

# Third Vote on Budget Expected to Attract Big Turnout Monday

Voters of Morrow County will go to the polls Monday to cast their ballots in the 1961-62 school district R-1 budget for the third time.

First voting on the budget was held March 27 and 349 yes votes and 519 no votes were cast. Following the turnout at the polls the school budget committee shaved \$13,405 from the \$888,560 original amount. This was accomplished mainly by cutting \$5,000 from the amount needed to complete two additional rooms at the school now under construction at Heppner.

Other smaller cuts were made from various items on recommendation of the public, and the budget was re-submitted May 19. It was again voted down, though by a narrow margin. The count was 455 yes votes and 503 no votes.

At a special meeting May 25 the board trimmed another \$4,380 from the figure and decided to re-submit the same budget. By decreasing the total by this particular amount the board was able to offer a budget which can be raised without any increase in taxes for school purposes. The revised budget is increased over the 1960-61 figure but the increased revenues and tax offsets from the basic school fund balance off the budget increase.

Actual vote will be on \$497,162.00, the amount beyond the 6 per cent limitation.

Those working on the budget have stated that the lower figure represents the minimum needed to carry on the operation of the schools for the coming year. Curtailing of the school program has already resulted from the two reductions in the budget, they state, and further cuts cannot be anticipated.

Though many reasons have been advanced for rejection of the budget, no one reason can be pinpointed which seems to cover the subject.

It is apparently generally felt by those opposed that a loss of local control exists in this pivotal first county-wide administrative unit.

On the other hand, school board members say that rejecting the budget cannot dissolve

the Morrow county unit of school operation.

Polling places will be the regular voting places of the county for school elections. Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon residents will vote at the schools in these towns; Ruggs and Hardman residents at the Rhea Creek grange hall at Ruggs. The polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. All registered voters in the county are eligible to vote.

## Chamber Campaigns To Get Voters Out

A "get-out-the-vote" campaign is to be carried on by Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce for the school election Monday during the voting hours of 2 to 8 p.m. A sound truck will patrol the streets of Heppner and taxi service will be provided to the polling place located in Heppner elementary school for those who wish it.

Purpose of the campaign is to get all registered voters to the polls. Chamber members have noted that though the last vote was one of the heaviest in school elections, 50 per cent on a county-wide basis, it represented only about 35 per cent of the possible vote in Heppner.

Anyone properly registered for voting 30 days prior to election can vote in a school election. It is not necessary to register separately.

## Mrs. Earl Evans Wins \$75 Top Lucky Buck Prize

The \$75 Lucky Buck top prize of the Chamber of Commerce was won by Mrs. Earl Evans, Heppner, in the drawing last Saturday. Mrs. Evans was a customer at the Gilliam & Bisbee Hardware store when her name was called.

Others claiming prizes in the last drawing were Toussaint Dubuque and Beverly Sherman, both of Heppner, who were \$5.00 winners.

Unclaimed prizes were a second prize of \$10 to Dave Richie; fourth prize of \$5.00 to Georgia Burres; and five special \$1.00 prizes to Gladys Snider, Norman Florence, Shirley Baker, Mrs. Ray Massey and S. E. Shirley.

The \$75 first prize had accumulated over three drawings. Each Lucky Buck day \$25 is offered and when not claimed it is carried over and added to the next drawing. Other prizes are not cumulative.

Next Lucky Buck day in Heppner will offer a \$25 first prize and will be held June 24. Committee Chairman Pete McMurtry said special prizes will be continued with five \$1.00 prizes to be awarded as well as the first prize; a \$10 second prize; and three \$5.00 prizes.

Registration need only be made once and can be done at the places of business of any of the 61 participating merchants in the city.

"Watch for the red and white cards in the windows announcing that the merchant is taking part in the Lucky Buck program," Chairman McMurtry said.

## School Election Vote Qualifications Cleared

Qualifications for voting in school elections have been explained by Sadie Parrish, county clerk. Mrs. Parrish said that anyone who voted in the last general election, or who has properly registered for voting 30 days before the school election, is qualified. It is not necessary to register separately for school elections.

