



DEWEY WEST

Dewey West describes Boardman's relocation

At last Monday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Dewey West, Mayor of Boardman, was the principal speaker. Mayor West showed color movies he had taken during the past 13 years relating to the relocation of Boardman. The movies showed the existing town and its relocation to its present site two miles away; the installation of water and sewer mains; the building and relocation of the existing roads and other relocation construction. According to West, what most residents of Boardman disliked about the city's relocation was the removal of trees that surrounded the area.

The cities of Boardman and Arlington were relocated after the Corps of Engineers completed McNary Dam. In some sections of the "old town" there is now between 15-25 feet of water where the Columbia River has been diverted.

Also introduced as a guest was Jerry Huff, general loan officer for the First National Bank, who will take over the treasurer's post at the Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen C. Anderson, city engineer, will be the speaker on Nov. 26. Anderson will explain the distribution of city water and discuss the proposed bond election to be held Dec. 3. A question and answer period will follow.

\$7,000 cost increase

Fuel shortage upsets school budget

"This year we are faced with an increase of \$7,000 or more to our 1973-74 fuel budget," Ron Daniels, superintendent, told Morrow County school board trustees Monday night. Daniels pointed out that the price of gasoline and fuel oil has increased over the fuel budget for this year. This year the cost of gasoline increased 6.4 cents per gallon over last year. The board budgeted only a 2 per cent increase.

"Morrow County schools use 65,000 gallons of gasoline a year, with the 6.4 cent per gallon increase we are already over our budget by \$4,200," Daniels reported. He said there may be additional increases.

Another increase in the fuel budget in Morrow County Schools is for fuel oil used for heating. Last year the price bid for a barrel of PS 300 fuel oil was \$5.84, and this year it has increased to \$7.10.

The superintendent said all schools in the district, with the exception of Ione Elementary and Riverside High School, use approximately 2,500 barrels of fuel during the year. This means with the price of fuel at \$7.10, the budget is deficient \$3,150. This figure may also be subject to change.

"To help curb the cost of fuel and help conserve energy, the Morrow County School District has implemented programs," Daniels continued.

In all the schools, teachers and employees are asked to conserve energy by turning off lights, reducing thermostats, and using partial lighting.

The gymnasiums are open only one night a week.

During September the district saved more than 17 per

cent energy over last September, or \$265. In October, 2 per cent energy was saved, with an added saving of \$589 over October of last year.

Twenty-five parents presented a request to have the district include kindergarten as part of the elementary schools in the district.

The total cost of adding a kindergarten in the district is \$13,003 with the state paying \$7,800. This figure is based on a total of 75 kindergarten children in Heppner, Irrigon and

Ione. It also includes the cost of adding a teacher at Heppner and Irrigon, with lone readjusting its elementary staff to accommodate a kindergarten teacher.

The board moved to wait until it had a transportation report. Daniels will check into the cost of transportation and report at the December meeting.

Don Peterson, Ione, made a request to the board to establish a ski club in Heppner and Ione as a school related ac-

tivity. The request was made to enable the two ski clubs to pay a lower insurance rate on transportation. Presently, the clubs are subject to a \$50 insurance rate per day. As a school related activity, the cost would be between \$30 and \$40.

Peterson's request was approved and the ski clubs will have a school bus available to them and will be charged the operation cost and the lower insurance rate.

The board rejected a request by Columbia Basin to have a 20-foot easement to lay a power cable near the bus shed area. Columbia Basin wanted to put a 15 k.v. cable line underground. This line would be a main feeder line to serve the east side of Heppner.

The board appointed Bob Abrams, board attorney, to look into legal implications. He will report his findings at the December meeting.

"A meeting set for Nov. 27

at 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington district office will bring teachers and board members into negotiations on salaries," said Daniels.

Concluding the meeting, Pauline Winter, member of the board, announced her appointment to the 11-member board of the Oregon School Board Executive Committee. Mrs. Winter was appointed at the state convention of the Oregon School Board Association meeting last week in Portland.

Annual meeting

Wheat growers make recommendations

Farm employees in Morrow County will now pay \$8.50 per \$100 for workmen's compensation instead of paying up to \$16, Jack Sumner, state representative from District 55, told members of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League at their annual meeting last Wednesday night at the Parish Hall, Heppner.

House Bill 3216 states that the rate for workmen's compensation will be \$8.50 effective Oct. 1, 1973. The law will be repealed in 1976.

"This law arose from the high rates set by the national rating bureau," Sumner said. "Under the new HB 3216 all agriculture workers classed 006, general farm occupations, will be eligible for the new workmen's compensation rate."

