

Residents to Vote Friday on County School Budget

Voters will go to the polls tomorrow (Friday, May 14) to vote on the budget for the operation of all county schools for the coming school year. Polling places will be the school in each district with the hours announced by the local school boards. In Heppner the polls will be open from 2 to 6 p. m., while in Ione and probably in most of the other districts they will be open one hour only, from 2 to 3 p. m.

The budget this year, while showing a slight overall increase in expenses of \$9,625 over last year, actually will show a net reduction of \$34,650 from the current budget due to heavy cash carryover from the current year. The total budget figure for operating all the county's schools is \$611,883, of which \$383,840 is outside the six percent limitation and on which the voters must pass. The county school superintendents office announced this week that the lowered net figure will mean a reduction in county school taxes of approximately 3 and one-half mills from the present tax. The office had previously announced the reduction would be at least three mills.

Just Operating Budget

The budget which voters are being asked to approve is for general operating expenses of the schools in the county, and is in no way connected with any building plan or bond issue. There have been indications that some persons, particularly in the Heppner district, have confused the Friday vote on the budget with a proposal to issue bonds for the construction of a new grade school in Heppner, but school officials have pointed out that such a bond issue must be presented at an entirely separate special election. The date for this election has not yet been set, as total cost and bond figures are not yet compiled.

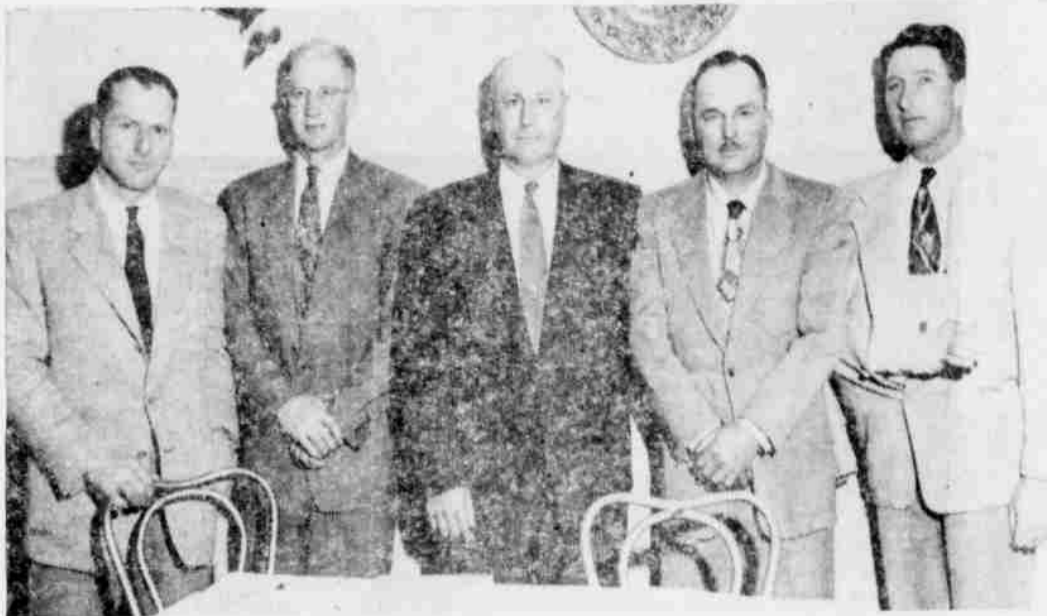
Mail Haul Contract Up For Renewal

Heppner postmaster James Driscoll announced today that bids will be accepted at the postmaster general's office in Washington D. C. until May 27 for the contract to haul mail from Arlington to Heppner. The contract period will be for four years and is to start July 1 of this year. The contract is now held by Orval W. Gentry of Heppner who won it by bid earlier this year. It had been held by Flatt's Truck Service for several years prior to that time.

The departure schedule will be the same under the new contract as is currently in effect, Driscoll said. It calls for six-day service and the elimination of holidays with the truck to leave Arlington at 5 a. m. and arrive in Heppner at 8 a. m., and to leave Heppner at 6 p. m. and arrive in Arlington at 8:30 p. m.

