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Suit Over Contract May Face Board

Superintendent Jack Flug Says Contract Ignored

The Morrow county school board, and about 40 persons who attended a public hearing on the 1959-60 county school budget Tuesday night at the court house, were served notice by Jack Flug, county school superintendent, whose job was in effect terminated last week when the board removed money for his salary from the budget, that they can expect a suit for fulfillment of his contract which he claims has two years yet to run. Some members of the board deny the validity of his contract.

The question came into the open during the hearing when the board was asked why it had removed the \$8,000 salary figure from the original budget when it was understood that Flug held a three-year contract which still had two years to run after the end of the present school year, June 30. The board answered by saying that it was their opinion that his contract was not valid, though admitting under further questioning that the superintendent did hold a three year contract signed last year by James Henderson, who was then chairman of the rural school board.

Flug, who was in attendance at the meeting but had taken no part in the discussion, then told the group that he had offered to step aside as superintendent when Robert Van Houte was named superintendent or administrator for the coming year, and that he had been told that a position would be found for him in the county school system. This understanding had continued, he said, until last week when the board voted 3 to 2 to remove his salary from the coming budget, which in effect, meant that he had been fired.

Some board members have contended that acceptance of Flug's contract appears nowhere in the minutes of last year's meetings, but Flug said Tuesday night, "My contract was signed right here at this table by the school board." It was also pointed out that the board had accepted the budget for the year which included an amount of \$8,700 for the superintendent's salary.

Flug said, "I don't think the board has been fair with me," and followed with, "You know what procedure I must take. If I'm right, I have two years to run on my contract." He also stated that two or more attorneys had told him he held a valid contract.

Flug will reach retirement age about the first of next year. The apparently deposed superintendent said that he would have been willing to work in any capacity for another year at the \$8,000 salary scheduled in the original budget, and also pointed out that if he must sue for his contract it will be for its full term which, if held valid in court, could cost the school district as much as \$25,000.

Teacher Scale Argued
The discussion about Flug's contract came near the end of a meeting which had largely been centered around the much discussed teacher salary increase for next year. This part of the budget brought many comments from those in attendance at the hearing, some of them quite heated.

The board was asked if it still was planning to grant the \$700 average teacher pay increase for next year, and "Inasmuch as the board last time ignored the wishes of the people (at the first hearing) could this hearing have any effect on the budget?" It was also asked how the \$700 average raise would be distributed among the teachers and the board stated that the minimum raise would be about \$600 and the maximum \$1050 per year.

Van Houte again explained that it was felt that it was necessary to grant such a salary increase if the county was to get enough teachers to fill the classes next year.

The question was also asked (Continued on Page 6)



LEANN PADBERG



KENNETH JONES

Ione High School Names Its Top Honor Students

Leann Padberg has been named Valedictorian of the Ione high school graduating class, and winning Salutatorian honors is Kenneth Jones, school officials announced this week.

Miss Padberg is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Darrell Padberg and she has attended the Ione schools for 11 of her 12 years. She has been secretary of her class for four years, secretary of the Girl's League as a junior and a member of the band for three years. She served on the student council as a junior and senior and was elected student body treasurer both years. She has worked on both the Cardinal and annual staffs and is the Ionian's business manager this year.

In outside activities, Leann was chosen as representative from the Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls' State last year; to attend state and regional meetings of the student council workshop and attended the Western high school press conference last year.

Kenneth is the son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Jones and he also has attended Ione schools for 12 years. He is student body president, was secretary of the Letterman's club last year and has played in the band for four years. He has served on the student council, has been a member of the Cardinal and Ionian staffs and has been in student body plays all four years.

Kenneth is active in sports and has lettered in all, including football, basketball, baseball and track. He was captain of this year's basketball squad. His outside activities include many honors won in trapshooting including prizes and such titles as junior champion and junior doubles champion for North America.

He too, attended regional student council workshops.

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Rainfall for the week .14; for April .59; for the year 5.86 inches.			

First National Wins Bid On City Water Bonds

The First National Bank of Oregon Monday was awarded the bid for the purchase of \$140,000 City of Heppner water bonds with a bid of 3.736 percent interest. The bid was only .008 percent lower than the bid of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The two bids were so close that it took councilmen nearly two hours to determine which was most beneficial to the city. One other bid was received from Blyth & Co of Portland which carried an effective interest rate of 4.159 percent.

