

New Flood Alarms Here

At the Tuesday evening flood meeting at City Hall, Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine suggested new temporary Flood Warnings here.

An alert is one BLAST from the fire horn for count of 20.

Signal for a flood and evacuation is one continual blast from the fire horn.

Signal for Fire will be blast with pauses between the blasts.

On Monday noon there will be a test blast, as usual. These are temporary warning signals.

Drills and tests are planned soon to see how long it takes to get Heppner evacuated in case of flood. Mayor Bill Collins urges everyone to be calm. Every effort will be made to help the elderly. All are asked to please cooperate with the volunteers who are trying to help save lives.

Engineers Tally Pipe Move Costs

Mayor Bill Collins informed the G-T yesterday that the engineers have come up with their estimate of the cost of relocating the sewer and water lines on Cannon Street. Some of them cross Shobe Canyon and lie parallel right along the canyon so that the widening and deepening of the channel cannot proceed until the pipe work is done.

The City Council has accepted the engineers' recommendation that the relocation of the pipes be done. Estimated cost is \$15,000. The Council was advised that it may be possible to secure an FHA grant for one half the cost. Mayor Collins got the ball rolling yesterday in applying for this grant.

Channel Cleaning
Channel cleaning and emergency temporary work has been accepted under Section 208 of the Flood Control Act and the

U. S. Army Engineers are awaiting approval from the Oregon State Environmental Committee.

The City of Heppner will pay for new bridges, relocating the utilities obtain easements and rights-of-way and releases of liability. These legal things are all required before the Army Corps of Engineers will lift a finger.

At the City's urging, contractors are studying figures and will present costs of fixing up the swimming pool.

The Mayor and Council are doing all possible to expedite all the work needed for the Shobe Canyon project within Heppner.

Red Cross Sends Over \$10,000

The Inland Empire division of the American Red Cross working with Mrs. Jerry Sweeney, representing the local chapter, to help those who sustained flood damage has closed the accounts.

A total of \$10,589.07 was spent to re-establish families back into their homes following the flood on May 25.

Need — not loss is the basis upon which the Red Cross gives assistance to disaster victims. Amounts paid out and committed: Food clothing and maintenance \$141.66. Building and Repair \$4221.59. This includes furnaces, hot water heaters and restoring electrical services to homes. Household furnishings \$5427.88. This includes washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and furniture. Occupational supplies \$797.94.

The day after the flood the Red Cross had four workers in to start assistance. A disaster affecting less than five families is considered a community responsibility. If five families or more are affected it becomes a Red Cross responsibility.

As the need for fewer workers became apparent, they returned home. Clint Prior stayed until the end of the first week. Mrs. Jerry Sweeney whose husband is Morrow County's Red Cross disaster chairman, took over the work as liaison between the local people still needing help and the Red Cross Division headquarters. She was in contact with the Spokane office repeatedly.

The money from the National Red Cross was deposited here under a special Flood Fund account and Rose Marie Buschke, Morrow County Red Cross treasurer, has written the checks. Fifty dollars were donated by three local families to the Flood Fund account.

Gordon Prout Is 1961 Class Reunion Speaker

Gordon Prout, principal of Heppner High School in 1961 will be here for the class of 1961 Reunion this Saturday. He will speak at the banquet to be held at the Elks Club.

Registration will be held at 7 p.m., followed by a social hour, banquet, program and dancing.

A family picnic is planned for Sunday. The place will be voted upon at the banquet.

Working on the get-together have been Shirley Van Winkle George (Mrs. Kit George) and Marlene Griffin Gray (Mrs. Mike Gray), both of Heppner; Doris Morris Brown (Mrs. Dan Brosnan) of Newport and Fernie Albert Healy (Mrs. Mike Healy), Expected.

Charles Smallwood is coming from Hawaii for the reunion and already here from Texas is Robert Michaels.

Decorations on the banquet tables will be trophies, plaques and other memorabilia from their high school years.



VIRGINIA WILKINSON

Virginia Wilkinson Is Installed Worthy Grand Matron

Installation of new officers Wednesday climaxed the 82nd Annual Session of Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of Eastern Star, at the Memorial Coliseum, Portland.

Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, Heppner, is now Worthy Grand Matron with Karl Wippen, Turner, seated as Worthy Grand Patron.

The new WGM was installed in Ruth Chapter No. 32 in 1947 and has served in a variety of local and state OES offices. Mrs. Wilkinson has served many years with Rainbow for Girls advisory board of Oregon.

