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## Little Change Made in School Budget



WINNERS of \$200 Union Pacific college scholarships are Richard F. Flaiz (right), Heppner, and Herbert L. Stoddard, Hermiston. Charles W. Manke, UP agricultural agent, presented framed certificates to 13 FFA youths at state convention.

## Hearing Proves Calm Session

Morrow county's school budget for 1966-67 evoked no serious objections when it was presented at the called budget hearing Tuesday night at the Heppner elementary school.

Members of the budget committee and school officials present outnumbered the rest of the audience. In fact, only three of the six in the audience could be considered as "interested citizens" and two of them—Fred Martin and L. E. Dick—are former school board members. Mrs. Bill (Jane) Rawlins was the third newspaper reporter and Principal Jack Grossnickle were the only others there.

Superintendent David Potter went through the budget, section by section, pointing out changes from the budget for the current year.

He stressed that except for three areas, the budget is about the same as for the previous year, even showing a small decrease in the total amount allowed for instruction.

### Three Areas Up

The three areas accounting for the increase of some \$36,000 in tax levy are: 1. Increase in social security (up some \$7,000). 2. Increase in capital outlay (up approximately \$32,500). 3. An allowance recommended by the auditor to provide for 5% of the contemplated tax levy as being uncollectable in the current year as compared with only 3% allowed in previous years. This increases this item in the budget by some \$18,000.

Other sections of the budget show small increases in some parts and small decreases in others.

Only change voted at the hearing was to include \$5,000 more under resources contemplated from state basic school support. The budget estimated that \$193,500 would come from this source, but the state, since the budget was prepared, has notified the district that its share will be in the neighborhood of \$198,000. The additional sum is to be included in the budget to reduce the amount of the tax levy required by the amount of the additional sum.

Supt. Potter pointed out that some of the items under capital outlay were set up as "starred items" and could be reduced if the public and the budget committee chose to do so.

### Laundry Talked

Among these is the item of \$6,000 for laundry equipment at Heppner elementary school, the plan being for the equipment to serve the high school as well. This figure would be for purchase of new equipment, but the board has not yet determined to make the purchase. Second-hand equipment might be obtained.

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## Public Invited To Band Festival

Heppner High school will be host Friday and Saturday for a Spring Band Festival, with high school bands from six schools participating.

Schools taking part are Ione, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Echo and Heppner.

Friday will be devoted to supervised individual and section rehearsals, with an evening concert featuring each band in two numbers, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Massed band, made up of all the schools, will be heard in a concert of 10 numbers Saturday evening, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Admission tickets of \$1.00 and 50c will be good for both evening concerts.

## Season's Final Skiing This Week

If you haven't had your fill of skiing at Arbuckle Mt. this season, you have only one more chance to enjoy the sport here, Bob Henry announces.

Tow will operate "on the hill" this week-end, and then it will close for the season.

The bus will operate on its last trip on Saturday.

Although snow is still some five feet deep, the coming of spring brings other interests, and it is expected that turnouts from now on will not be sufficient to cover cost of operation.

# Death Claims Al Lamb; Services Held Today

(Pictures on Page 4)

Al Lamb, 62, one of Morrow county's foremost citizens and a man of statewide and national prominence, died in Providence hospital, Portland, Monday, March 21, after an illness of some two months.

He was mayor of Heppner, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., and secretary of the Morrow County Port Commission.

Funeral services were today, Thursday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Heppner Elks temple with Walter Nelson of the Christian Faith, Fruitland, Idaho, officiating. Vault interment was at Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers were Congressman Al Ullman, John Savage, Clarence Rosewall, Paul Jones, Walter Jacobs and Harlan McCurdy, all close friends and associates.

Casket bearers were men of Morrow County Grain Growers, including Donald Bennett, Jack Healy, Hugh Salter, George Stillman, Elley Munkers and Elwyn Hughes.

Mayor Lamb's activities extended into many areas, including agricultural, business, civic, political, fraternal and youth work. Besides being mayor, manager of the Grain Growers, and an elected commissioner of the Morrow County Port Commission, he was chairman of the Morrow County Democratic Cen-

tral committee and was campaign manager for Congressman Ullman, having served in this role during the campaign of the past two election years.

