

Reduced 509-J Budget Passes On Third Try

by Sandy Rangila

Jefferson County's School District 509-J Superintendent Darrell Wright heaved a "big sigh of relief" after voters approved the district's reduced \$2.5 million tax levy Tuesday.

Okayed by a margin of nearly two-to-one, the levy was passed in every precinct in the district.

The overall tally was 918 "yes" to 472 "no" votes with a 34 percent turnout at the polls.

But at Warm Springs where the vote was 67 "yes" and 9 "no", only 19 percent of the eligible voters made it to the polls. County Clerk Elaine Henderson said that there are 396 registered voters in Warm Springs.

Metolius recorded the highest voter turnout with 44 percent casting their ballots.

Superintendent Wright said that he felt "cautiously optimistic" that the levy would pass on Tuesday, noting that this was the first time in the district's history that the levy had to be put to the voters for a third try.

The levy amount approved by the voters Tuesday had been

reduced by about \$1 million following two defeats, one in April and the second in June.

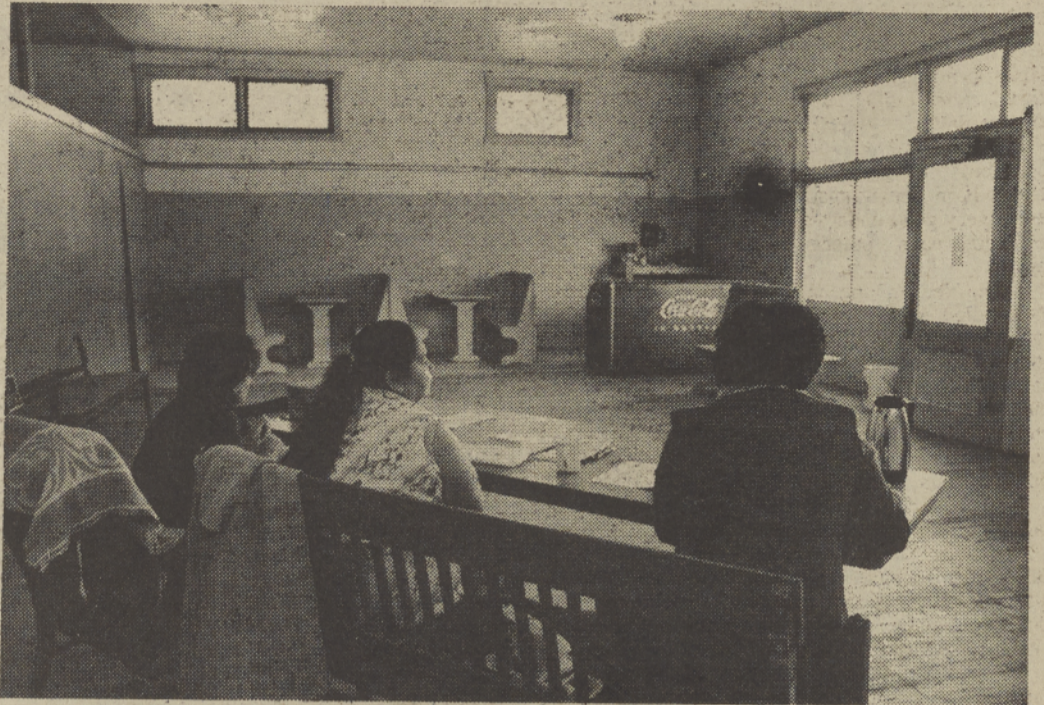
Although the Warm Springs precinct supported the levy in all three elections, the voter turnout was too light to make a difference, particularly on the second try in June. Only 47 people voted in that effort.

School Board member Evadna Bartlett said that she felt the public was aware that the board had "made an honest effort to cut it (the budget)", and that she had more or less expected it to pass.

Wright said that he felt that the factors contributing to the passage of the levy this time included area newspaper publicity, the distribution of a factual letter developed by the board, and a meeting with the Metolius PTA.