This is a big relief to farm employees who were subject to rising high rates, the representative added.

Sumner also highlighted another subject of concern to

farmers in Morrow County. During this last legislature, HB 828 authorized an Oregon Feed Grain Commission to be established to help curb the high cost of feed, the livestock and poultry producers are facing.

"The feed grain commission would control a research program headed by Dr. Warren Kronstad, plant breeder at Oregon State University, to establish a low cost feed grain that producers could use," said Sumner. The commission would also place a tax fund on feed growers to produce lower feed grains.

"HB 828 was defeated during this last legislature," he said, "but in the future this bill and similar ones may be needed to help livestock and poultry producers fight the high cost of feed."

President of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League, Dick McElligott, Ione, presented the standing committee reports. These top-

ics for the committees were set at a fall workshop. The 10 committees met Tuesday night to discuss the topics. The decisions of each committee will be sent to the Oregon Wheat Growers League annual meeting in Portland in early December.

The first committee report was made by Louis Carlson. His committee on Wheat Use and Research Programs would recommend to the OWGL that OSU participate in nutritional programs for wheat such as food usage, industrial uses, feed uses and marketing promotion.

The Transportation Committee reported favorably on further rate reductions for Oregon counties served by Union Pacific. The committee also voted on the following: change HB 7200 which allows all retirement cost for employees passed on to shippers, an increase of 2 per cent for Ex Parte 295, and recommended legislature that would deal with transportation crisis such as Senator Packwood's Transportation Crisis Prevention Act of 1972.

Additional topics voted on included: opposition to HJR which would send highway funds generated in rural areas into mass transit to improve or establish urban transpor-

tation systems; improved navigational systems on the Columbia River and facilities at Bonneville in addition to improve truck loading facilities at all existing ports and at any new port facilities; and urged the OWGL to explore the legality of placing the demurrage charge for rail cars on the shipper instead of the producer.

Bev Doherty, Ione, was announced as Morrow County

Wheat Growers League Cake baking champion, and her cake along with other county winners will compete at the state meeting in December, according to Marge Morgan, who represented the Domestic Wheat Utilization Committee.

The committee also announced that cook books prepared by Gilliam and Morrow County wheat growers' wives are available.

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U. S. grant has a high priority

The Port of Morrow's application for a federal grant and loan under the Rural Development Act of 1972 is No. 1 in Oregon, stated Rupert Kennedy, port manager, Monday.

The funds would come through the Farmers Home Administration for a loan and grant for site development in the Port's food processing park east of Boardman.

The port is anxious to get under way with the project

since Gourmet Food Products, Inc., of Metolius has announced plans to build a \$5½ million potato processing plant. They have indicated they would like to get into operation in time for the 1974 potato harvest season.

The grant would be used for water and fire protection, road leveling, railroad and site preparation. The loan would be used for a disposal system to carry effluent from processing plants. Kennedy

stated that the effluent would eventually be sprinkled on the land as an irrigation project.

Kennedy said that comprehensive planning by the port, county and city has been all completed and this is aiding the project in being at the top for consideration. He said the Rural Development Act is designed to aid areas such as Morrow County in the development of its resources, building economy and providing employment.

Nelson abandons housing project

The W. E. Nelson Company of Boardman has abandoned its plan to build a 30-unit housing complex above Pioneer Hospital, Mayor Jerry Sweeney was informed Tuesday.

Bill Nelson, contractor, said in a letter to the mayor that he had been subjected to unreasonable demands by the city engineer, Steve Anderson, and members of the planning commission.

"We have no choice but to abandon this project and divert the materials ordered to McNary and Boardman and concentrate our efforts there," he wrote.

Mayor Sweeney told the Gazette-Times that the "unreasonable demands" Nelson refers to, is the fact that he has not complied with the local subdivision ordinances that require his producing title to the property to be developed and the posting of a performance bond.

"If Mr. Nelson had met these two requirements yesterday," the mayor said, "he could have gone to work on the subdivision tomorrow."

Nelson suggested that another contractor might be interested in taking over construction of the 30 homes.

The project to construct medium-priced housing was announced last July.

Santa here Dec. 1

Santa Claus will arrive in Heppner Saturday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m.

Although some of his plans are still incomplete, Santa will park his sleigh in the outskirts of Heppner and be ushered to the corner of Main and West Willow to greet his friends.

