



The Democrat Gulch school house wends its way through the streets of Heppner before coming to rest near the library and museum building. The school house will be repaired and maintained by the Historical Society and the Bicentennial committee. (See related story page 3)

Survey results

# Planning committee makes recommendations

After a lengthy meeting the long range planning committee for the needs of Morrow County Schools approved the following recommendations to be submitted to the Morrow County school board. Their recommendations are based on the increased population soon to be experienced within the county and a tally of an opinion poll recently conducted.

The committee made the following recommendations: add six classrooms, including special reading room, speech and hearing room, conference room, storage room, rest rooms and pantry to the A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, at an estimated cost of \$225,000. Add four general classrooms to Riverside High School, estimated cost \$120,000. Construct shop facilities at Ione High School, estimated cost \$90,380. Construct new shop at Heppner High School, estimated cost \$128,000 and improve the old building at the Heppner Elementary School, estimated cost of \$46,000.

Following more discussion the committee amended the original motion and also recommended the following proposals to the school board. A.C. Houghton School, increase the size of the library, estimated cost \$1,000. Provide additional seating capacity at Riverside High School gymnasium, estimated cost, \$9,000. Remodel the present shop into a music room at Ione, estimated cost \$3,000. Improve the playground facilities at Heppner Elementary School, estimated cost \$6,000.

The estimated cost of the total recommendations would be \$628,380 if approved by the school board. A special bond election will be presented to the voters of the county this fall for their approval.

Preliminary population increase figures were presented to the committee by Alfred Clough, Public Affairs representative for Portland General Electric Company. He told the committee PGE plans to begin preliminary work on the coal-fired power generating facility at Boardman this fall.

Although the first phase of construction will be mostly earth work and the moving of dirt, a serious impact will be felt within the county by January of 1977. Using preliminary figures only, Clough continued, "The peak construction workers' would hit the county by 1980, without any decline in population during the next 20 years."

Clough also mentioned the impact the potato processors and Alumax Corp. would have on the northern part of the county when the aluminum plant begins construction.

The committee, well aware of the impact construction will pose to the school system, refused to stray from their original

plans for the present needs of the school system. They felt it would be useless to abandon their present findings and begin another survey. Should the school board approve the present recommendations of the committee, construction on the required projects would not start until the beginning of 1976.

The committee plans to investigate the possibility of land purchases in the area with the possibility of constructing new schools when they are needed in the north end of the county. Following are the results of the opinion poll, a survey for the long range needs for Morrow County Schools.

A. C. HOUGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IRRIGON

Add six classrooms, cost \$225,000	
Immediate need	127
Future need	12
Future need if population grows	11
Not needed	0
Construct new gymnasium, cost \$218,000	
Immediate need	73
Future need	43
Future need if population grows	18
Not needed	6
Increase size of library, cost \$1,000	
Immediate need	78
Future need	43
Future need if population grows	11
Not needed	7

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, BOARDMAN

Add four general classrooms, cost \$120,000	
Immediate need	95
Future need	27
Future need if population grows	22
Not needed	0
Construct proposed addition to gymnasium, cost \$141,000	
Immediate need	56
Future need	45
Future need if population grows	32
Not needed	8
Provide additional seating in gymnasium, cost \$9,000	
Immediate need	68
Future need	37
Future need if population grows	21
Not needed	12

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## Illness claims prominent Morrow County resident

Ione community and Morrow County lost one of its most distinguished citizens early Sunday morning with the death of Garland Swanson. Mr. Swanson succumbed to terminal cancer enroute to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Swanson was born in Grangeville, Id., and at the age of two moved to Oregon. He was associated with his father in the grain buying business before becoming a farmer in addition to the grain business.

In 1933 he married Irene Miller of Salem. The couple were wed in Oregon City. The couple had four sons, Dennis, John, James and Ronald, who preceded his father in death. They also have one daughter, Jean Ann Turner.

Swanson was always interested in his community and served on the Ione City Council for many years and was Mayor of Ione for 2½ terms. He served on the school

board for 17 years and was instrumental in the addition of the present swimming pool and cafeteria.

He was a 40 year member of



Garland Swanson

B.P.O.E. No. 358, charter member and first president of the Ione Lions Club. A member of St. Williams Catholic Church and Holy Name Society and the Oregon Wheat League.

Swanson recently resigned from the position of President of the Port of Morrow Commission. He served on this board from 1959 to 1975. His many other positions included director for the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Fair Board, Hospital Board and was selected Conservation Man of the Year in 1963.

Among his achievements was the invention and patenting of a combine reel.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner. Recitation of the Rosary was held on Tuesday evening at St. Williams Church in Ione. Concluding services were at the Highview Cemetery at Ione.