Karl Wippen who has been a farmer and sheep breeder at Turner all his life was initiated in Victoria Chapter at Turner in 1946 and has served four times as Worthy Patron and several years on state office committees of OES. Wippen has also served for the past 26 years as a school board member, served on the Marion County Fair Board for 17 years and has served on advisory boards of both DeMolay for boys and Rainbow for girls.

Other newly installed officers for the following year are: Mrs. George Ristols, associate grand matron; Lester Langdon, associate grand matron; Mrs. Clarence Miller, secretary; Mrs. Elbert Bateman, treasurer; Mrs. Lewis Rose, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, Associate grand conductress and Merrill Stanley, Sentinel.

Kinzua Official To Speak Here

Feature of next Monday's luncheon meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce is Allen Nistad.

Mr. Nistad of the Kinzua Corp. will have some good news about the new veneer plant which will start production here next October.

Road Work Approved

The Oregon State Highway Commission Tuesday approved a survey on the Pieper Canyon Road-Bunker Hill Road Section of the Heppner Highway.

The project is 4.51 miles in length and estimated to cost \$500,000, including the cost for the right-of-way. The State Highway Engineer has recommended that the project be let this fall.

Kick-Off Dance Saturday Here

88th Year

Price 10 Cents

GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
White Wheat (July delivery) 1.55
Red Wheat (Ordinary) 1.60
Barley 42.00

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Budget Adopted—City to Work on Supplemental Budget For Flood Damages

In Mr. Sweeney's Budget Officer's message, he said, "Heppner for the past several years has been in an enviable position economically because of its ability to provide necessary city services within the 6% limitation. However, a loss in population creating a drop of approximately \$4,000 in State Street, Liquor and Cigarette revenues, plus increasing costs in all departments has created a very different picture for 1971-72. We have had to trim, eliminate and juggle in order to come within the 6%.

The reduced census became effective during our fiscal year so receipts so far are down a small amount. We have used more of our carryover than usual. The cash on hand as of March 31, 1971 cannot be used as much of a basis, it has to cover operating expenses for three more months of the present budget, a pump for Well No. 5, street paving and carryover to the receipt of taxes in November. The balance on hand in the General Fund covers General Government, Swimming Pool, Sanitary Department, Police Department, Fire Department and Library.

Total Receipts
Total receipts were shown at \$49,775. Many sources of revenue were estimated to be the same as last year. These were licenses and fees, fines and forfeitures, Rural Fire Protection District, transfer from Sewer Operating for pro rata expenses.

Revenues estimated to be lower next year: Liquor revenues, cigarette revenues, Dividends from State Accident Insurance Fund and Gas Tax refund.

Revenues estimated to be higher: Parking meters and permits, Franchises with Columbia Basin and Pacific Northwest Bell, Library fines.

At a Budget Hearing Monday evening, it was voted to accept the budget as prepared.

Events since the publishing of the budget have altered the plans the city had for street construction and introduced new ones necessary to rebuild the swimming pool, bridges and do channel work.

The auditor had advised passing this budget and then further advised Council to prepare a supplemental budget to cover the swimming pool, bridges and channel work. This is the plan of Council as soon as estimates for the necessary repairs and construction are completed. This budget will be presented for a vote of the people.

The channel work will call for a change of the utility lines. The City may get 50% help from FHA to do this. They are working with RC & D and the Corps of Engineers. There is a possibility the Corps may come in with some of their emergency money for temporary flood control measures.

The city reviewed some of the improvements to the creek channels, bridges and other improvements done over the last several years to prevent flooding in the event of sudden water.

Council voted to approve the zoning change from Agriculture to Residential for the Rasmussen-Lott addition. They tabled until the next regular meeting, the request that the plat be accepted as a sub-division to the city. Under question was who was to pay for streets, sidewalks, curbs, sewer and water lines. The sewer blue prints were given to the sewer committee for study.

Mr. Groshens reported McCormach had examined the pool and would submit three prices by the next regular council meeting. They would be for repair of the bath house to the original specifications and for the pool to sand blast, sand blast and paint or sand blast and recast. Vic said he had another contractor coming in to examine the pool Tuesday morning.



BILLY BELLAMY

American Farmer Degree Goes to Billy Bellamy

Billy Bellamy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bellamy of Heppner, is one of only six in Oregon to win the coveted American Farmer degree. A junior at Oregon State University and an agriculture education major, Billy will go to the National FFA Convention in October at Kansas City.

He has the State Farmer degree and was a state officer (sentinel). He has belonged to Future Farmer chapters for some seven years.

The American Farmer degree is based on leadership. His project covered 30 sows, 10 head of Hereford cattle and work experience at Moro Grain Growers.

