

# State Basic School Support Reduces R-1 Levy \$34,000

Morrow county's school district tax levy for 1963-64 took a \$34,127 drop this week when the district R-1 board Monday night reduced the approved budget after being notified by the State Department of Education of increased basic school receipts. These will be forthcoming as a result of action by the 1963 legislature to increase state support.

Effect of the additional receipts is to cut the amount of tax outside the 6% limitation to \$449,281 from the \$484,431 that had been approved in the recent vote on the revised budget. The cut will mean that the tax in the school district for 1963-64 will be well below that for 1962-63 when the budget was \$484,431 in excess of the 6% limitation.

Expenditures in the general fund of the budget remain as approved at \$991,662, but the property taxpayer will benefit because of the additional receipts from the state level.

Motion to revise the budget was passed unanimously by the board. Beverly Gunderson, clerk, said that the reduction would be \$41,727 but later revised the figure to \$34,127 after she realized that she had been working with the original budget through error, rather than the revised budget.

The last member of the "new" board, Director Andy Van Schoiack, was sworn in at the meeting Monday by Harvey Warner, acting chairman. Van Schoiack was not eligible to take office until after the term of L. E. Dick expired July 1, since Van Schoiack replaces Dick. Others elected recently were to fill vacancies created by resignations and took the oath of office at a previous meeting.

Taking care of organizational matters quickly, the board elected Milton Morgan of Ione as chairman and Director Warner of Irrigon as vice chairman.

Teacher contracts were approved as follows: Mrs. Roy (Edith) Partlow, second grade, Boardman elementary; Rex D. English, as English teacher, Heppner High; Mrs. Clint Agee, part time physical education and health teacher, Heppner elementary; and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid, half-time remedial teacher, Ione. The contract of Eugene Dockter, Ruper, Idaho, as health, biology and general science teacher at Ione was also approved. It had been held up at the previous meeting pending arrival of his credentials. He will also coach one major sport, according to present plans.

Results of the budget and director elections were certified at the meeting. Final count on the budget vote was 540 yes and 216 no.

On motion by Director Irvin Rauch, pay for Acting Administrator Gordon Pratt was set at \$25 per day during the time he serves in that capacity. Pratt, Heppner High administrator,

normally is off duty in the month of July but was named to handle administrative duties in the county until a new superintendent arrives.

It was reported at the meeting that work on stairwells at the Ione elementary school and the old Heppner high school will be enclosed as a fire safety measure. A sum of \$500 for each school for this purpose was allowed in the budget. Doors for the enclosure at Ione have arrived and

are ready to be installed, Director Morgan said. Work will be done when Ray Barnett, janitor, recovers from an operation on his heel.

Pratt broached the matter of pay schedule for janitors particularly those who do double duty as bus drivers. He pointed out that the district is in danger of losing some of this custodial help unless an adjustment is

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# Wallace, Idaho, Man Chosen as Administrator

Wayne Brubacher, who since 1956 has served as superintendent of schools at Wallace, Idaho, has signed a two-year contract to be administrator of the Morrow county school system.

He signed the contract, calling for annual salary of \$11,000 per year but with provision for additional if he proves satisfactory, when Directors Milton Morgan, Irvin Rauch and Kenneth Batty went to Wallace Tuesday to close the transaction.

Brubacher, who has been in educational work since 1936, said that he expects to be on the job here within 10 days. The school board at Wallace, a town of 2400 population, has released him from his contract there. The new administrator has a master's degree from Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colo., and during his 27 years' experience has been in educational work in four states—Colorado, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

From 1936 to 1945 he held teaching positions in Del Norte, Colo., and in Alaska. From 1946 to 1950 he was a principal at Chelan, Wn., and for the next two years was principal at Anacortes, Wn. He became superintendent of schools at Friday Harbor, Wn., in 1952 and held that position until he went to Wallace in 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Brubacher have four daughters, the eldest of whom is an airlines stewardess. Selection of the administrator was made Monday night at the July board meeting, and the contract was taken to him by the three directors Tuesday who made the 683-mile round trip to Wallace by auto on authorization of the board to check on details and to be sure that he could be released from his position at Wallace.

Interviews had been conducted by the board during the previous week when the number of applications were reduced to five. These were called for interviews. Two board members, Directors Phyllis Nelson



WAYNE BRUBACHER

Howard Cleveland and Kenneth Batty later made a trip by airplane to Klamath Falls to further consider a candidate there, but he advised them that he could not accept the position if elected because he could not be released from his present position.

