

Board Eyes Budget Matters

Matters in connection with the budget were considered by directors of Morrow County School District R-1 at its regular meeting Monday night.

Resignation of Mrs. Max Barclay from the budget committee was received and accepted, and Mervin Leonard of Lexington was appointed to fill the unexpired term. Jim Driscoll was appointed from Heppner to the committee.

Members on the committee are as follows: Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, Heppner, July 1, 1963; Mervin Leonard, Lexington, July 1, 1963; Frank Anderson, Heppner, July 1, 1964; Mrs. Donna Bergstrom, Ione, July 1, 1964; Leonard Bedord, Boardman, July 1, 1964; Warren McCoy, Irrigon, July 1, 1965; and Jim Driscoll, Heppner, July 1, 1965.

Superintendent Robert Van Houte said that he expects that a surplus of some \$59,000, which has accumulated in delinquent taxes collected and from unexpected funds, will be on hand later in the year.

Director Fred Martin moved that the funds be used to help complete the Heppner-Lexington high school project, and the

motion was carried. When contract was let on the job, several portions of the structure were left as alternates in order that the funds available came with in the low bid. Martin's motion was that the funds be used "to make the property or investment as usable as possible." The surplus funds actually will not be available until later in the fiscal year when tax payments accumulate, and also, the surplus is contingent upon how well taxes are paid.

The matter of salary adjustments was considered in preliminary planning for next year's budget. One idea considered was that the bottom step on the salary schedule be eliminated and this would have the effect of giving teachers a double increment in the next fiscal year. Low salary here now is \$4500. Under the proposal it would be \$4700. Directors mentioned that Portland's low salary is now \$4800 and the district there is talking of \$5200 minimum. Other districts are raising, too, and this increases the difficulty of getting and holding teachers without maintaining a competitive position, Van Houte pointed out.

Director Dick pointed out that other districts seem to determine the trend, but declared that Morrow county is in the position of having to be "followers, not leaders."

Darrel Reisch, director of special services, said that he had contacted garages of the county in regard to bus maintenance and asked that the board grant authorization to take busses to the best apparent places for maintenance work instead of requiring bids.

Motion was passed that in the absence of satisfactory bids on

maintenance, the director of special services be authorized to provide for maintenance at his discretion. This means that Reisch will be able to take busses of a certain make to garages which handle that make, or in event of emergencies to those who can handle the job quickly.

Director Martin reported for a committee that had been appointed to investigate the Upper Rhea Creek bus run, and the recommendation was that it be left as originally scheduled. Martin said that this was in the interests of the greatest good to the greatest number.

The board adopted a policy on married students but asked that the superintendent obtain a copy of an attorney-general's ruling to incorporate in it. The statement of policy is as follows:

"The School Board does not encourage early marriages and believes matrimony should be delayed until students graduate. However, the board feels that a good education is of such importance that it should not be denied to any student. All students should be allowed to participate in school activities, as these will contribute to their education. The attorney-general has ruled that students cannot be denied the right to participate because of being married. Married students will be required to follow the rules and regulations which apply to all students. The school district superintendent may establish special program schedules to meet the needs of married students."

The board clarified an apparent misunderstanding on the Hardman school, which it offered to sell to responsible residents of the community at a minimum price, just enough to make the transaction legal. Previously it had been erroneously reported that the board would lease the school to the community at that figure.

Building progress reports were heard. The Irrigon school addition is due to be completed this week except for some stainless steel in the kitchen that is due by Thanksgiving. Classrooms are finished. It is hoped that pupils and teachers at the school may move into the addition by next week.

Heppner-Lexington building is moving at a good pace, although construction was held up 10 days on beams to be used for floor supports, a delay occasioned by the storm in the Willamette Valley.

Use of school buses for weekend trips to the Arbuckle Mountain ski area was denied by the board because of complications on the PUC permit, insurance problems, and district liability. The club had asked to use the buses and had agreed to pay for gasoline and drivers.

Principals of the county reported on financial condition of their student bodies and all were found to be in solvent shape.

