

Article Explains School Budget Special Funds

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County School Superintendent Special School Budget Funds
The previous three articles in this series dealt with the general operating budget of the school district. This last article deals with special funds in the budget which do not influence the financing of the regular budget.

A. Bond Interest and Redemption Fund. This account provides for the payment of the principal and interest, according to the schedule established, of the bonds of the school district. During 1962-63, the amount of payment was in excess of \$100,000. This was divided as follows on bonds: Heppner (For elementary building \$15,000), Boardman, for gymnasium, \$4,000 and for the entire school district \$44,000. The interest payments totaled \$33,827. All the taxpayers paid on the county-wide bond levy but not on the first two.

For 1963-64, bonds and interest total \$95,550. The Boardman bonds are retired and only the Heppner elementary and county-wide bond issues remain. Boardman residents will have a substantial reduction, while other taxpayers will have a very small drop of one-tenth of a mill. The Morrow county school bond levy is estimated at 4.4 mills with no change in the Heppner school bond levy.

The county assessor places this levy on the tax rolls regarding of any vote on the operating budget. The bond redemption fund requirements will gradually go down over a period of several years.

B. The School Lunch Fund. The operation of the school lunch program is actually divided in two parts. The school cooks and helpers plus some suppliers are paid from the regular budget with tax monies, the other part deals with school lunch money received from the state and the money from the sale of meals in the cafeterias. Nearly 150,000 meals were served during 1961-62. State funds are about \$6500 while lunch receipts are expected to be \$38,000. This account shows that \$44,500 will be received and spent during the year on school lunches aside from the regular budget.

C. Construction Fund. This fund authorizes the spending of bond money for school building construction purposes. From the original \$870,000, nearly \$480,000 has been expended. Over \$135,000 at Irrigon and the rest at Heppner. The new budget authorizes the expenditure of the remaining \$390,000. Most of this amount will be spent on the Heppner High building, about \$270,000. The balance of \$120,000 is available for the school district share of the building to replace the existing Boardman facilities. The major portion of the cost of the new Riverside building will be paid by the Corps of Engineers; this is estimated at 85%.

D. The Teacherage and Special Buildings Fund. The school district owns several houses in Irrigon, Boardman and Ione, in addition to a building in Pine City. These are usually rented and the income placed in this special account. Recently, the houses in Boardman were sold to the Corps of Engineers and this money has also been placed in this teacherage account. From this fund, the district pays for taxes and repairs to the buildings. Funds have been budgeted to build new teacherages in the proximity of the new Riverside High school. The amount in this account at present is \$26,500, income from rentals is estimated at \$2700 and this, with other minor income, brings the total to \$29,350, potential expenditures for new housing would use virtually all the funds in this account.

Bedford's Sister Dies in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford returned from Portland Wednesday night after attending the funeral services in that city for his sister, Mrs. Ora Beatrice Heppner, on Wednesday, April 10.

The Bedfords had gone to Portland on Sunday, April 7, in order that he could attend to bank business there the following day. Mrs. Heppner had been salmon fishing, and when the Heppner folks arrived they found her lying on a couch. They believed her to be asleep, but she had died of a heart attack.

Mrs. Ida Beatrice Bedford, mother of Jack and Mrs. Heppner, had been visiting here with the Bedfords, and they were taking her home. She and her daughter lived together. The discovery came as a shock to the Bedfords and particularly to the mother.

Funeral services were at Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary with burial in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mrs. Heppner was a native of Portland, having been born there February 18, 1912. She was employed as collection manager for the Portland Medical Clinic for the past five years.

Board to Call for Bus Bids; Hires New Teacher for Ione

Call for bids for a 48-passenger school bus was approved by Morrow County school district R-1 directors at their regular meeting on April 8. The session, considerably shorter than most in recent months, was concerned mainly with routine business.

The bus will replace another in the district's fleet, and the call for bids will carry a provisional 30-day clause for rejection in case the 1963-64 budget is not approved at the election April 22.

