

# Budget Approved By Wide Margin

Morrow county's school budget reversed itself at the polls Monday with a resounding winning margin on its third try, 642 to 270 no. The ratio of affirmative votes, about 2 1/2 to 1, was a surprise to even the most optimistic supporters of the budget.

In the second election, held on June 3, the budget was defeated by a substantial majority, 497 yes to 610 no.



WILL O'HARRA

## Red Cross Unit Chooses O'Harra As New Chairman

Will O'Harra was elected chairman of the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, at the annual meeting Thursday night, June 27, in the Bank of Eastern Oregon conference room. He succeeds Robert Abrams who served during the past year.

Other new officers are Dick Carpenter, vice-chairman; Mrs. Rose Marie Stroeber, secretary; and Mrs. Paul Heinrichs, treasurer.

Elected directors for two year terms were Dr. Wallace Wolf, Curtis Culp, Mrs. Ted (Ella) Smith, Carpenter, and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth. Chosen for three year terms were Herman Winter, Rev. Mel Dixon, Mrs. Stroeber, Mrs. Caroline Skoubo and Mrs. Heinrichs.

Holdover directors are Abrams, Joe Baife, O'Harra, Lynn Pearson and Jerry Sweeney.

Mrs. Cutsforth resigned as blood program chairman after serving in that capacity for 11 years, and another person is to be appointed for that responsibility.

It was reported that the county achieved its fund campaign goal of \$1429, and Norman Supple of the First National Bank was appointed fund drive chairman for 1968.

Also in the way of the year's service were the following: More than 50 standard Red Cross cards and 30 advanced first aid cards issued.

Nearly 60 swimmers cards will be issued.

Expenses of three lifeguards paid to advanced instructor's courses in Pendleton for Bill McLeod and Marsha Lovgren of Heppner, and Mrs. Laurel Cannon, Ione.

Handling of 11 cases relative to the Vietnam War, involving calls to Washington, D. C., or making contacts with servicemen in Vietnam.

Supplying of 40 pints of blood through the Red Cross to Pioneer Memorial hospital for the year, and 67 pints to out-of-town hospitals for Morrow county patients. At the customary cost of \$35 per pint for non-Red Cross blood, this represents a savings of \$4,065 in blood alone for the recipients. The patient is charged only for the administration of blood.

## Mrs. Batty Back As Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Raymond (Harriet) Batty, until recently of Klamath Falls, is back in familiar surroundings at the Morrow county courthouse. She has been chosen as deputy clerk to succeed Mrs. Mary Bryant who resigned to become legal secretary for Mahoney and Abrams recently.

Mrs. Batty served as Morrow county deputy clerk for two years during the term of C. W. Barlow as clerk, who was in the office from 1935 until 1954.

The Battys moved back to Heppner from Klamath Falls after his brother, Ken Batty, purchased Silver Spurs ranch near Hardman recently. Raymond Batty is working with Ken on the ranch.

Mrs. Bryant worked as deputy clerk for nine years, all with Mrs. Parrish as clerk, before accepting the secretary position.

After the vacancy occurred, Mrs. Parrish learned that Mrs. Batty was returning here.

"When I heard this, I grabbed her!" she said.

At the first vote, on May 6, a three-vote yes margin was tested, 286 yes to 283 no, but the district board voluntarily invalidated the election because five votes were in question.

Following the defeat on June 3, the budget committee held two public hearings and pared close to \$50,000 from the proposed tax levy.

In the third special election all precincts but two posted substantial affirmative majorities. Lexington voted no, 38 to 51; and Irrigon was narrowly against it, 56 yes to 58 no. However, at the June 3 election, Lexington voters were almost solidly opposed, 23 yes and 92 no; and Irrigon was similarly in opposition, 37 yes and 98 no.

As in the other elections, Boardman was the staunchest supporter of the budget. Voters there balloted 106 yes and 17 no. It is the only precinct that went the affirmative route in all three elections.

Heppner rallied for a more than 3 to 1 margin for the budget on the successful try, going 262 yes to 81 no. Ione also was 3 to 1 in favor, 156 to 51; and Hardman posted a 2 to 1 margin, 24 to 12.

Indications were that the "yes" voters turned out strongly but that many of the "no" voters stayed away from the polls, for the total turnout on the third try was 195 less than at the June 3 election. Total vote in June was 1107, and on Monday it was 912.

Much of the impetus for the affirmative vote Monday was credited to the Committee to Maintain Better Education in Morrow County. This impromptu organization sent out a letter to virtually all voters explaining the budget, made hundreds of personal contacts and promoted the pared budget through The Gazette-Times.

