

Water Improvement:

'Corps or no Corps, we move this summer'

"Corps of Engineers or no Corps of Engineers, we are going ahead with Heppner's water improvement plan this summer," Mayor Jerry Sweeney told the Gazette-Times yesterday.

"It will cost the citizens of Heppner an additional \$50,000 because the Corps of Engineers has dragged its feet and made promises it never kept," Sweeney declared.

He said the common council will decide at the March 4 regular meeting whether to go ahead and advertise for bids, and he is confident the council will approve the "go ahead" signal. The bids would be advertised on March 7, and bids would be opened about April 4, he said.

In December voters approved the \$450,000 water improvement bond issue by almost 2 to 1 on the strength of assurances by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield and Cong. Al Ullman that the proposed Willow

Creek Dam would be built, and that the federal government would pay the cost of relocating a reservoir and water mains located in the construction area.

After the bond election, the Corps of Engineers unilaterally, and without informing the City of Heppner, returned the entire project to Congress for "re-authorization." In spite of repeated promises and assurances, Sweeney said, there has been no re-authorization, nor any apparent attempt to do so.

"The Corps of Engineers, by dragging its feet on the Willow Creek Dam, is going to cost the citizens of Heppner an additional \$50,000 because we cannot afford to wait any longer," Mayor Sweeney said, adding that any further promises of action by the Corps or by the representatives in Congress would probably be as misleading as those given in the past.

Sweeney said that improvements to be made immediately would include the improvement of the pumping system at Well No. 3 and "looping" the water mains around the city to allow for new home construction, as demanded by the State of Oregon.

"The preliminary work can all be accomplished this summer," Sweeney said, "and all of it can be finished, including a new reservoir, by the summer of 1975."

Sweeney explained that the \$50,000 additional cost to Heppner taxpayers stems from construction of the new reservoir. If the Corps were ready to move now, the new reservoir would have a capacity of one million gallons, which would replace the 780,000 gallon reservoir that would be destroyed by the Corps in constructing the dam. But if the city does it alone, the new reservoir will

have only a 200,000 gallon capacity.

Even if the council opts for immediate sale of the bonds and improvements started this summer, this \$50,000 saving could be made if the Corps would furnish the city a written agreement to fulfill its prior promises by the time the bonds are sold.

"Every day we delay we face escalating costs," Sweeney pointed out, "and it may be that if and when the Corps makes up its mind, conditions may be so that materials could not be purchased with the amount of money we have to do the job."

The mayor said that he had been promised a definite answer on the federal government's involvement weeks ago by Hatfield, Ullman and the Corps of Engineers.

"I haven't heard a word from them," Sweeney said. "But Corps or no Corps, we move this summer."

IFYE host families sought

Now is the time to apply to host an international guest this summer, according to Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension program assistant.

Applications to host an IFYE are available at the county extension office and must be filed with the state office by April 1 to be considered as a host family for one of the eight IFYEs visiting this summer.

All Morrow County residents are eligible to apply, as its communities are small enough to be considered rural. Families may specify boy or girl, country or language preferred, and length and date of stay most convenient. No special housing or accommodations are needed to host an IFYE as this is a cultural exchange and the IFYE expects, and prefers to live and work as a member of the family.

Young families are especially urged to apply as most IFYEs are between 20 and 30 years of age.

BECKY FULLETON'S HORSE STOLEN

Champion barrel racer Becky Fullerton of Heppner had the misfortune of having her racing horse, Rikki Tews, stolen from the rodeo barn at Fresno State College where she is currently attending school.

Rikki Tews is a 12-year-old chestnut sorrel with red mane and tail, having a white blaze on the forehead and white socks on the rear feet.

Nistad: "Steve Anderson is in charge of the water and sewer development for the subdivision."

"Our plans are to have the homes purchased by our employees and financed through a local bank."

"Should the commission accept this subdivision and allow me to progress with the building of the subdivision, I will move in earth moving equipment and start construction as soon as possible. During construction, should the City of Heppner need any of the large equipment for the widening of any of its streets, I am sure that something could be worked out between us."

Nistad remarked after the unanimous approval of the preliminary plat by the commission, "This is the first in a series of steps, to be taken one at a time. The next step is to apply for a conditional use permit."

The Heppner Common Council will consider the planning commission's approval of the Valley View Estates subdivision at its March 4 meeting.

Umatilla SELF SERVICE Speed Wash Laundry

20 - 12-lb. Automatic Washers
10 - Dryers
2 - Dry Cleaners
-PARKING AREA-
9th & I St.
across from Drug Store
Umatilla, Ore.

