

Morrow County School Budget Shows Increase

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General Fund Climbs Above Million Mark

(Budget printed on pages 2 and 3, Sec. 2).

Expenses for operation of Morrow county schools for the year 1963-64 are estimated at more than \$1 million in the general fund for the first time in the budget approved by the budget committee on March 4 and adopted by the school board Monday night.

Total expenditures in the general fund are set at \$1,028,452 as compared with the \$895,238 for 1962-63. Amount to be raised by taxes in the general fund is set at \$772,966 as compared with \$690,345 for the current school year, an increase of \$82,621, which would be an additional levy of approximately four mills for school purposes.

Of this, \$554,410 is outside the 6% limitation and will be subject to a vote at an election to be held April 22. Inside the 6% limitation is \$218,556. Bond interest and redemption fund, placed at \$98,416 for the year, is not subject to the vote, since it was approved by voters before the expenditures were authorized.

While the expenditures in the general fund are up by \$133,214, the total of all funds, including bond interest and redemption, school lunch fund, construction fund and building fund, as well as general fund, is less than last year. The grand total is placed at \$1,588,852 for the year 1963-64 as compared with \$1,952,316 last year. The latter figure included the total of \$870,000 authorized by the bond issue that was approved by voters of the district. Included in this year's total is the unexpended balance estimated to be \$390,000 at the start of the 1963-64 fiscal year.

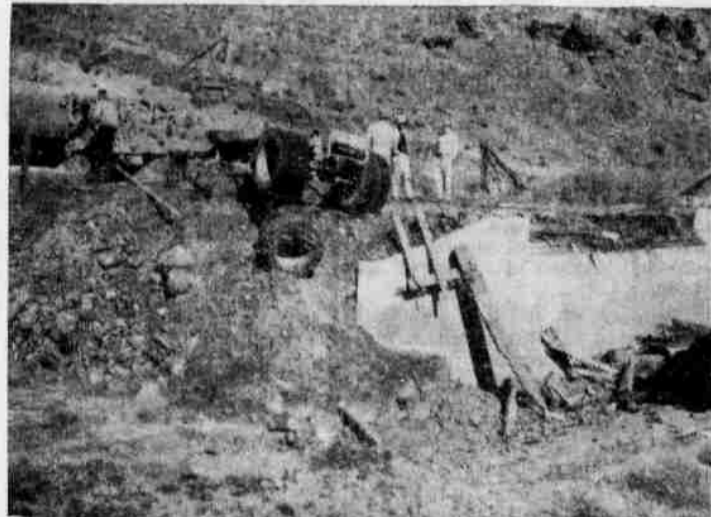
Increase in the budgeted expenditures can be attributed almost entirely to two factors: 1. Increase in instructional services, including teacher and administrator salary increases. 2. The building program and costs incidental to the new buildings.

Of the \$82,621 increase to be raised by taxes, some \$55,000 is additional in the division of instruction. About \$33,000 is for teacher salary increases and for added staff. A considerable portion of the salary increases is accounted for by the normal increments that accrue under the salary schedule, and the balance is due to the increases granted in setting up a new salary schedule that was recently approved by the school board. The county

