

Heppner Budget Within 6% Limit

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receive \$50 per month under the new budget. Besides his duties of being responsible for the equipment and personnel of the fire department, conducting drills and directing firefighting, he does the bookkeeping for the department, submitting reports and keeping records.

A \$200 increase in Social Security is provided, climbing to \$1300, because of an increase in rate and the additional on increases in salary allowed city employees.

A figure of \$250 for planning and development that was included in the budget last year has been removed. State Industrial Accident cost has doubled, from \$400 to \$800, largely because two accidents experienced by city workers caused the city to lose its experience credit.

Emergency fund in the new budget is cut to \$2500 from \$5000, largely because the city has never found it necessary to use the larger sum.

Maintenance and repairs of city properties has been increased to \$1632 from \$1000 to provide \$575 for a new welding outfit, \$600 for a new floor in the city

hall, and an additional sum for improvement to the walk at the city fire station, providing driveways where now planks are used to break the drop from the curb as the trucks move in and out.

The complete budget is printed for the first time in this week's paper on pages 4 and 5 of section 2. It will be published once more next week.

Service Station Remodeling Set

Jack Van Winkle's Chevron service station will be remodeled this summer in a project that will be started soon, Van Winkle announced this week.

A new office will be constructed at the west end of the lubrication building, and the pump island and old office will be removed. Three new pumps will be installed. The lubrication building will be completely remodeled, a dividing partition will be removed and two lubrication hoists will be provided.

Standard Oil Company was to award contract on the building late last week and construction is due to start within 10 days, Van Winkle said. The project is expected to be completed this summer.

County Budget Levy at \$162,213 For Coming Year

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may discuss it with the county court at that time.

Dewey West of Boardman is chairman of the budget committee and Gene Pierce is secretary and Henry Baker of Ione is a third citizen member. With them, the county court—Judge Oscar Peterson, Commissioner Milton Biegel and Commissioner E. O. Ferguson—comprise the committee.

The budget provides a sum of \$2400 for "agricultural exhibits." This is in lieu of the \$4000 provided last year for the North Morrow County fair. Army Engineers brought to the attention of the county court that Morrow county could not legally have two fairs. Because of this, the item was first reduced from the \$4000 to \$500 in the budget. However, residents of the northern part of the county protested, and it was decided to include the sum of \$2400 for "agricultural exhibits."

The Army Engineers figured in the matter when they offered \$28,500 to the county for existing fair buildings Judge Peterson said. When the county asked the Corps to consider relocation of the buildings, the Engineers wrote a letter to the court stating that holding two fairs is illegal for a county in the state of Oregon. At this point, it was decided to sell the buildings at the price offered, take the money and divert it to the Morrow county fair in Heppner. When the protest arose, however, the court asked the Engineers to rescind the sale agreement on the buildings, and the item of \$2400 was included in the budget for the exhibits.

In the meantime a committee composed of West, J. Z. Gillespie, both of Boardman, and Andrew Skiles of Iririgon has been appointed to investigate the matter of the North Morrow fair and make recommendations.

While expenditures in the county are very similar to those last year, with the exception of the road situation and the North Morrow fair, there are some additional changes.

A sprinkler system must be installed in the old portion of the hospital, which is of frame construction, by order of the State Fire Marshal. This means an increased sum for the hospital maintenance sum that is listed at \$11,000 for the coming year as compared with \$8000 last year.

Salary of the juvenile counselor has been increased to \$1600 per year with additional provision of \$1015 for travel expenses. The counselor system was first started last year and has worked out very well, according to the judge. The total of \$2615 budgeted is \$1615 more than the \$1000 of last year when the matter was started on something of a trial basis.

The stream gaging fund, which was set at \$945 in the estimate, was pared to \$315 by the budget committee. The reduction will

Douglas Gunderson Undergoes Operation

Douglas Gunderson, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson of Heppner, underwent an operation to correct a leg condition at Emanuel hospital, Portland, early this week.

Both his mother and father are in Portland with him. The lad is expected to be confined to the hospital until probably late next week. Mrs. Gunderson will stay with him, but Eddie is due home earlier to resume his work as a sawyer at Kinzua Corporation.

New Pharmacist Joins Humphreys

Ed Espy of Riverton, Wyoming has joined the staff of Humphreys Rexall Drug as a registered pharmacist, Rod Murray, owner, announces. The Espy family arrived over the weekend, and he started to work Monday. They will live in the Ed LaTrace house.

The newcomers have two children, both boys, Daulton, 4, and Scott, four months. Espy graduated from the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy in Riverton since that time. This is the first time the family has been in Heppner, but they like the area very much, they report.

Also employed now at Humphreys is Mrs. Al Lovgren of Heppner. She replaces Mrs. John Bergstrom who is taking the summer off.

