

Special Church Services To Mark Easter Season

The joyous Easter season and its significance in man's spiritual life will be celebrated in churches throughout the area during this Holy Week. Ministers of the various religious faiths invite their constituents and friends to join them in the special observances. Several have announced services prior to Easter Sunday which will be of devotional significance.

On Friday denominations included in the South Morrow Ministerial association will present the annual Good Friday Service in the United Methodist church from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m., and the public is invited. Seven ministers will participate with each speaking 20 minutes, and special music will be presented through selection of each church. Theme of the program will be "Questions Answered From the Cross".

Offering received in the foyer of the church will be used by the ministerial association for religious community activities.

Nazarene Quartet to Sing
Special Easter week-end events planned at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene include a program presented on Saturday evening, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., by the Christian Worker's Band, a quartet from Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, Idaho, who will present a program of special musical numbers that will be of interest to youth of the community. Events planned for Easter Sunday at the church are regular Sunday School classes at 10:00 a.m., with worship service to follow at 11:00 a.m., featuring special guest speaker, Don Pinkney, a member of the quartet. Following the worship service, families of the church may join together for a potluck dinner and sing-along, which will feature special songs by the musical group. The afternoon program will begin at 2:45 p.m., and juniors and members of the NYPs will meet at 6:30 p.m. A special hour of evangelism and music is planned for parish members at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Churches to Join
Heppner and Lexington Christian churches will hold a joint observance of the Lord's supper on Maundy Thursday evening, April 3, at 8:00 p.m. in the Heppner church. Rev. O. D. Harris, interim pastor, will preside at a devotional worship, followed by communion served in memory of its institution by Jesus at the Last Supper. It will be a candlelight period and those attending are asked to enter and depart without conversation and confusion.

Youth to Sponsor Sunrise Services
Members of the United Youth Fellowship group will conduct the special Easter Sunrise Service on cemetery hill on Easter Sunday morning and extend an invitation to parents and friends of the community to join with them for this early worship, which will begin at 6 a.m. Anyone who desires transportation to the service is asked to meet at the Heppner Christian church at 5:45 a.m. Special breakfasts for their youth members are planned by some of the churches immediately following the sunrise service, in addition to family worship services and programs throughout the day.

Methodists to Worship
Members and friends of the United Methodist church are invited to join in celebration of the Lord's Last Supper tonight (Thursday) when the Rev. Melvin Dixon will conduct the annual Maundy Thursday communion service. This devotional hour will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Choir rehearsal will immediately follow this service.

Lutherans Plan Services
"He Loved Them Unto the End," will be the theme for a special Maundy Thursday service tonight at 8 p.m. at the Hope Lutheran church in Heppner announces pastor Rudolph Mensch, who will again conduct the service at the Valby church at 8 p.m., on Good Friday.

On Easter morning members of the Valby church will gather for morning worship and communion at 8 a.m. when members of the church school classes will provide a program of special music. Parish members will gather following the service for a breakfast at the church.

Easter Sunday worship and communion service at the Hope Lutheran church in Heppner will be observed at 11:00 a.m. when the Sunday School youth members will present a program of Easter music. Theme for Easter Sunday services at both Hope and Valby churches is "Don't Fear Death, Christ is Risen."

Pastor Mensch will travel to Condon on Sunday evening, where he will conduct evening service and communion at 7:30 p.m. for the Condon Lutheran church.

Youth members of the Hope and Valby Lutheran League are invited to gather at 5 p.m. on Sunday evening at the Valby church for a meeting, film and fellowship luncheon.

Assembly of God Celebrates
Young people of the Assembly of God church will combine with United Youth Fellowship members for a special Easter Sunrise service, to be held on Cemetery hill at 6 a.m., weather permitting. All participating are to meet at the Heppner Christian church at 5:30 a.m., and are advised to wear warm clothing and flat shoes. Following the special service, youth will gather at the church for breakfast. The regular morning worship (Continued on page 5)

