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Heppner High To Drop Down To Class A, R-I Board Decides

Heppner High school will compete in class A sports beginning in 1970.

That was the decision of the Board of Directors of Morrow county School District R-1, at its regular meeting Monday night.

But at the same time, the board served notice to the Board of Control of the Oregon School Activities Association that it is less than pleased with the alignment of the new athletic conference in which the Mustangs will play basketball.

The R-1 board's decision came after they had heard a recommendation from the coaching staff of Heppner High asking that the board not petition the OSAA to remain in class AA.

Included in the recommendation from the Mustang coaches was a clause asking the school board to make every effort "to create a district for all sports which very nearly coincides with that named for 11-man football."

After some discussion, the directors voted to petition the OSAA for such an alignment, but only in basketball, rather than in all sports.

In that 11-man football league under the new alignment are McEwen, Umatilla, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Sherman, Wasco County, Condon and Heppner.

Of those schools, the last five would also compete in basketball, along with Wheeler county, Arlington, Cascade Locks, Dufur and Culver.

The board also discussed the possibility of sub-districts within the district. This will have to be solved within the league, they were told.

Only one person in the audience spoke to the board.

"I came here not knowing what the recommendation of the coaches would be," former board member Ed Dick said. "I heartily endorse this recommendation."

The coaches' recommendation covered five points: caliber of competition, cost of program, opportunity to excel, loss of school time and community interest and support.

"We feel that competitive spirit and interest will not lag with this caliber of competition," the coaches said.

"Competition in class A will afford an appreciable saving to the district for transportation, and also reduce cost for team meals and lodging."

"Competition in class A would afford an opportunity to be more competitive in all sports."

"Competition in class A would require considerably less school time."

"In consideration of the outstanding support of our teams in the past, we would anticipate increased interest as our teams become more competitive in all sports," the recommendation said.

Daniels told the board district funds are not used for

meals or lodging, so the cost difference to the district would be the mileage difference.

A cost comparison compiled by the coaches showed the new district would cut costs in half compared to playing in class AA.

In class A, an average cost per year of \$480 was figured, compared to an average cost per year of \$995 in the larger classification.

The board's inaction on petitioning the OSAA means the Mustangs will be in the A class for at least the 1970-71 year.

"If we take no further action tonight, we will have a basis to compare with AA in a couple of years," board chairman Jack Sumner told his fellow directors.

In other action, the board heard Daniels report on two bills from Riverside High school that have not been paid.

A Portland landscaping firm has billed the district for fertilizing the lawn at Riverside, along with a bill for changes made from the original contract.

"I contend this is their responsibility, not ours," Daniels said.

Another bill for additional plastering at the school was also presented, but Daniels said that bill should not be paid either.

He told the board the money for both bills is in the construction fund budget, however, in

case payment must be made. The board also adopted two new statements for the district's policy handbook.

Daniels said a new policy on religion "brings our policy into line with the Supreme Court ruling on religion in schools."

Another policy "institutes a procedure for persons to take who have a complaint against a library book, a textbook or a magazine" in the schools, Daniels said.

In other business, the board —Appointed Del Piper to replace Everett Brock on the Heppner - Lexington advisory committee.

—Heard a report on the Oregon School Boards Association conference.

—Approved borrowing \$200,000 in additional funds until the November tax turnover.

—Okayed field trips for the 1969 school year.

—Heard a report on the sewer line problem at Lone High school.

—Approved today (Thursday) as the date for the teacher consultation election.

—Heard a report on the final plan for the reorganization of the Intermediate Education district for Umatilla and Morrow counties.

—Held a secret meeting to discuss a personnel problem within the district.

—Approved standing committees for the 1969-70 school year.



LOOKING ALL READY for Heppner's fifth Moonlight Sale is Jerry Adamson, chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce. Adamson doesn't promise to be decked out like this when the merchants hold the semi-annual event, but he just happened to be on the street with his candle and nightcap when he was spotted. Oh, yes, your eyes are deceiving you, because that isn't really the moon in the upper right hand corner of the picture. It's just an innocent Heppner streetlight. (G-T Photo).

Moonlight Sale is Friday Night

Come rain or shine—moonshine, that is—there will be a Moonlight Sale in Heppner Friday night.

That's the promise of Jerry Adamson, chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

Heppner stores will be open that night from 7 to 10 as merchants participate in the fifth semi-annual event.

Stores will close at their regular times that afternoon, and reopen in time for the event after the dinner hour, Adamson noted.

The event has been set for the evening to avoid any conflict with Heppner High football, which is scheduled for the following day.

Special Moonlight Sale bargains are to be offered throughout Heppner stores with many special prices.

In many cases, the low prices are offered only during the Moonlight Sale.

The Gazette-Times is being sent as a complimentary copy to residents in neighboring communities, and all of those persons are especially invited to attend the sale, Adamson said.

Besides regular bargains, special attractions are featured in many stores.

Advertisements of stores participating in the sale are in section two of today's Gazette-Times.