The First National bid called for interest at 3 3/4 percent for bonds maturing from 1960 through 65; 3 3/4 percent on bonds maturing in 1966 through 70; and 3 3/4 percent on those maturing 1971 through 74. They were bid at 98.74 percent of par which gave an effective interest rate of 3.736 percent.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon bid was at 100.5 of par value with the whole issue to carry 3 3/4 percent interest or an effective interest rate of 3.74431 percent.

The Blyth & Co bid was at 99 percent of par and carried 4 1/4 percent interest for bonds maturing 1960 through 66 and 4 percent on the remainder of the issue.

The council expressed pleasure at the favorable bids received. The money from the bond sale will be used to finance reconstruction of six miles of the city's main water feeder line and Monday night the council also ordered the calling of bids on the purchase of pipe for the project. These bids will be opened on May 18 and it is hoped that laying of the line can start sometime in June.

Claud J White Dies Tuesday Morning; Services Friday

Claud John White, 75, died early Tuesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He had been taken suddenly ill at his home near Hardman Monday night and was brought to the hospital only a few hours before passing. Mr White had been in a Pendleton hospital for treatment, but had returned to his home several days before his fatal illness.

Mr White was born January 2, 1884 in Arkansas and came to Morrow county with his family when he was two years of age. He had lived in this area since. He was a member of the Lexington Odd Fellows lodge and the Rhea Creek Grange.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 1, at 2 o'clock at the Lexington Christian church with the Rev Norman Northrup officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington IOOF cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Emma, Hardman; one daughter LaVerne Henderson, Lexington; and one step-daughter, Juanita Martin, Lexington; one sister, Iona Gilbreth, Dayton, Washington; two brothers, Neil White, Pilot Rock; and Gerald White, Kansas City. He also leaves three grandchildren.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Two Ione Youths Reported Missing

Two Ione youths were reported to be missing, the sheriff's office stated Wednesday. The two are Harry Lynn Swart, 16 and Ralph Akers, 17, both Ione high school students.

According to the sheriff, the two reported at school Tuesday morning but apparently left shortly afterwards and have not been seen since. A police alert has been sent out.

Mr and Mrs Bob Walker brought her mother, Mrs Charles Barlow back to her home in Heppner last weekend. She had been visiting with the Walkers and another daughter in Eugene.

Adult Help Needed In Babe Ruth Ball Program to Go On

Some adult help is badly needed if there is to be a Babe Ruth baseball league this summer, Lester Boulden, Little League chairman said this week in issuing a call for some interested parents to aid in handling the program.

Boulden said there is now enough adult managers to take care of the Little League's needs, except for a few umpires, but that unless someone will offer services the Babe Ruth League will have to be dropped. He said at least two men, and preferably four, are needed. Plenty of equipment is available, just the guidance is needed.

Anyone who might be interested in helping to further the popular summer sports program for the youngsters is asked to contact either Rev Boulden, Gene Pierce or Wayne Snyder.

A reminder was also issued to Little Leaguers to be sure and turn in their registration cards before May 5.

Plans Made For Soil Week Tours

As a part of the observance of Oregon Conservation Week, May 3 to 9, arrangements were made this week for a series of conservation tours in selected communities throughout the county. Tom Wilson, work unit conservationist with the Heppner Soil Conservation District and N C Anderson, county extension agent, have worked out details for the tours at the request of the Heppner Soil Conservation District and Conservation Week committee.

The first of the tours will include selected stops in the north Lexington area to observe various methods of stubble mulch farming including tillage implements. The tour is scheduled to begin at 1:30 P M Tuesday, May 5. The Newt O'Hara's have invited those interested to be guests for a chili bean lunch at their patio in Lexington at 12:15 P M. Other stops included in the two hour tour will feature wind-break planting and range and pasture improvement through grass seeding, wheat fertilization and wheat seeded in early August. On Wednesday afternoon, May 6, the group will meet at 1:30 P M in Ione turing the south Ione area. Conservation seedlings of grass, stubble mulch operations, conservation practices which won Raymond Lundell the title of Conservation Man of the Year as well as other good conservation practices will be discussed and reviewed.

Thursday afternoon's tour is to leave the county agent's office at 1:30 will include newly established strip cropping compared to established strip cropped fields, sod waterways, wind-breaks and various types of grass seedlings for the conservation reserve.

