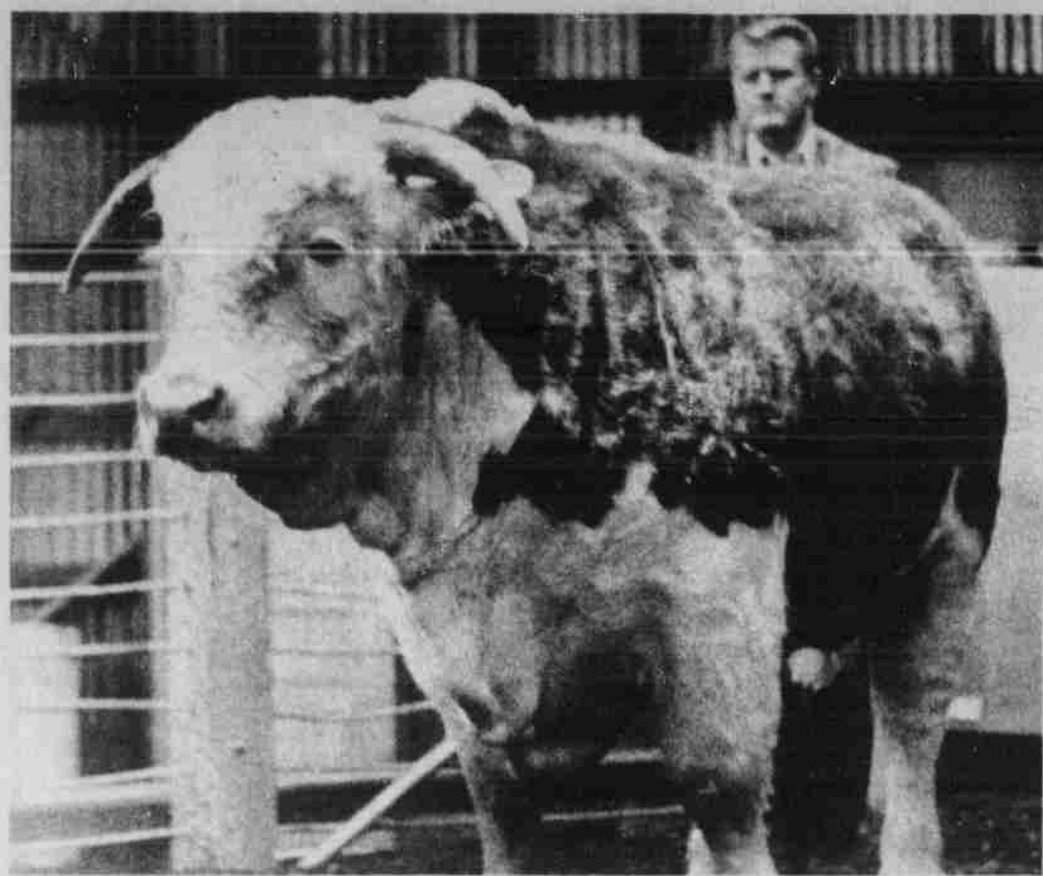




Top selling bull

Boardman bull goes for \$2200

A \$2,200 price tag was hung on the top bull at the 10th annual Horn, Acock and Monahan bull and heifer sale Monday. Jack Gregory, La Grande cattle rancher, placed the final \$2,200 bid.

The sale drew a crowd in excess of 100 potential buyers. Hilmer Horn and Sons, Hermiston, together with C. W. Acock and Son, Boardman, and Frank Monahan, Condon, sold 48 bulls and 24 young heifers.

Bulls brought a total of

\$14,525 with an \$865.10 average. Heifers captured an \$8,040 total price with a \$335 average. Last year's sale of 47 bulls paid a total of \$42,525.

A \$600 bull was the lowest price paid. The low-priced heifer sold at \$220. "Prices were a little higher than we expected," said a Horn Ranch spokesman.