Sale Puts Feds Out of Business in County, Says Bureau of Land Management Official

The public sale of more than 2,600 acres of land in Morrow county "pretty well takes the Bureau of Land Management out of the land business" in the county, the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce was told Monday.

Irving Anderson, chief of the division of lands and minerals program management of the BLM's Oregon State office explained the sale, to be conducted October 7 at the state office, Portland.

Thirty-two tracts of land, totaling 2,650 acres, will be offered for sale.

The tracts are "pretty well scattered throughout the county," Anderson told the Chamber.

They are located from near Boardman to south of Hardman. The tracts range in size from 40 acres to one 506-acre tract, Anderson said.

The sale will be made in Portland, rather than in Boardman or elsewhere in the county as was done two years ago, the official noted. This is because a different land is being used for this sale than for the previous one.

Three tracts are being withheld from the sale, Anderson said at the meeting.

One parcel near the Umatilla Army Depot in the north end of the county will be needed as a safety area for the depot, Anderson noted.

Another, also in the north, is being withdrawn because of a power site reservation.

A third tract has been reserved by the State Highway Commission as a materials center. It is located on the Morrow-Gilliam county line near Highway 206.

In addition, the United States Forest Service is looking over wooded tracts in the south end of the county, for their possible use, the BLM official said.

Official agencies have first rights to the tracts, if they can show they would benefit from owning them.

A question of the appraised value was raised at the meeting.

"These tracts were appraised by the district lands man from Baker," Anderson explained. "They are appraised by comparing the market values of similar adjacent lands."

The appraised value is the minimum bid, he said.

At least nine of the tracts are partially or wholly suitable for dryland crops, an official brochure from the BLM states. Some of the land is estimated to produce 22 bushels of wheat per acre.

Contiguous land owners will have preferential rights to bid

on the land. They must pay at least the highest bid, or three times the appraised value, whichever is less, Anderson said.

A map showing the locations of all the tracts is in the office of County Judge Paul Jones, the judge said.

"There appears to be no good locations for mountain cabins," he noted.

At the meeting, Anderson also spoke on the general topic of the BLM, telling how it was formed and its main functions.

About 12.8 million acres of land is classified as multiple use land under the BLM's program, he said, the bulk of it being in the southeast corner of the state.

He noted the BLM is constantly disposing of federal lands. More than 75,000 acres have been disposed of in the past three years, he said, with the biggest block being the Boardman sale two years ago.

Mustangs Travel, Cards at Home for Games

Heppner hits the road for the first time and lone is at home for the first time as the Mustangs and Cards face the third game of the football season this week-end.

Both teams are coming off losses. Heppner was downed by Enterprise 14-0, here last Friday, while lone was wallowed by Arlington, 54-6, the same day.

The Mustangs travel to Condon Saturday afternoon for a 2 p.m. encounter with the Blue Devils, while the Cards entertain Mt. Vernon at 2 Friday afternoon.

Mustang head coach Ed Hiemstra, both pleased and displeased by his club's showing last week-end has concentrated on punting this week in drills. Poor punting kept the team in the hole against Enterprise last Friday night.

"I was pleased with some facets of the game," Hiemstra said, "but we weren't consistent enough."

Pass protection was good, he said. The Mustangs will be back at almost full strength, after missing several players last week.

John McCabe, who has been seeing limited action thus far, will be ready to go against the Blue Devils, Hiemstra said. Dean Wright, who suffered a massive chest injury against Elgin in the first game, will be stringer, but still cannot throw from the quarterback position, the coach said.

Gary Watkins, a sophomore who played that position last week, will again start at quarterback.

John Harris, senior center, is still out of action from a shoulder injury, and may not play for the rest of the year.

The Blue Devils will throw a 218-pound halfback at the Mustangs in the person of Grant Weatherford, a junior.

He is led by a 225-pound full-back Dan Boyer, a senior. Both are expected to give the Mustang defense plenty to do.

The Blue Devils lost to Sherman, 18-6, in their season start last Friday.

The Mustang defense will be led by Bruce Marquardt at middle guard, who was transformed into the line in last week's contest.

He will be flanked by Matt Murray and Lee Huson at ends and Hal Bergstrom and Rick Marquardt at tackles.

In the Mustang secondary,

Bill Greenup, Rory Stillman and Dean Wright are listed as probable linebackers.

Watkins and John Hall will start at halfbacks, with McCabe set to go at safety.

Kevin Dick, Mike Hedman and Terry Hughes will probably see plenty of action, Hiemstra said.

lone came out of their lacing with no real injuries, and will be at full strength against Mt. Vernon.

"We've been working on defense a little bit," Cardinal head coach Gordon Meyers said. "We weren't aggressive enough

against Arlington." Mt. Vernon is coming off a loss to Wheeler county last week-end.

With both the Cards and the Bears winless, one won't stay that way after the Friday game.

"We need to get one under our belts," Meyers said.

The coach will stick with his same offensive lineup that has started the previous games.

Clint Krebs will open at center, with guards Ron Christopherson and Rick Barnett and ends Scott Wilson and Nick Marick.

