

PLEASE FIGHT BIRTH DEFECTS THROUGH THE MARCH OF DIMES



MOTHERS working with the March of Dimes have gone into training for the annual Mothers' March that will be Wednesday evening, January 24, throughout Morrow county. Soaking their feet in preparation for what they expect to be a long march are (from left) Mrs. Cherry Hermann, Lexington chairman; Mrs. Patty Kincaid, lone chairman; and Mrs. Donna Bergstrom, Heppner co-chairman. Mrs. Annie Schwarz of Heppner (not pictured) is county March of Dimes chairman. Mrs. Ann Griffith (also not pictured) is co-chairman for Heppner with Mrs. Bergstrom.

County Mothers to March Wednesday in Dimes Effort

Mothers will call from home to home throughout Morrow county Wednesday evening, January 24, as they make their annual Mother's March on behalf of the March of Dimes.

The goal: To turn over a substantial contribution to the National Foundation to add to thousands of other donations from across the country to combat birth defects.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz, county chairman for the March of Dimes, the Mother's March is well organized.

Every community in the county will participate, and contacts in rural areas will be made prior to Wednesday.

In Heppner the March will be under the leadership of Mrs. Ann Griffith and Mrs. Donna Bergstrom. Lexington's chairman is Mrs. Cherry Hermann, and in Lone, Mrs. Patty Kincaid will direct the March.

In Boardman and Irrigon, members of the Riverside High School Honor Society will wear "Tonight I Am a Mother" buttons or badges as they call door-to-door in those communities.

Some 30 or 35 mothers in the county will participate in making the contacts, in addition to the high school students.

In announcing the March, Mrs. Schwarz said, "On January 24, the front door of your home will be the front line in the fight against birth defects for the volunteers enlisted in

this January's traditional Mothers' March for the March of Dimes.

"In the past we conquered polio, and in the future we hope to contribute substantially to a reduction in the number of children born with defects.

"Every year 250,000 American children are born with one or more birth defects. However, the risk of birth defects can be lessened by careful pre-natal care and intelligent personal health habits. This includes a well-balanced diet, good medical care, avoidance of heavy drug intake, extra caution of heavy smoking, and avoiding exposure to infectious diseases during pregnancy.

"The urgency of the situation is clear. A quarter of a million new babies with birth defects every year is an awesome waste of human potential. Your contribution on Wednesday, January 24, can help reduce this waste."

WEATHER

January 10-16
Official weather report for the week as compiled by Don Gilliam, observer, is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	39	25	.15
Thursday	39	26	—
Friday	47	23	—
Saturday	54	22	.07
Sunday	53	27	.07
Monday	53	34	.17
Tuesday	43	31	.08

(* 1 inch snow)

School Board Rejects Teacher Salary Request

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Professional Committee Remains Firm

Directors of Morrow county school district R-1 rejected an increase to \$6200 per year as the base salary for Morrow county school teachers at the January meeting of the board in Lexington Monday night. They also rejected a proposed increase in the annual increment on the salary schedule to 5% from 4% and turned down three of four other points in the teachers' proposals.

A list of five proposals had been submitted to the board for consideration at the December meeting by the professional consultation committee of the district with Mrs. Violet Latham as chairman.

After the board rejected all but one of the asking points Monday, the professional committee held a short meeting at a late hour and reported to the board before the directors' adjournment that it, in turn, unanimously rejected the board's action.

Directors then decided to meet with the committee to further discuss the matter prior to a budget meeting on Tuesday, January 23.

Present Base \$5800
Present base salary for a starting teacher with a bachelor degree is \$5800 in the county. The teachers' proposal would mean an increase of \$400 per year on the starting pay.

Also rejected were these points: 1. That the school board purchase health insurance for each teacher in the district. 2. That the board reimburse teachers for summer school work in the form of a cost-of-living adjustment at \$2.50 per day for 40 days. 3. That the board adopt a policy of three-year continuing contract for teachers.