The law was changed many years ago so that it is not necessary to be a taxpayer to vote on any school matter. Mrs. Parrish added.

Anyone who is qualified to vote in any election at that time, is permitted to vote on the budget June 19, she said.

## City Mayor Al Lamb In Hospital 10 Days

Heppner Mayor Al Lamb was admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital Saturday. The mayor is in traction due to a back injury.

He is expected to be able to leave the hospital about June 20 and will return to his duties as treasurer of Morrow County Grain Growers at that time.

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DON REYNOLDS, purchasing agent for Western Pipe Line, Inc., and Truck Mechanic Weldon Hudson are inspecting a roll of bucket drag cable used in the swing machines digging the gas pipe line. Fifteen of the big swing machines are in operation on the job near Ione. Headquarters for the company were moved to Heppner Sunday.

## Western Pipe Crew Locates in Heppner

By AVON MELBY

Employees of Western Pipeline, Inc., moved into Heppner and Ione over the week-end when the headquarters for the ditch digging crew moved here from Condon.

The company has rented the county school bus terminal adjacent to the fairgrounds in Heppner. Don Reynolds, purchasing agent, said that all available places had been inspected in both Ione and Heppner and the school facilities best met the needs of the company. The shed will be used to service trucks, which start coming in for this nightly work at 4 p.m. Adequate ground for parking trucks and buses is available.

The men leave Heppner by company bus each morning, diggers in one bus and blasting crew in another. The blasting crew is taken to their field of operations separately because they work quite a ways ahead of the digging crew.

A total of 42 pieces of major equipment are in use by the ditch crew on the big diggings. The 115-man crew started digging 20 miles south of Bend in November and has kept going since.

They shall have dug 181 miles of ditch when they reach the point 10 miles south of Stanfield at which their contract terminates. Reynolds said that though their contract calls for the line to be completed by the middle of September, they now expect to be finished about 30 days ahead of schedule. Headquarters for the operation will remain in the city until the contract is finished, with the pipe laying crew of 250 workers to use the same facilities. This crew will follow about two weeks behind the ditch crew which expects to be here about one month.

For those interested in viewing the operations of this big

## Ron Reid Purchases Dick's Flower Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Dick have sold their business, Dick's Flower Shop, to Ron Reid, son of Mrs. Ruth Reid, Heppner.

The Dicks have been in the florist business in Heppner for 10 years, and 18 months ago bought the Heppner Flower Shop from Joe and Maryette Wright to extend their operations.

The new owner has announced that plans are in progress to move the business to a downtown location soon.

## Chamber Hears Talk on MacLaren

Operation of MacLaren School for Boys, state training school, was explained by Harold Scheyer, Pendleton, at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Wagon Wheel Monday. Scheyer is field representative for the state operated school.

MacLaren is not a penal institution, but offers an opportunity for special training and understanding of boys who have become involved with the law, Scheyer said. Purpose of the school is to make good citizens

outfit, the 7- to 8-foot ditch is being dug close to Ione this week. Monday operations started about six miles south of Ione and the expected rate of progress is one and one-half miles per day, according to Edward Levesque, office manager.

All those interviewed connected with the pipe line were high in praise of the reception given them here and the help they received in finding a headquarters location and living quarters for the men. Reynolds said everyone has been cooperative. He gave credit to the newly organized Chamber of Commerce information center and those working there especially.

"The Chamber of Commerce has done a terrific job and we appreciate their efforts," he stated. "Without their help it would have been impossible to make the move so smoothly."

## Big Loan Allowed For Electric Co-op

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op at Heppner will receive \$272,000 to build 17 miles of distribution lines to service 34 new rural customers plus making general improvements to present facilities, according to a telegram received Tuesday from Maurine Neuberger, U. S. Senator.

Mrs. Neuberger said she had been advised by REA Administrator Norman Clapp that this was included in nearly one half million dollars of REA loans approved for Oregon.

