

County School Budget Approved; Vote Very Light

As is common in most school budget elections, voters stayed away from the polls in droves last Friday, but those who did vote gave overwhelming approval to the county rural school budget. The total vote was 169 yes to 47 against.

The amount in excess of the six percent limitation on which voters balloted was \$362,994.97 out of a total school operating budget of \$500,121.12. This was a sizeable increase over the 1954-55 budget levy of \$383,840, but last year's budget showed a decrease due to a large cash carry-over offset from the previous year. This year's cash carry-over was only normal.

What the tax millage figure will be is not yet known as final county assessment figures have not been compiled by the assessor's office.

All county school districts approved the budget though in Heppner and Ione the margin was slim. The vote by districts showed:

- Irrigon—60 yes, 0 no
- Ione—10 yes, 8 no
- Hardman—9 yes, 0 no
- Heppner—38 yes, 29 no
- Boardman—34 yes, 7 no
- Lexington—18 yes, 3 no

Artist Series Seen Possible

The Heppner Civic League decided, at their meeting Tuesday evening, to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a series of guest artists in musical concerts. Any profit made from the series would most probably be donated to the city park project, according to Mrs. Bradley Fancher, president of the group.

Plans were made for a family picnic for the League, to be held July 17 at the Herren creek park.

Mrs. Larry Downen reported the final net on the rummage sale was \$398.00, the largest amount made on any rummage sale sponsored for the kindergarten fund.

Mrs. Ed Collison and Mrs. Fred Sanders were nominated for the three year term on the kindergarten board, one to be elected at the next meeting.

Nels Anderson, Morrow county agent, was the guest speaker. He talked on garden culture, telling how to prepare the soil for gardens, how to prepare seedlings and he answered questions on garden problems.

National Honor Society Chooses Nine Heppner Students

E. J. Dobbie, principal of the Heppner high school, has announced that five seniors and four juniors have been initiated into the National Honor Society. Those chosen must be in the upper one-third of their class scholastically and 15% of the seniors are eligible to be chosen and 10% of the juniors. Very high standards of scholarship, service, character and leadership are shown by those picked by a committee of teachers.

The seniors from Heppner selected were Lillian Eldé, Lyle Jensen, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock, and Patsy Wright. The juniors are Nancy Anderson, Lynda Borman, Darlene Connor, and Lance Tibbles.

Dance Recital Draws Large Crowd

A crowd of well over 200 persons attended the recent Etta Sheppard dance recital held in the Heppner high school gym. The recital was given as a benefit for the band uniform fund which received the \$110 proceeds for the evening.

Over 40 youngsters from Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Hermiston took part in the recital and the Heppner high school band presented several selections during the evening.

Miss Sheppard presented Sheridan Wyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wyman with a trophy for perfect attendance of all practice classes and Miss Sheppard was in turn presented an orchid for her efforts.

With the money raised at the recital the uniform fund exceeded its goal, members of the band parents club reported.



PLANS FOR HANDLING a record entry list of wheat-fed livestock at the ninth annual 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale at The Dalles June 6-8 are checked by Kenneth Smouse, Ione, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League during a recent conference in The Dalles. From left, Elmer Lierman, The Dalles, general manager of the show; Smouse, and Earl Meeker, The Dalles chairman of the league's youth activities committee. More than 600 entries are indicated.

HEAVY WEEKEND RAINS DROP OVER ONE AND ONE-HALF INCHES HERE

Most farmers this week will claim that the usual statement that he had "a million dollar rain" last weekend is a gross understatement, and taken county-wide it probably was worth many times that amount.

Regardless of its dollar value, the county received one of its best wettings in many a day when a total of between one and one and three-quarters of an inch of rain fell in the 48 hour period starting Saturday afternoon. And, to make it even more valuable, it all came steadily but gently with no reports having been received of any washing or serious runoff.

Heppner again recorded the heaviest fall of any weather station in the county with a total of 1.59 inches between Saturday and Tuesday morning. Another

.07 inch had fallen earlier in the month to give May a total of 1.66 up to Wednesday.

Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry recorder, checked 1.25 inches over the weekend to bring his month's total to 1.32 and at the Crum ranch north of Ione .77 inch fell in the two days.

An even heavier rain apparently fell in the higher mountains and all creeks were up considerably this week. The precipitation was welcomed by nearly everyone and the warmer weather which followed is bringing range grass and pasture along in excellent shape.

Condon Air Base To Hold Open House Saturday Afternoon

The Condon Air Force station will join with other units of the armed forces of the United States to celebrate Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 25.

The celebration at the Condon station will consist of an open house program from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Conducted tours will be made around the base, visiting all sections including the radar tower and operations center and several sections will have displays in operation. Arrangements are now being completed for fly-overs of the type of jet aircraft which are usually used in the air defense of the country and visitors will be able to see planes as they look on radar scopes.

Light refreshments will be served in the dining hall during the afternoon and bus transportation will run to and from Condon for the benefit of persons not wishing to drive to the base which is located six miles west of Condon. Buses will leave the Condon hotel on the hour beginning at noon.

A special program will be broadcast over radio station KRCCO, Prineville from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. Saturday direct from the base.

Ione Grange Picks Rodeo Princess

Miss Carolyn Crabtree, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree of Ione, this week was chosen Morrow county fair and rodeo princess by the Willows Grange. She is a junior in the Ione high school and is an excellent rider.

More information on her school and riding activities will be given at a later date.

WRANGLER EVENT SET SUNDAY AT HERMISTON

The Heppner Wranglers will go to Hermiston Sunday to take part in the first go-around of their annual trophy event with the Umatilla Sage Riders. The Hermiston group now holds the trophy and another win this year will give them permanent possession.

The second go-around will be here June 5.

OES SOCIAL CLUB MEETING CANCELLED

The OES social club meeting scheduled for June 4 has been cancelled it was announced this week by officers. Regular meetings will be resumed in the fall.

County Schools List Dates For Closing Programs

All county schools will conclude their school year during next week with baccalaureate and commencement exercises scheduled to start this Sunday.

Following is a list of dates and times for the various services:

- Heppner—Baccalaureate, Sunday, 7 p. m. at Methodist church. Commencement, Wednesday, 8 p. m. at high school gym. Eighth grade, Thursday, 7:45 p. m. Lexington—Baccalaureate, Sunday, 8 p. m. at Christian church. Commencement, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Ione—Baccalaureate, Sunday, 7:30 p. m. Community church. Commencement, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Cafeteria. Boardman—Baccalaureate, Sunday, 8 p. m. Community church. Commencement, Wednesday, 8 p. m. gymnasium. Irrigon—Baccalaureate, Sunday Commencement, Thursday, 8 p. m. Hardman—Eighth grade commencement, Wednesday afternoon.

Heppner Gun Men Take Shoot Honors

Dale Brown, and Buster Padberg, Heppner tied in the 100 bird, 16 yard event at the third annual Mid-Columbia shoot held at the Morrow County Gun Club grounds south of Heppner. Both men broke 97 birds in the first round, but Brown came out the winner in the shoot-off.

In the big shoot, which was held in a steady rain, the Heppner 5-man team came out on top with a bird total of 479, followed closely by Condon with 475. Five teams took part with Condon, Kinzua, Fossil Arlington and Heppner entered in the day's shooting which saw over 6,000 targets being tripped.

In the 50-bird handicap event Luke Bibby came out winner after a first round tie between Bibby, Pete Wheelhouse of Arlington and John Lane of Heppner.

In the special purse shoots, Pete Wheelhouse won the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant event, John Lane the Wilson purse and Luke Bibby the Farley Motor Company purse.

This is the third year of the shoot which would have drawn more teams from Pendleton and Hermiston had not the bad weather prevented several members from making the trip. It is the first time it has been held in Heppner.

Heppner and Condon teams are tied for third place in the Oregon Journal shoot and both teams will travel to Portland this weekend for a shoot-off.