### National Director

He was a director of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and had attended a meeting in Washington, D. C., in that capacity in January, just prior to suffering his fatal illness.

Lamb was a past president of the Oregon Council of Farmer Cooperatives and formerly was president of the managers' association of North Pacific Grain Growers. He was a director, too, of the Oregon-Washington Farmers Union.

He was a past international counselor of the Lions club and had also served as a district governor. He joined the Lone Lions club when it was formed in Ione several years ago and continued his activity in that organization in Morrow county.

His interest in youth was shown by his work as an executive board member of Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In 1964 he served as president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and had been a director as well as serving in other capacities in that organization. He was also a member of the Elks lodge No. 358.

### On Trade Mission

One of the most notable recognitions he received in recent years was his appointment to serve as a member of the U. S. Trade Development Mission to Africa in 1962 through the United States Department of Commerce. On that trip he and other members of the mission met with heads of governments in middle Africa. He also journeyed on to Lambarene in Gabon to visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer who died last year.

Albert Franklin Lamb was born December 10, 1903, in Yamhill, Oregon, son of Alva F. and Clara Mae Thomas Lamb. He was married to Bernice Baldwin of Harrisburg in Salem on September 20, 1927.

From 1939 to 1949 he was assistant manager of the Blue Lake Packers in Salem, and then went to Puyallup, Wn., where he was manager of the Farmers Union Berry cooperative for three years. Lamb then went to Denver, Colo., for a short time before accepting the position as manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers in late 1952.

### Elected Mayor

He became a city councilman in Heppner on January 21, 1955, and was elected mayor in November, 1960. He started in that office on January 3, 1961, and held it until the time of his death.

Because of his civic, community and agricultural interests, Lamb had an important part in many developments of significance to Heppner and Morrow county. He had worked actively on planning for development in the north end of the county through the port commission. Through the Chamber of Commerce and his mayoralty he played an important part on progress made to date on securing the Willow Creek project. He became a recognized authority in the grain industry and had outstanding influence on its development in the Northwest as well as helping to form legislation of benefit to growers.

### Loved Outdoors

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time in the mountains southeast of Heppner. After one such outing he reported suffering a "blackout" while driving on a mountain road and entered a hospital for treatment. He had previously been troubled with a blood clot on his leg.

After the hospital treatments, he said he felt much better and within a month or two took the trip to Washington, D. C., in January, going by air.

After returning to Portland, he attended some meetings and visited with relatives for a day or two. Then, upon driving home, he felt ill at The Dalles and called for his family to come and get him.

Within a few days he entered the hospital here apparently suffering from a stroke. He was transferred recently to Portland with the hope that specialized treatment would bring about his recovery and he seemed to be improving until last week when a fever developed. Although his family and friends realized his condition was serious, his death Monday came as a severe shock.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bernice Lamb of Heppner; three sons, Harry of Seattle, Wn., Kenneth of Iririon and Wayne of Heppner; a daughter, Dorothy Cunningham of Ontario; nine grandchildren; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Lamb of Salem; and three brothers, Roy and Virgil of Salem and Lester of Albany.

The family advises that those who may wish to express themselves in his memory may make donations to Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.



ALBERT F. LAMB

## Judge Jones Says 'Loss Deeply Felt'

Loss of Al Lamb will be deeply felt not only in the county but elsewhere as well, County Judge Paul Jones said after hearing of Mayor Lamb's death Monday.

"Al's death comes as a great shock to me," the judge said. "It has been a privilege to have been associated with him over the years that he has lived in Heppner."

"I do not remember any other person who, coming as a stranger to our county, has had the impact on it that Al Lamb has had through these few, short years."

"His loss will be deeply felt in all the many areas of local, county and state activities to which he gave so freely of his time and ability."

## County Welfare Budget To be Down in Coming Year

A tentative budget of \$93,414.00 for assistance was approved for the 1966-67 fiscal year at the March 3 meeting of the Morrow County Public Welfare Commission, according to Judge Paul Jones, chairman. Of this amount, \$14,672.51 is the county share. Federal and state monies fund the balance. The budget for 1965-66 was allocated at \$110,833.00 with the county share being \$15,849.00.

