

# Board Approves Six-Six System for Lone Schools

Lone schools will probably be the first in Morrow county to convert to the "six-six program" which has been under discussion in school circles in the county for some months.

At the request of a community committee and the lone advisory committee, the county school board Monday night approved the new program for lone and will ask the State Department of Education to approve it. The department has already approved the application for the new system.

Under the plan, the first six grades will go to the grade school, while grades 7 and 8 will go to the high school, making six grades in that building. Essentially a junior high school will be operated concurrently with a senior high school.

Principal Harold Beggs outlined advantages that he could see in such a plan at the board meeting, held at Riverside High.

He said that it would provide for more efficient use of the teaching staff. Grade and high school teachers now work back and forth between the schools, but their scheduling is different and does not coincide, causing delays in some cases and overlapping in others. Under the new system, teachers would remain in the same building.

There would be more efficient use of the physical plants, he said. Seventh and eighth grade science classes could use the high school science lab, for instance, when it is not in use by the high school students. This is not feasible under the present system.

Library materials also can be better centralized and will receive better use, he said.

If approved by the State Department, the new six-six program at Lone probably will be implemented in the fall of this year.

**Eight Vacancies Noted**

Supt. David Potter reported that there are eight teaching vacancies for the coming school year known to date. Six of these are in the lone schools, one at Riverside High and one at A. C. Houghton.

Joan Thompson, who has taught at Wilder and Mountain Home, Idaho, as well as at Vale, was offered a contract in Heppner Elementary school and this takes care of one previous vacancy there. She has a bachelor's degree and three years experience.

Arnie Hedman, band instructor at Lone, will be transferred to Heppner at his request, Potter said. This will create a vacancy in band at Lone. Others at Lone High include one position for English and junior high reading, one for high school li-

brary and English, one for high school science and math, one for commercial subjects and girls' physical education.

In lone elementary school there will be a vacancy for first grade teacher.

Resignations approved at the meeting from Lone were those of Cecilia Adams, Rita Kerr, and James Marvin. Two of these had previously said that they planned to stay at Lone for only two years. Marvin had stated that he is seeking a position in northwestern Washington to be closer to the family homes of both himself and his wife.

The resignations were accepted with letters of commendation for their teaching work to be placed on file.

A vacancy at Riverside is in commercial subjects and girls' physical education, and one at A. C. Houghton is in girls' phys-

ical education and fifth or sixth grade.

**New Buses Approved**

The board approved the purchase of two new 66-passenger buses and declared an emergency so that the purchase may be completed at once. Supt. Potter said that circumstances are such that the new buses are available now. In the past, long delays have been experienced in delivery of buses, causing a hardship in the district.

It was stipulated in approving the purchase that they would be bought through local dealers. Three old model buses will be traded in on the new ones. Cost of the new buses is \$17,500 less the trade, and the district now has \$12,000 in its current budget for replacement of buses. This is less than needed but invoking an emergency.

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CO-CHAIRMEN of the Civic League's annual spring rummage sale peek through some of the merchandise being prepared for sale at the Gilliam and Bisbee building. At left is Mrs. Lyle Jensen and at right is Mrs. Roy Davis. The sale starts Friday and continues through Saturday. More items are needed for the sale, and those who care to donate are invited to call for pickup (see classified ad page). The sale supports the Heppner kindergarten. (G-T Photo by Fardee).

## Bargains Galore Offered At Civic League Sale

Kindergarten mothers are hopeful of getting last minute rummage to swell their collection which has been a little smaller than usual this year; however, they stress that there are many bargains ready to be picked up by smart shoppers at the Civic League Spring Rummage Sale which begins tomorrow (Friday) at the Gilliam & Bisbee building.

Hours of the sale will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday with kindergarten mothers working as salesladies.

In the past, bargain-hunters have competed for antiques, choice materials and repairable appliances during the early hours of the sale and school children have crowded in to buy dress-up clothes, knick-knacks and books in the afternoons. Generally rummage continues to be contributed during both days of the sale so there is a renewing supply.

