

Lions plan HHS track

If the Heppner Lions Club has their way, Heppner thins clads won't be touring a 363 yard track anymore. The Lions Club, headed up by Jim Wishart, is proposing to construct a 400 meter track at the present site at Heppner High School. Wishart heads up a com-

mittee with Dave Harrison, John Edmundson and Larry Mills. The foursome has investigated the site and brought recommendations.

The field needs to be extended 27 or 28 yards to gain the 400 meter or 440 yard track, according to the com-

mittee's investigation. It also found that the probable answer was to extend the northwest end of the track about 10-12 yards or even further, depending upon rock problems at the southeast end of the track.

A discussion with HHS Principal Jim Bier suggested

that the track be turned slightly to the southeast, into the hill to avoid adding much fill on the northeast end and avoid the access road near the gymnasium.

The proposal would take about five feet off a slope at

the southeast end of the track, moving it to the northeast end.

A layer of three inches of gravel is proposed with about two inches of granite hauled in on top.

The committee forecasted about one day of bulldozer work on the southeast end and

about four days on the northwest end.

The committee is still investigating different possibilities, but at the Lions' meeting Tuesday, Wishart said the proposal would not cost much money. He said volunteer labor and equipment had been solicited and gained.

Co-op takes exception to franchise provisions

Working representatives of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative took exception Monday to 15 provisions of a franchise ordinance proposed by the City of Heppner.

In a prepared statement, Randall Peterson, director of the Coop, said that the proposed franchise restraints "...can only increase our costs and work load."

Basically, the Coop representatives argue that the language of the franchise is more workable for metropolitan conditions. Specifically, the Coop has suggested that the franchise is not exclusive, could lead to problems in such areas as tree trimming, use of bridges and public places, unnecessary restriction of construction including restriction for emergency repairs. The Coop also submitted that the franchise wording could possibly open the way for the Heppner City Council to even "charge for labor on services provided or for service drops on the member's side of the meter." Another item at issue is a section on

books of account and reports which the Coop said "...contains broad regulator implication which might not be acceptable to the Board of Directors, the members, or the REA."

Mayor Jerry Sweeney responded that the franchise requirement on books of account and reports was standard operating procedure required of "Maw Bell" and other franchise operators such as TV franchises. Sweeney said that any reports called for under this section would be obtained at no expense to the Coop.

Annexation

The City Council continued legal steps to annex 31.92 acres of land adjacent to Heppner High School, including portions of county road extending from the High School to Fuller Canyon Road. The parcel, if annexed, would bring all existing school facilities inside the City Limits. The annexation proposal is now moving to the public hearing stage. Details are included in a legal publication elsewhere

in this issue.

In other action, the City Council adopted a measure to spend \$6,405 of a land conservation and development commission grant for comprehensive planning in Irrigon, Lexington, and Heppner.

The city and the county are jointly involved in project funding. By this action, the city gave \$6,405 of their funds for county work in such areas as payment of consulting services and other planning program costs borne by the county.

The next scheduled meeting of the Heppner City County Council will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Irrigon council sworn in

City Recorder Barbara Byrd administered the oath of office to the newly elected councilmen at the Tuesday night Council meeting. They were Rod Collins, Don Eppenbach, Don Jorgensen and re-elected Vernon Stewart. Dianne Brownlee was sworn in as Municipal Judge. She and Rod Collins will serve 2 year terms and the others 4 year terms.

Vernon Stewart was elected by the council to serve as Mayor to succeed outgoing Mayor Chester Wilson, who resigned. Bill Cooley was elected Mayor pro-tem and Barbara Byrd was reappointed to serve another year as recorder.

Engineer Val Toronto was present to answer questions on the report on the first 2 parts of a proposed sewer facility plan. A public hearing on the plan will be held before adoption of the plan by the council.

Audit copies were presented to new council members for review before discussion and adoption in the next session of the council.

Outgoing council members Elva Sanders, Elbert Eppenbach and Chester Wilson were also present.

Dinner slated

Better late than never.

The Fair and Rodeo Appreciation Dinner, originally set for Nov. 20, 1976, has been postponed. It has been rescheduled for Jan. 29 at the Elks' Club in Heppner.

The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow around 7 p.m. The Elks', according to Liz Curtis, Sec. Treas. of the fair association, has promised live music after dinner.

Reservations are available by calling 676-9454.

