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County School Budget to Go to Voters May 10

Voters in all school districts in the county will go to the polls in their respective districts Friday, May 10 to express their desires on the rural school budget for the county.

The ballot will ask approval of a special levy in excess of the six per cent limitation in the maintenance and operation of all the schools in the county. The amount is slightly less than \$20,000 higher than last year.

The total rural school budget for the coming year is \$683,042.31 which is an increase of \$47,083.13 over the present budget. The increase was necessary due to rising costs of building maintenance and repairs, and increased teacher salary scale throughout the county and the purchase of three new buses by the lone district. As an offset for the higher total budget, there is also shown in the complete figures published recently in this paper, a sizeable increase in total receipts and cash balances in all districts. These amount to \$236,778.65 for the coming year as compared with \$217,354.34 for the 1956-57 year.

The total tax levy, both within and outside the six percent limitation, which will be needed to support all county schools, except for special levies within the individual districts, will be \$459,651.57.

Total expenditures in the various districts for the coming year are: Heppner, \$245,682.81; Lexington, \$72,562.50; Ione, \$136,342.00; Boardman, \$89,749.00; Irrigon, \$106,441.00; Hardman, \$10,455.00; Non-high district, \$5,700; rural district, \$16,100.

The polls will open at 2 p. m. on May 10 in all the districts in the county, but the length of time each will remain open is set by the individual boards. The law requires that all must remain open for at least one hour and in many of the smaller districts that will mean from 2 to 3 p. m. In the Heppner district the polls will be open from 2 to 8 p. m. with voting being held in the high school lunch room. The hours of voting are posted in all districts.

Ione Names New Superintendent

The lone school board announced this week that Dallas Shockley of Athena has accepted the position as the new superintendent of schools at Ione. Mr. Shockley has been grade school principal at Athena. He is married and has two children.

Shockley will replace Robert H. Woodroof who resigned earlier this year.

The board also said that all teaching positions are filled except for third grade position.

EIGHTH GRADES TO PRESENT PLAY

The combined eighth grades of the Heppner school will present a three-act comedy play, "A Feudin' Over Yonder," at the multi-purpose room of the Heppner grade school Friday evening, May 3 at 8 p. m.

Admission charge will be 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for students and 15 cents for children.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ferguson of Aurora, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett of Condon were Saturday evening guests at the Lee Scrivner home.

June Bid Call Set For Paving of Willow Creek Road

The county court this week received word that the state highway commission will call for bids at its June meeting for the paving of the 12 miles of the Willow creek road from Heppner to the forks of Willow creek.

The county last year completed the grade and relocation work on the lower six miles of the project and are now completing this work on the upper section. It will be ready for the surfacing well ahead of the contractors, county judge Garnet Barratt said.

The paving will be completed by late summer.

Jack Bailey New Chamber President

Jack E. Bailey, secretary of the Heppner Elks lodge, Monday was named new president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. He will take office next week replacing Jack Angel who resigned two weeks ago because of business reasons. Bailey has been first vice president of the organization.

The directors, in naming Bailey to the top post, also appointed Jack Flug first vice president; and James J. Farley, second vice president. They also named Robert Abrams to the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dick Brunner, former J. C. Penney manager who was transferred to Baker.

P-TA Urges Higher School Support

The Heppner Parent-Teachers Association at their meeting last Wednesday night voiced in a resolution, support of an increase in the basic school support fund to \$120 and a request that the Key district formula distribution provide that no school district receive less than in the year 1956-57.

Mrs. Homer Hager was chairman of the program which featured a style show by the high school homemaking students. Narrators were Joann Brosnan, president of the Heppner FHA chapter, Frances Slocum, Phyllis Quackenbush and Janice Martin. Mary Jo Stewart was accompanist and Jay Sumner was in charge of lighting.

Students modeled garments made in class and made from Oregon manufactured material. Highlights of the show were fitted tailored suits shown by Peggy Applegate, Beulah Davis, Judy Collins, Joann Brosnan, Frances Slocum and Phyllis Quackenbush. Dick Applegate modeled a plaid jacket of Pedleton wool constructed by his sister Peggy.

