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## Local School Granted Return of Part of Previous Budget Cut

### Total School Tax Levy in County To Show Nearly 3 Mill Reduction

The Heppner school district No. 1 Tuesday night at a special hearing before the rural school board, was returned \$14,479 of the \$31,147 which had previously been cut from its 1954-55 operating budget by the rural board at its regular audit of budgets, District No. 1 had asked for the return of practically the entire \$31,000. The hearing was the first ever requested of the rural board since its formation about six years ago.

The Heppner district had originally asked for a budget of \$236,668 for the coming year, but the rural board had reduced it to \$205,571 which the local board had indicated was insufficient to carry the district through the year. The amount granted the Heppner district totaled \$220,000 and the board and school officials were asked to prepare a new budget to cover that amount.

Members of the rural board indicated that they had little quarrel with the figures presented by the Heppner district, with the exception of two or three categories, and that probably such amounts were needed by

the district, but that they felt that it was necessary for the consolidated levy to be held as low as possible if it was to pass at the special election to approve the county levy to be held May 14. All school districts in the county, the rural board stated, had shown reduced budgets with the exception of Heppner and Ione.

The Heppner board members pointed out, however, that while some of the other schools were now completing expansion and repairing programs, it was only starting here and also that its students were increasing yearly, while some of the other schools were showing a loss of pupils.

#### School Levy Down

Following the rural board's decision to grant the portion of the requested increase, county school superintendent Leslie Grant announced that the total school levy for the county would be down approximately 3 mills from last year. The levy for 1953-54 was 33.5 mills which would make next year's tax in the vicinity of 30.5 mills.

At the conclusion of the open hearing which included all members of the rural board and the county school superintendent, the Heppner board, superintendent and clerk, and representatives of the press, during which the discussion occasionally became quite heated, the rural board retired into closed session to make its decision on the question.

The Heppner budget of \$220,000 as agreed upon at the hearing is an increase over the current year's figure of \$192,175 which was credited largely to the heavy influx of new and incoming students into the school system during the past two years.

The budget as granted covers only operating expenses of the school for the coming year and includes nothing for new construction which must be carried out through a bond issue within the Heppner district. Such a bond issue will be proposed at a separate special election to be called by the board as soon as cost figures can be compiled.

## Patterson For Governor Club Organized in County

A Morrow county Patterson for Governor club was formed Wednesday noon at a special organizational meeting at which more than 15 persons from all sections of the county were present.

Chosen chairman of the club was Bradley Fancher, Morrow county district attorney. Other officers include vice chairman, Mrs. Howard Bryant; Robert Penland, secretary; Howard Bryant, treasurer; J. G. Barratt, membership chairman, campaign chairman, J. O. Turner; finance chairman, Don Hatfield.

Local membership chairmen include Russell Miller, Boardman; Henry Peterson, Ione; Don Hatfield, Lexington; Fred Adams, Irigoin; James J. Farley and Rev. Earl L. Soward, Heppner.

An active campaign to gain membership and aid in promoting Governor Paul Patterson for reelection is planned.

## Ione HS Can Play Baseball Too!

From the score it must have been more like a track meet or a football game than a baseball contest.

Last weekend Ione caught, outran and out-everything Irigoin to give the Cardinals a 39 to 5 victory.

The Ione squad stands at the top of its league.

## Ione Army Man Now in Germany

SCHWABEISCH GMUEND, GERMANY—Pfc. John W. Jepsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepsen, Ione, Ore., recently arrived in Germany for duty with the 35th Field Artillery Group at Schwabebisch Gmuend.

Jepsen, a message center clerk in Headquarters Battery, entered the army in January 1953 and was last stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.



PRIZE WINNING CHECK for \$25 is being presented to Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker, owners of Heppner Hardware and Electric by J. R. Huffman, Heppner manager for Pacific Power and Light. Parkers won the prize for running the best tie-in advertisement along with PP&L's series of appliance ads which have been running in the Gazette Times and other papers in the company's area in Oregon and Washington. The prize winning ad ran March 11. The company gives a monthly award and the local store was competing against all other advertising appliance stores in the entire PP&L service area. (GT Photo)

## County First in District to Top Red Cross Quota

Morrow county last week went over the top in its Red Cross drive and became the first area in the Eastern Oregon district to reach its quota. Mrs. Lowell Gribble was county chairman.

