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Proposed County School Budget Suggests Savings

A proposed county-wide school budget which could result in an overall saving of nearly \$61,000 over the current year's spending was explained to the Chamber of Commerce at its Monday noon meeting by Ellwynne Peck, clerk of the Lexington school board and a member of the Lexington P-TA. The P-TA prepared the proposed budget.

The proposed budget called for an overall outlay of \$644,546 for the coming year as compared with \$705,490 for the current year for all schools in the county. Savings were suggested in nearly all departments of school operations which, it was explained, could reflect from the establishment of the county unit school system in the county.

Peck explained that savings could result from the closure of the Lexington high school and the consolidation of the Boardman and Irrigon high schools, both of which have been announced for the coming year. He also indicated that the elimination of superintendent's positions in all schools, with just one county school superintendent, would save considerable money.

The proposed budget, by divisions showed the following with the figures listed in this order: present year's expense, proposed needs, and savings:

General control—\$44,778; \$25,800; \$18,978.
Instruction—\$401,686; \$378,277; \$23,408.
Operation of plant—\$78,594; \$76,697; \$1,897.
Maintenance and repair—\$32,170; \$17,500; \$14,670.
Auxiliary agencies—\$96,325; \$90,608; \$5,717.
Fixed charges—\$36,238; \$32,664; \$3,574.
Capital outlay—\$7,172; \$2,500; \$4,672.
Debt service—\$1,300; \$500; \$800.

The proposed budget showed an increase in one category, the emergency fund, which was raised from \$7,225 to \$20,000. It was explained that because of the uncertainties that are bound to accompany a complete change over in school system as the county is facing, a sizeable emergency fund should be made available.

The budget as suggested will not necessarily be the one eventually adopted by the county board, but Peck explained that the recommendations did show what savings could be effected under the county school system.

Early Return Asked Of Rural Fire District Petitions

Persons who are presently circulating petitions calling for the formation of a Heppner rural fire district, were urged this week to complete the obtaining of names as soon as possible so the proposal can be submitted to the county court for hearing and subsequent election.

The need for speed is due to the fact that if the district is formed in time to provide the area with any fire protection within the next year, it must be in operation in time to get its budget requirements included in the 1959-60 county budget which is prepared in May and June.

Interested persons have been in hopes that the petitions could be presented to the county court at its March 4 meeting.

PONTIAC WINS AWARD

James J. Farley, local Pontiac dealer, attended a two-day meeting in Portland this week, where the announcement was made over closed-circuit television that the 1959 Pontiac had won the Motor Trend magazine award as the "Car of the Year."

The prize-winning cars are now on display at Farley Motor company.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	32	25	Tr
Friday	31	27	—
Saturday	32	29	—
Sunday	35	25	—
Monday	44	34	.07
Tuesday	48	29	—
Wednesday	48	40	.06

Rainfall for the week .13; for February 1.50; for the year 4.12 inches.



BLOOD STORAGE—Harry Bongers, Pioneer Memorial hospital administrator, and county Red Cross drive chairman stands beside the special human blood refrigerator which was recently donated to the hospital by the Morrow county Red Cross chapter. The hospital is serviced weekly by the Red Cross blood truck and ample supplies for normal needs are provided through the Red Cross blood program. The annual Red Cross drive will start in the county March 1 and a part of the funds from this campaign are used to support this blood program. (GT Photo)

NED CLARK WINS STAR CHAPTER AWARD AT FFA ANNUAL BANQUET

The Heppner chapter of Future Farmers of America held its annual parent and son banquet Tuesday evening with the parliamentary team handling the opening and closing ceremonies. Ned Clark served as master of ceremonies.

The banquet was prepared by Mrs. Jessie Lovgren and Mrs. Elsa Leathers and served by the Rainbow Girls.

The regular officers put on the honorary degree ceremonies making Cornett Green, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Barton Clark honorary members. Each received a gold FFA pin.