Lowell Chally, administrator, says the anticipated decrease in expenditures appears to be largely due to increased OASI benefits, availability of surplus foods and a general healthy economic situation in the county. The present budget for the coming year would have been even less, he explained for the inclusion of a \$1,881.51 county underpayment for 1964-65.

Aid to Dependent Children accounts for the largest expenditures at \$20,375.00, followed by Old Age Assistance in the amount of \$18,437.00. The balance is distributed over General Assistance Foster Care, Aid to the Disabled, and Medical Aid to the Aged. The surplus food costs are absorbed by the county, Judge Jones said. Administrative costs relative to adoptions, rent salaries and other expenditures are absorbed by the State.

Concerning surplus foods, the commission encourages all elig-

ible persons to apply for them. The store is open the first two Thursday afternoons of the month at the Case Building in Heppner. Presently the following "take home" monthly income to qualify is as follows: 1 person—\$128.00, 2 persons—\$193.00, 3 persons—\$221.00, 4 persons—\$258.00, 5 persons—\$288.00, 6 persons—\$328.00, 7 persons—\$357.00, 8 persons—\$386.00, 9 persons—\$441.00, 10 persons—\$426.00. Income scale will be increased \$25.00 for each additional person above 10. Cash reserves of \$500.00 for 1 adult and \$1000.00 for 2 or more adults, are allowable.

## PTA Group Eyes Ways of Securing, Holding Teachers

First in a series of Heppner PTA study groups on the subject of attracting and retaining good teachers for the Morrow County school district was held Monday March 21, in the elementary school multipurpose room.

Mrs. William Rawlins was chairman and attendance included three other parents, one administrator, and two teachers. The meeting was a general consideration of school policies, public attitudes and desirable improvements as preliminary to more detailed treatments of certain subjects in later meetings.

Subjects to be studied during the course are: teacher turnover, community responsibilities to teachers, inservice training and counselling for teachers, policies of hiring teachers and renewing contracts, and what good teachers look for in a job.

It was resolved that the purpose of the meetings be practical measures of improvement in the treatment of teachers rather than trying to attach blame for past mistakes, and a policy of consulting past and present school board and advisory members was decided upon. The next meeting of this study group will be held on Monday, March 28, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the elementary school.

A report will be given by Ed Dick on the history of the district and the development of board policies which affect the present working conditions of our teachers. This will include figures on teacher turnover in recent years. The meeting will be open to all members of the school district and group discussion will follow Dick's report.

## WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of March 17-23 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	35	—
Friday	62	33	.10*
Saturday	40	31	.04*
Sunday	48	31	—
Monday	43	24	—
Tuesday	51	26	—
Wednesday	55	28	—

\* Snow

## Sports Round Robin Eyed in A-2 Circuit

"To be or not to be."

That is the question on the proposed round robin schedule in the Greater Oregon athletic league, which includes A-2 high schools of eastern Oregon.

As proposed at a meeting at the time of the district basketball tournament in La Grande recently, the league might be unified so that all schools would play round robin schedules in basketball and football, eliminating the two divisions.

This brought some opposition from some of the eastern coaches, but was approved by a majority vote. This would mean that Heppner and other teams of the west would include Vale, Nyssa and Enterprise on their regular schedules. In turn, the three eastern schools would play full schedules including those of the present western division.

This would make it possible to eliminate the district basketball tournament and league football playoff since the league winners would earn the right to go to the state tournaments as the district titlists.

But when the matter reached the Oregon School Activities Association at a meeting last Friday, it caused a stir in the ranks of the board members with some opposition coming from a Nyssa member. Instead of being endorsed the matter was left unsettled.

Supt. David Potter of Morrow county schools and Athletic Director Bob Clough of Heppner High attended the OSAA meeting and a league meeting again early this week at La Grande. They reported the vote count now stands 7 to 2 in favor of the round robin schedule, but it still cannot be resolved.

Clough said that Enterprise is allying with the schools of the western division.

However, because the OSAA has decided to leave the matter open for study until November, 1966, it apparently cannot be settled until that time.

## Maureen Doherty Chosen Princess

Maureen Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, has been selected as a princess of the Spray rodeo, which will be held in May, it was announced this week.

Maureen, 17, is a senior at Heppner High school and is a blond. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Active in 4-H, Maureen won many prizes at the county fair last year, including all-around showman. She has been riding horses for five years and is very enthused about it, even riding in snow storms, her mother states.

