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County School Budget Is Revised; Hearing Scheduled For Next Tuesday

Several Items Eliminated In Lowered Proposal

The Morrow county school board Friday night approved a revised budget for the operation of the county schools for the 1959-60 school year which reflected a reduction of \$26,400 from the first budget which was presented at a public hearing about two weeks ago. Following that hearing the board withdrew the budget for further study after many objections had been voiced.

The proposed budget is being published today for the first time, and it can be found elsewhere in this paper.

The total estimated expenditures in the general fund under the new budget would be \$799,253. An additional \$71,667.50 for bond interest and sinking fund would bring the total for all funds to \$870,920.50.

Items Eliminated

The board eliminated the following items from the original budget at its Tuesday meeting:

- 1—Reduced item for teachers by \$5,000 for extra teacher included by error.
- 2—Eliminated the administrative assistant, \$8,000.
- 3—Eliminated storage rent, \$1,000.
- 4—Reduced item for paving at Ione by \$900, leaving \$1800 in the budget.
- 5—Reduced bus replacement fund by \$10,000, leaving \$5,000.
- 6—Reduced capital outlay at Riverside school by \$1,000.
- 7—Reduced interest on warrants by \$500.

The total of the above items is \$26,400.

Salary Scale Unchanged

Left unchanged by the board was the new salary schedule for teachers which reflected an increase for next year of an average of \$700. This portion of the proposed budget was one of the main points of discussion by many persons who attended the first budget hearing. It was stated that before teacher's contracts had been mailed out a provision was added which stated they were subject to "local budget law, chapter 294 ORS".

Considerable time was spent at Friday night's board meeting in discussion of the elimination of the \$8,000 item for an administrative assistant and the final vote by the five members showed a difference of opinion within the board. At the vote on the question, a tie resulted with members Don McElligott and Al Bunch voting to eliminate the job, and Henry Gantenbine and Millard Nolan voting to retain it. Chairman Warren McCoy broke the tie by casting a vote to remove the money from the budget. Some members questioned the wisdom of eliminating the budget item (and in effect the position) inasmuch as the man who has intended to fill the post, Jack Flug, present county school superintendent, apparently still holds a contract with two years to run. Other members questioned the validity of his contract. The final vote was 3 to 2 to eliminate the \$8,000 from the budget.

Hearing Reset

The board set next Tuesday evening, April 28 as the date for the new public hearing on the revised budget. It will be held at the court house. The vote on the budget will be held Monday, May 18 from 2 to 8 p m in all county school houses.

At the same time, a special building fund levy of \$130,000 will be voted on by the people. This amount is not included in the budget. This special vote had previously been set for May 4, but was changed to allow time for publication of notices. The board also took exception to a recent Gazette-Times story which stated the \$130,000 special levy was for a building fund for Ione schools. Members emphasized that if approved, the fund could be used anywhere in the county. It was also decided that due to the change to a single county

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IN COMMUNICATION—Earl Blake, left, K7CJC, and Stanley Holm, W7DUN, two Heppner "Hams" who took part in last weekend's Civil Defense test alert. This amateur radio station, which belongs to Blake, was set up in the court house for communication with state CD headquarters in Salem. More than a dozen Heppner Hams took their turns at handling messages during the two-day test of the state's emergency organization. (GT Photo)

Entire County Joins In Friday Civil Defense Test Alert

All communities in the county participated in last Friday's Civilian Defense "Operation Alert" in cooperation with the rest of the state and the nation as a test of emergency planning.

In Heppner a full air raid alarm was sounded and the fire department joined in a test drill. In Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon drills were staged and at Ione a siren warning was given and children were evacuated from the school as part of their test.

County headquarters were established in the court house and direct radio communication was established for two days with CD headquarters in Salem. The radio station was an amateur station belonging to Earl Blake. It was set up in the jury room and was manned in two hour shifts by local radio "hams" throughout the two days.

The whole county operation was somewhat disorganized due to the fact that the three top county CD officers were either ill or out of town. County director Norman Nelson, Boardman was ill at home, but came to Heppner Saturday to take over. Assistant director, sheriff C J D Bauman, and communications director Glenn Way were both out of the county. County information director Robert Penland served as temporary head on Friday to keep the local organization operating.

During coming weeks evaluation of the test will be made by all state and county CD officials.

Five Named For Fire District Posts

Petitions have been prepared naming five persons as directors of the proposed Heppner rural fire district. It was reported this week. The five who will run for election on May 22 are Dick Wilkinson, Thomas J Wells, Robert Lowe, Harold Evans and Ralph Beamer.

The naming of the directors will be done at the same time residents in the district vote upon its formation. The election will be held at the fair pavilion.

LEXINGTON POSTMISTRESS RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS IN MAIL SERVICE

Mrs Emma C Breshears will retire May 1 as postmistress at Lexington. She has served in the office since October 1914.

