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What Comes Next?

County voters made their feelings pretty definite Monday when they rejected the school budget and the special building fund levy by a vote of nearly two to one.

What happens now?
The school board will have to take another serious look at the budget to see what it can do with it to make it acceptable to the people who must approve it—and pay the taxes to support it. That isn't going to be the easiest thing those men have had to do.

As we see it, the voters turned down the budget because of two main reasons. They disliked the manner in which the board ignored the feelings of the many persons who attended the hearings on the budget, and they disapproved of the large increase in teachers' salaries. In other words, a great many voters marked their ballots the way they did because they took the only way they had left to protest.

This newspaper doubts that most thinking voters want any serious disruption of normal education functions in the county, yet, they made it pretty plain that they are not going to stand back forever and OK budget items they don't think are reasonable.

We hope the school board will take a good long look at its budget, trim it where it can without eliminating anything vital, then openly explain to the voters at a hearing why such a budget is necessary for the proper operation of our schools.

If they will do that, we predict that voters will say "OK".

The Great Privy Program

One of the interesting little sidelights on the federal government's proposed giant interstate highway system, is a ridiculous proposition

which demonstrates the wastefulness of government when it sets out seriously to spend citizens' money.

This is a grandiose plan to build super-duper privys.

Hardly anybody said anything about it when the state highway department in the past session wanted to tax the people of Oregon another 1c on each gallon of gasoline they purchased, in order to raise money to qualify for federal funds for the new highways.

But part of this money would have been used to build 42 privys along the super roads.

Cost of these 42 "outhouses" has been estimated at \$2,730,000.

It doesn't take any mathematical genius to figure that this places the cost of each privy at \$65,000!

Based on our personal experience with privys, ranging from the half-moon, outdoor models to the modern, plush, vari-tinted type, we'll say this is carrying the business of outhouses to an extreme degree.

But all of this is an unmistakable indication that America is advancing at a rapid pace.

It will be recalled by someone that the nation once went on another privy building binge. This was back in the old WPA days and outhouse construction became a favorite pastime. But government architects didn't set their sights so high then. Mostly those privys were of the antique variety, highly functional, drafty, and lacked most of the niceties of modern day life. In those difficult times, however, they filled the bill.

But, as we say, this is 1959. The nation and the state have come a long way. People demand and really deserve much more finesse and comfort in day to day living—especially when they are paying all the bills.

Anything less than a \$65,000 privy is unthinkable!

(Lincoln County Leader, Toledo)

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times May 23, 1929

Mr and Mrs C H Latourell, Mr and Mrs H Glen Hayes and Charles Vaughn motored over to Wasco on Sunday and the gentlemen took part in the trap shoot put on there by the Wasco Rod and Gun club.

At the last meeting, San Souci Rebekah lodge elected the following officers: Alice Rasmus, N G; Ella Bengé, V G; Lillian Turner, secretary; Rubina Corrigan, treasurer.

Harold Cohn shipped 3800 head of sheep to Baker Tuesday night and they will be placed on summer range over that way.

Mr and Mrs David Wilson and Mr and Mrs Bill Crawford motored to Portland Saturday.

Mrs E L Vinton and son Dick of Coquille were in Heppner on Tuesday.

Robert Grabill of Ione, who has been attending school in Portland, is home for his vacation.

There are seven graduates in the twenty-first annual commencement class of Ione high school. They are Fern Engleman, Robert McCabe, Harry Peterson, Leona Ritchie, Rosa Fletcher, Garland Swanson and Edith Ely.

the junior livestock show, sponsored by The Oregon Wheat-growers League which will be held at the old Seufert Cannery building on June 7, 8, 9 and 10. 4-H beef entries are the largest ever, while swine and sheep are as strong as any of the entries for the 10 years the show has been in operation. The 15 beef entries were made by Mickey Van Schoiaek, Kenneth Wright, and David and Douglas Anderson of Heppner; Kenneth Smouse, Eric Anderson, Dennis Doherty Ione; Sandra and Karl Beach, Tommy Martin and Russell Dolven, Lexington. Exhibiting sheep will be Archie Ball, Nat Webb, Tony and Dennis Doherty, David and Douglas Anderson, Heppner, and Kenneth L Smouse, Ione; Dennis and Tony Doherty, Heppner. There will be 11 sheep with one pen of three shown by Kenneth Smouse; 6 hogs, one of which will be a pen shown by Tony Doherty. Premium books, giving the program for the 4 days, are available from this office for those who are interested in participating.

