



THE CITY OF HEPPNER'S new 250,000 gallon reservoir nears completion. The structure located behind Heppner High School is 31 ft., 8 in. in diameter and stands 31 ft. high. All that remains to complete the unit is the installation of some pipe and valves and the overflow piping. When this is completed the entire reservoir will have to be chlorinated prior to serving the City's water system.

Bicentennial theme

# Morrow County Fair begins with many new events

Plenty of old, plenty of new staged in an abundance of red, white and blue sums up the 1975 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo which begins Tuesday, Aug. 19. The six-day show has gone all out for the Bicentennial as will be evidenced throughout the fair.

with a work day scheduled for Sunday in order to be ready to take exhibits beginning Monday morning. The newly completed show arena is just one of the many new ideas taking shape on the grounds. Carnival rides, sponsored by the Lions will add increased activity to the event. The 4-H style show has been moved up to Tuesday night. The Fair Committee has planned a family fun night for Wednesday night which promises Kentucky Fried Chicken and good entertainment. It looks as if there will be an

increased number of community and commercial exhibits on display including a machinery display. The Chamber of Commerce will have on display the special Morrow County booth they will take to the State Fair as representing the county. The Morrow County Rodeo has been moved up to Friday night to make room for an additional RCA show over the weekend. Inside the pavilion there will be a surprise awaiting viewers. The dance hall is being turned into an arts, crafts,

flowers, fruits, vegetable and antique show, accompanied by organ music provided by Huitt's gallery. The entire show will be staged in a rustic setting of old barn boards, antiques and red, white and blue. Outside viewers will note that the poultry and rabbit exhibit has been moved from its former location to a more central spot inside the dairy barn. Old favorites remain on the program including the fine 4-H exhibits and activities, Thursday night's auction and Saturday's parade. The Queen's luncheon will follow the parade. Nine or ten rodeo and fair courts are expected to attend. The management of the Fair is hoping that many people will exhibit at the fair to make the 1975 show one of the best.

Those wanting to buy fair buttons before the fair may do so at the Coast-to-Coast store in Heppner. All open class exhibitors are reminded that they must stop at the fair office before entering any exhibit.

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### House fire claims Mrs. LaVelle Hams

Fire of an undisclosed origin destroyed a large ranch home 4 miles west of Hardman and claimed the life of Mrs. LaVelle Hams early Saturday morning. Mrs. Hams was 78. She was last seen alive by her husband, James Hams,

Percy Cecil and Tom Huston, as the three men departed about 9 a.m. to check on a spring up the canyon. Minutes after the three men arrived, they saw smoke coming from the home and hurried back. When they arrived the home

was engulfed in flames and although they tried to enter the home they were forced back by the intense heat.

The Sheriff's Department was notified of the fire at 9:35 a.m. When officials arrived at the scene neighbors were battling the blaze. Some two and one-half hours later the blaze was finally extinguished and a search started for the body. Her body was later discovered near an oil circulating heater in the front room.

The exact cause of the fire is not known, however, there is speculation that Mrs. Hams may have tried to clean some spots on a carpet near the oil furnace causing the oil stove to explode.

Mrs. Hams was born June 14, 1897, Heppner, and was a lifetime resident of the community. She was the daughter of George and Clara Madison Kirk, Morrow County pioneers.

She was united in marriage to James E. Hams in Heppner, June 28, 1915.

Survivors include her widower, James, Heppner; three sons Darold, Heppner; Vester, Hermiston; and LaVerne, Ione; one sister Fay Ashbaugh, Portland; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Heppner, with the Rev. Edwin Sikes officiating.

Carl and Betty Marquardt sang "In The Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Casketbearers were Harold Stevens, James Norene, Ernest McCabe, Delbert Piper, William Bill and James Stamate.

Concluding services and vault interment were held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### Utility values increase locally

Three of Oregon's less populated counties had the greatest percentage utility value increases between 1974 and 1975, according to John J. Lobdell, Director of the Oregon Department of Revenue. In all three counties the raises in value were due to construction by Portland General Electric.

Gilliam County values jumped 85 per cent from \$14.2 million to \$26.2 million. Initial investment in the Pebble Springs nuclear plant was the principal cause for the increase.

Morrow County, site of the Boardman coal fired generating plant, found utility value increases of 18 per cent from \$16 million in 1974 to \$19 million in 1975. The Boardman plant is expected to cost \$322 million when it is completed in 1980.

