

# 4-H is a Family Affair . . .



BILLY STOCKARD (left) shows the rest of the Stockard family how to work the electrical quiz, which he made as a member of the "Sparkies" 4-H club. (Everett Stroeber, leader), Jeanne Stockard is enrolled in clothing and foods, Mrs. Anita Stockard, Joan Stockard also in clothing and foods and Tommy, 7. The Stockards are a typical family in 4-H which is marking its national week, March 3 to 10, under the theme, "4-H is a Family Affair." Section three of this paper and page four of section two are devoted to 4-H.

## Spring Carnival Slated Sunday at Arbuckle

By KEN PECK

Spring carnival of the Arbuckle Ski club will be at the ski area beginning at 1:30 p. m., Sunday, March 11. In previous years the carnival has been called off for lack of snow, but this year there is four feet of snow at the course.

A ski carnival consists of fun races and festivities, including dress-up costumes. Each club family should come to the area dressed in their very best costumes in order to take full part in the days fun. The costume should be such that you can still ski in it. A rotating trophy goes to the winning family.

Sign up for the races starts at 12:30. First race over an obstacle course begins at 1:30. Two relay teams will carry a pack-sack to a point and return in the following race. The President's cup race, for club men over 30, is a modified slalom race and will be limited due to the short hill. All entries should have a real chance to win the trophy.

Probably the most spectacular race of the day will be the running of the first annual Arbuckle downhill, a race open to juniors 10 to 18 years of age. This will be a race for both speed and control in going through gates. A perpetual trophy will be awarded the winner by Peck's Ski Shop.

Last race will be a cross-country run over a distance not to exceed a third mile. Open to all ages, the contestants will start at one minute intervals and travel a course laid out so as to give one third uphill, one third downhill, and one third level.

Climaxing the activities of the day will be the annual meeting and election of officers for next year. A committee is in charge of the potluck supper to be served at five.

There is no charge to view the fun races and this may be a good opportunity for those who haven't been up the mountain to see some fun skiing. Members are especially urged to come as a quorum is needed to transact club business.

## Cow Snaps Guy Wire, Causes Power Outage

A Hereford cow in Blackhorse Canyon was only trying to enjoy the comfort of a back scratching in the wee hours Tuesday morning, but the incident caused widespread trouble in the southeastern part of Morrow county.

The cow broke a guy wire that it was rubbing against, causing a power pole to snap, severing the power lines and thereby bringing an outage on Columbia Basin Co-op lines throughout a large section of southeast Morrow county, Harley Young, manager, said.

The incident happened about 1 a. m. Parts of the area were out until 2:15 and others until 4:35 a. m. while crews rosted out to repair the damage. Some farmers, in the process of raising baby chicks, got up to do what they could to keep the chicks warm.

Such was the cause with Jerry Brosnan. Other farmers had different inconveniences from the outage.

Young and his men were sleepy-eyed throughout the day Tuesday.

At last report the guilty cow was innocently chewing its cud.

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## No Tax Increase Seen in School Budget

### Smith Enters Race; Filing Ends Friday

(Also see story page 6)  
Entry of Jack L. Smith of Condon into the race for state representative from the 28th district Thursday enlivened the political scene here that otherwise had been serenely quiet. Smith, a Democrat, will oppose incumbent Frank Weatherford in the primary election on May 28. Rep. Weatherford, whose home is at Olex, filed some time ago for reelection.

On the Republican side of the representative race, Gaylord Madison of the Echo area is the lone entrant to date in the district which now embraces Umatilla, Morrow, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Otherwise, little activity was apparent on the political scene in Morrow county, even though the filing deadline for the primary is Friday, March 9. Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said.

Incumbents have filed for reelection for local offices but in none of these has any opposition developed. Latest filings were by George Wiese, Boardman Democrat, for reelection to the Port of Morrow commission on March 1 and by J. O. Hager, justice of the peace, on March 2. Hager runs on a non-partisan ballot for reelection.

Gar Swanson, Republican, previously filed for reelection to the other Port of Morrow commission post on February 26.

