

School board reconsiders transportation bid

(Continued from page 1) use of a school bus to transport the players and coaches but the boosters will pay the expenses.

The principals of the Morrow County schools announced their respective schedules for the Christmas programs. Inone, Riverside and Heppner High schools had their concerts Tuesday but the Heppner grade school concert is today at 1 p.m. and A.C. Houghton grade school is having its concert tonight at 7.

General contractor Bob Smith reported to the board about the progress being made on the two new schools being built in Boardman and Irrigon.

Smith said painting is being done at the Sam Boardman Elementary school and the only thing holding up the work there is the ceramic tile work and the arrival of the heating units.

Smith said he expects the building to be finished and ready to open the first part of March.

"They are way ahead of schedule," he said. "The contract states the work should be completed the first of April. If everything goes right, it could be done in February."

Smith said the work is being done remarkably fast and the delay in the arrival of the heating systems was caused by a strike.

Superintendent Doherty said the water and sewer work is being done now and the grading, leveling and landscaping has been completed.

The building has carpet throughout except for the gym, in restrooms and in the kitchen area.

The water line is still being constructed at the Columbia Jr. High. Smith said dry wall texturing is being done now and the school should be ready to open March 10. The contract deadline is March 15.

Smith said he was going to withhold some money for the \$240,000 heating units for both schools because of problems he has had with the company. He said he will complete the payment when the systems are in good running condition.

The school board approved a mistake made in the basketball scheduling at Riverside High School.

The board limits the number of basketball games a team can play in Morrow County to 20 contests. The league has a limit of 22 games. The Riverside athletic director inadvertently scheduled 22 games not realizing the board had limitations. The board gave Riverside a verbal reprimand but let the mistake go unchanged.

Heppner High School principal Jim Bier said he had a way to cancel out one of Riverside's games. "They play us once so I think they should have to forfeit that game," Bier jokingly said.

In a special meeting earlier this month, the board decided not to accept a bid from Mid Columbia Bus Co. Inc. of Condon. The bid was to take over the busing of students in north Morrow County.

The bid was for 12 buses at \$17,600 per bus each year for a total of \$211,000. The vote was 3-2 not to accept the bid.

Bill Flatt said because the vote was so close, he felt some of the board members might have some questions about the company he could answer that may persuade them to change their minds.

Flatt said he has been in the business for 28 years and has operations in five counties. He said many types of arrangements could be made to make the cost cheaper for the county. He said the company could lease equipment from the county instead of supplying all of its own new equipment.

Flatt also discussed the possibility of building a maintenance shop in Irrigon so Mid Columbia could work on its

buses in Umatilla and Morrow County from the same shop.

Because of all the different options that could be made, the board decided to reconsider the Mid Columbia bid on the basis that a plan be developed so the bid will be less than the original \$211,000 bid.

The school board approved the hiring of Debra Morgan and Terra Adams at Heppner High School, Stuart Croghan at Heppner Jr. High, Robert Colon at Sam Boardman Elementary and Edwin Johnson at Columbia Jr. High.

The Board also discussed, but no action was taken, on the upcoming budget proposals.

Barbara Bloodworth appointed by court as new county clerk

Barbara Bloodworth of Heppner was appointed as the new county clerk last week by the Morrow County Court.

Mrs. Bloodworth will replace the retiring Sadie Parrish. She will officially become county clerk Jan. 1, 1980.

Mrs. Parrish has served as the county clerk for 34 years and Mrs. Bloodworth has been the deputy to the county clerk for the last 10 years.

Mrs. Bloodworth's appointed term will expire Jan. 1, 1981.

She has been deputy clerk since November of 1969 and worked before that at the assessor's office for a year. She was born and raised in Morrow County.

Mrs. Bloodworth said she filed to run for the office last month when Mrs. Parrish told her this was going to be her last term and she was not going to run again. When Mrs. Parrish announced her early resignation, Mrs. Bloodworth was the obvious person to take her place, court officials said.