Heppner High Honor Roll

The Heppner High honor roll for the 4th nine weeks, second semester has just been announced. First figure shown in each case is for the 4th nine weeks and the second figure is for the second semester:

SENIORS	9 wks.	Sem.
Julie Ayres	4.00*	4.00*
Judy Barclay	3.33	3.33
Denise Bloodsworth	3.66	3.33
Valerie Boyer	4.00*	4.00*
John Currin	4.00*	3.50
Diana Cutsforth	4.00*	3.83
Becky Doherty	3.80	3.80
Gwen Drake	4.00*	4.00*
Susan French	3.80	4.00*
John Hall	3.71	3.71
James Healy	3.66	3.50
Terry Hughes	3.33	3.33
Randy Hughes	3.50	3.50
Pam Johnston	3.66	3.66
Brenda Kerns	4.00*	4.00*
Bruce Marquardt	3.50	3.50
Mary A. O'Donnell	3.33	3.33
DeeAnn Pettyjohn	3.83	3.83
Terry Pettyjohn	3.33	3.50
Tana Rauch	3.33	3.33
Norm Sherman	3.83	3.66
Jamie Smith	3.33	3.33
Elizabeth Stephen	3.33	3.33
Kathy Sweeney	3.60	3.40
Christie Taylor	3.83	3.66
Glenda Kay	3.33	3.33
Van Winkle	3.50	3.50
Karla Weatherford	3.66	3.50
Sarah Witherrite	3.83	3.66
Robert Worden	3.50	3.57
Marcia Young	3.80	3.60

JUNIORS	9 wks.	Sem.
Elizabeth Abrams	3.42	3.42
Doylv Alderman	3.50	3.66
Barbara Allstott	3.66	3.83
Kathleen Ayres	3.50	3.50
Jeanne Daly	3.83	4.00*
June Ledbetter	3.33	3.33
Patty Luciani	3.33	3.66
Billee Marquardt	3.60	3.60
Dianne Mills	3.57	3.57
Craig Munkers	3.50	3.33
Charles Pointer	3.50	3.33
Steven Rhea	3.50	3.33
Jill Rugg	3.33	3.33
John Sumner	3.66	3.83
Susan Wilson	3.50	3.66
Shelley Wolff	3.80	3.80

SOPHOMORES	9 wks.	Sem.
Mary Abrams	3.83	3.83
Kathleen Bartlett	4.00*	3.66
Kerry Coppock	3.66	3.33
Dianne Cox	3.33	3.66
Todd Cox	3.33	3.33
Janet Gentry	3.33	3.33
Dale Hedman	3.66	3.66
Bill Jepsen	3.83	3.83
Bobette Jones	3.33	3.33
Luanne Kelly	3.83	3.66
Sherry Kemp	3.33	3.33

County Flood Control Committee Named

Judge Paul Jones called for a show of hands at Monday's meeting at the Courthouse to determine if the group present wanted to vote on a committee or have them named. They preferred the latter and he named 8 citizens to the steering committee to study formation of a Water Control District in this area. Named were Mrs. Jim Hager, Bob Laughlin, Marcel Jones, Claude Buschke, Ed Dick, Clarence Rosewall, Mrs. Jerry Rood, Clyde Allstott.

The naming of the steering committee followed a talk by Quentin Bowman of Salem. He is water resources field representative of the State Water Resources Board. He told in considerable detail of the mechanics of forming a water control district. This would be principally for flood control for this area.

Under Oregon laws a landowner or water users committee should organize to select tentative boundaries for the district. The attorney prepares a petition which must be signed by 30% of the owners of the private land and presented to the County Court. The Court files the petition and publishes an order for the first hearing. Within 30 days of the first publication a counter petition with owners representing 50% of the private lands can be filed with the Court against District formation. If so, Court dismisses petition and revokes the order for the hearing.

Hearing before the court requires 30 days notice. After

hearing, Court establishes proposed district boundaries. A final hearing with 30 to 50 days notice is held and declared if there is an election request from owners of 20% of the private land, then there is an election after 4 weeks publishing.

A Board of 5, 7 or 9 members would conduct the business of the Water Control District.

A maximum tax of 2 mills for three years would probably be used for the preliminary. Later an ad valorem tax could be used for funds for needed work. The City Council would have to approve the admission of local lands into the proposed district.

Mr. Bowman recommends business like methods and continuity. Judge Jones stated the County was ready to cooperate and Mayor Bill Collins told of the City's work with the Corps of Engineers and the RC & D. Proposals are being prepared by the Soil Conservation engineers to alleviate much of the flood threat from Upper Shobe Canyon.

The steering committee met Tuesday and elected officers: chairman is Mrs. Jim Hager; Bob Laughlin is vice chairman; Mrs. Jerry Rood is secretary and Clarence Rosewall is treasurer.