There was also a vigorous campaign to get voters to the polls. This involved phone calls to voters, radio announcements, and signs displayed in the windows of area businesses.

"Naturally, Darrell Wright is very happy with the outcome of the election," remarked the County Clerk.



WAITING — Three lonely ladies, Wanda Cornett, Iris Smith and Frances Brunoe waited for the voters at Warm Springs' Teen Center. But by noon only 15 people had cast their ballots in the 509-J school budget election last Tuesday. Warm Springs supported the levy 67 "yes" votes to 9 "no", but only 19 percent of the registered voters turned out. County-wide, the levy was passed nearly two-to-one with an average voter turnout of 34 percent.

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Important Notice

From the Tribal Council

(Re: Federal Income Taxes)

The Internal Revenue Service has begun an attempt to collect what they consider back taxes. Several tribal members who have served on the Tribal Council and on Tribal Committees have received notices from the IRS claiming that income taxes are owed on Council pay, Committee fees and per diem.

The notices from the IRS have characterized such payments as "dividends". Part of the attempt to collect has consisted of sending computerized letters and/or a computerized statement to every former and present Council and Committee person.

Our tribal attorneys are

negotiating with the Internal Revenue Service. All persons who have served on the Council or on Tribal Committees, and who have received IRS delinquent income tax notices, should immediately bring them to the Council office or contact Dennis Karnopp, Robert Nash or James Noteboom at Panner, Johnson, Marceua, Karnopp & Kennedy. Their office is located at 1026 N. Bond Street, Bend, Oregon 97701. Their telephone number is 382-3011.

Those of you who have already contacted the Tribal attorneys on this matter should do so again immediately because the attorneys need additional information.

Spring Creek Fishery Open

While the upper Columbia River was temporarily closed to fishing, Indian fishermen flocked to the Spring Creek hatchery to drop their nets into a two-mile stretch of river that opened at noon September 20.

The fishery at Spring Creek will close October 3 when the regular fishery ends, and the same regulations will apply. The open area is along the Washington shore from Tunnel No. 5, 1.8

miles below the fishway to a point one-quarter mile above the fishway, with the exception of 50 feet around the hatchery entrance.

Each year, Indians are allowed to fish at the hatchery after the facility obtains its quota of spawners.

The surplus salmon were released from that site and are destined to travel no further, to die if not caught.

Fifty-six nets have been placed in the area, fewer than in past years, said Michelle Anderson of the Columbia River inter-tribal Fish Commission. The fish are "not exactly deluxe", she said, meaning that their advanced stage of maturation make them of less merchantable quality than the favored "brights."

But the "tules" are teeming and are there for the taking.

Widespot's Annual Mini-Powwow

The Widespot singers are busily preparing for their annual powwow. This year the group decided to try something different. They moved the powwow dates back a week to December 1-3. In the past the powwow was usually held on Thanksgiving weekend.

At this writing the schedule of events for the three days are not known.

Drummers from as far as Canada are expected to provide the music for the Mini Powwow.

The different prizes to be raffled off this year include: Beef, a Mo-Ped bike, beadwork, and blankets. The raffle tickets are being sold now for \$1 per ticket.

They can be purchased from any one of the queen candidates who are as follows: Alfreda Mitchell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Art Mitchell; Mariam Tias daughter of Wesley Tias of Pendleton and Carol Craig of Warm Springs; Bridgett Scott, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Scott; Donna Sutterlee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fabian Sutterlee; Sherri Samson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donny Samson of Yakima, Washington. Sherri is presently staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Danzuka Jr. of Warm Springs. The last candidate is Virgilina Walsey, daughter of Richard Walsey of Yakima, Washington.



For those who missed Vesuvius

The burning of the wood pile that was once Alice and Jimmy Florendo's house looked more like a volcanic eruption than the Greensville removal. Several houses and sheds have been demolished in the past two weeks and only three families remain in the disappearing residential area.

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