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## Time to be Heard on the School Budget

Hearing on the 1962-63 school budget for Morrow County District R-1 will be Monday night at 8 p. m. in the county courthouse. This is the time that anyone who has a question or who feels dissatisfied with any part of the budget should appear and make himself heard.

The budget has been published in full in the last two issues of the paper. However, it is difficult for the average citizen to understand all of its provisions without getting some interpretation on it.

We reiterate—the time to get these questions answered, to query the district on its expenditures for the coming year, and to get explanations of sums budgeted for any particular purpose—is at the budget hearing.

Changes may be made in the budget after the hearing and before it comes up for a vote on April 16.

It is a costly thing for a taxpayer to have objections and keep mum about them. When a school budget is voted down, the budget committee has no other recourse than to attempt to revise it and re-submit it, for it is impossible in this day and age to operate within the six per cent limitation. The election costs money, and the delays exact a toll in efficient operations, too.

When voters cast ballots on the school budget, they actually are not voting on the whole budget but just that amount in excess of the six per cent limitation, which for 1962-63 as the budget now stands, would be \$484,160. That which comes inside the six per cent limitation may be levied by the district without a vote of the people.

Also, the amount voted by the people in the recent bond election is not subject to the six per cent limitation; hence, the vote on the budget has no bearing on the approved bond issue. The school board not only is now empowered to provide for the bond issue, but by the recent majority vote of the people, however close, is required to do so. The budget election will have no bearing on this.

It cannot be too strongly urged at this time that anyone who has a question, has an objection or who wants to know more about the budget appear at the meeting Monday night.

If he leaves the meeting still dissatisfied, he certainly has the right to vote No on April 16. But it is logical and sensible to get as many objections and remonstrances as possible ironed out at the hearing.

## Recreation One Key to County's Future

A trip through the snow to Bull Prairie reservoir Sunday revealed that the lake there has now reached almost its full perimeter. Thick ice covers the water except for the edges where the constantly rising surface keeps the ice broken.

It is rather astonishing to see the change that the lake will make. Before water started filling behind the new dam, one could visualize to some extent what it would be like, but the realization is better in this case than the anticipation. It is truly a winter wonderland now.

This is going to be an excellent outlet for recreation. The lake is surprisingly large. A new gravel road has been graded around one side of the lake, and a large picnic ground is located on another side with the ground gently sloping towards the water.

Bull Prairie furnishes us with a clue to the future for needed development. When summer comes we have no doubt that hundreds from many miles around will flock to the cool lake-side for recreation. They will funnel from Pendleton, Hermiston and from the Tri-Cities area. Other visitors to Heppner will go there as guests of friends.

In thinking of the economic future of our area, recreation must certainly be considered to have a major part. Other sites are being considered for development. The Willow Creek dam, now being surveyed by Army Engineers, may become a reality, and it, too, will have recreational benefits to attract visitors. The Willow Creek lagoon, formed by backwater of the John Day dam, will provide a boat basin. Another site for development is on Chapin creek, now being looked into by the county parks commission.

As one local man wisely said the other day, "We need 10 Bull Prairies." He is right. With the fine fresh water resources of Willow creek and other streams available, and the cool Blue Mountains a "stone's throw" away, we have the undeveloped resources for added recreation that will bring enjoyment to many and at the same time give some added economic balance brought by tourists' dollars.

While we pause to applaud the efforts of those who brought Bull Prairie, let's look ahead to more recreational possibilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid drove to Idaho over the spring vacation. They visited her parents in Payette and with friends and relatives in Boise Valley. On Thursday evening they were honored with a wedding shower in Caldwell where the bride attended college.

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# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHILE CONGRESS is pursuing the matter of raising postal rates with the avowed purpose of eradicating a deficit in the department, we wonder how much is lost by abuses of the franking privilege—government officials and agencies mailing (supposedly on official business only) without charge.

Shortly after we took over the paper, we sent notices of the change to all groups who sent regular mailings to the G.T. We were getting mail addressed to editors as far back as O. G. Crawford. A lot came addressed to Bob Penland, and even more to our immediate predecessor, W. O. Wildman.

