will be made known to the OSAA's districting committee.

Should the board decide to drop down to A, no further action would be required, since Heppner has already been placed in the class because of its enrollment.

If, however, the R-1 directors wish Heppner to remain AA, their petition would go to the districting committee, then on to the Board of Control.

"The board makes the final decision," Daniels said.

The R-1 board will consider several things at its meeting Monday, Daniels said.

"Travel time as much as ex-

penses is to be considered," Daniels said. "We have asked the high school staff to compute the mileage and time differences of the two proposals."

The superintendent said he didn't expect the differences would be great.

Heppner High school is now budgeted about \$1500 annually for travel, and the new league proposal might change that by \$300 at the most, Daniels noted.

Most long overnight trips have now been eliminated in 7 A-2 league play, Daniels noted.

The Monday decision will be just for the 1970-71 year, the administrator stressed.

"We might want to stay AA for another year and see how we do," he said. But the board could reverse its decision the next year, he said.

After that, however, Daniels said a permanent decision should be made.

"We aren't going to jump back

and forth each year," he said. Daniels said the OSAA has received a formal petition from Hermiston to move up to AAA sports, and that petition has been granted.

The Bulldogs had been placed in the AA league Heppner now plays in.

A petition from Mac-Hi of Milton-Freewater has not been received, Daniels said. But that petition is expected when the OSAA board meets in November.

That would leave Burns, Madras, Wahtonka, Grant Union, Nyssa and Vale in district 7-AA next year, Daniels said.

In other action at last week's meeting, the board decided to change the dates of the 1971 AAA and AA state basketball tournaments to conform with spring vacation of colleges.

A poll of district superintendents showed them in favor of the change by a 6-to-1 margin, Daniels reported.

Sale Rumors Said False

Kinzua Buys Timber

Kinzua Corporation's Heppner plant was the successful high bidder on a 10 million board feet timber sale, the company's general manager said Tuesday.

At the same time, Allen Nistad said the firms buying of the timber would serve to dispel rumors that the plant is being sold to Georgia Pacific Corporation.

He said talk of a sale "is an outrageous lie," adding Georgia Pacific officials "are not looking at our plant."

The timber was bought from Port Blakely Timber Company of Seattle, Nistad said.

It represents 9,600,000 board feet of virgin Ponderosa pine, he said, and 400,000 feet of fir and larch.

One-half the timber is located in the Fox area, with the other half located in the Bear Creek area in Grant county.

The Oris Crisp Logging Company will move into the area immediately, as the timber is to be harvested by March 15, 1970, Nistad said.

Kinzua contracts with Crisp for its logging operations.

"The timber will be processed at the Heppner plant," Nistad said.

He did not indicate if the new timber purchase would mean workers at the Heppner plant would go back to a full production schedule. The plant has been on a four-day work week since July 14, due to poor market conditions.

HHS Football Coach Supports Redistricting

Heppner High school football coach Ed Hiemstra told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday that HHS "has no business being in the A-2" classification.

Hiemstra was speaking to the group at its regular luncheon meeting.

"It is my opinion, and that of the coaching staff, that we drop down as the state suggests," Hiemstra said.

But Tuesday, Mustang athletic director Bob Clough said the coaches had not met and have not made a decision on a recommendation to the directors of School District R-1.

"The coaches will agree on a recommendation," Clough said. "But we don't know what that decision will be."

The coaching staff, along with Principal Jim Bier, has been asked by R-1 Superintendent Ron Daniels to give a recommendation when the board meets Monday night.

Bier said Monday he would go along with what the coaches agree on.

"There's a lot of things to consider," Clough said. He said funding, travel time and distance would all be considered when the coaches agree on a recommendation.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting, Hiemstra called the proposed football schedule ideal.

He said Heppner has less boys out for football than most B schools, whom the Mustangs would play next year.

Elgin, whom the HHS team played last week-end, has 44 out for the team, Hiemstra said.

Heppner's turnout at the first of the season was 46, although it has dropped to 41 now.

Other sample turnouts listed by the coach were McEwen, 46; Condon, 50; Sherman, 60, and

Pilot Rock, 50. All those teams would be in the same league as Heppner under the new classification.

Presently, in district 7 A-2, Burns has 100 players out for the team, Madras has 90 and Wahtonka has 85.

When asked about the HHS basketball's teams' record in the past five years, Hiemstra said the district basketball teams have been weak.

"We go to state and set a new record every year," the coach said. "But we're not proud of that record."

The Mustangs hold the record for the most number of consecutive losses at the state tournament.

"There is a lot of feeling that the same team that went to state last year in A-2 could have won the state B title," Hiemstra said.

Fall Flower Show Slated

Ione Garden Club will sponsor a public showing of some of the area's finest fall flowers in its 17th Annual Fall Flower Show, on Sunday, September 21, at the Ione school cafeteria.

The club will celebrate its "20th Anniversary," also selected as its theme for the show. The public is invited to place entries in the show, with divisions planned for both children and adults.