With final reports reaching the chairman, she reported that \$1,845.27 was raised in the county which is nearly \$100 over the quota of \$1,750.

Mrs. Gribble expressed her appreciation to her various district chairmen and also to the individuals who assisted in putting the county over the top. The district includes all of this section of the state.

## Cities League Meet Set For Condon

The city officials of Heppner have been invited by Mayor James O. Burns of Condon to attend a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities in Condon on Monday night, April 19. Mayor L. D. Tibbles has been asked to organize a delegation of councilmen and administrative officials from Heppner to attend the Condon session. The meeting will be attended by city officials of Gilliam and Morrow counties and vicinity.

Meeting with local officials will be Mayor Al Loucks of Salem the president of the League of Oregon Cities; Herman Kehrl, League executive secretary and director, Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, University of Oregon; and Raymond C. Coulter, League attorney and field consultant. Mayor Loucks will report on current municipal developments and League activities. Mr. Kehrl will conduct a round table discussion of legislative and current municipal problems.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review municipal legislative proposals that have been suggested to the League of Oregon Cities, and to exchange information on current municipal problems in these counties. Suggested legislation intended to improve traffic law enforcement will be discussed, and the city officials of Heppner have been asked to consider the desirability of these legislative proposals from the local standpoint. Other subjects tentatively listed on the conference agenda are 1954 budget problems, financial procedures, public works and legal problems. In announcing the meeting, Mayor Burns emphasized the informality of the session.

## State Tax Men Make New Maps Of Morrow County

Four men from the state tax commission spent last week working in the county assessor's office making maps of the county for tax purposes. Mrs. Joseph Hughes, assessor, said that with the completion of their project, there will be a complete, accurate set of maps of the county for the first time in many years.

Those here were Victor Hurst, head of the drafting department, Clifford Peoples, Allen Howells and Robert Irving.

## Election Date Set For Formation of New Fire District

The county court, at a public hearing Wednesday, ordered an election for May 18 for the formation of an Ione-Lexington rural fire protection district and for directors for the district. Location of the polling places will be announced within a few days.

The new district, which will replace a former Ione fire district which was declared invalid because its boundaries included the corporate towns of Ione and Lexington, will cover approximately the same area as the former district, all of the rural area around Ione and that west and north of Lexington. The towns of Ione and Lexington are excluded from the new district and only residents of the rural areas within the boundary may vote on the proposal.

It was pointed out that to be qualified to vote in the elections, persons must be either a landowner or one who is buying property under contract.

## Groups Rate Well At Music Festival

Among the more than 600 high school music pupils who attended the Eastern Oregon high school music competition last weekend at La Grande were several Heppner students who returned with 1 and II ratings.

Jay Sumner won a I, or Superior rating for his clarinet solo, as did a trumpet trio consisting of Skip Ruhl, David Cox and Jerry Dougherty with Lynda Borman accompanist; and a horn quartet which included Judy Berger, Darlene Connor, Frances Duran and Diane Grant.

All the other ensembles entered, the clarinet quartet, trio and duet, brass sextet and vocal trio all received II ratings. James Wilson, music instructor said.

The contest last weekend was just for the ensembles and this weekend Wilson is taking his high school and grade school bands and the high school chorus to La Grande for the second part of the music competition. The bands will not receive a rating for their performances but will receive criticisms only, Wilson said.

## Town Baseball Team Organization Set

Anyone interested in playing or helping to promote and aid with a Heppner town baseball team are asked to be present at an organization meeting to be held Friday evening at 7:30 at the office of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant.

It was said that several persons have indicated an interest in playing in such a team, and it is hoped that the sports program can be promoted for the summer months.