Only point approved was the request that the board when a teacher's contract comes up for review, take definite action on the contract. The complaint has been that on occasion the board fails either to hire or dismiss the teacher. In such an instance, the teacher in question may return automatically for a one-year period.

The board had met in a work session on January 11 to consider the proposals. At that time a motion was made to offer the teachers a starting salary of \$5800 per year with a 4% increment (same increment as at present) but this motion was defeated by a vote of 3 to 2 with one director abstaining.

The motion Monday night to reject the salary proposal was made by Director Maxwell Jones of Irrigon who gave the following reasons for his motion: 1. The declining income in the county. 2. The \$600 raise given to teachers last year with greater increases at higher levels (teacher with more experience and training). 3. The large decrease in receipts, other than from taxes, in the district.

Vote Margin Narrow
Three directors voted for his motion, two voted no, and one abstained.

Director L. D. Tibbles moved that points one, two and four of the teacher proposals (those relating to health insurance, pay for summer school, and continuing contracts) be rejected. Four voted in favor of the motion, one voted against and one abstained.

Estimates are that the insurance would cost the district \$100 per year per teacher and that the pay for summer school would cost \$90 per teacher attending school.

If agreement is not reached at the January 23 meeting between the board and the teachers, the matter may be left to arbitration.

In another action, the board approved the purchase of a 54-passenger bus in the coming year to replace the 48-passenger bus on the Hardman run, and the purchase of a 30-passenger bus for the Ordnance run. Supt.

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R-1 Administrators Offered Contracts

Five of the school administrators in Morrow county school district R-1 were offered new contracts by the board of directors at its regular meeting Monday night. The sixth, Michael Tolar, principal of A. C. Houghton school is on a three-year contract which does not expire until next year.

Superintendent Ron Daniels, who is serving his first year in that position, was offered a 2-year contract at a salary of \$14,500 per year. This is an increase of \$1,500 per year above his present salary.

All school principals are on a salary schedule and their annual increments are automatic. The four principals offered new contracts, all for one year, include Dick Carpenter, Heppner High; Alan Martin, Heppner elementary; Harold Beggs, Lone schools; and Dan Daloso, Riverside school. Under district policy none of the four has been serving long enough to be eligible for more than a one-year contract.

Game Board Agrees to Buy Reservoir Sites

Oregon State Game Commission Friday approved purchase of Penland and Kelly Prairie sites for development as fish impoundments, County Judge Paul Jones said Wednesday morning.

The action was taken in Portland with representatives of the county meeting with the commission, and Judge Jones attended another meeting with the commission in Portland Monday morning to continue working out details.

A third meeting was scheduled for today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. with the game commission and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation officials to work out plans for financing the purchase. The state hopes to obtain matching funds from the BOR on the projects. Cost to the agencies would be in the neighborhood of \$45,000, the judge said. The game commission hopes to qualify so that the BOR would pay half the cost. BOR funds come from "Golden Eagle" fees paid by the public for using National Forest recreational sites.

Plan is for engineering and geological studies to be made on the sites this year, and if they prove feasible to start construction of long-awaited fish impoundments in 1969.

Kelly Prairie is located about 25 miles southeast of Heppner and about 30 miles northeast of Bull Prairie and only about five miles from Arbutus Mountain. The reservoir would consist of about 490 surface acres. At Penland, the reservoir would be about 150 surface acres. It is located about three miles south of Kelly Prairie.

Judge Jones, who with Orville Cutsforth of the county parks commission, Glen Ward, state game agent, County Commissioners Jack VanWinkle and Walter Hayes, and others, has been working towards the fish impoundments for some time said, "I don't foresee anything that will change the picture now."

It is expected that the addition of the fish impoundments will contribute greatly to the recreational development of the area and attract hundreds of persons here, just as Bull Prairie has done.

A problem on mineral rights in connection with Kelly Prairie has been worked out, the judge said. At one time, it was feared that these rights, held by private parties, might stall the project, but a trade has been effected.

