

'Aw, shucks!'

Parking meters will remain, says council

The Heppner Common Council gave the city's parking meters a vote of confidence and approval Monday night. They stay.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney raised the question by telling the council: "I have received many protests to the parking meters in the City of Heppner. After careful consideration it has been proposed that the meters be removed for a trial period of two months, July and August, and at the end of the two months the residents of the city be allowed to vote on whether they wish the meters to remain out or be placed back in service."

He explained that the city police are getting "bad-mouthed" everyday for issuing parking meter violations, and some of the merchants have expressed their desire that the meters be removed on a trial

basis. Council response was immediate:

"The meters were put in the city so people could have a place to park; if they are removed it will only increase the parking problem because you can't find a place to park now."

Another councilman: "Are the people running the city or is the council running the city?"

And another: "The monies collected in fines and from the parking meters is used to purchase a new police car. If the meters are removed, where will the money to purchase a new police car come from?"

The council quickly voted to retain the meters, with Councilman Ray Boyce abstaining. He said he didn't care one way

or the other about the meters.

Police Chief Dean Gilman told the council that "members of the police force are used to getting bad-mouthed daily with regard to the parking meters," but said it was a council decision, not his.

Gilman called attention to the number of meters that need repair, and that only \$600 had been budgeted for repair work, double the sum allotted in previous years. An estimate from a meter manufacturer quotes a price of \$64 for a new meter and \$40 for the mechanism.

Many existing meters need only new clocks and many of the old type meters should be replaced with new ones, he pointed out. The present \$600 in the budget would not cover the purchase of 10 new meters.

The council recommended that meters on West Willow

Street be removed and used to replace other meters within the city that are not working properly. Gilman asked the council to notify him of any meter post in need of repair and he would try to correct the situation.

In other business the council issued two building permits, neither of which are considered new because both water and sewer facilities have been previously installed and no new connections are required at this time. One of the permits is for construction of a six-unit multiplex to cost \$80,000, which has already been approved by the planning commission. It is a two-story unit to be built at 515 N. Elder. Owners are Larry Prock and Michael and Danny Sweeney. The other permit is for a single story dwelling to be

constructed for Martin and Marie Baker on Water Street. The site has a mobile home on it now, and Baker asked permission to retain it until the new home is completed.

The council refused a request from Atlantic-Richfield Oil Co. for a 180-day variance to receive bulk fuel. It was rejected, but approved a recommendation of Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine to accept the application if all regulations were complied with.

It then adopted an ordinance amending Sec. 3 of Ordinance 392 regulating the delivery of bulk fuel. The amended ordinance specifies that fuel oil may be delivered in bulk, not to exceed 8,000 gallons, only in an industrial zone. The area must have a 4-foot high chain link fence around it, two gates for ingress and egress. No

Smoking signs in the area, fire extinguishers, and during fuel delivery the truck must be properly attended.

Principal reason for rejection of the application from Atlantic-Richfield is that it is located in a commercial zone and could create a hazard.

The absence of Councilman Bob Jones delayed passage of Ordinance 392 until Monday night, July 8, when the third reading will be heard. This ordinance provides for approval of a revised city charter. All councilmen must be present for its adoption. If the revised charter is approved at the July 8 meeting it will go to voters of the city on July 29.

The new charter will be available for inspection at the city hall prior to the election date.

An application from Raymond Clark Temple, Portland, for a liquor license to operate Bucknum's Tavern was accepted. Chief Gilman recommended council approval pending its acceptance by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Recorder Marshall Lovgren announced the water bonds have arrived and were to be signed Tuesday.

The state building code was accepted by the council, which voted to cut the inspection fees in half as permitted by the state.

The state also raised the cost of building permits granted by the city. The new cost will be determined by cost of construction. Plumbing and electrical work will be inspected by the state. The council resolved that fees for this work be adopted as set

forth by the city attorney and that such inspection fee schedule be followed rather than the schedule set by the state.

A bid for asphaltic concrete by E.S. Schnell & Co., Hermiton, was approved. The paving material, 857 tons, will be delivered and placed prior to Oct. 1.

City Engineer Steve Anderson increased his fees to the city by \$2 per hour for any new work he performs. This cost increase does not affect the cost of the proposed new water line and related work, as the council agreed to pay him on a wage scale set forth last year. The new cost will apply only to new engineering work.

An executive session followed the regular meeting. Next meeting of the common council is Monday, July 8, 7 p.m.