Merriman Plumbing & Heating

SHEET METAL
Furnace Service and Air Conditioning
Phone 276-7221

230 S. E. Court Pendleton, Ore. 97801

Hermiston Livestock Auction Incorporated

10th & Main Hermiston, Oregon

Registered, licensed, bonded and operated under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Oregon Department of Agriculture

SALE EVERY SATURDAY
FOR INFORMATION CALL

567-3149

Evenings Call 567-6644

Sale Starts at 12:30 sharp

Boardman

HAZEL CARPENTER IS WAC HOSTESS

There were five tables of pinocle in play at the card party held last week at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Hazel Carpenter was hostess. Mrs. Pete Peterson received high prize and low went to Mrs. Arthur Allen. Mary Flicker of Arlington and Mrs. Tom Harrison received the traveling pinocle prizes.

MRS. ARTHUR ALLEN ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. Arthur Allen was hostess for the Boardman Garden Club at her home Monday evening of last week. Roll call was answered by naming a state park.

Mrs. Ralph Earwood gave a report on the care and planting of roses.

The club will celebrate its silver anniversary March 18 at the Greenfield Grange Hall from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The public will be invited and invitations are being sent to all former members. Hazel Carpenter and Mrs. Rollin Bishop were appointed on the decoration committee, and Mrs. Allen as chairman of the reception committee.

Following the meeting a party was held with exchange of Valentines and aprons. Mrs. Leo Root and Mrs. Walter Hayes won the prizes in games and Hazel Miller received the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mallory of Seattle visited from Thursday to Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mallory's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webb of Portland visited last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Walter Wyss.

Glen Ball of Yakima, visited one day last week at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball, and his niece, Mrs. Hazel Miller.

Frank & Bonnie's Trading post

512 E. Main

Hermiston

567-8524

ABC Service

Rt. 2, Box 275, Ph. 922-3996

AL POLLOC - BOB LORENCE

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

Walla Walla Hwy.

Piersol's

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Professional dry cleaning; sewing machine service and sales; knit and stretch fabrics; vacuum cleaner service and sales; sewing classes.

-Home of the SEW FREE Plan-

HERMISTON

176 W. Hermiston Ave.

567-3014

C & R Mobile Homes

For The Lowest Prices and

SERVICE After The Sale

STOP AT C & R

Floerwood - Concord - Great Lakes - Moduline

- OPEN SUNDAYS -

In Hermiston

Hermiston-McNary Hwy

567-3676

In Pendleton

Hwy 11 Riverside

276-7385

Sherrell Chevrolet

Hermiston

Chevrolet

let us help you with your transportation needs.

SALES SERVICE LEASING

PH. 567-6487

C. OLD STOCKDALE

REAL ESTATE



1050 N. 1st Hermiston, Oregon

Office Phone 567-8316

CALL EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

Marge Powell, Saleswoman 567-3600

C. Old Stockdale, Broker 567-3907

WHERE THE ACTION IS

37.6 acre irrigated farm, 2 miles west of Irrigon. Modern 3 bedroom, full basement home. Borders Game Sanctuary. Land has not been used for several years, except for pasture so it is fresh and waiting for the buyer who knows a good thing when he sees it. Price \$50,000 with terms.

DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE

BRANDY WINE

Also live music Friday and Saturday

at

Columbia Cafe

3-C's Club

Umatilla

Housing--

(Continued from Page 1)

widened?

"What are the present plans for storm drains in the area?"

"What will happen to Pioneer Hospital and its patients with the additional traffic along the street, and what will happen to the existing parking in the back of the hospital?"

"Will trees and shrubs in the hospital parking area have to be removed?"

"Are the boundaries of the plans correct?"

"Who plans to buy or rent these homes, and will they be low rent units?"

Chairman Peterson explained that the preliminary plat had been approved by the City in November of 1973, and the duty of the planning commission was to approve the preliminary plans with modifications only. He stressed that the remainder of the questions would be answered at a later date, as another plat must be submitted for approval prior to final approval by either the planning commission or the city council.

Peterson told the group, "The approval of the plat only means that we have checked the plans for the required parking facilities, the lots are of the required size, the homes to be constructed are of the proper square footage and the street widths shown meet city standards."

"The remainder of the questions will all be answered at a public hearing in the future," Peterson reported, as all of the property owners within a 500 foot area must be contacted and notified of the proposed building site, and that will only be done after a legal notice is inserted in the paper, telling of the time and place of the hearing. However, it should take place within the next 40 days."

Allan Nistad and his engineer, Donald Staebler, although silent during most of the discussion, managed to answer some of the questions for the group.

No one else can give us what you can.

(Join Us. Please.)

Nobody else in the world can give us what you can. A pint of your blood.

And your gift has never been more important. Because blood from healthy donors, who freely donate their blood, is 10 times less likely to cause infectious hepatitis in the recipient than is blood from many commercial sources. Think about that.

The need is urgent, and continuous. Help us. Join us. Today.



The American Red Cross. The Good Neighbor.