Other models were Judy Brinda, Sandra Jones, Effie Lane, Francine Moyer, Dorothy Vinson, Bernice Thomson, Marlene Griffin, Dianne Geyer, Thelma Sanders, Doris Morris, Nancy Moyer, Shirley Van Winkle, Mary Slocum, Roseann Ayers, Wilma Bothwell, Jean Collins, Cara Lee Corbin, Mary Johnston, Rhoda Ott, Carol Groshens, Susie McQuarrie, Ruth Peterson, Nancy Slocum, Norma Geyer and Kay Keithley.

The meeting opened with a skit portraying the fun and inspiration of the state P-TA meeting in Pendleton with Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mrs. Robert Robison, Mrs. Vic Kreilmeyer, Roy Kirk, Mrs. Velma Glass, Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. William Brinda and

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MISS BEVERLY BAKER, Valedictorian of the Lexington high school graduating class.



DONALD HUNT, Salutatorian of the Lexington high school class.

Lexington Honor Students Selected

Miss Beverly Baker has been named valedictorian and Donald Hunt salutatorian of the senior class of Lexington high school, officials revealed this week.

Miss Baker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Baker, attained a grade point average of 3.5 for her high school years and has been very active in school affairs. She was class secretary during her freshman, sophomore and junior years, class treasurer as a senior and student body secretary and a member of the student council the same year. She was a member of the G. A. A. this year, has received two letters in volleyball, another in softball and basketball each year and a letter in track in her junior year.

Her other activities included participation in dramatics during her senior year. She was named a princess of the Lexington Sweetheart ball as a junior and queen in 1957.

The salutatorian is the 18 year old son of Mrs. Bertha Hunt and the late Arthur Hunt. He held a four year grade average of 3.3.

Donald served as student body president in 1955 and 56; was class president in 1952 and 53; on the student council for three years; assistant annual editor in 1954 and 55 and editor in 1955 and 56 and on the annual staff in 1956 and 57.

He has received four letters in football, four in basketball and three for track, and has been a member of the Letterman's club for four years. As a freshman, sophomore and junior he worked in dramatics.

Donald has completed his entire 12 years of schooling at Lexington and he plans to enroll this fall at Oregon State college where he hopes to major in engineering.

Meredith Thomson Wins P-TA Scholarship

Meredith Thomson, Heppner high school senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson, has received one of the state Parent-Teacher tuition, scholarship awards. It was announced this week.

The scholarship is based on scholarship, activity record and character traits and may be renewed each year for four years. One hundred and fifty-two scholarships were awarded of which 78 were new and 74 renewals. There were 390 applications made this year with one-fourth coming from the Portland area. They are distributed geographically.

Former recipients from here were Jean Marie Graham in 1955 and Adella Anderson in 1954.

Mrs. Harry Storey of Chilliwack, British Columbia arrived Saturday for an extended visit at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.

Tuesday Storm Adds to County Rainfall Record

It apparently just can't stop raining in Morrow county.

After a record setting month of March and an April that, while it didn't set any record was far from dry, the last day of the month saw another outburst of weather in the Heppner section which brought up to one inch of rain in 20 minutes.

The warm temperatures of Saturday, Sunday and Monday brought repercussions which Tuesday afternoon when a thunderstorm broke loose a flood of rain which caused some damage over a limited area and added considerably to the precipitation for the period. Official measurement in Heppner was 26 of an inch in a 15 minute period, but less than two miles up Balm Fork east of town a full one inch of rain fell in 20 minutes causing considerable erosion and filling the road with boulders and mud in at least one place. Many persons said the rain in Heppner was the heaviest seen in at least five or six years.

Some hail fell from the storm in certain areas. Both Balm Fork and Hinton creek residents reported varying depths up to one inch which damaged gardens and flowers. Wheat, still comparatively short, apparently suffered little damage.

The Tuesday storm came in from the south and dropped rain from the mountains to about Lexington, Blackhorse canyon also felt the brunt of the shower.

Month's Rain High

April rainfall as recorded at the Heppner weather station was 1.28 inches but it did not include the 26 which fell Tuesday during the storm as precipitation on the last day of the month is credited to the following month. April 1956 saw only .09 fall here. The rainfall for the first four months of the year is now 7.48 inches, close to double that of the same period for 1956.

Temperature figures for the past week at Heppner show:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Thursday	54	34	—
Friday	57	35	—
Saturday	60	39	—
Sunday	69	44	—
Monday	77	47	—
Tuesday	82	57	—
(Warmest day this year)			
Wednesday	79	48	.26

Rain Stalls County Track Meet Here

The county high school track meet scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at the Heppner rodeo field was cancelled early in the day due to weather conditions, school officials have announced. The meet has been rescheduled for Monday evening, May 6 at 7:30 p. m. and will be held under the lights at the rodeo field. Most county schools are expected to enter teams.

