



# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## School Budget Approved 2 to 1

### Second Ballot Sees Reversal Of Original Vote

Morrow county voters approved the school budget by better than a two to one majority Monday. The vote was 458 yes to 229 no.

This was the second time the budget had been voted on, it having been defeated early in May by a vote of 470 to 297.

The revised budget which was approved was for \$24,950 less than the original budget and it calls for a general fund expenditure of \$773,693 of which \$445,286.18 is outside the six percent limitation.

Following the defeat of the first budget, the school board and budget committee at subsequent meetings and hearings trimmed the nearly \$25,000 off school costs by planning the closure of the Hardman grade school, the elimination of the top four grades in the Lexington grade school and transportation of students to Ione and Heppner; and the combination of Irrigon and Boardman 7th and 8th grades in the Irrigon school. This proposal brought loud protests from voters in all effected communities with the result that the board agreed to submit the \$24,950 needed to keep those schools operating as during the past year as a supplemental levy to be voted on in the county on July 11. If this levy is also approved the county's schools will be operated next year in the same manner as was planned under the first budget with none of the closures to be put into effect.

All communities in the county except Lexington approved the budget at last Monday's election. There the vote was 35 yes to 69 no.

The vote by precincts was:

	Yes	No
Heppner	149	105
Ione	86	24
Lexington	35	69
Irrigon	62	10
Boardman	111	8
Hardman	15	13

The new county administrative school system went into effect July 1 and the recently elected seven man board has now taken over the operation of the county schools.

### Contract Awarded For New Telephone Relay Station

Pacific Telephone announced today that Teller Construction Company, Portland, is the apparent low bidder on a contract to construct a radio relay building at Blackhorse Mountain, ten miles northwest of Heppner, according to manager Dallas Short.

The winning bid was \$25,689. The building will house radio relay equipment used to provide additional long distance facilities. The prefabricated metal building on a concrete slab and a 100-foot metal tower which will be furnished by the Telephone company.

Other bidders and their bids were Mid-state Construction Company, The Dalles, \$28,334; Mann Construction Company, Hermiston, \$46,845.

Construction is scheduled to start in July and be completed by December, 1959, Short said.

### Contributing Charge Brings Five Years

Glen A Bowman, Heppner, pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in circuit court Tuesday and was sentenced by Judge William W Wells to five years in the penitentiary. He had been arrested about three weeks ago and had been held in the Umatilla county jail pending trial.

Mr and Mrs Mike Saling were in Long Creek for the weekend visiting at the home of her brother and his family, Mr and Mrs Bob Kelly.

Mr and Mrs Ned Sweek and sons, left for Yellowstone National Park Saturday for a vacation.



RECENT VISITORS to the Nation's capital were the Oregon delegates to the national 4-H conference. Pictured above with Congressman Ullman, are (from left to right), Mrs John Schmid, Suzanne Lozier of Enterprise, Representative Ullman, Kristine Hansen of Bend, Mr Schmid, Karl Beach of Lexington, the Schmid's daughter Elaine and Dale Anderson of Portland. Mr Schmid is the 4-H extension agent in Redmond.

### Karl Beach to Tell Of Washington 4-H Trip Sunday at Park

Karl Beach, national 4-H club conference delegate from Oregon, will show colored slides and report on his recent trip to Washington, D C at a 4-H family picnic to be held at Cutsforth Park on Sunday, July 5, according to Esther Kirmis and N C Anderson, Morrow county extension agents.

Potluck dinner will be served at 12:30 P M which will be followed by Karl's program. This will be the only opportunity for Morrow county people to hear of this outstanding 4-H member's activities as he leaves Sunday evening for West Point where he has received an appointment.

The picnic is held in connection with preparations for 4-H summer camp which will be held July 9 - 12, Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30 A M, will be used to set up the camp. 4-H parents are asked to bring hammer, shovel, saw and axe.

It is believed that if everyone pitches in to help camp can be set up in a couple of hours.

### Banks Announce Interest Increase

A higher bank savings deposit interest rate of 3 percent became effective July 1 at all offices of the First National Bank of Oregon and all three branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, it was announced this week.

At both banks deposits made on or before July 13 will earn the new increased rate from July 1, local managers stated.

First National president C B Stephenson said "the increase reflects the generally rising trend of interest rates and it continues to be the policy of First National to pass along such increases to savings depositors as permitted by bank earnings.

### Hospital Auxiliary Sets Ione Meeting

The quarterly meeting of Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary will be held July 6 at the Ione Legion hall. All members and the general public is urged to attend, officers announced.

Mrs Neely from the hospital license section of the Oregon state board of health will be the speaker and a movie on the care of nursing home patients will be shown. The movie will give some good pointers on home care of the sick, it was stated.

