

# Both Receipts and Expenses To Drop in School Budget

Indications are that both receipts and expenses in the 1964-65 budget for operation of schools in Morrow County District R-1 will be down from the current budget, according to preliminary figures presented by Supt. Wayne Brubacher, budget officer for the district, at a meeting of the budget committee Monday.

The preliminary draft, yet to be considered in detail by the committee and to be presented at public hearings before the budget vote on May 4, shows a decrease of \$38,264 in expenses below the current budget. At the same time, it shows a decline in receipts (other than taxes) of some \$48,000.

The amount within the 6% limitation on the tax levy will be some \$13,000 more this year, the increase allowed by law, but even so, the amount above the 6% now figures to be \$19,000 more than last year.

Even though figures on the budget are not materially changed by the budget committee, it is difficult to figure at this time an approximation of what the millage levy will be throughout the county. Playing a part in the figuring is an expected increase in valuation due to the farm

reappraisal program, and other factors.

There is little to indicate that taxpayers here will pay any less for their schools, millage-wise, than last year, and they may be called upon to pay somewhat more, even in the face of the \$45,000 decrease in anticipated expenses.

In his budget message, Supt. Brubacher pointed out that last year the county received some \$14,000 in the common (irreduc-

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## Judge Withdraws, Jones and Akers File in Late Moves

Three late surprises came on the political front in Morrow county on the candidates' filing deadline Friday.

Judge Oscar Peterson, incumbent county judge, withdrew as a candidate at a late hour. Paul Jones of Heppner filed as a candidate on the deadline day and Berl Akers was a late entrant as a Republican.

Peterson had filed for reelection on the Republican ticket before withdrawing. Jones entered his candidacy on the Democratic ballot to join three others of his party in the race.

Haskell Sharrard had filed just at press time Thursday and was mentioned in last week's paper, and Frank Hamlin and W. W. (Bill) Weatherford had entered their names as Democratic candidates earlier. All are of Heppner.

Besides Akers, other Republican candidates entered are Oliver Creswick and Ambrose Chapin, both of Heppner.

Thus, with three Republicans and four Democrats vying for the position, the race for county judge looms as a real scramble.

In withdrawing, Judge Peterson said that he had "other pressing interest" that he would like to be free to pursue.

"Another six-year term would tie me down a little longer than I would choose," he said.

Judge Peterson said that he would support one of the candidates for judge but did not name his preference.

"I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve and work with the people of our county," he said. "At the end of this year I will have acted in this capacity for seven years."

He pointed out that the Heppner flood control dam is "well along the path of becoming a reality" and that he will continue to work for it. He mentioned this project, as well as better roads, recreational development, and promotional activities as endeavors needing continued attention.

The judge will conclude his term at the end of the current calendar year.

Akers was a candidate for county commissioner in 1962 but was defeated by Ray Ferguson, also a Republican, in the primary election. Akers is a rancher and was born and raised in the Ione area. He graduated from high school there in 1934. He served 11 years on the Ione school board before county reorganization and is a past master of Willows Grange.

Sharrard owns Wee-TV shop in



**IN A SURPRISE** move Judge Oscar Peterson withdrew his name as candidate for reelection as county judge on the filing deadline Friday. At the end of this year, he shall have completed seven years in office.

Heppner, and also is a native and lifelong resident of the county. He has served on the board of directors of Heppner TV, Inc., for several years. This is his first candidacy for public office.

Jones, a rancher is president of Morrow County Grain Growers and is director of North Pacific Grain Growers. He is a past president of the Farmers Union and is a life member of the Oregon Wheat League. Like Sharrard, this is Jones' first venture for public office.

Except for the activity for county judge, no other local changes came at the filing deadline.

A complete list of candidates of interest to Morrow county is elsewhere in this paper.

In ensuing issues of the Gazette-Times a feature will tell in more detail of each of the candidates, his background, his platform and his goals and objectives in public office.

### WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	46	29	—
Friday	45	27	.02
Saturday	43	29	.04
Sunday	45	31	.05
Monday	46	34	—
Tuesday	51	41	—
Wednesday	58	29	—

## School Board Talks of Possible Serial Levy for Shop Buildings

Some preliminary investigation towards the possibility of proposing a serial levy to finance construction of a high school shop building in Heppner and shop improvements at Ione High school was initiated at the regular meeting of the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 Monday night.