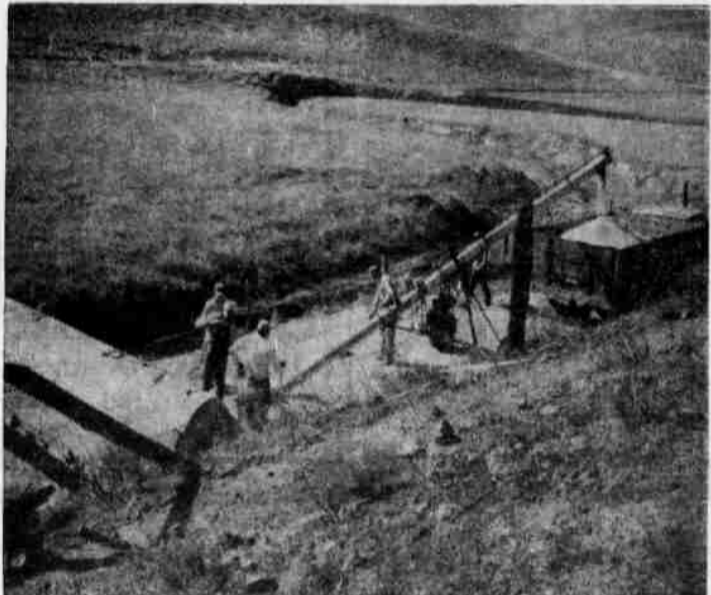
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THIS WAS all that was left of a county road bridge in Blackhorse Canyon, three miles from Lexington, when a truck and trailer loaded with grain went through it Friday. The truck made it across but the trailer didn't. (G-T Photo)



THIS WAS left of the trailer that broke down the bridge in Blackhorse canyon Friday. Tank is across road at left. Wheels, tires and frame lie in a crumpled heap beside the demolished bridge. Apparently the bridge was broken by weight of a truck that went over it earlier in the day, but fell through after second truck, driven by a Mr. Hoffman of Sun Trucking Co., Pasco, Wn., reached it about 8:30 a.m. (G-T Photo)



THIS SHOWS crew of men salvaging wheat that spewed from upset trailer. Truck and trailer combined weighed 76,000 pounds. The driver said they carried 850 bushels of wheat. (G-T Photo)

Big Grain Rig Collapses County Road Bridge

A truck and trailer outfit, loaded with wheat and weighing about 76,000 pounds, crushed a weakened county road bridge in Blackhorse canyon about 8:30 a.m. Friday.

The bridge was demolished, the tank trailer emerged in a pile of twisted wreckage, the truck sustained considerable damage, and the driver, a man identified only as "Hoffman," escaped unhurt.

Apparently the bridge had been weakened by another loaded truck that crossed it earlier because others reported having seen it in a sagging condition. Hoffman did not spot the damage as he approached, however. The truck itself made it across the bridge, but the span folded when the trailer hit it. The heavy hitch was sheered, wheels and frame of the trailer piled up in a heap, and the tank rolled over on its side across the highway, spewing its load of wheat over the road and on the shoulders.

When the hitch broke, air connections were also broken, and Hoffman lost his power steering and brakes. The truck continued down the road for some 400 feet out of control, veered into a steep roadside bank, started to climb a bank, then came to a stop in a twisted position. Its heavy weight probably kept it from rolling over.

Spring Vacation Starts Wednesday

Spring vacation for schools in Morrow county will begin at the close of school Tuesday and will continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the office of Robert Van Houte, school superintendent, announces.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	51	25	—
Friday	57	29	—
Saturday	52	37	—
Sunday	54	35	—
Monday	49	30	.07
Tuesday	46	23	—
Wednesday	58	30	—

A measurable amount of snow (.4") fell on Monday.

Some 850 bushels of wheat were in the load, and a crew from Morrow County Grain Growers came and salvaged that which was dumped in the accident. The big rig is owned by Sun Trucking Company, and was hauling from the place of Mrs. Amanda Duvall to Patterson Ferry.

The county said Thursday that the Blackhorse canyon road is open while a new bridge is being built, with traffic being detoured around it. Stringers were rotten on the ends although it was reported that the bridge had been repaired within the past two years. Judge Oscar Peterson said that steel stringers will be used in the replacement job.

Press to be Installed; Next Paper Due Early

Publishers of the Gazette-Times will greet an old friend next week.

The big Miehle newspaper press that was the property of the Remizer-Observer, Dallas, during the 14 years they were associated with that paper will be installed at the Gazette-Times shop late next week, having been purchased from the Woodburn Independent where it has been for the past six or seven years.

