

Voters Dump School Budget, Building Levy

Board Revises Budget For Presentation At Second Election

The Morrow county school board voted Wednesday night at a special meeting held at the court house in Heppner, to reduce the instruction costs item in the school budget by \$20,000 and resubmit the budget to the voters at the earliest possible date. This item would be reduced from \$481,391 to \$461,391.

The special meeting was held to determine what action could be taken to get voters to approve an operating budget for the county's schools following the defeat of the first budget at Monday's election.

Several board members and residents who attended the meeting stated that they felt the main objection of voters was to the increase in teachers salaries and it was from the salary part of the budget that the \$20,000 would be removed.

The board was told that there was no way that it could effect an across-the-board slash in teacher's pay increases granted by the board for the coming year, inasmuch as contracts had already been signed and sent out and were binding on the district. The average increase for next year had been set at \$700, but it was pointed out that because several new teachers with less experience rating in the county have been hired, the average increase is now only \$616.

The question as to whether the teacher's contracts could be revised had been discussed widely prior to the meeting, but both the board's attorney Robert Abrams and a state department official said Wednesday that the contracts must be honored at the stated salary scale.

In reducing the teaching cost item in the budget, the board indicated that it would accomplish this saving by reducing the number of teachers to be hired—that some classes would have to be combined. How the classes would be consolidated was not determined at last night's meeting, but discussion centered around the possibility of transporting the students in two Lexington grade classes to Heppner or Ione, and of combining a Boardman and Irrigon grade. In these cases the classes are small and could be combined. This could mean a saving of one teacher in north end schools and two in the south. No decision was made on this, however.

The date for the next budget hearing and election will be set as soon as allowable under the law.

No action was taken on whether to resubmit the special building fund levy of \$130,000, which was also defeated.

Members of the newly elected county administrative school board declined to take over the operation of the schools from the county unit board which will go out of existence July 1. The statement had been made that the budget would be the problem of the new board, but most of the members of the new board, who were in attendance at the meeting, along with the county unit board, indicated they felt nothing could be gained by such action. They did, however, sit in on the entire discussion.

Morrow county voters Monday defeated a county school budget calling for a tax levy of \$471, 612.98 outside the 6 percent limitation, and a special \$130,000 building fund levy. Both were buried by nearly a two-to-one negative majority.

The budget was defeated in four of the county's six school voting precincts, Heppner, Lexington, Boardman and Hardman. The only two precincts to approve it were Ione and Irrigon.

The special building fund levy also lost in four precincts, those being Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Hardman. Irrigon and Boardman were the only two areas to give an OK to this levy.

The total vote on the budget was No 470; Yes 297. The special building levy vote was No 497; Yes 273.

Monday's defeat was the first for a school budget in the county in many years, and in some districts it is thought to be the first one in history.

The overall school budget for operation of all the schools in the county was \$799,253 which included the amount outside the 6 percent limitation. Only \$327, 641 of the total figure falls inside the 6 percent limitation which can be raised without the necessity of a special vote of the people.

Board Must Act

The county school board must now determine what action shall be taken and there appears to be some disagreement as to which school board, the county unit 5 man board which goes out of office July 1, or the newly elected 7 man county administrative board, will fall heir to the job of preparing a new budget. Fredrick Martin, Ione, a newly elected member of the seven-man board, stated that James Turnbull, assistant superintendent of public instruction, has ruled that the budget is the responsibility of the new board which will assume office July 1. However, the county unit board is still in existence and is the group which prepared the present budget which was defeated.

Little League Ball Players Asked to Meet Next Saturday

All Little League, Pee Wee and Babe Ruth ball players are asked to be at the rodeo field at 1 o'clock next Saturday, May 23 where plans will be completed for the opening of the coming baseball season.

Vote Due Friday On Fire District

Residents of the area included in the proposed Heppner rural fire district will ballot tomorrow (Friday) from 8 a m until 8 p m on the formation of the district and the election of five directors to operate it. The voting will be held at the fair pavilion annex.

