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McAbee Explains School Budget

Finds Valley School District Inadvisable

The 1952-53 county school budget was described as being larger and the tax levy smaller by Principal Hal McAbee to the Lions club Tuesday night at the Tode-lope.

With the county's assessed valuation up, and higher school revenues from outside sources, the taxpayers were given a slight break on the annual levy, McAbee said. Tuition payments to Grants Pass High School for county pupils attending there are about complete and helps to decrease the tax burden.

A special school election Friday, May 2 from 2 to 8 p.m. will give voters a chance to decide whether or not to approve the budget which slightly exceeds a million dollars this year.

The addition of five county teachers and teachers' pay increases together with increased administrative and operating expenses account for this year's budget increase, McAbee explained.

McAbee explained no school board directors will be voted upon at the May 2 election. A June 16 school election will place one board member and two Kerby sub-members up for vote.

Possible curriculum additions to the high school for next year include art or art craft classes and possibly a senior mathematics course.

Upon being questioned about possible Valley school consolidation in a separate unit, McAbee said a survey he made recently showed a levy of 86 mills instead of the present 59 would be needed to operate present Valley school programs. In addition a new consolidated district would owe about \$300,000 to the county district for present school facilities.

A lower assessment per child in the Illinois Valley makes it inadvisable to try to operate a separate Valley district, McAbee said.

IV Tracksters Take Two 1sts at Roseburg

Illinois Valley high tracksters took two first places in winning fifth place in a field of seven at the Roseburg invitational track meet at Roseburg last Friday afternoon.

Doug Plumlee set a new meet record by vaulting 10' 6" for a blue ribbon. The other first came for IVHS when Pete Brown took the high hurdles in 15.4. Plumlee also took second in the broad jump.

The relay team composed of Brown, Watson, Behm, Spalinger took fourth. Roseburg won the meet followed by the other schools in this order: Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek, Coquille, Illinois Valley, Rogue River and Reedsport.

The Crater high squad meets IVHS on the Gold Hill track this Saturday.

Kerby Guard Station Opens

The state forest patrol plans to open the Kerby guard station next Monday, April 28, for the summer fire season.

Howard Brock, state warden in charge of this area, requests that residence fires and uncontrolled brush and forest fires on the valley floor be reported to the Kerby station.

Burning permits are not required yet but extreme care must be exercised in all burning. Fires should not be left unattended, or set where there is danger of spreading. Burning should not be done in windy weather.

Personnel of the Illinois Valley ranger station were called out on two uncontrolled slash fires this week and the state tanker from Grants Pass pumped out three fires in the Valley.

KEEP OREGON GREEN

Walt Freeman to Serve on Advisory Committee

Only five Valley citizens turned out Monday night at the Legion hall to pick Walt Freeman to represent this section of Josephine county on the advisory committee to the state road commission in Salem.

Freeman will serve with representatives from Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland in an effort to present the road needs of Josephine and Jackson counties as a whole.

\$150,000 FIRE DESTROYS SALVAGE MILL



Only the burner in the smoky background remained untouched after fire leveled most of the Salvage mill last week causing about \$150,000 damage. One of two bandsaws in the Valley is shown laying on its side among collapsed sheet metal and rubble. ILLINOIS VALLEY NEWS PHOTO

117 Pints Blood Donated April 17

The donation of blood at the recent visit of the American Red Cross blood bank was a great improvement over the two previous schedules, announced Harold Bowerman, chairman.

One hundred seventeen pints of blood were donated even though there were 38 temporary and 8 permanent rejections. A false rumor that penicillin shots would bar a donation kept many people at home. It is not the shot but the donor's physical condition that might prevent the donation.

A check of donations by organization showed the following results:

Masons, 17; American Legion, 14; Eagles, 12; Order of Eastern Star, 10; Legion Auxiliary, 7; Lions, 7; Illinois Valley Grange, 6; Garden Club, 6; VFW, 5; Deer Creek Grange, 4; Farm Bureau, 1; Junior Women's club, 1; Odd Fellows, 1; O'Brien Women's club, 1; Rebekkahs, 1.

Competition among the organizations in the Valley is rather severe because of the duplication of membership, Bowerman said.