Steve Thompson, Heppner rancher, called at the office this week for information in making

a trench silo at his ranch. Steve, like other ranchers at this time of the year, are thinking about the best preservation of their first crop alfalfa, which invariably gets rained on, damaging the quality; losing protein and vitamin A content. Those ranchers who have, over the past few years built trench silos, are well pleased with the preservation of this first crop. It will be even more important this year with the shortage of irrigation water and the evident demand for hay which now appears.

In building a trench silo it is very important that a well-drained site is selected close to the feed area. It should be located for easy filling with truck or trailer. A trench may be made on a hillside in which case one end is left open for removal of the silage. On a gentle slope, dirt from the end may be used to build sides at the lower end. In determining the size to build, figure 3 tons of silage is equal to one ton of hay. The size to build will depend on the number of livestock to be fed, of course. Figure 35 pounds per cubic foot and build accordingly so that at least a foot of silage should be used for five days to prevent spoilage. We would be happy to assist anyone with their plans for making or filling their silo.

The executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association met last week to take care of a number of business matters of the association, the major one being the discussion on plans made for Beef, Incorporated, a non-profit organization for the promotion of the Oregon beef industry. Frank Anderson, chairman of the county meat promotion committee, reported that the exhibit and functions of Beef, Incorporated are progressing nicely and will be ready with the opening of the Centennial Exposition in Portland, June 10. This non-profit organization which is being financed by voluntary contributions from the Oregon beef industry will depict an old-time butcher shop, compared with the modern one of today and will be engaged in the promotion of beef during the 100 day exposition. Since, the executive committee agreed, this will be an opportunity of the century to promote the Oregon beef industry, they voted to contribute an additional \$400 from their treasury which will be added to the \$250 contributed earlier. It was felt that this will be the main contribution from the Morrow county beef cattle industry, although individuals can make contributions as they desire. Bill Barratt, Heppner, is our county representative on Beef, Incorporated.

Other business consisted of approval of bills, a discussion in regards to the present status of the Morrow county livestock dis-

tribut, a freight rate hearing on meat and livestock, acquisition of range lands by the Oregon State Game Commission and budgets for coyote hunters and an assistant county agricultural agent. It was reported that the present status of the livestock district in Morrow county is in question as to how it might be changed to an open range, whether by legislative action or through petition of land owners. This decision is before the supreme court so it was agreed that the interpretation would be waited for before any action was taken locally. The group favored budgets for continuance of two full-time coyote trappers and for an additional agricultural agent.

4-H members, leaders and those interested are reminded of the annual field day to be held on Saturday, May 23 at the Fredie and Norman Nelson ranch near Lexington. During the day 4-H members will fit, groom and block animals, give demonstrations, have training in showmanship and judging of livestock. This will be the 7th annual field day of this kind; the 4th to be held at the Nelson ranch. The Nelsons will not only be host with facilities for the day, but will provide ice cream and drinks to go with the picnic dinner on their lawn. Last year 65 members, leaders and parents attended.

As any farmer will expound weeds are a big nuisance. Judge them from the standpoint of reproductive qualities and they are positively frightening. Recently we saw a leaflet listing some interesting statistics on how

these ever growing pests multiply. For example, one of the wormwood plant is good for as many as 1 million 75 thousand seeds. One Russian thistle will produce 24,700 seeds and others are marsh elder, 82,150; French weed, 7,040 and common mustard — 2,700. Some which boast a hard shell are extremely durable. Seeds of mustard, dock and pigweed have been known to germinate after being buried in the ground for fifty years. The more you think about it—the more you can realize why even with a good spray program we have not been able to eradicate weeds on your farm. Even though you can't eradicate them you can hold down infestations by a good cultivation and spraying program. Now is the time to outline your plan for control of perennial noxious weeds that are reaching the stage for best control. There are a number of old stand-by weed chemicals as well as a multitude of new ones which fit every type of weed. Costs of control run from a relatively inexpensive figure to huge proportions. For the more costly weed jobs, a county ACP practice payment is available which shares the cost of control up to fifty percent with the farmer. In order to share cost the farmer must sign up with the local ASC office before the spraying is done. For those who would like the latest recommendations on various weeds we have them here in the form of a bulletin

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WHAT IS the 8th wonder of the world? THE REMARKABLE MR. PENNYPACKER! Strictly for laughs. Star Theater, Sunday-Monday-Tuesday.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
(The following letter was received by the chamber of commerce and turned over to this paper to give it wider circulation).
Dear Sirs:
I am very interested in your town and state and I would like you to find me a boy my age to write to. I am nine years old and will be in the fourth grade. I live on a ranch near a town in Wyoming. I ride to school on a bus. Thank you very much.
Yours truly,
Dennis Copyak
Box 71,
LaBarge, Wyo.