Everyone is invited to attend. Rides each of the three days will be provided for those who are interested in participating in the tour, but have no means of transportation.

Band Carnival Claimed Success, Nets Over \$500

The Band Parents annual carnival last Saturday night netted approximately \$500 with one half going to the Band Parents, one fourth to the Heppner high school student body and one fourth to the clubs and organizations that assisted with the carnival.

During the evening, Shan Applegate and Corliss Quirin, eighth grade candidates, were crowned king and queen of the carnival.

If the time comes when the Band Parents organization is not in need of additional funds all the money received from the carnival will go to the student body and clubs.

The committees in charge feel that this was a very successful affair this year.

12 Seeking School Board Posts at Monday Election

Two more last minute filings brought to 12 the number of persons who are seeking positions on the county school board. There are seven members to be elected.

The latest to file were Henry Gantenbine, Boardman, a member of the present board and the only person to file from Boardman zone; and Fredrick Martin, Ione, who has been chairman of the county school reorganization board. Don McElligott, a present member of the board had previously filed for the position in the Ione zone.

The complete list of candidates includes: Lowell Gribble, Phil Blakney and L E Dick Jr, from the Heppner city zone where there are two positions to fill; W W Weatherford and Al Bunch from the Heppner rural zone, one position; D O Nelson and Elwynne Peck, Lexington zone with one position; Martin and McElligott, Ione zone with one position; Warren McCoy and James Henderson, Irrigon zone with one position open; and Gantenbine, Boardman, unopposed.

The election for the new board will be held next Monday, May 4 from 2 until 8 p m in the school houses in the various zones. Voting will be by regular election precinct which means that a person living in the Lexington voting precinct, for example, though he might have been located in the former Heppner school district, will vote at the Lexington school.

It is also emphasized that all voters of the county will vote on all candidates on the ballot, not just those running in the zone in which the voter might live.

The voting places will be: all four Heppner precincts will vote at the multipurpose room of the grade school; Lexington precinct, Lex high school; Ione precincts, cafeteria; Irrigon, Boardman and Hardman precincts will vote at their respective schools.

Snow Measurement Easy; Total is 0

Snow surveys, made in the Heppner district by the Soil Conservation Service on April 29, show the snowpack on the Arbuckle snowcourse is gone. Snow remains in drifts and patches on north and east slopes over approximately 20 percent of the area above 4500 feet elevation. On the Arbuckle snowcourse located in North Jones prairie the snow is completely gone. Watershed soils in the mountains are wet and streams are running clear.

Past records show the snowpack usually is gone from this location by the end of April. Only two of the last six years had snow remaining on the course by the end of April. In 1958 measurements showed 28 inches of snow with 10.2 inches of water and in 1955 snow depth was 41 inches with 15.7 inches of water.

Adequate water has been available for irrigation this spring from Willow, Butter, Rhea and Rock creeks. Prospects are not good for late season water unless there is above normal rain during May and June.

High School Science Club To Sponsor Fair

The Heppner high school science club, Beaker Breakers, will sponsor a science fair on Wednesday and Thursday May 13-14 at the multi-purpose room of the grade school, for the purpose of exhibiting high school and grade school projects.

The fair will be open to the general public both evenings and to the students during the afternoons of the two days.

Exhibits will be classified in four divisions, those of the senior division, grades 10-12; junior division, grades 7-9; intermediate division, grades 4-6 and the primary division which is grades 1-3.

Raymond Lundell Wins Conservation Award



TOP CONSERVATIONISTS—Mr and Mrs Raymond Lundell of Ione whose excellent farming practices won for him the title of Morrow county's Conservation Man of the Year. The announcement was made at the Wheat League meeting Tuesday night at Lexington. (Wilson Photo)

A variety of soil conservation farming practices has won for Raymond W Lundell, Ione, the title of "Conservation Man of the Year" for Morrow County, it was announced today.

Lundell has leased his 1120 acre ranch 15 miles south of Ione in the Gooseberry section since 1941. Nine hundred acres are in grain which he operates on the summer fallow system; 190 acres are in range and he has seeded 30 acres of pasture land to crested wheatgrass.

