

THE
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10 Cents

Plea Made for Red Cross Donations

City Orders
Park Meters;
Due May 1

One hundred new parking meters are due to arrive in Heppner for installation about May 1, 75 coming from the Park-O-Meter Co. and 25 from Traffic Appliance Corp.

The city council approved the additional 25 at its meeting Monday night after ordering the 75 previously to replace worn out and broken meters now on the streets.

The new envelope system, which will permit parking violators to pay 25c and deposit envelopes in collection boxes in lieu of payment of fines or \$1 or more, will be placed in operation soon. Envelopes have been printed, and the collection boxes have been received and are ready for installation.

At the meeting Monday night the city budget for 1963-64 was discussed briefly. The council committee will prepare the budget at meetings in May, and the citizens' committee will join with the council at a later meeting for consideration and approval of the budget.

Citizen members of the committee are Alvira Irby, Glen Ward, Clint McQuarrie, Gene Pierce, Piri Howell and Jim Myers.

The council approved a request of Bud Peck and Bud Marshall to grade Linden Drive in front of their homes.

New city well is being drilled on the Florence property on Willow Creek, and the council is seeking to satisfy the State Sanitary Authority which has asked for plans and specifications on the well for its approval. The matter was turned over to Clark and Groff, engineers for the city, to discuss with the state group.

Council authorized purchase of a lawnmower for use at the upper well. Building permits of Tom Hughes, Bill Alsop and the Gazette-Times for small projects were approved.

Reisch Reports
On School Buses,
Testing Program

Operation of activity buses on three runs in Morrow county for lone and Heppner schools cost \$284.69 for the school year to date, Darrel Reisch, director of special services of the school district, reported at the board meeting Monday, March 11.

In his detailed report on all bus operations, Reisch said that gasoline cost for the activity buses totaled \$79.19. The run from lone to the Townsend place made 61 trips, from Heppner to Lexington 28 trips, and from Heppner to Pine City 18 trips. Of the total cost, \$205.50 went to salaries. Total mileage was 2,868.

The Aero activity bus, which takes students on trips for athletic contests and other activities often outside the county, has traveled 5,701 miles this year on 34 different trips. Total cost for diesel fuel and salaries was \$540.35, he said. Since the bus uses diesel, the fuel cost is considerably lower than if it used gasoline, he reported. The total diesel consumption came to \$111.35 and salaries of drivers were \$430.00.

Reisch said that he has kept complete records on buses to date and will be able to give a complete breakdown at the end of the year on costs, mileage obtained by each bus, and which ones are giving the best service to the county system. For the year 1961-62, total transportation expenditure was \$88,521.80 in transporting 629 students, a per pupil cost of \$124.

The special services director reported on the testing program, which he administers in all parts of the county. Achievement tests have been given to the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades in Heppner, lone and Riverside High school, among them the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, California Test of Mental Maturity, General Aptitude Test Battery, and Kuder Preference Inventory.

One result of the testing program so far has been to show that students in the county appear to be weakest in reading, Reisch said. Other conclusions may be drawn as the work progresses.



TASS MORRISON



LAURA LEE SUMNER

lone and Heppner Bands
Slate Combined Concerts

Combined bands of lone and Heppner High schools will be heard in public concert tonight (Thursday) and Friday nights, under the direction of their band instructor, Arnold Melby.

The mass band of 80 instruments will play in lone tonight at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, after a combined practice there during the afternoon. There will be no admission charged.

On Friday night the same program will be presented in the Heppner High school gym. Band numbers include a variety of traditional march numbers, folk numbers, semi-popular and novelty numbers.

Cancer Crusade
Follows Easter

Rev. Kenneth Robinson, county chairman, announces that the 1963 Morrow County Cancer Crusade will begin the week after Easter and will continue until the end of the month.

A meeting of all team captains and crusaders, who are the volunteer workers, will be at Hope Lutheran church on Monday, April 15. Purpose of the meeting will be to give instruction and distribute literature.

A film, both entertaining and instructional, will highlight the meeting.

Among the team captains are: Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Matt Hughes and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr., all of Heppner; Marilyn Bergstrom, Rt. 1, Heppner; Mrs. Betty Brown, Rt. 2, Heppner; Mrs. Pete Klinger, Lexington; Mrs. Gene Cutsforth, rural Lexington; Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Jr., lone; and Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, rural lone.

