

# Revised R-1 Budget Holds '62-63 Tax Level

Pared so that general fund expenditures are well below the \$1 million mark, a revised budget for Morrow county school district R-1 will be submitted to voters at an election on Saturday, June 22.

The tax that it will seek to levy will be no more than that paid by property owners for the year 1962-63, Frank Anderson, chairman of the budget committee, said after the group had voted unanimously Monday night to submit the revised budget.

After scrutiny by the committee and an audience of some 50 persons from all over the county Monday night, items were cut wherever deemed possible all down the line. One or two items which had been considered for deletion or curtailing were restored to the budget when cases were pleaded for them.

At the conclusion of the evening the revised budget was approved for submission to voters with general fund expenditures for the year placed at \$991,662, as compared with \$1,028,452 listed in the general fund in the budget that was voted down at an election on April 22.

Helping to close the gap on the amount of taxes to be raised is an increase in anticipated receipts from sources other than taxes. In the revised budget, receipts have climbed to \$309,000 as compared with \$278,000 in the defeated original budget, amounting to \$31,000 over the first budget, comes principally from three sources: 1. Added transportation funds provided by the state, 2. More Federal funds under Public Law 874, 3. An additional \$12,000 in cash carry-over from the current budget.

In estimates presented by Robert Van Houte at the meeting Monday night, the cash carry-over had been raised from \$60,000 that was shown in the original budget to the new figure of \$68,000. He said that as the fiscal year nears its end, it was found that the carryover of unexpended funds would be greater than anticipated. After discussion by the budget committee, the carryover was placed at an even higher figure, \$72,000.

Thus, the gain in anticipated receipts and the paring of expenditures means that the revised budget better the estimates of the original one in the amount above the 6% limitation by \$69,979. The budget voted upon April 22 asked for \$554,410 in excess of the limitation; the revised budget will call for \$484,431.

Comparing the revised budget with the budget for 1962-63 (the year now ending), the amount above the 6% limitation is only \$271 greater in the '63-'64 estimates. It was \$484,160 in 1962-63.

Should the legislature approve an additional \$10 per child in basic school support funds, as indications predict, the district would receive an additional \$12,000 in receipts that would cut the tax levy more. While the amount above the 6% limitation is fixed at \$484,431 in the proposed budget, if the additional basic school support is forthcoming prior to July 1, it would be entered in the budget as a reduction in the amount to be raised by taxes even though voters had approved the \$484,431 figure, Van Houte said.

Should the basic school fund bill be approved, the result might be that Morrow taxpayers would pay somewhat less than they did last year.

However, Van Houte, who has resigned his position effective July 1, said that the budget is a "very tight budget" and the district might well feel the impact about a year from now.

That the committee members also felt some of this apprehension was evidence when they discussed the "maintenance of plant" section of the budget, which now stands at \$19,950, cut from \$21,100 in the original budget. Several pointed out that this is very low for the number of schools involved, and is, by comparison, far lower than for other districts of similar size.

It was pointed out, though, that contributing to low maintenance is the number of new buildings. Custodians also received praise for their good work. Bob Rietmann of Ione spoke up from the audience to say, "We are very fortunate in the men we have as custodians. They help keep maintenance costs down." His opinion was echoed by others.

Drawing most interest at the meeting Monday night was the capital outlay section of the budget, which has been the subject of controversy. The item, as finally proposed for the revised budget, stands at \$63,200, compared with \$80,300 in the original budget.

A \$3,000 item to secure a site for future school purposes at Irion had been deleted on work sheets, but Warren McCoy, budget member of Irion, moved that \$1,500 be inserted back in the budget. The committee approved the motion.

Improvements to sites was cut from \$9,000 to \$8,000, because partial work on the new Heppner physical education field shows that a deeper cut will reduce amount of the fill needed. Professional services for buildings is down to \$1200 from \$1800. The item for new buildings and additions was fixed at \$13,000 instead of the \$25,000 listed in the first budget. This

is earmarked to complete the large band room at the new Heppner High school into several functional rooms for music purposes. One of the most debated of the items in the budget to this time, the matter was discussed at some length, but the decision was unanimous and brought no objections from the audience. Ralph Skoubo of Boardman moved that \$18,000 be allowed for the purpose, and the motion passed without a dissenting vote.