4-H Summer Camp Plans Are Made

At a meeting of the Morrow county 4-H council held last Thursday evening at the Harold Beach home in Lexington, plans were made for the annual 4-H summer camp. The dates for the 1957 camp are June 26 through 30. A potluck picnic for all members, their parents and interested persons will conclude the camp on Sunday, June 30. The camp will be held at the 4-H camp grounds on Herron Creek at the Cutsforth forest park.

Junior leaders who are 4-H club members enrolled in a junior leader project will again act as camp counselors. The junior leaders last year did an excellent job as camp counselors and many of these boys and girls who are 14 years of age and older will take special camp counseling classes at 4-H summer school at Corvallis preceding camp.

4-H members will be selected from clubs from the 9 to 13 age bracket members. Approximately 30% of the membership will be allowed to participate in the camp this year. The camp fee will be \$5.00 for the four full days camp period. This includes craft materials and insurance.

Various committees were set up to make arrangements for the camp and to conduct it. Heading the various committees are Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr., chairman of the food committee; Beverly Bradshaw, chairman of the recreation and program committee and Roy Martin, chairman of the physical set-up committee.

Dr. Archie D. McMurdo Named Oregon's First Doctor of Year



DR. ARCHIE D. MCMURDO OREGON'S FIRST DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

NEWT O'HARRA NAMED CONSERVATION WEEK CHAIRMAN FOR MORROW COUNTY

Conservation groups and all persons interested in Oregon's natural resources are invited to participate in the statewide Conservation Week, May 20-26, according to an announcement by Newt O'Harra, chairman of the Conservation Week committee. Mr. O'Harra's appointment as chairman of the Morrow county Conservation Week committee was made recently by Governor Holmes.

Conservation Week is a campaign, he said, to focus the attention of everyone on the importance of our natural resources. O'Harra pointed out that education in the wise use of our forests, minerals, soils, wildlife, and water will do much to add to their value. Governor Holmes' committee on natural resources is sponsoring the campaign.

"Most of our natural resources are renewable," the chairman said, "and minerals may also be wisely used. On the tree farms, for example, there is more wild-

life than ever before. With an expanding population, we will require more water. More fishermen and hunters will use the state's streams and forests. There will be greater demands upon our agricultural lands.

"The objective of Conservation Week is to bring the attention of all Oregonians on our natural wealth by visiting tree farms, fish hatcheries, mines, sawmills, dams, and by taking part in educational programs in the schools and communities.

"Conservation is a great public service program everyone can participate in," Mr. O'Harra said. "We are all interested in growing more trees, preventing forest fires, developing more wildlife, improving our fishing, wise mining of minerals and proper use of our soils and waters."

The chairman reported that service clubs and schools will be encouraged to have scheduled talks, field trips, and films on conservation subjects during the statewide Conservation Week, May 20-26.

Bishop Remington To Visit Friday

Friday, May 3 All Saints' Episcopal church will be visited by the Rt. Rev. William Proctor Remington, D. D., S. T. D., second bishop of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon. Bishop Remington served this district from 1922 through 1945 being succeeded by the present bishop, the Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, D. D. in 1946. He is very well known here.

Bishop Remington has had one of the most unusual and fruitful ministries in the history of the American part of the Anglican Communion. He was made a deacon in 1905, ordained as a priest in 1906 and consecrated Suffragan Bishop of South Dakota in 1918 where he remained until being transferred to the Eastern Oregon jurisdiction in 1922. Here he was in charge of an area of 64,000 square miles with only five priests. A year later he had but one priest, the others having transferred to greener and less difficult pastures. There was only one parish, a few organized missions and many quite unorganized. In 1946 when he turned this jurisdiction over to Bishop Barton he became Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania and held here 15 parishes and many more missions.

There will be a potluck dinner for the Bishop and Mrs. Remington at the parish house at 6:30 p. m. St. Philip and St. James Day will be transferred from Wednesday and the bishop will pontificate and preach with the rector as the celebrant at 8 p. m.

Church Men Plan Scrap Metal Drive

The Christian Men's Fellowship of the Heppner Christian church is conducting a scrap metal drive with the proceeds to be used to furnish one-half tuition for the youth of the church who wish to attend a church camp or conference this summer.