The captains have been in charge of recruiting crusaders who make home contacts.

"Concern of the 1963 crusade is primarily education," Rev. Robinson said. "Families will be given literature and be made aware of the seven danger signals. It is the hope that all families will give generously to the work of conquering this killer disease."

Band Carnival Date
Moved to April 20

Because the previously announced date for the Heppner Band Carnival, April 13, falls on Easter week-end, the date has been changed to April 20, Bud Peck, president of the Band Parents' club, announces.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the supper at the Saturday event and will continue with fun on the "Gay-way" at the fair pavilion. The old favorite "dunk-tank" will be open as well as the fish ponds, dart throws, spinning wheels, cork guns, and many others for the youngsters and oldsters, too. Another popular spot is the "Country Store" with many bargains offered. Anyone having items to donate for the "Store" is asked to call the Paul Browns or Howard Cleavelands.

Band students are now selling tickets on the Marlin Levermatic 22 rifle with scope and the chaise longue. Persons holding the winning tickets need not be present to win. The prizes are being displayed in the Wilson's Men's store window. Proceeds from the carnival are used to buy new band uniforms and send deserving students to a 4-week summer school at Washington State University.

Public Asked
To Mail Funds;
Quota \$1200

In lieu of an organized fund campaign, the Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross, is appealing to the public to send in donations by mail to the chapter office, Box 773, Heppner, in the hope of reaching its quota of \$1200.

The chapter has been unable to find someone willing to take the chairmanship of the campaign, and it is hoped that the appeal through the press may find a willing response to do the job.

Checks should be made to the Morrow County Chapter, Red Cross, Membership cards will be mailed back to the contributors, the Rev. Melvin Dixon of the chapter said.

He pointed out that the worthwhile activities of the Red Cross here, including the blood program, water safety, swimming instruction, aid to servicemen and their dependents and other activities are in jeopardy unless the chapter reaches its goal.

Contributions are welcome in any amount, it was pointed out, but everyone is urged to share in this cause.

"We are using this method to appeal to your generosity," the Rev. Dixon said.

Sources of School
Funds Explained
By Superintendent

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles to explain the Morrow county school budget, written by the county school superintendent.)

By ROBERT VAN HOUTE
County School Superintendent
Where does the school district get its money for operating the school system?

In Morrow County, 81% comes from local property taxes. Somewhat over 16% from state basic school funds, about 1 1/2% from Federal sources and the remaining 1 1/2% from various sources. In Oregon averages, many districts get a better division of funds with 35% from the state, 63% from local property taxes and the rest varied.

The school board and administration are working with the members of the Legislature in an attempt to get a greater share of school funds from the state.

Local property taxes would provide about \$750,000 for school funds in the 1963-64 budget. This includes delinquent taxes also. The county, from its revenues, would provide \$15,000. Federal funds amount to \$14,000. Children of Ordnance and McNary workers, and Boardman children living on federally owned property account for this source of revenue.

Minor Sources of Funds
The school district operates the lone swimming pool and receives around \$1,000 a year in receipts from swimmers. However, the expenses of the pool are around \$2,000 a year. From Federal forest sales the school district obtains about \$4,000 annually. In December after taxes have been paid, the district deposits its funds in savings accounts and draws interest as long as a balance remains. Interest is expected to bring in about \$2500 during the next year.

Sale of minor items, insurance adjustments, tuition from other districts amounts to \$1200-\$1500 annually.

In some years, funds budgeted for some items are not fully expended and these accumulate and show as a cash balance for the following year. For 1963-64 this balance is \$60,000, mostly from delinquent taxes, unexpended emergency funds and money reserved for school sites. In most years, this amount is nearer 12 to 15 thousand dollars.

The local school property tax is mostly in excess of the 6% limitation. The proposed tax is \$750,452, increased by 3% for rebates and makes the total levy \$772,966, which is broken down as follows within the 6% limit \$218,556, and in excess of the 6% limit \$554,410.