Because installation of the press will have to be completed in time to print the March 28 paper, the March 21 issue of the paper will be published a day early to allow more time. Next week's paper, then, should be in the mail late Wednesday afternoon. The Miehle press will give twice the press capacity of the present Babcock Optimus press, printing four pages at a time instead of the present two. Thus, it will cut tedious press time in half and will also cut folding time in half. Equipped with an intricate Cross feeder, the installation is expected to eliminate hand feed-

District Board Offers Contracts to Teachers

Teacher and administrator contracts were offered by directors of Morrow County School district R-1 at their meeting Monday night. Many of them were for one-year terms, but others who have qualified were offered three-year contracts. The board rejected one teacher.

In addition, there are many serving on current 3-year contracts who were not up for consideration.

Reports of progress on construction were given by Supt. Robert Van Houte, who said that the Heppner-Lexington high school will be 98% completed by the end of May. Dick Meador has been hired to level parking area and physical education field to start about April 1 and will do as much work as he can for the \$2500 budgeted for the purpose.

Some adjustments to the furnace operation and other matters are yet to be done at the A. C. Houghton addition, Irigon, before the contractor receives final payment.

Supt. Van Houte suggested to the board that it start considering possible sites for the Riverside school in the Boardman area and asked that preliminary negotiations be started to find a suitable site, particularly with the Northern Pacific Railway company. This is matter to which Director Harvey Warner has issued strong objections on the basis that the board has not yet voted to choose a site at Boardman but merely adopted the report of a special committee that had recommended "a site in the Boardman area." Van Houte said that negotiations would be only preliminary and that nothing could be culminated without board action.

School Attorney Bob Abrams reported regarding legal aspects of the Irigon petition to join with Umatilla and said that conflicting opinions have been received as to whether the matter is the responsibility of the district boundary board or the Morrow county school board. The State Department of Education has asked the attorney-general

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Tryco to Sponsor John Deere Day Here March 21

Farmers of the area will gather Thursday, March 21, to take part in the annual John Deere Day which will be sponsored by the Tryco Equipment Co. at the Heppner Tryco plant starting at 10 a.m.

Gerald Rea, host for the show, describes this year's John Deere Day as one of the most interesting he has ever offered. The day is to be devoted entirely to farmers, their wives, and children. Free lunch will be served at noon, and there will be door prizes as well as favors for children.

"This is the one day in the year," says Rea, "that we set aside for the farm families of this vicinity. It is an attempt on our part to acknowledge the great contribution of the farmer to the whole idea of American enterprise."

The full day's program is to be highlighted by a film presentation featuring the latest in farm equipment shown under actual working conditions. In addition, farmer-guests will be treated to some new films demonstrating the advances of chemistry in farming, new work methods, and recent innovations which keep agriculture in pace with world progress.

These films, according to Rea, are interlaced with entertainment which features some of Hollywood's and TV's most popular personalities. Among them is Cliff Arquette—better known to adults and children alike as Charlie Weaver. The supporting cast includes such perennial favorites as Andy Devine, Allen Jenkins, Donna Douglas, and the "Titus Moody" of Fibber-McGee-and-Molly fame.

"This invitation is extended to every farmer, no matter what type of equipment he has preference for. In fact, we think that this is the kind of program that will interest anyone who finds his livelihood closely linked with the soil," Rea said.

Admission to the program is free, and no tickets are required. Tryco plans to hold an open house in conjunction with John Deere Day and to put on display late models of tractors and equipment. Farmers will be invited to see the machinery, to look it over and to make arrangements for demonstrations on their own farms.

Lamb Undergoes Nose Operation

Mayor Al Lamb is recuperating in the Portland Sanitarium and hospital from an operation to his nose that he underwent Tuesday after entering the hospital Monday.

The operation was to clear an obstruction and help to relieve a sinus condition. Report on his condition Thursday morning was that his nose is sore and swollen, but he expected to come home either Thursday or Friday.