The Wilkinson-Rugg interests own the sites, but other parties held the mineral rights at Kelly Prairie.

Lone, Lexington Reappraisal Set

Reappraisal of real property within the city limits of Lone and Lexington will get underway next week, according to Bill Johnson, appraiser, working through the office of Rod Thomson, county assessor.

Bill Townsend of La Grande, a State Tax Commission appraiser, will come to assist with the work and will remain for the next several weeks.

Work of reappraising property in Irrigon was completed last fall, and that in Boardman is now being completed, Johnson said. The reappraisal figures in the four cities will be used for the 1968-69 roll.

Reappraisal in Heppner will be undertaken later this year, and the new figures will be used on the 1969-70 roll. Reappraisal of property is required every six years by state law, and work in progress complies with this law, Johnson said.

Politics Stirring Early; 4 Local Candidates File

It's still early in this presidential year, but some filings for local positions have already been made, and other candidates on the state, national and judicial level have announced their intentions to run for non-partisan and election.

Four candidates in Morrow county tossed their hats in the ring this week. They are Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who will seek the Republican nomination in the May primary for sheriff, a position he has held for 36 years; Mrs. Sadie Parrish, Democrat, for nomination as county clerk, a position she has held since 1959 with another two years by appointment previously—in 1954-55; Lowell Gribble, for justice of the peace in the Heppner district, (6th), a position to which he was appointed following the resignation of Earl Soward, former justice of the peace; and John Mollahan, who will seek the Democratic nomination for sheriff. Mollahan is a police officer for the City of Heppner.

Sheriff Bauman has served continuously since 1929 except for three years he served in the Navy during World War II.

Mrs. Sylvia McDaniel said Tuesday that she is in the process of preparing petitions on her candidacy for reelection to the position of county treasurer. She will run on the Republican ticket in the primary election. Mrs. McDaniel was appointed to the treasurer's office in May, 1955, and has continued in the position since that time.

More locally, the position of state senator, now held by Ben Musa of The Dalles, will be on the ballot, as will be that for state representative, now held by Irvin Mann of Stanfield. The 18th senatorial district includes Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler counties, and the 28th representative district includes Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla and Wheeler counties.

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Election to Be May 28

Primary election will be on Tuesday, May 28. Deadline for filing in order to be on the party ballots or non-partisan ballots is Tuesday, March 19, at 5 p.m.

Last day to register to vote in the primary election for those who are not already registered is Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. Indications are that ballots in this presidential year will have considerable interest by voters.

On the national level, besides the presidential position, the primary ballots will have candidates for one U. S. senator position from Oregon; candidates from each of the state's U. S. Congressional districts; those seeking to be delegates to the national Democratic and Republican conventions; and candidates for national committeemen and committee women.

At the state level will be voting on the office of secretary of state, state treasurer, and attorney-general.

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Merchants Meeting To be Held Today

Bill Hust, chairman of the Heppner merchants' committee, announces that a luncheon meeting of the merchants will be held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Plans will be discussed for late winter and spring merchants' promotions. Representatives of all business firms are invited to the meeting.

Plaster Removed From Old Gym; Future Uncertain

All plaster has been removed from the ceiling of the Heppner elementary auditorium-gymnasium, Alan Martin, principal of the school, reported this week.

The bare lath are now exposed across the expanse of the ceiling, but what the future holds for the aging structure is still uncertain.

The plaster was removed when chunks started falling several weeks ago. In one part of the building a section gave way with 80 pounds of the loosened plaster falling to the floor. Fortunately no children were in the immediate vicinity at the time.

Then other smaller pieces fell in other parts of the auditorium. Principal Martin, afraid that a child might be injured, closed the auditorium section of the gym.

The school board authorized the removal of the plaster from the ceiling, and by Monday, two workmen, Darrell Vinson and Archie Padberg, finished the two weeks' job.

They found that it takes a lot of plaster to cover the ceiling of a building that big.

