

District R-1 Board Calls for Vote on Building Bonds

Mrs. George Quits; Used Bus Bought

Mrs. Elaine George, a director of Morrow county school district R-1 for the past two years, submitted her resignation to the board Monday night with a statement indicating that she could no longer afford the amount of time required from her family and business.

She was appointed two years ago to fill a vacancy, and last year was elected without opposition to fill the unexpired term. Her term would have been up in July of this year.

In resigning, Mrs. George stated her regret at the necessity of leaving and commended her fellow members for their devotion to duty. The board placed the resignation on record and, in turn, expressed its regret and cited her for her good work.

In other actions at the special meeting called because of the heavy influx of business facing the board, the directors considered an index type salary schedule for coaches, a salary schedule for custodians, provided scholarships for teachers in the system who take training for teaching the mentally retarded, turned down a request to sell teacher-ages at Boardman to a private party, authorized purchase of a used activity bus, decided to include 3 and 3-7 new teachers in the budget, and voted to submit an \$870,000 bond issue for school construction to residents of the district, which is told in another story.

New Arrangement Praised
The board won commendation from those present at the meeting when they re-arranged their seating arrangement so that all face the audience. There had been complaint that the public could not hear and thus could not understand what actions had been taken. The new arrangement proved much more satisfactory.

Some thought had been given to changing to a meeting place with better acoustics, but it was decided to remain at the courthouse location when those in the audience said that proceedings could be followed easily under the new arrangement.

The index pattern for coaching would have tended to give a larger salary for coaches in larger schools of the district, allocating extra pay for their extra duty. The proposal met with objections from director Harvey Warner of Irrigon who said that he feels coaches in smaller schools take as much time and have as much work as those in the larger schools. He recommended that extra pay to coaches be provided on a basis other than school enrollment.

Chairman D. O. Nelson said, "It goes against my craw that coaches are getting extra pay for doing the job they are trained to do." He said other teachers often do not receive extra pay for extra duties.

It was decided to submit the matter to the coaches for their consideration and proposal.

Custodian Scale Set
After considering the salaries of custodians, the board voted to adopt a policy of starting them at \$3900, advancing them to \$4080 at the end of six months and to \$4200 at the start of the second year. At the start of the fourth year they will go on a schedule of \$4400 per year. Any advancement for service of merit beyond that point will be at the discretion of the board.

Under the state's mentally retarded program, the schools must provide for special teaching for students in this group by 1964. The board decided to provide two scholarships of \$150 each for teachers of the system who are willing to go to summer school to take training for this work. The feeling expressed was that this could be done for considerably less cost than hiring specialized teachers from outside the district.

Offer Declined
A letter from a private party at Boardman asked the board to sell him the teacherages (three district-owned houses) there. The board had previously accepted the offer of the Corps of Engineers for \$17,500 for the three houses and lots, which will be casualties of the John Day reservoir, preferring not to attempt to move them. The private party asked that the board reconsider, accept the offer of the Engineers of \$16,250 with the privilege of salvaging and moving the houses. In turn, the board would sell the houses to the individual for the difference plus \$250. He enclosed a \$500 check to show good faith.

Director Bob Sicard of Boardman immediately opposed the sale to the private party, however, on the grounds that it would leave the board "wide open for criticism" as showing favoritism to this individual. He pointed out that the Engineers will have the houses up for bid

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Warm Air Drives Away Icy Blast



DOLLS in authentic Greek costumes are admired by Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen and Mrs. Eulenna Corley. Willows Grange officers of Ione, as Dale Martin, Oregon's IFYE to Greece, attends their Grange meeting January 21 to tell of his International Farm Youth Exchange experiences in Greece last summer. Berl Akers (left), Willows Grange master, looks on.

Granges Hear Exchange Youth Describe Experiences in Greece

"What did you think of it all now that you're back in the states?" asked Mrs. James Lindsay, Ione, after she had heard Dale Martin, Oregon's IFYE to Greece, tell about his International Farm Youth Exchange experiences at the Willows Grange meeting on Sunday, January 21.

"I'd go back tomorrow, if it were possible," was his answer. "I'm sure if I would return in five years I would see many changes. Electricity is just beginning to come to the villages. This means that lights in the home, running hot and cold water, bathroom facilities, etc. will soon be a part of their rural life."

The 1961 Oregon State University graduate returned home at Christmas after five months of living with farm families in Greece. During the time he was there he lived with various families taking part in both work and recreational activities.