"From the bull sales I've been watching I would say those prices were in the lower-middle bracket," said Lynden Nicholson, Umatilla

County Extension cattle specialist, Milton-Freewater. "Heifer prices are somewhat erratic but that's a little low from many I've seen."

Purebred cattle sales have been in a volatile market, according to Extension findings. "In the last three or four years the cattle business economics have been in quite a depression," said Nicholson.

Some of the reason for the lower bracket cattle prices paid Monday are no doubt reflected from that depres-

sion. "If I didn't make any money last year on my cattle," said Nicholson, "I'm not going

to pay very much for a bull or a heifer because I just don't have it to spend."

Negotiator asked for employee-board talks

Salary disagreements brought the Morrow County School Board and classified employees to impasse Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The two parties called on the State Conciliation Service to supply a mediator for the talks. It was the first time that the negotiation process had been forced to bring in a third party.

Main disagreement centered around the 6.7 per cent salary increase the board has

offered. It is slightly above the cost of living index. "We just don't feel we can afford to live on that," said Don Adams, chairman of the classified employee negotiating team.

Employees were asking for 20 to 25 per cent increases. When neither side could agree, the board called for a mediator to be brought in.

It is expected to take two to three weeks before a state mediator can be provided. The mediator will not work to

the particular advantage of either side. "It tries to bring the two sides together on the points they are far apart on," explained Adams, an A.C. Houghton custodian.

Classified employees will be briefed on the mediation process through the Oregon School Employees Association. "Hopefully it will end in satisfaction for all of us, (school board, resident, and classified employees)," said Adams.

Serious salary talks to begin Thursday

The Morrow County School Board and teachers missed their Jan. 31 deadline for concluding contract negotiations for the 1977-78 school year.

The two parties expect to begin serious salary discussions Thursday night at a 7:30 meeting in Lexington.

Most revisions and acceptances of the teacher's 53-page contract have been completed. One particular area the board has not addressed itself to is the right of a teacher to go into his personal file.

Teachers are asking that they be permitted to enter their personal file once a year.

This would give them the opportunity to make notations on materials they feel are obsolete. They could then ask the board that such materials be removed from their file. Teachers have observed that some of the information in the files could have a damaging influence on future employment.

In-service days, used by teachers to attend workshops and seminars, are under consideration to be extended to 4½ days. The 1976 contract set aside a maximum of three days. The board feels those days should be used to improve curriculum or otherwise drop them.

Teachers would like to use the additional days to prepare for parent-teacher conferences. Presently much of that preparation is done on their own time. They are asking the added days be put at the end of the grading periods.

"The real problem is that nobody does the same thing (with in-service days)," said Marshall Hesla, team chairman for the teachers.

The 176 day school year for teachers has been extended to 179 days. Contract days, however, remain the same but students will be attending school three extra days.

The board has offered teachers three days for emergency leave. That would

be granted one day at a time except for extreme emergencies and death. Board members noted that teachers often use the emergency time for plumbing problems, etc.

Touching on salary, the teachers decided to come down from their proposed 12 per cent increase to 10 per cent. Board negotiators have chose to stick with the statewide 4 per cent raise. They asked the teachers to return with a more reasonable proposal.

The contract clause that states if a teacher breaks the contract after July 1 that teacher must forfeit \$200 has been changed to 2.5 per cent of the total salary. If the teacher fails to pay the amount, the teachers association will be called upon to pay it.

The teacher's name can also be turned in to the Teachers Standards and Practices Division Board. There, the teacher's license can be revoked for one year.

Many of the contract agreements depend on the teacher's acceptance of a multi-year contract proposal sponsored by the board. They are pushing for a three-year agreement. This would mean there would be no, or only partial, negotiations done until the end of the contract period.

Storm drainage system slows 60-acre Hansen development

Development of 30 acres included in the 60-acre Paul Hansen development east of Boardman is being held up while Boardman city councilors take a look at a proposed storm drainage system.

Hansen approached the council Tuesday night to request that the city permit him to dig out one of its clogged sump drain systems. He would then install the type of dry well system he proposes for his housing development. A dry well would increase lot price \$300 while another storm drainage system piping water to a lagoon would increase costs \$1,000.