Methodists Attend Annual Conference

Rev. and Mrs. Austin McGhee of the Methodist church and Mrs. Douglas Drake as lay delegate are attending the annual conference of the Methodist church in Salem this week. The three left Monday for the meeting which started Tuesday. It will continue until Saturday, and Rev. McGhee will be in the pit here Sunday morning.

Attends Reunion

Mrs. Earle (Mary) Brvant was in Portland to attend the 25th reunion of her graduating class of High School of Commerce Saturday night. The event was held at Jack and Jill's and 70 out of the class of 162 were present. Mrs. Brvant's son, James Cason accompanied her on the trip. Also attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyle, Portland. Mrs. Hyle, the former Fern Fehmerling, is niece of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke of Heppner.

not be welcomed in some quarters as some farmers and others had found the information valuable and wished to see the program continued.

An item that showed in the 1961-62 budget for the sheriff's car at \$2600 has been reduced to \$1600 since no new car will be needed this year.

The county welfare budget is up some, reaching \$14,594, as compared with \$13,075 for 1961-62. Bulk of the increase is attributed to aid for dependent children with some also added for general assistance.

All county elective officers are receiving salary increases of \$300, the assessor, clerk, judge and sheriff all going from \$5400 to \$5700. The health nurse's salary is up from \$5400 to \$5600. Nurse's car and expense has been cut from \$1200 to \$800 but an additional item of \$500 is provided for office supplies and incidentals.

Salary of treasurer is raised to \$3900 from \$3600, and salary of the justice of the peace, sixth district, is increased from \$2100 to \$3000. That for the justice of the peace in the fifth district is raised from \$1200 to \$1500 and his office clerk is increased from \$600 to \$1200. Expense for district attorney, who receives salary from the state, is up—to \$2400 from \$1304.

College District Election Friday

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The Blue Mountain district Community College would be located in Pendleton. It would seek to offer vocational and technical education to students of the area, would offer standard collegiate courses for transfer to higher institutions, would offer adult education programs for special needs of the area it serves and would give extension courses for groups in the communities it embraces.

Financial support for the college would come from three sources: 1. Student fees. 2. State aid. 3. Local support by a property tax. Because the bulk of the money is to come from that already allocated by the state and from student fees, proponents of the proposal have estimated that the property tax in the district would be approximately two-tenths of a mill for operating costs. Highest estimates do not exceed five-tenths of a mill for operation. However, additional may be required for equipment.

Total operating budget for the first year has been estimated at \$149,800, a cost per student of \$700, estimating that 214 will be enrolled.

Of the total, \$92,662 would come from state aid, \$42,800 from student fees (at the rate of \$200 per student), and \$14,338 from local property tax. This latter tax, spread over the assessed valuation of Umatilla and Morrow counties (totaling \$83,918,991) would bring the two-tenths mill levy.

Extending to 1967-68, it is expected that enrollment at the school will grow to some 538 students with per student cost of \$800 per year and a total operating budget of \$430,400. State aid then is estimated at \$286,754 and student fees (at the rate of \$250 each) would bring \$121,051. Local area support would be \$22,598, which would represent less than a half-mill on the tax levy, assuming that the district's valuation is the same as now.

Abrams said Thursday morning after attending a meeting in Pendleton Wednesday night that it is expected that some new technical equipment would be needed that would bring the local property tax levy for the college to about one mill or possibly as much as 1 1/2 mills.

As enrollment grows in the college, it is anticipated that a building program would be needed. However, needs of the college could be met by using existing facilities for at least three years.

If a building program were undertaken, 75 per cent of the cost would come from the state and 25 per cent from the local district.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: Marian Tripp, Kinzua; Clive Huston, Heppner; Darlene Padberg, Lexington; James G. Thomson, Heppner; Harold Mabe, Kinzua; Ruby Billingsley, Kinzua; and George Curtis, Condon.

Those dismissed this week were: Ralph Medlock, Kinzua; Nicholas Marick, Ione; Marie Yocum, Lexington; and Edward Strahm, Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. Fulton, Fossil, are the parents of a 5 lb., 12 oz. daughter born June 1. The young miss was named Sandra Lynn.

This morning, June 7, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rea. He weighed 5 lb., 11 oz. and joins a brother, LeRoy, at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Howton, Hermiston, and Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea, Ione. A great-grandmother, Tuda Swanson, lives in Ione.

Pastor and Layman To Attend Conclave

Pastor Ken Robinson of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches and Gerald Peterson will attend the North Pacific district convention of the American Lutheran church from June 11 to 14 at Pacific Lutheran university, Parkland, Wn. The two will be delegates from the two local churches.



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