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## Judge Jones Tells Road Oiling Plans

County Judge Paul Jones told of the county's plans for oiling roads in 1968-69 in a talk at the Chamber of Commerce meeting April 22.

Plans call for oiling 19.0 miles of roads — or as much as can be completed, he said. Included will be 5.5 miles on Big Butter-creek, 3.0 miles on Little Butter-creek, 3.0 miles on Willow Creek (above the present oiled road), 1.5 miles on the Valby road, 1.5 miles on Rhea Creek, 1.5 miles on Swaggart Road, 1.5 on the road from Ken Turner's to North Lexington, and 1.5 miles on the Sandhollow road.

In addition, it is expected that 10 miles will be rescaled.

Stating that the county is approaching the end of the budget year, the judge predicted that indications are that the road funds may be up for 1968-69 because some additional receipts, other than taxes, are anticipated.

"The road fund may go up to \$300,000," he said. However, tending to offset the expected increase in revenue will be a decrease in levy from the new method of reappraising farm land.

The judge said that the county's assessed valuation, nearly \$1000,000,000 at true cash value, may drop as much as \$8 million by the new method. Thus, the approved road serial levy, fixed by the special election recently, will not bring as much as anticipated. Judge Jones said that the amount may drop to \$137,500 on the serial levy from the \$150,000 that the levy was set to bring. For practical purposes, the county is using the conservative figure of \$135,000 on which to make plans for road work.

Adding to the receipts other than taxes are a share of funds from traffic fines. It has been ruled that these are to go into the road fund.

The judge said that he had contacted Fred Hill of the State Highway Commission to set up an appointment for the county and Chamber representatives to appear before the commission and tell of needs on state highways here. The appointment, yet to be confirmed, will be sometime in May.

The judge said that he had been advised to concentrate efforts towards improving the state highways on extending the improved stretch towards Lexington. A three-mile stretch from Heppner was rebuilt about two years ago, and it was be-

lieved that additional work would be done each year until the Willow Creek highway was rebuilt, but apparently lack of funds prevented continuing the program for this year.

Judge Jones also reported on an appearance before the legislature's interim committee on highways in Pendleton last Monday, where he made a statement on road conditions and needs in the county on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the county.

Also speaking at the Chamber meeting April 22 was Orville Cutsforth who showed impressions of Indian carvings that had been taken, using cloth and paint, from rocks along the Columbia. Some were from the area now flooded by Lake Umatilla, located across from Blacklock.

## Mayor Rosewall Urges Civic Pride In Chamber Talk

Mayor W. C. Rosewall urged all business people and the public at large to take more pride in their city in a report of the municipal development committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at the Monday meeting of the organization.

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## Music Program To Use 'Water' Theme at PTA

A musical program featuring ballads, folk songs and many surprise appearances, will be presented by elementary pupils at the PTA meeting next Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, music instructor for the Heppner schools.

The program theme will be "Water," and the group of songs chosen for this particular program will be in keeping with the theme, as the students have studied the important role it plays in everyday living, especially in this area.

Soloists and ensembles will appear throughout the program and 4th graders will present several musical selections.

Nominations and elections of officers for next year will be held at this meeting, and short reports will be heard from delegates who attended the state PTA convention held recently in Portland. A brief report on the financial outcome of the band carnival will be heard, and the scholarship committee — chairman, Alan Martin, will report on his committee activities. The meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at the grade school.

## Recreation Plan For Summer Eyed

Some 110 students in upper grades and high school in Heppner have indicated a desire to participate in a summer recreation program here, Principal Dick Carpenter of the high school reported at the Chamber of Commerce meeting April 22.

Carpenter made the report for the Rev. Dirk Rinehart, chairman of the youth activities committee of the Chamber, who could not be present. Rinehart had proposed the summer recreation program several weeks ago in a meeting with county, city and school officials.

He proposed an evening program, 7 to 9, four nights per week with gymnastics and various games and athletic activities to be offered for both boys and girls.

The survey was taken through the schools to determine the amount of interest. Carpenter said that most response came from eighth graders and high school students.