50-Mile Hikers Halt About Halfway Point After Chilly Going

Four venturesome hikers, who found themselves emmeshed in the current 50-mile walk-and-trot craze, covered about half that distance early Sunday morning, en route from Heppner to highway 30, before giving up.

Bill Blake, who had made a wager with a friend and then stuck to his guns in making the attempt, went 22 miles before yielding to the muscle cramps in his legs, aggravated by the cold, windy night.

Wade Bothwell had dropped out at the 20-mile point. Alvin McCabe made about 26 miles and Ken Klingler topped the field with 27 miles. Jim Dunbar also was with the party, but had a wager to cover a shorter distance in a certain time, and finished his route earlier in the evening.

The contingent started at midnight from Heppner, going down Willow creek with their destination being Heppner junction on Highway 30, plus the three additional miles to the west to make it 50.

Wind was whipping up a fury, however, and this helped them not a bit. Bill Sowell drove the escort car and was well equipped with whatever might bring aid and comfort to them—short of giving them a ride.

Despite the late hour of the start, the hikers had plenty of company from the nocturnal set. Blake estimated that 150 cars came out to watch proceedings at various times during the hike, but their presence did not prove to lift morale of the hikers because it forced them to walk on the shoulder much of the time. Timewise, they did very well. By 6:30 Blake had covered 22 miles an average walking speed of about four miles per hour. If he had been able to maintain the speed through the 50-mile distance, he would have made it in just over 12 hours.



THIS IS the old Homestead at High Butterby, Durham, England, where the Hynd family came from. The Hynd place at Cecil is named "Butterby Flats" after the English homestead. Photo was sent by J. Alan Kingston who now farms at High Butterby.

High Butterby Farmer Tells Of Hynds' Homestead

J. Alan Kingston, chairman of the National Farmers Union in England, has written a very interesting letter to the editor of the Gazette-Times from High Butterby Farm, Croxdale, Durham county, England, after reading the recent article in the paper about the Hynd Bros. operations and history in Morrow county.

"I read with great interest in your paper of January 10, 1963, the account of the Hynd Bros.," he states.

"It may be of interest for you to know I farm at High Butterby and the home of the Hynd family, where they were born. I have lived there the past 10 years, though others have farmed there not connected with the family.

"I am a great nephew of Jennie Lowe, nee Hynd. I have fully mechanized and modernized the 200 acres holding, milking 60 cows and producing 200 gallons of milk daily. The cows are in a yard and parlour system with self feed. There are 100 breeding ewes, Suffolk and Masham breed, 50 acres wheat. The rest is in Italian rye grass, which gives an all year-round very good grass for milk production.

"I am 34 years of age and am the youngest chairman of the National Farmers Union and

leader of the Young Farmers club (your 4-H).

"My mother visited Oregon two years ago, staying with her cousins, Mrs. Henry Krebs, Sr., at Arlington and Bob and Bill Lowe at Heppner, visiting David Hynd at his home and meeting Nellie Doney. David died a few months after her visit.

"I enclose a picture of the old Homestead of High Butterby. I am sure if you are to reproduce it in your paper the family and friends will be greatly interested. The farm is still owned by the Salvin family, which they have done since the Norman Conquest in 1066.

"Thanking you in anticipation of your interest. Yours sincerely, J. Alan Kingston."

The Hynd Bros. story appeared in this paper after they were chosen as Livestockmen of the Year in Morrow County. County Agent Neils Anderson and Wes Sherman, editor of the paper, spent a day visiting the ranches at Cecil and collaborated on writing their story.

Spring Opening Billed Next Week

Gala spring opening, second in this year's promotions by Heppner merchants, will be Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants' committee, announces.

Heppner stores will have new spring merchandise to offer, and many will have bargain buys for the public. Some stores have announced plans for other special events to tie in with the spring opening.