Maureen will have a chance to become queen of the rodeo. Selection is based partly on ticket sales and she will be contacting many of those in this area who may be interested in the rodeo.

Ruby Fullerton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fullerton, was a princess at the Spray rodeo last year.

Ernie Stranz of Wahtonka, president of the western division, expressed the feeling of the division at the OSAA meeting last week when he said, "We just want a representative number of games played by the team that goes into the playoffs from our district, so we have voted to play five league games or a representative schedule."

As the lineup seems to stand presently, the following will comprise the west: Enterprise, Heppner, Sherman county, Wah-tonka, Burns, Grant Union, and Madras. In the eastern division remain only Vale and Nyssa.

## Buchanan Says State Aid Needed

Property tax relief must come from the state level in the form of additional aid to education, said Martin Buchanan of Mill-ton-Freewater at a meeting of the Morrow County Farmers Union Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth.

Buchanan, candidate for representative from the 28th legislative district and a member of the state's tax study group, said that the proposed 1 1/2 per cent tax limitation would multiply present tax problems.

He said that when more than three-fourths of the tax dollar is used for educational purposes, the local property owners must have additional help in shouldering the local and state-wide tax burden.

State aid will have to be increased to 50 per cent of the cost of education, he said.

Where to get the additional aid money is getting close study by the State Tax Study Committee, and it is hoped to have a recommendation for the next session of the legislature.

Some of the farmers present stated their opposition to a sales tax. They stated that such a tax would have to be paid by the farmer even though his operation for the year showed a loss. They expressed the opinion that a tax on ability to pay is more fair.

The Farmers Union meeting was held at the Cutsforth home because of a conflict in scheduling at the announced meeting place, the old city library. A civil defense class on radiological monitoring was held there Tuesday night.

## Floyd Jones Champ In Cow Cutting

Floyd Jones entered the Central Oregon cow cutting contest at Madras over the week-end and emerged as champion in the novice class.

He rode the 4-year old gelding Pat Brady and competed with 182 entered from several western states.

Jones, former chairman of the Morrow county rodeo committee and presently a member of the fair board, received a trophy and a cash award.

John Venard also attended the Madras events.

## Dick Flaiz Wins UP Scholarship

Two FFA youths in this area have been named winners of \$200 Union Pacific college scholarships.

Richard F. Flaiz of Heppner and Herbert L. Stoddard of Hermiston were among 13 vocational agriculture students in Oregon to receive scholarship certificates at the FFA convention last week at Bend.

Both are seniors. Each plans to enroll at Oregon State University this fall and major in agricultural education. They will receive their checks at that time. The railroad requires that recipients attend one of 15 agricultural colleges in the west. Since the inception of the scholarship program in 1921 the Union Pacific has awarded \$800,000 to approximately 10,000 FFA and 4-H youths in the 198 counties that it serves.

For FFA the scholarship is awarded on the basis of a superior farming program, scholastic record and leadership in community affairs.

## Meeting Called For Republicans

An important meeting of the Morrow County Republican Central Committee has been called by Mrs. Herman Winter, county chairman, for Wednesday evening, March 30, at 8:00 p.m. It will be held in the conference rooms of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Called to the meeting are all members of the central committee, the executive committee, and Republican candidates for county offices, and (or) their campaign managers.

## Proposed Zoning Ordinance Printed

Proposed Morrow county zoning ordinance, designed to include all lands north of the Base Line is published on pages 2 and 3 of section 2 of this issue of the Gazette-Times.

The ordinance is printed in full in order that all in the county may have access to a copy for study. A limited supply of reprints will be available through the county courthouse.

At the present time hearings are being held on the proposal with one set for the A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, Monday, March 28, at 8 p.m. At this time, those interested may state their views on the proposal and give suggestions for or against the ordinance.

This hearing is for informational purposes only. Formal hearings will follow at a later date. Sometime ago a similar meeting was held at Boardman.

Those receiving the paper are requested to save the copy of the ordinance. While it is not the intention to establish it at the present time in the southern part of the county, it is quite possible that a similar ordinance will be proposed at a later time for that part of the county or the same ordinance may be amended to include also the southern portion of the county.