Chapter advisor L. L. Robbins presented awards to the following boys:

Ned Clark, who received the Star Chapter Farmer trophy award donated by the First National Bank of Oregon. He also received the Farm Mechanics award from the Oregon association of the Future Farmers of America.

Cliff Green received a trophy for public speaking donated by the Rhea Creek Grange.

Jerry Anderson received the dairy farming award pin from the Oregon association of FFA.

Dick Robison received the soils award for his ability to judge soils. The pin was donated by the Heppner Soil Conservation district.

Bill Monagle received a pin for catching the largest fish on the annual fishing trip last May.

William Rill received an FFA belt and buckle donated by Empire Machinery company for having the outstanding greenhand project under way.

Ned Clark, Cliff Green, Mike Gray and Al Osmen each received a plaque for outstanding achievement in FFA. These were donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

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CHAMBER ASKS SINGLE CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCE CITY-WIDE PROGRAMS

The help of all Heppner businesses in solving a weighty financial problem of the Chamber of Commerce, is being asked this week through letters sent out by the merchants committee.

Numerous solicitations are usually made throughout the year by the group to finance activities which are city-wide, and it is proposed that if agreeable, each business make one contribution each year of sufficient size to cover all projects. This would eliminate the need for

and disagreeable job of asking for several small financial contributions.

Following is the committee's letter which this week went out to all Heppner businesses:

"It has probably been brought to your attention that members of the Merchants Committee have not called on your firm for your donation for Christmas decorations put up on Main street last year. The chamber has advanced the funds for the cost of these decorations of approximately \$420. We wish to take this means to ask your help in defraying the cost of the decorations and of putting them up and taking them down. Part of the money was spent on new decorations, which we think you will agree added much to the beauty of the decorations already purchased.

"We would like to prepare a budget for this annual item as well as the rodeo decorations each year and make one drive for funds to cover expenses of both. If all businessmen in Heppner were members of the Chamber of Commerce, these two annual affairs could well become a project of the chamber. Since all business houses are not members we think that the fair way is to allow all the merchants of Heppner to help defray the cost of decorating the streets.

"The Merchants Committee would appreciate any ideas which you might have as to how they might finance these worthwhile enterprises each year without having to solicit donations. In as much as these benefit all businesses this seems to be the only fair way to handle it at the present.

"If you have any ideas that you would like to submit, would you be so kind as to submit them along with your donation. Just send it to The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce or leave it at either bank."

Standard First Aid Training Classes To Start Monday

The Heppner fire department is sponsoring a standard first aid course for fire department members and friends. It was announced this week by fire chief C. A. Ruggles.

The course consists of 10 hours of basic training on how to save a human life when persons are injured. The class will start on Monday, March 9 at the Heppner city hall from 7:30 to 10 p. m. and will be held each Monday for four weeks.

The class will be taught by an instructor-trainer from the Industrial Accident Commission of Oregon and is being conducted with the authority of the American Red Cross through the Morrow county chapter. Any male desiring the training is welcome to attend. The minimum age is 15 years. The class is for men only and requests for admission may be made by Chief Ruggles.

Each student is asked to bring a 2 inch gauze roller bandage to the class.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—To Mr and Mrs Monte Chamberlain, Heppner, a 5 lb 4 oz girl born Feb 23, named Kathy Ann.

Patients—Cynthia Harsin, Heppner, dismissed; Lawrence Matteson, Heppner; David Miller, Condon; Michael Williams, Heppner, dismissed; James Keys, Condon; Roger Kincaid, Ione, dismissed; Ethel McQuillin, Fossil; Lincoln Nash, Heppner, dismissed; Jennie Steers, Fossil; William Van Winkle, Lexington.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS FOR ANNUAL

Among those attending the Heppner Elks annual from Pendleton were: Mr and Mrs Steve Thompson, Mr and Mrs Elmer Pahl, Mr and Mrs Jack Duff, Mr and Mrs Barney Doherty, and Calvin Wisenfluh, Mr and Mrs Jack Bailey formerly of Heppner were here Saturday also for the annual from Condon, and Pete Farley was here from The Dalles.

