

School Bonds Given Approval by Narrow Margin

Court to Call Vote On Road Tax Base

Following discovery that the 10-mill serial levy for roads in Morrow county is illegal because its proceeds exceed the prior year's proceeds by more than 6%, the county court took steps Wednesday to set up a new method of financing its road system.

The court directed District Attorney Robert Abrams to take legal steps necessary towards calling an election to establish a tax base for roads. It is planned to hold the election at the time of the primary election, May 18, Judge Oscar Peterson said, even though the vote on the tax base will technically be in the nature of a special election.

As outlined by the court, the tax base would be established to raise \$115,000 the initial year, some \$50,000 less than the 10 mills are to bring for the current fiscal year.

The \$115,000 would require a tax levy of approximately seven mills, the judge said. Once established, it would not be necessary to vote the road levy periodically, as must be done now with the serial levy. The \$115,000 could be levied annually, and would be subject to the 6 percent limitation, just as the general budget is now.

Because state law has been changed since the original votes on the serial road levy in 1948 and 1953, it is no longer possible to set up a serial levy on the basis of a fixed millage. Rather, a certain sum must be set as the total to be raised annually, and the millage necessary to raise that sum is determined on the basis of valuation and assessment ratio.

Under the proposed plan to establish a tax base, the same is true except that once established a vote will no longer be necessary.

In asking voters for the tax base of \$115,000 in the road fund, the court seeks an amount considerably less than that received for roads during the past five years. In 1957-58 the figure was approximately \$140,000; in 1958-59, \$135,000; in 1959-60, \$138,000; in 1960-61, \$139,000; and in 1961-62, \$165,000. Of the latter sum, some \$17,430 has been set aside for probable refunding to taxpayers because of payment in excess of the statutory limitation.

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Bird Crashes Party In Band Players' Bus

A China pheasant, apparently with a keen ear for music, crashed the party in the band players' bus headed for the state hospital, Pendleton, Wednesday night, but the poor bird didn't live to enjoy their tunes.

The bird flew into the path of the Morrow county school bus carrying the Heppner high band and crashed through the windshield, landing inside the bus. Some glass splinters showered on the students, but none was hurt.

The incident occurred near Echo, and Leonard Munkers, driver, stopped in that town to make emergency repairs. Plastic was fitted temporarily over the hole in the windshield.

Lone and Heppner High Schools Choose Senior Honor Students



LINDA HALVORSEN



MICHELLE MORRISON



WAYNE HAMS

Five honor students who will be valedictorians and salutatorians of the classes of 1962 at commencement exercises for Lone and Heppner High schools have been announced by Principal Darrel Reich, lone, and Principal Gordon Pratt, Heppner.

Sandra Harshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman, will be Heppner High valedictorian and Judy Ann Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmidt, will be salutatorian.

Valedictorian honors at lone will be shared by the two top students in the senior class there, Michelle Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison, and Linda Halvorsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen. Salutatorian will be Wayne Hams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vester Hams.

Sandra, who attained a 3.76 grade point average, was named outstanding home economics student in 1961, won the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award in 1962, was Sweetheart Ball queen in 1961 and was delegate to the national FHA convention in 1961. In 1960 she was chosen outstanding sophomore of the Future Business Leaders of America, and for 1961-62 holds the office of state parliamentarian in the FHA. She was president of the local chapter and has held a number of class offices. Sandra has served as student body vice president and student council president. She is a member of the pep club, of the National Honor Society, and of Quill and Scroll. She was also first place winner in the Voice of Democracy speech contest. Her present plans are to attend OSU after graduation.

Michelle is president of the Girls' League at lone, was cheer leader and was editor of the school paper, The Cardinal. She has played in the band for four years and was princess and queen of the Sweetheart Ball. She was majorette for two years and also served as class secretary.

Linda has been active in dramatics, appearing in the student body play. She has been in the band for four years, is a member of the Girls' League, a member of the Cardinal staff and plays in the dance band. She was also class representative in her junior year.

Judy, whose grade point average was 3.624, is a member of the National Honor Society and was local winner of the National French contest. She was a delegate to Music in May at Pacific University and served as FBLA president, Head majorette of the band, she is pep band director, is a member of the Pep club, and of the FHA. She has held offices as class secretary and student body treasurer.

Wayne proves that athletes can attain high scholastic ranking. He was star quarterback on the football team, state champs in 1961, and runnerup in 1961. He also lettered in basketball and football and will play in the East-West Shrine football game in August. He won the Leadership award and is student body president. He is also senior class president, was junior president and was sophomore president. Wayne represented the community at Boys' State.

Pierce Advocates College Plan; Hearing Slated

A community college would be established in Pendleton to serve Morrow and Umatilla counties beginning with the school year 1962-63 at a tax levy of only two-tenths of a mill for Morrow taxpayers. Gene Pierce, vice chairman of the sponsoring group, told members of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The state has allocated funds for community colleges, and it is there to be used, he said. The plan would be to take over the Pendleton technical school, which has 190 students this year and will have 214 next year. Cost to the two counties, which would comprise the district, would be only \$14,388, Pierce said, calling for only about a two-tenths of a mill levy.