Only residents living outside the city limits of Heppner and within the specified boundaries of the proposed district are eligible to vote.

The five who are seeking the directors' posts are Dick Wilkinson, Thomas J Wells, Robert Lowe, Harold Evans and Ralph Beamer.

The question will probably be settled within a few days.

The board has the option to resubmit the present budget for another vote or it can revise it which will require republication before another vote can be set. The board was to meet last night (Wednesday) to hear a report by state department members on a transportation and schooling needs, and it was expected to take some action on the budget at that time.

The vote by precincts was:

Budget	Yes	No
Heppner	129	243
Irrigon	46	27
Lexington	21	101
Boardman	14	36
Ione	84	48
Hardman	3	15
SPECIAL LEVY	Yes	No
Heppner	113	258
Irrigon	48	25
Lexington	13	110
Boardman	29	21
Ione	65	67
Hardman	5	13

Sadie Parrish Appointed Clerk

The Morrow county court Tuesday accepted the resignation of Bruce Lindsay as county clerk effective June 1 and appointed Mrs Sadie Parrish to fill the post until the next general election.

Mrs Parrish has served as deputy clerk under Lindsay and has been in the office for 11 years. She at one time served as acting clerk following the death of Charles Barlow.

Adventist School Slates Graduation

The first 8th grade graduation exercises at the Heppner Seventh held Tuesday, May 26 at 8 p m Day Adventist school will be at the church with Elder Melvin Lukens, College Place, Wash as speaker.

Recruiter Coming

Acting gunnery Sergeant Thomas O McGehee, Marine Corps recruiter for this area will be at the Heppner Hotel Saturday, May 30 from 8 a m to 3 p m.

Brother Dies in Albany Plant Accident

An Albany man, Donald Willis Raymond, died Tuesday morning at the Wah Chang Corp metals plant when he suffocated while trying to recover metal from a smelter and breathed argon gas.

Mr Raymond is a brother of Arnold Raymond, Heppner, linotype operator at the Gazette-Times. Services have been set for Saturday at Albany.



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City Opens Bids For Renewal of Water Pipeline

The Beall Pipe and Tank Corporation of Portland, and Everett M Den Herder of Medford were the apparent low bidders for the supplying and laying of about six miles of City of Heppner water pipeline. The bids were opened at a special council meeting Monday night.

Awarding of the bids was postponed one week to give the city's engineers time to check all bids.

The Beall Pipe and Tank bid for the three different sizes and weights of pipe required for the entire renewal project was \$69, 939.06 and was presented at a base pipe cost of \$1.68 per foot. The next lowest bid was offered by Waterworks Supply Company at a base price of \$1.7681 per foot.

Den Herder's bid for laying the pipe was \$38,564.45 and closely behind him was the P S Lord Company of Portland with a bid of \$38,669.05. Four other bids were bunched closely behind the two low bidders.

There was a wide difference among the 14 firms bidding for the laying contract, the highest being \$77,543.78, double that of Den Herder's. Five firms entered bids to supply the pipe.

Den Herder agreed to have the job completed by September 1. Should the council elect to accept the low bids on the kind of pipe specified at the lowest price, the total cost of the project, including engineering fees, would be about \$116,000 which is well below the \$140,000 made available through a special bond levy. The lowest bid price, quoted above, was for asphalt coated pipe. Bids were also asked on coal tar lined and coated pipe which was bid in by Beall Pipe and Tank at a base price of \$2.11 per foot, and the council may elect to take that pipe over the cheaper offer.

The bids will be awarded next Monday night and work on the project is expected to start within about 30 days.

Rev Lester Boulden Accepts New Pastorate in State

The Rev Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church, has resigned to accept another pastorate in Oregon, the location of which cannot yet be announced. He and his family will leave for his new position shortly after June 1.

The Bouldens came to Heppner from Weston in June, 1953. Mr Boulden has served as chairman of home service of the Red Cross; head of the Morrow county chapter of the National Foundation (polio); institutional representative for the Cub Scouts and a member of the executive board of the Blue Mountain Boy Scout council; he has done some 4-H work, has been chairman of the Little League and served on several chamber of commerce youth committees.

