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County Budget inside Limit Despite Increasing Costs

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Indications are that the tax millage levy for county purposes in Morrow county for the ensuing fiscal year, 1967-68, will be about the same as for 1966-67. County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

Total budget requirements for Morrow county for the coming year are figured at \$622,220 as compared with \$670,978 for the current year. This is an increase of \$21,612.

However, budget resources (receipts) are also up by \$11,878, going to \$402,489 for the coming year as compared with \$390,611. This helps close the gap. Contributing to the increased resources are such items as the new cigarette tax.

Total taxes to be levied are placed at \$318,014 for the coming year, of which \$193,014 is within the 6% limitation and \$125,000 (the serial road levy voted by the people) is not subject to the limitation.

For the current year, the total taxes levied are \$10,887 lower at \$307,127. Of this total sum, \$182,127 is within the 6% limitation and \$125,000 (the road serial levy for the year) was not subject to the limitation.

Near 6% Limit

Last year's budget was well below the 6% limitation, but the budget for 1967-68 comes within a few hundred dollars of the amount that the county can levy without a vote. Some increasing costs and some new items that the budget committee felt must be included are responsible for the increase.

However, the millage levy is expected to hold fairly close to that of last year because of anticipated increase in the county's assessed valuation. This figure has not been compiled as yet, but some additional valuation will be added in the north end of the county as well as in other areas.

Items that were added or increased in the budget for the coming year include these: Weed control, up from \$6,050 to \$8,250; increase in salaries for county officials and office help; maintenance fund for Pioneer Memorial hospital from the \$13,000 of last year to \$23,000 for the coming year; increase in the county parks fund from \$2000 in 1966-67 to \$8000 in 1967-68 to take advantage of matching state and federal monies available; provision for a full-time deputy sheriff; provision for a micro-film machine in the county clerk's office at \$5,300; increase in the civil defense department budget from \$1500 to \$3900 to provide for equipping the emergency operations center in the courthouse and to provide for emergency shelter facilities; and an item of \$1000 to help publish a history of Morrow county.

Other expenses are up in lesser amounts, and a considerable number are down from last year.

Salaries Raised

Salary of the county judge will be raised to \$7800 under the new budget, as compared with \$6300 for the current year. Salaries for the county clerk, sheriff and assessor will go to \$6,900 as compared with the former \$6,300. The treasurer will receive \$4500 as compared with \$4120 for the current year. The county health nurse will receive \$3,960 as compared with \$3600 for the year 1966-67, and her office clerk will receive \$2,475 as compared with \$2000 for the time she works in the office.

Justice of the peace salary for the 6th district (Heppner) remains the same at \$3400, but that for the justice of the peace 5th district (Irrigon) will be increased to \$2600 from \$2500.

County commissioners will receive \$30 per day for each day they meet as compared with \$25 for the current year. This means that the total allowed for the two commissioners for the coming year is \$4000 as compared with \$3200 for 1966-67.

Other changes in salaries included the following: Deputy assessor, \$4,500 from \$3,900; deputy clerk's salary, \$4,950 from \$4,700; office clerk's salary for justice of the peace 5th district, \$1400 from \$1300; sheriff's office deputy, \$4,950 from \$4,700; sheriff's office clerk, part time, decreased from \$2,100 to \$1,750; office help in treasurer's office, reduced to \$120 from \$150; part time help for county court reduced from \$600 to nothing.

The position of full time deputy sheriff, which would be established through this year's budget, would carry a salary of \$6,300. This would take the place of the north end deputy, formerly held by Phil Goddall, who resigned. The new deputy would cover the entire county on both criminal and civil matters in assisting the sheriff.

Hospital Up \$10,000

The budget for the hospital has held within or below \$13,000 for most of the years it has been in operation, being nearly self-sustaining. However, this year increased costs and need for improvements made it essential to add \$10,000 in this department.

The \$2200 increase in the weed control budget comes from what Judge Jones terms as "explosion of weed growth" in the county and urgent requests from ranchers to do something about it. The judge said that Umatilla county with 2500 miles of roads has a budget of \$48,000 for weed control along the roads. Morrow county has nearly half the road mileage (about 1220) but will only have one-sixth the amount to use for weed control in the new budget.