WINS PORTLAND TRIP

Johnny Pfeiffer, son of Mr and Mrs John Pfeiffer and Billy Snyder, son of Mr and Mrs Wayne Snyder, spent the weekend in Portland. They won the trip, along with other Eastern Oregon Journal paper carriers.

New Owners Plan Start of Stud Mill Operations

Resumption of operations of the stud mill and planer at Heppner formerly operated by United Studs, was seen in the announcement this week that the plant is in the market for logs and hopes to start cutting within a short time.

The new operators are Roger Quirin, Vernonia, who has been in the stud business for over 12 years in that area and in British Columbia; and Barney Malcolm, stud mill operator in both Oregon and Washington. Quirin will operate the mill on Hinton creek under the name Quirin Lumber company; and Malcolm, as Malcolm Lumber company, will operate the planer located just below Heppner.

The men announced that negotiations are now in progress for the purchase of the entire operation from the former owners, United Studs; and that the mill will begin work as soon as logs can be obtained. It is planned to buy logs if possible, but the company may do its own logging if necessary to keep the plant running.

Quirin stated Wednesday that it is planned to use local labor wherever possible and a crew of between 15 and 20 men is anticipated.

The sawmill will be left at the Hinton creek site for the time being, but it is planned to eventually move it to the site of the planer about a mile west of Heppner.

Blood Typing Program Cancelled

The two blood typing meetings scheduled for Heppner and Pine City in March have been cancelled according to Miss Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

These extension unit sponsored meetings were cancelled because the county agent was informed that the Red Cross Bloodmobile would be coming to Heppner and Orland on June 8 and 9 and blood typing could be done at that time. It was believed these March gatherings would be a duplication of effort.

The Pioneer Memorial hospital of Heppner is now receiving weekly shipments of Red Cross blood. This is stored under special refrigeration and is used by their patients. The walking blood donor is now only called in case of emergency.

Miss Gladys Tibbett, Red Cross field worker from Yakima, met with the local Red Cross chapter last week and informed the group that the Yakima office hoped to line up 140 blood donors in the Heppner vicinity for the June blood drawing. Local Red Cross workers are planning an extensive publicity program in May to enlist volunteers.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner at the court house on Tuesday, March 10 from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Mr and Mrs Fred Coleman of Portland visited with Mr and Mrs Al Mattoon over the weekend and attended the Elks annual.

Mr and Mrs Bill Kilkenny of Pendleton attended the Elks annual and were overnight guests at the home of Emile Groshens. Bill Platt of Condon and Excited Ruler of the Condon Elks attended the Elks annual Saturday night and was a guest at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Bob Platt.

Mr and Mrs Claude Buschke left Sunday morning for Portland on a business trip and will return the end of this week.

Sharon Cutsforth Chosen as 1959 Fair, Rodeo Queen

Miss Sharon Cutsforth, Ione, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, will reign over the 1959 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo. The announcement of Queen

Sharon's selection was made Wednesday.

Queen Sharon, who is the daughter of Mrs. Don Helker, Ione and O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington, is a stately blonde five feet, five inches tall and an excellent horsewoman. She was a princess of the fair and rodeo two years ago as a member of Queen Christine Swaggart's royal court.

The new queen is a graduate in 1957 of Ione high school where she took part in many activities which included serving as editor of her high school paper and annual, a member of the Girls' League, chorus, and volleyball and baseball teams. She was an active 4-H club member and previously had served as rodeo parade pennant bearer.

Her summertime activities include helping out in almost any capacity on her parents' ranch near Ione.

Queen Sharon has two sisters who also were members of Morrow county's royal court in years past. They are Vesta who was a princess in 1948 and Faye, who was on the court the following year.

Miss Cutsforth's mother, Mrs. Helker, will serve as chaperone for the court.

Other members of the court will be named in the near future by their sponsoring organizations.



