



DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU—Willow Creek at the city limits resembles a peaceful gurgling brook in this picture taken Sunday. But Judge Paul Jones warned residents Monday that the massive build-up of snow could turn the stream into a raging torrent if warm weather returned and melted the snow too fast. The Willow Creek watershed, extending for 15 miles upstream, has a heavy snowpack.

City recorder resigns post

The Heppner Common Council Monday night accepted the resignation of Elaine George as city recorder, municipal judge and utilities clerk, a post she has held since Jan. 1, 1965.

The council appointed Marshall Lovgren, already a city employee, to succeed her. He will assume his duties effective Feb. 1.

The council approved a building permit application for an addition to the Sears Catalog Store, which will add 5,000 square feet to floor space to the present business.

Approved the appointment of L.E. Dick and Jim Rogers to the City Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dorothy Heard.

Approved the application for change of ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mulkey for the purchase of Bucknum's Tavern.

The Mulkey's are presently residing in Portland and have been in the tavern and grocery business prior to the purchase of the Heppner tavern.

Approved the building site of Block 1, Lot 6 on the Lott-Rasmussen Addition for construction of a new two-story dwelling. The new dwelling will be served with water from Water St. A pressure test was taken to insure the city that there would be 30 pounds pressure per square inch, as designated by the State of Oregon Health Division.

Voted to increase water rates to residents living outside the city limits by 150 percent. The new rates became effective Jan. 1, 1974. Water meters will not be read during January and February and users will be charged the minimum rates. Weather permitting, the meters will be

read in March and any adjustment to the customers bill will be made at that time.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman asked the council for permission to stop issuing parking meter citations during the present cold spell, as some of the meters are not working properly. The council agreed, but asked that merchants and their employees refrain from parking in front of their neighbors' stores and park their vehicles either on the side streets or in the back alleys.

The people are asked to limit their parking in front of the post office to 15 minutes, which should give them ample time to collect their mail and transact any business inside.

Gilman also reported that former police officer Curtis Culp will be working for the city police while officer Charles Holt is attending police school in Portland for the next

few weeks.

The Ordinance Committee reported it had taken no action on the oil storage ordinance. The committee had reviewed the feasibility of changing the present ordinance limiting the amount of gasoline or fuel oil delivery to exceed the present 1,200 gallons.

Union Oil Company had requested the City of Heppner allow delivery by tank truck and trailer. However, when a spokesman for Union Oil was asked to be present at the January meeting, to explain reasons for the request, the company representative was unable to attend.

Construction of guard rail on Cannon St., has been delayed, as no bids were received for the job. Rather than have bids submitted again, the council feels that city forces can perform the work when weather permits.

Burglars hit grocery store

Jim Thomson must feel he's paid his dues to the "National Association of Burglars."

His Main Street grocery store was robbed over the weekend, the fourth or fifth time in the last few years. He has operated Thomson Bros. Grocery for 47 years.

Burglars made off with an undetermined amount of groceries, cigarettes, and a small radio. They also took a quantity of work gloves. Thomson has no idea when the

place was entered, or how much his loss is at this time.

Entry was made through the rear of the store, and an inner door had been pried open.

Thomson discovered the break-in about 2 p.m. Sunday when he returned from a trip to Pendleton. He had left Heppner early Friday afternoon for Pendleton to visit Mrs. Thomson, hospitalized at St. Anthony's Hospital with a broken knee cap sustained the previous Monday when she slipped on icy sidewalks and fell. Surgery was performed on her kneecap Saturday morning, which is why Thomson was out of town.

A neighbor, Ed Gonty, said he heard a noise in the store Friday night, and flashed his flashlight around the front of the store. It may have scared the intruders away, as a couple of boxes of groceries, evidently loaded for removal from the store, were found inside.

What with Mrs. Thomson's injury and the burglary, Thomson ruefully noted that the robbery "adds insult to injury."

City police are conducting an investigation.