An obviously relieved school official, Ron Daniels, county superintendent, said Tuesday morning that he was "highly pleased with the results."

He said that he wished to thank the voters for their support and especially appreciated the work of those who worked so hard for its passage.

## Rec Program Now Held to 2 Nights

Summer recreation program, in progress on week nights at the Heppner High school gymnasium, will be cut to two nights per week beginning Monday, according to Stuart Dick, one of those in charge.

The group will assemble on Monday and Wednesday nights. In the time since the program started under Chamber of Commerce sponsorship the program has been going Mondays through Thursdays.

Competition from the swimming pool and from summer vacations is proving to great a handicap for attendance to hold sessions nightly, Dick said.

## City Hall Office Closed July 5

The Heppner city office will be closed on Friday, July 5, when City Recorder Elaine George will take one day of her vacation time, she said Monday.

City police officers will be on duty and will be in and out of the city hall to serve the public in case of emergency.

County offices will be open as usual, Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday. Banks, post office, and most business houses will also be open as usual.

## Directors Discuss IED; Pick Mrs. McCarty Clerk

Directors of the county school board met with the Umatilla county board in a special session at Lexington Monday night to discuss the proposed Intermediate Education District, and in an ensuing meeting chose Mrs. Gail (Duann) McCarty as district clerk to fill the vacancy created with the resignation of Mrs. Art (Alice) Vance.

The board approved contracts for two new teachers, installed Dr. Wallace Wolf of Heppner and Gerald Peck of Boardman as new directors, and authorized driver training cars for the coming school year. They completed the meeting by canvassing the results of the budget election, ending the evening on a happy note since the budget was approved.

The Umatilla and Morrow boards were in substantial agreement that they favored a Umatilla-Morrow I. E. D. rather than a 4-county or 3-county district. However, they decided it would be difficult to make a firm decision until some questions were answered.

Among them are these: 1. How the structure of the board would be made. 2. The effect of the 1 1/2% limitation, if it should pass at the general election in November, on the proposed district. 3. Whether the IED equalization would stay within present

county lines or be spread over the entire district.

In the latter instances, Morrow county has more true cash value per student and would suffer if the equalization were spread over the entire 2-county district. Both boards were agreed that they favored equalization staying within county lines.

**Hearing Set**  
Some of these questions may be answered at a hearing on July 11 in Pendleton with Umatilla and Morrow county board members present.

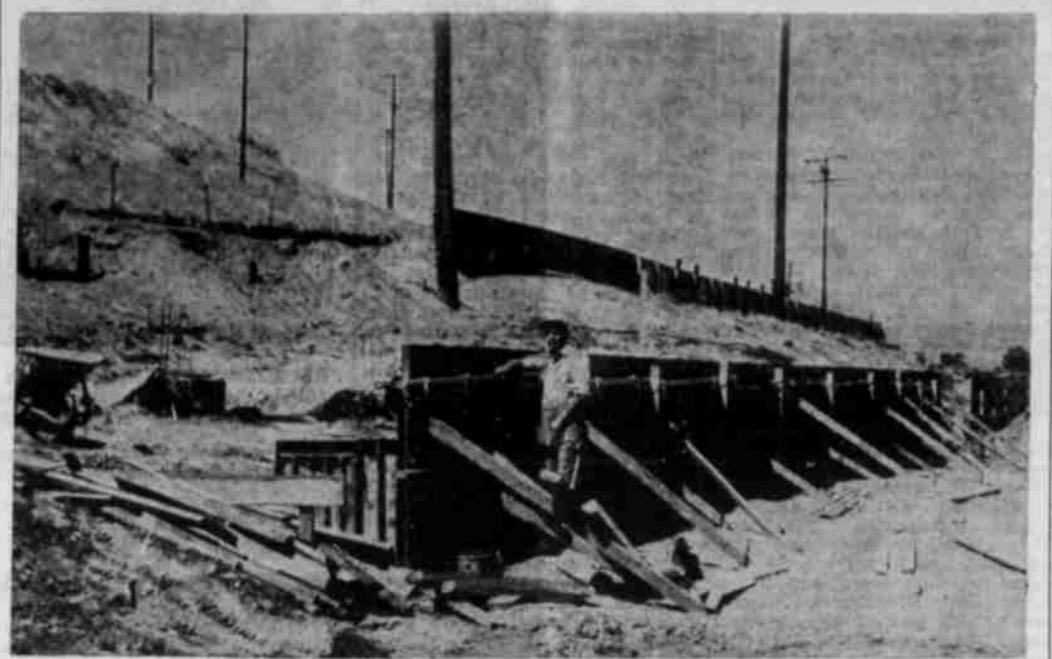
Mrs. McCarty, the new clerk, has been secretary at Heppner High school for several years.