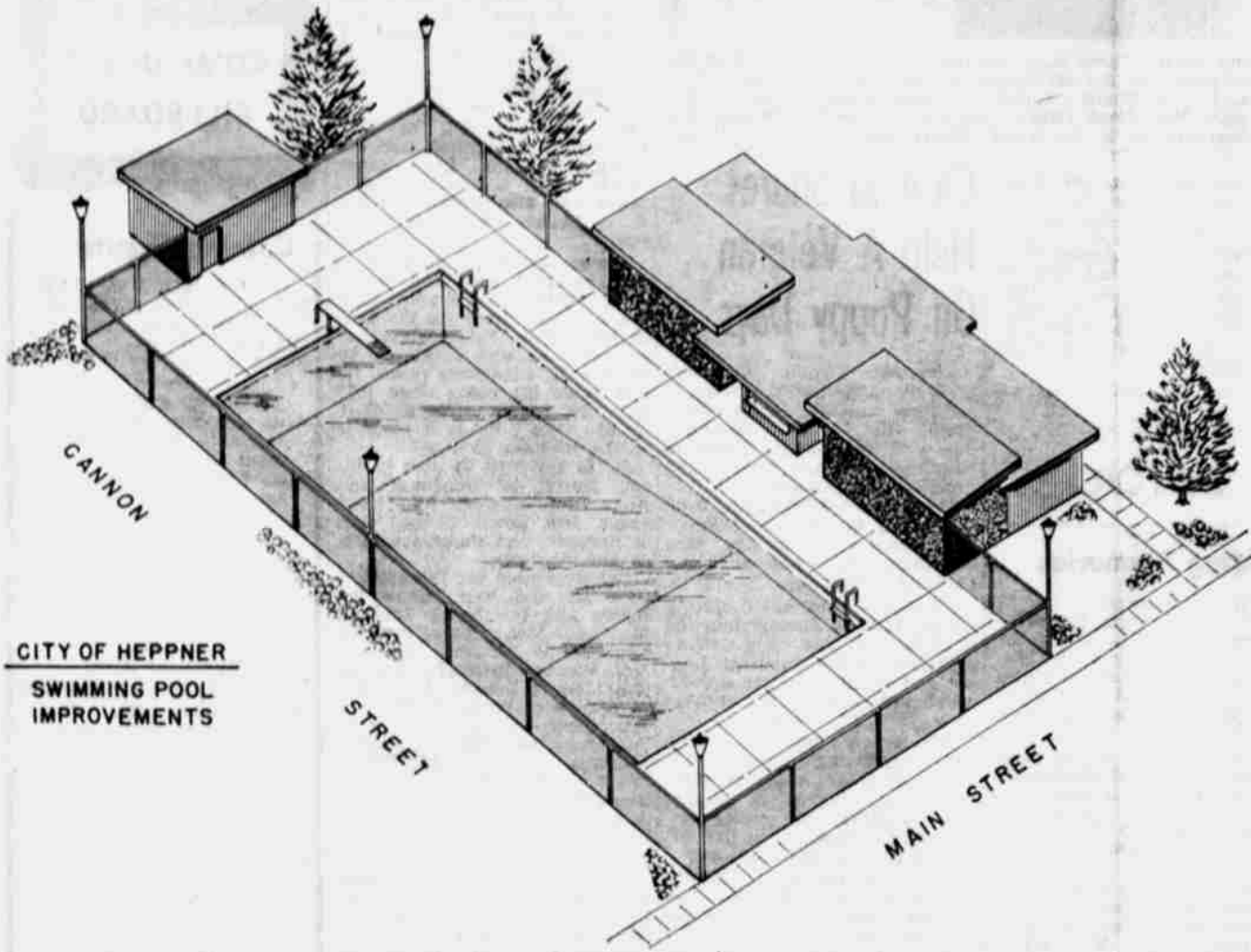
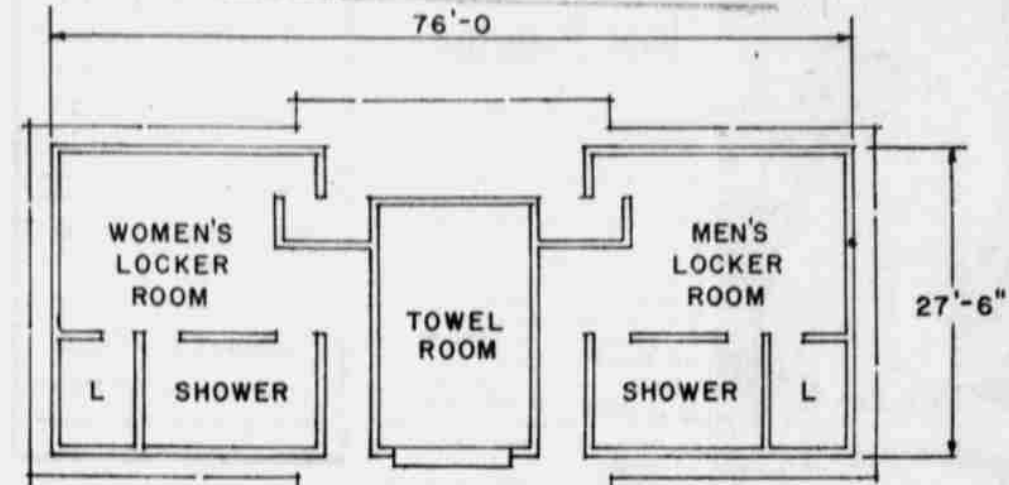
The increase in the parks fund—from \$2000 to \$8000—will make it possible to get matching funds from the state and