Jones may trigger law change

Morrow County Judge Paul Jones' recent brush with the state may lead to a change in Oregon law.

Jones declined his gubernatorial appointment to the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission in a letter to Gov. Tom McCall dated Jan. 2.

Atty. Gen. Lee Johnson said Monday that he will propose legislation that would allow local government officials to serve on "most" state boards and commissions. Such a law would correct the ruling issued in the Jones case, that his role as county judge would be incompatible with a position on the new state commission.

If such a law is not approved by the legislature, Johnson said, it might be necessary to review members of state boards and commissions to determine how many of them are holding "incompatible" offices because they also serve on county or district boards that may present a conflict of interest situation.

Judge Kaye will seek re-election

Circuit Court Judge Henry Kaye has announced his filing for re-election to position number two, Sixth Judicial District (Umatilla and Morrow Counties) in the 1974 May primaries.

Judge Kaye was appointed to the Circuit Court in 1967, and elected for a six-year term in 1968.

Prior to his appointment to the Circuit Court, Judge Kaye had been District Court Judge for Umatilla County.

PGE plans will have a big impact on county

Morrow County's towns will be counted upon to furnish housing, schools, hospitals, a labor force and other community services for 1600 to 1800 workers on power generating plants proposed for Boardman, according to Frank Rogan, project engineer for Portland General Electric, who spoke to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Furthermore, he said, the generating units already planned for Morrow County and the nuclear-fueled one at Pebble Springs will insure a stable working force for the next 15 years.

The McCarty site at Boardman, the design and engineering work which began 2½ years ago, is to be in operation by May of 1979, and may cost as much as \$700 million for a plant that was to have cost \$460 million in the beginning.

The many delays caused by meeting environmental standards and securing state and federal licenses costs PGE from \$5 to \$6 million a month because of inflation, escalating costs of materials, soaring interest rates, labor costs and various studies.

"The communities should be planning now," Rogan said, "to meet the needs of a

permanent community of employees."

Blaming environmentalists for a portion of the escalating costs and expensive delays, Rogan said it takes a year after the filing of a notice of intent to build a generating plant for the state to accept an application for a license, and two years' waiting period after that to get action on it. It takes 16 months just to get a federal safety analysis report—and it takes a year to collect the data to submit that report.

"I have had 150 engineers working on plans in San Francisco for nuclear and fossil-fueled plants for the last two years. The engineering is 20 per cent done. Now, where do we go?" Rogan asked, after explaining the reluctance of the Navy to give a clearcut answer as to whether it intends to move its bombing range from Boardman to make way for the proposed plant, which may be either conventional coal-burning or nuclear.

If the Navy makes up its mind to move, the plant will probably be nuclear-fueled. If it does not, the plant will utilize coal in generating electricity. Rogan admitted the conventional plant will probably be more costly to operate, as nuclear fuel runs

about one-third the cost of coal. He noted it would take a trainload of coal a day for the fossil-fueled plant. And, he said in answer to a question from the audience, there is no way a fossil-fueled plant can meet the emission standards required by state law. Yet, he said, 70 per cent of the power generated in the country is by coal. By 1985 it is projected that 20 per cent of the power will be generated by nuclear plants.

He noted that the Trojan nuclear plant, now 80 per cent complete, will be put into operation in Portland in 1975 and will generate three times the power produced at Bonneville Dam.

Rogan said he plans a meeting with the Boeing Company soon to discuss plans for having a pumping station and facilities, to be finished in 1977, which will fill a reservoir of 120,000 acre feet of water from the Columbia River to be used as coolant and for the irrigation of up to 50,000 acres of cropland.

For this plant PGE has on order the world's largest turbines and generators. The six units proposed, four at Boardman and two at Pebble Springs, will be built and put into operation during the years 1980 to 1987.

