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Sportsmen's Club Could Fill Need

"Whether you like to hunt, fish, or just enjoy the cool trip to the mountains on a hot summer day—please help us to boost recreation that doesn't require an expensive investment—just cooperation and some ideas on how to make the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers once again an active organization!"

This is the appeal of a group interested in the reorganization of a once active sportsmen's club in Morrow county. At one time the club had a membership of some 150 persons and sponsored several activities for youngsters, promoted sportsmen-landowner relations, took stands on matters of importance concerning wildlife, and not the least of its functions—provided an enjoyable time for families who belonged.

While Morrow county seems to be well supplied with clubs of various types for its size, it almost seems peculiar that there is no sportsmen's club, in view of the tremendous interest in hunting and fishing here and with the great opportunity to participate in these activities.

There certainly is a wide range of good that could be done by such an organization. Last hunting season pointed up the need to develop better relations between landowners and sportsmen, for instance. Remember the registered bull that was killed with a shotgun blast? This club could not only promote better sportsmanship but could actively assist in seeking out the few wanton ones whose acts of destruction make it tough on all sportsmen.

Because this is deer and elk country and attracts hundreds of outsiders each season, problems come up that concern sportsmen. The local organization would give them a voice in approaching the game commission and proposing their ideas on sound wildlife management.

The area of activity for youth is one of the good possibilities of the club. Taking an interest in teaching the youngsters how to hunt and fish properly not only would be a delight for the kids, but it would start them on the road to being good sportsmen for tomorrow. The former club, we understand, backed a number of activities for the youngsters.

The Chamber of Commerce has long recognized that our recreational possibilities are among our best assets here. It would be good for everyone if there were an organization devoted to the sphere of hunting and fishing to help with the conservation and management with this resource.

To the many, then, who are interested in hunting and fishing, we join those who are calling the reorganization meeting in asking that this night of Wednesday, March 20, be set aside to attend the session. There is opportunity to form an organization that will be not only beneficial to its members but important to our area.

Take Time to Study the Budget

In this issue, the budget for Morrow county school district R-1 for 1963-64 is published for the first time. It represents a great investment and takes by far the largest part of the property taxpayer's dollar. This year, expenditures of the general fund as proposed in the budget have climbed over \$1 million for the first time. Tax levy, if the budget is approved, would be some four mills more than last year.

Two factors are largely responsible for the increase, and they are apparent throughout the budget: 1. Teacher salary increases and added instructional staff. 2. Expanded building program.

Taxpayers should take some time to study this budget. That's the reason it is published. Comparative figures are given to show the figures in each division with those of previous years, and it isn't hard to tag the areas showing increases and those showing decreases.

It can be readily seen that the cost of instruction is up, for instance, when one refers to that division. The board recently advanced its salary schedule and did so with the feeling that it has to keep pace with a going rate of pay for teachers statewide if it is to bring good teachers here and retain them. Much of the budgetary increase, though, is attributed to normal increments on the regular salary schedule adopted previously.

Instruction increase brings other lesser increases. For instance, it adds to Social Security costs to the district, to state industrial accident and other associated costs.

In the case of buildings, when the new structures are built to provide for expanding enrollments, there is not only the cost of construction to be considered, but each added structure brings added cost in maintenance and operation, and this may be noted throughout the current budget.

It can be seen, for example, that the item for custodial staff is up, because new buildings require janitors. Amount for heat is up, and the sum allowed for utilities also is higher.

The figure proposed to be raised by taxes for general fund purposes this year is \$772,966, as compared with \$690,345 last year, an increase of \$82,621. Of this amount, roughly \$55,000 of the increase goes to added staff and salary increases, and most of the balance may be attributed to the costs of new buildings, both direct and indirect.

Those who will decide on the budget at the time of the school election on April 22 should take the opportunity now to examine it. If any points are not clear, they should ask questions now. Last year this paper urged attendance at the budget hearing and only 13 attended and not more than three questions were asked by the audience, yet the budget had a narrow squeak at the polls.

Logical time to scrutinize and question is before the election. If there are items in the budget which should not be included, the best time to delete them is before it goes to a vote.

It is quite apparent that the 1963-64 school budget will not have an easy time of passage.