## HEPPNER ELKS INSTALL HERMISTON OFFICERS

Members of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 who went to Hermiston Thursday April 8 to install the newly elected Hermiston Elks Lodge officers were: Jack Van Winkle, Jack Edmondson, Milton Morgan, Conley Lanham, Alton Yarnell, William Labhart, Jack Bailey, Don Hatfield, Everett Keithly and La Verne Van Marter.

## Wheat Growers Spring Meeting Called for April 17

The annual spring get-together of the Morrow County Wheat Growers was announced by N. C. Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the association. The meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange hall, April 17th, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

The program for the evening calls for a diversity of events. Standing committee reports will be given by each of the chairmen of the committees which are composed of: taxation and legislation, Henry Peterson, Ione; production and land use, Frank Anderson, Heppner; wheat disposal and marketing, Henry Baker, Ione; Federal agricultural programs, Raymond Lundell of Ione; and youth activities, John Graves, Heppner.

Appearing as part of the Federal agricultural programs report will be Jack Smith, state chairman of that committee who has just returned from Washington D. C. in holding hearings with the Congressional committees concerned with farm programs there. Dick Baum, executive secretary, Oregon Wheat Growers League, will be present to show the new League's public relations picture "Give Us This Day". This film is about a month old and reports are that it is excellent. For the wives of wheat growers and those interested, Miss Rose Schmid, home economist, recently added to the Oregon Wheat Growers League staff will discuss some of the angles from the home economics standpoint.

All in all the program promises to be a good one, and the Lexington home economics club has agreed to serve refreshments at the close of the meeting.

## Hugh C. Currin Taken By Death, Services Saturday at Pendleton

Hugh C. Currin, 72, passed away early Wednesday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton and funeral services have been set for 10 a. m. Saturday, April 17 at Folsom's Funeral Home in Pendleton.

Surviving are his wife, Katie, Heppner; four sons, George, Heppner; Hugh Jr., Ralph and Robert of Heppner; seven sisters and six grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Olney cemetery in Pendleton and the family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the cancer crusade.

A complete obituary will appear next week.

## N. Morrow Fair Dates Set September 9, 10, 11

At a public meeting Monday evening the North Morrow County Fair board discussed plans for this year's fair at Boardman and set the dates for the three-day event as September 9, 10, and 11.

The board also announced it plans a dance at the fair building in Boardman to be held Saturday, May 1 with music to be furnished by the Boardman Scatter Notes.

## Special Good Friday, Easter Services Set By Local Churches

A variety of Pre-Easter and Easter services are scheduled in nearly all Heppner churches this weekend with the first to be the Good Friday services to be held at All Saints Episcopal church from 12 to 3 p. m. Friday.

Four Heppner ministers will take part in these services which will be divided into separate 20 minute services.

All local churches as well as those in Lexington, Ione and the Valby Lutheran at Gooseberry will hold their regularly scheduled Easter Sunday services and an Easter cantata, "The Resurrection Story" will be presented Sunday evening at the Methodist church by the combined choirs of the Methodist, Christian and Episcopal churches. It is to start at 7:30.

Oliver Creswick will direct part I of the cantata and Maurice Stone the second part. Mrs. Blanche Boulden is the accompanist.

The twenty members of the choir will include sopranos: Miss Mary Ann Jensen, Mrs. E. J. Dob-

## Homemaker's Meet To Be May 5 at Fair Pavilion

The fair pavilion at the Heppner fairgrounds will be the meeting place for the Annual Homemaker's festival, which is to be held on May 5 it was announced by the hostess unit, Rhea Creek, last Wednesday, at their regular monthly meeting.

The Rhea Creek Grange home economics club will serve the luncheon and the committee in charge includes: Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mrs. Frank Parker, and Mrs. Clive Huston. The committee has planned a luncheon which includes: roast beef, salad, vegetable, pickles, jelly, rolls, cake, ice cream and beverage.

The committee in charge of the general arrangements includes Mrs. Frieda Sloum, Mrs. Al Lovgren, Mrs. Elmer Palmer, Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Orian Wright, Mrs. Walter Wright and Mrs. Harold Peck.

A day nursery school will be provided for children at the club house at the fairgrounds and Mrs. Harold Van Horn is chairman of this committee.