One of the things he did was to help a family harvest potatoes. Here is his description of it:

"With our one horsepower tractor and four-wheeled trailer with iron rims and wooden spokes, loaded with a walking plow, half a dozen short handled

hoes, several burlap sacks and a lunch basket, my host family and I were ready to commence a day's work.

"Mid-morning we stopped work and went to the wagon. There my host mother spread the lunch out on a freshly laundered, white cloth over burlap sacks with the ground serving as a table. White cheese made from the milk of sheep; bread which is brown and home baked; sliced tomatoes; a bean dish with olive oil, onions, peppers, and tomatoes; and olives. I refer to the meal as 'break-lunch,' since no food had been eaten earlier in the morning and a light meal would follow in mid-afternoon.

"In the west the sky glows red as the sun bids its final farewell for the day and we walked down the dusty road behind a wagon load of potatoes. Just ahead was a wagon with a 10-15 foot high load of corn and tobacco stalks which will be used as fuel for cooking and heating the farmer's home. To the rear was a wagon loaded with barrels and baskets of grapes ready for making juice, and to the left a farmer preparing his field for seeding with a Massey-Harris tractor and plow."

At the end of a day's work Dale joined the family teaching his "brothers and sisters" rock and roll as they accompanied him on his accordion.

He says that social and cultural improvements, centuries old, indicates that Greece is in the midst of change.

The Grant County IFYE explained how the county of Greece suffered mass destruction of its homes and public buildings during World War II. He witnessed the gratitude of the native people to America who had supplied the aid through the Marshall Plan to rebuild.

"I feel Americans have a tendency to be self-critical of themselves when it comes to foreign aid. They tend to exploit the incidents of mis-use of our aid rather than the good that it has done for the majority of our foreign neighbors," says Martin.

Dale is spending the months of January and February reporting his experiences in 10 Oregon counties. He had slides, music and other mementos to show during his talk.

He was a houseguest of the Harold Wright family, Rhea Creek, over the week-end and appeared at the Rhea Creek Grange on January 20.

Mercury At 11 Below On Sunday

Winter's icy blast hit Morrow county with full impact during the week, and Leonard L. Gilliam, Heppner's official weather observer, had to go back to January 26, 1957, in his records to find a colder day than the 11 below of early Sunday morning.

The temperature plummeted below zero again early Monday morning—to six below. Then after two more chilly, but somewhat warmer days, the mercury suddenly soared as high as 49 Wednesday and melted the snow. But for five days—last Thursday through Monday—the thermometer never climbed as high as the freezing point. Maximum temperature recorded in the period was 26 above on Monday.

Despite the fact that this was the coldest weather in five years, residents seemed to take it pretty much in stride.

There were many cases of frozen water pipes, car troubles and furnace difficulties but no cases were reported that resulted in extreme hardship. Services at the Methodist church were called off Sunday when it was found that the furnace had gone off and the church was at a near-freezing temperature inside.

The three inches of snow that fell last week drifted in some areas and caused trouble. Two Ione school buses went off the road Monday when they hit drifts at different places, but the children were taken out in other vehicles within a half hour.

Farmers involved in lambing and calving had a tough time. In higher rural areas in Morrow county the temperature was reported as low as 25 degrees below. Bryce Keene was caught in the middle of calving operations, for instance, and didn't go to bed for three nights. Most livestock growers had heat lamps ready and waiting for the newborn animals, but several reported that when they could not be there the minute the animals hit the ground, they froze to death.

County Agent Nels Anderson said that it is hard to tell the effect of the cold weather on the grain crops. Some that was just coming through might have frosted back to the ground level. He said that there is bound to be some damage, but the layer of snow in the southern part of the county helped the situation. Grain growers in the northern part of the county, however, did not have the snow cover.

John Graves of the Hardman area reported temperatures down to 25 degrees below there. In the Monument area, a low of 28 below was reported with nine inches of snow on the level.

Kinzua Corporation reported that snow in the mountains was not melting as of Thursday, but it appeared that more may be on the way. Crews were still at work in the woods despite temperatures as low as 20 below during the week.

The City of Heppner threw in the towel on water meter reading this month and Recorder Ted Smith announced that overages would be picked up on next month's readings. Frozen cast iron lids on the meters are subject to breaking when they are forced open in weather this cold.

