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Budget Support Needed

When one examines the Morrow county school district budget for the year 1967-68, it is difficult to see how it could be pared significantly under circumstances that prevail today.

Many of the requests for materials, supplies and equipment were cut in early meetings of the budget committee, and additional items were trimmed as late as the public hearings on March 28.

The main item that has brought about an increased budget for the ensuing year is a higher salary schedule for teachers. This is inevitable if the district is to maintain a level of instruction that guarantees quality education for children in the county.

The directors, budget committee and teachers agreed to a schedule which places the district more in a competitive position with other school districts around the state but not as high as many districts of comparable size. It is interesting to note that this schedule was agreed upon in a spirit of cooperation between the parties involved while other districts in the state are engaged in bitter controversy yet over increases that are equivalent to or better than those planned here.

Out of the general fund budget of more than \$1,200,000 in the Morrow county district, instruction salaries account for more than \$700,000. Thus, it readily can be seen that expense of instruction is by far the most expensive item in school costs. This is as it should be, for teaching is the heart of education. The teacher is of paramount importance.

Those who are seriously interested in providing the best possible education for Morrow county children recognize that emphasis must be placed on obtaining and holding top quality teachers here, and that is what is taking place now.

Last week, this column pointed out the gains that have been made in education during the past year in Morrow county. To hold these gains, the district must have the necessary financial support. The budget committee is asking for nothing more than this. Defeat of the budget would seriously jeopardize progress that has been made.

Demand for teachers is the greatest that it has ever been. Many leave Oregon each year to go to states where more lucrative salaries are offered. Others are enticed by salaries offered by governmental agencies, such as the Job Corps.

When the Morrow county district reached an agreement with teachers on the new schedule, it didn't offer them what they might be able to get by seeking out positions elsewhere on the market, but they did keep the range more nearly competitive.

It is a difficult proposition indeed, to present a budget to the people requiring a rather sharp increase in tax levy when the public in general seems to be demanding reductions in property taxes, but there is no other way to go, short of curtailing a school system that is making fine progress.

Many parents, who recognize the benefits of instruction their children are receiving, will be willing to make some additional sacrifice for their continuing good education. Their children's future is of utmost importance to them and they recognize that a solid foundation in elementary and secondary education is ever more a vital necessity in a world that is not only experiencing a "population explosion" but also an "education explosion."

A higher budget is not so acceptable, perhaps, to those with no children in school. But they, too, benefit from the younger generation receiving good educations. They realize the importance of the school system, and they take pride in it, too.

When voters go to the polls Monday, they should realize that the budget will be up about \$130,000 across the county as a maximum. This is on the condition that no relief is forthcoming from the state. If a plan is worked out by the legislature that is acceptable to the people to reduce property taxes, the Morrow county budget will be cut proportionately. It could be quite possible that the school budget might end requiring less in property taxes than last year with relief coming in the form of added basic school support. Unfortunately, no promises can be made at this time and the budget has to be presented as if there will be no relief at all.

The old saying, "One can't have his cake and eat it," holds true in this case. We can't have good schools and not provide the necessary support. It looks to us that the school officials have done about the best possible job under the circumstances.

The 1967-68 school budget deserves support of the voters, and it is to be hoped that they back it decisively at the election Monday afternoon, April 17.

TO THE EDITOR...

For Budget

April 10, 1967

To the Editor:

As we approach the day when the people of Morrow County vote on the R-1 school budget, I would like to make a few comments on the importance of its passage, especially to those of us in the lone area.

We are presently offering curricula in both grade and high schools that has never been equaled in this area. We have a staff that is very well qualified and working as never before to educate our children that they may later compete in a highly technical world.

However, what is good can be made better! As most of us are aware, we are at present becoming engaged in a relative-

ly new 6-6 program in Ione. That is, incorporating the 7th and 8th grades into the high school as far as academics are concerned. This will make more efficient use of present school facilities including laboratories, teaching stations, members of the faculty and time scheduling. In short, this will enable our students to take better advantage of opportunities offered within the school.

Tied within this program is a new reading class designed especially for students in the lower high school group. Here, too, this has been a weak area in our school as the I.T.E.D. test has shown. New speed reading aids have been included in the new budget as well as a part time reading instructor. Individual study carrels will be placed into the library area for students who wish specialized intensive study. Badly needed repairs are planned for the grade school building and incidental improvements will be made on the play grounds.

In order that these improve-



W. S. CAVERHILL

Caverhill Writes Column for Paper

W. S. Caverhill of Milton-Freewater, author of "Road South," "Cal Tuller" and other publications, will write a weekly column for the Gazette-Times beginning with this issue. It will appear under the heading, "Pioneer Ponderings."

Caverhill has columns of interest to East Oregonians appearing in a number of other weekly papers in this part of the state, and his articles often appear, too, in dailies.