Conservation practices followed by Lundell include 216 acres of contour strip cropping, construction of two and a fourth miles of diversion ditches, seeded dryland pasture and a complete system of stubble mulching. Stubble busting in the fall is followed in the spring by sweep plows, rod weeders and skew treading equipment. Occasionally he uses discs to chop up heavier stubble. Lundell says he feels contour strip cropping and stubble mulch fallow have definitely helped to keep his soil in place.

In addition to his grain, Lundell runs 15 head of Hereford cows with calves to utilize wasteland pasture.

Active in community and county affairs, Lundell has been a Morrow County Agriculture and Stabilization Committee member, served as supervisor and treasurer of the Heppner Soil Conservation District since 1953, is a life member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association, is a member of the Grange, Farm Bureau, Elks and the Valby Lutheran church. He has been a cooperater in the Heppner SCD since 1950.

Mr and Mrs Lundell both graduated from the Ione schools and he attended Oregon Institute of Technology in Portland. They have two daughters, Karen, 16 and Cheryl, 12.

The selection committee sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League included Walter Jacobs, Ione, chairman; Bob Rietmann, Ione; Kenneth Peck, Lexington; N C Anderson and Tom Wilson, Heppner.

WHEAT GROWERS HEAR OF LOCAL, NATIONAL PROBLEMS

Approximately 60 wheat farmers turned out for the annual spring meet of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association to discuss wheat problems and to hear Floyd Root, president, National Association of wheat growers discuss national legislation. The meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Lexington Grange hall.

Mrs Max Barely reporting for the domestic wheat utilization committee outlined projects being carried on by this women's group. While the Oregon Wheat Growers League is now without a home economist the cake baking contest will be a part of the county fair again this fall and materials being put together for a recipe book using wheat products tried and proven by the homemakers of the wheat area. She reported that a definite home economics program needs to be developed by the Oregon Wheat Growers League and an adequate budget for financing be arranged before the home economist program is continued. She reported that Esther Kirmis, extension service home economist had carried a wheat products program to approximately 360 women in Morrow county this year.

The marketing and transportation committee headed by Don Peterson, Ione, has been active in foreign and reciprocal trade agreements and have investigated the Philippines' market which took 3.8 million bags of flour from Washington and Oregon last year. Much concern is being shown in the quality of wheat going into exports to foreign markets and work is being done to standardize quality shipments. Mr Peterson reported on the regional marketing development commission recently organized, which was expanded on by Kenneth Smouse, Ione, member of the Oregon Wheat Commission known as the Western Wheat Associates is composed of representatives from Washington, Idaho and Oregon wheat growers league and commissions. Organized late this month the group is in the process of developing a program.

Bernard Doherty reporting for the youth activities committee announced that the name of the original Oregon Wheat Growers League 4-H and FFA fat stock show and sale has been changed to the Oregon Junior Livestock show. It will be held at The Dalles on June 7 to 10.

Tad Miller reporting for Kenneth Turner, chairman of the production and land use committee explained that as a result of requests from this county morning glory control research has been stepped up and chemical summer fallow experiments expanded. The needs for a regional soil and water laboratory have been investigated by the committee with a recommendation made favoring best use of the existing facilities at the experiment stations. A budget was requested for the Oregon State College experiment station to carry out research needs at the branch stations.

Frederick Martin, Ione, chairman of the taxation and legislation committee reported on pertinent taxation and legislation matters before the state legislature at this time. Many of the projects favored by this committee locally and state wide are defeated or have not yet been brought on the floor which includes a general taxation program for the state of Oregon. The Federal agricultural programs committee reported on by chairman Louis Carlson hinges mainly on national legislation. Floyd Root discussed the entire complex program as presented by the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the National Association of Wheat Growers and farm organizations throughout the country. The wheat stabilization plan sponsored by the national association was explained to be a marketing program rather than a wheat production restrictive program. While many different programs have been presented to Congress, Mr Root predicted that this legislature would convene without congressional action on a wheat program. He warned that the wheat program might set the stage for farm programs in the future and that unless that some type of a program could be passed soon that this may be the end to farm programs, not only for wheat but for all commodities.

Mr Root did point out that while there was no support for any kind of legislation, there was today a proposal for a program with 85% parity for wheat for those cooperators who reduced wheat acreage and additional 20%. This legislation would change the unrestricted 15 acre seedings to 12 acres but would let no new farms come into production. (Continued on Page 6)