Among those notified was Senator Morse. Now we not only get the letter addressed to Bob Penland but the one to ourselves and a third to us as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the latter, of course, through no fault of the senator.

We think the postmasters in towns and cities could tell quite a story of franking abuses if they cared to do so.

BUSINESSMEN should give a rousing cheer to Vic Groshens and his crew for the fine job they did cleaning the streets of the downtown section last week. They went at it lickety-split and covered a wide area, leaving the town looking neat as a pin.

VISITOR in town Friday was State Police Officer Bill Labhart, formerly of Heppner and now of Canyon City. During his visit he said the rumor is widespread that he is planning to quit the force and go into business, but such is not the case.

His wife, Jackie, who formerly authored the column "Over the Tee Cup" in such a nice chatty manner here, will be writing a similar column for the Blue Mountain Eagle over there soon.

IN THE MAIL comes a letter from someone regarding the small attendance at the KUBE western program in the Heppner high gym Friday night and chiding the sponsors of the Heppner radio program over KUBE for not taking the time to attend themselves.

We would have been glad to print this letter to the editor if the author had signed his name. It is signed merely "Name Withheld." We will not print a letter that comes to us anonymously. If the author wants his name withheld, we may publish it as such, but we must have it on file. If this person would like to identify himself, we will run the letter next week.

ANOTHER communication advises us that a lot of new culinary talent was discovered in Heppner when members of Willows IOOF No. 66 served the Rebekahs at dinner.

It said, "The kitchen staff of last Friday proved—C. J. D. Bauman could wield an electric skillet and turn out eggs done to a turn; flipping feathery flapjacks with an artistic conception is a talent of Pete McMurtry; and Frank Payne can keep John Wightman and an electric mixer busy getting batter to just the right consistency."

Glenn McMurtry served coffee with a practiced hand and others in the crew were Randall Peterson, Lincoln Nash, Jerald Rood, Herman Howard and Joe Daniels.

But something doesn't quite

libe in this story. When we advised Pete McMurtry that we had received the letter, he murmured with some relief, "What! Hasn't anyone died yet?"

QUITE A FEW of our readers noticed and were discreetly silent when the editors in our early days here kept referring to Pioneer Memorial hospital as "Santiam Memorial hospital." This was due to constant reference to the latter while at Stayton, and it continued to slip out unconsciously in news stories here.

Well, we got it on both ends of the stick last week, and we should have learned enough to keep it straight from here on out.

Gale Christensen, administrator of Santiam Memorial, and Will O'Harra, administrator of Pioneer Memorial, met here for the first time, when the former came on a visit and each chided us on the error. If we make the mistake again, we'll give four-bits to the first one who calls it to our attention. But we don't think we're ever gonna do it again.

SAY, we were mighty proud that Christensen got to look over our local hospital. Will and Engineer Bob Lowe and their staff kept it looking slick as a whistle. You can see your face in the polished floors, and Bob even keeps his shop and furnace room looking as neat as an old maid's bedroom.

Water pipes in the furnace room are all color coded—a different color for each temperature of water (and there are water faucets for several different degrees of temperature in the hospital). Bob can manufacture any part he needs when he can't find it any place else—recently melted down some old aluminum pistons to make an aluminum casting that he needed. He has several hundreds of old Alka Seltzer bottles with all manner of screws, nuts, bolts, washers and the like contained therein.

If any of our readers get around the Santiam country, they might drop in for a visit at Santiam Memorial, too. It's also quite a place and was built as a community project. Just completed is a campaign to raise \$100,000 for a large addition to the building.

NOW WE'VE Seen Everything Dept. in Phil's Pharmacy are some little leather or plastic bound albums with "S. O. G. with P. I. P." engraved on the cover. The interpretation: "Silly Old Grandmother with Pictures in Purse."

Mrs. Jimmy Prock and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Albert in Union during spring vacation and returned home Sunday. Mike and John Prock remained for a visit and returned Tuesday with their grandfather.