He is intimately acquainted with the history of the area, and for a number of years served as Grant county commissioner. He is well known for the glimpses that he presents of the character and philosophy of an era that is past. His experiences as teacher, county and city official and outdoor enthusiast well qualifies him as a writer.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

During an overnight stop in Heppner recently, I was surprised at the evidence of its sound economy and steady growth. Sitting in the lobby of the hotel brought back memories of fifty years ago when Heppner was the focal point for trade and transport for much of the John Day country. Officially, I had no contact with the situation after 1924, but I have observed the sequence of events.

When Ed Aldrich was a member of the State Highway system, work was accomplished on the John Day-Pendleton road. Doby of Baker built Dooley Mountain feeder, Reynolds of La Grande took credit for the Ukiah-La Grande improvement. When Barrett of Heppner was on the commission, the pressure of outlet from the south had been relieved and Heppner lost its importance as a trading center for the interior.

I believe there is still a need for a reasonably improved road from Parker's Mill to Monument. Perhaps it is already in the making.

Forester Arrives In New Position

Warren S. Plocharsky, formerly of the Chelan Ranger district near Chelan, Wash., has moved to Heppner to take a new position with the Heppner Ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest. He holds the position of supervising forester here.

In his family are his wife, Irene, and three children, Carolyn, 3; Janet, 2; and Steven, 1.

Plocharsky served at Leavenworth, Wash., with the U. S. Forest Service in May, 1963, and remained there until September, 1964, when he went to the Chelan district in the Wenatchee National Forest. His assignment here was effective as of March 12.

The new forester was born in Bristol, Conn., and has a bachelor of science degree in 1962 from the University of Connecticut.

Plans and forward looking plans might be implemented, it is imperative that the budget be passed. The budget committee, composed of citizens from all areas of the county, has spent a considerable amount of time to insure the most education for the tax dollar spent.

Our children's education in Ione depends on your vote! Sincerely, Louis A. Carlson, Chairman Lone Advisory Committee

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

BILL HUST, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, has an older brother, Doug Hust, who is manager of the big J. C. Penney Co. store in Boise, Idaho.

Monday Bill called Doug on the phone on some company business and asked big brother how things were going. "Not so good" replied the Boise brother.

And then Doug related how his store had been robbed Sunday night. Bill figured he was joking at first, but found out that he wasn't.

A lone gunman had come to the Hust home, demanded the keys to the Penney store and made Doug tell him the combination to the safe—at gunpoint. Then he bound the Penney manager, his wife and children. Two daughters are 20 and 17. He used wire to tie them up, took the keys to the store and left.

The robber also took their car. A son was first to wriggle free of his bindings and then freed the rest of the family, but this took some time. By the time they were free, the gunman had cleaned out the store of an undisclosed amount of money. The family car was found parked by the store.

Quite a terrifying experience and similar to one that happened to a Safeway store manager at Baker earlier this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Howard and Jo Pettyjohn on their grand opening! Their many friends wish them the best in their new business building at Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply.

They have a fine grand opening planned for the public, and we hope their bright new salesroom is jammed throughout the day Saturday. Heppner has been pretty hard hit in some hardware lines since Gilliam and Bisbee went out of business, and the Pettyjohns are doing a good job filling the gap with plumbing supplies and other needs. They're trying to carry the things the public needs in this line and can't find here anywhere else.

Their new building is a fine addition to the community of Heppner and helps brighten the main entrance to the city.

WERE GLAD to welcome the column of W. S. Caverhill of Milton-Freewater to the paper this week. We first met him through Harry Ringhand, publisher of the Valley Herald at Milton-Freewater, when several of the M-F men wrote on a junket to historical and scenic spots around this part of the country and dropped in for coffee about a year ago.

Caverhill came back again the other day on another trip and proposed having us join papers carrying his column. He is well acquainted in this country and his writings are slanted towards Eastern Oregon, although all of them are not on things historical. He brings out some of the philosophy he has gleaned in his four-score years in this part of the state. Many are acquainted with him as the writer of Cal Tuller.

THIS ONE we swipe from Rev. Mel Dixon's mimeographed church paper, but note that he "swiped" it from a Lutheran

periodical. (That should give it an ecumenical flavor!)

"Once upon a time there were four men who belonged to the same church. Their names were Joe Somebody, George Anybody, Jack Everybody and Sam Nobody."

"Everybody" thought he would like to go to church and Sunday School but he thought "Somebody" wouldn't be friendly with "Anybody" so "Nobody" went.

"Everybody" was asked to teach a class and lead a group, but he thought surely "Anybody" would want to be a teacher or a leader and at least "Somebody" would do it; but "Nobody" finished up teaching and leading.

"Whenever there is a job to do," "Everybody" agrees with "Anybody" that "Somebody" would do it, but "Nobody" does it.