Tentative plans call for using the high school gym on the recreation program and using college students for recreation leaders. Adults of the community may also be called upon to help offer supervision.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce have pledged \$100 towards the program if it proves to be feasible and there is sufficient interest to start it.

It is expected that \$300 to \$400 would carry the program through June and until late July by using the school facilities.

The survey results will now be studied by the committee further to determine the next step.

## Jaycees Select New Officers

Selection of Jerry Hollomon to serve as president of the Morrow County Jaycees was made at the last meeting Wednesday, April 24.

Other officers elected to serve for the ensuing year are Bruce Rigby, 1st vice president; Tom Wilson, 2nd vice president; Pat Wonsler, secretary; Al Osmin, treasurer; Lyle Jensen, internal director; and Jay Dee Hudson, external director. Outgoing president, Clyde Allstott, was elected to serve as a state director for the coming year. In this capacity, he will attend state meetings and report proceedings to the local club.

Officers will be installed Saturday, May 4, at an installation banquet to be held in the Wag-on-Wheel banquet room at 7:30 p.m.

Announcement of Morrow county's outstanding Jaycee of the year will be made at the banquet.

Paul Budke, Pilot Rock, recently selected candidate for state vice president from District 13, is expected to attend the banquet, as are other guests from clubs in the surrounding area.

## Memorial Day Picnic Planned

Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, will be the date of the annual Morrow county Pioneer Memorial Picnic. It was announced this week by Harold Cohn, this year's chairman.

The usual good attendance of pioneer residents both within and outside the county is expected for the annual reunion, to be held at the Heppner fair pavilion, starting with registration at 10:45 a.m. A potluck dinner will be served at noon.



ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR stops on the Portland Eighth Grade tour to Morrow county over the weekend was that at the George Currin & Sons Cattle Ranch. In this photo Ron Currin gives a demonstration of marking and branding calves.

## Touring Students Learn of Wheat, Cattle on Visit

Thirty-four touring eighth graders, all but one from Portland, visited wheat and livestock ranches in bright Morrow county sunshine over the weekend, accompanied by host students, a few adults and two chaperones.

One of the group was a student from Oregon School for the Blind, Salem.

When they left Sunday afternoon, they had a good picture of the wheat and livestock country in their minds, and there was every indication that they had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Gail McCarty—who herself had a touch of sunburn from exposure to the weather, even though he is used to it—pronounced the fifth annual tour another fine success.

As usual, some of the unscheduled incidents provided part of the interest. Deer came by the road as the tour passed near the Ken Turner ranch Saturday, and this tickled the city kids. Perhaps they were impressed with the fact that this truly is the country "where the deer (but not the antelope) play."

Along with the home kids, they consumed lamb shoulder chops with relish at a barbecue lunch Friday at the ranch of Jerry and Nancy Myers. They thought the steaks were delicious. But when they were asked how many didn't like lamb, most of them raised their hands, not realizing that they had just eaten lamb. The chops were furnished by the C & B feedlot of Hermiston.

Manager is Chef Tom Watson, C & B sheep manager, was the chef at the barbecue and proved to be a good one. Nancy Myers and the Pine City home extension unit prepared the rest of the meal.

Jerry and Nancy lease the ranch from Jasper Myers.

The youngsters saw the Wait Wigglesworth hay ranch as the first stop on the tour after arriving Friday morning. After the orientation meeting at the Myers' ranch and lunch there, they saw a film of the C & B sheep feeding operation, then went on to the George Currin ranch for demonstrations of branding and vaccinating calves that proved fascinating to them. Ron Currin gave the demonstrations.

Mrs. Bill (Kite) Healy gave the tourists some information on horses and horsemanship, and Patty Luciani and Jeanne Daly rode to demonstrate the points she brought out.

Hack Bloom of Stanfield also gave a demonstration of horse shoeing at this stop.

This concluded the first big day, and the visitors went to the homes of their host families for the night.

On Saturday morning they started fresh, stopping at the North Lexington elevator to see wheat loaded and unloaded, and then went to the Tad Miller ranch where the chairman of the Morrow county rodeo told them about farm equipment and machinery.

See Air Demonstration Mel Boyer of the Lexington Airport gave them a demonstration of airplane spraying, always a popular part of the tour, and they then moved on to the Fritz Cutsforth place to see irrigation in operation and hear an explanation of specialty crops.

