

Land acquisition, road relocation

\$455,000 for Willow Creek Dam

The Willow Creek Project will receive \$455,000 for land acquisition and road relocation under an amendment offered by Sen. Mark Hatfield to the Public Works Appropriations Bill. Sen. Hatfield told the Gazette-Times by phone Thursday from Washington. \$390,000 of the total goes for land acquisition, \$65,000 for road relocation.

Hatfield said the add-on was approved Thursday morning by the Senate Appropriations Committee. He is the ranking Republican on the Public Works Sub-Committee. The add-on must still be approved by the full Senate and by a conference committee with the House. Hatfield will be a member of the conference committee.

"I will be pushing hard for keeping this appropriation in conference," he said. "Public works dollars are an investment in the future of our state."

The money is spent and resented in each community, and nothing but good comes from it."

Hatfield said that flood damage in the Heppner area has been so severe in the past that he had made this a "top priority" for additional funding.

A total of \$141 million for public works projects was approved Thursday, of which \$11.5 million was budget additions for Oregon and Oregon-Washington power projects.

At Monday's Chamber of Commerce meeting, President Leroy Gardner read a letter from Cong. Al Ullman acknowledging receipt of the chamber's letter of support for Willow Creek Dam. Ullman in his letter assured the Chamber of Commerce of his interest in getting the Corps of Engineers to begin construction of the dam.

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School board

Three resign, three hired

The Morrow County School District board accepted three resignations from the school system Monday night, but not without criticizing a teacher for resigning after June 1.

Ray Maynard, math, track coach and 7th grade basketball coach at Heppner elementary school, submitted his resignation on June 22, whereas it has been understood that all resignations should be submitted by June 1 to prevent, as Supt. Ron Daniels pointed out, the "hiring of teachers all summer."

However, replacement personnel was found to replace the three resigned employees, and all three resignations were accepted on a 4-1 vote.

The other resignations were Lynn Killpack, industrial arts teacher and assistant football coach at Ione, and Dolores Pummel, head cook at Riverside.

The three accepted for employment are: Mrs. Cathy Terney, Eastern Oregon College, 1970, who will teach English at Heppner Junior High; Edward Sherman, Eastern Oregon College, 1973 math, assistant basketball and track coach, Heppner Junior High; and Marvin Peterson, Washington State College, 1973, industrial arts at Ione. This completes the certificated staff for 1973-74 term.

In other business, the board elected Dr. Wallace Wolf chairman and John Matthews, vice-chairman.

Heard the superintendent's report that there will be an estimated \$88,000 carryover of funds to the 1974-75 budget, \$36,000 over the anticipated amount.

Accepted a bid from Standard Oil Co. for bulk delivery of gasoline at Ione, Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman; Morrow County Grain Growers for fuel oil; General Tire Service for anti-freeze; Western Fuel, Pasco, for PS 300 fuel oil; and Gene's Chevron and Kuhn's Union 76 for oil and bus supplies. All bids were up from last year's prices.

Louis Carlson's bid of 36 cents per mile for the 42-mile Gooseberry-Valley bus contract run was passed over until the August meeting. Carryover contracts of Lois Hunt, Nolan-Campbell-Harrison run, 315 cents per mile; and Adon Hamlett, Ione-Cecil-Morgan, 23 cents per mile, are still in effect.

There was a change in the 1973-74 school calendar. Student days were reduced from 177 to 175 days in order to free teachers for in-service training. There are 186 contract days for teachers.

Robert Abrams was approved as district attorney for the next year, with a boost in the retainer fee of \$75 per month to \$100 per month.

The First National Bank and Bank of Eastern Oregon were certified as school district depositories.

Considerable discussion was given to new legislation affect-

ing schools, including Senate Bill 15, the open meeting law now in effect. The board expressed no concern at having the press present at personnel and executive meetings provided the press would use information gained in such meetings so as not to embarrass or injure either the district or any person under discussion.

The bill authorizing collective bargaining for all school district employees was discussed at length, with Supt. Daniels pointing out the procedures, and pitfalls almost sure to follow.

Also discussed were new graduation requirements, applicable to the class of 1978, setting up new standards "to prepare all students for life rather than some students for college."

Four new course plans for all classes were announced: citizenship education, separation of physical education and health requirements, personal finance and career education.

Taxpayers got some cheerful news. The Oregon State Board of Education notified Supt. Daniels on July 10 that the basic school support money for the district has been increased by \$65,728.34 over the previous estimate. This means that the county assessor will reduce the tax levy on property owners in the district to reflect the additional funds.