"These four men died and went to meet their Lord. Guess who got all the rewards. You're right—"Nobody!"

THERE'S A nice article in Northwest Ruralite, April issue, on the Mel Bowers of Lexington. The piece is entitled, "What's It Like to Run an Airport?"

Most everyone around here gets Ruralite now—since all are customers of Columbia Basin Electric. If you haven't noticed the article, you'll find it in the center spread of your magazine. For years, we have heard a lot about Henry Alderman editor of Ruralite. He was the one who has developed the increasingly popular magazine which is devoted to consumer-owned electric utilities.

Alderman dropped in the other day on a visit, and it was the first time we had met him. Web Allison of the staff generally makes the rounds in this part of the country.

We had a nice visit with Alderman, who says that Ruralite is now published in 23 different editions with a total circulation of 65,000. The East Oregonian does the printing job. It carries a lot of home-spun features which are a lot of interest to a lot of people.

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

Principals Ron Daniels and Harold Beggs reported Monday night at the Morrow county school board meeting on how they had attempted to recruit teachers at an Inland Empire meeting in Spokane set up for that purpose. Talk to them about the experience and you'll find how tough it is to get teachers these days.

At the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, each district represented at this meeting rents a room and posts its sign on the door. Prospective teachers go from room to room to hear the stories that each district tells about the fine advantages of teaching in its schools.

Each district is well prepared with colorful brochures and other information, and it is necessary to have reservations early to get the choice rooms.

The Morrow county men didn't get their reservations in early enough, they said, so they had to set up shop in another hotel. One stayed in the room to interview prospective teachers, and the other posted himself at the Davenport, giving

TO THE EDITOR

Professional Rodeo

To the Editor: I have read about dogs, farming at the North End (Boeing Land Lease) and other articles in your paper. I would like to say a word for professional rodeo.

I saw the Pacific Indoor Rodeo in the Memorial Coliseum in Portland a short time ago. Champions like Larry Mahan, Ned Londo, Shawn Davis, Jack Roddy and many others gave a fine performance before a capacity crowd. Contestants from

out cards to direct the prospective teachers there.

They didn't have any luck. They interviewed about a dozen prospects, but none evidenced much interest in coming here.

They talked to one teacher who had 10 or 12 contracts from different districts in her purse. She took them all and would figure out later which one she would accept.

"She probably could have had that many more before she left," said Ron School districts from all over Oregon, Washington and probably Idaho are represented at this recruiting session.

When Ron and Harold were making this report we couldn't help but think back 30 years when we were fresh out of college, a sheepskin in one hand and a list of schools that might need teachers in the other.

When we sent out a letter of application, it was with the knowledge that it would be one in 60 to 100 that would be received for the same position. Our secondary ed. prof. Dr. Edwin Ingles, suggested a subtle little trick that might get one's application letter to the top of the stack and get a little more attention.

One always closed his application with a paragraph that he was enclosing a self-addressed envelope to facilitate a reply.

"But don't put it in your first letter," said Dr. Ingles. "Then write another and say that you neglected to put in the envelope and so with this letter are correcting the oversight."

Theory was that the district clerk or supt. would have to dig out the original letter to get it with the return envelope, and it was hoped, might think the sender was a real thoughtful person—and therefore a good prospect.

Well, no school districts lined up to admire our talents. We could have taken a job at Gaston, but girls' P. E. was part of that teaching assignment, and that didn't seem to fit. We went in the model A from Perrydale to Coquille, and from Dallas to Wapinita before landing a job in the fall of 1938 at Elkton.

Incidentally, when a teaching recruit went barnstorming those days, we sought out all the board members to tell his qualifications, as well as the superintendent.

Later on, after moving to Nyssa, we applied once for a job at Lexington but didn't make the grade.

At Elkton that first year, the salary was \$900 per year on a nine months' basis with coaching, the school annual and the works thrown in. Didn't know at first how to get rid of all that money!

Hmmm! Yep, times have changed.

Pendleton, such as Les Kamm, and Jim Bothum did their part, and a large group from Pendleton was in attendance with their queen and court.

Gene McLaughlin gave a fine performance of trick and fancy roping on ice skates, and Beewax and the Moore Family furnished the comedy. Pete Logan and Lex Connelly announced. The crowd enjoyed a good fast show. General admission was \$1.50 (They honored R.C.A. Gold Cards). Heppner charges \$2.00 admission for an amateur show. Last year in Heppner \$1400 was spent on advertising, and the gate was a little over \$700. A number of years ago our admission was \$1.50 and our gate was over \$4500 for an R.C.A. show. These figures speak for themselves. I'd like to see a professional rodeo in Heppner again.

Harold Erwin

John Pfeiffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer was able to make a brief trip home on week-end leave Friday and Saturday of last week. His ship the coast guard ice-breaker Staten Island is in port at Seattle for refitting.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Libby

Coming Events

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Friday, Saturday, April 14, 15
Sponsored by Heppner Civic League
Gilliam & Bisbee Bldg.