Hospital Meet Set

An important meeting of the Pioneer Memorial hospital auxiliary will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November 19, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The meeting is regularly held in the evening of the third Monday of the month, but the change to the afternoon time is made because of the conflict with the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers. It is important that all members attend the coming meeting.

Mahans Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mahan, Seattle, are the parents of an 8 lb., 11 oz. son, born November 13. The young fellow is their first baby and is named Steven Michael. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mahan, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Newkirk, Harlingen, Texas. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mahan, Heppner. The baby arrived on the birthday of his grandmother, Mrs. Alvie Mahan.

Martha Doherty Wins State Title At SCD Meeting

Awards to Oregon soil conservation districts and glimpses of what is ahead in the field of soil and water conservation highlighted the opening sessions of the 14th annual meeting of the State Association of Soil Conservation districts at Eugene last Thursday.

Martha Doherty, Heppner high school senior, reminded her listeners of the disastrous Heppner flood to stress the importance of water conservation to win the annual speech contest.

Second place went to Starla Banta, Albany. Other winners, in order, were Vickie Gates, Portland; Lois Hobson, Merrill; and Beverly Ward, John Day. Bert Easterbrook, Cave Junction, contest chairman, said the contest was started as a means to teach boys and girls the importance of soil and water conservation.

Martha won three contests to gain the finals and received a \$50 Savings Bond and a trophy for the honor.

In the four years of the speech contest, one state winner has come from Hermiston, one from Condon, and with this year's championship by Martha, one from Heppner. Bev Davidson of Heppner won third last year.

Adult and sweepstakes winners in the annual soil judging contest were announced Thursday afternoon by Art King, Oregon State University extension soils specialist. The contest was held Wednesday.

In individual competition among men, first went to L. C. Ellickson, Eugene; second to Sam Galvin, Turner, and third to Elmer Palmer, Heppner. In the women's individual competition, Mrs. Leona Kasner, Burnt Woods, was first; Mrs. Andrieu, second, and Mrs. Elmer (Muriel) Palmer, Heppner, third.

Check Shows Ione Lost Big Game By Mere 2 Yards

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ing heels disappear into the end zone.

Blanked in the third while Crane's power took over, the Cardinals came back in the fourth and moved deep towards paydirt. Crabtree faded back and shot a long pass into the end zone. A Crane defender got in front of potential receiver Jim Martin, batted the pigskin into the air, but it settled down into Martin's waiting arms for a touchdown. Crabtree plunged—lying point, 19-19.

Although it was a disappointing end to a fine season for the Cards, they gave a good account of themselves. Their main deficiency was their inability to contain Able who moved with Coach Jim Potter from Hereford to Crane when Potter took the post as Crane coach this year. Coach Biehl said later that he felt Ione would have been in better shape for the quarter-final game if the squad had had some tougher and closer contests towards the end of the year.

But even so, the Cardinals can say with truth that they have only been beaten once in two years—that to Sisters in the state finals last year.

Crane now meets Hereford in the B-8 semi-finals.

Score:
Crane 0 6 13 0—19
Ione 6 6 0 7—19

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: Montie Torgeson, Albany; Clarence Piper, Cecil; Guy Chapin, Hardman; Maurice Elder, Heppner; Marion Rinehart, Condon; Dollie Fraters, Heppner; Clifford Christianson, Heppner; John Laxson, Clackamas; and Alfred Drake, Heppner.

Those dismissed for this same period were: Harlan McCurdy, Sr., Heppner; Mark E. Rietmann, Ione; Dolores Torgeson, Albany; Beverly Fisher, Heppner; Grant Powell, The Dalles; Hannah Anderson, Heppner; Hillard Brown, Heppner; Jerry Phillips, Kinzua.

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Co-op Hears of Space Travel

A glimpse into the fantastic future of space exploration through the words and pictures of a Boeing Company expert, and a fine financial report for the past fiscal year were highlights of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op annual meeting at Condon's Memorial Hall Friday.

Dr. Walter Hiltner of Boeing presented some excellent photos of stars, planets and constellations, and told of the Dyna Soar program. He had a scale model of the Dyna Soar to show.