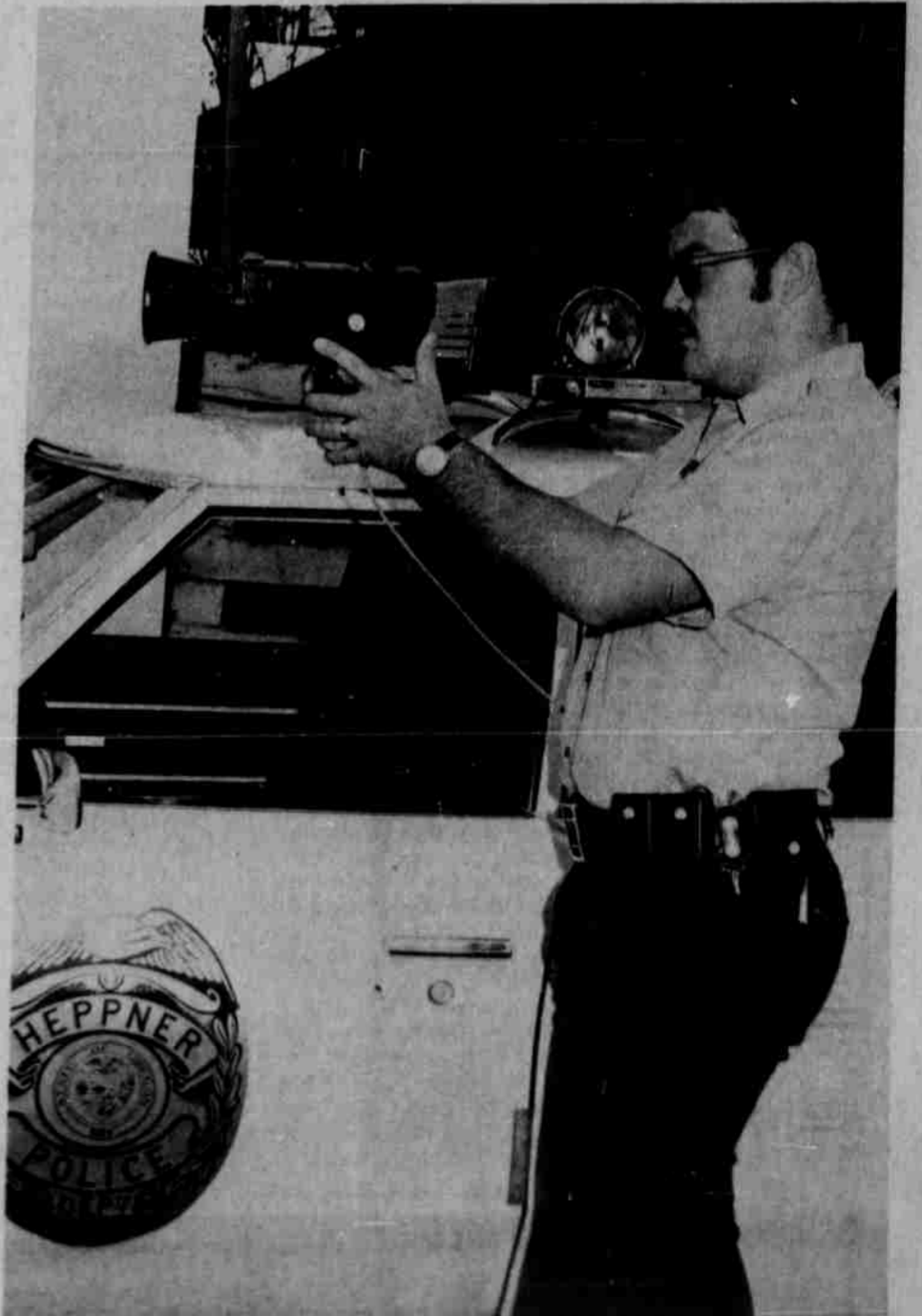
Weather permitting, the Elementary School Band will be on hand to greet Santa. After greeting the children, Santa will retire to the fire house to visit with the children.

A Christmas tree will be set up in front of the Heppner Hotel, but will not have any lights due to the present energy crisis. Elementary school children have been asked to make decorative ornaments for the tree.

There will be free parking within the City of Heppner for the arrival of Santa. All parking meters will be "bagged."



Winter comes to Willow Creek. Saturday night's snowfall changed the little stream into this winter wonderland. The photo was taken from the foot bridge on Willow St., looking south along Willow Creek.



Heppner Police Officer Kip Morris displays a new radar speed gun to be used by police to catch speedsters. The speed gun can be used either in the patrol car or can be carried around with a battery pack. The speed gun is aimed at a vehicle to register its exact speed. No citations will be issued for the remainder of November. However, starting Dec. 1, you are on your own if you speed in Heppner!