The matter came up when Director Andy Van Schoiack asked what is the latest date that such a levy might be proposed to get it on the ballot this spring.

Director Howard Cleveland recommended that before the board considered proposing such a levy that a committee be appointed to study plans and "determine what is wanted and needed."

This suggestion was followed by the board, and the Chairman Milton Morgan named Directors Van Schoiack, Cleveland and Ken Batty to the committee, together with Bob Rietmann and Jack Hynd of the Ione advisory board the latter two to consider the possibility from Ione's point of view.

Van Schoiack declared, in bringing up the matter of a serial levy, "It begins to look as

if building a shop under the new high school building is out." He said that after all the regulations are complied with to satisfy the fire marshal's office and others, it appeared that it would be cheaper to construct a new building.

The shop building at Heppner, originally included in the plan for the new high school construction, was removed when it was found that bond issue funds were not sufficient to cover the additional building. Since then the board has investigated the possibility of putting the shop in the large area under the new gymnasium.

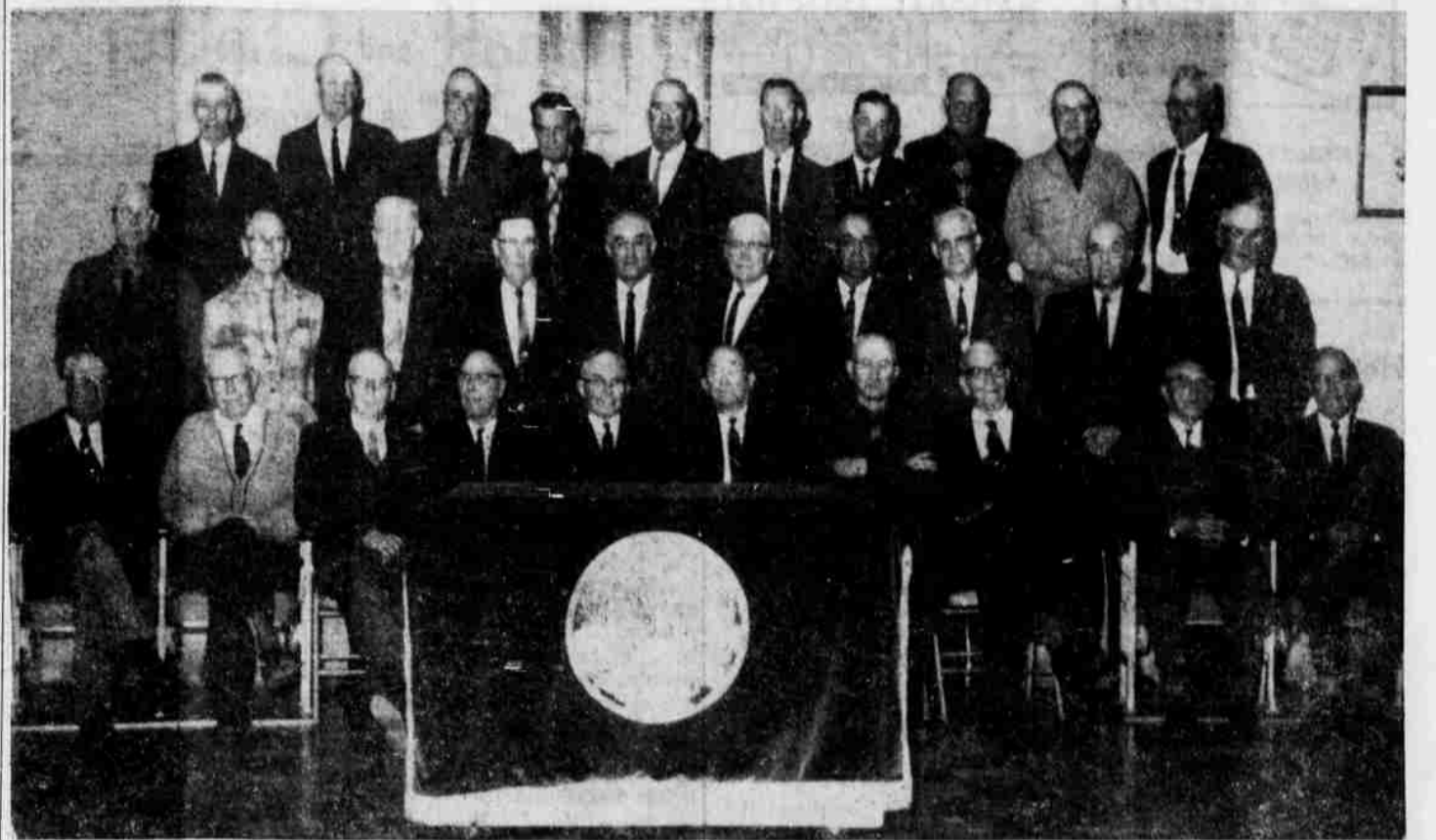
**Parents Ask Support**  
Eldon Padberg of Lexington was spokesman for a delegation of parents at the board meeting, asking that the board go on record as supporting action against a John Day motel operator who the parents believe is largely responsible for an incident which led to suspension of six Heppner High basketball players.