The Brubacher family will have as its first task finding a house to rent in Heppner. They would like to have a 3-bedroom house, but if this cannot be located, might be able to use a 2-bedroom house. Anyone who knows of a suitable place is asked to contact Mrs. Beverly Gunderson, clerk, at the school office in the courthouse.

# Chamber-Backed Contest Seeks Theme for Parade

Can you suggest an appropriate theme for the Morrow county Rodeo parade that will be held on August 31?

If so, you will not only do the Chamber of Commerce a service but may win for yourself two tickets to each afternoon show of the rodeo on August 31 and September 1.

Suggestions must be made quickly, though, for deadline of entries is Wednesday, July 17, at noon, and they must be submitted to the Gazette-Times office.

Decision to sponsor the contest was made by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber at its meeting Monday. Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee, said that he has been receiving inquiries by organizations which plan to enter floats in the parade. They need to know the theme in making their plans.

Last year the parade had no theme, but in the parade of 1961 it was "The Soaring 60's."

An entry blank for submitting ideas is printed elsewhere in this paper. It is not essential to use the blank in suggesting a theme, just as long as the name and address of the person giving the idea accompanies it.

A committee of judges will choose the winner, and it is expected to announce the theme and winner next Thursday.

It is suggested that the theme be something general enough in nature so that it could easily be applied for floats from a wide variety of organizations and businesses.

# Health Nurse Resigns Position, Leaves for East

Mrs. Velma Glass, resigned Morrow county health nurse, will leave Friday for Worthington, Indiana. Mrs. Glass completed her eighth year as county nurse the first of May, and with the objective of working toward a degree in nursing education, plans to enroll in the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis at the beginning of the fall term. She will also be employed in the offices of the Indiana State Board of Health in Indianapolis.

In Worthington, she will visit relatives and friends during the coming weeks before starting the fall term.

No successor has been named by the county court to fill the county health nurse position, major part of which is taking care of school health needs in all schools in Morrow county.

# Chris Brown Gets National FFA Bid

Chris Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and a junior in Heppner High school, has been chosen as a member of the national Future Farmers of America band that will play at the national FFA convention to be held during the forthcoming school year.

Gerald Jonasson, FFA advisor here, said word of the selection was received Monday. As a member of the band, Brown will receive a partial scholarship to defray his expenses to the convention, Jonasson said.

Brown, who plays the trumpet, submitted his qualifications for the band and was recommended by the school instrumental music teacher, Arnold Melby. He will be one of not more than five to take part in the band from Oregon.

After playing at the FFA convention, it is expected that the band will also take part in the American Royal parade in Kansas City, Mo., a feature of the American Royal Livestock show.

# Morrow Queen Wins In Lake County

Sandra Eubanks, Morrow county's 1963 Fair and Rodeo queen, proved that she is more than an honorary thing when she won one event and placed in three others at the Lake County Junior Rodeo June 29 and 30.

She won the goat tying championship, placing second in the event in the Saturday show and first on Sunday. She took second in the girls' barrel racing on Saturday and fourth on Sunday and placed the same in pole bending, second and fourth.

In each day of the senior 14-mile race she was third. Sandra is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks of Ione and will appear at the Kickoff Rodeo dance in the fair pavilion, Heppner, Saturday night.

# All-Stars Picked for Playoffs

Managers and officers of the Willow Creek Little League met June 28 to select the outstanding 11 and 12 year-olds from the four Little League baseball teams to play on the All-Star team. The team will enter area tournament play in The Dalles Friday and Saturday, July 19-20. The Willow Creek All-Stars will tangle with The Dalles Western All-Stars in the second game Friday evening, July 19, at 8:00 o'clock. The winners of the Friday night games will square off at 8:00 p.m. Saturday with the losers playing at 6:00 p.m.

This will be the third meeting of these two teams with the Willow Creek lads taking the first two games. In their first meeting

Coming from all parts of the county, 89 persons assembled in the fair pavilion annex Wednesday night to voice strong protest to the county budget committee's \$3400 cut in the county extension service budget.

As a result of the meeting, the county court will be presented with petitions bearing names of many in the county who wish to have the money restored to the extension service and asking that it be taken from the emergency fund if it cannot be restored in the regular budget.