Only 150 attend 'Fair'

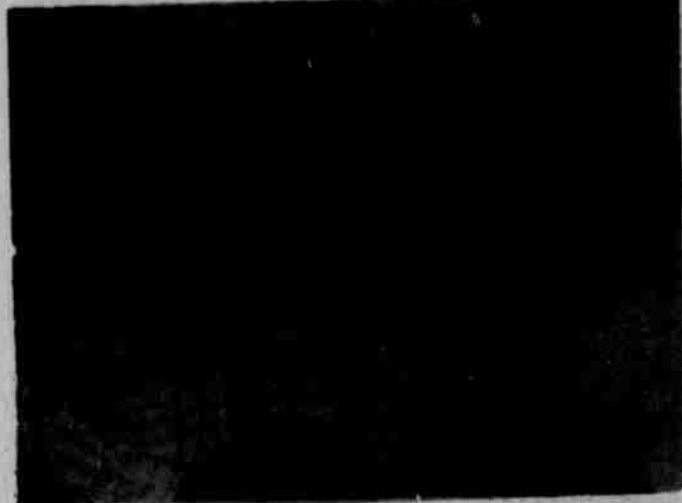
The first Health Fair for Heppner was held over the weekend, and was attended by 150 persons.

Staff of the Health Fair is made up of college students attending medical or pre-medical colleges. The four-man team here consisted of Fred Purdy, Dave Jones, Stan Avery and Tom Pong. They are working out of Portland during the summer.

The staff is all volunteer work. During the course of the summer 17 such fairs are put on in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to bring dental and medical services to the people.

The medical students explained to visitors the care of teeth, balanced diets, blood and urine samples, cancer symptoms, drug use and other medically approved information for maintenance of healthy bodies.

The affair was funded by the United Presbyterian Church, and is under the guidance of the Oregon State Health Division and sponsored locally by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner.



Allen Hughes, Heppner, has his blood pressure checked by Dave Jones, medical student at the Health Fair.



Peggy Schlichting, Heppner, has blood sample taken by Mary Jo Lindstrom, R.N., during the Health Fair.

Sweeney explains city charter's revision

Mike Sweeney, law clerk for Attorney Bob Abrams, told Chamber of Commerce members Monday about the old and new charter for Heppner.

Heppner's city charter, approved in 1918, is in the process of being revised and updated. It will be submitted to the city council for approval in a few days, after which it must be voted on by residents.

Sweeney gave a short history of city charters, and cited the necessity of updating them to keep pace with changing conditions.

"Like the constitution, city charters must be broad enough to permit change without having to re-write them," he said. "Growth necessitates changes in the charter because it presents special problems. Issues were small in 1918; not so today."

He observed that the old charter is too specific to be workable today—all powers of the city were enumerated in detail—and is too long and cumbersome.

"Any charter that it takes more than one hour to read is a bad one," he said. Sweeney was thrown into the "speaker's breach" when the scheduled speaker failed to appear at the Monday luncheon.

President Leroy Gardner read a letter from Cong. Al Ullman acknowledging receipt of a communication from the chamber supporting the Willow Creek Dam project.

Fair Court wins again

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court took first place in the court competition at the Elgin Rodeo last week.

Competition was stiff, with 19 courts entered for the judging. Pioneer Posse was second and Tumbleweed Rodeo Court, third. The \$30 first place check will go toward the Chief Joseph Days expenses.

The court especially enjoys the grand entry at Elgin where they can enter at full speed. The show is noted for its "somethings happening all the time." Most exciting is the annual Suicide Race.

The girls had danced late Saturday night, but were ready to go at 4:30 a.m. after spending the night at the home of Princess Patricia Hughes.

Water restrictions imposed; all users affected

Mild restrictions have been placed on the use of city water in Heppner, and they are effective immediately.

The city council ordered restrictions on lawn and gardening watering at a special meeting Wednesday night.

The temporary rules do not apply to normal household use. All city water users are affected, and the order is in effect seven days a week until further notice.

Lawns and garden watering will be permitted every other day, and the schedule is as follows:

Water users on the East side of Main street will be permitted to irrigate lawns and gardens on odd dates on the calendar; and,

Water users on the West side of Main Street will irrigate on

even dates on the calendar. These restrictions are for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney warned the "water situation in Heppner is very critical, and if we lose Wells No. 2 and 5, the city is out of water."

He explained that the present limitations are temporary, and are imposed as a "precautionary measure."

The first water shortage in 25 years in Heppner has been created, Mayor Jerry Sweeney says, by "growing pains" increased water usage, and a water table level that declines at an average rate of one and one-half feet a year.

Much of the blame can be traced to an inadequate water distribution system with under-size mains and poorly laid out "loops" that impede

rather than facilitate adequate water supplies at an acceptable pressure per square inch.

Bert Corbin, public works superintendent for the City of Heppner, points out that the city has four wells, numbered 2 through 5.

Well No. 2 is located 12 miles outside the city limits on the North Fork of Willow Creek. Both wells have 8-inch water lines, and are tied together at well No. 5.