Good Friday SERVICES

- HEPPNER METHODIST CHURCH
Sponsored By
SOUTH MORROW MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
April 4, 1969 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- ORGANISTS PAULINE MILLER
JAN WHEELHOUSE
- QUESTIONS ANSWERED FROM THE CROSS
12:30-12:50
- (1) DO WE NEED GOD'S FORGIVENESS? "Father forgive them for they know not what they do!" (Luke 23:34)
(The Rev. Mike Luedde: Ione United Church of Christ)
- 12:50-1:10
(2) DOES GOD WANT ME? "Today Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise!" (Luke 23:43)
(The Rev. Dirk Rinehart: All Saints' Episcopal)
- 1:10-1:30
(3) AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? "Woman, behold Thy Son; behold Thy mother." (John 19:25-27)
(Elder H. E. Preston: Seventh-day Adventist)
- 1:30-1:50
(4) HOW SERIOUS IS SIN? "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou forsaken me?" (Matt: 27:45, 46)
(The Rev. O. D. Harris: Christian Church)
- 1:50-2:10
(5) WHY DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER? "I thirst!" (John 19:28, 29)
(The Rev. Robert Wolfe: Assembly of God)
- 2:10-2:30
(6) CAN I BE SURE OF SALVATION? "It is finished" (John 19:30)
(The Rev. Elmer Kneec: Church of the Nazarene)
- 2:30-2:50
(7) CAN DEATH BE BEAUTIFUL? "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit!" (Luke 26:46)
(The Rev. Rudolph Mensch: Hope & Valby Lutheran)

Mustangs to Play League Opener

Heppner High's baseballs will open their league season Saturday when they host the Eagles of Wahtonka at the Heppner field. The first game of the doubleheader is set for 1 p.m.

The Mustangs played at Umatilla today (Thursday).

About 20 hopefuls are out for the team, and are led by three-year lettermen Jerry Healy, Mike Smith and Larry Pettijohn. Coach Dale Holland will

use Healy in the infield, go with Smith in the outfield and depend on Pettijohn on the mound. All three are seniors.

Other seniors on the team include Bill Baker, a one-year letterman, and Mel Ashbeck.

John McCabe, a two-year striker, heads a crop of four juniors on the squad. McCabe will pitch for the Mustangs.

Other juniors are Pat Kilkenny, one-year letterman, Mark Pointer and Dennis Ward.

Sophomores with previous experience include David Gundersen, Laverne VanMarter, and Terry Hughes. Keith Curmutt, Dallas Harsin and Ron Sherman round out the sophomore hopefuls.

Just three freshmen are listed by Holland on the roster, and include Steve Rhea, Jim VanWinkle and Art Osmin.

The rest of the schedule is as follows:
April 8—Mac Hi, 1 p.m.
April 10—Umatilla, 3 p.m. &
April 12—At Madras, 1 p.m. &
April 19—Sherman, 10 a.m. &
April 22—At Mac Hi, 3 p.m.
April 29—At Grant Union, 1 p.m. &
May 3—At Pilot Rock, 1 p.m. &
+—doubleheader &
+—plus additional JV game

Annual Egg Hunts At Three Locations

Annual Easter egg hunts, sponsored by Elks Lodge No. 358 of Heppner, will be Saturday morning, April 5, at three locations. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. for each of three age groups.

Pre-school children will have their hunt at the City Park; first and second graders will take part at the Court-house lawn; and third and fourth graders will hunt at the elementary school playground.

Members of the Elks will supervise the hunt. All youngsters through the fourth grade in school are invited to come and take part.

Many Take Part In Last 4-H Ski Day at Arbuckle

The final day of ski activities for the 4-H Ski club on March 29 was termed a success by leaders Dick McElligott and Don Peterson. All 4-H members, ski patrol and instructors participated in the event.

The ski area at Arbuckle has operated on Saturdays by volunteers, under the supervision of 4-H Ski Club leader, Dick McElligott. This plan has made the area available to the youth of the county at a very reasonable cost.

Don Peterson has been in charge of the ski instruction, assisted by Terry Cannon, Mark Tullis, John Rietmann and Tom McElligott. Donating their time for the safety of the skiers by working on Ski Patrol have been Rev. Mike Luedde, Ione, Al Martin and Curtis Culp, Heppner. Loren Luore, representing the Forest Service, has assisted the leaders in all activities. The Jaycees have operated the area on Sundays.

Participants and placings in races on Saturday were:
Beginners race: 1st, Lisa Collins; 2nd, Natalie Tews; 3rd, Debby Palmer.

Intermediate: 1st, LeRoy Rea; 2nd, Catherine McElligott; 3rd, Cindi Martin.

Advanced intermediate girls: 1st, Melissa McElligott; 2nd, Ann McElligott; 3rd, Mary Pat McElligott.