A large delegation of residents will be present at the court meeting next Wednesday to make their wishes known.

Scheduled as a meeting of the extension service advisory committee, the Wednesday night session proved to be more than this. It brought out an outpouring of citizens who expressed their feelings about the cut and what it would do to the extension program here. None spoke in defense of the reduction.

A number of them carried petitions that had been sent by farm organizations and other

# Meeting with Court Set for Wednesday

Those wishing to appear before the county court on the matter of restoring the extension service budget should be at the courthouse at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

The appointment was made Thursday morning with Judge Oscar Peterson. He said that he had tentatively planned a mid-month county court meeting and in response to the request by those interested in the extension budget matter definitely set the date after contacting Commissioner Milton Biegel in Irrigon. Commissioner Gene Ferguson is out of the county on vacation but is expected to be back by that time.

Others expressed actions of the organizations they represented. Still others came as private individuals to point out how they felt the extension service had helped them and their belief that it would be poor

economy to cut the budget.

Mrs. E. Markham Baker of Ione presided in the absence of the president and vice president of the council. She explained the purpose of the meeting, stating that the reduction would amount to the loss of one county agent. This was confirmed by Jerry Nibler, state extension agent, of Corvallis, who said that the county contributes 30% to the program, the federal government 20%, and the state 50%. Loss of the county's \$3400 would mean loss of proportionate matching funds, he said.

A sizeable representation was at the meeting from the north end of the county to protest the cut. They pointed out what gains the 4-H program has made since the third agent was added to the staff and emphasized the added attention that the north end had received since this was done. They said that reduction of the staff would probably hit them hardest because they are farthest from the county seat.

Many from all parts of the county testified spontaneously about what the extension service meant to them, ranging from

Mrs. Fay Munkers' story of how an extension agent had once sewed her injured dog's tail back on, to Dick Wilkinson's report of how weed control assistance through the county agent had cut his costs from about \$15 per acre to \$1.50 per acre and saved him \$11,000 to \$12,000 in the aggregate.

Kenneth Smouse of Ione said that he figured the budget cut would save him about \$6 per year in taxes but declared that he had just phoned the county agent for a bit of advice on livestock that alone would save him two or three times as much.

Ken Batty of Heppner was the only one who had been at the budget hearing who attended the Wednesday night meeting. He said that he was for a reduction in taxes but went to the hearing under a misconception and did not realize what was happening there. He apologized to County Agent Nels Anderson and to the extension service but said that he felt others in the county were delinquent in not attending the hearing to express their feelings

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# Kickoff Dance Set Saturday Night

# Storm Stalls Harvest; Loss Light

Early harvest operations in Morrow county were brought to a standstill by week-end rain and hail storms, but damage was generally light, a check around the county indicates.

Heavy rain squalls Sunday pretty well covered the county with .50 inch reported in Heppner by Leonard Gilliam, weather observer. Some hail hit in the city, too, but stones were small. In other parts of the county, they were bigger and some damage to standing crops was reported.

Two insurance agents said that most of their claims—each having four or five—were in the Eightmile area but damage does not appear to be great. Charles Ruggles said that some hail damage was also reported along Rhea creek but it did not seem to hit the wheat that lies back from the creek.

LaVerne Van Marter said that although the claims he received were principally from Eightmile, he had one from Butter Creek, showing the widespread nature of the storm. Hailstones "half as big as hen's eggs" were reported by Claude Cox near his cabin in the mountains, and Bob Jensen said that he had heard of some about the size of marbles in the west central section of the county.

Only a few grain growers were in harvest when the storm came, but others were expecting to get underway. It is expected that the moisture will cause about a week's delay, but if the weather holds from now on, the rain could be of benefit.

Riley Munkers of Morrow County Grain Growers said that wheat of D. O. Nelson, first to get underway, was showing very good both in quality and production. It tested about 44 to 45 lb. per bushel at the North Lexington elevator as compared with about 42 last year. His yield was running about 35 to 36 bushels to the acre.

Some barley has been brought in, but it is running close to the deadline on moisture at about 11%, he said. Most wheat is yet too wet to harvest but some may

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REV. AND MRS. CHARLES KNOX are presented the Minister of the Year award from the Rev. Harry Atkins at the annual State Convention of Oregon Christian churches in Turner July 5. (Sidwell Photo)

# Marcia Rands Now On Trip to U. N.

Marcia Rands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Groves, left Portland Tuesday for New York City where she is visiting the United Nations after winning the IOOF-sponsored United Nations Pilgrimage trip.