School slates 4 one-act plays

The one-act plays scheduled for presentation Jan. 29 in the

Mayor attends inaugural

Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney and sons Brian and Greg travelled to Washington, D.C., this week to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Jimmy Carter.

Mayor Sweeney received the honor of an invitation about two weeks ago and was able to make reservations for the flight, accommodations and room reservations on short notice.

The trio is scheduled to return Sunday, Jan. 23.

Hearings set for planners

Three public hearings are set for the Morrow County Planning Commission meeting, Jan. 24 at Riverside High School in Boardman.

Public hearings will be held on the following matters:

An application from O.W. Cutsforth for a zone change from farm to recreation residential. The property proposed is a 2.2 acre lot.

Proposed revisions and amendments to the Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance.

Proposed amendment to Morrow County Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of which is to establish standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of mobile home parks.

high school cafeteria offer a variety of appeals for Heppner audiences.

SUNDAY COSTS FIVE PEOS is light comedy with Marie Yocom, Lynn Gochbauer, Tami Prock, Joan Ployhar, and Scott Groshens playing young Spanish people in a lover's quarrel with a happy ending.

THE MONKEY'S PAW is more suspenseful, as an old couple, played by Judy Ledbetter and Bob Miller, have a chance at making three wishes on a magic monkey's paw given them by a retired Sgt. Major from India, Charlie Rawlins. The paw brings tragedy to their son, Ty Lucas, and a man from his company, Phil Johnson, and some suspense-filled moments at the end for both characters and audiences.

THE OPEN WINDOW, a spunky short comedy, stars Wendy Myers as a highly imaginative young girl and Scott Groshens as a young man with nervous disorders. Also in the cast are Tami Prock, Joan Ployhar, and Carl Christman.

Most dramatic on the bill is NOT ENOUGH ROPE, a play about a lonely girl living in a boarding house, Judy Farley, who tries to hang herself to get the attention of a new male tenant, Charlie Rawlins, too absorbed in himself and his drums and cymbals to get involved. Another boarder, 80-year-old Mrs. Pierce, is played by Tina Miller.

Sets for all four plays are being constructed by David Steagall and Chris Wright. Mrs. Rawlins is the instructor of the drama workshop class and director of the plays.

The plays will be evaluated by a panel of judges and awards will be given for the best play, actor, actress, and supporting roles.

The admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for students.

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Staff changes listed by G-T

Two staff changes were announced this week on the Heppner Gazette-Times. The

changes include the employment of Tom Franks, 40, of Baker, Ore., as editor, and the

appointment of Wil C. Phinney, of Heppner, as advertising manager.

Phinney, who has been editor for the past seven months, will continue to report sports news for the Gazette-Times. Dorothy Zita, who has worked in both advertising and news capacities, will leave the paper in February to study for a real estate license. She will continue to live in Heppner.

Franks, who comes to the Gazette-Times with nearly 15 years of communications experience, is a native of Hutchinson, Kan. He served five years as associate editor of The High Plains Journal, Dodge City, Kan., a regional farm and ranch journal serving Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas. For eight years, he worked on various publications, newspapers, television and radio stations in Florida, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and



Tom Franks



Wil Phinney

California.

In Baker, Franks was employed as advertising manager for the Maxi-Mart Shopping Center. He graduated from the University of Denver in 1958 with a BA in Speech.

Franks spent two years as an executive trainee and operations director with Goodwill Industries of America.

Franks said hard news and features will be expanded in the Gazette-Times in keeping with the newspaper's place as the official newspaper of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow.

Boardman council discusses LID \$ for new water line

The first reading of the Boardman Local Improvement District (LID) ordinance was made at city council Tuesday night.

The lengthy 10-page ordinance contained stipulations and guidelines which will guide Boardman through the LID proposed for Boardman's southside. Monies obtained from the LID would be used to install an 18-inch water line.

Amendments to the ordinance were recommended by Mayor Jerry Peck and Councilman Gene Trumbull. Authority to embark on the project could only be stopped by two-thirds of the property owners involved was changed to 51 per cent of the property involved. Several other technicalities of the ordinance were also recommended for change.

City council sewer rate committee members are presently working on a new rate for residential and commercial establishments. Currently, 35 per cent of the sewer is in residential use which pays 69 per cent of the cost. Commercial use has reached 65 per cent of the use and pays 31 per cent.