Mrs Boulden has taught in the Heppner schools most of the time they have been in Heppner. The Boulden's daughter, Celia, will graduate from Heppner high school next week.

A replacement pastor will be named before June 1.

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Three students will graduate. They are Bill Wagner, Christina Ross and Bob Hager. Dean Whybark is the teacher.

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Many School Plant Changes Are Recommended in County Survey

County Schools Set Year-End Exercises



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Activities in all county schools are rapidly coming to a close for the year as preparations are under way for Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises to be held next week.

In all schools baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday and in Heppner and Lexington graduation exercises will be held Wednesday night, May 27. Ione and Boardman graduation exercises are scheduled for Thursday night.

Baccalaureate services for the Heppner high school graduating class of 26 students will be held Sunday at 8 p m at the Methodist church with the Rev C Bruce Spencer, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, delivering the sermon.

Commencement exercises will

Tom Wilson Takes Position in Idaho

Tom Wilson, conservationist for the Heppner Soil Conservation District since its formation in 1941 will leave June 15 for Sand Point, Idaho where he will assume similar duties with the Bonner Soil Conservation District.

Mr and Mrs Wilson came to Heppner in 1940 when he was conservationist for the CCC camp here. When the Heppner Soil district was formed the following year he moved into that position which he has held since, except for three years duty in the Armed Forces.

During the years Wilson has been with Heppner SCD it has ranked high among such districts in the state, and in 1954 won the Oregon award in the Goodyear program, the first year that program was placed on a nationwide basis.

Wilson has served as exalted ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge and secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Wilson's replacement has not yet been named by the state conservationist.

Abrams Named New C of C Head

Robert Abrams has been named president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce to succeed Rod Murray who last week presented his resignation to the board of directors.

Murray stated that his business made it nearly impossible to attend meetings regularly. Abrams has been vice president of the organization. Murray told the board that he will serve as chairman of the merchants committee, an important post which he can more easily handle.

A new secretary and treasurer will also be named in the near future.

At Monday's meeting plans were made to work with the Boardman chamber in preparing a program to be held when the Oregon Centennial wagon train reaches this part of the state. The train is scheduled to make an overnight stop at Boardman about August 1.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

The Civic League kindergarten committee will have an open house at the kindergarten room in the high school Tuesday, May 26 from 3 to 4 p m for parents of all children who will be in kindergarten next year.

start at 8 o'clock, Wednesday at the gymnasium with Wallace McCrea, superintendent of the Pendleton schools to give the commencement address. Class valedictorian is Miss Janet Martin and salutatorian is Renne Harris.

Class members who will complete their secondary education that night are Duane Alderman, Norma Geyer Alderman, Carole Anne Anderson, Celia Boulden, Marilyn Calvin, Sharon Case, Ned Clark, Gayle Cox, Janice Driscoll, Stevan Flug, Douglas Gribble, Renne Harris, Robert Huffman, Kay Keithley Reed, Robert Mahoney, Janice Martin, Carolyn McDaniel, Susan McQuarrie, Joan Moe, Rhoda Ott, Ruth Peterson, Larry Prock, Richard Robison, Richard Ruhl, Nancy Slocum, Joan Spencer.

Lexington high school baccalaureate services will be held at 8 p m Sunday at the high school auditorium with Rev Patrick Gahe, pastor of St Patrick's church delivering the sermon.

Graduation exercises will be held Wednesday at 8 p m at the auditorium with Delmar Richards principal of the Gardner elementary school delivering the address. Top seniors are Robert "Hank" Pointer, valedictorian, and Dora Sue Davidson, salutatorian.

Members of Lexington's last graduating class include Pointer, Miss Davidson, Barbara Steagall, Keith Peck, Earl Lee Papineau, Judy Darnielle, Ladd Henderson, Robert Steven Klingler, Lee Cornelison.

Dr A J Buttrey, conference minister and superintendent of the Congregational conference of Oregon, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the Ione graduating class Sunday at 11 a m at the Ione Community church.