Oliver Creswick, Republican, will seek election to the position of assessor, which he has served by appointment since last year. No opposition has developed for this post either.

Gene Ferguson, Republican, will seek to succeed himself as county commissioner, having filed some time ago. As of Wednesday he was the only candidate.

District Attorney Robert Abrams, Republican, announced a month ago that he would not seek reelection as district attorney. To this date, however, no one has filed and no other candidates seem to be on the horizon.

He reiterated Wednesday, "I am not running." However, if no other candidate files he must continue in office until a successor is appointed or elected.

City offices in Heppner are not on the ballot in the primaries, but four councilmen and Mayor Al Lamb have terms expiring this year, and if they seek reelection, must run in November.

Absolute deadline for filing for the primaries is 5 p. m. Friday. County office workers file in the office of the county clerk, and those seeking state positions file with the Secretary of State in Salem.

### WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, Observer)

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	42	22	.04
Friday	40	26	trace
Saturday	43	32	.15
Sunday	51	30	trace
Monday	48	33	.14
Tuesday	45	25	.12
Wednesday	54	34	—

Rainfall for the week was .45 of an inch.



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## Ann Jones Elected State FHA President

Ann Jones, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones, was elected state president of the Future Homemakers of America at the state convention in Corvallis, March 2-3.

In her capacity as state president, Ann will preside over an organization of more than 4,000 girls in 110 chapters throughout the State of Oregon. She will meet with other state officers in July and August at DeLake to plan and prepare for next year's FHA activities. Her main duties will be to attend the various district meetings in the state and to preside at the annual meeting of the organization in Corvallis next spring.

Ann, a Heppner high school junior, won over Jean Williamson, Aurora, at the state meet with 350 girls present representing all the chapters. In high school, she has held offices of secretary of photography club, treasurer of freshman class, student council representative, secretary and vice president of the FHA. This year she is secretary of the junior class, student body historian and concessions chairman, besides maintaining a 4.00 grade average. She plans to enter the University of Oregon after graduation and study for doctor of medicine.

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## Hearing Favors College District; Boundary Okayed

Only one man of some 20 speakers voiced opposition to the formation of the proposed Blue Mountain Community college at a public hearing by the State Board of Education in Pendleton Monday night. More than 100 attended the hearing, including a busload from Morrow county.

In view of the response at the hearing, the State Board acted promptly at its meeting in Pendleton the next day and approved the boundaries of the Umatilla and Morrow county as comprising the Blue Mountain district.

Next step in the formation of the college, scheduled to be set up in Pendleton, will be an election to be held in June to establish the boundaries and elect a seven-man board at large from the district.

The permanent location will be determined by the board, but it is pretty well understood that in the Blue Mountain district the college will be at Pendleton, taking over the Pendleton technical school.

Lone dissenter at the meeting Monday night was Kirk Casper of the east end of the Umatilla county who objected to his district being included in the district on the grounds that most of the attention in that area turns to Walla Walla.

Gene Pierce presented a resolution from the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce endorsing the proposal. D. O. Nelson, chairman of the Morrow county school board, spoke in favor, and Judge Oscar Peterson also talked in support of the plan.

Dr. Leon Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, presided at the hearing.

Source of funds for the first year of operation, say proponents of the plan, is as follows: State aid, \$92,662; student fees, (at the rate of \$200 for each of 214 students) \$42,800; and local area support, \$14,338. This latter sum would be raised by a district tax throughout Morrow and Umatilla counties and on present valuation it figures at about 2 mill.

It is anticipated that by 1967-68 the college enrollment would reach 538, at which time the district's share of the cost would be \$22,598.

## Curtain to Rise on PTA Talent Show Friday Eve

Ed Sullivan may not be the master of ceremonies for the local Amateur Talent Show on Friday evening, but it looks as if there will be at least an equal variety of talent on hand to compare favorably with his popular program.