Attorney Robert Abrams pointed out that the case against the motel owner has to be prosecuted by the state, and that the

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**PRESENT FOR SPECIAL RECOGNITION** at Old Timers' Night of Elks Lodge No. 358 last Thursday were the above members, with a combined membership of 1,258 years. Years of membership appears after the name. Front row, l. to r., J. G. Cowins (44), LaVerne Van Marter, Sr., (45), W. C. Cox (44), Barney Doherty (41), Frank Turner (55), Earl Gilliam (47), Pat Mollahan (45), J. L. Carter (47), Dr. A. D. McMurdo (47), Leonard Schwarz (37).

Second row, Walter Becket, (47), L. L. Gilliam (47), Earl Warner (45), Francis Doherty (38), H. A. Cohen (48), Walter Hayes (47), Ray Ferguson (35), John Bergstrom (43), Gene Ferguson (32), Earl Evans (41). Third row, Claude Graham (31), Carl Bergstrom (44), Emil Groshens (45), Cot Swanson (36), E. A. Bennett (45), Max Buschke (39), Paul Hisler (30), Luke Bibby (30), Ralph Jackson (44), Henry Krebs (39). (G-T Photo)

## Winter Carnival To Attract Skiers To Arbuckle Area

Both skiers and spectators are invited to make the trek to Arbuckle Mountain Ski area this Sunday, March 15, to enjoy a day of fun at the annual Arbuckle Ski Club Winter Carnival.

The club would like to have those who come appear in costume, with a trophy to be given to the best dressed family, boy and girl. Races for various age groups will be held during the afternoon, starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be a trophy for boys' downhill, ages 12-18; trophy for girls' slalom, ages 12-18; youngsters downhill slalom, boys and girls, ages 6-12; three-legged races, all ages; obstacle races, all ages; relay races, teams all ages; housewives slalom for new skiers; trophy for old man's race for ages 30 and over.

Cokes and candy will be given all contestants, and coffee and tea will be furnished by the ski club.

Children planning to take part in the competition should have written permission from a parent or guardian. Chairman for the carnival is Don Wise, assisted by Ken Peck.

Roads are in good condition and a large crowd enjoyed the recreation last week-end. It is advisable to carry chains.

The ski club is having its annual meeting tonight (Thursday) starting with a potluck dinner at the high school multipurpose room at 6:30. Officers will be elected and Bob Abrams will be guest speaker. Coffee and rolls will be furnished by the club.

## 16-Year-Old Candy, Gontys' Cocker, Hit by Auto, Dies

"Candy," whose mother was a cocker spaniel and whose dad was of dubious origin, was accidentally killed Wednesday night on one of the Heppner streets where she had been a familiar sight to townspeople for nearly 17 years.

She was the family pet of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty and children and was a birthday present to their daughter, Virginia (now Mrs. Terry Blevins of Ukiah), when the girl was only nine years old.

Candy joined the family when son Tom Gonty, now 19, was two years old, and long before young Doug Gonty was born.

The young driver of a car proceeding near Farley's Service station about 7:20 p.m. Wednesday didn't see the black dog in the darkness. The end came quickly for Candy.

The driver stopped, recognized the animal, and took her to the Gonty home, carefully placing her on the lawn before knocking at the door to break the bad news.

Deaf for two years, Candy wasn't as spry at watching for danger as she once was. She had had an illness a year or two ago when it didn't appear she would make it through the winter. She survived to be petted and greeted much more around town until the accident ended the career of the beloved black pooch.

## Elks Old Timers Total 3,000 Years in Lodge

By LOY HARSIN

Seventy-two Elks, representing more than 3,000 years of lodge membership, received special recognition last Thursday night for their membership of 30 years or more in Heppner Lodge No. 358, BPOE.