One can find no complaint against a voter who takes the time to become informed, and having gained an understanding, casts his ballot against the budget in good conscience. There is reason to look disdainfully, though, on those who make no effort to examine the proposed expenditures and then vote against the budget because of misconceptions, misunderstandings or because of rumors that are prone to insidiously incite our good people.

With more than \$1 million involved, the school administration has the responsibility of justifying this expenditure, and between now and election time, should do everything possible to reach the public with the facts.

As published and presented to the people, the budget does not give sufficient detail to satisfy a critical taxpayer. There needs to be more explanation. There seem to be few persons who are not in favor of providing a good education for our children, but there is considerable difference of opinion on what costs are necessary to attain that end.

As budget-vote time approaches there is a two-way responsibility that should be emphasized: 1. The responsibility of



LEE PADBERG who turned in an outstanding year in basketball as a junior at Heppner high school this season was named this week to the Oregon Journal's all-state squad as a member of the fourth team for A-2 schools. Doug Bish of Sherman County was chosen for the third team and Richard Mickel of Pilot Rock was listed for honorable mention.

Lecture Scheduled On Old Oregon Trail

Larry Smilton of Pendleton will lecture on the Old Oregon Trail at a meeting in the Masonic lodge rooms Tuesday night, March 19, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited to come and hear Smilton who has done wide research on the Oregon Trail.

The open meeting will follow the regular lodge meeting, according to Clarence Baker of the Masons.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor
Dear "FRIEND OF 4-H"

Morrow County 4-H members and leaders would like to express their appreciation and thanks to you for your support of the 4-H program. It is through your interest that 4-H can continue to teach the rural and urban youth of America practical skills in agriculture, home economics, wildlife and hobbies; and the responsibilities of leadership and citizenship. We now have 43 clubs with close to 400 members enrolled 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 4-H club work possible.

Sincerely,
Joe Hay and
Esther Kirmis,
County Extension Agents

the voter to examine the budget and understand it. 2. The responsibility of the administration to do everything it can to get the facts and information to the people so that understanding is readily available to them.

In this connection, it is sad to report that there is a bill in the legislature, introduced by Reps. Richard L. Kennedy and Richard Eymann of Lane county, that seeks to reduce the amount of detail which must be published in budgets of cities, counties, school districts and similar bodies. This bill would repeal the present law, which requires that expenditures be fully itemized, and substitute therefor a summary, which "shall contain as a minimum requirement an amount for personal services, materials and services, and capital outlay for each organizational unit or activity of each fund and debt service, special payments, and operating contingencies for each fund."

This matter was proposed to the interim committee on local government last fall, but was deleted when it was opposed, but now it comes up again in this ill-advised house bill.

Reason for publishing of budgets is to inform the largest possible number of citizens about the financial plans for a taxing body. Unless the information is sufficiently detailed and itemized the reader is unable to determine, even with careful study, the cause for increased taxes. Without the detailed information, the taxpayer's natural reaction is to question increases in expenditures, but given an itemized budget he can study, he is more likely to approve the plan for the coming year.

Many Morrow county residents have indicated the need to know more about how their tax money is being spent and would object to getting less information. To reduce publication of budgets to summary form is another step to lessen the citizen's knowledge, and therefore participation, in his government. It is a dangerous trend.

Those who share this opinion should write at once to Rep. Jack Smith, together with the sponsors of HB 1589, and state their feelings.

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SHOULD THERE be others inclined to take a 50-mile hike against time, Bill Blake is now in a position to offer them some sound advice. At least he gave

Local Men Back Five-Day Plan To Stop Smoking

A "Five-Day Plan" to stop smoking, to be presented to all interested at a clinic here March 25-29, is sponsored locally by such men as Dr. H. S. Huber, Dr. C. M. Wagner and Elder Elwood Boyd, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

All smokers who would like to quit the habit are invited to participate in the clinic. Elder Boyd said. It is called the Stoneham plan because it originated in Stoneham, Mass., and has received strong support from physicians as well as church groups of various denominations.

Originators of the plan are J. Wayne McFarland, M. D., and E. J. Folkenberg, Dr. McFarland states, "Smoking is a complex neuro-muscular habit which can be far more easily broken if certain physical laws are understood."