Port of Morrow commissioners decide on firm to review waste-system plans

In about two weeks, the Port of Morrow commissioners should receive word on whether or not work can continue on the proposed potato processing plant solid waste separation system.

At the meeting Dec. 13, the port commissioners decided to have Michner and Associates review port manager Buddy Toadvin's plans for the system. It will cost the port \$10,000 plus any inspection during the construction phase at \$29 an hour plus expenses.

The reason for the review is because Gourmet Foods threatened a law suit two

months ago if a review was not made.

Two other bids were made to review the plans. One was by CH2M Hill and the other by Advanced Engineer Consultants.

Michner and Associates will review four specifics in the plan. They will check the solid waste separation, analyze the existing pipeline, inspect the construction of the pipeline and the overall management of the program.

In other port news, the commissioners agreed to lease 25 acres of port land to Harbor Timber Co. and 16.72 acres to Olympic Western. The two companies will operate a log handling and chip plant.

The land is being leased for \$800 an acre for the first five years with the price increasing according to a formula to be worked out later. The lease is for five years with three five-year options.

The lease becomes effective Jan. 1, 1980 and the companies have already started to clear land and construct rough roads into the property, which is east of Messner Pond.

A Union Pacific Railroad representative made an offer for \$750 an acre to buy some

other port land.

The railroad wants to widen its right of way to put another main line in from Boardman to Hinkle. They are asking for 21.13 acres but they have agreed to take less if at all possible and will not take more.

The port did not accept the offer but referred it to the property committee where the price will be negotiated and the problem of an access will be discussed.

The railroad will take away an access to a Sabre Farms storage shed so Port Attorney Samuel Tucker is going to put into any agreement that some kind of bridge overpass must be built by the railroad to give access to the Sabre Farms property.

The port also decided to borrow \$100,000 from the Bank of Eastern Oregon to cover some port checks. The port had deposited some checks that were returned, marked "insufficient funds" so they need to borrow some money. The port is contacting the party whose checks bounced.

The port requested \$125,000 in a grant to extend Marine Drive but received \$30,500.



Flags were put up in Heppner to honor National Unity Day. President Carter proclaimed the day for the 50 hostages in Iran.

Old Glory displayed to honor hostages

Heppner's Main Street displayed scores of American flags Tuesday to mark National Unity Day honoring the American hostages in Iran.

Jim Launer, member of the American Legion post, said he heard on a television news program that President Jimmy Carter had proclaimed the day for Dec. 18, urging all Americans to show the flag and churches to ring their bells.