Hours for the show, which will include a silver tea, will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Entries will be received from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, and from 8-10:30 a.m. Sunday. The cafeteria will be closed during judging from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be 18 classes and many sub-classes in horticulture division; a bloom cycle showing at least three stages of bloom from bud to full bloom stage, with foliage; junior gardeners from 4 to 7 years and from 8 to 12 years; a section of decorative arrangements using anniversaryes, from one to 75, as a theme; a capsule table arrangement, and a theme arrangement depicting the show theme.

Special exhibits will include dahlias of Bill Rawlins, chrysanthemums of Delta Huber, also the club's 20 years of scrapbooks and yearbooks.

Further information may be secured from Mrs. Tom Huston, general chairman, or Mrs. Omar Rietmann.



WITH HIS GROUP'S NAME right at the top, Jerry Sweeney, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce president, points out a new sign telling of Heppner's service clubs. Actually, the group responsible for getting the sign erected was the bottom club on the list, the Soroptimist Club of Heppner. The sign, located just north of the city limits on Highway 207, was erected by the Oregon State Highway Department. A similar sign will be put up on Highway 207 south of the city. It is to be built by shop classes at Heppner High school, under a project of the HHS student body. (G-T Photo).

For Nuclear Plant

Port Commission Asks Support

Oregon's congressional delegation has been enlisted to help bring a nuclear power reactor to Morrow county.

Rupert Kennedy, manager of the Port of Morrow, told Port commissioners at a meeting last week in Boardman that letters have been sent to Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood, and to Rep. Al Ullman.

The Port of Morrow already has a site for a reactor and plans to use the water which cools the reactor to irrigate thousands of acres of land in northern Morrow county.

Kennedy has been invited to explain the benefits of using coolant water for irrigation at a day long conference on nuclear power plant sitings in Corvallis October 26. The meeting was called by the State Rede-

velopment Commission and the Rural Area Development Board.

"We are selling the dual benefits," Kennedy said. Dewey West, chairman of the Port, estimated water from a reactor would irrigate crops on up to 100,000 acres of land.

The letter was sent September 10, and although there have been no replies, all three congressmen are on record as favoring a nuclear power plant in this area. They were told that the only cost to the government to develop a dual purpose reactor here would be to transmit power.

The commissioners feel much of the power produced in such a reactor could be consumed locally by farming and industry generated by the irrigation. The Port stresses the idea that by using the coolant water to irrigate crops there will be no need for costly cooling towers to evaporate the water, or of putting hot water back into the river.

The idea of a nuclear plant in Morrow county was backed up last Wednesday by the publisher of the Tri-City, Wash., Herald.

Glenn C. Lee told the Hermiston Kiwanis club the area should push now for the location of nuclear power plants in Eastern Oregon and in Washington.

Lee, who is secretary of the Tri-City Nuclear Industrial Council, said, "I think we should stimulate things, stir around ideas, push for development and see what happens."

He said the Boeing Space Park west of Boardman would be ideal for a cluster of nuclear plants.

Lee said the great future in Eastern Oregon lies in electrical power generated from nuclear reactors, irrigated farming, food processing, cold storage and hog and cattle raising, and has been expressed many times before, that of using nuclear coolant water for irrigation, was reiterated by Lee.

"The private utilities could get a lot of mileage, and earn a lot of public relations if they would spend some money on an engineering study on how to build a plant or a cluster of plants in Eastern Oregon for the nuclear generated farming, after it cools reactors," he said.

"This would tend to offset alleged excessive transmission costs."

The Boardman area has ideal attributes for a plant, the publisher said. It has isolation, safety, no earthquake experience, lots of cooling water, and land to be irrigated.

"I think it makes sense and it ought to be investigated and pursued under light of changing conditions," he noted.

Rep. Al Ullman said last week the U. S. Navy was undertaking a study of possible replacement sites for its bombing range at Boardman. If the move were made, it would presumably free the land there for farming.

Lee said local groups should get together to push the idea of the nuclear plant at Boardman.

"We should concentrate our efforts in strong local organizations, pool our brains and money and with our enthusiasm and effort push our ideas," he said.

Man on the Street

'The competition is better in A-2'



Billy Wolff, Heppner High senior. "I think if we would play in the B league we would have a better chance to win the championship. We would be playing more at our own level of competition."



Mrs. Jim Driscoll, Heppner housewife. "I think this is a decision the administrators and directors should make. They should decide how to spend their money," she said, noting travel expenses would be less in B competition.



Clarence Bauman, Heppner resident. "I do think we should remain A-2. Competition is the life of the game, and competition is better in A-2 leagues than in B leagues." Bauman's son was active in Heppner High sports.



Jerry Holloman, Heppner barber. "Competition-wise, we should stay A-2. Expenses so far as travel is concerned would be cut by being in a B league, but the teams would lose prestige and publicity in the B classification."



Marj Gardner, Heppner businesswoman. "I think we should stay A-2. We should not go backwards. We should go forward if at all possible." Mrs. Gardner's son played athletics at Heppner High.



David Matheny, Oregon State University student and 1966 graduate of HHS. "We should stay in the A-2 classification." Why? "Because the competition is better in the A-2 leagues than in the B leagues." He played HHS sports.

THE QUESTION: Should Heppner High school remain as an A-2 school or should it be reclassified as a B school as suggested by the Oregon School Activities Association?