Bid forms may be obtained at the Heppner post office, Driscoll stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Floam of Portland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall Monday evening. The Floams were in Heppner the first of this week on business.



SHOW PLANS for the 1954 Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale were adopted by Officers of the Wheat League at a recent session at The Dalles June 7, 8 and 9. From left, Elmer Lierman, The Dalles, General Manager; Morris Wilson, Condon, President; Kenneth Fidler, Wasco, Second Vice-President; Earl Meeker, The Dalles, Chairman, Youth Activities Committee; Leonard Fields, Wasco, Vice Chairman of the Committee. Expected exhibits, about 500, a new high record.

MOST LOCAL CANDIDATES EXPRESS VIEWS AT MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

About 60 persons attended the candidates meeting held Monday evening at the court house under the sponsorship of the Morrow county Republican Central Committee and heard 10 of the 12 candidates running for local offices explain their programs and stand on numerous issues. J. O. Turner acted as chairman for the meeting.

Heading the list of speakers were Garnet Barratt and Oscar Peterson who are running for county judge on the Republican ballot. Barratt explained that he has attempted during his term in office to unify the county and that he hopes to be able to complete the planned county road and hospital expansion programs in another term. He also explained to the group where the funds came from that were used to surface the Lena-Nye Junction road, and told that they were primary road funds that could not be shifted to other roads in the county. If they had not been used where they were, they would have been lost.

Peterson said he was running on a platform of economy and pledged all of his attention to the business of running the county. He also said that taxes must be watched even closer during the coming years.

C. A. Tom, present state representative from this district said that his record points to his conservatism as a legislator. He said that he is opposed to any new state taxes until some of the duplication of state efforts are eliminated. He also said that he favors the federal plan of reapportionment and is working on enabling legislation for weather modification districts or projects.

Mrs. Gladys Zell, Democrat of Wasco, who will oppose Tom in the general election told of her interest in a safety program and said that she strongly urged high school driving instruction courses. The three aspirants for the assessor's post each spoke briefly. Mrs. Joseph Hughes explaining the part she is taking in the current tax equalization and reappraisal program and said that the control of the program, though it is being done in cooperation with the state tax commission, will remain in the county's hands. Kenneth Blake, who also seeks the office, said that he feels the office should be non-partisan and run for the best interests of all county residents. The third can-

didate for the office, Harry Dingess, was not present. Harold Becket, Republican and Bruce Lindsay, Democratic candidate for the county clerk's position both spoke briefly with Becket telling of his experience in operating his own business and said that he plans a further study of bookkeeping. Bradley D. Fancher, unopposed for district attorney, and Ralph I. Thompson, who is unopposed on the ballot for county commissioner, also gave brief talks.

Former County School Teacher Dies at 84

Mrs. Anna Heiny of Fairview, Oregon, near Gresham, passed away at her home May 8. She had taught school in Oregon for nearly 30 years, and will be remembered in Morrow county as a teacher in the former Eight Mile, Rhea Creek and Burton Valley schools.

Mrs. Heiny was born in Fairview, Oregon August 17, 1869 and at the time of her death was 84 years of age. She had lived in Oregon all of her life and her parents had come to Oregon via ox team in 1850 settling on a Dunbar donation land claim. Surviving are two children, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson, Heppner and Warren N. Heiny of Chicago; two sisters, Miss Calla Heslen of Fairview, and Mrs. Ethel Thompson of Portland; one brother, Ed Heins of Fairview, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Ione Whitman Student Named to Honorary

WHITMAN COLLEGE, WALLA WALLA.—Miss Shirlee McGreer of Ione today was tapped for membership in the Dramatic Club, Whitman theater honorary, in annual May fete tapping ceremonies on the campus. Miss McGreer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Troedson of Ione, is a 1953 graduate of St. Helen's Hall in Portland, Ore. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle were in Pendleton Sunday night.

Heppner 8th Grade To Graduate 26

Twenty-six members of the eighth grade class of the Heppner school will be graduated into high school at graduation ceremonies to be held Thursday, May 27 at 7:45 p. m. in the school gymnasium, principal Clarence Johnson announced this week.