Taking over her post under a temporary appointment, will be her daughter, Mrs Marie Steagall who has served as a clerk in the post office since 1945. It was revealed this week by Congressman Al Ullman.

With almost 45 years service to her credit, Mrs Breshears has served much longer as postmistress than anyone in Morrow county. Her office has been in existence for nearly 75 years,

National Wheat Growers' Head to Speak at Meeting

A phone call early this week from Floyd Root, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers who is now in Washington, D C confirms his appearance at the spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, reports N C Anderson, secretary.

Mr Root has spent the past several weeks in Washington working on national wheat legislation. He will return to Oregon on April 25 and will be available for the Morrow county meeting which will be held at the Lexington Grange hall Tuesday evening, April 28.

Activity in Washington by the National Association has been directed toward obtaining support for the wheat stabilization program which was developed by wheat growers throughout the entire country this past fall. Mr Root will report on the wheat stabilization bill which was drafted in early February and progress of the 11 bills which have been introduced into the house.

Special emphasis has been placed on the savings in the national budget that would result from the wheat stabilization plan. Every effort is being made, Mr Root reports, to obtain enough support so the bill will not be defeated. If this seems obvious alternate wheat legislation will be presented. This proposed alternate wheat legislation will also be outlined at the annual spring meeting.

Walter Jacobs, vice president of the county association in charge of attendance reports some excellent door prizes will be given during the evening, not to mention the refreshments which will be served by the Lexington Grange ladies.

County committee chairmen will bring wheat growers up to date on progress of recommendations made at the fall annual meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

County winner Conservation Man of the Year will be announced and recognized at the spring meeting.

Valedictorian And Salutatorian Named at Lexington

Hank Pointer, son of Mr and Mrs Don Pointer, has been named valedictorian of the 1959 Lexington high school graduating class, and Dora Sue Davidson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Davidson, will be the salutatorian.

Hank will be graduating with a grade point average of 3.51. He has been very active in school activities, working on the paper and annual staff and taking part in school plays. He was sergeant-at-arms of the student body during his junior year and belonged to the Lettermen's club for four years. He has participated in sports at Lex high for four years and was a member of Lexington's UMC championship football team this year.

The valedictorian plans to attend Gonzaga University next fall.

Dora Sue will graduate next month with a grade point of 3.12, and she too, has taken part in many school activities. She has been in several school plays and was a member of the cast that presented a play at Forest Grove last year. She was editor of the school paper for two years, and was secretary of her class as a freshman and a junior. She has held offices in the Girls Athletic Association and played volleyball for four years.

Dora Sue was chosen Betty Crocker Homemaker of the Year for 1959 and recently was crowned Queen of the Sweetheart ball at Lexington. She has attended Lexington Hi all her four years and received second place award of \$100 in the Elks scholarship contest.

The Salutatorian plans to attend Eastern Oregon College at La Grande next fall.

Memorial Day Picnic Meeting Scheduled

A meeting will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 8 p m in the court house to make plans for the Pioneer picnic held annually on Memorial Day in Heppner. All interested persons are urged to attend this meeting as it is important to develop a definite plan as early as possible.

The committee for the picnic includes Karl Miller, John Wightman, Mrs Claud White and Mrs Sam Turner.



HANK POINTER



DORA SUE DAVIDSON

Many From Heppner Attend Catholic Meet

Delegates from Heppner attending the thirteenth annual Confraternity of Christian Doctrine were, Mr and Mrs John Williams and Mike, Mrs Jim Bruce and her mother, Mrs Jerry Dagggett and Kenny, Mrs Bill Glennie, Mrs Bill Scrivner, Mrs Norah Turner, Mrs Annie Healy, Mrs William Cunningham, James Healy and Mike, Mrs Les Wyman, Mrs Bob Brindle, Mrs Harry Bongers, Mrs Paul Koenig and Mike, Mr and Mrs Jerry Brosnan and Dan, Mrs Philip Blakney, Mrs Zetta Brosnan, Elaine Laird, Francine Moyer, Bruce Moyer, Mary Johnston, Joanne Moe, Carol Thalberg, Jackie Brindle, Mike Smith, Thomas Gony, and Father Patrick Gaire.

The meeting was held at the Vert Auditorium in Pendleton on Thursday of last week. John Williams was the speaker from Heppner for the morning adult session, and Roger Doherty spoke for the youth session in the afternoon.

The theme of the conference was Centennial Oregon Catholic History.

Mr and Mrs Carl Spaulding and Janice visited relatives in Springfield and Eugene over the weekend.