Ralph Richards of the Soil Conservation office issued a snow report relative to the snow cover on Arbuckle Mountain. As of January 24 there was 24.2 inches on the ground. At the same date in 1961 there were 15.4 inches on the ground and on January 24, 1960, 21.2 inches. The 9-year average at this time is 26.7 with a high of 45.8 inches in 1956 and a low of 13.4 inches in 1959.

Water content of the snow on the ground is figured at 6.7 inches as compared with five inches in 1961, 4.4 inches in 1960 on the same date. Nine-year average is 7.0 inches. High was 12.8 inches in 1958 and low, 3.3 inches in 1957.

Density of the snow is figured at 27% now, as compared with 27% in 1961, 21% in 1960, and the nine-year average of 26%. High was 34.3% in 1959 and low was 20.5% in 1957.

Gilliam said that the coldest temperature he has recorded in his long history as weather ob-

server, and the reader has to conduct a hunt to find them, the recorder pointed out.

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February 26 Set As Election Date

Directors of Morrow county school district R-1 unanimously passed a resolution at their meeting Monday night to submit to voters of the district an \$870,000 bond issue to provide for school construction at Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman.

Date of the special election was set for Monday, February 26, between the hours of 2 and 8 p. m.

Need to Register? Only One Day Left

If you are a newcomer to Morrow county and have not registered, you have only tomorrow (Friday) to register in order to vote in the school election February 26. Registration closes at the end of the day January 26, 30 days prior to the election. Were it not for the fact that January has 31 days, the closing time would have been 5 p. m. Thursday, January 25.

If you are from out of state, it is necessary to reside here six months before being permitted to vote. However, those coming to the county from another part of the state may register at once.

Registration may be completed in the office of Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, or with her registrars in other parts of the county: Ione, June Crowell; Irrigon, Marguerite Houghton; Boardman, Walt Hayes; and Lexington, Mrs. Emma Breshears.

Purpose of the bond issue would be threefold: 1. To finish the new high school at Heppner, as a complete high school unit.

2. To provide funds beyond those to be reimbursed by the Federal government for the reconstruction of Riverside school of Boardman as the John Day dam makes relocation necessary. 3. To provide funds for two additional classrooms, a library and a cafeteria at the A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon.

As proposed, payment of the bond issue would extend over a 20-year period. It would embrace the current serial levy that is now included in the budget and thus remove the serial levy from the budget.

As originally approved, the serial levy was authorized for a 4-year period and designed to raise \$130,000 per year. Funds for the first two years were to be used in construction of the high school at Ione and to construct the first wing of a new high school (Unit-A) at Heppner. Both of these have now been completed and are fully paid from funds raised by the serial levy except for 10% that is withheld by the board until the directors are satisfied that contractors have fully completed their work.

Funds Earmarked
Funds to be raised by the serial levy for the third year, an amount \$130,000, were to go to Irrigon for the needed additions to the school there, and the funds to come from the fourth year of the levy were earmarked for the Boardman relocation and reconstruction.

The serial levy, according to administrator Robert Van Houte, requires 7.9 mills annually levied on property tax on the current county valuation. The proposed bond issue, which would encompass the serial levy and remove it from the budget, would require a first year levy of 4.6 mills, 3.3 mills less than the serial levy despite the larger indebtedness because it would extend over the 20-year period. Interest rate is figured arbitrarily at 3.7%, approximately the present market rate. Director Fred Martin said at the meeting that some recent school bond issues have been sold at more favorable interest rates than that.

Thus, result of removing the serial levy from the budget and adding the bond issue would be that millage levy would drop for property taxpayers by some 3.3 mills the first year. As the bonds were paid off over the ensuing years, the interest would decline continuously and the millage levy would decline correspondingly, it was pointed out.

Breakdown Given
Breakdown of the \$870,000, which is estimated would be required for construction needs is as follows:

For Heppner high school: building cost, \$545,800; architect's fee, \$52,748; contingencies, \$16,574; furniture, \$12,000; total, \$667,122.

For Irrigon construction, \$130,000. For Boardman reconstruction, \$130,000. Add for grounds improvements as needed, \$3,078. Grand total, \$870,000.

The board reviewed revised plans of Architects Hayslip and Tuft for the Heppner construction before passing the resolution. Directors had previously turned down plans offered by the architects as being somewhat too large and too elaborate. The present plans include classroom additions to the present Unit-A, totaling an additional 5,000 square feet; a gymnasium and physical education plant of approximately 8400 square feet, including dressing rooms, balcony, and band room under the balcony; a wing for homemaking and science labs and a multipurpose room (which would also be used as a cafeteria); and an agricultural and electrical shop.