He also announced the two top honor students of the class, valedictorian and salutatorian to be Joann Brosnan and Helen Graham.

Other members of the class include Sharon Abern, Peggy Applegate, Janice Beamer, Jerry Brace, LeRoy Bright, Judy Collins, Tom Curran, Buelah Davis, Larry Fetsch, Burke Gentry, Marlene Geyer, Carole Groshens, Eddie Groshens, Margaret Hughes, Bob Laughlin, Conrad Lesser, Billy Monahan, Jim Morris, Phyllis Quackenbush, Len Ray Schwarz, Paul Stout, Jackie Struthers, Judy Kessel and Bob Bryant.

Following the graduation ceremony there will be a farewell party and dance.

Heppner Woman Hurt In Friday Accident

Mrs. Keith Johnson of Heppner, suffered severe and painful, though not critical injuries last Friday afternoon when her car went over a bank on highway 207, several miles north of Lexington, when according to reports, a front tire blew out.

Mrs. Johnson was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance where she was found to have suffered a compound fracture of one leg, severe facial lacerations and bruises. Her physician reported this week that she was resting as well as could be expected.

She was on her way to Washington at the time of the accident.

GRANDDAUGHTER TO GRADUATE

Mrs. R. B. Rice and son Edward have gone to Kansas City, Missouri to attend the graduation of their daughter and granddaughter Eleanor Rice, from Stephens College at Columbia, Missouri. They expect to return to Heppner in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt left Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days in Portland.

Coon Urges House Action on Two-Price Wheat Plan

WASHINGTON—A two-price or domestic parity program for wheat would not only help wheat men by disposing of surpluses, but would benefit cattle men and feeders by giving them feed grain at a price they could pay, Sam Coon declared this week.

In a statement submitted to the House Agriculture committee, Rep. Coon urged the committee to try to devise ways of meeting objections to the program, in order to put it into effect as soon as possible.

The Eastern Oregon Congressman also declared that cattlemen in general do not want direct price supports; stated that he favors the administration program for wool, urged a self-help program for dairymen, "fair and reasonable" protection from foreign competition for fruit, vegetable, seed and livestock growers, stimulation of foreign markets for surplus, and research for use of surplus crops and farm lands.

Congressman Coon stated that while many wool men would favor a higher tariff as their first choice, the program as proposed by the administration would encourage efficiency and insure that a vital industry survives.

"It is generally agreed," according to Rep. Coon, "that cattle men do not want direct price supports, or any other undue interference or control, but would welcome a program making grain available for feeding at a reasonable price, and approve of measures designed to relieve surplus conditions, such as the purchasing of beef for the school lunch program.

"Many fruit, vegetable and seed crops, along with livestock, need fair and reasonable protection from overseas competition," Sam Coon said, "if the farmers that grow them are to survive as free and independent operators. America is powerful and strong, and our farms are efficient and productive, but we are not powerful enough, or efficient enough, to bring the standard of living of the rest of the world up to the level of our own."

"While some of our crops need protection from foreign competition," Rep. Coon told the committee, "other crops are in need of foreign markets in order to dispose of their full production. This involves some conflict of interest. It may take years of effort to work out a balanced arrangement in this connection."

Congressman Coon stated that he has been working with some of the farmers of Oregon in an effort to obtain closer cooperation between the State Department, the Department of Agriculture and the Foreign Operations Administration in stimulating foreign markets, and asked that the committee support steps further to emphasize marketing in foreign relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson left Monday morning for Flint Michigan, from there they will go to Washington D. C., where they will visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munchison and Mel spent the weekend and the first part of this week in La Grande visiting relatives and friends.

Resignation of Heppner School Board Head to Leave 2 Positions Open

Mrs. Stephen Thompson, chairman of the Heppner school board, announced this week that she will tender her resignation from the board at the next regular meeting of the group early in June. She gave as the reason for her action, a planned change of residence which would make her ineligible to serve the remainder of her term.