QUEEN SHARON CUTSFORTH

Hundreds Attend Elks Annual

One of the largest crowds in the history of the event were in Heppner last Saturday to attend the Heppner Elks Annual Anniversary. Over 560 persons were served dinner in the evening at the fair pavilion.

The annual opened with a special lodge meeting and initiation in the afternoon, followed by dinner, floor shows at the Star Theater and dancing in the evening.

Many national and state officers from other state Elks lodges attended the affair including D. V. Bulger, Portland, grand esteemed lecturing knight; A. P. Vengelen, chaplain of the Oregon State Elks association; Ben Harlowe, esteemed leading knight of the Portland lodge; Wrex Cruse, Portland, chairman of the Oregon Hawaii tour; Jack Baker, chairman of the board of trustees of the Portland lodge; Doug McMurdo, Portland; Fred Stefani, Canby, third vice president of the Oregon State Elks association; Orville Miles, Baker, district deputy.

A big group attended from the Pendleton lodge including Bill Brown, chairman of the state ritualistic committee; Harold Kirk, esteemed leading knight; Gene Harover, esteemed lecturing knight.

Officers of the Condon lodge put on the initiation for a class of 19 which included three from Condon.

The Ione Grange HEC put on the dinner in the evening.

Little League Ball Meeting Scheduled

There will be a meeting of parents and others interested in Little League baseball on Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p. m. in room 14 at Heppner high school.

Plans are to be made for the coming season and all interested persons are urged to attend.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr and Mrs W. C. Rosewall returned Monday from a four week vacation trip to the Hawaiian Islands. They left San Francisco on the liner S. S. Lurline and spent five days on the sea. They returned home by air after spending 10 days in Honolulu and several days on the Island of Hawaii.

Questionnaire Seeks Information on Farm Fire Equipment

One result of last week's meeting of rural residents concerned with the formation of a rural firefighting organization in the county, is the questionnaire printed elsewhere on this page which seeks to determine what firefighting equipment is available on farms in case of need. A similar questionnaire has also been sent out by the county agent's office.

The group plans to seek the aid of the county in obtaining regular fire equipment for county-wide use, but it was also felt desirable to get a list of what equipment was available on farms in case of emergency.

Residents are asked to fill out the questionnaire as quickly as possible and return it to the county agent's office.

Harshmans Purchase Norah's Dress Shop

Announcement has been made of the sale of Norah's Shop, Heppner women's apparel store, to Mr and Mrs Everett Harshman of Heppner.

The seller was Norah Rasmus who opened the business in 1946 and has operated it continuously for the past 12 years. The sale was effective, January 1, and the Harshmans took over operation of the shop early in February. They plan to retain the same name for the present.

ATTEND MEETING OF PEACE OFFICERS

Bill Labhart and C. J. D. Bauman were in Echo Wednesday night to attend a monthly meeting of Oregon and Washington Peace Officers. Sheriff Bauman is president of the organization which comprises officers in Morrow, Gilliam, and Umatilla counties of Oregon, and Walla, Benton and Franklin counties of Washington.

Echo chief of police Tex Wilson was host for the evening.

Mr and Mrs L. D. Myers and daughter of Portland were weekend guests of Mr and Mrs John Venard.

FIRE EQUIPMENT SURVEY

The following information is needed to effectively plan a rural fire organization. Rural residents are asked to fill out this questionnaire (or a similar one mailed to most ranchers) and return it as soon as possible to: N. C. Anderson, County Agent, Heppner, Ore.

I have the following equipment or materials which will be available for a rural fire control program.

Tanks	(No.)	(Capacity)
On Truck	trailer	neither
Pressure sprayers	(No.)	Gas engine powered
Power Takeoff Powered	(No.)	Portable pumps (Including irrigation pumps)
Back pack pumps	(No.)	Gas engine driven
Roadgraders	(No.)	Cat and dozer
Other	(No.)	Plows, discs, etc.
Name		