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## School Question: What Now?

Now that the Morrow county school budget has been defeated by a rather substantial margin, it would seem logical that from the 619 negative voters there should come some constructive suggestions on what direction the school district should take for the coming fiscal year.

One of the tragedies that is apparent in such a situation is that the dissenters are silent through the democratic processes of budget hearings and during other opportunities for expression.

Those close to the schools have felt that the 1968-69 budget is truly a tight one and a realistic one. But perhaps, from those who do not see it this way, there are some ideas and factors that might have been considered but which have been overlooked in deliberations to this time.

In fairness to a school administration which shows every indication of working in good conscience the dissenters should have presented their views at the budget hearings in order that their points might have been given due consideration.

Since none stepped forward, the board and budget committee had no opportunity to entertain any of the objections that those opposed have in mind. This makes for a mighty tough job—and one in which none of the dissenting side would, of his own choosing, place himself.

It is quite obvious that a majority of those voting now expect some cuts to be made and economies to be effected. It will be interesting to see what these might be.

We reiterate the conviction that no substantial cuts of significance to the taxpayer can be made without hurting the school program in ways, perhaps, that even the negative voters will dislike. This is assuming that they are honestly interest-

ed in conducting a good school program here.

In our opinion, defeat of the budget is a setback for a progressing school system, and it will do some damage to the system. However, it is to be hoped that those involved will tackle the problem again with resolve and attempt to arrive at solutions that may be more palatable for the negative voters.

There probably is some feeling that, hidden somewhere in the budget, is "fat" that the district has in reserve, but the very fact that for two years the district has been on a deficit basis belies this.

In any event, with the defeat the "fat is in the fire" now, and the district has to face the question: What now? Those who voted against the budget with sincere conviction now have an obligation to step forward and help point the way as they see it.

## An Honor for the County

Every man—as he goes through life—has a stewardship in using the God-given resources of this earth. The good steward feels an obligation and a responsibility to make the very best use of these natural elements, not only to create a better life for himself and his fellowman but to prepare a brighter day for posterity, building for generations of tomorrow.

Maybe the Morrow county rancher does not think of his role in such glowing terms as he goes about his everyday duties, but one would have to travel far to find farmers who are more dedicated to conservation than those in this county.

The scarcity of water here brings a deeper appreciation for it; the vulnerability of our soil to erosion creates a greater desire to protect it.

While our ranchers are the first to declare that there is much more to be accomplished in the way of conservation, they have made remarkable progress. Their work in making the very best use of the soil and water resources is an example for other areas where abundance seems to lessen respect for that which is entrusted to their care.

Some of these thoughts will come in focus Wednesday, June 12, when Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson will be hosts for the State Conservation Field Day at their ranch in the Valley district. From all over the state will come those persons who have caught the vision of conservation and will recognize the work that deservedly won Carlson the title, "State Conservation Man of the Year."

The Carlsons' modesty in receiving this recognition is probably in keeping with the humility that one might expect from true stewards.

They undoubtedly would agree that the best honor that can be accorded them is to increase appreciation of the need for conservation, and they consider themselves only as representatives of a vital movement here.

The real honor that comes to the county is the opportunity of pointing the way in soil stewardship. The knowledge that the ranchers of this county are leaders in conservation should be a source of pride to every citizen here.

One cannot help but think how great it would be if those who refer to Eastern Oregon as the land of "sagebrush and jackrabbits" could attend this Field Day and become enlightened!

But even for the home folks there is need for more understanding on the necessity for conservation. For this reason, to honor the Carlsons, and to recognize all who are stewards of the soil in this county, a good turnout of local people at the Field Day Wednesday is important.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Smead drove from Portland to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo on Memorial Day. Smead is the son of Wallace W. Smead, who was postmaster in Heppner for many years and was also the deer hunting partner of Dr. McMurdo for a number of years. Maurice filled his father's place as a hunting partner until two years ago when he retired as manager of the Portland office for the Capitol Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. Raymond Gronquist of Pendleton and son and daughter-in-law, Lieut. and Mrs. Keith R. Gronquist, and baby daughter Mindi of Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, were callers on Mrs. Mary Healy last week-end. They shared in celebrating Mrs. Healy's 81st birthday and it was the first opportunity for her to see Mindi, her great-granddaughter.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

ONE WOULDN'T think it would make very good sense to stay up until nearly 1 a.m. to see a local young man that a person can see often around town, on the basketball court, and in other local events.