Advanced intermediate boys: 1st, Joel Peterson; 2nd, Paul Peterson; 3rd, Phil Carlson.

Advanced skiers and ski club leaders: 1st, John Rietmann; 2nd, Don Peterson; 3rd, Al Martin.

Leaders of the 4-H Ski Club wish to thank all those who participated in making this year successful.

Madison to Speak

Gaylord Madison of Butter Creek will present the program at the Monday meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Avon Melby, program chairman, announces. Madison recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia and will show colored slides and tell of his trip.

Some of the boxers are of the Amateur Athletic Union. Owen Smith will be referee.

The smoker will start at 8 p.m. and the dance will follow with music to be furnished by Sheldon Smith and The Cowpokes. Supper will be served at intermission.

Proceeds of the event go towards the presentation of the Spray Rodeo, Becky Fullerton of Heppner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fullerton, is one of the princesses for the rodeo.

John Jepsen Buys Ayers Firm Here

John Jepsen, owner of Dobyens Pest Control of Ione, announced Tuesday that he has bought the Ayers Pest Control from Clayton Ayers of Heppner and will consolidate the firms.

Ayers started the business in Heppner in the fall of 1959 after being with Dobyens from 1954 to 1959. He said that he sold his business because of health reasons and now plans to find time to do some fishing.



MARKING MERCHANDISE and getting stock in order for the opening of the Knox variety store here soon are Miss Watkins (left) who will be manager of the store, and Mrs. Bert Corbin. The store will be in the former Case Furniture building, Miss Watkins comes here from Hermiston. (G-T Photo).

New Variety Store Sets May Opening

Heppner will soon have a variety store again.

The new store, one of three owned by the Gale Knox Co. of Hermiston, will be opened in the premises of the old Case Furniture store sometime around the first of May. It will be called the Knox Variety Store.

Manager for the store will be Miss Watkins, who comes to Heppner from the Knox store in Hermiston.

Three local women will be hired to work in the store when it opens, Miss Watkins said. One of the three is Mrs. Bert (Jet) Corbin, who has been helping the new manager prepare the merchandise for the opening.

Co-owners of the company are Gale Knox and his son-in-law, Henry (Hank) Gohring. Both Knox and Gohring will move with their families to Hermiston from John Day in the very near future. The store they have owned in John Day will be sold.

Besides the store in Hermiston and the one to be opened here, the company owns a variety store in Burns.

The new store will have about 3,000 square feet of floor space, with a large warehouse in the back of the store. According to

Miss Watkins, this will be smaller than the Hermiston store.

Among the items the store will have in stock are sewing notions, children's toys, household items, some small hardware items, school supplies, cosmetics and baby's items.

Some clothing for children, men and women will also be stocked.

"We'll have as much variety as we can have," the new manager said.

A grand opening celebration will be held in conjunction with the opening of the store, with lots of merchandise to be given away," according to Miss Watkins.

Miss Watkins began work for the Knox Co. in September of 1967, when she went to work as a salesclerk in the Hermiston firm. She attended Eastern Oregon College.

BMCC Petitions Out for Abrams

Robert B. Abrams of Heppner, presently chairman of the board of directors of Blue Mountain Community College, has indicated willingness to serve another term on the board if nominated and re-elected. Therefore, petitions are now being circulated for his candidacy, both in Pendleton and in Heppner.

A petition is available for signatures in the office of The Gazette-Times today (Thursday) and Friday for those who care to endorse his candidacy.

Abrams has been a director of the community college in Pendleton since its inception, serving since July 1, 1962. After completing an initial 3-year term, he was re-elected for a 4-year term at the election May 3, 1965.

In July of 1968 he was chosen chairman of the board of directors and has served in that capacity throughout the year. During the year, the third educational building has been under construction on the campus.

President Wallace McCrae states, "This project has been the cleanest project we have had, and we feel we are actually ahead of schedule."

Current term of Ralph McEwen of Athena is also expiring, and he, too, is a candidate for reelection. Voting on the candidates, together with voting on the BMCC budget for 1969-70, will be Tuesday, April 15, in the two-county district of Morrow and Umatilla.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM
Official weather report for the week of March 26-April 1 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	65	32	—
Thursday	64	41	—
Friday	69	49	—
Saturday	63	37	—
Sunday	67	41	—
Monday	56	43	.04
Tuesday	63	35	—

Total precipitation for month of March was .91; normal for month is 1.28.