ROYAL ARCH MEET SET

There will be a special meeting of Heppner chapter 26 of Royal Arch Masons Saturday evening it has been announced. There will be work for the Royal Arch degree.

Polio Vaccination Program To be Started Here Monday

City of Heppner Expenses to Drop In Coming Year

The city budget committee on Monday night approved and turned over to the council a budget for the city of Heppner for 1955-56 which calls for a total expenditure of \$93,544.50. This reflects a drop from last year's expenditures of \$102,067.50 though the amount to be raised by taxes shows a slight increase.

Last year's budget included an amount of \$15,000 for water bond redemption for which there was a like amount of money available for the payment from a cash carryover from previous years. This year there is only \$5,000 plus interest budgeted for the regularly redemption plan on the bonds which will be paid off in another two years.

Other income from the water department, county road tax, state gasoline tax etc., will bring the city in a total of \$78,806 which leaves only \$14,738.50 to be raised by taxes for the general operation of the city. This is up less than \$700 over the like figure for last year, it was pointed out.

Included in the budget are funds to pay for the necessary filter equipment to be installed at the swimming pool and \$16,500 for streets and bridges. Most other departments will operate on approximately the same they did during the present year. The budget will be published in full within the next few weeks.

Guy Boyer Dies At John Day

Word was received here today of the death Wednesday morning at John Day of Guy Boyer, 69, years of age. He has been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Boyer was well known in Heppner, having lived here for many years prior to moving to John Day where he operated a furniture store.

Funeral services are to be held Friday morning at 10 a. m. at Driscoll's Funeral Home chapel in John Day with graveside rites under the direction of the Heppner Elks lodge at 2:30 p. m. Friday at the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear next week.

Three Get Nod For Boys State Trip

Three local high school boys, Jay Sumner of Heppner and Gary White and Ernest Drake of Ione have been selected to attend Beaver Boys State to be held June 12 to 18 at Oregon State College.

The boys were chosen by members of the Heppner and Ione American Legion posts who will sponsor the boys from their respective communities.

The Boys State is an annual meeting where the youth of Oregon are taught all phases of the American form of government.

Value Days Again Offer Special Buys

Nearly three pages of advertisements elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times tell of the special values being offered by local merchants in the second of this year's series of Heppner Value Days which is sponsored by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

Shoppers will again be treated to free parking anywhere in downtown Heppner through the courtesy of the city and the merchants and a special free kiddies show will be given for all the youngsters Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Star Theater.

The selling event runs through Saturday, May 21.

Ronald Baker Wins Two Top Senior Awards at WSC

Ronald Baker, senior at Washington State College and the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker of Ione, was last week selected as one of the Big Ten among outstanding senior students and also chosen as "Aggie of the Year" from candidates in all departments of agriculture at the college.

Baker's position among the Big Ten seniors was announced last Thursday at the WSC senior Convocation held on the campus. The award is given in recognition for outstanding service and achievement.

The "Aggie" award was announced at a recognition assembly sponsored by the Associated Students of the college of agriculture also held last week. Baker is a past president of the associated Students of the college of agriculture, president of Farm House and a grand champion in the Little International, and a Danforth winner. He also received the National Block and Bridle trophy for the outstanding senior in animal husbandry.

He will graduate at Commencement exercises to be held June 5.

Poppy Days to Be Observed May 27-28

Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28 will be Poppy Days in Heppner it was announced this week by Mrs. William Heath, chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy committee. Women of the organization will be selling the poppies in Heppner on those days.

Money raised from the poppy sale goes to aid disabled veterans, their widows and children and for child welfare. All the funds remain in the state, it was pointed out.

Many Heppner stores have the poppy boards on display and Humphreys Drug Company will have an entire display of poppies next week.

SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE DUE

A representative of the La Grande Social Security administration will be in the Heppner city hall from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, May 25 to interview persons who have questions pertaining to social security and to assist those who wish to file application for benefits.

First and Second Graders to Get Two Vaccine Shots

Salk Polio vaccine shots will be given to all first and second grade children in the county who desire them starting next Monday, May 23. Dr. A. D. McMurdo county health officer said Wednesday following receipt of a telegram from the state board of health giving the anti-polio program an official OK.