Rea Joins Bank
Gerald Rea, formerly manager of Tri-County Equipment Company, has resigned and has taken a position with the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Gene Pierce, president of the bank, said that Rea is taking training and will be a teller at the lone bank with some of his time to be devoted to the Heppner branch.

School Budget Gets
Scrutiny at Hearing

Morrow county's school budget was given the scrutiny of more than two hours of questions and discussion at the public hearing on the budget Monday night in the courthouse.

Most parts of the budget were covered in the questions and remonstrances, ranging from relatively small items such as washers and dryers for the new Heppner-Lexington High school to major items such as teacher salaries, but the end of the hearing found no changes made. There were no additions to the

budget and no deletions. Budget election will be April 22 at the district's polling places and legal notice of the election may be found on page 7 of this section of the paper.

Andy Van Schoiack opened the questioning when he asked why \$25,000 had been budgeted for completion of the music room at the new high school when he felt it should be possible to build an additional classroom for less than that. He also pointed out the absence of a shop which he said is very important to voca-

tional training. Van Schoiack also expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of money being spent for the gym. He suggested a different system of retirement of buses, and said that six of the 19 school buses have more than 70,000 miles on them.

"I feel there are quite a few ways you can cut down on the budget and not hurt the schools," he said.

Board members described the plan of completion of various parts of the new school building that had been left out as alternates because of lack of sufficient funds under the construction contract. They said that some shop facilities may be provided under the gymnasium but welders and combustion engines cannot be placed there because of fire restrictions.

Van Schoiack said he felt that \$4300 for lights at the multipurpose room platform was excessive and criticized \$7900 for folding bleachers in the gym. He was advised that the bleachers will be the only seating in the gymnasium.

Budget Committeeman Frank Anderson told Van Schoiack that school building costs were considerably higher than for private construction because of safety regulations imposed on schools and the durable type of construction that is needed because of heavy traffic and use.

Director L. E. Dick explained the position of the board in proposing completion of some of the alternates because they felt there was no use building a school and leaving it unfinished.

Director Fred Martin, in reply to criticisms for not building the shop building now, said that he heartily agreed on the need for a shop and added, "We have a long way to go on vocational education. FFA is only a part of it. We should take a long look at vocational education and consider correlating our program with the community college."

Martin said that some areas of vocational education are being totally neglected at the secondary level, one being that of electronics which is so important in the world today.

William Parker of Irrigon said that he objected to spending so much money on gymnasium at the expense of "more needed things." It was pointed out to him that physical education is a required part of the high school program and that all students in school use the gym instead of just athletic teams.

Board chairman Dick Wilkinson, in answer to Van Schoiack's query on the buses, said that the board had found that just because a bus is a certain age does not necessarily mean that it needs to be retired because some give better service than others. "We are attempting to set standards on an individual basis," he said. Under this plan records are kept on each vehicle to determine its serviceability.

Bob Rietmann of lone, member of the advisory committee there, said he had studied the budget carefully and felt that there was a "little more money for everything in the budget than is absolutely necessary."

"It could be cut 2 to 4% without curtailing any activities," he said. Rietmann felt that the board has a tendency to over-budget and pointed to surplus funds that have accumulated in the current budget. He added with credit to the board, however, that the directors had not spent the excess funds.

Director Dick pointed out that most of the surplus came from under-estimating cash receipts and not from over-estimating expenditures.

Considerable discussion focused on the FFA program because of the exclusion of the shop building at this time. Mrs. Bill Heath asked a number of questions on the FFA program. Teacher salaries brought comments pro and con, some expressing the idea that the trend was too high in view of the fact that many taxpayers' incomes do not climb in proportion. Another

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BILL AKERS



LOUISE POINTER

lone High Names Seniors
For Honors at Graduation

Mary Louise Pointer has been selected valedictorian of the graduation class of lone High school, and Bill Akers has been named salutatorian. Miss Pointer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer of Lexington and has maintained a grade point average of 3.50 during the past seven semesters of high school.

Mr. Akers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Akers of lone, and has a grade point average of 3.20.

Miss Pointer entered lone High school last September from St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton. During her high school career she has participated in many school activities. Included in these are vice president of sophomore class, treasurer of student body during junior year, secretary-treasurer of senior class this year, student council representative for the Girls' League and is a member of the National Honor Society. Louise is interested in attending college and majoring in elementary education. She plans to attend University of Portland following graduation.