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL

Saturday, April 15, 1 p.m.
Madras at Madras
Saturday, April 22, Sherman at Heppner, 10 a.m.

HEPPNER HIGH TRACK

Tri-School Track Meet, Grant Union, Sherman, Heppner here, Friday, April 14.

LITTLE LEAGUE TROUTS

Saturdays, April 22 and 29
Little League Field, fairgrounds
Boys 9-12 years of age

BAKED FOOD SALE

By St. Patrick's Altar Society
Saturday, April 15, Central Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SCHOOL BUDGET ELECTION

Monday, April 17, 2 to 8 p.m.
Six Morrow County Precincts

GRANGE BUFFET DINNER

Lexington Grange Hall
Sunday, April 23, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Auction sale to follow

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Who's Who In Morrow County?

"Clues Hidden in Any Ad in This Section or in Any Ad by Merchants in This Newspaper"

1. This is a family fun contest. Entries welcome from every member of the family old enough to fill out his or her own. You may submit one entry per person at any OR AD, of the Sponsoring Merchants whose ads are heavily bordered this week—but only one entry per person at any one store (more than one will disqualify all entries of that person for that week).

2. Anyone may enter unless a member of your family is employed by the Gazette-Times. Sponsoring Merchants and their families, and their employees and families are most welcome to enter EXCEPT during the weeks that the ad of your own store is heavily bordered in this section.

3. Nothing to buy. Use any slip of paper for entry blank. DO NOT put your entry into an envelope. Not necessary to be present at the drawing to win. Not necessary to be a subscriber to the Gazette-Times to participate.

4. WHO'S WHO may be anyone in Morrow County. Clues to his (or her) identity will be hidden ONLY in ads of Sponsoring Merchants (every Sponsoring Merchant has a little ad in this group ad). Clues may be hidden in ANY ad of ANY name you think the WHO'S WHO Sponsoring merchant. ANYWHERE in the paper. Clues will be scattered—many ads will have no clues while others may have as many as five. This is a contest of skill, and we intend to do our best to outfit you. We'll be delighted if you succeed in outguessing us in spite of our best efforts!

5. If, by coincidence, the name of the WHO'S WHO (or other facts about him) happen to appear in news items, editorial matter, or other places in this newspaper, these will not count as clues.

6. To enter, write down the WHO is. List all the clues you can find in all the ads of the Sponsoring Merchants in this issue. Don't forget

your own name and address! Then, drop your entry in between the heavy borders in this group ad this issue. You may enter at all four if you wish. There are no other places where entries will be accepted, and mail entries will not be accepted. Any member of the family may bring in all entries for that family. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

7. Every possible precaution will be taken to prevent typographical errors, but erroneous typographical errors will be accepted. NOT BE GUARANTEED (by anyone) in the Gazette-Times will be the judge in all questions, and their decision is final.

8. This week's contest starts when you receive this issue, and closes at 4 p.m. Tuesday of the following week. At that time, a drawing will be held. The first entry drawn that correctly identifies the WHO'S WHO will win \$200 if THAT entry also lists every clue hidden in all ads of Sponsoring Merchants, a BONUS of \$25 will be added. Whenever this BONUS is not won, it will be added to next week's BONUS which will continue to grow until it is won. Winning the BONUS requires a PERFECT list of clues—the exact num-

ber, and all copied exactly as in the paper (which those capitals, etc.).

Family participation gives you a better chance to win the jackpot. Your wife, husband, or some bright-eyed youngster MAY spot a clue that you miss!

Get any Perry Mason in you? ... Think YOU can outwit the contest? —Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!

PETERSON'S JEWELERS tall Something From the Jewelers Is Always Something Special	MURRAYS RECALL DRUGS —HEPPNER— Fresh Patent Drugs Skillfully Compounded	GONTY'S SHOES For ALL	WAGON WHEEL CAFE Skyline FRED and CECILE OTT Featuring Fine Food Every Day of The Week
J. C. PENNEY —HEPPNER— ALWAYS Glenda FIRST QUALITY	TUM-A-LUM LUMBER CO. "MATERIALLY YOURS" Building Materials Boysen Paints	ELMA'S APPAREL —HEPPNER— Brand Names for Infants To Ladies	CENTRAL MARKET —HEPPNER— For The Most Complete Food Service
JACK'S CHEVRON STATION —HEPPNER— We Take Better Care of Your Car	GARDNER'S MEN'S WEAR THE STORE WITH PERSONAL SERVICE B.P.O.E. No. 358	VAN'S VARIETY —HEPPNER— There's Something For Everyone At Van's	Brenda HEPPNER INLAND CHEMICAL To Keep You Growing Better Is Our Business
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