The "5 Day Plan" consists of five sessions of group therapy developed from extensive investigation among doctors, dietitians, psychologists and clergymen. Elder Boyd declares. Those participating in the sessions will attend five evenings of the therapy, film, lectures and each will receive his own looseleaf personal control program to follow the next day.

Former Intelligence Agent Billed at lone

Dr. Kurt Singer, author of 37 books and former intelligence agent for the United States government, will speak at a National Assemblies program at lone High school Tuesday, March 26, at 10:45 a.m. Gene Harryman, principal, announces.

All patrons of the lone school are invited to come and hear him at no charge.

Dr. Singer was born in Vienna and has lived in eight countries. He is a former newspaperman and foreign correspondent. Nazis and communists both have issued warrants against him charging high treason.

At the assembly here, Dr. Singer is expected to give a special report on atomic espionage that has been utilized by the U. S. Atomic Energy commission.

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.

it the old college try, along with four others, and it gave the whole town a new zest and spirit for a while. It brought a lively topic of conversation at most gatherings, and almost everyone has volunteered an opinion on the subject.

Willie was making good time when he decided to toss in the towel after going 22 miles, and declares that it was the wind and the cold that stopped him, causing tightening of the leg muscles.

It was cold and windy, all right, and conditions weren't just right for such a venture.

We think Bill is entitled to credit for a moral victory, at least, for having the gumption to make the try.

AMONG THOSE at school board meeting Monday night was Father Bruce Spencer who attended as an observer. The session was a long one, and the first couple of hours were devoted to reading minutes, paying bills, and retiring for an executive session to consider teacher contracts. The latter portion took about an hour and the audience had nothing to do but wait.

It wasn't exactly the most stimulating evening for a busy clergyman.

Father Spencer, about 10 p.m., picked up his hat and said to others waiting out the executive session, "Well, gentlemen, I think I shall go home."

However, we admonished him, "You should sit all the way through one of these board meetings just once."

The father paused, looking us in the eye. Suddenly he pulled off his hat, tossed it on one of the hard benches in the circuit courtroom.

"Yes," he said. "It's Lent and time to do penance." He sat down and remained through the entire meeting that ended around midnight.

M & R's owners, Matt Hughes and Ray Ayers, were highly pleased with community response at their grand opening Saturday, and for the winners of their prizes, it was just like Christmas, for each of the winners. Elder Barber had her heart set on the upholstered chair. They drew her ticket. Doris Robinson wanted the electric ca. opener, and she got it. Mrs. C. N. Jones had an eye on the step stool, and she, too, was fortunate when they drew her ticket, and Josie Jones was happy with the

electric clock. So everyone was happy.

SHERMAN COUNTY'S basketball team bowed to Vales Vikings in their second game, played at Moro, Friday night and this gave the Vikes two straight and the right to go to the state tournament. Factor in the loss for Sherman, oddly enough, was the same as entered into Heppner's loss to the Moro club. Several of the boys on Sherman's team were sick. Jack Keliogg, the lad who was the powerhouse when Sherman played at Heppner in regular season, wasn't even able to go to the game. Doug Bish and one or two others were just barely able to turn out, the flu bug having bitten them.

Sounds as if a good resolution for Greater Oregon league coaches to make would be to give the boys flu shots at the start of the season!

ONE OF Eastern Oregon's very interesting weekly newspapers is the Wallowa County Chieflain of Enterprise. It contains a true yarn on the front page this week that reveals the hazards of wearing dentures.

A man had just bought a new car and was happily driving it home when he yawned. This dislodged his dentures, and they caught in his throat, strangling him. While he was undergoing a coughing and gasping spasm, he lost control of the car. It swerved off the side of the road, crossed 15 feet of shoulder and crashed headon into a telephone pole.

Bumper of the big new car was caved in, the headlight and grill were smashed and the frame was buckled. The driver was thrown into the windshield, his nose was smashed, and the glass was shattered. Blood spurted over his clothing.

But the man was lucky. The sudden stop caused his teeth to pop out and put a halt to the strangulation.

The dentures came through the accident without a scratch!

PUBLICITY RELEASES take many forms as they come to the newspaper office through the mail, and most wind up in File 13. However, the fellow who wrote one for the Intermountain Logging conference in Spokane, March 24-27, starts his in an ingenious manner, thus:

"How's about some red lead for the monkey meat?"

"I'll take a side of overland

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