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City Budget Sets Costs \$126,388

Budget for the City of Heppner for 1961-62 is published for the first time in this issue of the Gazette-Times, showing total estimated expenditures of \$126,388.50 and holding within the six per cent limitation.

The total compares with \$141,000 expenditures for the fiscal year ending this month. Estimated receipts other than taxes for the ensuing year are placed at \$92,364, leaving \$34,024.50 necessary to balance the budget. With an estimated sum of \$1,020 in taxes that will not be received in 1961-62, the total levy needed is \$35,044.50. Of this \$16,919.50 is inside the 6% limitation and \$18,125 for payments on the water and sewer systems are not subject to the limitation.

Costs shown in an analysis of the budget reveal that they are about the same as last year with some increases and decreases in various departments. Another story next week will consider these.

Public hearing on the budget is set for Monday, July 10, at 8 p. m. in the city hall. Anyone subject to the city tax levy may appear to speak for or against the budget at that time.

Composing the budget committee are Mayor Al Lamb, Councilmen Carl Spaulding and Phil Blakney and citizen members, Dr. Ed Schaffitz and Elvira Irby.

Vernon Munkers of Lexington Gets Title Of Morrow County Conservation Man of Year



VERNON MUNKERS, 1961 Conservation Man of the Year, points out how he converted his rod weeder from an end drive to a center drive in his ranch shop. The change helped improve his land and contributed to winning the Conservation title. (County Agent Photo)

Rancher Cited For Practices On 1244 Acres

Vernon Munkers, Lexington, was named Morrow County Conservation Man of the Year for 1961 at the annual spring meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League Monday night at the Lexington Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Munkers were presented the traditional plaque by Tri-County Equipment Company, in recognition of their work on both their own farm and rented land.

The winning farm was chosen for this honor because of a complement of conservation practices including strip cropping, stubble mulch, grassed waterways and contour seeding and development of wasteland to alfalfa-grass seedings for hay and pasture.

The farm operation consists of 1244 acres which includes the home farm on which Vernon was raised and now owned by his mother, with a farm known as the Charlie Cox place purchased by Vernon in 1954. With the purchase of this place, Munkers began the first of a group of practices which was to earn him his conservation title and keep the soil where it belongs.

First was the establishment of strip cropping which didn't quite solve the problem of water erosion since a bad erosion pattern had been established in the fields. Next a program of stubble mulch on summer fallowed strips combined the effectiveness of two, causing runoff only in case of severe storms or cloudbursts. Grass waterways, some already seeded when he took over the place, others established by him served to carry off excess water from such storms from the long water shed extending above his own farm. These lead the water gently from the fields with no loss of soil.

Like many farmers starting with a conservation program, Munkers was undecided as to just what combination of practices and conservation implements would do the job. He found the above mentioned practices on his own farm best and a program of stubble mulch and contour seeding deep furrow drills on the home farm serve the purpose. For the initial summer fallow operation he has adopted a tool-bar sweep fitting the V sweeps with "fingers" to shake and break up cheatgrass and volunteer grain sod so it doesn't continue to grow. This followed by a skew treader and rod weeding finishes the summer fallow operation. All seeding is done with a deep furrow "Dempster" drill.

The farm shop on the Munkers (Continued on Page 6)

Heppner Pool Sets New Hour Slate During Hot Season

Because of the great demand on the swimming pool at Heppner for the past weeks and continuing through the hot weather season, the pool hours will be scheduled to alleviate the heavy load. Tom Hughes, lifeguard, said, on Tuesdays through Saturdays, the swimmers may swim from 1:00 till 2:30 p. m. and from 2:30 till 4:00 p. m. with a limit of 150 swimmers in each shift. The first 150 to appear will be admitted in the first shift. Later they may get in line for the second shift and be admitted if the 150 quota is not filled.

On Sundays the hours will be 1:00 till 3:00 p. m. and 3:00 till 5:00 p. m. As of now, the evening swimming will not be affected.

The pool attendance has run as high as 325 persons in one afternoon and the State Safety board recommended the split shifts of not more than the 150 swimmers for the size of the pool. In the past two years, eight and nine drownings occurred in the state of Oregon and were attributed to the over-crowded conditions in the pools.

Hughes said, "Swimming time has been cut to insure a longer life for the swimmers and less accidents."

Hughes met with the largest group of youngsters ever to register here for Red Cross lessons on Tuesday morning. Eighty enrolled in the beginners class which was divided into four one-half hour classes starting at 9:00 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. the intermediate class reports with 36 students, followed at 11:45 with a class of 10 swim team members. These classes will last for two weeks with other two-week classes to continue throughout the summer.

Mrs. Tom Hughes is instructing an adult intermediate class now in progress and will have a beginner class starting July 5 at 7:00 p. m. and running for two weeks. Anyone interested is asked to call her at home after 5:00 p. m.

Baby Daughter Wins Award For Parents

Baby Leann Irene Lesser brought to her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Lesser of Heppner, the annual award of the Cowbelle association, given each year to the parents of the baby born closest to Father's Day. She was born Saturday, June 17, at 5 a. m. at the Santiam Memorial hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 3 1/2 oz. The parents will be guests of the association at a special steak dinner at their convenience.

Allen Tom Tells Of Legislation For Growers

Anticipated changes in legislation affecting wheat and barley growers and the support prices they can expect for the 1962 crop were outlined by Allen Tom, The Dalles, Monday night at the Lexington grange hall.

Tom predicted two dollar wheat for next year for Pacific Northwest wheat growers.