The Gazette-Times will be printed a day earlier than usual next week because a new press will be installed later in the week. Thus, those advertising for the spring opening are asked to cooperate by getting their material ready early. Members of the staff will be working Friday (tomorrow) on the Opening and will contact merchants for their advertising.

Spring Opening will be followed in April by another promotion, the Spring Festival, at which time a parade and other features are scheduled.

Royal Court Completed Now

Selection of princesses for the 1963 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court were completed the past week with the selection of princesses from Boardman and Lena District.

Sharon Donovan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, was recently announced as first choice from Boardman.

Chosen to represent Lena District is Nancy Cleveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland.

Pictures and complete stories of each princess will appear later. The girls will go to Pendleton this week-end to choose their official outfits and will start appearing in a busy summer schedule.

Talent Show Promises Tops in Entertainment

"You'll get your money's worth of entertainment Friday night at the PTA Talent Show," promises Gordon Hutchens, chairman. The show will start at 8 p.m. Friday, March 15, in the Heppner high school gym. Grade school students have been competing for prizes in the advance ticket sale, and tickets will also be sold at the door.

A special attraction during one of the intermissions will be folk dancing by fourth graders, whose teachers are Mrs. Sam Miller and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael. These youngsters have been working on their dances for several weeks.

Dancing, pantomimes, accordion and trombone solos, novelty singing acts, and instrumental groups are included in the program. Winners will be decided by audience applause, and those at the rehearsal comment that it will be hard indeed to select from the contestants. Divisions have been changed to fit the entries, so that the prizes are now offered in three

groupings: lower grades, upper grades, and high school. The prizes have also been changed so that there will be four winners in each group. First place winners will receive \$5, second \$3.50, third \$2.00, and fourth \$1.00. The grand prize winner will receive an additional \$5. Winners will be selected by the "applause-o-meter" built by Ed Gonty for last year's show. Judges will scrutinize the meter carefully as it determines the winners.

Concessions will be sold during intermission by fourth grade room mothers, Mrs. Jim Healy and Mrs. Mike Whitesmith, assisted by Mrs. Harry Proudfoot and Mrs. Gene Hall. Working with Gordon Hutchens on the show are Mrs. Emil Greshens, Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Fred Gimbel and Gene Pierce, who will be master of ceremonies.

Proceeds of the show will go into the PTA scholarship fund. The organization has contributed \$710 to loan and scholarship awards this year.

Dick to Retire From School Board

L. E. (Ed) Dick, a veteran of nearly 16 years as a school board director, announced Monday night that he will not seek reelection to Morrow County School district board R-1 when his current term expires at the end of the fiscal year June 30.

Dick first became a school director for the Heppner school board in 1946. He was off for one year when he was president of the Parent-Teacher association and resigned at another time, but because he was reelected at the school election just a few months later, was off service for only a short time on that occasion.

Since the formation of the county school board, he has served for one full term.

School election will be on May 6, and petitions for director must be filed by April 5. At this time no candidacies have been announced.

A candidate for the board must reside in the zone that he will represent. Dick represented Heppner, within the city limits. However, anyone in the district may sign a candidate's petition or initiate such a petition, and every registered voter in the county may ballot on the candidate.

Yocom Girl, 7, Rescues Sister

Fast action by Debbie Yocom, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom of Lexington, is credited with saving the life of her 2-year-old sister from drowning in Pendleton Sunday.

The Ycoms had gone to Pendleton to visit the Leonard Halseys there. The three Yocom daughters, Debbie, Nellie, 6 and Marie, 2, went out to play in a dry creek bed. However, Marie wandered over to a small pond and fell in. Debbie saw her floating in the pond and pulled her out while Nellie ran to call her mother.

Mrs. Yocom said that artificial respiration was not necessary to revive Marie, but she seemed rather dazed. When the mother "shook her a little" she resumed normalcy.

The incident gave the entire family quite a scare. They were rather shaken by the experience but are grateful that it didn't turn into tragedy. "I'm glad the girls used their heads," Mrs. Yocom said.