JAMES MARQUARDT, SHANNON KELLY AND DENA STRUTHERS

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Youths give impressions of Boys', Girls' State

Three Heppner High School juniors, Shannon Kelly, Dena Struthers and James Marquardt, representatives of Morrow County at Boys' and Girls' State, were guest speakers at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday. Shannon and Dena were hosted at Willamette University, Salem; James spent the week with approximately 500 other Boys' Staters at Monmouth.

Shannon Kelly told of the girls working together, forming their own counties and holding their own city, county and state elections in the Girls' State program.

She was elected city recorder and eliminated from holding any other elected position in either county or

state government, until all of the elections had been held. She was later appointed reading clerk to one of the senators.

She met with the girls from other counties and cities. "Rallies were held for their favorite nominees, the Nationalists and the Federalists, the two-party system set up by the students. 'The students were allowed to scream and holler as loudly as they pleased during the rallies and no one seemed to mind,' Shannon said.

Following the elections the students drafted bills for introduction in the legislature.

Dena Struthers said, "We were able to do what we wanted to without anyone telling us we couldn't do it. It

also gave us a chance to meet and talk with students outside of Heppner, and realize their problems."

"In working with and talking to other students in the planning of governmental functions I had the opportunity to realize what the flag really means and what it stands for," she said, "and to fully appreciate America and what it stands for."

"On the last night as the flag was lowered there was suddenly a scream from the audience. Two streakers were running through the crowd. It was a good thing the flag ceremony was over," she recalled.

James Marquardt, one of the only boys attending Boy's State from this area,

told the chamber the state of Oregon was divided into five counties and students could elect all officials needed for their week-long stay.

Prior to the elections of officials the Boys Staters were addressed by Gov. Tom McCall. "I knew the governor was tall, but not that tall." He also talked with Sen. Jason Boe and Jim asked him questions regarding the Boardman bombing range and the intentions of the Navy. Being a politician he was rather vague in his reply," Jim said.

One of the highlights of the occasion was the primary election for the election of the governor of the state.

All three expressed their gratitude to the American

Legion and the Auxiliary for allowing them to attend and to broaden their knowledge of affairs of state.

In other business, Orville Cutsforth made a motion that the Chamber of Commerce recommend to the Forest Service that the 4,500 acres designated as Hell's Half Acre be granted a moratorium for another five years to preserve the area as a wilderness and game refuge, and that logging companies not be allowed to cut timber on the land.

Judge Paul Jones also moved that the community developing committee be alerted to the situation, and make recommendations after further study. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Princess knows rodeo from the ground up

BY LIZ CURTIS

It's right in character for tall, dark-haired Michele Evans to be a princess of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. She has been competing in rodeo events since she was 13 and suspects she was participating in Wrangler Play Days long before that age.

Not only does Michele participate in rodeos, she is good at it. Currently she is the Oregon High School Rodeo Association's champion in break-away calf roping and placed third in last year's state pole bending competition. Last year Michele entered the national competition at Ogden, Utah, against 1000 young people. She is a charter member of the Heppner High School Rodeo Club, and a member of the Oregon High

School Rodeo Assn. and the Western States Junior Rodeo Assn.

Michele, who team ropes with her father, Don Evans, and brothers, Wayne and Monte, participates in several rodeo events. These are, in addition to team roping, barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway calf roping, goat tying and steer dodging. She comes by her rodeo abilities naturally. Her father and brothers have won their share of rodeo events over the years. The only member of the family who doesn't actively participate is her mother, Margaret, who goes along to keep time and cheer for the hard riding members of the Evans family.

Michele is excited about being a member of the fair

and rodeo court this year. She says she has met a lot of nice people this summer. She describes the code of dress and conduct set up by the rodeo board as being very strict, but says she doesn't really mind. It's all part of being a member of the court and that is something she has wanted to do for a long time. She was a pennant bearer for the court two years ago.

Life isn't all rodeo fun for this 17-year-old princess. She finds plenty to do helping on

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Princess to miss 'finals'

Michele Evans won the first and second go-rounds in the breakaway calf roping event at the Oregon High School Rodeo Championship Finals at Burns, Ore., June 28-30.

Her time was 12.5 for the two heads. She missed her calf in the final event, but still managed to place 2nd in the state. She also placed 5th in pole bending, which qualified her for the national finals to be held at Toole, Wis., Aug. 5-11.