## Old Timers To Play Town Baseball Team Here Friday

Heppner recently organized a town baseball team under the coaching of Bert Corbin. The team has played games with Ione and the Mission Indians and has scheduled a game with the old-timers town team for Friday night at 7:30 p.m. under the lights on the rodeo field.

Following the game, they will sponsor a dance in the fair building with the Leonig orchestra providing the music.

This Friday evening of fun and frolic should interest everyone from 6 to 60 and is a benefit to purchase uniforms for the town team, Corbin said.

"Come out to watch the 'old fellows' attempt to show the youngsters how to play baseball," the coach invited.

## Wheat Growers Meet To Name Man of Year

Several features of special interest will occupy the time at the spring meeting of Morrow County Wheatgrowers at the Lexington grange hall Monday night. The proposed wheat legislation will be explained, announcement made of the 1961 Conservation Man of the Year.

## Ticks Responsible For Auto Wreck; Two Youths Hurt

A tick that had planted itself on the neck of Ronald Creswick, 16, while the latter was driving an auto home from a fishing trip resulted in a wreck that caused injuries to Creswick and his companion, Kit George, 17, Sunday morning.

The accident occurred on Court street. Ronald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick, lost control of his parent's small foreign car when the tick distracted his attention. It struck a telephone pole and completely wrecked the auto.

George, son of Mrs. Elaine George, was admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment for mild concussion, minor bruises and lacerations. Creswick sustained a badly sprained ankle, which was placed in a cast. He was allowed to go home Monday afternoon and George was released Tuesday.

## Chamber Divides Paintup-Cleanup Award Three Ways

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Taylor and Tom Gonty, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty, received the prize for contributing the most to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce sponsored Paintup-Cleanup program.

The winners spent a great deal of time transforming the unsightly weed patch in the island located on May and the south end of Gale streets into a well-tended badminton court. The area has long been a fire hazard in summer and the trimmed grass and neat appearance adds greatly to the attractiveness of the town, according to committee members.

The award was made at the chamber meeting Monday.

The Paintup-Cleanup committee chairman, E. E. Gonty, thanked the general public for the good cooperation in the program and said that the decision for awarding the prize was difficult to make with all the improvement made by property owners of the area.

## Bicycle Accident Hurts Tabor Child

Six-year-old Brenda Sue Tabor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tabor, is convalescing at the family home from a bicycle accident at 6:30 Tuesday evening.

Brenda, a passenger on a bike being ridden by a neighborhood child, was thrown to the street when the cyclist lost control from hitting a rock. She suffered abrasions and bruises to her head and left arm, and a deep cut in the left knee. The laceration required several stitches to close.

and standing committee reports will be given.

Allen Tom, first vice president of the Oregon Wheatgrowers League, The Dalles, will be discussion leader and will give a progress report of wheat and farm program legislation. Tom is one of the leading authorities on this legislation in the Pacific Northwest. The manner in which he explains the wheat program makes it easy for everyone to understand the many details of this proposed legislation.

Presentation of a special conservation plaque to the 1961 Conservation Man of the Year will follow the announcement of the choice of the selection committee. Of interest will be the showing of colored slides depicting the conservation practices which won him the award.

Reports on results of recommendations and activities of the League since the last annual meeting will be given by committee chairmen. Taking part will be Louis Carlson for the Federal Agricultural Programs committee; Mrs. E. M. Baker for Domestic Wheat Utilization committee; O. W. Cutsforth for Taxation and Legislation committee; Kenneth Turner for Production and Land Use committee; Harold Beach for Youth Activities committee; Donald Peterson for Wheat Disposal and Market Development committee; and Bob Jepsen for Public Relations committee.

Members of the executive committee of the League urge that business men and others dependent upon the wheat industry attend the meeting so they will be better informed on programs of the wheat farmer.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. The Lexington Home Economics committee will serve strawberry shortcake and coffee at the end of the meeting. Paul Tevis, in charge of attendance, states there will be a number of special prizes awarded.

## Conservation Day Of Wheat League Slated June 16

The Oregon Wheat Growers League's annual conservation field day will be held Friday, June 16, on the Hall and Belshee ranch east of Moro in Sherman county.