IONE "BOMBED" SECOND TIME; NAVY INVESTIGATING "MISSES"

Ione was bombed again Monday, for the second time in less than six weeks. On both occasions the bombs were 25 pound practice missiles, and neither was intentional, but nevertheless the Navy Tuesday called a halt to further use of the Boardman bombing range by Navy planes until reason for the "misses" of the 144 square mile bomb target can be determined.

The latest miss occurred Monday afternoon when a billow of smoke was seen coming up from the vicinity of the Ione cemetery. Investigation showed a bomb, the same kind and size as punched a hole in the Garland Swanson front yard a few weeks ago, buried about eight feet in the ground. The bombs carry a small smoke charge to indicate position of the hit.

A Navy colonel who investigated the drop Tuesday said that the Navy "isn't mad at Ione,

even though it might look like it," and that no more practice runs would be made until an investigation group could determine the reason for the out-of-bounds drops.

The planes using the range are Douglas A3D Naval carrier planes from Whidby Island Naval Air Base near Seattle and they are making their test drops from an altitude of 35,000 feet.

Pageant of County History, Festival Theme

"Yesteryears in Morrow" is the title of the pageant to be presented by the Morrow county extension units at the annual Homemaker's Festival to be held in the Willows grange hall at Ione, next Thursday, April 30, according to Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent. Sunbonnets, pioneer dress, and displays of household articles of years ago, will be the order of the day at this Oregon Centennial celebration.

The festival will get underway at 10 a m with the honoring of native daughters of Morrow county and the regular extension units' business meeting with Mrs Bryce Keene, presiding.

Committee reports will be made by the county committee members on state projects they have championed. These include: 4-H clubs by Mrs Al Fetsch, Heppner; research by Mrs W A Ruggles, Lexington; publicity by Mrs Dewey West, Boardman; health and safety by Mrs Jerry Brosnan, Heppner; Azalea House by Mrs Bryce Keene, Ione; citizenship by Mrs Milton Biegel, Irrigon; A C W W (Associated Country Women of the World) by Mrs John Bergstrom, Heppner; and 100% attendance members by Mrs Jasper Myers, Heppner.

New county committee women and newly elected unit officers will be installed in a candle-lighting ceremony at the close of the morning session.

Luncheon will be served at noon by the Willows Grange home economics club for \$1.25 a plate. (Reservations should be made in the County Agent's office by April 25.)

The pageant will be presented at 1:30 p m. All narration used in the pageant is taken from the "Know Your Morrow County" history compiled by the extension units this past year. Members of the units will dramatize various important scenes from this history.

The episodes are as follows: The Coming of the White Man—Irrigon Unit; The Great Migration—Irrigon Unit; Early Settlers of Morrow County—Pine City Unit; What was Pioneer Living Like—Lexington, Heppner, and Pine City Units; The Pioneer Church—Ione; The Pioneer School—Lena; Pioneer Social Life—Rhea; Early Villages in Morrow County—Heppner, Rhea Creek, Ione, and Lexington.

Twentieth Century Towns of Morrow County—Irrigon and Boardman unit; The Dedication—Pine City unit.

Assisting the extension units are: N C Anderson, as narrator; Don Heliker, Ione, ballad singer; and Rann Harris, Stewart Gribble, Robert Huffman, and Sam Green of Heppner high school, as a barbershop quartet. Mrs Norman Nelson, Ione, will lead the singing and Mrs E M Baker, Ione is pianist.

Child care is offered to those attending the festival by the Ione high school girls between the hours of 9:30 a m and 3:30 p m at the Masonic hall in Ione. The fee is 75c for the first child in a family and 50c for each additional child. Luncheon will be served to the children at the Masonic hall.

The public is cordially invited to attend, in pioneer dress if possible, Morrow county's celebration of the Oregon Centennial.

Today's Paper Largest in Years

Today's 26 page edition of the Gazette-Times is the largest issue of the paper in many years. Included with the regular paper is a special 16 page Centennial supplement which is being distributed by every weekly newspaper in Oregon.

Because the special supplement was pre-run, only a very limited number of extra copies are available.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	55	28	—
Friday	57	32	.27
Saturday	52	38	—
Sunday	53	30	—
Monday	59	33	—
Tuesday	64	35	—
Wednesday	71	48	—

Rainfall for the week 2.7; for April 45, for the coming year 5.72 inches.

A Centennial Year Historical Feature—



DO YOU REMEMBER?—Here is a demonstration of the brand new Majestic wood range (undoubtedly the latest thing in cooking convenience at the time this picture was taken) which was being held in the old Gilliam & Bisbee Hardware store in Heppner, which then was located just north of the present First National Bank building. No date can be established for this picture, but the bowls and pitchers, and the china "thundermugs" arrayed on the top shelf place it pretty well back in Heppner history. If anyone still living can recognize themselves in this photo, and can date it, the Gazette-Times would like to know about it. This picture is the property of Len Gilliam, until recently one of the owners of Gilliam & Bisbee.