

A councilman's message

Water bonds vital to Heppner

(The following was submitted for publication.)
Citizens of Heppner:

On May 20, when you go to the polls, you will find, mixed in with the usual primary races, school and county budgets, etc., an item of extreme importance to the future of Heppner. This is the Water System Improvement Bond Issue in the amount of \$430,000 to accomplish the following: (1) Replace approximately one mile of Willow Creek main line from the upper end of the lake formed by the Willow Creek Dam. (2) Construct a high pressure main from below the new reservoir to the Rock Street area behind the hospital and (3) to analyze and renovate the Thorpe well, if feasible, or to drill another for emergency use.

'Vote yes on school budget'

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May 20, is the Morrow County School District Budget Levy. The proposed levy represents a \$73,039 reduction over the levy which was defeated by the voters in March. At the present time, Morrow County pays \$7.73 per one thousand dollars of valuation for the support of schools. This compares with an average rate paid in Umatilla County of 14.7 percent.

The proposed levy will probably result in around \$8.08 per thousand of true cash value, or an increase of 35c per thousand over last year, but is still far below the rate paid for schools by taxpayers in Umatilla County. I believe the Budget Committee has tried hard to prepare a realistic budget for the operation of our schools, and that their efforts deserve our support.

I urge you to vote yes on the School District budget levy.
Gail Hughes
Heppner

The justification for these three steps are as follows:
1. The portion of the Willow Creek line to be replaced is over 40 years old and has been the site of numerous breaks during the past few years. It is also believed to be the source of the contamination of our water supply during the Spring runoff in 1979. Portions of this pipe can be described as no more than layers of rust held in place by the soil around it.

'More study needed—vote No on budget'

Editor:
The headlines read "Superintendent says schools won't open if budget keeps failing." This may be true if carried to the extreme, but a no vote now should call for more extensive study of what we are or are not offering our students and at what cost.

If this particular budget fails, the next threat offered by the administration is that bus schedules and sports will be curtailed.

The suggestion has been raised that we do away with

2. The area behind and above the hospital, Rock Street and Fairview Way are now served by the old County reservoir supplied by our regular system. The problems in this area are inadequate volume in case of fire, and varying pressures. One of the most critical fire hydrants in the area has tested at 18 pounds which is far under the pressure necessary for fire protection. Also, little, if any, of the adjacent land in the

competitive junior high sports. Is this what the area wants?

How many registered voters have compared the three curricula offered at the county high schools to really know what we are offering and voting upon? How many voters have examined curricula offered elsewhere to know what we are NOT offering?

Vote NO and become informed.
Meg Murray,
Heppner

area which might be developed in the future could be served by the present system.

3. Heppner depends on four wells along Willow Creek for its water supply. These are good wells and supply all the water we need in the foreseeable future. However, the weak point is that all these wells are tied to town by one transmission line. Should this line rupture, we would be dependent upon the water stored in the reservoirs in town until the break could be fixed. Two years ago, we all found out how bad that can be.

Well No. 6 on Balm Fork has been used as an emergency well, but now has begun pumping sand which renders it useless. Part of the bond issue would allow us to have this well analyzed by experts and repaired, if possible. If not feasible to repair, a new one would be drilled closer to town for emergency use.

The Heppner City Council recognizes that we are in a depressed economic time and no one wants to pay more taxes at such a time. However, we also recognize that the three items listed above will have to be done soon and that, because of inflation and the work on the Willow Creek Dam, this work will never be done at less cost than now. One other point that should be understood is that, although this work is not part of the Corps of Engineers work, it is related to, and in some cases dependent on, their work. Because of this, the bonds will not be issued if the authorization for relocation of affected parts of our water system should be revoked.

For the future of Heppner, I strongly recommend a YES vote on the City of Heppner Water System Improvement Bond Issue.

Sincerely,
Cliff W. Green
Council President
Heppner

Sylvia McDaniel backs Sherer as successor

Editor:
The primary election is fast approaching and there are many candidates for the county offices this year, perhaps more choices than at any time in the past 25 years of which I have been in office.

I would like very much to see Margo Sherer elected to replace me in office. As most taxpayers know, the Tax office has been in the Treasurer's office since July 1975, with Mrs. Irby as Tax Collector. Margo came into the Tax office in January 1977, and worked under Mrs. Irby

until last year when Mrs. Irby retired.

Margo has proved very efficient in the office of Tax Collector and on many occasions has filled in for me when I have had to be away from the office. I know she is well aware of the many laws that govern the procedures of the Treasurer's office and is well qualified to undertake the responsibility.

I have no qualms about endorsing Margo Sherer to be the next County Treasurer.
Sylvia McDaniel
Morrow County Treasurer



Denny Smith and Gov. Vic Atiyeh

Statement by Atiyeh

I have known Denny Smith since the time his dad, Elmo Smith, was governor. Over those 26 years I have worked with Denny and watched him mature into a successful family man and businessman. He has a strong background of service to his country, family and community.

I believe that Oregonians need Denny Smith representing them in Congress. Today I am endorsing this fresh new approach to government. I am endorsing Denny Smith for Congress.

Denny Smith brings an understanding of our problems, a proven ability to cope with difficult situations and a courage and conviction to solve the many problems this country will face.

Victor Atiyeh
Governor of Oregon

Douglas Rathbun called 'best man for Sheriff'

Editor:

Over the past four years we have known Douglas Rathbun. We have found him to be an honest, hard working and respected police officer of the City of Heppner. By law in the Primary Election he can not say he is a write in candidate for Sheriff. We can say to the people of Morrow County to write his name in for Sheriff in

the May 20th Primary Election. He is the best candidate for the job of Sheriff.

We feel that the position of Sheriff is a very important position. Your vote for Rathbun would assure you of an experienced and honest Sheriff for all the people of Morrow County.

Wilma & Wesley Marlatt
Heppner

Former Ashland man buys Fulleton Chevrolet agency

Ronald McDonald, recently of Ashland, has arrived in Heppner to assume ownership of the former Fulleton Chevrolet Co.

Royce Fulleton, the former owner, will devote himself to his horse and ranching interests. He will assist the new owners on a part-time basis, and retain the sales dealership for horse trailers.

The name of the car dealership has been changed to Ron McDonald Chevrolet Inc., specializing in new and used cars and truck sales, parts and servicing. Employees of the firm include Walter "Shorty" Berry, the mechanic, and Ruby Munkers and Randy Buck, "who will do just about everything," McDonald said. "I sold cars for nine years in Madras," McDonald said of his own experience, "and then for nine years I have been selling insurance for the Harace Mann Insurance Co., in Bend for five years and in Ashland, in southern Oregon, for the past four years." He described Harace Mann as the world's largest insurer of school teachers.

"I wanted to get back in



Ronald McDonald eastern Oregon," he said. "I grew up in Ashwood, which is east of Madras.

"My wife's name is Joan. She'll be coming over as soon as the house is sold in Ashland. "We're looking to rent one in Heppner.

"We have four kids. The youngest is 18—a freshman at Oregon State. He'll be here this summer."

He said his wife had grown up in Prineville and she, too, had wanted to return to eastern Oregon. We're looking forward to living here. We're pleased with the area."

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