Rogan indicated that even more costly delays may be encountered in building the plants, all of which escalates the cost and delays production of power. What people can do, he pointed out, is to write their legislators and urge them to cut the mounting redtape in which power companies are involved in order to get their assistance in getting needed power as quickly as possible.

One thing is certain, he said. When the power goes off and the lights go out, the environmentalists and their followers will relax their restrictive rules and regulations.

"I think," he said, "people are already becoming aware that environmentalists are largely responsible for our shortages and higher costs."

Rogan was accompanied to Heppner by Roger Sharp, supervisor of the permit section of PGE, who was in town to confer with Judge Paul Jones on the closing and construction of certain county roads during construction operations at the Boardman site.

A guest was Rupert Kennedy, head of the Port of Morrow, Boardman.

Next Monday's guest speaker at the chamber luncheon will be Heppner High School Varsity Coach Dean Naffziger.

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School board tackles problems

A decision on teacher salaries will be made at the Jan. 21 Morrow County School Board meeting, according to Ron Daniels, superintendent, at a special board meeting Monday night.

"Teachers in the high school will be voting on the stated salary proposed by school board members this week," Daniels said.

After one and one-half hour of discussion, the board took no definite action on the energy situation.

Jack Sumner, school board member, requested that the board take a "wait and see attitude" concerning budgeting for fuel oil and gasoline. The board will discuss the energy situation again at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Alternatives to the gasoline situation were discussed at the meeting. These alternatives include eliminating spectator buses, having students pay for spectator buses, reviewing all activities and possibly reducing long trips and field trips.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schiller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daly asked the board to consider having the athletic practices scheduled into the regular school day.

Daniels pointed out "this would cause problems in that not all students who participate in the athletic practice can be together at one time." He also stressed that if this district would implement the athletic schedule in the regular school day, then the other schools in athletic competition would have to adopt a similar situation.

Don McElligott made a motion that all principals in Morrow County High School work out a program that would enable athletic practices to be held in the regular school day. These programs will be presented at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Daniels announced heating oil has increased one dollar in two weeks. Heating oil now is \$11.25 a barrel and 1973-74 heating oil budget is \$5.84 a barrel.

"With all indications, another 10 cents a gallon increase is expected in the next few weeks, and a barrel of oil will cost \$15 to \$16 in the next few months," stated Daniels.

The board gave approval for the purchasing of paper for the 1974-75 school year.

The reason for the ordering of paper now was explained by Daniels. Daniels told the board that due to the paper shortage that supplies would have to be purchased earlier than usual.

"Paper has also gone up \$3.80 per case and if we order now, we have good chances of getting our supply by August," he said.

In other business, the board adopted a program for providing unemployment insurance. The program will allow ex-employees of the district to receive a compensation insurance. This insurance will cost the board \$5,000. The board agreed to join the Umatilla School District in forming an unemployment

insurance pool.

Max Jones was hired as the new custodian at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon. Jones replaces retiring Earl Sanders.

Ernie Teal, district curriculum co-ordinator, presented the graduation requirements for the coming year. These requirements, if accepted by the board and the state, will affect the graduating class of 1978.

In new business, the board approved a 9-10 per cent salary increase for confidential employees of the district. The salary increase is in accordance with the increased salaries for classified employees of the school district.

At the conclusion of the meeting, board members and the public discuss the Daylight Savings Time as it relates to the opening of school.

Daniels said that safety programs would be implemented in the schools to insure safety of the children walking in the early morning hours.



Bob and Sue Duncan pose with their daughter, Nicole Ann, Morrow County's First Baby for 1974. The Duncans have two other children Reid, 5, and Ryan, 3. Bob has been employed by Columbia Basin Electric for the past five years. They reside in Heppner.



Meet the 1974 Morrow County Rodeo Queen and her newly selected Court. From the left, Cassy Chapel, 17, Ione; Michele Evans, 17, Heppner; Queen Sherry Kemp, Heppner; Mickey Hoskins, 17, Ione; and Patricia Van Schoick, 17, Heppner.