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## COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL PLAN MEETING FRIDAY

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN AT FRIDAY'S GATHERING

Assistant Superintendent Smith and Mrs. Shurte Explain Proposed Measure

A representative gathering of plain Morrow county folks comfortably filled the circuit court room last Friday afternoon to hear discussion of the proposed county unit system for the management of all elementary schools in the county. Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte, county school superintendent, presided at the meeting and after a few introductory words introduced W. M. Smith, assistant superintendent of public instruction, who was here from Salem to address the meeting.

Mr. Smith said he was not here to try to "put anything over" on the people of Morrow county but to discuss the proposed measure fairly, pointing out what he believed to be its advantages and disadvantages. The measure is not perfect, he declared, but it is a step in advance over the present system. He asked his hearers to investigate the matter, present system is not the best that can be conceived you should improve it, the speaker continued.

Under the proposed plan, as outlined by Mr. Smith, the elementary or grade schools will all be thrown into one district and will be under the management of five directors, who will be elected by the people of the county. The county will be divided into five zones, one director being chosen from each zone. A tentative chart prepared by County Superintendent Shurte showed the plan of creating these zones to be such as would give, as nearly as possible, a balance of power between the larger towns of the county and the country districts of the same zone. The present school districts will remain as they are at present in practically all cases.

Under the new system school taxes in the different districts will be equalized, the districts now benefited by railroad mileage, timber holdings or other corporate property being placed on the same footing as the weak districts now enjoying no such advantages. It was pointed out that some districts now manage on a school levy of 7-10 of a mill, while others have to tax themselves as much as 21 mills in order to maintain their school.

Another advantage claimed for the new system is that all school supplies will be purchased in quantity and at a wholesale rate, thereby making a great saving to the taxpayers. The school buildings and grounds would be maintained and kept in proper repair by the county board and each school in the county would be kept in as good condition as any other. The claim was also made that more efficient teachers may be secured and kept than under the present system. A schedule of wages would be established with a graduated increase each year until the maximum is reached and the teacher's tenure in office would continue as long as she showed efficient and satisfactory work.

Teachers would all be employed by the county board but each district would be represented by a local board as at present and should the teacher selected be not satisfactory to the local board they could demand another teacher.

Another advantage pointed out by the speakers was that at present there is \$1,000,000 worth of taxable property in the county not now included in any school district. Such property would all be included in the county unit district and would be taxed for school purposes.

Outstanding indebtedness would be assumed by the county unit and a sinking fund provided to pay it off within a few years. It was also claimed that future bond issues would not be necessary for the reason that whenever a new school house was needed in any district a very small levy on all property in the county would provide the money needed and as soon as the old indebtedness is cleaned up the schools would be on a permanent cash basis thereby saving the excessive interest

## ENJOYABLE EVENING AT BETHEL CHAPEL

At Bethel Chapel last Thursday the intermediate girls and boys of the Sunday school enjoyed a six o'clock chicken dinner, with Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Edward Clark as hostesses. Dainty valentine favors, made by Mrs. Clark in a splendid manner, decorated the long table and many snappy games added to the enjoyment of the evening. Later, the Bible Study class gathered and partook of delicious refreshments. In connection with their study of the Exodus, they enjoyed an interesting account of the screen version of "The Ten Commandments," given by Mrs. John Patterson, which she saw in Hollywood last month.

## Oil Man In Town Saturday

Philip D. Northcraft, employed by the Acme Extension Co., who is spending the winter in the Ione territory in the interest of that company, was in town Saturday for a short time. Mr. Northcraft is endeavoring to secure some more leases for his company to complete the blocks they want before commencing any development work. He has no information from his principals as to when operations will start here other than that it may be during the coming spring or summer. Just what effect the oil scandals now being aired at Washington will have on his company's operations he does not know.

## PATRON-TEACHER MEET HELD FRIDAY EVENING

The regular meeting of the patron-teacher association which had been postponed from Tuesday afternoon was held Friday evening in the high school auditorium with a large number of patrons present.

Mrs. S. A. Pattison, vice-president of the association, called the meeting to order and announced that Mrs. Woodson, the president, has tendered her resignation because of ill health and that the executive committee had appointed Mrs. Clara Boyer to fill the vacancy. Regret at the resignation of the old president and satisfaction in the choice of the committee in selecting her successor was expressed in introducing the new executive, who then assumed the chair.