She was in Portland Monday evening for a get-acquainted party with other girls making the trip, and the group departed the following day.

Marcia, who is a senior in Heppner High school, is one of 16 girls from Oregon who will spend a week in New York and then visit Washington, D. C., and other points in the east.

They are traveling by chartered bus, and with the Oregon delegates are other representatives from the state of Washington and British Columbia.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles, who has been suffering from an attack of infectious neuritis, returned home from Pendleton Community hospital Friday but expects to return tomorrow (Friday) for a checkup.

Although he is showing improvement, indications are that he will not be in his office next week. He first entered the hospital June 25.

# Knox Selected Rural Minister Of Year in State

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Knox, pastor and wife of the First Christian church, Heppner, were presented the Rural Minister of the Year award at services Friday at the State Convention of Oregon Christian churches in Turner.

The award, given each year to one of its ministers in Oregon for outstanding service in church and community, was presented to the honored couple by the Rev. Harry Atkins of Dufur, chairman of the Town and Country committee. The convention was in session through the week of July 1-7.

The Rev. and Mrs. Knox have served here for 7 1/2 years and have given outstanding service in increasing membership, stimulating interest in youth activities, and participating in civic activities. Rev. Knox currently serves as juvenile counselor for the county and is constantly called on to aid in juvenile problems.

In 1961 the local church received the rural church award, presented this year to the Athena church. It is given in towns with population of 2,500 or under.

A total registration of 2500 was expected by the close of the convention on Sunday. The Knox family lived in their house trailer during their stay, returning to their home here on Saturday.

# Clearing Underway For Bowling Lanes

Clearing of the property for the bowling lanes, to be located between Willow and Chase street near Inland Chemical company, was progressing this week.

Old buildings on the property have been removed and Jeff Walker was in the process of removing stumps and trees prior to actual start of construction.

Wally Green of Hermiston has the construction contract and will start on the actual building very soon for Joy, Higgins and Henderson, promoters of the 8-lane alleys.

# New Floor Completed, Set for Use

First event of the upcoming 1963 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo season will be the Kick-off Dance Saturday night in the fair pavilion, Heppner. Arrangements are being made for a large crowd expected to be on hand for the event.

Dancers will be pleasantly surprised with the new hardwood floor that was installed in the pavilion by the fair board with Arnold Melby doing the work on contract. The new parking flooring is smooth and polished and ready for the dancers.

Queen Sandra Eubanks and her court, including Princess Louise Pointer, Nancy Cleveland, Shan Mahoney and Sharon Donovan will be present as official royalty for the Kickoff Dance, attired in their new costumes.

Music will be furnished by Leonnig's orchestra, ever popular here, and refreshments will be served. The dance will start at 10 p.m. and will continue until 2 a.m. Admission will be \$1.50 per person.

The Kickoff will be the first of the series of dances which will continue each week, except for one, until the fair and rodeo at the end of August.

All dances will be in the fair pavilion this year. On July 20, Princess Nancy Cleveland will be honored at the dance sponsored by the Leona community, and this will be followed on July 27 by the dance honoring Princess Shan Mahoney, sponsored by the Wranglers club.

The Tillamook club's dance on August 3 will honor their princess, Sharon Donovan, and on August 10, the Lexington Grange-sponsored dance will pay tribute to Princess Louise Pointer.

Queen Sandra's dance will be on August 17. There will be no dance on August 24, the night of the East-West Shrine football game in Pendleton, and the final dance of the season will be the Rodeo dance itself on the night of August 31.

The fair will be August 19 through 23 and the rodeo will be August 31 and September 1.

# Chief Issues Plea For More Firemen

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles this week issued a plea for more volunteer firemen for the Heppner department. He said that personnel is needed to bolster the department, whose numbers are at a low ebb.

Those signing for the service should be available for fire fighting duties and be willing to devote a reasonable amount of time to training and drills, he said.

At the present time the department is not sufficient to meet a major emergency, the chief pointed out. Men between 21 and 50 are sought for the service.

The chief has written a letter, printed on page two of this paper, which further explains the need. Men interested are urged to contact him.