The committee is studying the situation and will figure a perimeter for the proposed Water Control district. This would then be followed by preparation of a petition.

The committee will meet next Tuesday in the conference room of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building.

Mrs. Hager said \$850 was in the bank in donations to the Flood Fund. She said she is sure \$375 is coming in soon.

Dr. Wagner Plane Missing in California

Dr. Clifford Wagner who practiced medicine in Heppner for about 15 years is missing on an airplane flight the evening of May 31. Dr. Wagner was accompanied by his wife, Pat; a 14 year old daughter, Lora; and a 21 month old son, Curtis.

A call to his office in Yuba City, Calif., showed that the plane had left Goldfield, Nev., about supper time May 31. They had been in radio contact with Stockton, Calif., for weather information several times. The last time they were on the wrong frequency about an hour and a half later and were not heard from again.

Intensive searches have been in progress in the high Sierras, in the Yosemite area and in many parts of the foothills. His son, Dr. Bill Wagner, is continuing searching on his own.

Proceeds From Races For Meadowood

The Midget Races sponsored by the Elks at the Umatilla Speedway this Saturday is a Meadowood Springs Speech Camp benefit. Elks of the area are putting up the purse to bring in the cars. Time trials are set for 7 p.m.

NEW DRAFT BOARD HOURS TOLD

Local Board No. 31 will have new hours. Starting June 29 the Board will be open two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	H1	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	73	39	—
Thursday	74	42	—
Friday	72	53	.14
Saturday	77	47	—
Sunday	84	56	.02
Monday	86	50	—
Tuesday	96	56	—

The big night that kicks off rodeo season here in Heppner is Saturday night, June 26, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds pavilion.

The big Kick Off Dance will have tuneable music provided by the Western Gentlemen.

Come on out and meet the lovely Queen and Court of the annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

The 1971 Court is composed of Queen Michelle Miller, Princesses Dovie Alderman, Jan Schlichting, Jeanne Daly and Jeri Snow.

Mrs. Bob Peterson is chaperone. Dance chairman is Joe Yocom.

All are cordially invited to come and bring all your friends for a good time.

Chamber Meets Royal Court

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at their Monday luncheon at the Waggon Wheel had the honor of meeting the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo royal court. President Gene Pierce introduced Mrs. Bob Peterson, the chaperone, who in turn introduced Queen Michelle Miller who acted as MC for the occasion.

Gracious Queen Michelle, resplendent in her brilliant white outfit, first introduced Princess Jeri Snow. She told of the Court's visit to the Arlington Rodeo and parade, and the related activities. She and the other princesses were attired in outfits of a lovely shade of blue.

Princess Jan Schlichting told the group of their appearance on May 8 in the Milton-Freewater Fea Festival annual parade and many activities there.

Princess Dovie Alderman told of the Spray Rodeo and parade. She had been a member of the Spray Rodeo Court last year.

Princess Jeanne Daly told her listeners about the annual college rodeo held here in May and about the grand entry.

Mrs. Peterson added a lovely accent to the outfits of the Royal Court with handbags she had made each of the girls. The one for Queen Michelle is white; and the princesses, blue. They are adorned with a miniature of a leather boot.

Queen Michelle told of the recent Morrow County Junior Rodeo held here and about their appearance at the Umatilla Sage Riders Rodeo.

She told the group about plans for awards for the 1971 Morrow County Rodeo. Morrow County Grain Growers and Padberg Machinery Co., will give gift certificates this year instead of saddles.

The Court made an afternoon visit Monday to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Milton Morgan Reappointed

Milton Morgan of Ione has been reappointed to a second five-year term on the Oregon Wheat Commission by Governor Tom McCall to be effective July 1.

Currently chairman of the commission, Mr. Morgan is past president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and is chairman of the Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement Association.

Mini-Editorial

We have heard a time or two of objections to fixing up the swimming pool. It has been said that had the flood struck when the pool was full of kids, we would have had a major disaster.

It has been the policy of the City to immediately send the children and the pool personnel home and to close the pool at the first sign of storm clouds. This practice has been in effect as long as Heppner has had a pool. The City and its good citizens have a substantial investment in the pool and \$90,000 is still owed. Replacing the pool would be upwards of \$125,000 to as much as \$150,000, very likely. Repair costs are not yet known but may run under \$10,000.

Heppner needs its swimming pool. We are confident that the work on Shobe Canyon will be done. It MUST be done. Surely these things will eliminate much of the flood threat in the area affected by Shobe Creek and, we can hope, assure us of a safer city.

FOR SUMMER READING

Heppner High School Library will be open every Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for use by the public.