Some of the figures he brought to the crowd of 225 staggered the imagination. He discussed the possibility of flights beyond the moon and told of a seven-stage rocket that might be developed to reach Mars.

A trip to Pluto, most distant of the planets at some 350 billion miles away, would require some 150 years traveling at 35,000 to 40,000 miles per hour.

A round trip to Mars would require about 1½ years, as it would be necessary to remain for 180 days before the planet was in position for the return flight.

One picture showed a star which had "exploded" and was in a burning state. Had this occurred to earth, it would have turned into a big cinder ball, Dr. Hiltner said.

Harley Young, manager of the co-op, reported that the past year had been the best year since the co-op was formed. Net margin was \$19,710, and storm damage was at a minimum.

Walter Jaeger, Condon, gave the president's report, and Jack Hynd Jr. of Cecil gave the report of the secretary-treasurer. Jaeger, Walter Wright of Hardman and Virgil West of Blalock were re-elected directors for three-year terms, and officers were all re-elected, including Jaeger, Hynd and Richard Krebs, Cecil, vice president.

Charge Facing The Dalles Hunter

A hunter from The Dalles, Grant Leroy Powell, was shot in the hip Saturday afternoon about three miles northwest of Matlock waterhole and some 25 miles southeast of Heppner. He was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment and Monday was removed to a hospital in Pendleton.

An attending physician said that he expects Powell to be "laid up" about a year.

District Attorney Herman Winter said after the accident that a charge of negligent wounding of another, a misdemeanor, would be filed against Paul O. Melugin, 22, Rt. 4, The Dalles. The district attorney said that it was reported to him that Melugin, a hunter in the same party with Powell, fired a "noise" shot that struck Powell in the hip. It was from a .30 caliber rifle.

Warrant for Melugin's arrest was issued by Justice of the Peace J. O. Hager this week and was signed by State Patrolman Ross Patrick. Arrest was expected to be made in The Dalles and Melugin, who like Powell, is understood to be employed in the aluminum plant in The Dalles. He will then be brought to Heppner for arraignment.

Among guests at the day-long meeting were Charles Allen of the Public Utilities commission from Salem; W. W. Carlson of Westinghouse Electric Supply, Portland; Ernie Kirsch, county agent of Gilliam county; Don W. Dumont, Stubbs Electric, Portland; Ray Wooley, Hermiston, manager of Umatilla Electric Co-op; Robert Welty, The Dalles, Columbia Basin engineer; and other local guests.

Thirteen door prizes were distributed, ranging from electric clocks to electric blankets. Musical entertainment was given by the Congregational choir of Condon and was thoroughly enjoyed by the group. Some 175 attended the luncheon served by ladies of the Eastern Star of Condon.

Two motion pictures, "Fish and Dams," and "Men, Ice and Steel," were enjoyed as pre-luncheon features.

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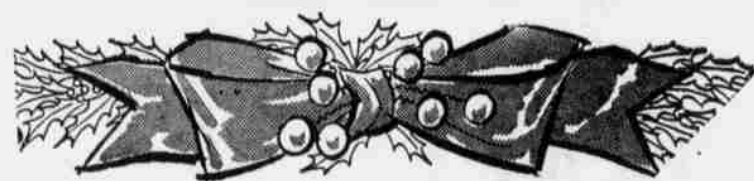
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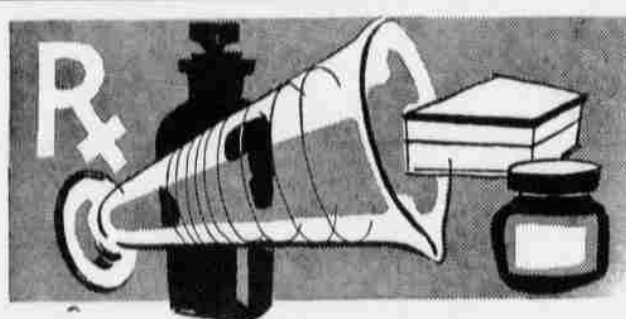
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