Dr. Wolf becomes the board member for Heppner zone VII and succeeds Dr. L. D. Tibbles. Peck succeeds Ralph Skoubo as Boardman director (District I). Skoubo resigned at the last regular board meeting in order that he might accept a position as custodian-school driver at the Riverside school.

**Teachers Hired**  
Carl Shackman was hired as social studies teacher and head football coach at Riverside. He has taught for two years at Mt. Vernon and was assistant football coach there. He is a graduate of Oregon College, Mor-mouth, is married and has two children.

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FOUNDATION of the new grandstand at the rodeo grounds was laid this week by McCormack Construction Co. and the all-steel structure is expected to be completed in plenty of time for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo August 20-23. Bob Zackian, foreman, stands by the forms at the lower area of the grandstand site. The stands will seat more than 600 persons and seats are expected to have plenty of leg room. There will be no posts in front to block the view, but five metal posts to support roof will cross the center of the stands. Spectators will find themselves closer to the action in the new stands with the front railing extending some five feet above the track. (G-T Photo)

## Kickoff Dance Saturday Night

Opening of the 1968 Fair and Rodeo season Saturday night is the Kickoff Dance which will be at the Morrow county Fair Pavilion, starting at 9:30 p.m. and continuing until 1 a.m.

Queen Berniece Matthews of Ione and her court, Princesses Kathy Hinton of Boardman, Sheila Luciani of Lexington, Sue Greenup of Lena and Marcia Jones of Heppner, will be present in their comely cranberry suits, white hats and white boots, furnished through Gardner's Men's Wear by special order.

The Shamrock Trio of The Dalles will furnish the music for the dance, arranged by Rodeo Director Archie Munkers, who is chairman of the dances. Admission is \$1.50 per person. Refreshments will be served.

In ensuing weeks the dances will honor each princess and then the queen. The season will be completed with the rodeo dances on August 23 and 24.

The dance on July 13 will honor Princess Marcia Jones and the Western Gentlemen of Condon will furnish the music. On July 20, Princess Sue Greenup will step into the limelight and Tommy B. and the Chain Reactions of Hood River will play. On July 27 Princess Kathy Hinton will be in the spotlight, and Heppner's Henchmen will furnish the music.

Princess Sheila Luciani will be honored at the dance on August 3, and the Miss Fortunes of The Dalles will supply the music. On August 10, her majesty Queen Berniece will be feted at the Queen's Dance with the Western Gentlemen returning to play.

Rodeo dance on Friday night, August 23, will feature The Henchmen and the dance on Saturday night, August 24, will

see The Shamrock Trio back to play.

All the dances will be in the fair pavilion, and all except the final two rodeo dances, will start at 9:30. Rodeo dances begin at 10. There will be no dance on Saturday, August 17.

## Forty-Five Finish First Session Of Swim Course

First session of Red Cross swim instruction at the Heppner municipal pool has just been completed. A total of 175 persons participated and 45 persons successfully completed the courses in which they enrolled, Stuart Dick, Red Cross water safety instructor, said. Included in the group of 175 were 26 tots who were mother taught. They are not included in the 45 who finished the courses.

Second session will begin Tuesday, July 9, and registration will be Monday, July 8, from 11 a.m. until noon.

Bill McLeod, Marsha Lovgren and Lynda Orwick assisted with the lessons.

Completing their respective courses were the following:

**Beginners**—Billy Kenny, Jimmy Kenny, Cindy Davis, Cheryl Skages, Karl Palmer, Patricia Van Schojack, Tami Boschee, Craig Cutsforth.

**Advanced Beginners**—Bruce Young, Joan Ployhar, John Myers, Dwain Wolfe, Kathy Kenny, Kathy Cutsforth, David Allstott, Kim Cutsforth, Kathy Wolf, Andrew Wolfe.

**Intermediates**—Suzanne Cutsforth, Linda Pearson, Dan Davis, Robert Wolfe, Diane Holland, Ron Ward, Tami Toll, Patti Saling, Kim Lu Hagewood, Kevin Hagewood, Kerry Harsin, Karen Winter, Allen Boschee.