Graduation exercises for the 1959 class will be held Thursday at 8 p m at the school cafeteria with E Dean Anderson, head of student teaching at Portland State College slated as commencement speaker. Valedictorian is Miss Leann Padberg and salutatorian is Kenneth Jones.

Members of the senior class include Ivan Richard Ayers, Ellis Edward Ball, Susan Belmore, John Lloyd Howton, Kenneth Jones, Frank Jepsen, Leann Padberg, Paul G Pettyjohn Jr, Dallas Rea, Mildred Seehafer and James Glenn Swart.

Boardman high school baccalaureate services will be Sunday at 8 p m at the Boardman Community church with Merrill E Shaw, missionary pastor conducting the services.

Graduation will be Thursday at 8 p m at the school gymnasium. Members of the graduating class are Dean King, Barbara Anderegg, Lorelei Hamilton and Evangelina Pedraza.

Poppy Day Sale Coming Saturday

Poppy day throughout Morrow county and the rest of the county, will be next Saturday, May 23, and the members of the American Legion Auxiliary will be out in force to sell them to the general public.

Auxiliary members emphasize the meaning and significance of the poppy by asking citizens to remember that their coin dropped into the poppy sellers box aids the disabled veteran in a hospital, the fatherless veteran's family and is a tribute to those who now lie beneath waving poppies in France, and other battlefields of the world.

State Report Suggests Two High Schools

A long range school building survey of Morrow county and recommendations for the improvement of the county school system were presented last night by members of the schoolhouse planning section of the state department of education. The presentation was made at a public meeting at the court house and the survey had been requested by the school board to aid in its future decisions.

Because of the short time between the meeting and the Gazette-Time's presstime, only a small amount of the report can be given this week, but its summary follows and a more complete story on the report will be given in coming weeks. Basically the report calls for three elementary schools to be located in Heppner, Ione and Irrigon; two primary schools (grades 1 through 4 only at Boardman and Lexington; and two secondary schools (high schools), one at the greatest population center in the north, and one at the greatest population center in the south end of the county. The recommended site for the south end of the county was at the western city limits of Heppner.

The Summary

Two secondary attendance centers. 1. Boardman, Irrigon and vicinity. 2. Cecil, Heppner, Hardman, Ione and Lexington. The two high school plants should be located in the communities with the greatest concentration of secondary students.

Three elementary attendance centers. 1. Heppner. 2. Ione. 3. Irrigon.

Two primary attendance centers. If enrollments in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 continue high or increase, primary attendance centers for Boardman and Lexington should have consideration.

Immediate Needs

Boardman and Irrigon—An administrative sub-district that encompasses the north end of Morrow county (Boardman and Irrigon) and the northwest corner of Umatilla county should have first consideration. Another solution for Boardman and Irrigon is a new plant located in the community with the greatest concentration of youth in secondary schools.

Cecil, Ione, Lexington and Heppner—It is recommended that a new high school plant be erected in the community with the greatest concentration of youth in high school attendance.

It is our recommendation that the Irrigon elementary school plant be expanded to house the elementary pupils of both the Boardman and Irrigon communities. A primary school located in the Boardman community may merit consideration if enrollments in the first four grades justify it.

Ione—The combination secondary and elementary school plant with general maintenance and slight renovation can be made into an elementary center to serve the community until new classroom facilities may be planned and constructed. The new classroom wing should be an addition to the multipurpose unit (gym-cafeteria) or located nearby.

Lexington—A primary school located in the Lexington community may merit consideration if enrollments in the first four grades justify it.

Heppner—If one secondary school is acceptable to the patrons of Ione, Lexington and Heppner, our recommendation for an elementary attendance center for Heppner is:

1—The new elementary plant (Continued on Page 6)

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	51	54	—
Friday	71	43	.04
Saturday	60	35	—
Sunday	66	47	.19
Monday	57	35	.30
Tuesday	57	41	Tr
Wednesday	57	45	—

Rainfall for the week .53; for May, .72; for the year, 6.60 inches.