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Paper to be Late Due to Holiday

Next week's issue of the Gazette-Times will be late because of the Memorial Day holiday. It will be printed on Thursday and will go into the post office boxes late Thursday afternoon. Out-of-town papers will go out in Thursday evening's mail and local rural deliveries will be made Friday.

The late paper will be necessary in order to give the staff its holiday Tuesday, since loss of the day's production would make it very difficult to get the paper out to make Wednesday evening mail and early Thursday city distribution.



THIS IS architect's sketch of the proposed Heppner Municipal Pool after rebuilding job is completed. The pool walkways would be widened, the pool itself would be rebuilt, and a new bath house would be provided. This is a tentative design and other changes might be made. Sketch of the design of the

bath house is shown at the top. Work of rebuilding the pool depends on outcome of the bond election Wednesday, May 31. An affirmative vote would empower the city to sell \$110,000 in bonds for the project.

Swim Pool Vote Due on May 31

Future of the Heppner municipal swimming pool will be decided Wednesday, May 31, when voters within the city limits will cast ballots at a special city election on a \$110,000 bond issue. The funds would go towards rebuilding the pool itself, for construction of a new bath house, and for improving or adding other facilities incident to the operation of the pool.

The issue to be placed before the public will be in the nature of a charter amendment to permit the issuance of the bonds. Voters will cast ballots either in favor of the charter amendment or against it. If they vote yes, they will vote in favor of rebuilding the pool. If they vote no, they will vote against rebuilding the pool.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on May 31, and the only polling place will be the old city library, adjoining the city hall.

Clark and Groff, engineers of Salem, made a study of the pool and said that cost of rebuilding the pool would be \$104,000, including a new bath house. Cost of building a new pool, slightly smaller than the present one, would be \$144,000. Difference in the cost, of course, is the amount of work on the pool itself. Under the rebuilding plan, granite would be used to make permanent needed repairs to the concrete sides and bottom. Walkways around the pool would be enlarged to provide a more spacious lounging area, except on the north side.

Bath House \$13 Sq. Ft.

Cost of the new bath house is figured at approximately \$28,000. To be a structure of 27 ft. 6 inches by 76 feet, this means that cost per square foot would be about \$13. While the bath house is not planned as a lavish structure, it would be designed to be spacious and adequate. Plumbing needed in the structure is probably one factor that adds to the cost.

The city council, in the squeeze between the State Board of Health, which threatened condemnation of the pool, and the lack of funds required for replacement or improvement, decided to place the issue to the voters in the form of a bond election. A study committee, headed by Councilman David McLeod, recommended that the city rebuild the pool rather than construct a new one at the added \$40,000 cost.

The State Board of Health left the city little alternative. It notified the council by letter that unless voters had approved funds for improvement before the summer, no license would

be issued for the pool's operation. Since the progress towards the election, the board's position has been modified. A license will be issued for the summer to allow time for improvements to be made. However, the board has emphasized that this will be the last year that the present pool will be licensed.

Mayor Clarence Rosewall said Monday that he is hoping for passage of the bond issue and is anxious that a good turnout of voters casts ballots in order that the desire of the citizens on the matter be determined.

The bonds would cover a 20-year period and would retire at the rate of some \$5500 per year plus interest at whatever rate is asked when the bonds are sold. It is estimated that on present valuation, the bond issue will cost taxpayers living within the city a levy of approximately six mills the first year. This amount would decrease in ensuing years as bonds are retired and interest payments drop.

Stores to Close On Memorial Day

Stores will be closed on Tuesday, May 30, for Memorial Day except for some service establishments. All public offices, banks and the post office will also close for the day.

However, virtually all businesses and public offices will be open on Monday, May 29. There was some movement to close for the day in order to make a 3-day holiday, but a check reveals that very few plan to close. The post office, courthouse, banks, city hall will all be open on Monday, as well as the business establishments.