Only Wells No. 2 and 5 can be operated now at any degree of efficiency.

Corbin explained why. At Well No. 3, seven miles from the city, the water pressure per square inch (psi) measures 106 pounds. But by the time the water reaches the city limits the psi drops to 42 pounds.

No. 4 on the Wilkerson Ranch has a starting pressure of 75 psi when No. 2 and 5 and pumping at 850 gallons per minute (gpm). Wells 3 and 4 cannot increase the pressure because they are not designed to pump against any head resistance. Well 5 can operate at 500 gpm and Well 2 at 400 gpm, and when they do, the flow of No. 5 drops to 450 gpm. This indicates improper distribution within the main lines, Corbin explained.

Recently the line was tested to find how much pressure could be added before rupturing the pipe. The only sections that ruptured were between Wells 2 and 5.

For this reason, Corbin believes, there is no way of saving the Wilkerson Ranch well.

At Well 4, with Wells 2 and 5 pumping 400 and 450 gpm respectively, and with Well 3 open, the input from Well 3 was zero.

When Well 4 is opened, the input to the main line was only 100 gpm after 17 minutes of continuous pumping "against the head" of the 8-inch.

"We cannot get enough water to Wells 3 and 4 to regulate the pressure in the line," Corbin said. However, he added, this isn't the problem.

During the present emer-

gency, Corbin in continually regulating the line pressure by the use of existing valves, trying to maintain 50 psi in the main lines within the city limits.

At present, the valve at the high school is being used to regulate pressure in the higher areas.

Part of the problem within the city limits has to do with the size of existing water mains. Most feeder mains inside city limits are 8-inch lines, and these lines are tied together with 3-inch lines.

Because of this existing loop, the only way to maintain pressure is by trying to increase the volume of water. But the 3-inch lines restrict the amount of water necessary to maintain proper flow.

What can be done to solve Heppner's water problem, how long it will take, and what the cost to taxpayers will be are questions of concern at city hall—and questions residents will be called upon to answer in the near future.

There are two solutions to relieve the present water shortage. First, a volume pump could be installed at Wilkerson Ranch to increase the pressure on the lower end of the mains serving residents in the city limits. Estimated cost, \$2,000.

It could be installed in one day, but it could take two to

CARELESS DRIVING CITATION ISSUED

Dana Alan Sweek, 18, 405 Water St., Heppner, was cited by the Heppner City Police for careless driving, July 19.

Sweek was cited on May Street, and was scheduled to appear at the City Hall July 25, at 10 a.m. Bail was set at \$53.

Boy clobbered by combine

When Tom Crawford, 16, goes back to Eugene he can tell his friends how it feels to get run over by a combine.

The boy has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Dalzell, during the current wheat harvest. He climbed upon the combine, his foot slipped, the combine started and caught his foot under the

wheel. The machine ran over him, full-length.

Because the ground was soft, the boy was not seriously injured. He was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for treatment of head-to-foot bruises.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford, Eugene.



Last Sunday the Padbergs had a small picnic at Ione to introduce friends and relatives to Kriemhild Padberg of Germany. Above from the left, are Alvina, Kriemhild and Eileen Padberg.

Senator joins reunion

State Senator Kenneth Jernstedt, R-Hood River, has recently returned from Los Angeles where he attended a reunion of the famous World War II Flying Tigers.

The affair allows the 43 remaining pilots from the original group and their crews to reunite and discuss the

good, bad and dangerous times of WW II. Jernstedt was flight leader for the third pursuit squadron stationed in Burma.

Jernstedt said another reunion is scheduled in two years for the famous flying group.

Water district again supports dam proposal

The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District has informed U.S. Senators Robert Packwood and Mark Hatfield and Cong. Al Ullman of its full support of the Willow Creek Dam project.

Ken Turner, chairman of the district, wrote the lawmakers on July 18:

"The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District has been in support of the Willow Creek Dam project since its inception. At this time we wish to reaffirm our support and strongly urge that funding and construction be started as soon as possible.

"The flood peril that exists from the large Willow Creek

watershed is awesome. It is difficult to imagine the catastrophic effect if the total watershed were to receive a storm of the magnitude of the 1903, or even the 1971 storm.

"The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District board of supervisors is deeply concerned about the potential for loss of lives from flooding. The City of Heppner sits directly exposed in the flood plain. The peril is real, but also the psychological stigma is affecting the town's well being. Furthermore, Heppner's growth will amplify the hazard for loss of life.

"The Corps of Engineers' proposal, or alternative No. 4,

fills the community's major needs and desires at the present time. The basic concepts of proposal No. 4 seem adequate and therefore should be rapidly adopted so that construction can be expected."

JAPANESE ARRIVE FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Ten Japanese teenagers will arrive in Heppner by chartered bus Friday between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m.

They will stay at the park a short time in order to meet some of the people of Heppner.