A sum under capital outlay for remodeling was increased to \$1500 providing \$500 each at lone elementary school and the old Heppner high school to enclose stair wells.

Worksheets had cut new equipment from \$41,000 to \$33,000, but \$1000 was returned to the budget for a new chlorinator for the swimming pool at Ione, thus bringing the final figure to \$34,000. Among items that were eliminated from the original budget were a \$500 projector at Heppner; seven typing desks at Ione totalling \$175; a library charge desk, \$200; at Irion; a motor tester, \$450; and dishes, \$55, at Boardman; stage lighting for the new Heppner school, \$4,300, and washer and dryer for the new school, \$360.

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REV. ARTHUR B. CROWELL (Gazette-Times Photo)

## New Pastor Takes Pulpit at Ione

The Rev. Walter B. Crowell, who has been in the ministry for more than 40 years, has accepted the pastorate of the Ione Community church, and with Mrs. Crowell moved to Ione last Thursday from Portland. They lived in Portland for about nine months, coming from Illinois to be near a sister and family in Portland.

Most recent charge of the Crowells was a church at Graniteville, Ill., which they served for four years. He has been minister in churches in Michigan and in other states as well.

The Rev. and Mrs. Crowell have a grown son and a married daughter. The son, Arlo Crowell, resides in New York City, and the daughter is Mrs. Paul (Erline) Cares of Parsons, Kansas.

While the Crowells have never been in this part of the country before, they are very much impressed with the area and are particularly pleased with the friendliness of the people and the reception that has been accorded them here.

## Heppner Swim Pool To Open on June 8

Heppner's municipal swimming pool will be open to the public on Saturday, June 8, for the summer season. City Recorder Ted Smith said Tuesday.

City Superintendent Vic Groshens and his crew are now working on the pool, getting it in readiness for the opening.

Tom Hughes again will be in charge of supervision at the pool and will conduct instruction.

Smith asked that those planning to swim through the season come to the city hall prior to the opening date to purchase season tickets without bothering those in charge on or after opening day. A family ticket for the season costs \$18, high school student can swim for \$6 through the season, and grade school student \$4.

## Picnic Registration At 10:30 Thursday

Registration for the annual Morrow county picnic to be held at the fair pavilion, Heppner, will start at 10:30 on Memorial Day, Thursday, Don Turner, general chairman, reminds the public.

The picnic dinner will start at noon. Ham, rolls, coffee and punch will be furnished, and those attending are asked to bring vegetable dishes, desserts, salads or casseroles.

Many organizations are helping with the fair to make it a success, and a large crowd of old timers is expected for the event.

## Gala Auction, Barbecue Dinner To Attract Crowd

Plans are nearing completion for the big auction and pit-cooked barbecue dinner, sponsored by the Ione Community church on Saturday, June 8, according to Bob Jepsen, chairman of the planning committee.

Auctioneers Don Wink and Omar Bonnie of Hermiston will start the opening bids for the variety auction at 11 a.m. at the Ione Grange hall. A Western barbecued dinner of pit-cooked beef and beans, with all the trimmings, will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

As an added attraction, Buck Lieuaellen will be there with his famous palomino driving team and an authentic stage coach for rides around the town. There will also be a snack bar open all day.

A few of the many items that will be auctioned include a yearling Welsh pony donated by John Eubanks, 1940 Ford pickup truck, one yard sprayed by Dobyens Pest Control, barbecue grill on wheels, one lamb, two hogs, laying hens, a 26-inch boy's bike, two 3 burner gas range, two 8-foot tandem discs, a new 600-16 tire, dual truck tire chains, baby furniture, household furniture, children's good toys, lawn furniture, camp stove, and many other articles.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles may contact MIT Morgan at 422-7252 or Bristow's Grocery, 422-7122. All articles are to be brought to the Grange hall on Friday, June 7, if unable to bring them, call Jack Barak 989-8178 for pickup.