Mrs. Jack Cushman and daughter, Jeanne, visited her mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins, last week and Jeanne remained until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson visited in Hood River Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mills, son, Randy, and daughter, Mrs. James Bowlin, and daughter Jami, all of Salem, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble.

## TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The county extension office in Heppner was kind enough to send us the issue of Thursday, March 8th, of your newspaper in which there are various references to the 4-H eradication program as it operates in Morrow county.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the keen interest that you and your publication have in the affairs of the young people of Morrow county and their adult volunteer 4-H Club leaders.

Thank you kindly for the tribute to these young people and their volunteer leaders which appeared on your editorial page.

We of course are grateful to the members of our county extension staff for the splendid leadership that they provide for the 4-H education program in your county, as well as other phases of the cooperative extension work. We recognize, however, that the interest of the business men and women of your Morrow county town and the volunteer leadership throughout the county also play a very important part in the success that has come to your local 4-H program.

I am looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity of visiting with you personally when I am in Heppner. This I hope will be possible in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Burton S. Hutton  
State 4-H Club Leader

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sherman:

As chairman of the Morrow County Extension Staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the most excellent coverage by your paper of "National 4-H Club Week." While there were many contributions made to the success of the issue it could not have been possible without your interest and added effort.

Our members, leaders and others interested in 4-H did a "bang-up" job in observing the

national week. Window displays in all of the towns and community centers; various appearances at service clubs, farm organizations and other events; observance in the churches as well as the special edition gave added recognition to our fast growing 4-H club program. There were few businesses and organizations that did not make a contribution toward saluting the 4-H'ers during this important week.

Again, thank you for your contribution.

Very truly yours,  
N. C. Anderson  
County Extension Agent  
Agriculture

Dear "Friend of 4-H"

Thank you for your support of the 4-H program. It is through your interest that 4-H can continue to teach the rural youth of America practical skills in Agriculture, Home Economics, Wildlife, and Hobbies; and the responsibilities of leadership and citizenship. We now have 42 clubs with close to 400 members enrolled in Morrow county in 4-H club work.

It is a satisfying and rewarding experience to watch these 4-H boys and girls grow to become useful and responsible citizens.

At a time when the Nation is saluting these boys and girls, we would like to thank you especially for your fine support that is helping to make this 4-H work possible.

Sincerely,  
Joe Hay  
County Extension Agent  
4-H and Agriculture  
Esther Kirmis  
County Extension Agent  
Home Economics

Tim Loyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loyd, visited his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Loyd, at La Grande over the week-end. On Sunday, the Loyds met him at the train in Pendleton and visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trowbridge, parents of Mrs. Loyd.

## STAR THEATER

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ayers and family visited in Salem and Portland during spring vacation and returned home Sunday.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simms and Bobby, Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dalke and family, Salem, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Marshall. Mrs. Dalke and Mrs. Marshall were college roommates.

Mrs. Ed Schaffitz and daughter, Diane, and Mrs. Phil Mahoney and daughter, Shannon, were in Portland Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Schroeder and family, Kinzua, visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Abrams drove to Portland Saturday to meet her mother, Mrs. Sara Morrow, who had arrived from Arizona. Mrs. Morrow continued on to Hawaii via boat Sunday.

Josephine Mahoney Baker, Kennewick, Wn., is staying at the P. W. Mahoney home while the Mahoneys are vacationing in Hawaii for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pratt and family spent spring vacation in Portland visiting relatives. They returned Saturday.

Roice Fullerton, owner of Fullerton Chevrolet Co., was in Walla Walla, Wn., Tuesday attending a meeting of the Chevrolet Company.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner By Lexington Women's Fellowship IOOF Hall—Saturday, March 24. From 5:00 to 8:00 P. M. \$1.25, 75c, Pre-School Free

GOLF LESSONS For Young and old—Start Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m., March 24—By John Snyder, Willows Golf Course, 10 lessons, \$5.

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