Material and objects which are not sold during the two-day sale will be transported to Pendleton by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra for the use of the Salvation Army there. Nothing contributed is wasted.

Proceeds from this rummage sale as they have for a number of years, will support the operation of the kindergarten, making it possible to have a qualified teacher and excellent equipment at a low tuition rate.

## Auction Plans For OMSI Gain Momentum Here

Plans for the countywide auction for the benefit of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry gained momentum this week, Gene Pierce of the sponsoring committee said.

Throughout the county, fine cooperation is being received towards the auction which will be at the Morrow county fairgrounds on Saturday, May 13, Pierce said.

A letter was due to be mailed Wednesday to residents across the county, telling of the plans and seeking donations for the auction — everything from "a shoe shine to a ton of hay."

Typical of the cooperation being received was that in regard to the letter. The Future Business Leaders at the high school mimeographed it and will place the letters in envelopes for mailing. Columbia Basin Electric's crew addressed the letters.

Meanwhile, Granges in the county have started to work preparing for the dinner that they will serve as a benefit for the project. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 13, and all proceeds will be donated to OMSI. Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children or \$5 for a family.

Occasion for the auction and dinner is to share in the cost of building an agriculture exhibit hall at the museum. The exhibit hall will tell Oregon's agriculture story to the public and provide classrooms and lab facilities for experimental purposes.

Every county in Oregon has been asked to help with this project, and Morrow county is one of the few which have not already done so.

On April 24 committees will begin contacting people for donations for the auction. Pierce said. Those who have no items to give for the auction may share by donating cash, he said.

Loren McKinley, director of OMSI, and Clint Gruber, also associated with the museum, expect to be in Heppner for the event. They plan to bring a pickup load of items to be auctioned, among which will be two refrigerator air conditioners.

Two exhibits will arrive from OMSI within the next few days to be placed on display showing some of the type of thing that is being done there for the benefit of all Oregonians. One is a seed identification exhibit with an electric system that illuminates lights when the viewer correctly identifies seeds.

Bob Rynnion has agreed to be auctioneer at the event. Pierce and Mayor W. C. Rosewall are serving as co-chairmen of this county OMSI committee.



BILL LOWE

## Bill Lowe Retires From Hospital Post After Sixteen Years

"Well, you know, a lot of fish have got away from me," Bill Lowe mused when he was asked the other day how he is going to spend his time from now on.

He had just announced his retirement from his position at Pioneer Memorial Hospital after working as a custodian there for more than 16 years, virtually since the hospital was first built.

On Friday, March 31, he was guest of honor at a retirement party, arranged by Mrs. Mallie Harris, Mrs. Leona Hale and Mrs. Bob Steagall. Mrs. Steagall made the scrumptious chocolate cake. The party was in the hospital dining room and members of the staff attended.

Bill was given an electric clock as a going away present. Like his brother, Bob, who is engineer at the hospital, Bill came here from England. He was from Durham and came to the United States in 1913.

Through the years, he worked at various jobs—cook, sheepherder, barber, even as a soldier, until taking the work at the hospital more than 16 years ago.

Besides trying to land those fish that have slipped the hook, Bill will keep in touch with the hospital on a relief basis. He expects to "fill in" on Sundays working with the boiler and engine room.

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DENIECE MATTHEWS



BERNIECE MATTHEWS

## Lone Twin Girls Share Senior Class Honors

Deniece and Berniece Matthews, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Matthews of Lone, will share scholastic honors at commencement exercises of the Class of 1967 of Lone High school. Principal Harold Beggs announces.

Deniece will be valedictorian of the class and Berniece will be salutatorian. The valedictorian has attained a grade point average of 3.83 for her four years of high school, and the salutatorian has achieved a 3.79 throughout her high school career.

"In addition to their fine achievements in their studies, both girls have been active in all phases of student life," Principal Beggs said. "They have been excellent school citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and the community of Lone should be proud to have these fine girls selected as the valedictorian and salutatorian for 1967."