## Who's Who winner earns \$27.50

Corky Norene, Heppner, was the final winner in the Who's Who contest last week. Norene correctly identified Howard Bryant as the mystery person and also had the correct number of clues to win \$27.50 for her efforts.

The clues are as follows: Board Member (Bryant is a member of the board of directors for the Bank of Eastern Oregon); Native son (Bryant was born in Heppner); no kids (He has no children); horsey (Bryant is an excellent horseman); gardener. (He usually has a large vegetable garden).



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## Variance granted for mobile home

The Heppner common council granted a temporary variance permit to Don McEwen, Monday night. It was discovered the permit for the mobile home is to be used as living quarters for Dr. Richard Carpenter.

After much discussion concerning the granting of the temporary 90-day variance, which can be renewed, the council was enlightened to the facts of the case. Herman Winter, speaking for McEwen, stated that McEwen applied for a variance in 1973 and was under the assumption that a permanent variance had been granted him by the city. Believing he had a permanent variance he allowed Dr. Carpenter to place his new mobile home on the premises.

The variance McEwen received from the city stated that he remove the existing structure from his property before placing a trailer on his property. McEwen started to tear down the old building and found there were two separate buildings, both under the same roof and with the same siding. One has a permanent concrete foundation and he would like to keep this part of the building as a usable shed.

Dr. Carpenter, the council was told does not plan to make the mobile home his permanent home. A member of the Doctors Search Committee notified the council they are seeking another location for Dr. Carpenter's home. They have not had any success as yet.

The council was of the opinion that under the circumstances presented to them a hardship case exists. It was moved and seconded that a 90 day temporary variance be granted. "We want the doctor and we need the clinic," said

Mayor Jerry Sweeney after the unanimous vote of the council approved the variance.

In other business the council approved a variance permit for Ray Grace at 760 N. Shobe. This will allow him to place a trailer on the property until he can build a duplex.

—Approved a building permit for a new structure for Mr. Ed Tarnasky who plans to have a one-story home at 380 N. Barratt. Ed Hmailton, Cove, Or., will be the builder. The estimated cost of the new structure when completed will be \$31,500.

—Granted a new structure permit to Don McEwen for the placing of a 24 ft. by 48 ft. mobile home in the Mt. Vernon addition.

—Accepted a bid of \$4,000 from Bert Corbin for the installation of a one-inch water line to the Hoskins property. The bid was the only one received by the city and the bid was granted with the stipulation that Corbin comply with the specifications of the city engineer.

—Approved the request of Mr. Harold Flynn that the city post a "No Parking" sign near the state maintenance building. Flynn contends that log trucks parking in the area make access virtually impossible and should a fire arise, fire trucks could not enter the state property.

—Notified Pauline Winter, secretary of the library board, to contact the Historical Society as she feels the old school house placed on city property is too close to the library. The two buildings are 40 feet apart at the present time, but should the library expand the school house may have to be moved.

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## Roland Bergstrom named conservation man of year

Roland Bergstrom, Ione wheat rancher has been selected as Morrow County's Conservation man of the year.

Bergstrom's farm consists of 2,000 acres, about 1,600 in crop land. 800 acres are seeded in wheat and barley and 800 acres are in summer fallow. His farm also has 55 acres seeded to grass with numerous silt dams, diversion ditches and grass waterways.

He started his diversion ditches in 1951 and according to Bergstrom "I am still not finished with the project."

He was born on the site of his present ranch, purchased by his father in 1916. He attended grade school at Gooseberry and recalls there were only 8 children attending the school. Upon completion of elementary school he attended Ione High School.

He served with the United States Navy for two years during World War II, and at the end of the war he attended Pacific University, Forest Grove.

While in college he met Donna Marcum and the two were married in 1951.

Returning to Ione the young couple finally purchased the ranch from the elder Bergstrom. They have four daughters, Carley, who has finished college, Shauna and Kay, students at Oregon State University and Lori, who will start her senior year at Ione High School.

He has always been eager to follow procedures set by the Soil Conservation office and does contour farming, especially contour seeding. He starts seeding early if possible, usually by the first of October, and sets July 20 as his harvest date. His four daughters help with the harvest.

An Oregon State winner will be selected this fall from among the nine county winners. The contest is sponsored by the Wheat Growers League, Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Greenline Equipment Co., The Dalles, Or. The state

the Wheat League Conference in December.

Bergstrom is a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge 358, a lifetime member of the Wheat League and a member of the Valby Lutheran Church.



Roland Bergstrom



John Steagall, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steagall, Lexington, invites all his friends to the Morrow County Junior Rodeo, Saturday and Sunday. The shows start at 1 p.m. both days and don't be surprised if you see Johnnie in some of the main events.

# JUNIOR RODEO SATURDAY-SUNDAY