This would be all the local cost unless the school went into a building program later, which would require that the district pay 25% of the building cost. The state would pay from its allocated fund at the rate of \$433 per student, or \$92,662 for the first year, he said.

Hearing on the formation of the proposed education district is set for Monday, March 5, at 8 p. m. at Pendleton High school auditorium. The district would be known as the Blue Mountain Area Education district. All will have opportunity to speak either for or against the proposal.

After the public hearing an election will be called on the matter. As envisioned by the proponents, the school would not only offer vocational and technical subjects but would include course of arts and sciences and provide for transfer to another college after two years. It is expected that enrollment might reach 538 students by 1967-68, at which time the district's share of the cost would be \$22,596, Pierce said.

Another benefit of the plan, Pierce said, is that a professor will come to the county to teach classes if interest is shown locally and certain subjects are desired. The college at first at least, would not be a campus-type school.

Zone Ordinance Up for Adoption

County zoning ordinance will be up for adoption at the next meeting of the Morrow county court on March 7, Judge Oscar Peterson said Wednesday. The zoning committee has already recommended the adoption of the ordinance.

Included within its jurisdiction would be most of the area in Morrow county lying north of the baseline, about one-quarter mile north of lone. A section in the northeast part of the county is not included. Territory within incorporated cities also is not included.

Paul Brown has been appointed to the zoning committee to take the place of Dick Wilkinson, former chairman, whose term expired. Term of Art Allen of Boardman has also expired and another man will be appointed in his place.

Others on the committee are C. W. Rosewall, Heppner, whose term expires January 1, 1964; Milton Biegel, Irrigon, expiring January 1, 1965; and Roy Lindstrom, lone, January 1, 1963.

Snow fell on Thursday, 1 1/2 inches; 2 on Friday; and a trace on Sunday and Wednesday.

Special 4-H Edition Due Out Next Week

To observe National 4-H club week and point up work being done in Morrow county by 4-H clubs, a special section of the Gazette-Times next week will be devoted to this organization.

Business firms and organizations are cooperating to sponsor the section, which will give a great deal of information on the program and doings of local clubs. Esther Kirmis, county home agent, and Joe Hay, extension agent, together with the 4-H council and others are working on the section.

National 4-H week starts Saturday, March 3, and continues through March 10.

Tryco Sponsors John Deere Day Here on March 8

Fun, food and favors for everyone are scheduled for John Deere Day, sponsored by Tri-County Equipment Company, in Heppner on Thursday, March 8, local Red, manager of the local firm, announces. It will be at Tryco's plant on main street.

Registration will start at 10 a. m., and a free lunch will be served to all at noon, prepared by Winn-Dee's. Movies, featuring John Carradine and George Gobel, will start at 1 p. m. There will be door prizes and free favors for the kids, Red states.

Gobel will lend comedy to the day in his role of "Uncle Henry" in the film fantasy which serves as a background for the entire program. He will also double on film as the program's master of ceremonies.

Rea states that this year's film is altogether different from any previously shown on John Deere Day.

Hollywood's John Carradine and child actor Billy Mumy are also featured in the movies to be presented. Six educational and informative films are scheduled, including "Oddities," a collection of the most popular "Oddity" films shown in previous John Deere Days; "All in a Day's Work," an unusual harvest film; "Pattern for Performance," which relates to tractors; "One-Man Hay Day," a report on a one-man haying system; "Partners," showing the relationship of manufacturer, dealer and farmer; and "What's New for '62," showing latest models in tractors and equipment.

"It's a family program," Rea said. "It's a real good blend of entertainment and information with enough smiles to make it truly enjoyable and enough serious interest to make it really worthwhile. The program will be free to all farmers and their families."



TAKING leading roles at the annual FFA Parent-Son banquet at the Catholic Parish hall last Thursday night were those shown above. From left are Reporter Harold Gray, who gave the annual report; Advisor Gerald Jonsson, who presented awards; L. H. Hill, who was made an honorary member; Secretary Gary Van Blokland, recipient of scholarship award; William Hill, named Star Chapter Farmer and recipient of nine other honors; Bob Fetsch, who reported on trip to national convention; President Melvin Hughes, master of ceremonies; Bill Struthers, sentinel; and Archie Ball, treasurer, who also reported on convention. (Story on page 6 — G-T Photo)

Firemen's Ball Due At Pavilion Saturday

Those who attend the Firemen's Ball at the fair pavilion Saturday night will be doing their part to help the local volunteers bolster department funds for needed equipment, Forrest Burkenbine, chairman, states.

Gene Rietmann will furnish music for the event which will start at 10 p. m. and will continue until 2 a. m. Tickets are now on sale by the volunteers at \$1.25 each. A Motorola clock radio will be given as a door prize.

David Hynd Dies Sunday

David Hynd, 84, resident of Heppner for 75 years and friend of many in the area, died at his home here Sunday after being in failing health for some time.