An entertaining program was rendered consisting of the following selections: Music by the school orchestra; violin solo by Miss Steele, harmonica solo by Pauline Ulrich, piano solo by Miss Cary Clark, reading by Miss Luola Bengtson and an unique number by ten seventh grade girls called the Ox dance.

Following the program W. M. Smith, assistant superintendent of public instruction, addressed the meeting first giving the association members a few words of inspiration and cheer on their work and then taking up the county unit system of elementary school management which it is expected will be placed on the ballot in this county at the coming primary election in May. Mr. Smith discussed the same subject at an afternoon meeting at the court house a report of which will be found in another column.

charges many districts have been and are still paying on refunded bonds.

Following talks by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Shurte, R. B. Wilcox, who is familiar with the system which has been in effect in Klamath and Crook counties for several years, was called to the floor and spoke strongly in favor of the change and when he finished questions were asked Mr. Smith by many of the audience and a general discussion followed.

The meeting was an interesting one and while no action was taken either in endorsement or condemnation of the plan the general impression on those present seemed to be rather favorable.

High schools in the county will be in no way affected by the adoption of the county unit plan, each district wishing to maintain a high school being required to levy a special tax within its own limits for such purpose.



THIS government, the offspring of our own choice, uninfluenced and unawed, adopted upon full investigation and mature deliberation, completely free in its principles—has a just claim to confidence and your support. Respect for its authority, compliance with its laws, acquiescence in its measures, are duties enjoined by the fundamental maxims of true liberty.

—George Washington

## County Court Proceedings for Regular February Term

Court met in regular session on Wednesday, the 6th day of February, 1924, with all officers present; when were had the following proceedings:

Court made an order authorizing the use for 1924 work of all the unexpended balance that was appropriated for 1923 of the Predatory Animal appropriation in connection with the State Livestock Sanitary board.

Court approved, rejected or continued the various bills presented against Morrow County as per notations on the face of each claim.

The following bills were paid:

Dave Van, Dist. 14	\$ 2.99
Karl Beach, HHB	170.79
State Accel. Com., Roads	118.91
Sherman Shaw, HHB	3.59
C. E. Miller, HHB	51.88
Arlington Bank, Spl. 1	52.84
S. Shaw, HHB	3.40
R. L. Bengtson, Gen. Rd.	25.00
W. B. Howard, Spl. 1	60.75
M. F. Wadsworth, Spl. 1	3.72
Tum A Lum Co., Spl. 1	40.40
J. W. Kirschner, Roads	95.00
L. B. Pyle, HHB	72.50
Ralph Moore, HHB	7.00
W. O. Bayless, HHB	11.45
T. J. Humphreys, Gen. Rd.	11.45
Bushong & Co., Gen. Rd.	6.56
L. W. Briggs, Gen. Rd.	7.50
W. L. McCaleb, Gen. Rd.	9.65
C. V. Hopper, Gen. Rd.	31.50
Watt Powder Co., HHB	355.85
Ed Clarke, HHB	3.50
Ed Breslin, HHB	5.00
E. R. Lundell, HHB	3.00
Standard Oil Co., HHB	493.35
Howard Cooper Co., HHB	607.56
W. H. Padberg, No. 15	26.50
G. Finkbeiner, No. 12	14.91
Gilliam & Bisbee, HHB	32.85
Tum A Lum Co., No. 12	25.80
Bank of Ione, Roads	238.82
Farmers Bank, Roads	1,235.18
First Nat. Bank, Roads	5,368.65
L. B. Pyle, Market Rd.	40.00