The board approved a contract for Carol I. Miller to teach band and other subjects at Ione, and it also approved employing of Clarence Johnson for an additional month's pay during the summer to do needed library work in making the shift from the old high school to the new building. He will make the transfer of books in the library arrange them, and set up the card index for the books.

A letter from Ray B. Osborn, coordinator of standardization services of the State Department of Education, on the Irrigon school was reported to the board.

Speaking of the standardization of the school, Osborn's letter said, in part, "It is quite obvious from the scope of information and materials furnished to this office that a vigorous effort has been put forth by the Board of Directors and school administration to provide the school with good facilities and a well-rounded school program. Because of this it is likely one can be assured that the School Board and school administration are cognizant of the educational needs and desires of each community."

Osborn quoted Lyle Riggs, elementary supervisor of the State Department, who said, "The Morrow County School Superintendent, Mr. Robert Van Houte, and the A. C. Houghton Elementary School Principal, Mr. Donald Olmscheid, as well as the entire district, should be complimented upon the fine report from this school. Much progress has been made in Morrow County to improve the schools and the district school organization. The addition of an administrative assistant, who is doing supervisory work in helping with special programs is of great value to the District. The building additions which have been completed at the school should make a re-evaluation of the school's rating necessary. The philosophy of education, the policies concerning athletic activities and the excellent organization of the entire report is commendable."

Supt. Van Houte reported to the board on the financial condition of the district, and said that indications are that the year will close with about the amount of surplus on hand as had been expected, some \$60,000. In the new budget most of this has been budgeted for completion of alternates at the Heppner-Lexington high school.

The matter of signing a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers on the reconstruction of the Riverside High school, cause of concern particularly to Irrigon school patrons, was not acted upon at the meeting, other

than to defer its consideration to a later meeting. The proposed contract provides for work of construction to be started about September 1, 1966, with the Corps paying about 85% of the building cost. The new structure would contain some 15% more floor space than would be provided at government expense.

High school administrators gave reports on student body finances, and in all schools reports were "in the black," quite different from last year at this time. Good athletic years and crowd attendance at ball games helped make the healthy financial condition.

The board also decided to charge \$10 per month for renting trailer space on school property to staff members but limited the action to one trailer at each place in order to avoid legal complications.

Three One Act Plays Billed For May Staging

An evening of one act plays will be presented in the Heppner High school gymnasium on Friday night, May 3, at 8 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Janet Groves, speech and drama instructor. The three plays are varied in type of plot, from farce-comedy to the highly dramatic and suspense-type, all promising good entertainment.

One play, "Roughly Speaking," is being put on by the student body to substitute for the annual three act play held in the spring. Due to a busy spring schedule, the three act play was cancelled for the year and a one act play substituted.

"Roughly Speaking" is a farce-comedy about a family who finds all its members wanting to use an old shack behind the house at the same time—not only the family members want it, but the hired man, the butter and egg woman and a would-be writer also want it. Cast of characters include: Richard Clark as Mr. Fenton; Shirley Erwin, Mrs. Fenton; Kathy Ray, Sherry Fenton; David Clark, Andy Fenton; Laura Sumner, Fay Fenton; Bill Sherman, James Fenton; Shirley Carlson, Margie; Rodney Ayers, Elmer Gorsuch; Mike Smith, Larrabee Chatfield; and Spencer Sampson, Uncle Fred Fenton.

The plays, "Mr. Vincent" and "High Window" will be presented by the students in the speech-drama department. "Mr. Vincent" tells the story of a girl who prefers painting to parties, and Van Gogh, or bums who look like him, to the local swoon kings. She keeps her family in a turmoil until the right "bum" comes along. The cast includes Pam Cochell as Penelope Graham; Mary Johnson as Caroline Graham; Don Maleske as Henry Graham; Ginny Moore as Susan Graham; Nancy Cleveland as Cynthia Dalrymple; Lee Padberg as "Mr. Vincent" and Doug Dubuque as Ted Mathews, the swoon king.