Harley Sager Gets Gold Heart Award

Harley Sager, who has served as chairman of the Morrow county Heart Fund for three years, received a gold heart award for his service at a dinner meeting in the Sheraton Hotel, Portland, Thursday night.

He was one of some 25 who were recognized by presentations of the gold pins for doing an "outstanding job" for the Heart Fund.

Mrs. Sager accompanied him to the meeting. They left very early Friday from Portland for an 8 a.m. meeting in Hermiston with the Northwest Hereford Congress, which Sager attended both Friday and Saturday

Mrs. Buschke Makes Gain After Surgery

Mrs. Claude (Margaret) Buschke is convalescing at Providence hospital this week after open heart surgery there on Tuesday, May 16. The operation was a complete success, her husband said Monday, and she is showing fine improvement towards complete recovery.

A plastic valve was inserted during the operation to correct a condition that has troubled Mrs. Buschke for years.

She had a first heart operation in 1955, but in recent years it became evident that the second would be necessary. Her husband said that progress made in field of heart surgery has been remarkable in the past 10 years.

After leaving the hospital later this week, Mrs. Buschke will convalesce at an apartment the couple has rented at 4718 N. E. Broadway. He has been in Portland through the time of the operation and ensuing days but returned here Sunday. Claude will spend part of the time with her in Portland during the several weeks that she needs to remain there before coming home.

Churches Hold Drive To Aid World Relief; June 3 is Deadline

All churches in the Heppner and lone area are cooperating with a Church World Service effort to collect 60,000 pounds of clothing and soap in the Northwest for world relief.

Need is for any type of practical wearing apparel cold weather as well as warm wear, especially baby blankets, pajamas, sweaters, in good wearable condition. Bath or hand soap in bars is a much-needed item. Umbrellas, high-heeled shoes, hats or jewelry are not useful for this project.

Contributors must take clothing to their own church in time for it to be packed in boxes marked with the church's name and the weight of the box before June 3.

The Methodist church will act as depot for the boxes and must have them by June 3. A World Service truck will pick them up sometime during the following week. Anyone wishing to ask about the drive may call Reverend Dixon at 676-9224 for further information.

Five Cindermen Win Spots in State Meet

By MAC HOSKINS

Heppner's cindermen, the "David" of Greater Oregon League track, showed the "Goliaths" a thing or two last Saturday at the District 7-A-2 meet in Burns.

Coach Adrian Cook took a contingent of only eight boys to the showdown, but five of them qualified for the state meet this Friday and Saturday in Corvallis. They are Steve Wagenblast, Jim Jacobs, Dave Hall, Bill McLeod and Tim Smith.

In addition, Heppner's composite team score of 58 points placed them fourth behind much larger squads from victorious Vale (108), Madras (105), and Burns (89). Ranked behind the Horsemen were Sherman (34), Nyssa (30), Grant Union (29), and Walatonia (24).

Vale, incidentally, in nipping Madras by a mere three points, made it a clean sweep of 7-A-2 athletics this year, for this was their fourth team district or better championship in as many sports. The others came, of course, in football, basketball, and baseball.

Evidently the Mustangs didn't like the old Heppner record book. Two school records were erased and another tied in the spikefest Steve Wagenblast, regaining his form of last year, smashed his own discus mark by 1'1 1/2" with a heave of 141'8 1/2". In the other weight event, husky Jim Jacobs pushed the shot 47' 3 1/2", bettering his own former

mark by a fraction of an inch. Dave Hall's 14.9 clocking equalled his previous high hurdles mark set last year in the state meet. His performance won him first place in the district.

The junior speed merchant also qualified for state in the low barriers by skimming them in 20.8, good for second behind Bill Rayne of Burns, timed in 20.4.

A fourth Heppner win went to two-miler Tim Smith, who took his specialty in 10:22.2.

The fifth state qualifier for the Mustangs, junior Bill McLeod, captured second in the 880 with a time of 2:03.2. Ron Wayne of Vale nabbed the blue ribbon in 2:01.6. Two other boys, although failing to qualify for state, accounted for more Heppner points. Stan Rauch grabbed a sixth place in the javelin event.

Marks posted by other schools' athletes included an excellent clocking of 44.5 seconds in the 440-yard relay by Madras' four-man crew. In the long jump, Perkins of Burns leaped 21 feet. Vale's Ron Wayne toured the one-lapper (440-yard dash) in 51.1 seconds, barely edging out Sherman's Gene Lanthorn, who sprinted 51.2 in a fast race.

Perhaps the outstanding race of the day was the high hurdles, where second-place finisher Don Boyle equalled Hall's time of 14.9 seconds, and third-place Bill Rayne of Burns cleared the barriers in 15 seconds flat.