The telegram from Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said, "State board of health recommends and medical society approves initiating Salk Vaccine program. First and second graders must be offered vaccine. Many counties started May 23."

Dr. McMurdo said today that he will start giving the first shots to all first and second grade students whose parents have not withdrawn permission, on next Monday. He plans to give the vaccine at the Heppner, Lexington and Ione schools on Monday and to students at Irrigon and Boardman on Tuesday.

Dr. McMurdo said that he has sufficient Parke-Davis vaccine on hand to give two shots to all the first and second grade children who desire it and that he plans to give the second shot about three weeks after the first. All schools will be out by the time the second shot is given but arrangements will be made to have the children brought to central locations around the county, probably to the schools for their second shot. Exact dates and the places will be announced later, he said.

The polio inoculation program was originally scheduled to start about two weeks ago but was held up while the vaccine was given additional investigation after several cases of polio had been reported in children who had received their first shot. Subsequent checks have shown that vaccine now in the hands of the doctors has passed all tests and is safe to use.

Lettermens Banquet Set for Tuesday

The annual Heppner high school lettermen's banquet has been set for next Tuesday evening, May 24 at the Legion hall. It was announced this week by members of the Lions club, sponsors of the event. High school mothers are to prepare and serve the dinner.

Awards will be given to all high school letter winners in football, basketball, baseball and track with coach Jim Mallon to award the football and track letters and coach Larry Downen the basketball and baseball letters. Jack Flug will serve as master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the banquet are now on sale at Turner, Van Marter and Bryant insurance office at \$1.25 per person and they will be available at other places of business this weekend. It is to be a stag affair but will be open to the public.

County TB Ass'n. Gets 25 Year Award

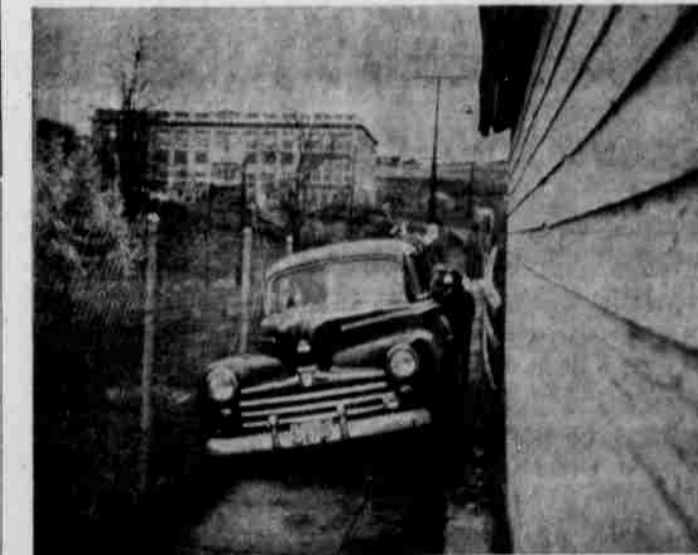
Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, vice president of the Morrow county TB and Health association, returned from Portland early this week where she attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association. Mrs. Stevens presided at the morning meeting and introduced the speaker, Dr. Vincent Glandin.

On behalf of the Morrow county association, Mrs. Stevens accepted a 25 year citation tendered to it in recognition of its affiliation with the state organization.

SAFETY FILM SEEN

Members of the chamber of commerce were shown a traffic safety and road hazard film at their Monday noon meeting. It was shown by Jack Whiteman and Hy Shop of Empire Machinery Company, Pendleton.

Mrs. Stephen Thompson visited in Heppner Tuesday.



TOLL BRIDGE, MAYBE?—Wayne Corwin, Heppner, driver of this car, pleaded guilty to reckless driving in police court Tuesday and was fined \$50 (toll charge) for driving his car across the foot-bridge leading from Main street to the school. Corwin made it across the bridge but got tangled in the fence along the sidewalk on the west end and was arrested by police chief Floyd Hutchins. (GT Photo)