## Ione Pool Opens To Public June 1

The Ione swimming pool will open for the summer on Saturday, June 1, under supervision of Joe Hausler, life guard and manager.

Hours will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. daily.

For convenience and economy, season tickets may be purchased at \$4.50 for grade students; \$6 for high school; \$9 for adults, and \$18 for family tickets. Daily rates are 15c for grades; 25c high school and 50c adults.

Hausler will start swimming lessons for two weeks on Tuesday, June 18. Adult classes are scheduled for Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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## Bowling Lanes Advance Goal Near

### Creswick Leaves For D. C.; Judge Is Denied Funds

Oliver Creswick, representing the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce to the Rivers and Harbors Congress which opens June 3, left by airplane from Pendleton Tuesday for the Congress. He expected to go via New York City and Providence, R. I., where he will visit relatives before the session opens.

The trip was made possible by the Chamber of Commerce in the interests of promoting the Willow Creek Dam. By the time of his departure, \$320 had been paid or subscribed to the fund. Randall Peterson is in charge of the collection and will welcome contributions to help make up the balance of \$170 needed to reach the \$400 for the trip.

County Judge Oscar Peterson, who will leave for Washington, D. C., for the Congress Saturday, has been denied expense money from county funds by the county court. Commissioners Gene Ferguson and Milton Biegel voted against authorizing any county funds to make the trip on behalf of the Willow Creek project on the grounds that taxpayers would not approve. This position was taken despite the heavy preponderance of testimony for the dam by county organizations and individuals at the public hearing here January 14.

On Tuesday night, however, the Morrow Port Commission voted to underwrite the judge's trip, despite opposition of Dick Krebs, if it is determined that this is a legitimate expense of the commission. On the same trip, the judge would work in Washington in the interests of the port commission on matters in connection with the Columbia River waterway while supporting the Willow Creek project.

The judge is a director of the Inland Empire Waterways.

W. E. Sivley of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, was present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday and said that the Engineers have now completed the part of their work that they have been requested to do on the Willow Creek project, and it is up to the community to show needed interest from now on.

Mayor Al Lomb and others told of conversations with Herb West of Inland Empire Waterways association and others on the need to be represented at the Congress.

During Creswick's absence, Larry Cook Sr., will handle the duties as Heppner justice of the peace.

### Elmer Heath Runs For Rural Position

Elmer Heath, candidate for the Morrow County district school board, will run for the rural Heppner position at the election to be June 22. It was erroneously stated in last week's Gazette-Times that he is a candidate for the position from within the Heppner city limits.

Heath will oppose Howard Cleveland, another candidate for the rural Heppner position, on the ballot. Ken Batty will run unopposed for the position in the city limits.

Other candidates are Ralph Skoubo and Roy Partlow, vying for the Boardman position on the board; and Irvin Rauch, seeking the Lexington position unopposed.

The election is to fill vacancies created by resignation of school board members recently.



HIS FACE masked with a heavy coating of dust and hair awry, Ray E. Smith was caught by the Gazette-Times camera after he had finished a day's work on the tractor for Kenneth Smouse, Ione rancher, last week. Smith, who works for the Heppner Ranger District, Forest Service, in the summer time, was a graphic reminder that dry season work is at hand for Morrow county farmers. They will be eating plenty of dust from now on, as Smith's face reveals. However, he declared that most of it had shaken off by the time the photo was taken.

## Help is Urged To Finish Job Within Week

Campaign to assure an 8-lane bowling alley in Heppner is nearing its goal. Clint McQuarrie, one of the sparkplugs of the drive, said Tuesday afternoon.

"It is going real good, we're almost over the top," McQuarrie said. "Some have subscribed \$25 in advance tickets. If they would come back with another \$25, it would help a great deal towards putting us over."

The drive seeks to obtain subscriptions for advance tickets to play in the lanes, totalling \$10,000. These are in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 books of tickets and may be paid for in four installments if the purchaser chooses.

Any money paid on the tickets is placed in escrow in a local bank until the lanes are actually in operation.

Joy Higgins and Henderson of Spokane said that they would start to build the modern 8-lane alley in a block building as soon as the \$10,000 is subscribed. The investment would approximate \$150,000 and proposed location is back of the Hotel Heppner.