B. P. Stone, Dog	25.25
State of Oregon, Rodent	750.00
W. H. Cleveland, Dog	200.00
Geo. McDuffee, Prohi	20.85
Gazette Times, Dog	29.50
R. W. Morse, Rodent	184.50
J. F. Furlong, Ct. Hse.	7.60
C. B. Orat, Sealer	8.77
Sadie Morey, Wid. Pen.	17.50
Amy McFerrin, Wid. Pen.	17.50
Lydia Ritchie, Wid. Pen.	17.50
Rebecca Knight, Wid. Pen.	32.50
May Robinson, Wid. Pen.	10.00
Hazel Logan, Wid. Pen.	10.00
F. J. Gordon, Poor	25.00
Ida Fletcher, Poor	15.00
Jess Kirk, Poor	30.00
Andy Cook, Poor	30.00
Co. Agent, Co. Agt.	175.00
L. P. Davidson, Co. Ct.	132.65
W. T. Campbell, Co. Ct.	35.00
R. L. Bengtson, Co. Ct.	81.62
Pac. Tel. Co., Cur. Ex.	31.58
Ione Independent, Cur. Ex.	11.85
Irwin Hodson, Sheriff	1.55
J. F. Gorham, Sheriff	15.00
Geo. McDuffee, Sheriff	32.84
Heppner Herald, Office	11.70
Gazette Times, Office	339.25
Glass & Prudhomme, Office	63.98
Dalton Adding Mach., Treas	1.25
Swendor Bluept Co., Cur. Ex.	15.00
Kilhan Sty. Co., Clerk	9.91
L. S. Shurte, Supt.	71.80
Mae McPherrin, Assess.	62.50
Sam Hughes Co., Ct. Hse.	7.05
Heppner L. & W. Co., Ct. Hse.	53.40
T. J. Humphreys, Ct. Hse.	6.14
Gilliam & Bisbee, Ct. Hse.	3.70
West Disinfecting Co., Ct. Hse.	5.11
W. P. Propbot, Ct. Hse.	2.50
Meier & Frank, Ct. Hse.	233.85
A. L. Cornett, Jus. Ct.	9.00
S. E. Notson, Dist. Atty.	27.56
O. P. Hoff, Fire Patrol	45.13
L. Van Marter, Tax Comm.	126.00
C. C. Chick, Health	6.00
C. R. Walker, Health	1.00
M. L. Case, Coroner	5.00
A. D. McMurdo, Coroner	5.00
W. W. Smead, Assess.	10.99
Tum A Lum Co., Poor	15.50

W. R. Irwin writes the Herald from Rockaway that the weather is fine on that favored spot of sea coast.

**NOTICE**  
Foot Specialist  
**DR. B. A. MALLIN**  
Surgeon Chiropodist  
ARCH EXPERT  
Will be here for a short time  
Arches Fitted  
For Flat Feet Hotel Heppner

## Boardman Population Grows

That Boardman is on the way to becoming the county center of population and going strong is indicated by the announcement of the birth of girl triplets to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Skoubo of that lively community. The advent was at Wilcox Memorial hospital, Portland, on February 13. The three little ladies got their pictures in the Portland papers. They are named Elonora, born at 1:15 a. m., weight 5 pounds 1 ounce; Asta, born at 4:10 a. m., weight 3 pounds 6 ounces, and Inger, born at 4:20 a. m., weight 2 pounds and 7 ounces.

## CONFERENCE ENDORSES EXPORT COMMISSION BILL

Support for the McNary-Haugen Export Corporation bill received an unanticipated but powerful stimulus in Washington this week as a result of the Northwestern financial conference, called by President Coolidge. The conference, after considering methods for relieving the banking situation in Northwestern states, the result of low prices for farm products, turned over to the agricultural delegates who had been called by the president, the task of selecting the proposed legislation now before congress which should be endorsed. These agricultural representatives, numbering in all about thirty men of northwest farm sections, unanimously urged upon congress the enactment of the McNary-Haugen Export Corporation bill, with resolutions including the following:

"The agricultural delegates here assembled take this occasion to urge upon the Sixty-Eighth Congress that they enact into law, for the relief of agriculture, the substance and basic principles of the McNary-Haugen measure to restore farm purchasing power, and the Norbeck-Burness measure for government credits to promote diversification of production in wheat areas, both of which measures are now before congress."

## Favorable Action on McNary-Haugen Wheat Bill Expected

Recent reports from Washington, D. C., are to the effect that the hearings on the McNary-Haugen wheat subsidy bill now before congress will close during the present week with prospects that favorable action by congress will follow. Such was the information received last Saturday by W. L. Thompson, of Portland, and reported in the Telegram.