Van Houte said that architects figure costs currently to be in the neighborhood of \$12.50 to \$13.50 per square foot, and the total construction project at Heppner would approximate 50,000 square feet in addition to the 9800 feet now encompassed by Unit-A. Some of the area will be at a lower cost figure.

Drawings To Be Printed
Drawings of elevations and floor plans for the three projects—at Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman—will be published in this paper as soon as architects are able to reduce the drawings to scale small enough to include in the paper and have engravings made.

In speaking for submitting the matter to a vote, Director Martin said that the bond issue would have the effect of speeding up progress in the north end of the county because it would not be necessary to wait for state construction until funds from the serial levy accrue. They would be available as soon as the bonds were sold, in the event the issue is approved by the voters.

Director Bob Sicard of Boardman said that he feels it is the school board's responsibility to face up to the building program, and he made the motion that called for the bond election.

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AL LAMB
Al Lamb Named Ullman Chairman

Congressman Al Ullman in Washington D. C., last week announced selection of Al Lamb of Heppner to serve as chairman of his 1962 campaign for reelection. Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., will head a committee of 2nd district citizens supporting Ullman's candidacy.

Lamb has served as chairman of the Morrow County Democratic Central Committee for eight years. He was also Ullman's chairman in 1960 when the 2nd District Congressman won a third term by a margin of over 20,000 votes.

In making the announcement, Ullman stated, "I am very pleased that Al Lamb will be working in my behalf during the coming campaign. It is a source of great pride that he and many other outstanding citizens in the 2nd District have offered to serve on the campaign committee."

Lamb has indicated that he will immediately begin organizing a "Committee to Re-elect Congressman Al Ullman" in the 18 counties of the 2nd Congressional District. He said Monday that he did not know of any opposition developing against Congressman Ullman for the primaries, which will be May 18.

Boy, 12, Gets Hooked Watching Program

Dennis Warren, 12, brought a touch of realism to a television program on steelhead fishing that he was watching Wednesday night. While watching the program, he got out his fishing tackle, and while absorbed in the fishermen on the screen, snagged his finger on one of his hooks. It was embedded so deeply that it was necessary to call a doctor.

The doctor decided that the hook could best be removed by giving an anesthetic, and so Dennis went through this before the damaged digit could be patched up. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warren, felt that though painful, the incident might serve as a good lesson. They said the boy was watching TV when he was supposed to be studying.

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Abrams Will Not Seek Reelection to DA Post

Robert E. Abrams, Morrow county district attorney for the past five years, will not seek reelection this year, he announced Wednesday. His term expires at the end of the current year.

He said that he plans to devote all of his time to the private practice in the firm of Mahoney and Abrams and added that he is hopeful that another attorney may come to Heppner who may be interested in the district attorney position and combine it with private practice here.

Death of J. O. Turner, attorney here for many years, left Mahoney and Abrams and Jos. J. Nys as the only practicing lawyers in Heppner. There are no others in the county.

Abrams said that he feels that the district attorney should reside in Heppner in order to be available for counsel and close to county offices.

Abrams was appointed district attorney to fill the unexpired term of Brad Fancher, who moved to Bend. The next year—four years ago—he was elected to the post on the Republican ticket without opposition.

He said that he and his partner, P. W. Mahoney, are trying to find someone interested in this location.

In other news on the political front this week, E. O. Ferguson, Republican, filed on January 18 for reelection to the position of

county commissioner. He is the first one to file for office here this year, according to Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk.

In addition to other offices announced last week that are up for election in 1962, two commissioners are to be elected for 4-year terms for the Port of Morrow. They file by party and must first run on the primary ballot before entering the general election in November. Those whose terms expire are Garland Swanson and George Weise. Commissioners serving holdover terms who will not be up for election this year are Al Lamb, John R. Krebs and Dewey West.

City to Skip Meter Reading Due to Cold

Because of the cold weather, water meters in Heppner will not be read this month, and all users will be billed for the minimum. Ted Smith, recorder, said Monday. All overages will be picked up at the next reading, he said.

Cast iron lids are frozen on the meters, he explained, and when the meter reader attempts to remove them, many of them break. Also snow covering hides many of the meters, and the reader has to conduct a hunt to find them, the recorder pointed out.

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