The third play, a suspense, will be "High Window" which centers around an invalid woman in a wheel chair whose husband has mysteriously fallen from a high window. The cast includes Marcia Rands as Emily Winthrop; Aaron Smith as Stephen Craig; Kitty O'Hara as Judith Ware; Larry Muessig as Walter Hodge, and Anita Groves as Linda Norton.

Michael Bengé At Vietnam Post

Michael Bengé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé of Ione, is now at Ban-Me-Thuat, Vietnam, where he is serving with International Voluntary Services. He teaches at a technical college there and goes to villages to teach such subjects as agriculture, welding, English and animal husbandry.

A graduate of Oregon State university in 1962, Bengé also served in the Marines for two years, having been stationed in Japan.

He went to Vietnam in December of last year.

Vector Control Officers Chosen

BOARDMAN—Officers of the newly formed vector control district were elected by the board of directors recently. Vernon Russell is president, Arthur Allen, secretary and Zearl Gillespie, treasurer.

At the meeting the board drew up its budget for the coming year, the first year of its operation.

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All three plays will be judged and the best play will be given an award. A girl judged the best actress and a boy judged the best actor will also receive awards.

Co-op Directors Take D. C. Trip

Several directors of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, together with Manager Harley Young and Bob Welby, The Dalles, engineer for the co-op, were in Washington, D. C., from Tuesday through Friday of last week on business for the cooperative.

Directors making the trip were Walter Jaeger, president, of Condon; Dick Krebs, vice president, Cecil; Dick Wilkinson, Heppner; and Ken Smouse of Ione.

They had a breakfast meeting with Cong. Al Ullman and assistants of Senators Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger, discussing the Northwest-Southwest intertie. Columbia Basin is one of 27 cooperatives in the northwest which form an organization that has submitted a proposal to Bonneville Power Administration to construct the intertie line.

They also spent some time in the offices of the Rural Electrification Administration, working on future financing for the cooperative. They are concerned with expansion of services in the future to provide power for the Boeing Company, extending service to mountain cabins, recreation areas, and other desiring service who are not now reached.

This week the cooperative is asking any who would like electric service to contact the office here. An advertisement may be found elsewhere in this paper.

The men spent most of Friday sightseeing in the nation's capital but found people generally unfriendly as contrasted with those of the west. They made the trip by airplane, and on the return trip, Manager Young left the group for a side trip from Kansas City, Mo., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young, at Marysville, Mo., staying with them a day and a night before coming home.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week are the following: William Cunningham, Heppner; Irene Padberg, Heppner; Gladys Alderman, Heppner; Colleen Greenup, Heppner.

Those dismissed during the same period were: Frank Anderson, Heppner; Edna Struthers, Heppner; and Dallas Dalzell, Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dougherty, Heppner, became the parents of an 8 lb., 6 3/4 oz. son on Easter Sunday, April 14. He has been named Clifford Joel.

A son, James Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Damon Hogan, Condon, on Easter Sunday, April 14. The young man weighed 9 lbs., 12 oz.

Death in Portland Takes Fred Booker

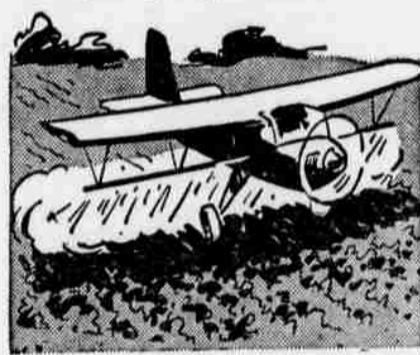
Fred Booker, 73, died Wednesday, April 3, at the Veteran's hospital in Portland after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9, at the A. J. Rose and Son Funeral Home, Portland, with interment at Willamette National cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Booker and his wife, Iva, have made their home in Heppner for the past 20 years. He had been employed by the county, and had been a patient in the Veterans' hospital for the past year.

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