

Welches school budget vote Tuesday

This Tuesday, May 3, the voters in the Welches School District will go to the polls to vote on the district's proposed 1971-1972 school budget.

The budget has been discussed in the Post and by school officials at different meetings of mountain area groups.

The following is a statement from the district superintendent-principal Earl Covey on the proposed budget:

"The Welches School Budget was defined by Supt-Principal Earl Covey, as being a conservative budget that is responsive to the needs of children and to the pocketbook of the property owner.

The 1970-71 Welches School Budget is both adequate and economical. While greater expenditures could provide better education, and a decrease in expenditures might jeopardize the quality of the educational program, we believe that the proposed expenditures will not shortchange the students nor overcharge the taxpayers.

It represents the best estimate of the money needed to provide quality education at an efficient and economical level.

The major reasons for the increase in this year's budget over last year's are cited as increased cost in supplies and services to the district, salary adjustments, increased transportation costs and provisions for a remedial program for students needing individualized instruction to a

greater degree than can be given in the regular classroom, extension of the music program to include instrumental training and attention to meeting minimum State Standards in the Library department.

Most of the above areas are beyond the school district's control, because they are inflationary items with which we must contend. The provision of a remedial program is deemed necessary if we are to offer the extra help that without which some students will never experience the success of which they are capable.

This year we were able to provide a remedial program for approximately four months thru a federally funded program at no cost to the district. Next year we will plan to continue this program supplementing it to the extent that it will continue throughout the year. Most school district's in the state provide some kind of remedial program for their students, and we feel that this is a most worthy venture.

In the Library area which is more accurately referred to as the instructional-material center, the district plans to purchase over a two year period the necessary recommended books for the various curriculum areas in sufficient quantities to bring our library up to state standards.

It is not our desire to be standard just to be standard, but because these standards define the kind of instructional

center any knowledgeable, responsible and concerned citizenry would want for their youth.

The instructional center is recognized by educators throughout the country as the hub of the learning wheel which provides the critical difference as to whether or not students will really get excited and

involved with an area of knowledge that they may only get a taste of in the classroom.

The total increase in cost of this year's budget over last year's is estimated to be approximately 43 cents per 1000 dollars true cash value. This means that on \$10,000.00 worth of property the owner would expect an increase of \$4.30 for

the entire year or approximately 36 cents a month.

Last year, according to Covey, the Welches School tax levy was the third lowest in the county and he states there is good reason to believe that this favorable standing will remain true for the coming year. The operational budget calls for a levy of \$3.08 for the 1971-72

school year.

Voters are reminded that Welches School has no tax base—which means that the district has no guaranteed amount on which to operate school. Therefore the entire cost of the operational budget is voted upon and the passage of the budget is critical to the operation of the school.

Voters are also reminded that the Kindergarten Issue and the Kindergarten Serial Levy, which is simply the money needed to operate the Kindergarten—are separate items from the regular budget. Separate ballots will be provided for the Kindergarten question. If the voters decide in favor of a Kindergarten the

money needed to operate the Kindergarten will then be added to the budget. The amount of money called for is \$8,500 or approximately 17 cents per \$1,000 true cash value. Again this would represent \$1.70 in taxes on a piece of property worth \$10,000 or approximately 14 cents per month."

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Columbia River closed to salmon angling

The Oregon Game Commission, following a public hearing Monday evening, closed the entire Columbia River to salmon sport fishing from the Astoria Bridge upstream to the Washington boundary because of unusually low numbers of spring chinook passing over Bonneville Dam.

The closure becomes effective at midnight Tuesday, April 27, and will remain in force until further notice.

John McKean, state game director, advised sport fishermen that the closure is for salmon and jack salmon and does not include steelhead, sturgeon, or other game fish.

According to McKean, test netting shows a fair run of spring chinook in the river but the fish are being held up by high water flows. Furthermore, the high flows increase the nitrogen level above the saturation point. Both factors increase the mortality of salmon on their upstream migration.

McKean said that about 31,500 chinook passed Bonneville as of the 26th, about 30,000 fish below the average for that date. Fishery agencies shoot for a minimum of 80 to 90 thousand spring chinook as adequate to seed the upstream spawning beds.

OBITUARIES

John Kristiansen

John Kristiansen, Sandy, died April 21 at the age of 75.

Mr. Kristiansen was born August 13, 1895 in Norway. After coming to the United States to live, he joined the Army and was a veteran of W.W.I. He worked as a longshoreman most of his life.

He is survived by a sister, Anna Rasmussen.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 26 in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. Burial was at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Kenneth Travis

Kenneth Alvin Travis, 1431 NW Victoria, Gresham, died on April 23, at the age of 61 years.

He was born in Eau Claire, Wis. and moved to Minnesota where he attended school and grew to manhood.

He moved to Montana where on Nov. 26, 1941, in Lewistown he married Mildred M. Spurgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis moved to Oregon in the early 1940s. Mr. Travis was a member of the Lutheran Faith. He was also a member of the Sandy Grange 392. He had worked all of his life as a farmer, service station operator until ill health forced him to retire in about 1960. In his younger days before his illness he was an ardent hunter and fisherman as well as an auto mechanic. In his latter years he liked to travel.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred of Gresham; four daughters, two sons; Mrs. Paul (Rena) Hanson of Portland; Ralph Hatleberg of Huston, Tex.; Laurel Travis of Tillamook; Mrs. Linda Sawyer of Portland; Mrs. C.D. (Ellen) Klingner of Portland; Miss Barbara Travis of Gresham. There are also 18 grandchildren. His father, Alvin Travis of Rockford, Ill.; four brothers and three sisters: Lester of LaPorte, Minn.; Adrain of Rockford, Ill.; Laurel E. of Auburn, Wash.; Donald of Minnesota; Mrs. Marjorie Fox of Backus, Minn.; Mrs. Bernice Nelson of Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Delores Barr of

Salt Lake City, Utah. There are many nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday, April 27, in the Chapel of the Carroll Funeral Home, Inc., Gresham, with private interment in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Gresham.

Women drive more each year

The number of women drivers involved in Oregon traffic accidents has more than doubled in the last 20 years, according to the Motor Vehicles Division.

But wait a minute, men, don't rush to use this story to prove your opinion of women behind the wheel is right.

The Motor Vehicles Division says the statistics do not mean that women drivers are worse today than they were 20 years ago, or that they are poorer drivers than men.

The figures merely are one more indication of the changing role of women. Twenty years ago there were fewer women drivers. Now they make up about 42 per cent of the driving population. In 1950, women did not start driving at as early an age as they do now, and they did not drive as many miles per year. Many women today, with use of a car on a daily basis, actually drive as much or more than the man in the family and it's usually in congested traffic. With improvements in both cars and roads, women also are more likely to drive long distances on the open road.

The Division's 1970 statistics indicate that women accounted for 30 per cent of the more than 137,000 drivers involved in all accidents, and 19 per cent of the more than 700 drivers involved in fatal crashes.

Men, however, still accounted for a disproportionate 69 per cent of the drivers in all accidents and 80 per cent of the drivers in fatal crashes although comprising about 58 per cent of the driving population.

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