The county executive committee will meet Wednesday, April 14, at 1:30 p. m., at the home of Maud C. Casswell, county extension agent. It was announced, to complete details for the festival. Plans for all communities to have an active part in the festival will be made. Committee members making these plans are Mrs. Lester Cox, Lexington; Mrs. Jerry Garner, Boardman; Mrs. R. K. Drake, Heppner; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione; Mrs. Ben Anderson, Heppner; Mrs. Earl Blake, Heppner; Mrs. Lloyd Berger, Irigoin.

ble, Mrs. Helen Ahrens, Mrs. Willard Warren, Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Mrs. Tom Wells and Miss Virginia Andersen. Also: Mrs. Lennie Lowden, Mrs. Elnor Huston, Mrs. Grace Hughes, Miss Sharon Bryant, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Robert Walker, Mrs. Donald Campbell, Mrs. Lucy Peterson, Tenors: Robert Walker, Walter Gay, Lester Boulden, Basses: Clem Stockard, Roy Neill. Soloists are Mrs. Dobbie, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Peterson, Robert Walker, Oliver Creswick, Clem Stockard, and Maurice Stone.

The Heppner Seventh Day Adventist church is planning a special "Sermon in Song" service at their Saturday worship hour at 11 a. m. Robert E. Becker, pastor announced.

"If more singing were done in the world today, we would have less complaining," Mr. Becker said in announcing the theme of the program which will include the great love of God manifested in the gift of his Son, Jesus of Nazareth, illustrating how Christ was first accepted, but only as a deliverer from bondage, and later rejected and crucified. Climaxing the theme will be the event of his resurrection.

Pastor Becker will be the soloist and assisting will be a ladies' quartet with Mrs. Clifford Wagner accompanying.

In addition, several Sunday school and special parties are being planned for the children on Saturday and the Lions club is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt on the courthouse park Saturday morning.

## Lions Sponsoring Saturday Morning Easter Egg Hunt

The first of what is planned as an annual Lions club children's Easter egg hunt will be held at the courthouse park at 10:30 Saturday morning, it was announced today by Lowell Gribble, president of the organization.

Plenty of brightly colored eggs are assured all children who participate in the hunt which has been divided into two age groups by the committee in charge. The Toddlers group will include the children from the smallest who can navigate in the expected rush through 5 years of age, and a group from 6 years of age through 4th grade age. Both groups will start their hunt at the same time but a separate section of the grounds will be allocated to the toddlers.

The committee said that it will have an ample supply of special prizes for the finders of specially marked eggs and that these prizes have been allocated to both age groups.

The club expressed the hope that the hunt will become an annual affair under their sponsorship.

## Bull Show to Be Held in Condon May 1

The Gilliam-Wheeler Stock-growers association will hold a field day and bull show at the Gilliam county fairgrounds in Condon on May 1, officers of the group announced this week. The program is planned to show the year's work of the bull testing program which has been carried on by the group.

In this year's test 30 bulls were put on feed January 28 and all animals have been weighed and a daily record kept on feed consumption and rate of gain.

The field day will start at 10 a. m. and will be followed by a hot lunch served at noon. At 1 o'clock a program of speakers will be presented and some of the bulls will be offered for sale during the afternoon.

## STORES TO STAY OPEN

The chamber of commerce merchants committee this week announced that Heppner stores will remain open during the special Good Friday church services, but that employees who desire will be allowed time off to attend the services.

## Outdoor Concert Planned by Bands

James Wilson, Heppner school music director, this week announced that he is planning to present an outdoor band concert at the courthouse park with his combined high and grade school bands.

As tentatively scheduled, the concert will be given Sunday, May 9.



OREGON WHEAT GROWERS LEAGUE representatives conferred with Congressman in Washington, D. C. last week. (L to R) Jack Smith, Condon, chairman of the Fed. Agric. Program Committee, OWGL; Floyd Root, Waco, representing the Nat. Assn. of Wheat Growers; Rep. Cliff Hope, Kansas, Chairman of the House Comm. on Agric.; Rep. Sam Coon, Ore.