They went across country to the school buses to the Ken Turner ranch where conservation practices were observed, and



TOM WATSON, sheep manager of the C & B ranch, is caught in a cloud of smoke as he barbecues steaks for lunch of touring Eighth Graders Friday. After 100 on the tour had consumed 150 steaks, the eighth graders were asked if they liked lamb. Most of them said they did not but agreed that the steaks they had just finished were delicious. They were lamb shoulder chops! Watson received many compliments on the barbecued meat. (Gail McCarty photo).

## IEW to Ask Congress For Willow Dam Funds

A delegation from the Inland Empire Waterways association will ask the public works subcommittee of Congress for a \$225,000 appropriation for preconstruction work on the Willow Creek project, Bruce Cowen, executive vice president of the association, told members of the Inland Empire club in a talk at their meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner April 22.

"We are going after the Willow Creek reservoir," Cowen said. However, he pointed out that the project has not been included in the President's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and he pointed out the Willow Creek project is one of 113 which the Inland Empire association will support at its appearances in Washington this week.

Oscar Peterson, a director of the association and a member of its executive committee, went on the trip, leaving over the week-end, and will lend his voice in support of the Willow Creek project. He has made four other trips to Washington to support projects for benefit of the county.

Cowen showed a thick plastic bound book that he had prepared to support testimony of the delegation.

The speaker pointed out that Inland Empire Waterways represents more than the area of the eastern parts of Oregon and Washington. It extends as far as Coos Bay and to Seattle. Even Alaska has asked for its support, he said.

In view of continuously increasing population, more must be done about recreation, more power must be provided, a better transportation system must be developed, and our water must be taken care of, the speaker said.

The 113 projects included in the Inland Empire Waterways' presentation represents 25.2% of

# School Vote Set Monday

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Voters will cast ballots on the 1968-69 Morrow county school district budget at an election Monday throughout the county. At the same time they will vote for a district director for the one position open and choose several advisory committeemen.

Running concurrently with the county election will be the Blue Mountain Community College district election with two directors to be chosen. Ballots will be given at the same time voters come for the county election.

Ballots will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. to comply with a new law. Previously, the polls were open from 2 until 8 p.m.

Polling places are at the district office in Lexington, at the city hall in Boardman, at the A. C. Houghton school in Irrigon, at the Heppner Elementary school in Heppner, the Ione school in Ione, and at the Rhea Creek Grange Hall at Rugles.

## Blood Donations Short of Goal; 55 Pints Given

Blood donations at the Red Cross drawing at the Elks Temple Tuesday fell 35 pints short of the goal, despite work of Heppner High school students in recruiting donations, Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, blood program chairman for the Morrow county chapter, reported Tuesday night.

"The students did a good job contacting the public, but too many just didn't appear," Mrs. Cutsforth said. "Quite a few couldn't be here for various reasons."

Fifty-five pints were given, eight would-be donors were rejected because they had colds or for other reasons, and one partial donation was given. Goal was set at 90 pints.

High school students also staffed the center. Only two adults, other than nurses and doctors, worked at the drawing. These were Mrs. Cutsforth and Mrs. Ted Smith.

"The students did a real good job staffing the center. They were exceptionally efficient," Mrs. Cutsforth said.

Steve Pettyjohn, co-chairman with John Rawlins of the students' participation, said that seniors won the contest for procuring donors. This wins them some points in interclass competition on a number of events throughout the school year. Winning class will have a half-day out of school to work on the Heppner townwide cleanup later this month.

Juniors are ahead on the overall contest to date, Pettyjohn said.

Last year, students pushed the blood donations over the top with their recruitment work. Pettyjohn said that he felt they didn't work on it as hard this year.

## Budget Increased

The budget for 1968-69 will require a tax levy of \$164,788 more than that for 1967-68. This would mean that taxes for school purposes would be up about 16%, although the total budget is increased only 8%. The difference is due to the fact that receipts—other than taxes—are expected to be down sharply and because of a deficit expected in view of the fact that receipts were below those anticipated this year.