James D. Kyle, of Stanfield, who has been in Washington for a couple of months on irrigation matters and who watched the sentiment on the wheat subsidy bill closely while at the capitol, also gives it as his opinion that the bill will pass.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Recommendation that the senate adopt a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to report the profits of all baking and milling companies as disclosed by their tax returns from 1918 to the present time is made in a report submitted today by Basil M. Manly, director of People's Legislative service, to Senator La Follette, Wisconsin, chairman of the organization.

## BAKERS AND MILLERS ARE HELD PROFITEERS

PAY \$1,000,000 A DAY TOO MUCH FOR BREAD

Basil Manly, of People's Legislative Service Asks Senate Inquiry Into Charges

The report, said to have been submitted also to "other progressive senators and representatives," as outlined in a letter from Mr. Manly to Senator La Follette charged that "as a result of outrageous profiteering the American people are now paying more than \$1,000,000 a day too much for their bread."

The report also recommends a "thorough and searching investigation by the appropriate senate committee of the tribute levied by wheat speculators, grain elevators, railroads, millers, jobbers, bakers and retailers from the time the wheat leaves the farm until it reaches the dinner table in the form of bread."

The price of wheat on the farm, the report said, had declined to 93 cents a bushel last September or 55 per cent since 1917, but the average retail price of bread of 8.7 cents a pound represented a decline of only 5.4 per cent, the "deflation of wheat being ten times as great as the deflation of bread." Labor cost figures were cited to show that high wages were not responsible for the present level of bread prices.

The financial reports of baking corporations disclose "unconscionable profits," the report said, while retailers also were declared to be exacting margins from two to four times as great as before the war.

## PROSPECTS IMPROVE FOR LENA HIGHWAY LINK

ENGINEERS LOOK CONDITIONS OVER; ASK FOR CONFERENCE

Sheep Pelt Paving Appeals to Mr. Klein, Who Believes This Road Is Badly Needed

Prospects for the early completion of the Oregon-Washington highway from Jones hill to Lena, which were under a cloud lately, have improved within the past week following a visit here last Friday morning of State Highway Engineer Klein and District Engineer R. A. Baldoock and there seems to be fair prospects that the work will go forward next summer.

In company with the county court the highway officials drove out to Lena Friday morning and the conditions on the unimproved 3-mile gap were such that Mr. Klein declared the project one of great merit and showed a favorable disposition towards having the gap closed.

While the road was in better condition Friday than it had been a week earlier, evidences there were in plenty to show what the people of that section are up against in their efforts to get to the present improved road coming to Heppner to attend to their county and personal business.

As an example of what the road has been: Not long ago a pelt merchant on his way to Heppner with a truck load of sheep pelts, mired down in the road and was compelled to lay a paving of pelts under his wheels and on to solid ground in order to save his outfit from an ignominious grave. The pelt paving was still in evidence when the highway engineers inspected the spot and the reaction was favorable to early improvement of the 3-mile gap.

Mr. Klein asked the county court to meet with the state highway commission at the March meeting when it is believed a satisfactory arrangement can be worked out by which the improvement will be made.

Shortage of funds in both state and county coffers has been the greatest hindrance to having the work done and at the last meeting of the commission a proposition was made to the county that the state would grade the road this year if the county would pledge itself to put on the macadam in 1925.

This the county felt unable to do under present financial conditions, but it is now believed that arrangements can be made regarding payments due the state from the county which will enable the county to enter into the agreement proposed by the state.

It has been a knotty problem to work out but the prospects are now better than at any time according to the belief of Judge Campbell. It is believed the people of the Lena section will be willing to co-operate, perhaps to the extent of securing right-of-way for the new road, which will be a big help in putting the project over.

## CHANGE OF VENUE GRANTED IN CONDON KIDNAPPING CASE

At Condon last Thursday Judge Parker granted a change of venue to Fossil of the case against Rev. G. A. Chaney, R. W. Sinclair and Howard Styles, charged with kidnapping Frank Smith last summer, beating him on the head and forcibly taking him from the county without a hearing and landing him in jail at Pendleton.

The court house at Condon was filled with klanmen and anti-klanmen when the case came up but Judge Parker explained that the evidence had been submitted in affidavits and there would be no public hearing.

The case will come up at the regular May term of circuit court.

About 60 ladies and gentlemen were present at the Elk's social last Wednesday evening when cards and dancing provided good entertainment. Quadrille dancing was revived much to the mystification of many of the more youthful participants.