

# C of C Hears Talk On State Future

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ed 9.4% in employment as compared with the national employment growth of 7.5%, he said. Per capita income in the state is greater now than in the state of Washington and in the nation as a whole. Diversification of industry is leveling out "hills and valleys" in the state's employment picture that has previously been dependent primarily on agriculture, logging and tourism, all somewhat seasonal in nature.

### Forest Products Help

Development of forest products will contribute to future growth with the industry seeking changes to compete with other building materials, such as aluminum, Nunn said.

An additional demand for housing will come soon with the post-war "baby crop" now reaching the age of home seekers.

There will be increasing demand for quality agricultural products, the governor's assistant said. Much of the agricultural land in California is going out of production because of heavy freeway construction and housing projects. This will create more demand for products from Oregon.

Nunn predicted a diversification of agriculture in Morrow county with the Willow Creek project contributing to this. He said that the governor has officially approved the Willow Creek project for the State of Oregon and added that Gov.

Hatfield will do all he can to get the project authorized.

### Dam Benefits Told

The speaker told of the benefits that could be expected from the dam here, including flood control, recreation and irrigation. In discussing damages asked by the county for flood repairs, Nunn said that he is "optimistic" about the county getting approval of the \$339,000 it seeks under public law 875.

He paid tribute to the people across the state "for the way they arose to the emergency situation."

"No part of the state was spared," he said "it was thrilling to see the way Oregonians turned to in order to help others."

Nunn said that he had one suggestion for this county—that it consider radio equipment for emergency communication with Salem. It would cost little and might bring big benefits in emergencies, he said.

### Wheat Growers Praised

Turning to the wheat industry, Nunn said that "it deserves a tip of the hat for changing the dietary habits of Japan and the orient." He told of his recent trip to Japan with the party of Gov. Hatfield.

"Bakery products there now would compete with any in this country," he said. Of \$450 million in exports from Portland in 1963, \$125 million were in shipments to Japan. Much of this was wheat.

"From this, you can see your economic importance to Portland," he said. "I am convinced

that our markets of the future lie with Japan."

Among local items for an optimistic future are the Arbuckle Mountain development, Nunn said, the construction of the John Day dam, the limitless volume of water of unusual purity from the Columbia, and the Boeing project at the Boardman Industrial site. He said that he has "great confidence" that the company will receive a substantial contract that will accelerate its development of facilities here.

Gene Pierce introduced Mr. Nunn.

# Lexington, Lena Granges Choose Rodeo Princesses

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For the past four years she has been the harvest cook. She attended Lexington Grade school through the fifth grade, then transferred to Heppner.

Karla was born in Pendleton and the family moved to Pine City from Echo when she was one year old. She has lived on the ranch there since that time. "She is good help around the ranch," her mother states. "She drives a wheat truck in harvest and helps with the cattle."

Princess Karla started to school in Echo and transferred to Heppner in the eighth grade, attending here since. She is a member of the 4-H Saddle club in Pine City and until last year was a member of the livestock club there. She won champion horsemanship at the county fair last year and also has won awards with her swine.

Karla's hobbies are many, including sewing (a first choice with her), cooking, riding, boating, swimming and fishing. She has ridden a horse since she was eight years old and has her own quarter horse, "Honey."

Ginger's hobbies include riding, sewing and swimming. She will ride her pinto, "Princess," during her reign as princess. Other pets include a cat, "Joe," and a shepherd dog.

In Karla's family are two sisters, Sheila, 14, and Patty, 10, and a brother, John, 7. Ginger has a sister Debbie, 12, and a brother, Donald, who is attending Pacific University at Forest Grove where he is studying to be an optometrist. He graduated from Heppner High last year. Princess Ginger is granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske of Lexington.

Wranglers club will choose its princess on February 28, according to Rodeo Secretary Jack Locke. Fifth member of the court will be chosen by the Tillikum club of Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash and Mrs. Bob Parsons and children were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jensen Wednesday night and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer of Ione Friday night. Mrs. Parsons and children were visiting here from Beaverton.