**Swimmers**—Debbie Holland, Toni Toll, Khristy Hagewood, Dirk Dunlap, David McLachlan, Lauri McCabe.

**Junior Lifesaving**—Barbara Shamus, David McLeod, Clyde Allstott, Lisa McCabe.

**Senior Lifesaving**—Bill McLeod, Raymond Nichols, Kay Huson, Marcia Young.

## Advance Programs Ready for Events

Advance programs for the Morrow county Fair and Rodeo have been printed and are ready for distribution. These give complete programs for the events, information on summer dances, a amount of rodeo purses, entry fees, description of special events, rodeo prizes and trophies, and other information.

Those who can use copies to good advantage are invited to obtain them from John Venard, rodeo secretary, at the First National Bank; at the county extension office; or at The Gazette-Times.

**Brochures Updated**  
A new printing of informational brochures on Morrow county has been completed as a cooperative venture of the county and the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, and the leaflets are now available for distribution.

## Fun, Bargains Due July 12, 13 At Sidewalk Event

Fifth annual Sidewalk Bazaar will be in Heppner on Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13. At that time both merchants and organizations will take to the Main street sidewalks with bargains in merchandise, exhibits, food and drink, and entertainment.

Plans for the event were made at a Merchants Committee meeting Friday at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Virtually all stores will take part and those organizations which have announced participation to date include the Methodist WSCS, the Mothers club, Eastern Star, Sans Souci Rebekah lodge, the Morrow County Rockeers, Heppner grade school PTA, Royal Arch "Widows" and the Artist's club.

Many others are expected to come forth with booths before the annual promotional event unfolds.

Those wishing space on the sidewalks are asked to contact Mrs. LeRoy Gardner at Gardner's Men's Wear who is acting chairman of the Merchants committee.

Besides offering outstanding bargains, different merchants are planning grab bags, giveaways, and other attractions for the crowds expected.

Also at the Friday meeting, the group discussed the possibility of expanding a Halloween parade in late October to offer more prizes for costumes to participating children. They also talked of using "Treasure Chests" containing prizes for Christmas Opening on the week-end after Thanksgiving.

## State Police Recall Traffic 'Slaughter' On Fourth in 1967

Twenty-eight persons died in Oregon traffic accidents during last year's four-day Fourth of July slaughter. There were 286 injuries and a total of 625 accidents in the worst holiday traffic toll in the state's history, according to a memorandum from Oregon State Police.

This Fourth of July holiday will be again run four days from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, until midnight Sunday, July 7.

A study of last year's accident reports reveals some interesting facts:

Over half of the fatalities occurred because drivers lost control of their vehicles; they swerved into the opposite lane, ran off the road, or hit fixed objects.

Two of the drivers lost control when attempting to pass. Nine of the 28 victims died in head-on collisions and nine in one car crashes.

In ten accidents drinking was a contributing factor as indicated: 3 fatal accidents; 2 one-car fatalities; 5 one-car accidents.

This clearly indicates that alcohol dulls drivers' senses, slows reactions and is the cause of over half of all holiday accidents, the State Police declare.

On all highways where heavy traffic flow is anticipated added patrols will be used as a part of our selective enforcement program. All violations will be strictly enforced. The unmarked car and radar units will be used in those areas where past experience has indicated a high accident frequency.

# First Grain Shows Good Test Weight

First county rancher to cut barley in the very young harvest season of 1968 to deliver to an elevator of Morrow County Grain Growers was Stan Kemp, according to Harlan McCurdy, general manager of MCGG.

He started about a week ago, and as of Tuesday of this week, five farmers were delivering barley, and wheat to the North Lexington elevator of the cooperative.

Roy Martin was second to start in barley, and Bill Doherty's operation then started cutting. Ellis Pettyjohn was first to deliver wheat and Jack Barak followed. Both of the latter are harvesting More wheat.

McCurdy said that test weight on both barley and wheat has been good, the More testing at 58-60 lb. and the barley at about 45 lb.

It was too early Tuesday to determine any kind of an accurate check on yield, but the

opinion was that it was running light.

How the county average will go is still a matter of speculation, some thinking it might be below last year which was probably less than an average year. Some others are willing to bet that, with the central and southern parts of the county aided by late rain, the county-wide average might go above 1957.

At this time the North Lexington elevator is the only one of the MCGG elevators in operation. However, doors are open at the lone elevator because some green north of Ione appears "ready to go."

McCurdy said that he expects the Lexington elevator will get into operation by Monday, July 8, and the county harvest will be in full swing soon.

## County Accepts Bid on Radios For Civil Defense

Bid of Blue Mountain Communications of Hermiston to furnish and install radios for Civil Defense in Morrow county has been accepted by the county court, Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

The firm will supply six mobile units and a transmitter for the base station in the basement of the courthouse. In addition, it will supply a mobile unit for the City of Heppner and for the county deputy sheriff's car, purchased by the city and county respectively.