Pioneer Memorial Picnic Due Sunday

When old-timers and former residents join with present residents of the area Sunday at the county fairgrounds for their annual picnic, it will be the 14th time that the group has met for the Pioneer Memorial Picnic.

MUSEUM TO BE OPEN ON MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Morrow county's museum will be open from 9:30 a.m. Sunday until 5 p.m. for the convenience of those coming for the Pioneer Memorial Picnic. Mrs. Rachel Harnett, curator, states.

Their record book shows that the first meeting was in 1954. Four years later an account of the meeting of 1958 says, "Like Topsy, the Pioneer Memorial Picnic just grew and grew." A total of 185 had registered in 1957, and in 1958 the total was 222.

Last year, some 225 came for the event, but this wasn't a record number. Nearly 300 attended in 1960. On another year, 278 attended. It isn't known just what to expect this year, but the committee in charge is planning for a large crowd.

Don Turner, as chairman, is in charge of arrangements, and Mrs. Nora Turner, his aunt, is secretary for the occasion.

Soroptimists and the Golden Age Club will be on hand at 10:45 to register those coming for the picnic, and prior to the buffet picnic luncheon, a short service will be held to honor Morrow county's war dead. Don Munkers of the Heppner American Legion post will preside over the honor guard taking part. Mike Hedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, will play tape.

Rebekahs will assist in the kitchen, according to Mrs. Turner.

Road-E-O Entries To Go to State

Heppner will be represented in the state Auto Road-E-O, sponsored by the Jaycees, by Jim Sherman, Heppner High School junior and Kathy Melby, a senior at the school.

The state event will be in Baker on June 17, according to Clyde Allstott, Morrow county Jaycee president and chairman of the Road-E-O here. State winner will receive \$500 in scholarships and a trip to the national event in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ironically, there were only three entries in the Road-E-O here, a disappointing response for the Jaycee sponsors. Sherman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, was the only boy, and Kathy, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby, and Sue Chally, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chally, were the only girl entrants.

But although these were the only entrants, Allstott said that all three did exceptionally well, and he said that the Jaycees want to take them to the state contest, knowing that they will be worthy representatives.

The Road-E-O consists of driving and written tests to demonstrate driving skill and knowledge. Jim scored a total of 303 out of a possible 350 points on the combined written and driving tests. Kathy scored 279 and Sue 208. Allstott said that Sue was a real good sport about being the only loser. He said she did a fine job but had not had as much opportunity for driving experience as the other two.

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There is no formal program planned during the picnic lunch, nor following, in order to allow maximum time for visiting and reminiscing. However, there will be a period for announcements and recognition of those coming long distances, the oldest, and others, Turner said.

An innovation this year will be a Memorial Picnic brochure that will list the names of war dead, county officers from the start of the county's formal organization, a short history of the county and other information. These will be available at the pavilion.

Election of officers for next year's picnic will be held at about 2 p.m., Turner said.

The Pioneer Picnic is one of the highlights of the year's activities in Heppner. All local persons are welcome to come and extend hospitality to the former residents and old timers, and a special invitation is extended to all those now living elsewhere who still think of Morrow county as "home."

Group to Check School for Home

A group of community leaders and others interested in juvenile work will gather at the Alpine school in north Morrow county Saturday at 9 a.m. to discuss the possibility of making the school building into a juvenile home for joint use by Morrow and Umatilla counties.

County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

Larry Mack, juvenile director of Umatilla county, arranged for the meeting there. A busload is expected from Umatilla county, and any local persons interested are urged to contact Judge Jones. He will arrange transportation to take them to the school. A special appeal is made to business people, ranchers, or organizational leaders and others who may take an interest in the project and would like to hear it discussed or participate in a discussion. There will also be a need for volunteer labor in developing the site.

Judge Jones states that he believes this to be a very sound proposal and that such a home would fill a real need for both counties. Similar farm homes have been established in other counties of the state.

Glen and Larry Campbell own the property but have agreed to give it to the county for this use. The judge says that it has been maintained in good condition.

Most of the cost of the home would come from the State of Oregon and Umatilla county. Morrow county would furnish the site and would contribute perhaps \$1500 per year.

Anyone interested in making the trip to the site Saturday is asked to call the judge at his office (676-9233).

WEATHER
By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of May 17-23 is as follows:

	HI	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	80	50	—
Thursday	76	45	—
Friday	79	45	—
Saturday	87	47	—
Sunday	85	51	—
Monday	83	48	—
Tuesday	72	39	—