### 35 COUNTY YOUNGSTERS ENJOY 4-H SUMMER SCHOOL AT CORVALLIS

Thirty-five Morrow county 4-H'ers, included in a total of 1900 youngsters from all parts of the state of Oregon, participated in the annual 4-H Summer School held on the Oregon State College campus, Corvallis, June 20-27, according to Esther Kirmis and N C Anderson, Morrow county extension agents.

While most of them traveled in busses or cars, Jackson, Douglas and Curry county delegates came in seven covered wagons. The wagon train left Jacksonville June 8 and traveled 225 miles in 13 days when they arrived at OSC on Saturday, June 20.

Highlights of this year's summer school was a Centennial pageant on Friday evening at the OSC coliseum. Nearly 450 boys and girls took part in the two-hour program. Kenneth Smouse, of the Ione Livestock club, appeared in a prominent part in one of the scenes.

The pageant, written and directed by Jessalee Mallalieu, OSC extension recreation specialist, included life in the pioneer home, early school days, and boys and girls club work. The first Oregon 4-H summer school was held in 1915 with 33 youngsters. Today the attendance has hit 1900.

During the week, youths attended four to seven classes each day, took part in afternoon assemblies and special evening programs, elected home officers, and conducted 4-H church services. Dancing, outdoor sports, swimming, band and chorus were special activities available for all 4-H members.

Evening programs included the boys traditional "smokeless" smoker, girls pajama parties, Oregon Bankers night entertainment, parties and dances, 4-H talent show, and the 4-H pageant.

While on campus, club members lived in dormitories, cooperative houses, fraternities, and sororities. Marilyn Morgan, member of the Cookerettes 4-H club of Ione, was elected vice-president of the Alpha Omicron Pi house where she resided. She was also chosen as one of the five outstanding girls of her house. Four other Morrow county girls were housed in this sorority house.

A staff of 85 counselors, mostly college students, served the 38 living units during the week. One extension agent and 4-H leader were quartered at each house to advise the counselors.

Mrs Walter Corley, Morrow county chaperon, was an adult advisor in the Alpha Omicron Pi house and Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent, acted in the same capacity at the Delta Zeta house.

This year's 4-H faculty came from the OSC staff members, state board of health, state police, and a number of commercial firms. There was a total of 2250 class hours with 139 instructors. Esther Kirmis, taught a class entitled, "Let's Sing for Fun," and aided in directing community singing. New classes for both boys and girls included a series of film forums on "How We Live" and classes in "Leadership".

### July 11 Kickoff Dance to Open Fair, Rodeo Events

Preparations are well under way for the Centennial year Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and the first event of the fair season is only two weeks off. It is the annual Kickoff dance and it is scheduled for Saturday night, July 11 at the fair pavilion in Heppner.

In announcing the opening dance, Al Fetsch, dance chairman, this week said that princess and queen's dances will follow each weekend up to the opening of the fair. There will also be one rodeo dance to be held on Saturday night, August 29.

Dates of the fair and rodeo have been set one week earlier than usual because of the lateness of this year of Labor Day which falls on September 7. In past years the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo has always been scheduled for Labor Day weekend, but the time was set up this year to give local exhibitors a better opportunity to enter the state fair which opens on Labor Day.

Fair dates are August 26 through August 29 with the rodeo scheduling three performances August 29 and 30. There will be a night show on Saturday night.

All popular regular rodeo events are on the program except for the flag race which will be replaced this year with a pony express race which is expected to create much interest. Holding the rodeo stock contract is John Van Belle of Outlook, Washington.

Johnny K's orchestra of Pasco, Washington will provide the music for the Kickoff dance, chairman Fetsch announced. This is the same orchestra which proved so popular at several of last year's dances. Following the Kickoff dance, the princess and queen's dances will be held in the following order: July 18 Boardman; July 25 Lexington; August 1, Rhea Creek; August 8, Lena; August 15, Queen's dance, and the rodeo dance is set for August 29.

### Appeal Made for Deathless Holiday

F A Dresslar, president of the Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens, Inc, a statewide committee working to reduce traffic accidents, has issued the following appeal for safe driving on the Fourth of July holiday:

"Last year death did not ride Oregon's highways over the Fourth of July weekend. There were no fatal accidents.

"It is true that later one death occurred due to an accident during the holiday period.

"It was a splendid record and contributed much to the happiness and success of our great National Independence Day.

"Can we repeat? I think so.

"With the same cooperation as last year. With the same care in driving.

"It can be done.

"And the stirring thought which dwells upon this possibility is that with a deathless Fourth you—and I—will still be alive.

"But a deathless Fourth which lets us live, is, we must remind ourselves, up to you and to me—not to a few of us nor even a majority of us, but all of us."

The appeal has been issued state-wide through county Highway Lifesavers chairmen. Because of the steadily increasing number of traffic accidents and deaths in Oregon thus far in 1959, every chairman has been asked to alert the public to safer driving in his county.