Total bid is \$7899.85, of which approximately \$3000 is reimbursed to the county and \$1688 is paid by the city and county from funds other than those for Civil Defense.

Under the plan, each of five incorporated cities in the county will have a mobile radio mounted in a vehicle of a designated person.

Civil Defense Director Ted Smith is designating those in the communications system to have the radios. In Heppner, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman will have a unit in his car. At Ione, the radio will be in the car of Police Chief Eldon Tucker, and at Irrigon, Perry Pummel has been designated.

CD plans require that a radio be installed in the car of the county judge, and so this will be in Judge Jones' vehicle.

Remote control console will be in the sheriff's office, and all radios will tie in with the present police radios, operating on the same frequency. Morrow county is the only county in the state that has received permission to do this, the judge said.

The base station will be in direct contact with the State of Oregon and will serve in any emergency, such as the floods of 1964 and 1965.

It is expected that the radio system will be in operation within 60 days, and the CD system plans to have a practice alert when the system is ready.

Bob Jensen, of Ione, is communications chief for Morrow County Civil Defense and Mrs. Etta Parker is assistant chief.

Director Smith said that the Civil Defense organization is now complete here, and names of the heads of the various sections will be printed in an ensuing issue of The Gazette-Times.

Smith also said that two CD men will be here soon to map the entire county for the emergency system, work on publicity and mail their information to staff members. This is done at no expense to the county.

## Shelter Meeting Slated Wednesday

The state director of the community shelter program of Civil Defense will be in Heppner on Wednesday, July 10, to discuss CD shelter needs in the county, County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday.

He will meet with Ted Smith, Civil Defense director, and the county court to consider how well the county is prepared to shelter its residents in event of emergency.

## Cooler Than Many

Temperature hit 94 degrees in Heppner during the week but it was cooler than many parts of Oregon. One night dropped back into the 30's, according to Don Gilliam, weather observer.

Precipitation for the month of June totaled .98, which is .34 inch below the normal of 1.32. Precipitation for January through June was 5.26 inches, well below the normal of 7.61 inches. Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	94	59	—
Thursday	78	50	—
Friday	64	42	—
Saturday	67	37	—
Sunday	77	42	—
Monday	87	48	—
Tuesday	94	54	—



BILL HUST

## Hust Transferred To Penney Store North of Seattle

Bill Hust, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store in Heppner for the past 1 1/2 years, has been assigned by the company as manager of the Penney store at Arlington, Wn., some 30 miles north of Seattle.

Word of the promotion and transfer came as a surprise to Hust, his family and friends. He received a telephone call Monday morning with no prior knowledge that a change was planned, and was enroute to the new location before the day was over.

He is expected to be back here at the end of this week but plans to take the new position at once. No information was available as to the manager who will replace him here, but it was tentatively expected that a new man will come here by Friday.

MRS. LeROY GARDNER TO HEAD MERCHANTS

Mrs. LeRoy Gardner of Gardner's Men's Wear has agreed to act as chairman of the Merchants Committee in Heppner for the time being and was appointed to that position Monday by Wes Sherman, Chamber president.

The sudden transfer of Bill Hust, J. C. Penney Co. manager and Merchants chairman, to Arlington, Wn., created a handicap here with the Sidewalk Bazaar "just around the corner". Mrs. Gardner agreed to head the committee to help through the Sidewalk Bazaar and named Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland of Van's Variety as her assistant.

Arlington is a town of some 4,000 persons, Hust said, and it serves a trading area of about 24,000. It is a considerably larger store than the one here and is considered a fine advancement.

In the relatively short time that Hust has been in Heppner the Penney store here has made a fine record and at times has led the district in percentage of volume gain.

The former manager at Arlington, Wayne Coonen, has been transferred to California, another sudden move that prompted the quick decision here.

The sudden transfer comes just before the Sidewalk Bazaar, one of Heppner's major promotional events, which Hust was leading in planning as chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. LeRoy Gardner will take over temporarily as chairman to continue with plans for the event on July 12-13.

The Husts came to Heppner from The Dalles in late January, 1967. He has been with the Penney store here for 2 1/2 years after being with the company for four years at Yreka, Calif., and some four years at the store in Medford.

Mrs. Hust has been teacher's aide and librarian at Ione High school. The family has been active in the Christian church here. Three daughters, Julie, Janie and Janette, have been students in Heppner Elementary school.

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