Mrs. Thompson's resignation will leave two of the three seats on the board open, as Barton Clark, another member, announced last week that he will not seek reelection at the conclusion of his term in June. L. E. Dick Jr. will be the only holdover member on the board.

In releasing the statement that she would be unable to serve as a director next year, Mrs. Thompson said that she and family will move out of the Heppner district during the summer, and that she felt she should resign prior to the annual meeting and election of directors which will be held on June 21 so that voters of the district may choose a successor at that time. She has one more year to serve, having been elected to the position in 1952 for a three-year term. Had her resignation not been given prior to the regular election, so that the voters may choose a replacement, the position would have to be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term by the county school superintendent.

The terms of two members of the rural school board will also expire this June, county school superintendent Leslie Grant announced this week, those of Milton Morgan, Ione and Adrian

Free Chest X-Ray Attracts Many to Hospital Open House

Nearly 250 persons took advantage of Pioneer Memorial Hospital's observance of national hospital day Wednesday to tour the modern institution in Heppner. Over 150 of the visitors availed themselves of the free chest X-ray which was given to all those desiring it through the cooperation of the hospital and the Morrow County TB and Health Association.

All departments of the hospital were open to the public for inspection and refreshments were served by members of the staff.

Lillian Elde Wins Girls' State Award

Lillian Elde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elde, of Heppner, was chosen this week as the winner of a trip to Girls' State which will be held at Willamette University in Salem from June 14 to 20. The award is sponsored by the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary.

The selection of the Heppner girl to attend this year's Girls' State was made by teachers at Heppner high school and they based their decision on leadership qualities, honesty, courage, scholarship and several other points. The program at Girls' State is designed to give the girls training in parliamentary procedures, government operation etc.

Miss Elde is a high school junior.

Bechdolt of Hardman, and neither man has made any announcement yet as to whether he intends to run again for the position. Both were elected for a three-year term. The election for these positions will also be held on June 21 in the two county zones in which the members reside.

Other rural board members are Jos. J. Nys, Heppner, Henry Zivney of Boardman and Alonzo Henderson of Lexington. Morgan has served as chairman during the past year.

4-H Home Ec Judging Training Day Set Saturday at Heppner

Home Economics 4-H judging training day is scheduled Saturday May 15, at 1:30 p. m. at the fair pavilion, at Heppner.

Mrs. Winifred K. Gillen, 4-H Agent, Oregon State College, will assist members with judging classes in canning, foods, and clothing. The classes will include three in food, three in clothing and two in canning.

The purpose of the training day is to give all 4-H home economics members an opportunity to know a good product, and to determine why, if they do, they are not a good standard product.

Mrs. Gillen will assist 4-H members with written reasons for placing classes. The training day will assist members in preparation for county and state fairs.

Leaders and club members eligible to attend the training judging day are as follows: Charmingly Yours club of Ione with Mrs. Lewis Carlson as Leader and members: Leann Padberg, Joyce Casebeer, Karlen Lundell, Linda Heimblinger, Ann Baker and Judy Morgan. Clothing club from Heppner with Mrs. Walter Wright and Patsy Wright as leaders and members Lynda Borman, Helen Graham, Diane Grant, Sally Palmer, Shirley Peck, Marjorie Peck, Sharon Hill, Judy Thompson, Meredith Thomson, Janet Wright and Patsy Wright. Clothing II, and III club of Heppner with Mrs. Marion Brosnan and Mrs. Marie Martin as leaders and members Roseann Ayers, Francine Francis, Janice Martin, Joann Brosnan, Janice Beamer.