Dick Snider will start at quarterback, with Doug Beggs and Herb Ekstrom at halfbacks. Beggs scored the Cards' only touchdown last week on an 80-yard run.

On defense, Meyers will go with Gene Crowell and Marick at guards, Snider and Ekstrom at ends, Barnett and Wilson at linebackers and Beggs and Joe McElligott at halfbacks.

Farm Deferral Ups Morrow Tax Rates

Farm deferral will cause increases in taxes throughout Morrow county, according to special assessor Mrs. Joyce Ritch.

Tax rates have been compiled for the county, and will be in effect when taxpayers receive their statements sometime after October 31.

The rates for the 22 code areas in the county were figured last week.

Under the farm deferral program, \$11,033,330 was lost in appraised valuation for the 1969-70 tax base, according to Mrs. Ritch.

The farm deferral program makes allowances for land used for farming.

With the deferral, the burden is shifted to taxpayers other than farmers, the assessor explained.

The greatest increase in taxes in the county will be in the Boardman area.

There, and in three surrounding code areas, taxes will in-

crease as persons are levied for the first time for the operations of the newly-formed Boardman Park district.

Those taxes will be up \$2.50, increasing last year's figure to this year's total of \$23.42.

In Heppner, the rate is increased by \$1.36 to \$24.63. This is the lowest increase in the county, although it is matched by the rate at Hardman, also up \$1.36 to \$17.18.

Elsewhere in the county, Irri-gon showed the next largest increase. Taxpayers there will pay a rate of \$19.96, up \$1.92 from a year ago.

At lone, the rate increase of \$1.57 brings the rate up to \$17.72. Lexington taxpayers will have an increase of \$1.48, placing their rate at \$19.09.

All code rates have been figured, but the actual loss or gain in tax money has not been figured.

Although tax money is lost on the farm deferral program, it is also gained in other ways.

HHS Publications Get Four Awards

Trophies for best news photo and yearbook layout were awarded to Heppner High at the Eastern Oregon Press Conference last Saturday. Two second places were also received by the publications.

The photograph was a football action shot by Vernon Fredrickson. One second place was for a feature story written by Larry Pettyjohn. The other certificate cited the yearbook photographs.

The conference is held annually in the fall at Pendleton High school. Journalism students from high schools all over Eastern Oregon are invited. La Grande, Pendleton, Hermiston and Condon were among the schools represented this year.

At the conference students divided into three major divisions.

David Raynolds, evening school director at Blue Mountain Community College, has announced that the college will offer 27 evening classes in 8 different localities starting the last week in September. Brochures giving details of the courses have been sent to 3,300 persons on the evening school mailing list.

Starting dates of classes to be held in Pendleton are: accounting 1, advanced computer programming, private pilot ground school, and ceramics, September 30; painting and history of western civilization, October 1; introduction to computer programming and tailoring, October 2; psychology, October 6; basic sewing and medical terminology, October 7; typing and high school equivalency preparation, October 13; welding, October 21. Link trainer time will be arranged.

Three courses are being offered in Milton-Freewater. Basic sewing is scheduled to start September 29, farm hydraulics October 16, and a course in art principles in flower arrangement in the near future.

Three courses are also being offered in Hermiston. Accounting 1 and high school equivalency preparation will start October 6. Analysis of investments will start October 15.

A painting class will start at Lexington September 25, and a course in horse management will be held in Heppner, starting date to be arranged. A painting class started in

Ukiah September 17. An intermediate sewing class will be held in Adams starting October 1. This class meets in the morning from 9:30 to 12:30 in the Ladies Club Room. An advanced sewing class will

Speakers to Discuss Development Plans

Program speakers at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting on Monday will be B. C. Christensen of the Walla Walla office and Bud Ossey of the Portland office of the U. S. Corps of Engineers. Each is head of the reservoir planning section of corps at his office.

They will discuss plans for developments along Lake Umatilla in North Morrow county, it is announced by Mrs. Aron Melby, program chairman.

Drivers License Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner, Tuesday, October 7, 1969, at the Courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

meet in Pilot Rock starting October 9.

On October 14 a farm hydraulics class will meet at Stanfield High school.

Class time is 7:00 p.m. except as noted. Students may enroll, pay fees, and buy books at the first class session. All classes are contingent upon a membership of at least ten per class. Local schools assist Blue Mountain Community College by giving details of courses taught in their area. For information about courses in Milton-Freewater, call 338-3347; in Hermiston call 567-8311; Heppner, 676-9138; Stanfield 449-3345. The evening division of the college may be contacted at 276-1260, extension 57.

Route 2 Patrons Get Earlier Mail

Patrons served by Star Route 2 from the Heppner Post Office are now receiving their mail about 40 minutes earlier. Postmaster Jim Driscoll announced the route will now originate from the office at 9:20 a.m. instead of 10, he said.

The route serves patrons north of Heppner and in the Butter creek area, according to Driscoll.

Route 1 will remain the same for the time being, the postmaster said, but an application asking earlier delivery time is expected to be approved for that route, also, Driscoll said.