Frank Turner, the oldest member present, received a pin for having been a member of the lodge for 55 years. He was initiated December 9, 1909, in the IOOF building, where the Elks met for lodge at that time. Ed Patterson, a local business man, was the exalted ruler.

Present to receive 45-year membership pins were Ed Bennett, LaVerne Van Marter, Sr., Emil Groshens, Pat Mollahan and H. E. Warner. A 35-year pin was presented to Ray Ferguson, Luke Bibby and Paul Hisler received 30-year pins.

## Band Carnival Dated April 11

All the color, glamour and excitement of the annual band carnival will return on April 11, Bud Peck of the Band Parents' club announces. As usual, it will be held in the fair pavilion.

Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30, and the carnival fun will commence immediately afterward.

Being planned at the present time are a whole gamut of booths of all kinds, and the ever-popular dunk tank will be back again.

Lodge history dates back to 1871, when a group of New York actors who had been meeting socially and calling themselves the Elks, formed the first BPOE charter with 243 members. There are now over 2,000 lodges with a membership of 1,300,000, the largest fraternal organization in the United States. Charitable contributions exceed 150 million dollars.

When the local lodge, the fifth oldest in Oregon, received its charter in 1897, Heppner was the smallest populated town in the nation to receive a charter. Lodge membership grew from the original 30 charter members, with A. W. Patterson the exalted ruler, to a high of 793 members in 1955. Present membership now stands at 644. Walden Rhea, resident of Spokane, is the only charter member now living. Approximately 250 members transferred to the Condon Lodge, No. 1869, when Condon received its charter about a decade ago. They have been quartered at the present location since 1920, when the building was constructed.

Local charitable contributions are in the amount of about \$4,000 per year in addition to contributions made to the National Foundation that distributes 7 million dollars annually for innumerable charitable causes.

Another project of the local Elks is the Oregon State Elks' Eye Clinic, one of the finest staffed and equipped clinics of this type in the United States. Located in the University of Oregon Medical Center in Portland, its main purpose is to provide free eye care to any needy child. Its services are also available to anyone desiring them.

Old Timers' night got underway with a spaghetti dinner that was served to about 75 persons. Co-hostesses in charge of the dinner were Mrs. Bob Buschke, Mrs. Stacey Lovgren, Mrs. Gerald Rea, Mrs. Vern Viall, Mrs. Ralph Marlatt, Mrs. Bill Brannon and Mrs. Matt Hughes.

Exalted Ruler Bob Flatt presided.

## Spring Opening Slated Next Week

Sluffs of snow falling Thursday didn't look much like spring, but Spring Opening is coming for sure next week. It is a promotional event sponsored by the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Much new spring merchandise will be on display and big bargains will be offered.

There will be free parking in Heppner on Saturday with meters to be hooded.

Merchants planning to advertise in this paper for the event are requested to have copy ready early. Many contacts will be made by the staff tomorrow (Friday).

## Quota 100 Pints At March 23 Visit Of Bloodmobile

Quota of 100 pints has been set for the blood drawing to be conducted in Heppner on Monday, March 23, by the Red Cross bloodmobile from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Elks Temple, Mrs. Orville W. Cutsforth, blood chairman, states.

There is a need for more canteen workers, Mrs. Cutsforth said, and contacts are now being made with church and service organizations for help.

Regular donors are urged by the chairman to bring one or more friends to the coming drawing so that the quota may be met. A telephone campaign is planned, but anyone not contacted may call Mrs. Cutsforth, Mrs. Ilene Wyman, or the Elks Temple for an appointment.

The committee hopes that there will be 10 to 12 donors every few minutes between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

Thirty-six pints of blood were used from the Seattle area last summer in an effort to save the life of the late Mrs. Pearl Devine, who succumbed following heart surgery. This has been replaced, but more is needed now to put back into this area that which was taken to replace it.

The Wright families would appreciate donations in Mrs. Devine's name to replace that used for her.

## Red Cross Meet Set Friday Night

A meeting with the purpose of getting the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, better organized and more active will be held Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Everyone concerned and interested in the matter is invited.

Narce Caliva of Yakima, field representative for the Red Cross, will be present.

As was announced sometime ago, the county is in danger of losing its Red Cross chapter, including such services as the blood program, swimming instruction and other phases, unless it is able to work out means of giving adequate volunteer financial help to the chapter.