But this was something special. Mrs. Doc (Evoone) Severinsen called Mrs. Carl (Betty) Spaulding all the way from New York to say that Russ Kilkenny, son of Mrs. Vesta Kilkenny and Bob Kilkenny, would be seen on the NBC Tonight Show that night (Monday).

Because of the time differential, the show had already been telecast back there but wouldn't be seen for several hours later on the West Coast. Evoone said that Russ, clad in a bright red sweater, loomed up big and bright when the cameras panned the audience.

Betty graciously came by and told us, and so we stayed up to watch. It was towards the end of the program before Russ was seen, but it was an interesting show, including Bob Hope, and with Johnny Carson bantering back and forth with Doc from time to time.

Sure enough, after a commercial when the camera swept over the audience, there was big Russ.

Russ went with Judy Severinsen when she lived out here, and they have been corresponding since. When Judy and Nancy were to graduate from high school this year, Russ went back with Mrs. Ora Evans to attend the event.

After the show Monday night, our tall basketball senior went out to dinner with the Severinsens and met Alan King, the

famed comedian, at a restaurant. He was pretty much impressed with the type of young men we grow out here in Eastern Oregon.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Severinsen, parents of Doc, made the trip from Portland to attend the graduation of the girls, too.

DR. GERALD JONES showed his beautiful colored slides of Alaska to Chamber of Commerce Monday and it was a real treat. This man is a fluent and witty speaker, making it all the more interesting.

He told of going into a hotel in a town located in a rather sparsely settled part of Alaska. A sign in the rustic lobby said, "Please Leave Your Bloody Boots Downstairs."

This puzzled the doctor. "I didn't know that this area was settled by people from England," said he.

Then he discovered that when they said "bloody" it was not just an expression of speech. Many of the lodgers were hunters after moose, and they often came in with bloody boots after a kill.

So the management posted the sign, "Leave Your Bloody Boots Downstairs."

WE'VE NEVER felt very badly persecuted as an editor but we have enough in common with idiosyncrasies of the business to get a sympathetic chuckle from the comments of Bill Hill of the Everett, Wash., Herald, as reprinted in The Oregonian.

"If I attend a meeting, I'm being nosy. If I don't, I'm not interested. If I write an in-depth story, it's too long. If I condense

one, it's incomplete. If I take sides on an issue, I'm prejudiced. If I don't, I'm a coward. If my suit is clean and pressed, I think I'm a big shot. If it isn't I look like a movieland newspaperman. If I've been on the job for a short time, I lack experience. If I've been around a while, it's time for a change. If I don't stop and talk (deadlines, you know), I'm too big for my britches. If I do, that's all I've got to do anyway. If I ask for advice, I'm incompetent. If I don't, I'm a know-it-all. If I make a mistake, I hear about it for weeks. If I don't, I never hear about it. If I express an opinion, I want to run the show. If I don't where did I go to school? If I misspell your name, you never forget it. If I don't, you're not read the story."

Memorial Day week-end guests at the Archie Padberg home were Mrs. Padberg's sister, Mrs. Nora Myers and daughter Elvera Myers of The Dalles, also Mrs. Padberg's son, Edwin Tucker, and friend, David B. Doughton of Salem. The two men were on their way to the mountains for a fishing and camping trip.