Mac Hall and Russell Belshee, owners of the ranch, were 1960 winners of the Oregon Conservation Man of the Year competition sponsored by the Wheat League.

The Sherman county ranchers, brothers-in-law, have been farming partners since 1943. Their farm operation totals 1900 acres of which 1637 acres are cultivated.

The two men became actively interested in land conservation practices when a cloudburst in 1947 caused severe erosion on their ranch and forced abandonment of some of the land. In the 14 years since, Hall and Belshee have conducted continual conservation experiments and adopted farming practices to reduce conservation to a minimum.

Their conservation practices include 700 acres of stubble mulch, 600 acres of cross-slope seeding and 1/2-mile-long grass waterway.

The Friday conservation field day will give other grain growers and all interested persons a chance to inspect the conservation and management programs underway at the ranch. The field day commences at 10:30 a.m. It is open to the public.

## Assessor's Office Starts Map Project

A map maintenance program is in operation at the county assessor's office beginning this week.

Deeds and records are being microfilmed to verify ownership of plots of land in the county. The program will be under operation for some time.

A new set of maps of the county will be made when it is finished.

## Swimming Lessons Set In City Pool

Registration for swimming lessons at the city pool will be at 9 a.m. Monday with first classes held the same time.

Tom Hughes, water safety instructor, reported that each session will last for two weeks, and lessons will be given throughout the summer, Tuesdays through Fridays.

Beginners will meet regularly at the 9 a.m. hour. Hughes stressed that the child preferably should be six years old and should not be afraid to get his face under water.

Intermediates will meet at 10 a.m. each morning. Requirements are that the student be able to pass the deep water test as these lessons are all given at the deep end of the pool.

Swimmers, who have passed the intermediate course, will receive instruction at 11 a.m.

Successful completion of any of these courses entitles the student to Red Cross certificates.

Hughes said that any swimmers interested in organizing a swimming team for competition should be at the pool at 11:45 Monday. He will give instructions to such a group if enough are interested.

Those wishing to take adult swimming lessons should contact JoAnn Hughes at home after 5 p.m. Evening classes will be started as soon as enough students have signed up with Mrs. Hughes. Life saving classes will also be given if interest warrants.

All lessons are \$1.00 plus the regular admission.

Hughes reports that many youngsters have enjoyed use of the city swimming facility during the short time it has been open. He said an average of 200 have been there each afternoon.

## Sandra Harshman To Attend FHA National Meeting

Sandra Harshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman will be among the 900 teenage delegates and 240 adult advisers who will attend the 1961 national meeting of Future Home, makers of America at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., July 3-6.

Miss Harshman is attending as state parliamentarian, a position she was elected to at the state convention this spring. She is a voting delegate and will also usher at one session. She was president of the chapter at Heppner high school this past year.

"Youth—Measure Your Values," has been chosen as the theme of the meeting. Delegates from every state, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will participate.

## Heppner-Spray Road Change Eyed

A plea for reconstruction of the Heppner-Spray route was made before the state Highway Commission in Salem Friday. The proposed road would give Heppner an outlet south of the John Day Valley.

The delegation included Judge Oscar Peterson and Milton Blegel of the county court; Gene Pierce, Heppner; and members of the Wheeler county court.

They said the present route is rough, narrow and curvy, and that expected development of the area makes a good road vital.

The commission said it would consider the request next fall, when it plans its forest road program for the following year.

## Jepsen Gets Degree

Frank Jepsen received an associate degree in applied sciences with a major in diesel technology at graduation ceremonies at Oregon Technical Institute on Friday, June 9. Frank graduated from Ione high school in 1959. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepsen, Ione, Oregon.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	75	44	.15
Saturday	67	44	—
Sunday	75	52	.10
Monday	63	47	.23
Tuesday	75	45	—
Wednesday	85	50	—
Thursday	90	57	—

Maximum temperature, 90.  
Minimum, 44.  
Rainfall for the week was .48 of an inch. Total for the year is 9.54 inches.