Art Dyke, now of Cheney, Washington, would be operator of the lanes. They expect that it would be in operation within 90 days after start of construction.

Hank Higgins and Dyke, who were in Heppner last week working on plans, have returned to Spokane and Cheney but they were expected to be back Wednesday.

Mrs. Vesta Kilkenny of Lexington has been devoting a great deal of effort to the advance ticket sales campaign, along with McQuarrie. Tickets may be purchased or subscribed from them, or from other business locations: Gonty's, Heppner Auto Sales, Central Market, all in Heppner; Peck's Grocery, Lexington; or Jim Barnett's Chevron Service Station, Ione.

It is hoped that the \$10,000 goal in subscriptions may be reached by the end of the week. Those who purchase tickets are entitled to bowl at the lanes in amounts exceeding the face value of the books of tickets they purchase. Full information is available at the locations where the tickets are on sale.

"If everyone interested will just make his subscription by the end of the week, the bowling alley will be just about assured," McQuarrie said.

## Public is Invited to View Flower Show Saturday

Public showing of early summer flowers will be Saturday, June 1, at the showrooms of Heppner Auto Sales. Second of what is hoped to be an annual event, the show will carry out the theme, "Symphony in Flowers," and is under the sponsorship of the Sew-Along Flower Growers 4-H club, with Jean Stockard and Mrs. William Raw-

lins, chairmen. It is aimed at "encouraging gardening for a more beautiful Heppner."

There is no charge to see the exhibits, but a silver tea will help cover costs of presenting the show. Money received above this cost will be given to the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Exhibitors may enter classes in adult or junior (12 years or younger) horticulture or arrangement divisions. Blue, red and yellow ribbons will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class. Sweepstakes ribbon will be awarded the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons; gift certificate for best horticulture exhibit by Cornett Green Feed; prizes for arrangements in both junior and adult sections by Helen Cox Flowers and Gifts, and door prize by Jack Bailey of Heppner Flower Shop.

Any gardener may exhibit one entry in each class or class division. All horticulture specimens must be grown by the exhibitor and should be labeled with name and variety if possible, and some foliage with blooms is preferred. Flowers used in the decorative arrangement divisions need not be grown by arrangers, but should carry out some musical theme or song title.

Entries will be taken from 8 to 10 a.m. and judging by accredited judges will be at 11. They must be removed between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Property should be marked with the name of the exhibitor.

The show will be open to the public from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

## Nutting to Quit Post on August 1

Clyde Nutting, Oregon Department of Agriculture livestock brand inspector at Heppner since August, 1957, will retire August 1. Nutting has served Morrow and Gilliam counties and part of Grant county and has assisted at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Company and the Hermiston Livestock Commission Company.

Replacing Nutting will be Arte Stephens, who has been livestock brand inspector for the department at Eugene since February, 1960. Stephens will move to Heppner early in June.

Herman L. (Jack) Halter, Eugene, will fill the inspection post vacated by Stephens. Halter has been a part time inspector with the department and for 10 years was a livestock foreman for Christensen Brothers of Eugene.

## Many Honors Presented at Heppner High School Awards Night

By HELEN SHERMAN

In recognition of achievements in student activities during the past year, Heppner High school awarded individual honors to a large portion of the student body at special awards night program last Wednesday evening, May 22. Due to illness and other causes, several of the recipients were unable to be present.

Presiding at opening of the program was this year's student body president, Shan Applegate. He introduced next year's student body officers and administrators their oath of office. Flag salute was then led by the new president, Bill Sherman.

Principal Gordon Pratt called on teachers and advisors to present awards. Mrs. Janet Groves, after commenting on achievements of students in speech and drama, announced the following awards: Martha Doherty, state soil conservation speech winner; Marcia Rands, district

United Nations speech winner; Anita Groves, second place Knights of Pythias speech on freedom winner; debate team, first place in district, to Laura Sumner, Marti Dixon and Ann Jones; Mary Johnson, state semi-finalist in radio speaking. Actors and actresses awards for one-act plays went to Richard Clark, best actor; Mike Smith, best supporting actor; Marcia Rands, best actress; Mary Johnson, best supporting actress.