### Bicentennial plans auction Wed.

The Morrow County Bicentennial committee appeals to everyone to donate items to place on the auction block, Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the fairgrounds.

The auction will start at 8:45 p.m. and continue until all items of interest are sold.

Proceeds of the auction will go toward Hager Park improvements, the restoration of the Hardman Community Center and the restoration of the Democrat Gulch School house and other Bicentennial projects.

Anyone having any items to donate to the Bicentennial committee is asked to bring the item to the auction if possible. If this is impractical, please contact Mike Sweeney, 676-9141 days or 676-5092 after 6 p.m., or contact Bill Weatherford, 676-3504 and arrangements will be made to transport the items to the auction.

The public is asked not to wait until Wednesday morning before contacting one of the committee members to pick up the items for auction.

### Bond issue planned by school board

Morrow County School District Board of Directors, in a special session held Tuesday, Aug. 5, approved a resolution to submit a bond issue in the amount of \$1,100,000 to the voters of Morrow County in September. The election will be scheduled for Sept. 16, 1975.

Architect Bob Smith from the Ontario firm of Smith and Hasagawa was on hand to discuss the proposed building program which includes new high school shops at Heppner and Ione and classrooms at Irrigon and Boardman.

Remodeling at Heppner Elementary and some site improvement is also included.

The action is a culmination of months of study and deliberation by local and district level planning committees and is prompted by increases in school population as well as a changing demand for more career centered education.

In other action, the Board accepted the resignations of Mr. Ed Sherman, math teacher and coach at Heppner Junior High and Mrs. Linda Williamson, Language Arts teacher at Ione High School.

### Awards program Thursday night

An awards program will be one of the special events at the Morrow County Fair, to recognize the achievements of all 4-H and FFA members. The program is planned for Thursday, Aug. 21, 4:30 p.m. in the sales arena at the fairgrounds. All special awards including home economics, horse and livestock, will be presented at this time. The public is invited to attend the program.



THE BOARDMAN HARVEST FESTIVAL COURT, from the left, Melanie Rayner, Terrie Hodson and Tammy Zemlska. (Not pictured is Lori Schnell who was unable to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Monday.)

### Harvest Festival Court visits chamber

The Harvest Festival Court, Boardman, were the guest speakers at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

The court accompanied by their chaperone, Mrs. Alice Bartlett, is comprised of Melanie Rayner, Tammy Zemlska and Terry Hodson, all juniors at Riverside High School. A fourth member of the court, Lori Schnell, a senior, was unable to attend.

The girls told the Chamber members of their past appearances and mentioned some of the highlights of the coming Harvest Festival which will be held Sept. 5-7.

Friday evening Sept. 5, will be an evening of entertainment with a teenage dance scheduled at the Grange Hall.

A parade will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. followed by the first Pacific All Northwest Watermelon pitching contest. In the after-

noon time trials for the boat races will be held. An adult dance will be held in the Grange Hall from 9-2 a.m.

Hydroplane races will be held Sunday at the Boardman marina.

To date, the Harvest Court has appeared at the Arlington Rodeo, Pea Festival, Milton-Freewater, Umatilla Sage Riders Luncheon, Morrow County Queen's Coronation and the Water Follies, Tri-Cities.

This week the court will appear at the Umatilla County Fair, Hermiston. They are also scheduled to appear at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and the Westward-Ho Festival, Pendleton.

Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zemlska. Her dad is a cattle feeder, Boardman.

Melanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Rayner. Her

dad is presently working as a security guard at the Umatilla Ordinance Depot.

Terrie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hodson. Wayne is a construction worker for Bill Nelson, Boardman.

In other business to come before the Chamber, Dr. Tibbles reminded the members Saturday, Aug. 23 is the date of the 23rd annual East-West Shrine Game to be played in Baker. Playing on the team will be Jerry Gentry, Heppner.

Ray Boyce asked the members to help with the ticket collection during the rodeo and asked all members who have not previously signed up to help to do so. He also stated that passes will be issued to authorized persons only, such as the riders who participate in the parade. He stressed that unauthorized persons will be

forced to pay unless they have the necessary passes.

### CHAMBER SPEAKER

Bus Clough, public affairs representative for Portland General Electric Company, will speak to members of the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting on Monday, August 25, at the Elks Club about area growth and community needs triggered by PGE construction projects planned in the Boardman-Arlington area.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Morrow County School District will hold its regular meeting on Monday, August 18 at 9 p.m. at the Heppner High School.

# FAIR BEGINS TUESDAY, AUG. 19