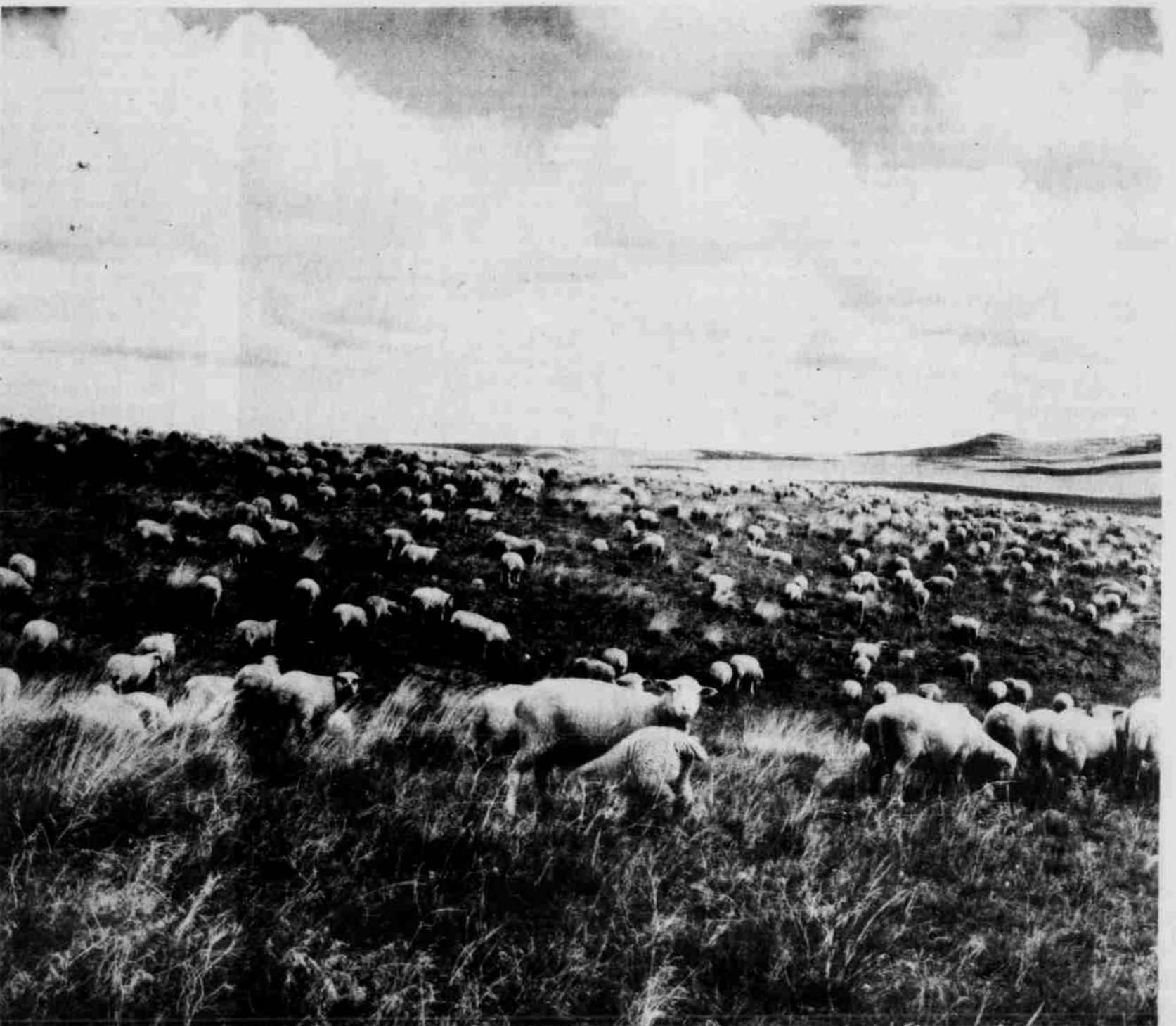
She will not compete in the national finals, however. She is a member of the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Court. As a princess she decided the court must come first. So when the finals are held she will be appearing at the Umatilla County Fair, Aug. 10.

Other winners at Burns as members of the Heppner Rodeo Club were Mary Healy, 5th in barrel racing; and David Daly, 8th in tie-down calf roping. Julie Rugg, Athena, was named Miss Oregon High School Rodeo Queen and all-around cowgirl and will compete in the finals.

Other members attending the event were Tim Daly, Jerry Gentry, Kyle Robinson, Clay West, John Schiller and Don Peterson.



MICHELE EVANS AND FRIEND MAGGIE.



Shown here are some of more than 300,000 head of livestock which are grazing on the National Resources Lands in Oregon.—BLM photo