Interest has been growing the past week and the committee feels there will be enough entries

to make up a full two-hour show. Still somewhat light on preschool and adult entries, the program will still offer a good variety in high school and grade school participation. Winners will be awarded cash prizes in the four divisions.

In addition to the invitation to appear on the TV show, "Teen Time," winners will also participate within the next week or two in the Amateur Show in Spray, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

The local show, under the sponsorship of the PTA, will be staged in the Heppner High school auditorium starting at 8:00 p. m. Friday. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are conducting a ticket sale, and they may also be purchased at the door. Admission prices are 25c for grade school students, 50c for high school students, and 75c for adults.

## Court Approves Zone Ordinance

A county zoning ordinance for the area lying north of the baseline in Morrow county and excluding a portion of the northeast corner of the county was adopted by the county court at its regular meeting Wednesday, Judge Oscar Peterson said. Incorporated cities are not included in the ordinance.

Public hearings had been held recently on the ordinance which was prepared by the county zoning committee over a considerable period of time. Vernon Russell of Boardman was appointed to the zoning committee to succeed Art Allen, also of Boardman, who has resigned from the committee.

The court also went ahead with plans to call an election on the matter of establishing a tax base for county roads, seeking \$115,000 as the base. Since the serial road levy, which has been voted every five years since 1948, has been determined to be illegal under a new state law, the court has determined this method of attempting to finance its road program. Some \$165,000 was raised by the serial levy last year, although it is expected that approximately \$17,500 must be refunded to taxpayers. The \$115,000 sought by the county as a base for roads is considerably less than the amounts raised during any of the past several years for roads, the judge pointed out.

The election will be held at the time of the primary on May 18.

(Ed. Note: The following article was contributed by Charlie Kendall of Hermiston, who explains, "The building burning by about 400 firemen from all over Oregon at Arlington Saturday and Sunday impressed me. I witnessed it Saturday, could not refrain from jotting down the feeling it all gave me. Thought you might like my impressions of it. I have followed both the dam and Arlington with great interest during the past five years. While it all makes its impact felt, the burning of the church has hit me hardest.")

By CHARLES KENDALL  
Hermiston Writer

The multiplicity of details involved in the building of the John Day dam had left me numb until Saturday when firemen burned the Methodist church for practice. Heretofore, the details had been a clutter that was necessary in getting the huge job done. Saturday this one detail seemed to sum up the whole job. The passing of time suddenly hit me, something like the sound of a bell tolling the

hour. The time had come. This was it.

The 400-odd firemen representing 61 departments in Oregon and three in Washington were there to learn methods of controlling fire. This was a big moment for them; they were attending school. Some were new at handling a fire in a building. Their instructors shuttled in and out, setting thermometers with long extension cords that led to a control panel on the sidewalk beside the building. They escorted teams of firemen wearing masks and carrying tanks of air strapped to their backs. They lit fires inside. Smoke and flame belched through windows and around door jams.

"Mike Tells Heat"  
A fireman with a mike announced the rise in interior temperature as the flames licked at the ceilings, partitions, door casings, etc. He announced it by degrees as the needle on the dials on the control panel in front of him jerked sharply up. Firemen in bright helmets, water canvas coats, trousers and boots stood around watching

while the team got final instructions. The needle swung to 1500 degrees; they pushed in the door, crouched low to keep below the heat and vanished into the smoke and flame, meanwhile spraying a path of fog before them. The announcer explained the fog would turn to steam on contact with the hot gases and the steam would extinguish the flames. He read the downward curve of the needle to represent the work of the men inside to the waiting crowd. At 200 degrees the fire was considered as being out. Pulling their hoses with them, the team emerged.

When they had peeled off their masks and removed their helmets, they revealed sweaty and reddened faces. They exchanged experiences and reported to instructors. The fire was rekindled and another team took its turn. Little by little the building was consumed.

By the time the interior had been gutted and the roof and floor were about to come tumbling in, the instructors called off the trips inside. They directed the men to keep the fire under control by fighting it with

six streams of high pressure water directed from around the building. Alternately they let the building catch fire and then they worked it over with the hard hitting hoses.