Chairman Bowerman wishes to thank Dr. Charles Versteeg who donated his time from 3 to 8 p.m. Dr. Versteeg could not leave the building because the unit could not operate in his absence. Thanks also goes to the American Legion for the use of their hall; to the American Legion Auxiliary for help in the kitchen; to the crew of volunteers who made the work possible and to Kelt Chevrolet of Grants Pass for the use of their sound truck.

2 Sick Men Treated, Taken to Hospital

Two logging employees working south of the California border, both extremely ill from unknown causes, and one unconscious, were taken to the Josephine General hospital after being treated locally by Dr. Versteeg yesterday afternoon.

The men were Fred Harmes of Cave Junction and Clyde Poole of Riddle. They were both employed by the Olson and Ross Logging Co.

Harmes was unconscious when brought to Cave Junction and was administered oxygen before he was taken to Grants Pass by Valley Ambulance.

Dr. Versteeg reported he would be unable to diagnose their ailment until after visiting them Wednesday.

Two Trips Taken by Valley Ambulance

John Arnold fell from the roof of his home April 19 and was taken by the Valley Ambulance to the hospital. Mr. Arnold, who lives on the Eight-Dollar Road, sustained a back injury.

Valley Ambulance took William Branham, Selma, to the hospital Monday, April 21. He also sustained a back injury.

Trailblazers Available

The 1952 Trailblazer was sent to press April 9 and the completed book should be back to Ivy High by the middle of May.

The Annual is to be larger than last year's and has several new feature pages this year.

Driver Spots Kerby Fire

Discovery of a fire by a bread truck driver helped volunteer firemen and neighbors save the Walter Kirtley home in Kerby Saturday morning as the occupants were finishing breakfast.

With two children sleeping upstairs, the Kirtleys and a visiting daughter were unaware that the roof was afire until the drivers warning.

A quick run by the volunteer fire department and forest service tanker prevented the fire from spreading beyond the roof. The fire is believed to have started from an overheated flue. All damage was covered by insurance.

Neighbors and fire fighters emptied the house of furnishings in 15 minutes. Damage included that done to the roof and interior water damage. Roofs to both gables will need replacing, the Kirtleys said.

Two Men Indicted For Larceny

Pleading not guilty, two Illinois Valley residents were indicted by the Grand Jury, April 14, for larceny of tractor parts.

James Fay Deere and Lawrence Albert Maxon were charged in the indictment with stealing a track and canopy from a Caterpillar tractor owned by William Plumlee and John S. Spinas of the firm of Plumlee and Spinas. They will be tried June 9.

Help the Hospital

ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by Bonnie Allen

Mother's Tea, Baseball Game Are Postponed

The annual Mother's Tea was to be held on the afternoon of April 22, but was postponed to Thursday April 24, due to the death and funeral of Mrs. Ingham, who was a teacher at the Kerby grade school.

Also the baseball game scheduled for Tuesday afternoon was postponed to Thursday.

'My Blue Heaven' Is Theme of Junior Prom

"My Blue Heaven" set the scene for the Junior-Senior Prom presented by the Junior Class of 1952. The banquet was served at 7:30 and the Prom began at 9:00.

A ham dinner with ice cream and cake for dessert was served by the girls of the Freshman and Sophomore Classes. During the evening various entertainment was presented.

At 9 p. m. the couples formed a line for the Grand March and to the strains of "My Blue Heaven" they marched into the gym. At 10:30 Phyllis Dick was crowned Prom Queen. Her attendants were Louise Wells and Annabelle Brewer.

The gym was decorated with blue and white streamers from the ceiling and trees circled the dance floor with gardens among the trees and a picket fence fencing it off.

New Absence Law In Effect at IVHS

A new Oregon school law concerning excused and unexcused absences has been passed and is now being exercised in Ivy. It states that an excused absence slip may not be given unless you are ill, or illness in the family, or if you go to the doctor or dentist. In each case, you must bring a written excuse from the dentist or doctor. An unexcused absence or tardy requires you to make up time. And a student cannot participate in any school activity until this make up time has been fulfilled.

GAA Banquet Planned By Middle of May

President Pat Wright called a G. A. A. Meeting to order on Wednesday April 16, during activity period.

The minutes were read and approved. They discussed plans for the over night trip they plan to take to Brookings May 17 and they nominated the girls for the girls sports head for softball. Also the girls discussed the plans for the G. A. A. Banquet which will be held at the O'Brien Women's Club. (Continued on last page)

Roberta Bryant Leads in First Queen Count

Lions Sponsor Dance To Benefit Caveman Queen Ticket Sales

Roberta Bryant took the lead in the first vote count of the Caveman Queen contest while the Lions prepared for a Queen dance in benefit of her candidacy at the Legion hall, Saturday, April 26.