Clothing I club of Heppner with Ruth Bergstrom as leader and members Carol Anderson, Connie Anderson, Janice Driscoll, Bonnie Hannon, Nancy Harshman, Carolyn McDaniel and Janet Wightman. Mrs. Jack Van Winkle's Clothing I club of Heppner with members Beverly Blake, Bernice Thomson, Sheryl Harris, Shirley Van Winkle, and Sharon Keithly. Mrs. Audrey Ansted's Cookery III club from Lexington with members Dora Sue Davidson, Helen Louise Botts, Barbara Steagall, Nancy Wright, and Charlene Jones. The Cooking III club from Ione with Mrs. E. M. Baker as leader and Mardine Baker, Ann Belle Coleman, Janet Howton, Judy Howton and Sue Coleman as members. Cookery I club of Heppner lead by Mrs. James Allen with members Sara Mae Burnsides, Karen Christain, Patty DeFosda, Shirlee Gaines, Nancy Kay Moyer, Rose Marie Nash, Mary Shannon, Virginia Thompson, and Rogena Mae Wagner. Mrs. Earle Kendalls Cookery I club of Heppner with Mary Evelyn Tucker, Shirley Van Winkle, Carol Anderson, Connie Anderson, Vicki Barger Sharon Keithly, Bonnie Hannon, Shirley Nash, Jeanne Collins, and Wilma Botwell as members.

Cookery I club of Heppner led by Mrs. Claude Graham, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, and Jean Marie Graham as leaders and members Mary Slocum, Carolyn Slocum, Janet Thompson, Patty Barger, Berberly Blake, Cheryl Hartman, Laura Lee Sumner, Shannon Mahoney, Julie Pfeiffer, Bernice Thomson, Judy Hamilton. Cookery I club off one with Mrs. Roland Bergstrom and Mrs. Merle Baker as leaders at the following members: Marilyn Morgan, Lona White, Joann Turner, Linda Hams, Marlene Griffin, Jean Martin and Leann Padberg.

The Cookery III club from Heppner with Mrs. Nels Anderson at their leader and members Barbara Warren, Virginia Andresen, Virginia Gony, Margaret Kendall, JoAnne Keithly, Sharon Case, Diane Grant, and Ida Sue Stratton. The Cookery II club from Heppner with Marie Martin and Marlan Brosnan as leaders and Janice Martin, Francine Francis, Roseann Ayers and Joann Brosnan as members.

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Radar Now Being Used to Follow Local Storms and Increase Rainfall



RADAR STORM TRACER—This mobile radar unit being used by the Weather Modification Company, holder of the present Tri-County Weather Research "rainmaking" contract, to aid in following and seeding storms. This mobile unit is in use in one of the company's southern California areas, but is similar to the one in Condon which has been installed on a permanent basis in the company offices there. (See adjoining story).

One of the most important advances in the technique of weather modification, or as it is better known, "rain-making" is the installation early this year of radar equipment at the Condon office of the Weather Modification Company, current holder of the contract with Tri-County Weather Research for weather control and experimentation in Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

Information on the use of the well-known war-born device was described at a meeting last week-end in Heppner of the directors of Morrow County Weather Research, a unit of the Tri-County organization, by John A. Battles, head meteorologist for the company and Bert O'Hanon, Weather Modification president.

The radar unit, similar in operation to the one pictured except that it is permanently installed in the company's offices in Condon, was put into service in January of this year, and Battles said that it promises to be the greatest

aid yet developed in the study of weather research. He told how the unit can pick up storms at a distance of up to 80 miles from the unit and follow their path until they get out of range or dissipate. He said that his company has learned, through the use of radar, that most storms have numerous "cells" which may vary in intensity so much that the seeding of some can actually cause a lessening of rainfall instead of increasing it, as is desired.

Battles told the group that there is much yet to learn in the use of radar, especially in the analyzing of the information obtained, but that in the short time it has been in use in this area it has proven very valuable. Battles said that with a little more knowledge of the area, it would be possible to sit in the Condon office and tell on exactly what ranch it was raining and what the intensity of the rainfall was.

Hail Program Proposed
The proposal that the Weather

Modification company be engaged to carry on a hail disbursement program during the summer months was discussed by the directors, who were told that the Gilliam and Wheeler county groups were in favor of such a plan, but the local directors felt that, in view of the fact that this county is still \$4,000 short of funds to meet its present contract with the company that it would be unwise to take on further obligations until the former bill is cleared. It was also pointed out that only a small portion of this county is in a dangerous hail belt, whereas most of Gilliam and Sherman counties have suffered considerably heavier hail losses in former years. Arrangements were also made to make collections on signed contracts which are now in arrears.

Storm Followed
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