# ASCS Announces Advance Payment For Diversion

Advance payments are available again this year to growers signing up to participate in the Feed Grain Program. Similar payments were available under the 1964 program.

According to David McLeod, manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, the advance payment will represent one-half of the estimated total diversion payment to be earned under the 1965 program. The rest of the diversion payment and all the price-support payment earned under the program will be made next fall.

The 1965 feed grain program again covers barley and corn in Morrow county. Participants in the program may qualify for a payment for diversion of eligible cropland to approved conserving uses, and also for a price-support payment on the normal production of the 1965 feed grain acreage. They will also be eligible for price-support loans on their entire production from the feed grain acreage.

A provision allowing the substitution of wheat on feed grain acreage or feed grain on wheat acreage is in effect for the 1965 crop. The diversion, under either the wheat program or the feed grain program, may be paid for the crop actually being reduced.

Minimum diversion for feed grain base: maximum diversion is 50% of the base or 25 acres if this is more.

While participating in the 1965 program is voluntary, the price-support payments will be available only to growers who sign up and carry out the program's provision.

Signup for the program started February 8 and will continue through March 26.

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# Proposed Budget Shows Levy Drop

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facturers at a cost of only \$100. Expenses of the car for the year are figured at \$450, insurance at \$145 and books and equipment at \$500. Thus, net cost to the district for a year would be approximately \$1800.

Savings on insurance on training credits for drivers under 25 years of age would be some 10% of their premiums. Thus, county patrons whose children took the training would stand to benefit considerably more than they pay in taxes for this education.

How the education would be given in the county's high schools is yet to be worked out. Supt. Potter proposed one possibility that the teacher and training car might spend 18 weeks at Heppner High school, nine weeks at Ione High school and nine weeks at Riverside High.

### Administration Up

The figure for administration in the budget is up from \$28,550 to \$29,977, principally due to salary increases. That for transportation will also increase under the proposed budget to \$100,511 from \$93,896, including increased drivers' salaries and an increased sum for replacement of vehicles (from \$15,000 to \$20,250). This reflects the change to a new 7-year replacement program for buses approved by the directors.

Supt. Potter said that the amount budgeted for transportation salaries this year will not cover the actual cost, and the \$38,322 estimated for this purpose will be exceeded. Salaries

for the coming year are in the budget at a total of \$43,180, considered a more realistic and adequate figure.

Estimate for operation of plants is some \$5000 more than for the current year, going to \$101,800 as compared with \$96,615. Some of the increase again is due to salary raises, this time for custodians, and an increased amount is provided for heat.

### Plant Maintenance Down

Amount estimated for maintenance of plants is down some \$3000, from \$17,891 to \$12,896. One factor in the decrease is the fact that sprinkler systems were installed in the lone grade school and Heppner Junior high buildings last year, and this expense is not in the budget for 1965-66.

Amount for fixed charges is estimated at \$64,754 as compared with \$52,800, reflecting higher Social Security payments and increased payments for Public Employees Retirement System, greater property insurance and other insurance increases.

In other major categories, capital outlay for buildings lists "None" in the expenditures column for the coming year. Last year the figure was \$12,638. Capital outlay for equipment is set at \$10,905 as compared with \$11,559 for 1964-65, a small decrease.

### Budget Commended

Those at the meeting Monday night found little to criticize in the budget and could recommend no changes. They considered a number of items in discussion which were not included among them being the placing of acoustical tile in the gymnasium at Heppner High, the need for someone to handle a stock control and purchasing system so that the district could have complete information on its equipment and supplies and a more economical purchasing system, and other items.

Board Chairman Howard Cleveland said, "It sounds like a very reasonable budget."

A meeting has been set at the school gymnasium in Boardman on Thursday, February 25, at 8 p.m. for approval of the budget by the committee. This is a change from the meeting place, which was originally announced

for the courthouse in Heppner. Until the February 25 meeting is closed, any items may be added or taken away from the budget. Through the time of the public hearing on the budget on March 22, items up to 10% of the total may be changed in categories in the budget and estimated expenditures may be deleted in any of the sections. Publication of the budget will be March 4 and 11, and election on the budget will be April 13.

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