Bill Akers has taken an active part in the letterman's club. He was selected to represent lone High school at Boys' State last year, has served on the lonian staff and has participated in band activities. He was second

Gun Safety Film
On PTA Program

"Hunting Safety," a new sound, color film produced cooperatively by Oregon, Washington, and Idaho will be shown at the Heppner PTA meeting Wednesday evening, April 10, by Glen Ward of the State Game Commission. Students are invited to view the film.

The 22-minute film presents a simple theme with a positive approach to safe gun handling during hunting trips afield. The film has been reviewed by the National Rifle Association who first designed and made available the safety training course used as a basis for the course taught in the three states that produced the film.

Officers for the coming year will be elected during the business meeting, which begins at 8:00 p.m.

Winners of the Science Fair this week-end will be presented, and time will be allowed for discussion of the county school budget.

Rosco Cox Found
Dead in Trailer

Body of L. Rosco Cox, 77, who was employed by Orville Cutsforth as a caretaker at Cutsforth park, was found by Cutsforth in Cox' trailer house at the park Tuesday. Death apparently was self-inflicted from a .38 caliber pistol which was found by the body. He had been dead for two or three days before being found. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said.

A son of the deceased was notified in the east and he was expected to arrive soon to make funeral arrangements. The body was taken to Creswick mortuary. Cox is a distant relative of W. C. (Claude) Cox of Heppner. Their grandfathers were brothers.

place winner of the boys division of the Heppner Elks club "Most Valuable Student Award" contest. Bill has participated in football, basketball, and baseball during his high school career. Following graduation, he plans to attend college, selecting business education as his major field.

Two From Heppner
To Talk for Dam;
Trip Aid Needed

Plans are underway to send County Judge Oscar Peterson and Oliver Creswick, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce development committee, to the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C. in June to appear on behalf of the Willow Creek project.

Advice of the Army Corps of Engineers is that it is vital to have representatives at the Congress to present local interest in the project.

It is expected that much of the expense of the judge's trip will be borne by the county, and the Chamber of Commerce directors have voted to sponsor the trip for Creswick. However, the organization does not have the funds to carry the full expense needed, approximately \$400, and businessmen, ranchers and others interested in the project are asked to contribute to the purpose in any amount.

The contributions may be sent to Bert L. Treasurer, or Wes Sherman, secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Because the dam is expected to benefit everyone in the area, each may be willing to help in sending the men east so that a first hand account of the need and benefits of the dam may be given.

In order to make a formal appearance at the hearing applications must be submitted 60 days in advance. This has been done for Judge Peterson and Creswick by the Inland Empire Waterways association.

At the present time they are preparing maps and testimony to offer at the hearing.

The project has had a good reception to this point following hearing here early this year before the Army Engineers with a heavy preponderance of testimony favoring the dam.

Science Exhibits
Shown Friday

Science projects of Heppner Grade and High school students will be on exhibit at the School Science Fair on Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, in the multi-purpose room.

The school will be open to the public Friday evening between the hours of 7 and 10:00 p.m.

The fair is held each year in connection with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, and the local event is a preliminary to the regional fair held soon in Pendleton. Exhibits are judged and certificates awarded the best ones.

High school science teachers overseeing the fair are Don McClure, John R. Cummings and Margaret McCarter.

Van Schoiack
Files for Board

Petitions seeking election of Andy Van Schoiack as a director of Morrow County School District R-1 were received by Beverly Gunderson, district clerk, Monday. Twenty-three names were on the petitions.

Van Schoiack will oppose Conley Lanham as a candidate for the zone within the Heppner city limits, each seeking the spot that will be vacated by L. E. (Ed) Dick at the conclusion of his term June 30. He has announced that he will not seek reelection.

Van Schoiack is a member of the Heppner advisory board and formerly served as a local school district director.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	39	--
Friday	63	35	--
Saturday	57	26	--
Sunday	50	25	.04
Monday	45	22	.12
Tuesday	56	34	--
Wednesday	56	43	.11
About 1/2" snow fell Monday afternoon, April 1.			