## Coming Events

**YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM**  
Two-months (June and July) Recreation Program for 7th through high school age youth  
Organizational meeting Monday, June 10, Heppner High Gymnasium, 7 p.m.  
Mondays through Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Planned recreation \$2 registration fee

**COWBELLE BARBECUE**  
Sunday, June 16, 4 p.m.  
Morrow county fairground, Honoring Bill Rawlins, Morrow County Father of the Year  
Families invited. Bring own meat for barbecue

**HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL**  
Open Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.  
Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 7 p.m.  
Closed Mondays  
Season tickets available

**PUBLIC DANCE**  
Friday, June 7, 9:30 to 1:00  
Heppner Fair Pavilion  
Music by The Henchmen, Heppner combo

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## How Morrow County Voted

### DEMOCRATIC

	N.E. Hep.	Lex.	S.E. Hep.	N.W. Hep.	ione	S.W. Hep.	Hard-man	Board-man	Irrgn	TOTAL
<b>FOR PRESIDENT</b>										
JOHNSON	7	13	7	12	15	15	4	14	40	127
KENNEDY	20	24	24	52	36	24	3	32	35	250
MC CARTHY	38	53	26	65	69	46	4	40	45	386
<b>FOR VICE PRESIDENT</b>										
HUMPHREY	31	40	28	55	49	41	1	45	79	369
<b>FOR U. S. SENATOR</b>										
DUNCAN	33	53	26	64	61	44	6	48	85	423
McALMOND	1	8	1	7	8	2	0	4	2	33
MORSE	41	31	33	64	68	49	5	42	42	375
<b>FOR CONGRESS</b>										
ULLMAN	76	87	59	123	120	84	9	90	127	775
<b>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE</b>										
VAN HOOMISSEN	58	53	35	99	78	64	8	60	94	549
YEGGE	10	22	12	25	30	15	2	13	17	146
<b>FOR TREASURER</b>										
STRAUB	70	83	59	121	116	90	5	75	114	733
<b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>										
THORNTON	72	84	53	122	109	86	8	81	119	734
<b>FOR STATE SENATOR (WRITE IN)</b>										
WEATHERFORD	18	16	16	26	13	18	5	0	6	118
<b>FOR CLERK</b>										
PARRISH	66	81	48	112	110	82	8	60	118	685
<b>FOR SHERIFF</b>										
CORBIN	20	19	16	34	29	17	4	34	56	229
MOLLAHAN	55	66	41	98	90	74	7	33	37	501

### REPUBLICAN

<b>FOR PRESIDENT</b>										
NIXON	67	54	54	87	116	65	8	40	56	547
REAGAN	16	18	19	29	28	26	7	20	9	182
<b>FOR U. S. SENATOR</b>										
BOYD	9	10	10	10	22	11	2	11	10	95
PACKWOOD	73	59	57	89	123	75	9	37	53	575
<b>FOR REP. 2nd DIST.</b>										
QUIGLEY	9	8	11	17	31	15	5	6	7	109
ROOT	38	35	27	38	65	25	1	23	27	279
THOREN	41	30	35	56	54	52	5	21	29	323
<b>FOR SEC. STATE</b>										
MONTGOMERY	39	36	35	52	58	33	8	24	23	308
MYERS	57	49	45	69	106	62	8	35	40	471
<b>FOR ST. TREASURER</b>										
PAGE	72	68	66	101	131	77	10	42	52	619
<b>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>										
JOHNSON	75	71	64	102	139	81	11	48	54	645
<b>FOR STATE SENATOR</b>										
JERNSTEDT	66	62	65	83	132	62	6	42	53	571
<b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>										
MANN	80	65	73	106	151	88	13	57	46	679
<b>FOR COUNTY COM.</b>										
HAYES	88	73	73	109	151	80	18	52	47	691
<b>FOR COUNTY TREAS.</b>										
McDANIEL	83	78	79	117	147	98	16	56	52	726
<b>FOR SHERIFF</b>										
BAUMAN	69	53	50	73	129	67	5	59	60	565

### NONPARTISAN

<b>FOR SUPREME COURT—POS. NO. 1</b>										
LENSKE	31	35	29	49	81	33	6	32	35	331
McALLISTER	113	104	92	159	165	128	19	107	152	1039
<b>MEASURE 1</b>										
YES	114	69	77	160	166	114	13	89	113	915
NO	43	90	46	70	124	64	10	52	71	570
<b>MEASURE 2</b>										
YES	95	71	69	120	138	90	10	65	88	746
NO	49	87	47	90	130	83	12	69	84	651
<b>MEASURE 3</b>										
YES	116	70	89	167	156	107	10	81	96	892
NO	52	100	46	79	144	83	16	65	99	684



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