Techniques Taught  
In the course of burning the church, three residences and the Masonic hall, the instructors taught the latest techniques in the use of chemicals as well as water. The director of it all, Cecil Dill, state fire marshal and a member of the vocational division of the Department of Education, viewed his firemen's school with approval.

This was a calm, orderly scene which was witnessed by an estimated 1000 people including the firemen. Noticeably absent were the shouts and excitement of a routine fire. No one rushed, except perhaps the instructors in keeping the work going. No one raised his voice. Light wet flakes drifted lazily down in the quiet air; late in the afternoon a light drizzle fell. Old residents harkened back to the old days with considered thoughtfulness. Fire-

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## Hearing Set March 26; Vote in April

A gain in estimated receipts will offset a slight increase in estimated expenditures in the 1962-63 school budget for Morrow County School District R-1, and tax levy will be no greater than that for the current year, a review of the proposed budget shows.

The budget, prepared by the school district's budget committee, is subject for the first of two times this week and may be found on pages 2 and 3 of section two of this paper.

Public hearing on the budget is set for 8 p. m. on Monday, March 26, and any resident has the right to appear at that time to remonstrate against or speak on behalf of the budget. Election will be April 16.

Total expenditures in the general fund of the budget will be \$895,238 as compared with \$870,774 for the current year. The \$25,000 increase is due largely to additional teachers asked for by various schools and advisory boards in the county. Figured in the budget is another teacher for Riverside high school to cover girls physical education, commercial and library. An additional teacher is also planned for Ione with the intention of providing for shop instruction. At Heppner, two more teachers are asked to take care of English, mathematics and French.

Some of the additional cost in the \$28,000 increase shown in the instruction section is due to the normal increments provided for teachers under the system's salary schedule.

School Support Up  
An increase in receipts from the basic school support fund, climbing from \$141,000 for the current year to an estimated \$160,000 for the coming year, is probably the biggest factor offsetting the expected increase in expenditures. Coming from the Federal government under Public Law 874, too, will be \$8,000 as compared with \$7,000 this year. Under the provisions of this law, the government helps defray cost of education for students brought in as a result of government projects, in this case for those whose parents are employed at Ordinance and at McNary dam.

Added to the receipts is an estimated \$15,000 in the form of cash carryover, \$5000 more than the \$10,000 that was on hand at the beginning of the 1961-62 year. Total estimated receipts, other than taxes, for the 1962-63 year are placed at \$225,000, as compared with \$200,000 figured for the current year.

Transportation Climbs  
The total provided for transportation services for the coming year is set at \$94,795 as compared with \$85,160 for 1961-62. The increase is largely due to an item of \$7,515 for contracted services, providing for contract transportation of students. At the same time, salaries for transportation show a decrease from \$45,900 to \$41,000. Offsetting this, however, is a larger sum allowed for supplies and repairs, climbing to \$25,200 as compared with \$20,900 for 1961-62. Replacement of vehicles for 1962-63 is set at \$14,000 as compared with \$12,500 for the 1961-62 year.

Lending some distortion to the transportation expenditures for the coming year is the fact that some of this expense was included in other categories last year, Administrator Robert Van Houte said.

Under "operation of plant" an additional custodian is provided for, and greater expenditures for fuel and electricity are taken into account because of the new facilities in the county, including Ione high school, and the structures that are expected to be ready for at least part of the fiscal year at Irigon, Heppner and possibly Riverside.

Total expenditures provided in "operation of plant" are set at \$92,800 as compared with \$87,300 for the current year.

Maintenance Down  
The category of "maintenance of plant" shows an estimated decrease for the coming fiscal year, down to \$20,200 from \$23,650. Materials and supplies are cut from the \$10,600 for the year 1961-62 to \$6,500 for 1962-63.

Fixed charges are also down from the current year. The total provided is \$45,500 as compared with \$47,294 for the current year. Principal decrease is on the insurance item, dropping from \$6,900 to \$4,600. This is one area that the county considers.

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