His life embraced a colorful career of sheep and cattle ranching in Morrow county extending back towards pioneer times and reaching to the modern era. Born in Islington, England, August 10, 1877, Hynd went with his family to Ontario, Canada, as a child in 1884. Three years later they moved west to Morrow county and settled in Sandhollow. After two years there, they moved to Butter Creek and finally returned to Sandhollow after another two years.

It was here that the Hynd Bros. Corporation was formed. Their ranching operations expanded rapidly to include facilities at Willow Creek, Butterby Flatts and Freezeout Ridge.

David held the position as secretary for the corporation throughout his life. In 1944 he made his home in Heppner, entering semi-retirement but remaining active in the secretarial capacity. He never married.

A strong Mason, he was a member of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A.F.A.M., and of Heppner chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Pendleton Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, of Al Kader Temple, Order of Shrine, and of Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. Hynd was a member of All Saints' Episcopal church and of the Morrow County Woolgrowers Assn.

Funeral services were Wednesday, February 28, at All Saints' Episcopal church with Father C. Bruce Spencer officiating. Requiem mass was at 7:30 a. m.

Committal was by the Masonic lodge in the Masonic cemetery, Heppner. Surviving are two brothers, Jack and Charles, both of Pendleton; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Case, also of Pendleton; and several nieces and nephews, among them being Mrs. Annie Shaffer, Herbert Hynd and Jack Hynd, Jr., all of Cecil. Nellie Doney had served as his housekeeper for 39 years.



SANDRA HARSHMAN



JUDY ANN SCHMIDT

Foresters Talk Fire Cooperation at Meet

Fifteen representatives of the U. S. Forest Service and State Board of Forestry gathered in the Morrow county courthouse Friday to listen to criticisms and answer questions in regard to coordination of fire fighting activities among the governmental agencies and private operators.

With some 30 other persons present either as private citizens, representatives of logging operators, or on behalf of other agencies, the discussion was in the nature of an informal public hearing with Fred Gimbel, president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce as chairman.

Among those from the State Board of Forestry present were state forester, Dwight Phipps, L. M. Compton, J. H. Walker, Frank Blizard, Harold Williamson, Phil R. Dooney, and Mel Crawford, in charge of the Central Oregon district.

For the U. S. Forest Service were Wright Mallory, Pendleton, forest supervisor; Ken Wilson, assistant regional forester; N. S. Miller, ranger; C. E. McLean, fire control officer; Ray Williamson, assistant ranger; Jay Hughes, fire staff; Clarence E. Edgington, fire dispatcher; M. P. Stenerson, state and private representative.

Spokesmen for both the State and U. S. Forest Service denied that there had been any lack of cooperation between them and each said that their relations had been "excellent."

The session at times turned into something of a "post mortem" discussion on the Ditch Creek fire, and to a lesser degree on an incident at Hunter Creek. Also reviewed were the Sunflower Flats fire and Thorn Springs flames. Incidents were brought out on these, particularly by Orville W. Cutsforth, who had originally asked for the meeting, and by Art Ferguson, a private logging operator.

The forestry officials said that there had been no lack of coordination between them in combating the fires, but indicated that it is possible that some men in fighting the fires might have made "errors of judgement." However, they declared that what an untrained observer might think is an error of judgement might be good fire fighting techniques.

Crawford said, "Over the district I have charge of (Central Oregon), we have worked together as well as we could. Cooperation between the agencies in general has been excellent." Hughes of the U.S.F.S. agreed that cooperation was good and pointed out, "Last year was one of the worst fire years with a longer fire season."

Issue Wins By 6 Votes; Bid Call Eyed

By a margin of only six votes, the \$870,000 school bond issue for Morrow County District B-1 was approved at a special election Monday, 555 to 549.

The bonds, which will finance construction of the Heppner-Lexington high school at Heppner, the addition of a wing to the A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, and supplement government funds for building the relocated Riverside school, now in Boardman, received a majority vote in three of the polling places but failed to carry in four others.

Heppner gave the bonds nearly a 3 to 1 majority at 339 yes and 117 no, but lone was almost unanimously against the issue with only 24 yes to 194 no. Irrigon polled 40 yes votes and 100 no, and Lexington showed 53 yes and 70 no. Boardman joined Heppner in favoring the issue by nearly a 3 to 1 margin, 67 yes and 23 no. Pine City moved into the affirmative column by one vote, 13 yes and 12 no, but Rugg was against the issue, 19 yes and 33 no.

The count at Heppner was at first recorded at 340 in favor, but one vote was challenged because of improper registration and was rejected. Two were also challenged in Pine City when it was found that they were not on the polling list, but it was later determined that they should have been included and the votes were accepted. Each of these was a "no" vote, it was reported.

The school board met Tuesday night to consider future action. Plans were made to call for bids on the bonds with tentative opening of the bids set for March 26. Changes will be made in the budget that has been prepared by the budget committee to provide for the adjustments that will come with removal of the serial levy from the estimates and including provision for the bond issue.

Public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 26, and the budget election is due on April 16.

At another meeting Wednesday afternoon, the board canvassed the votes and found all to be in order.

A resolution authorizing the issuance of the school bonds will be prepared by Attorney Robert Abrams and will be published in accordance with the law. Work on the Irrigon school (Continued on Page 6)