Meanwhile, the school board is pondering what to do about the repairs. The ceiling may be covered with sheetrock and ceiling tile, or it might be covered with plywood.

But either way will entail considerable expense, and this is a lean year for the school district budget.

The newly-organized school planning committee last week toured the building and heard Principal Martin state that he felt the building should be replaced instead of repaired. This is one of the first problems that the committee is working on.

Highway Map Out

The 1968 version of the official Oregon Highway Map is now available free of charge through the Travel Information Division of the State Highway Department in Salem or at the certified information centers operated by the various Chambers of Commerce throughout the state. It was announced today by Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer.

Riverside Moving Day 10 Weeks Away

Moving date from the old Riverside High school building at Boardman to the new structure, now under construction there, is less than 2½ months away.

Lawson Construction Co. is racing against time to get the new school ready for occupancy by the deadline of April 1, but it is almost a certainty that the job will not be completed by that time.

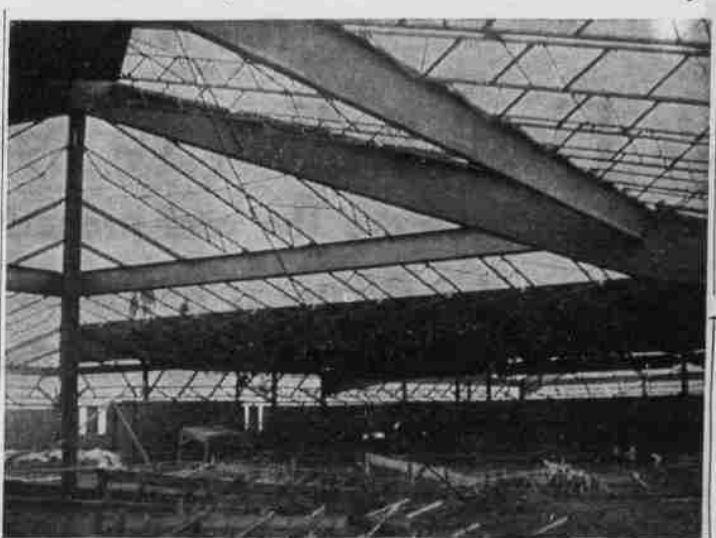
However, Supt. Ron Daniels of the Morrow county school district is hoping that classrooms will be far enough along to accommodate the students of the northern end of the county.

The school district's contract with the Army Corps of Engineers calls for vacating the old buildings by April 1, in order that they may be razed by a salvage contractor before the John Day dam is closed and waters of the Umatilla reservoir rise.

But Daniels has told both the school board and parents that a delay in the delivery of steel now makes it questionable whether the classroom portion of the new building will be finished on time.

In any event, moving promises to be a close-coupled affair. If the new structure is enough completed by April 1 to accommodate the students, school will be dismissed on March 28 and 29, and the moving will start on March 28, continuing through the next week, which will be scheduled as spring vacation, even though it will be a different vacation time than that of the rest of the district.

Volunteers will be called upon to assist with the moving. "We would appreciate assistance from anyone who has some



IT LOOKS as if some mechanical spider monster wove a web of steel in this photo of the new Riverside school now in the process of construction at Boardman. The picture, taken by Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow county schools, shows the area of the shop, which will be located in background of the picture, and auditorium in central portion. The gymnasium is to be foreground, right, extending out of the picture.

spare time on March 28 and 29," Daniels wrote in a letter to parents. "A great deal of equipment must be moved, and we will be short on trucks, pickups, and manpower."

If the classroom portion of the building is not ready by April 1, two alternatives will be considered: 1. To have an additional week of spring vacation with classes resuming on April 15, but meaning that school could not be dismissed until

June 7. 2. To negotiate with the salvage contractor to see if there is a possibility of occupying the present building past the April 1 deadline.

The present school year will be completed with the grade arrangement as it now stands. Next year, however, all pupils in grades 1 through 6 will attend school at A. C. Houghton in Irrigon and those in grades 7 through 12 will attend at the new Riverside school.