He said the omnibus bill, in which farmers would write their own program, will not pass during this session of the congress, and that instead a temporary program for wheat and feed grains will be put into effect for 1962. This program will reduce the wheat acreage by 10 per cent for the farmer to be eligible for price supports. The price will be increased to \$2.00.

The loss from the 10 per cent reduction in the wheat allotment will be partially made up to the farmer by conservation payments equalling one-half on the acreage. Payment in kind will be allowed to go up to 60 per cent if additional wheat acres are taken out of production for the farmer.

Tom expects the barley program that will pass will be like the feed program now in effect. Growers will be required to reduce acreage by 20 per cent in order to receive price support. Like the wheat program, a 50 per cent payment will be made on the reduced acreage.

Tom, who is vice president of Oregon Wheat Growers League, said that the members "having nothing to do but to go along with this program."

He stressed that it was not the program the growers had been working so hard for so many years to put into effect.

"We can only hope that this temporary program does not become a permanent program, like so many temporary programs do," he advised. "By consenting to go along with this program, the wheat men will be in a better position to ask for the stabilization program they want, when the right time comes," he said.

In his talk Tom stressed public relations and the farm program. He said "with the farmer doing the efficient job he is doing the consumer is living better for less money for food than ever before."

He cited statistics for the five year period of 1952 to 1957 to back up his statements. During this time the farmer was caught in a price-cost squeeze—which still exists—and the "public consumed 11 per cent more food but farmers received 600 million less dollars."

Wranglers Enjoy Playday June 11

Butter Creek Wranglers sponsored a club playday at the Wrangler grounds on Sunday, June 11. Potluck lunch was served in the clubhouse because of the rain.

First place winner in all events for children under 12 years of age was Patti Healy. Senior winners in polebending were Bill Healy, first; Charlie Daly, second; Marlon Finch, third, and Rod Murray, fourth.

Winning first place in the stake race was Bob Steagall; Roice Fulleton, second; Beverly Steagall, third and Rod Murray, fourth. In the barrel race Bob Steagall won first; Cornet Green, second; Roice Fulleton, third, and Bill Healy, fourth.

The Wranglers will have an overnight trail ride on June 24 and 25 from the Don Greenup ranch to Johnson Creek. Winn Crist will be the cook for the trip.

Merchants Offer Big Lucky Buck Day Values

Merchants of Heppner will again feature special prices in their stores for the Saturday Lucky Buck drawing. Announcements of the winners are made at 2:30 p. m. in each of the 61 participating business establishments.

To be eligible one needs only register once at any of these places. Any adult not directly connected with ownership of the participating businesses can register.

Top prize in the next drawing will be \$25.00 as the \$75.00 prize was claimed June 10. A \$10.00, three \$5.00 and five \$1.00 prizes will also be listed, according to committee chairman Pete McMurry.

"Be in one of the 61 locations when the siren blows at 2:30 Saturday. If your name is called, identify yourself to the owner before the next siren two minutes later, and you may be one of the Lucky Buck winners," McMurry said.

Two Eight-Year Olds Hurt in Swim Pools

Two area children will be "out of the swim" for awhile. Both suffered accidents which required stitches to close deep lacerations about the head.

Eight-year-old Janet McCurdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr., Heppner, was taken from the city pool to a doctor Tuesday afternoon with a deep cut in the bridge of her nose. She received six stitches. The accident occurred when she was swimming at the shallow end of the pool and surface dove for a piece of rubber tubing on the bottom.

Stephen Hedman, also 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, Ione, was brought by his mother to a local doctor Wednesday about noon following an accident at the Ione pool. The boy dove off the side of the pool into the deep end of the tank and gashed his head on the crown. He received three stitches.

Both youngsters are hoping for mild weather while their pool activities are curtailed.

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WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	99	60	—
Saturday	105	70	13
Sunday	103	61	—
Monday	96	54	—
Tuesday	92	51	—
Wednesday	88	43	—
Thursday	88	49	—

Rainfall for the week was .13 of an inch. Total for the year is 9.67 inches. The Saturday 105 temperature set an all time high in Heppner for the month of June.

Rust Research Funds Allowed By Senate

Morrow County Agent N. C. Anderson reports he is in receipt of a wire from Senator Maurine Neuberger advising him that \$150,000 for accelerated research on rust strains affecting wheat has been included in agricultural appropriation subcommittee of the Senate. This was not included by the House. The House and Senate conferees will meet later.

Hole-in-One Contest Offers Cash, Trophy

Golfers and non-golfers will have a field day — in fact, three of them, this week-end when the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce puts on its second Hole-in-One contest. The play will begin at the fairgrounds Friday at 5 p. m.

Rules call for adult players to drive from a starting line 100 yards to a circle 30 feet across. A shorter driving distance will be provided for children.

A special feature this year is an actual hole-in-one set-up where a four-inch cup will be placed in the center of the circle. The first person making a hole in one will receive a highly prized golden trophy of a golfer. The trophy is displayed in the Peterson Jewelry Store window.

Hole-in-One Contest Offers Cash, Trophy

Daily prizes of \$5.00 will be awarded the player closest to the center hole at the end of play each day.

Friday hours are 5 to 8; Saturday, 2 to 8, and Sunday, 2 to 5, with final play-off between 5 and 6 on Sunday.

Each ball making the circle entitled that player to one shot in the finals. Grand prize in the Sunday play-off will be \$15.00 and \$5.00 going to the next closest players.

Funds raised by the Hole-in-One contest will be used by the chamber to retire bonds for lighting the rodeo grounds.

All members of the public are urged to attend and try their luck.

\$ Remember -- 55 Lucky \$ Offered Saturday \$