Guests last week on Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Bongers were Mr and Mrs Harold Mc Eowen and children of Kingsville, Texas.



NEW LAW MAN TAKES GAVEL—Morrow county sheriff C J D Bauman, right, out-going president of the Oregon-Washington Peace Officers, hands the gavel of office to R L Barton, under sheriff of Benton county, Washington of Prosser, new president of the organization. Thirty-seven officers from cities and counties along the Oregon shore of the Columbia river, and from Walla Walla, Benton, Douglas and Franklin counties of Washington attended the meeting held last Wednesday night at Stefani's in Ione. Membership includes sheriffs, chiefs of police, patrolmen, state police, special agents and deputies.

(C A Ruggles photo)

### Farm Bureau Offers Unusual Campaign Plan For Sales Tax

A program designed to eventually force the enactment of a retail sales tax in Oregon which would take some of the pressure off of property taxes was kicked off recently at a meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau. It calls for the deferring of payment of all property taxes until a retail sales tax is enacted.

The plan was presented in the form of a resolution which was approved at the June 23 meeting of the Farm Bureau held at Cutsforth's cabin on Willow creek. The resolution states:

In this Centennial year of 1959 the state of Oregon is using the real property tax base in much the manner as it did in its first year of 1859 when the wealth of Oregon was principally land. Property taxes have become unfair because of the inability of land to earn for the owner the taxes demanded. An entirely new conception of taxation is past due and is essential for future growth and development.

Whereas: everyone should feel and know that they have to pay for the services they demand.

Whereas: the past legislature failed to broaden the Oregon tax base.

Whereas: property taxes have almost trebled in the past 10 years and the trend is expected upward at an even faster rate.

Therefore, he it resolved that the Morrow County Farm Bureau favor a movement to defer paying all property taxes until a retail sales tax is enacted; which shall be limited to a direct offset of real property taxes and shall be earmarked to cover the cost of education and welfare and/or the income tax is made more equitable.

Howard Fujili, commodity director for the State Farm Bureau spoke at the meeting and discussed a recommended program that would make the Farm Bureau more effective in meeting the needs of agriculture in the state. The recommendations made included the development of a program to establish offices for all county Farm Bureaus; more participation through organized discussion groups to make decisions; make more services available to Farm Bureau members; and more expanded and effective activities by county Farm Bureau committees.

The program would be carried out by adding a staff of three fieldmen and a research department at the state level.

Farm Bureau members are being asked to vote by mail on the new program.

The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner.

The Umatilla national forest, and all other national forest lands in Oregon, were closed to unregulated use July 1 by proclamation of Governor Mark Hatfield. Constantly increasing fire danger is the reason for the closure.

The closure order includes restrictions on smoking and travel in the forests without having tools in possession. Smoking is prohibited while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas except in vehicles on roads and tools required while traveling or camping in a forest area are an ax not less than 26 inches long with a head weighing two pounds or over; a shovel not less than 36 inches long with a blade at least eight inches wide; and a water container with a capacity of at least one gallon.

The closure is in effect from July 1 through October 31.

The closure order does not mean that forests are restricted to entry, but that persons using the forest areas must observe the restrictions and fire regulations.

No fires have been reported this year in the Heppner ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest, but warmer weather is rapidly drying out the timbered areas and every care is urged on persons camping, fishing or traveling in the mountains.

### Dr Darrel Martin To Open Dentist Office Here Soon

Dr Darrel Martin of Loma Linda, California, will open an office July 6 in the Heppner Clinic building for the practice of dentistry.

Dr Martin graduated in June from the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda where he won an award for children's dentistry. He has announced office hours of 8 to 5 Monday through Friday.

Mrs Martin will join her husband here in the near future.

### Shrine Football Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the annual Shrine East-West All Star football game to be held in Pendleton August 22 will go on sale July 1 in many communities throughout the state. They will be available in Heppner from Dr L D Tibbles in the First National Bank Building.

All proceeds of this game go to the Shriner's hospital for crippled children in Portland.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	75	48	—
Friday	70	51	—
Saturday	72	45	—
Sunday	68	46	—
Monday	68	47	.01
Tuesday	72	45	—
Wednesday	85	52	—

Rainfall for the week .01; for June .89; for the year 7.51 inches.

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### Dick Kononen Gets Research-Aid Grant

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Richard L Kononen of Heppner is one of six Oregon State College students in pharmacy selected to receive research-aid grants for the summer.

He will serve as a research assistant this summer to Dr Leo A Scicchetti, professor of pharmacognosy, on a study of effects of gibberellic acid on the growth of medicinal plants.

For his work, he will receive a grant of \$528 along with 12 hours of credit for pharmacy research.

The program of research-aid grants is sponsored by the National Science Foundation to encourage interest among top students in research development and careers. Scicchetti received a grant of \$5,580 from NSF to conduct the research-aid program.