Deniece is president of the honor society, secretary-treasurer of the student body, and is secretary-treasurer of the senior class. She is vice president of the Girls' Athletic Association, is editor of The Cardinal (school paper), is a member of the annual staff, accompanist for chorus, and a member of the pep club and the band.

Berniece is president of the Girls' Athletic Association, secretary-treasurer of the honor society, business manager of the annual, is on the annual staff, a member of the pep club and is in the band.

The girls represented their school last year at Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.

They both plan to attend Oregon College at Monmouth following their graduation.

Commencement at Lone High school will be Friday, June 2.

## School District Budget Election Slated Monday

Voters of school district R-1 will go to the polls Monday afternoon, April 17, to decide on the Morrow county school budget for 1967-68. The budget, which was pared by some \$30,000 at the time of the recent public hearing, would require \$652,285 above the 6% limitation and is up \$138,833 from last year when the levy outside the limitation was \$513,453.

Polls will be open from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Lexington school office, Lone school, Heppner Elementary school, Riverside High school, A. C. Houghton school (Irrigon), and the Rhea Creek Grange Hall.

Bulk of the increase in budget is attributable to higher salaries for teachers in accordance with the new schedule approved by the budget committee. Starting salary for teachers with bachelor's degrees and no experience would be \$5900. This is less than that requested by the professional negotiation committee, which would have started the schedule at \$6000.

The increased salary schedule would keep the Morrow county district salaries for certified personnel more nearly at the state level. Considerable pressure from outside the teaching ranks towards this end has been noticed in an effort to get and hold good teachers for the system.

The 1967-68 budget has been thoroughly scrutinized by the budget committee, which includes the directors of the school board. Only other category in which noticeable increases occur is that of capital outlay. Some fixed charges are up in areas over which the district has no control, such as Social Security contributions.

All registered voters are eligible to vote on the budget in the precincts in which they are located. Election on board members and advisory committee members will not be held until Monday, May 1.

It is almost impossible to determine at this time what the tax increase would be for school purposes if the county budget passes.

This is due to the uncertainty of what the state tax program will be, depending on actions of the legislature and outcome of possible statewide election at a later date. Moves are now underway to increase basic school support, which would cut the amount of local taxes to be paid for school purposes, but this remains indefinite at this time. The budget as prepared and printed recently is based on present basic school support payments.

## Rain Gives Boost To County Crops

By DON GILLIAM

Generous spring rains and light snowfall during the past month, together with an abundance of warm spring sunshine, have combined for an ideal and welcomed good start for the county's grain crops. Precipitation has been a little above normal, with mild range of night and daytime temperatures, between 30 and 66. Ranchers continue to be optimistic about an ideal growing season, with hope of continued good moisture.

Official weather report for the week of April 5-11 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	55	37	.05
Thursday	58	31	—
Friday	62	32	—
Saturday	58	34	—
Sunday	57	31	—
Monday	49	38	.16
Tuesday	57	40	—

## Services Continue

Eastern Oregon Freight is continuing its trucking services in the area, it is announced by Gene Orwick of Flatt's Truck Line. Freight deliveries will continue to be made out of Portland but until the strike is terminated there will not be interstate freight services coming into Portland.

## Who's Who Contest Starts

Today is C day! . . . "C" standing for clues or cash—possibly both.

You've been looking forward to it (if you've been reading the Gazette-Times), and now it's here—the "Who's Who in Morrow County" contest.

Turn to page two of this issue and see what kind of latent detective skills are now lurking within you—just waiting to be discovered!

It's simple (at least, we try to make it look that way). All you do is start looking for clues in the "Who's Who" section. All the clues will relate to one local person. See if you can identify him (or her). Then, see if you can locate all the clues in this issue that apply to that person.

Check first the little ads in the "Who's Who" section . . .

then go on to any other ads of any of the sponsoring merchants in this issue.