Journalism honors, presented by Mrs. Margaret Kirk, advisor, went to deserving students for both Hehisch, school paper, and the Mustang, school annual. Commended for work on the Hehisch were editors Fran Heath, Ginger Springer and Patricia Mahon; also Mustang editors Shirley Carlson and Jacqueline Brindle. Feature writing awards went to Martha Doherty and Larry Muesig; straight news stories, Shannon Mahoney and

Dale Vance; photography, Bob Hager and John Cleveland; club reporting, Bill Struthers; special editions of paper, Phyllis Nelson, Diane Fullerton, Gail Hoskins and Marsha Peterson; outstanding sports reporting, Bill Cox and John Porter. For straight news story reporting and work on the Mustang, Shannon Mahoney was awarded the Bonnie Wiley journalism award.

Ann Jones received a merit award for superior work on Merit Scholarship test, and also top math award in the National Math contest.

For her outstanding promotion of Girls League activities, inspiring leadership in pep club and other girls' activities, Shannon Mahoney was recipient of a special school citizenship award.

Mrs. Grace Schmidt, home-making instructor, recognized the following girls for first year homemaker awards: Phyllis Nelson, Susan Drake, Judy Jones, Rogenia Wilson, Janis Baker, Jean Healy, Lora Lee Stotts, Barbara Gribble, Sheridan Wyman, Ginger Majeske, Linda Long, Karen French, Karla Luciani, Gayle Batty, Joan Stockard, Trisha Farley, Stella Hills, Diane Schaffitz. FHA chapter award went to Diane Warren, and special recognition was given Laura Sumner, past president; Ann Jones, past state president; and Phyllis Nelson, state delegate to national convention in Kansas City this summer, and next year's local chapter president.

Ann Jones was announced as recipient of the Soroptimist senior girl citizenship award by Mrs. Jim Hager, Soroptimist president. The Soroptimist citizenship camp scholarship for a high school girl went to Jean Stockard.

Awards for best essays on Americanism, sponsored each year by the American Legion Auxiliary were won by Pam Co-chell and Mike Bunch. Essay

subject was "TNT—Today, Not Tomorrow." They were presented by Mrs. Frank Hamlin, auxiliary president, who also announced the Girls State delegates, Marti Dixon and Jennifer Brindle.

Band awards were given by Arnold Melby, instructor. Students winning summer school band scholarships are Marti Dixon, Sheridan Wyman and Mike Pierce.

Band awards were given Lyle Hopper, Dick Clark, Jennifer Brindle, David McBath, Tanna Valentine, Kathy Ray, Douglas Anderson, Barbara Blake, Tamara Smith, Anna Marie Brindle, Jay Ball, Mitch Ashbeck, Mike Warren, Bruce Thomson, Don Munkers, Dick Struckmeier and Curtis Brown.

Recognition was given Dick Springer for an outstanding biology project which placed in the

## Lions Club Backs Bowling Lanes

Ione Lions club went on record as supporting the proposed Heppner Bowling Lanes at its meeting Monday night. It was the feeling that the lanes would be of benefit to the entire area, Jim Barnett of the club said.

At the same time the Lions expressed appreciation to the way that residents of the southern Morrow county had supported their seat belt project. They have been gratified with the response. More than 100 seat belts have been installed, of which more than 80 were at Ione.

Three Lions and their wives attended the state Lions convention at Baker from Thursday through Saturday and report a fine convention. Included were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Lamb. This Lions district won most of the state honors at the convention, which was attended by nearly 800 Lions and wives, representing 100 clubs.

Barnett was presented with a Distinguished Service Medal for his work as district deputy, and he was a member of the credentials and registration committee. Lamb is an international councillor of the club.

Brochures of Morrow county were distributed at the convention, supplied through the cooperation of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, and were very well received, the delegates said.

## Office to be Closed

Office of the Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Saturday but will be open at regular hours on Friday. Members of the staff will work Thursday and take their holiday Friday through Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, publishers, will leave to attend the commencement at Oregon State University where their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Sherman graduates with a degree in home economics on Sunday.

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