Increases in teacher salaries mean that the amount budgeted for instruction is up. However, Supt. Ron Daniels points out that elimination of several teaching positions throughout the district by combining assignments has cut the increase figure about in half.

Sharp increases in fixed charges, over which the district has no control, are also partially responsible for the higher budget. Both Social Security and Public Employees Retirement Fund costs are up substantially.

Necessary remodeling at Ione and Heppner Elementary schools is another factor involved. This is necessary to comply with state standards.

The amount of tax above the 6% limitation is \$801,698 and this may mean a levy of \$9.85 per thousand dollars of true cash value for that outside the limitation, but it could be lower, depending on the amount of the county's assessed valuation. This total valuation figure has not been established definitely as of this time.

Daniels estimates that if the budget is approved, taxpayers will pay a total of approximately \$13.50 per \$1000 true cash value of property, including the amounts both inside and outside the limitation and that not subject to the limitation.

Lower than Others

Some districts in the eastern Oregon area will pay as much as \$21 per \$1000 true cash value for that portion of their budgets outside the limitation alone, he said.

The budget committee, composed of directors and lay members, have proposed the 1968-69 budget as a "realistic" one, seeking to correct the deficit situation that occurred when receipts of the past two years did not measure up to expectations.

"If this budget passes, we hope for a cash carryover next year," Daniels said.

He said that he has advised administrators and teachers that no more purchase orders are to be written for the remainder of the year unless they are in the nature of emergencies.

## Moonlight Sale Held Big Success

Heppner's second Moonlight Sale, held Friday night for a 3-hour period, proved to be an outstanding success, according to Bill Hust, chairman of the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

The first sale, held last September, had surprised merchants with the response, but the second sale brought even better results. Hust said Store owners were highly pleased.

"We want to thank everyone for their participation. Response of the public was tremendous," Hust said. "With this type of reaction, we know that the public appreciates our efforts, and we can use this as a guide in endeavoring to stage even better promotions in the future."

Shoppers came from a wide area to join the crowds at the Moonlight Sale. Stores were busy from the time they reopened—at 7 p.m.—until closing.

A few stores said that response was less than the September sale, but most did more business and some reported sales were "half again" as much.

## Dr. Wolff Candidate

Dr. Wallace Wolff is a candidate for the one director position open on the ballot, that for a Heppner city zone. Dr. L. D. Tibbles, currently serving in this position, is not a candidate, and Dr. Wolff is running unopposed.

For many years, Dr. Wolff has been keenly interested in school affairs and has served on the advisory committee and other committees concerned with school matters.

Voters around the county cast ballots on the director even though he is from the Heppner zone. However, on the advisory committee positions only those in the area vote on the candidates for the advisory committee serving them.

There is one candidate for each advisory position on the ballot, but all are running unopposed.

## Jaycees to Hold Auto Road-E-O

Plans are underway for the county-wide teenage Auto Road-E-O, sponsored locally by the Morrow County Jaycees. Local competition is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 1:00 p.m. at the county fairgrounds, with youth, 19 years of age and under, urged to compete.

This year's chairman, John Privett, urges any licensed girl or boy driver currently enrolled as a high school student, to secure entry forms at their high schools or from him, and turn them in either to him, or to Jerry Hollomon or to the Heppner Auto Sales office.

Local winners will advance to the state contest, to be held in Milwaukie on Sunday, June 9, with all expenses paid, and opportunity to win trophies and cash prizes. State champions receive a 5-day, all-expense-paid trip to the national finals at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## BMCC Directors Up for Election

Two members of the Blue Mountain Community College board of directors will be listed on the ballot for reelection in the May 6 school election. Both are unopposed.

Mrs. Verne Dale, Helix, and Oren Allison, Pendleton, businessmen, are candidates to succeed themselves. Both have served on the board since formation of the college in 1962.

Mrs. Dale, former elementary school teacher, is presently serving as chairman of the board. Allison was board chairman in 1965-66. Term of office is four years.

## Daniels to Speak Over Radio KOHU

Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow county schools, will speak on Morrow county and the county school district Thursday (today) at 9:30 a.m. over radio station KOHU, Hermiston.

Daniels will appear on the Odds and Ends Hour with Harlan Springer, KOHU manager.

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