Persons having metal to donate for the drive may call the church parsonage, Paul Jones, Joe Stewart, Frank Davidson or any of the men of the church. In the very near future a time will be set for the drive and metal will be picked up at person's convenience. All donations, large or small, will be appreciated.

Honor Conferred On Physician by Medical Society

Additional Honors To Come Monday

Dr. Archie D. McMurdo, Heppner's oldest practicing physician, Saturday was selected Oregon's first Doctor of the Year by a lay and professional committee of the house of delegates of the Oregon State Medical Society. He was honored at a meeting of the group in Portland and was presented a plaque by Russell H. Kaufman, president of the society.

Dr. McMurdo, who came to Heppner in 1912, was recently named the Morrow and Umatilla Doctor of the Year by the local medical society of which he is a member. His name will be entered in the annual national general practitioner of the year program sponsored by the American Medical Association.

In addition to 45 years of service to the residents of Morrow county as a general practitioner, he also holds the state record for the longest continuous service as a public health officer. He was named county health officer in 1913, the first year the county had such an office, and he still holds the post.

In addition to attending to the medical needs of residents over the years, starting first when his means of travel was a horse and buggy or a bicycle, if the trip wasn't too long, the Doctor also doubled as a dentist and a veterinarian back in the years when there was no such service available. For many years, before Pioneer Memorial hospital was built, he operated his own hospital, and his outside activities included service on the Heppner city council, the school board, and various medical offices. He has been active in Boy Scout work, is a member of the Royal Arch Masons and the Heppner Elks lodge. He was county coroner for 20 years.

A complete story of Dr. McMurdo's many years of service was run in the Gazette Times about a month ago when he was chosen for the county honor. Special Program Planned

Dr. McMurdo will be honored at a public program next Monday at 11:30 in front of the Heppner hotel which will be given by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been an active member for many years.

Those in charge of the program hope to have present the first baby delivered by Dr. McMurdo, mayors of Heppner and surrounding towns, and several other guests including medical men with whom the Doctor has worked during his many years of practice. The Heppner high school band will take part in the program and the high school will be dismissed early to allow students to honor him. County judge Garnet Barratt will preside at the ceremonies.

The story of Dr. McMurdo's award will be included on the World News program at 6:30 p. m. Friday on KEPR-TV and more information will be given about the celebration in his honor next Monday.

County Students Take Part in Recent Spelling Contest

The annual county-wide grade school spelling contest was held Tuesday at Heppner with 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from five county schools taking part.

Each school entered eight top students in the contest and ribbon awards were presented to the winners. Blue ribbons were given for missing from 0 to 3 words, red ribbons for 4 to 6 mistakes, and white for 7 to 10 errors. Eighteen students won blue ribbons, six received red awards and seven, white.

Blue ribbon winners were: Heppner, Linda Valentine, Judy Bradford, Diane Fulleton, and Pam Chebell. Irrigon, Alice Snyder, Joanne Franke, Donna Want, Janice Parker, Sheryl Witherspoon. Boardman, Sandra Thorpe. Lexington Martha Doherty, Dan Wardwell, Jim Stegall, Beverly Davidson, Linda Van Winkle Ione, Marrie Jo Morrison, Arleta McCabe, and Ronald Crabtree.



MISS MAXINE SICARD this week was named valedictorian of the Boardman senior class.



MISS CONNIE LOU BAKER, Boardman high school salutatorian.

Boardman Honor Students Named

By Mary Lee Marlow

Miss Maxine Sicard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard, has been chosen valedictorian for the 1957 graduating class of the Boardman high school. Miss Sicard is secretary-treasurer of the student body and is on the staff of the school paper and the annual. She was a Morrow county fair and rodeo princess last year.

Miss Connie Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker, has been named salutatorian. She is also on the annual staff.

Commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 23.



45,000 PONDEROSA PINE SEEDLINGS, are now being planted in logged off areas of the Umatilla National Forest Heppner district. Planting is under the direction of Calvin Weissenfluh, timber management assistant for the Forest Service. He will be aided by members of the Heppner Future Farmers of America chapter, shown here is Oliver Creswick, Forest Service employee, with a few of the 11 bundles of seedlings which were received here Friday from the nursery at Bend. Each bundle contains more than 4000 little trees. (GT Photo)