Low Salary Scale Keeps Levy Down

Decision on the proposed 1969-70 Morrow county school district budget will be made Monday, April 7, when voters will go to the polls and cast ballots at the budget election.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at five places—Heppner Elementary school, Ione High school, the district school office in Lexington, the Boardman city hall, and A. C. Houghton school in Irrigon.

After scrutinizing by the school budget committee through several sessions and at the public hearing, the budget is presented at an increase in tax levy that will not exceed 3.7% above the levy for 1968-69. The amount of the tax levy increase is figured at \$42,547 which would require an increase in taxes of 45¢ per \$1000 of true cash value of property, Supt. Ron Daniels said.

By contrast, the budget for 1968-69 showed a total tax levy increase of about \$165,000 over the previous year, an increase of 16%.

Recognized Bad Years

In striving to keep the budget at a minimum figure, the budget committee, which includes the board of directors of the district and seven lay members, repeatedly pointed to the difficult economic conditions felt here through recent bad crop years.

Teachers, who originally requested a salary schedule that called for a base of \$6400, agreed to one with a base of \$5100—far below agreements reached at most other districts in the state—in view of the local economic situation.

Supt. Ron Daniels outlined the areas in which the budget is increased when he spoke to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday.

The instruction section will be increased by some \$44,000 because of the increase of the salary base from \$6000 to \$6100, the addition of three new teaching positions, and some increase in instructional materials.

Transportation cost will be up only slightly, that principally due to the addition of a half-time bus driver at A. C. Houghton school.

Fixed charges—an area over which the board and budget committee often has little control—will show one of the most substantial increases. Retirement fund requirements, fixed by law, will go to \$50,600, climbing \$9,800 over the previous year because of an increase in rate to 5.4%. Federal Social Security rate has also been increased, adding another \$3,328 to the district's requirements. In addition, the board agreed to share in teacher's health insurance payments at the rate of \$6.50 per teacher, partly in lieu of a greater salary increase and this will cost about \$11,000.

Capital outlay items include a fund for making improvements at Heppner Elementary school and Ione Elementary to comply with required state standards. This means an increase of \$3,500.

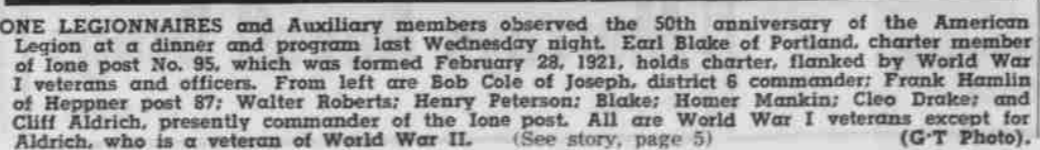
Receipts Help Close Gap
The overall increase in the budget is \$113,792, but the tax levy increase is only \$42,547. Total budget requirements are figured at \$1,379,992 as compared with \$1,266,200 last year. This represents a total increase of 8.9%. However, an increase in receipts, other than from taxes, helps close the gap so that the tax increases will be only 3.7%.

Daniels pointed out that this is somewhat a reverse condition from last year when the total budget was up only 8% but the amount required from taxes increased about 16%. At that time a decline in receipts other than taxes, sharply increased the tax levy.

At the election Monday voters will cast ballots on the amount of the tax levy needed above the 6% limitation, the same as at all school budget elections. The amount over the 6% limitation in the proposed budget is \$863,656. This figure roughly at \$10 per \$1,000 true cash value, but the figure could be reduced if some additional help is provided at the state level. The amount within the 6% limitation will approximate \$315, meaning that the total tax levy would be about \$13.15 per \$1000 TCV, less any additional help that may be provided by the state.

The superintendent said that

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IONE LEGIONNAIRES and Auxiliary members observed the 50th anniversary of the American Legion at a dinner and program last Wednesday night. Earl Blake of Portland, charter member of Ione post No. 95, which was formed February 23, 1921, holds charter, flanked by World War I veterans and officers. From left are Bob Cole of Joseph, district 5 commander; Frank Hamlin of Heppner post 87; Walter Roberts; Henry Peterson; Blake; Homer Mankin; Cleo Drake; and Cliff Aldrich, presently commander of the Ione post. All are World War I veterans except for Aldrich, who is a veteran of World War II. (See story, page 5) (G-T Photo).