To The Editor
The old Baptist church of Heppner was organized in August of 1878 and that same year saw the construction of the first church ever built in Heppner. The lot, located on East Main street, right where the Heppner Steam Laundry now stands, was owned by the Rev Henry Rasmus, a Methodist. The new church edifice was built by popular subscription. In a few years the Rev Rasmus sold the lot, but

donated another lot he owned or what is now the corner of Gale and Center streets right where Lanham's apartment now stands. This was about the year of 1884 when the church was moved to the new location. At the new location the building was set on a higher foundation than the one shown in the picture and the front was partly remodeled. My parents were early pioneer members of this old church and my sister, Myra (Mrs B H Peck) and I started attending Sunday school and church there about the year of 1890. I knew every one of the girls in this old picture but cannot recognize them in the print. I can't understand about the two Horner girls being in a Baptist church picture as they were always Methodists. (North) and their church was built in 1885. My sister and I were almost raised in this old historic church. I was the janitor of this old church when I was about 9 years old. The lights were coal-oil lamps set in brackets with glass mirror reflectors, set high on the walls around the room. There was a big, long bonanza heating stove set near the front entrance and I had to go early in the morning on cold winter days to build the fires, but we never could keep warm in the rear of the building. I can tell many fine tales of the doings in this old church. The old picture you show in the paper was taken shortly before it was moved from Main street to Gale and Center streets.

Belle Nordyke lived in her home on the lot right where Anderson's lumber yard now is. Myrtle and Belle Horner lived across from the old Yeager home where Adelle Wright now lives on Alkali (Water) street. Ada Minor (Mrs Will Irwin) lived in the old two-story hotel, still standing on May street across from the present bank building. She is an aunt of Stanley Minor and still lives in Portland. Lottie Shipley (Mrs Hank Scherzinger) lived on a ten acre tract across from where the old Henry Heppner warehouse used to stand, now occupied by Morrow County Grain-Growers. Laura and Lura Willingham lived in the old Willingham home just north of Sally Marlatt's home. Mabel Leezer lived in the big two-story house on the hillside above the Christian church. Her

County Agent's News

By N C ANDERSON
A meeting of all interested cattlemen from throughout the state will be held June 1st at Redmond for the purpose of discussing the proposed state-wide beef performance and improvement program. At this meeting, a committee of cattlemen from throughout the state will report on their findings from a study which has been made since their first meeting of over 45 cattlemen on February 3. The committee will present a tentative program for beef improvement and make their suggestions concerning the state-wide organization and whether to become affiliated with the American Beef Cattle Performance Registry Association. This state-wide group is developing a program to encourage the use of these records as an aid in selecting more productive breeding cattle. These records, when used in a sound breeding program, giving proper emphasis to quality and beef conformation as well as production, will give beef cattle producers an opportunity to breed more profitable beef cattle. Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, accompanied the agent to the state-wide meeting on February 3. Several beef producers have indicated their interest in the June 1st meeting. Those who are interested, might contact this office for further particulars and pooling transportation to the June 1st meeting.

Morrow county 4-H and FFA members this week sent registration entries to The Dalles for

father, Will Leezer owned an early day hardware store in Heppner on the corner now occupied by the Masonic building. Ethel Sperry lived in the Sperry home on the corner where Rufus Piper built his new motel on Main street. Jennie Hale lived in the far south end of Heppner. I do not recognize the front of the church as it is pictured in the paper so it must have been taken prior to its move to the new location. My parents were members of this old church until they disbanded and sold the property many years ago.
O M Yeager
Castle Rock, Wash

STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., May 21, 22, 23

Good Day For A Hanging
Fred MacMurray, Maggie Hayes. PLUS

China Doll
Victor Mature, Lili Hua, Ward Bond, Bob Mathias.

Sun., Mon., Tues., May 24, 25, 26

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