The first count released by contest chairman Ted Kelt was: Roberta 330; Wanda Story, Grants Pass Junior Chamber of Commerce 320; Carolyn Christie, Elks 300; Clarice Wyatt, Eagles 230.

The Saturday night dance will feature an initiation of Hal Moore, Jr., and other local men into the ranks of the Cavemen. An initiation team from Grants Pass in full regalia will display the usual Caveman antics.

Tickets for the dance include admission to both the dance and the queen coronation, and a vote for Roberta. The dance starts at 9 p.m.

The queen vote tabulation is not current, as it does not represent recent ticket sales. Miss Bryant last submitted ticket stubs April 15. Each vote represents the sale of a 50-cent ticket to the coronation and ball, May 10.

Ticket sales will sponsor trips by the Cavemen and queen and three princesses to the Portland Rose festival and other coast events.

IVHS Baseball Nine Drops 1, Wins 1

Swamp Crater High 12-0 at Central Point

The IVHS baseball team lost 7-3 to Sutherlin and beat Crater high 12-0 in games Friday and Saturday respectively.

Ashland met the Cougars yesterday (Thursday) on the local field.

On the home diamond Sutherlin showed too much batting power for the Cougars, scoring three times in the third inning to take a lead held for the remaining innings.

Cougar pitcher Reinoehl allowed seven hits, while his teammates copped five hits and made six errors. Leading hitter for IVHS was Doss McEntire with two for three, both singles.

Seven runs in the first inning cinched the Saturday game over Crater High at Central Point for the local nine on four singles, a double, a Crater error, a walk and a fielder's choice.

Pickle shut out the Crater nine in addition to pounding out four for five including a double. Other IVHS hitters included McEntire with three for five including a double, and Larry Maurer with two for four.

Pickle allowed but one hit in the first, shutting the door on remaining Crater batsmen. The Cougars hit two Crater pitchers for 13 hits.

Hazel Ingham, Kerby Teacher, Dies April 18

Hazel May Ingham, a Kerby elementary school teacher since 1946, died Friday, April 18, at Josephine General hospital following a month-long illness. She had resided in Cave Junction for the past seven years. She was a member of the Oregon Education association and the Ladies of the Elks and vice-president of the Illinois Valley C. T. A.

The deceased is survived by her widower, Merton L. Ingham and a son, Merton C. Ingham, both of Cave Junction; two sisters, Thelma Peterson of Oakland, Calif., and Lorraine Levinge of Alameda, California.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 22, at 2 p. m., at the L. B. Hall chapel. The Rev. Charles G. Brown of Portland officiated. Interment was in the Laurel cemetery in the Illinois Valley.

Three Pay Traffic Fines This Week

Only three cases appeared before Justice of the Peace Hubbard's court during the last week.

They were: John C. Yeargen, no vehicle license, \$2.50 fine suspended, \$4.50 cost; Marvin C. Conley, no operators license, \$2.50 fine and \$4.50 costs; Aileen Emrick, no operators license, \$1 fine and \$4.50 costs, second citation, \$2.50 fine and \$4.50 costs.

VFW INSTALLS OFFICERS



Officers of Illinois Valley Post and Auxiliary No. 4390, Veterans of Foreign Wars, who were installed Sunday afternoon are pictured above. Auxiliary officers, seated (l. to r.) are Irene George, junior vice-president; Mabel Ramsey, patriotic instructor; Isabel Mellow, conductress; Kathryn Raines, senior vice-president; Priscilla Mellow, president; Jewell Clayton, treasurer; Sharlet Slack, guard; Minnie Mills, chaplain. Post officers standing (l. to r.) are Al Mellow, commander; Ed Pezall, post advocate; R. F. Dahlgren, trustee; Leonard McEntire, junior vice-commander; Dick Troutfether, quartermaster; Clarence Edwards, post surgeon; LeRoy Raines, senior vice-commander; Laurence Looper, post adjutant; Cecil Slack, quartermaster; Barbara Clayton, auxiliary secretary; Burles Troutfether, auxiliary trustee. (Photo by Clarence McDaniel; cut furnished by VFW)