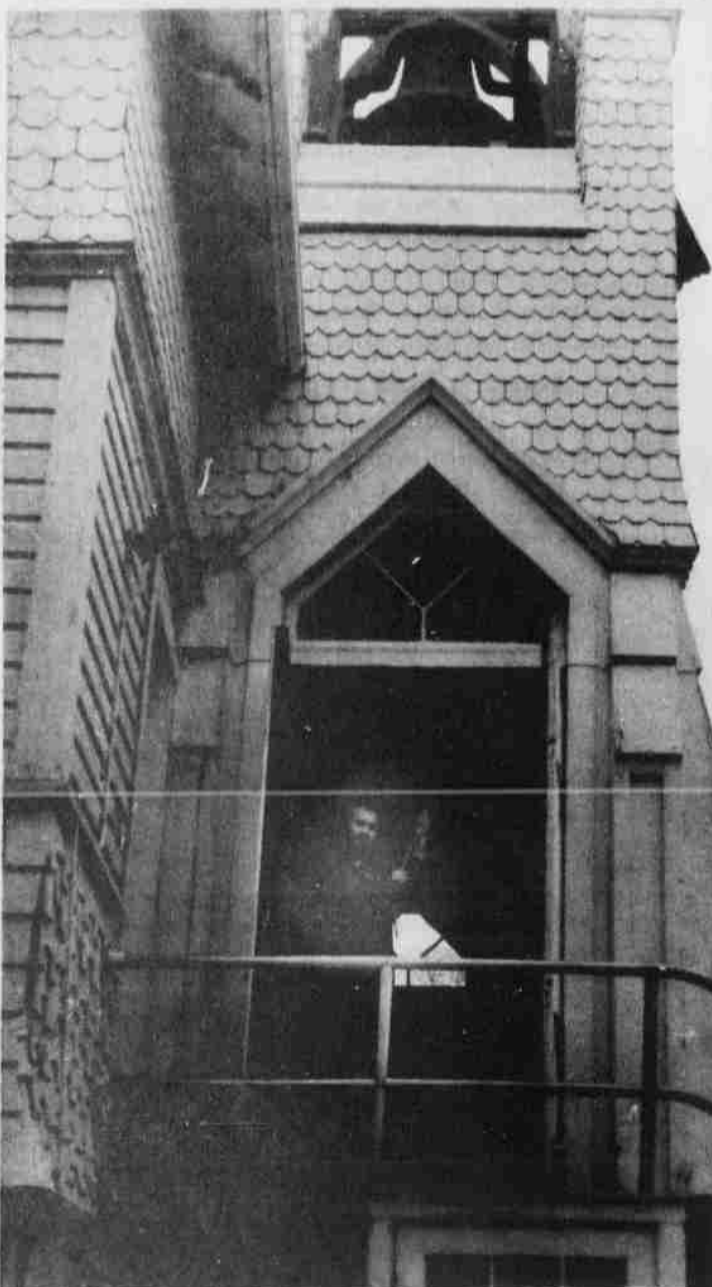
Launer said he urged members of the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to bring the flags out from storage and mount them in the permanent brackets that have been installed on downtown buildings. The flags are usu-

ally placed in the brackets on holidays.

President Carter's proclamation of National Unity Day was the result of a joint resolution passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives calling for the observance.

More than 50 hostages have been held in the American Embassy in Tehran for more than month.

Thousands of militants, followers of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, have refused to release the hostages until the deposed Shah of Iran is returned to face trial. The Shah, who was in the United States for surgery, is now in Panama.



Methodist minister Mike Sheridan is planning on ringing the church bell everyday at noon until the hostages in Iran are released.

Five members named to chamber board


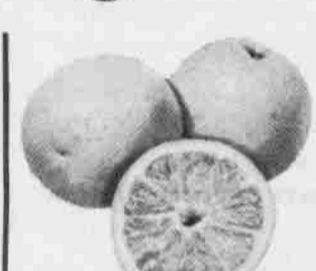






Five Heppner citizens were named to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Monday.

John Edmundson was named to a one-year term and John Van Winkle, John Maas, Justine Weatherford and Don McElligott were named to

two-year terms. Judge McElligott tried to withdraw his name but a motion was made to pass all the names unanimously and it passed.

There will be no chamber meeting Monday but there will be one Dec. 31.

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 Western Family Smoked Ham 1 ⁷⁹ lb. Boneless Fresh Turkeys Available	 Oranges 5 lbs./\$1 ⁰⁰
 Sierra Farms Turkeys 9 lbs. to 16 lbs. 83 ^c 17lbs. to 23lbs. 79 ^c	Sweet Potatoes 37 ^c
 Kraft Miniature Marshmallows 10 ^{1/2} oz. Marshmallows 3 pkg./\$1 ⁰⁰	Yams 4 lbs./\$1 ⁰⁰
Nalley's Sweet Pickles 89 ^c 22 oz.	 Celery 3 Stalks/\$1 ⁰⁰
Pacific Crab Meat 6 oz. 1 ⁹⁹	S&W Pitted Olives 6 oz. 79 ^c
 Betty Crocker 22 oz. Pie Crust Sticks 1 ³³	 Libby's Pumpkin 29 oz. 59 ^c
Pacific Friend Shrimp 4 ^{1/2} oz. 1 ¹⁹	Philadelphia Cream Cheese 8 oz. 73 ^c
Princella Yams 16 oz. 49 ^c	Prices effective December 20th through the 31st  Central MARKET
Nalley's Assorted Dips 8 oz. 59 ^c	