Boardman lists 24 businesses and 200 homes hooked up to its sewer line. Of the 24 businesses, 15 are below the minimum use standard of 6,000 gallons. Nine commercial users rank among the main customers of the city's sewer system. Council members as a whole have proposed to sit down with the committee for a workshop to work out the rate differences. "I hope that this time we continue with it and not drop it like we did last year," said Councilman Joe Tatone.

Portland General Electric's bachelor quarters complex has had its sewer rates redefined by the city. Each unit will be billed as a residence of

the city. The new rate is referred to as a special rate by the city. It does not apply to the staff and kitchen facilities which have additional bathrooms.

The city's Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) compliance report has been completed. It will be submitted to LCDC asking for compliance with its goals. This report is believed to be the first ever submitted containing goal number 14 of the LCDC plan.

That goal states the designation of urban growth boundaries. "At least we're the only one that's doing it without a state grant," commented Councilman Dewey West.

Boardman goals include open space for a fish and wildlife habitat, scenic views, air, water and land resource qualification, bicycle and pedestrian transportation and mass transit.

New water rates for the Hillview Estates and Columbia Terrace were set up by the council. A minimum charge of \$4 for the first 6,000 gallons and 25 cents for each additional thousand gallons will be charged the individual developers. Presently, the city is purchasing the water from I.M. (Doc) Docken's mobile home development water line. The city is charged 20 cents per thousand gallons. This rate is less than the rest of the city and will be imposed until the regular water system reaches full development.

Final payment on the city's fire truck was made last night. The Boardman council also approved spending \$500 from the contingency fund to purchase a small storage shed. Since the arrival of the new Emergency Medical Technician's county-owned ambulance at city hall, storage space has become tight.

Board, parents agree; Ione hires teacher

It was one point for the parents' side as the Morrow County School board granted their request that Ione hire a third grade teacher.

Second and third grade classes have been combined since the first of September with the transfer of third grade teacher, Johnna Shimp, to A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon.

The combined class has been taught by second grade teacher Veva Skow with the help of teachers' aide Barbara Peters who splits her time between first and second grades. Parents contend that Skow is doing a wonderful job as far as she is able. But it's too much.

A third grade teacher had been budgeted last year but Shimp's leaving had left the teaching position vacant. As a result the position was never filled.

School board members ruled to retain the aide as well as hire a teacher for the remainder of the year. "We don't anticipate the teacher being a greater expense than

was budgeted for," noted Ione Principal Chuck Starr. Because the money saved by maintaining an aide for this first part of the year, hiring a teacher and retaining an aide would work out to the same total cost budgeted.

Parents had approached the school board with this recommendation at the December meeting. The board had asked for time to study the situation. Skow testified that teaching a large room of students in the same grade was a much better situation over a large group of two separate grades.

Faced with that fact the school board is forming a committee to consider offering a position for a rural representative. The next election is April 19, 1977 and one board position will be open. As it stands now the board is made up of three Heppner representatives and one from each additional school. The deadline for submission of board member applications is March 15.

Request of the Heppner Nazarene Church for the use of a bus was turned down. Offering released time, non-denominational classes to Heppner students the bus was to have been used in transporting them to and from the church.

Decline of the request resulted from the board's realization that other church groups would be entitled to the same consideration.

Camilla Samples, Heppner grade school laundress, peti-

tioned the board to extend her contract beyond her 65th birthday next year. Board policy for classified employees is that they must retire on reaching age 65. Board action was postponed though Mrs. Samples will be notified that the job will be offered to her again next year provided she maintains good health and her commendable work.

Riverside Principal Dan Daltoso recommended the board hire Margaret Glenn to replace the position vacated by Margaret Rockwood's resignation last month. Glenn has been teaching the drama/art class since Rockwood's absence. It was decided that Glenn would be hired pending certification by the county.

Shots today

Today is the day for shots.

The Morrow County Health Department has school immunization clinics planned for today (Thursday), Jan. 20, at two Heppner locations.

The clinics are slated for the Heppner grade school from 9:30 a.m. to noon and at the Heppner Day Care Center, starting at 2 p.m.

All pre-school children in the area needing immunizations are welcome to attend.

WEATHER

Wed., Jan. 12	42	14	.01
Thurs., Jan. 13	46	28	.10
Fri., Jan. 14	50	28	
Sat., Jan. 15	52	34	.05
Sun., Jan. 16	55	36	.01
Mon., Jan. 17	63	43	
Tues., Jan. 18	65	42	
Record high is 70 on Jan. 1, 1918. Recorded low that year was -7. It was 60 degrees in January last year.			