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**The Vote on the School Budget**

School elections are often, in themselves, confusing things. Certainly the six per cent limitation law is not the most absorbing reading and one could blame the voters very much if they get slightly irritated over it's complexities.

This year, things are just a little muddier than usual. In the first place, another has been piled upon the one which considers the school budget, this one to elect three new board members. And because of a couple of wierd laws, the time for the elections is all fouled up.

So voters this coming Monday will have to go to two separate elections at the same place. Sometime between two and eight P. M. they will cast their votes for the three men they wish to represent them on the school board. And from eight to nine P. M., they will decide on whether or not to approve the funds necessary for the budget over the six per cent limitation.

A week ago we'd have said the school board election was the most critical (in fact we did). But five very able men have filed for the three positions. No matter who is elected, we feel we will have able, sensible representation on the board.

So the remaining matter is to vote (after eight o'clock) on the exceeding of the six per cent limitation.

Since this is District 17's first year as an independent district, it has had no election of its own, voting with the rest of Curry County on the school budget. This year's excess over the limitation will be about the same as if we were still in the county-wide district.

Before we go to far, we'd better explain this six per cent business. Under the law, a school district can not spend more in a school year than it has spent in one of the three years preceding, plus six per cent, without taking the matter to the people. This year, School District 17-C needs about 76,000 more dollars than would be permitted under the six per cent limitation, so it's bringing the matter up to you.

The reasons for its needs, we think, are obvious. The tremendous growth of this area has called for new schools, new teachers, and new equipment. The main reasons it is needed this year are to hire four full time and one part time teachers; to care for the increased operational costs of operating the schools for more students than ever before, and to operate the new high school building as well as furnish part of its equipment.

Actually, millage on property here should go down next year, as increased valuations are reflected on the tax rolls. So the cost of taxes per person should not be so severe. This year, though, the fact remains: we need more money than we did last year . . . you only have to look at the growing area around you to see why.

Under such circumstances, it is obvious our schools could not function on the money prescribed in former years. That is why it is necessary now to come to you to increase the school's budget.

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**FOR  
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WORTH**  
By  
**CLIFFORD P.  
ROWE**

Just recently I read that voters of a certain school district had approved six additional classrooms but had turned down a new gymnasium. In a country which popularizes and glamorizes physical achievements rather than mental, it is indeed heartening to learn that some people somewhere had the courage to make an intelligent decision.

Only the brave at heart dare criticize our public schools' athletic program; for the people, seemingly, are all for it. With shorter work days and work weeks, the populace must be entertained, and nowhere can they get more for their money than at a high school athletic exhibition.

Backers of the program still mouth their reasons for their support, claiming that the purpose of such competition is to develop character. Anyone who believes that philosophy is either an ignoramus or the father of a boy on the first string.

The whole objective of inter-scholastic athletics today is to win games. A coach, therefore, depending on victories to keep his job is not going to waste valuable time trying to develop talents or to strengthen character. As a

**CARLA WHILLOCK, ELKS TO MEET  
JOHN HENTZE TO  
WED JUNE 26**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whillock of Brookings this week announced the engagement of their daughter, Carla, to Mr. John Hentze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ejner Hentze of Junction City, Oregon.

The marriage will be solemnized Saturday, June 26 at the Star of the Catholic Church, with all friends of the bride cordially invited to attend.

Gratitude to God makes even a temporal blessing a taste of heaven.—Achille Poincelot.

result the boy lacking natural ability is either eliminated from the activity or warms the bench. In other words the athletic program is designed for the benefit of those who already have, while the "have nots" must remain as such.

When coaches begin to brag about the number of boys of mediocre ability whom they developed into well-coordinated and wholesome-minded youngsters, then and only then, can physical education plants be considered as good investments.

Such a millenium will never arrive, of course, until taxpayers make it clear to educational leaders that they are interested in the physical development of all children, at the same time impressing upon them the fact that the school system has not responsibility whatsoever to furnish entertainment for adults with nothing else to do.

There will be a meeting of the Elks lodge at the Chetco Rod and Gun Club, June 17 at 8 P. M. according to Pete Lesmeister, Chairman of the group. Initiation and installation of new officers for the organization is scheduled for June 25.



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