Merchants featured this week are Peterson's Jewelers Wagon Wheel Cafe, Murrays Rexall Drug and Gonty's, all in Heppner. Entries may be left only at these businesses this week. Don't get complacent if you find a clue in an ad. It's possible that there may be more of them in that same ad . . . we'll tell you right now that some ads don't have any clues in them (your only problem is to figure out which ads they are).

Entering the contest is the simplest thing you can imagine. Just take any slip of paper and write down the name you believe is correct for this week's "Who's Who. Under that name, list every clue you can find in

all ads, of all sponsoring merchants in this issue.

Don't look for clues in news items, editorial matter, or any other places other than ads of sponsoring merchants. It's possible that, by coincidence, there could be clues elsewhere in the paper—but these would not count as clues in this contest.

Count only those you find in ads of sponsoring merchants (every sponsoring merchant has a little ad in the "Who's Who" section).

Don't forget to list your own name and address on your entry! Also your phone number would make it quicker to notify you if you are the winner. You can drop your entry at any of the four merchants whose ads are bordered with the

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MR. AND MRS. HOWARD PETTYJOHN will be hosts at the grand opening of Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply in their location on Linden Way Saturday. The couple bought the business more than three years ago and recently completed the new building near the Heppner Union Pacific depot. They are pictured in the paint section of their spacious store. (G-T Photo).

## Pettyjohn's to Hold Grand Opening Saturday

Heppner's newest business building, which houses Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply in their location on Linden Way Saturday. The couple bought the business more than three years ago and recently completed the new building near the Heppner Union Pacific depot. They are pictured in the paint section of their spacious store. (G-T Photo).

It will be a gala occasion and the public is invited. The owners declare. There will be coffee and doughnuts for all, balloons and bubble gum for the kids, and many fine door prizes will be given away.

Drawings will be held each hour throughout the day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the door prizes. Among them will be a barbecue rotisserie, claw hammers, Universal steam and dry iron, kitchen aluminum step stool stainless steel serving platter, metal saw, carpenter's rule, and other items.

Special bargains, attractive to all, are offered for the grand opening and some of them are advertised in their full page announcement on page five of this section.

The Pettyjohns bought the business in November, 1963, from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, who operated it as Barratt Sales Company. The Hamlins had previously bought the business from Garnet Barratt.

As their business expanded, the Pettyjohns decided to build new and larger quarters and constructed the present facilities, across the street from their former location on Linden Way. The salesroom is 40x32 feet and the lumber yard is 50x100 feet.

In recent months, the firm has expanded many of its hardware, plumbing and building supply lines. When Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware discontinued business, Pettyjohn's sought to help fill the local need for plumbing supplies and now carry a good stock. They have also enlarged lines of tools, sports goods, electrical needs, and paints.

Among the well-known lines that they carry are Toro lawn

mowers, General and Glidden paints, Olympic Stain, McCulloch chain saws, P & C carpenter and mechanic's tools, Miller Falls and Black and Decker power tools, Irco Steelume irrigation pipe and fittings, Cornell Pumps, Rainbird sprinklers Thorolyte fiberglass panels and others.

Throughout the day Saturday, a representative from General Paint Co. will give antiquing demonstrations, and will offer the public a chance to make abstract paintings in a novel demonstration.

Store hours at Pettyjohn's will be maintained as 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on week days and from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Assisting Howard and Jo Pettyjohn at the business are Dean Connor and Tom Harris, both of whom work part time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pettyjohn are lifelong residents here. He worked for Kinzua Corporation for many years before quitting to devote full time to the business. Mrs. Pettyjohn was employed by the Gazette-Times before joining her husband in the business.

## Chest X-Ray Unit Here for Two Days

All adult residents are reminded to get their free chest X-rays taken at the visit of the mobile chest X-ray unit of the Oregon State Board of Health here Thursday or Friday.

The unit will be stationed near Murrays Rexall Drug. Hours on Thursday will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

On Friday, the hours will be from 9 a.m. until noon. Everyone is invited to have a chest X-ray for possible early detection of tuberculosis, lung defects and abnormalities of the heart.