The dry well is designed for a 10-foot depth, packed with high grade gravel on the sides to prevent sand from filtering through. Storm water would flow into the chamber and be allowed to seep into the soil. This system abolishes the need for a holding lagoon.

"The high school (Riverside) had a dry well for its cooling water from the heat pump," said Mayor Gerry

Peck. "Sand filtered in through the gravel and we had to dig it out three times in three years."

Hansen's associates contend that the well they propose would not have that trouble due to the type of gravel they plan to use. The offer extended by Hansen was meant as a test of the dry well in the cul-de-sac between Columbia Avenue and Court Street. Once tested on its effectiveness the council would then have the choice of accepting or rejecting the dry well system.

"I'm against this because I know it will work there," explained councillor Dewey West. "But who's to say it would work in the Hansen property?"

A meeting later this week will be held between the council members to decide about the dry well proposal. Failing to get a majority vote, the council turned down Hansen's offer.

Feb. 15, the city council will

hold a "philosophical meeting," according to city manager Jim Thompson. On that date at 7:30 p.m. Drs. Richard Carpenter and Joe Gifford, Heppner, will visit with the council and interested residents concerning the possibility of a Health Care Plan involving doctors in the north end of Morrow County. The doctor's proposal may also include plans for the proposed Boardman medical clinic.

David Noles, representative of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will also be slated that evening to discuss migrant and low income housing for the Boardman area. Thompson intends to move this meeting to Riverside High School. Exact location will be announced.

In other action the council approved:

• The original form of Boardman's Local Improvement District (LID) ordinance. The next meeting will include the third reading. The

ordinance merely provides the procedure and mechanics to form an LID. It does not create one. Boardman is looking into an LID as funding for an 18-inch water line leading to Boardman South.

• Paul Hansen development's sewer and water line installed last summer. It was inspected for proper bedding techniques by city engineer Stan Wallulis. Upon payment of the \$2,500 inspection fee the line will be accepted;

• Payment of A.J. Zinda Corporation, Portland. Zinda is currently doing the construction of the Ranney water collector and chlorination chamber. The corporation will receive payment for its total bill of \$124,451.19;

• Purchase of a 1974, one ton, Ford, flat-bed truck with a crane on the back. For city use, the truck will be purchased for \$3,000 from Bill Sharkey, Boardman. The city has \$2,000 available for the purchase and Sharkey has agreed to wait until the beginning of the next budget year to collect the third \$1,000;

• East Central Oregon Association of Counties archeological survey. The survey is in compliance with historical and archeological preservation of Boardman land. It will stipulate that any building project by the city must be cleared so that it will not disturb any historical or archeological area. The survey is offered on a \$60,000 federal grant to five counties;

• Dewey West's proposal that the council support state revenue sharing and urge legislators' support. West also encouraged citizens to write their representatives. Through Senate Bill 11 and House Bill 2197, the government will be offering \$27 million to cities in need. Boardman would be eligible for a \$9,496 share;

• Setting a date for a sewer rates committee meeting, Feb. 8 at 3:30 p.m.



Jorge do Coudo e Silva is Irrigon's latest Brazilian transplant. A new member of the Daryl and Dianne Brownlee family, 16-year-old Jorge arrived Sunday, Jan. 23 from Porto Alegre, Brazil. He will be attending Riverside High School, Boardman, as a representative of

Youth for Understanding foreign exchange program. An avid soccer player, Jorge is shown with his exchange mother, Dianne. He is looking forward to participating in the Brownlee family sports of motocycling and water skiing.

Miles Tires

announces an ownership change---

Les Schwab Tire Stores have purchased the store from Dexter Miles on Main Street, Heppner.

Miles asks all customers who have tires in the store to please claim them at the earliest convenience.

The tires must be out by Feb. 11.

The tire store will be closed Feb. 12-13 for inventory and Les Schwab will take over on Feb. 14.

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