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A Good and Reasonable Budget

While many school districts in the state have agreed to substantial increases in teacher salaries for the coming school year, the Morrow county district is unusual in that it "holds the line" on salaries. Only two other districts are known to keep their base salary as low as Morrow county—\$6100. Others go as high as \$6,745.

Local teachers agreed to this course in view of difficult economic conditions on the heels of poor crops in the recent drought years, and with the hope that the economy will improve for the coming year.

Keeping these salaries down means that the proposed 1969-70 budget, which will be presented to the public for vote here Monday, April 7, shows only a very minimum increase over last year. The amount to be raised by taxes will be increased only 45c per \$1000 true cash value, and this in the face of the spiraling costs and inflationary trends.

If the budget is approved here, Morrow county taxpayers will pay about \$13.15 per \$1000 true cash value of property as a maximum figure. This could be lower if property relief comes at the state level.

This figure is among the lower ones for school districts in the area. Pilot Rock taxpayers currently pay \$16.67 per \$1000 TV, and it will go to \$20.17 for 1969-70 if their budget is approved. Echo pays \$18.05, and it will go to \$21.29. Hermiton pays \$21.24, and it will go to \$23.02. Pendleton currently pays \$16.90, and the next year's figure is still uncertain. Stanfield this year is at \$17.68 and Ukiah at \$18.40.

Keeping the teacher salaries down this year takes all the "bargaining power" away from the Morrow district in seeking new teachers—which it must to replace the usual number resigning. Why should a teacher take a position for \$6100 when he can get one for \$6500 or \$6700? In a sense, all of Morrow county is tightening its belt and sacrificing to keep costs down. The teacher doesn't get a substantial raise, the district has and will have a difficult time getting new teachers, the child may suffer because teachers may not want to come here, and the parents may be regretful because their children may not get all the educational opportunities that they might otherwise receive.

But some redemption may come—and this is important—if taxpayers approve the budget on the first try. Remember that other districts still must have their budgets approved. Many of them had problems last year when the budgets weren't loaded with heavy teacher salary increases. If Morrow county's budget is approved, while others may go down to defeat in view of their sharp increases, perhaps some of the teachers would rather come here where they are sure of getting a base of \$6100 rather than go to a district where the proposed \$6500 or \$6700 base has not been approved by the taxpayers, even though these figures have been adopted by the district. Remember that it took as many as five votes in some districts—and considerable budget cuts—to get some budgets approved.

Our teachers need this vote of confidence. If the voters turn their backs on them when they have agreed to one of the lowest salary schedules in the state, it certainly will be a blow to their morale, to the school directors and to all others who have worked so earnestly for good education here.

At one time it appeared that the 1969-70 school district budget might require an increase of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 over 1968-69. But the fact that the teacher salaries were held down, the boost from unforeseen additional receipts, and a careful scrutinizing of costs have held the tax levy increase to \$42,547, or just 3.7% over last year.

The district has proposed a sound, good and reasonable budget. Defeat at this election could only result in the added cost of holding another vote, but worse would be the detrimental consequences to a district that has already sacrificed its bargaining power.

Every economy-minded taxpayer should give it his support and vote "Yes" Monday.



Thoughts on the Resurrection

By THE REV. DIRK RINEHART
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There are many ways in which a person can approach the question of the Resurrection of Jesus. I ask you to consider three with me this Easter Season.

We 20th century people live in a scientific age, and we approach most questions with a scientific frame of reference, whether or not we realize it. "Prove it to me!" is one of our usual responses when something puzzling confronts us. So let's first of all consider the Resurrection of Jesus from a scientific perspective.

Right away we run into troubles—primarily because this central event in Christianity occurred in a pre-scientific age. Men in the 1st century did not have the intellectual tools to validate an historical event scientifically. Men in the first century did not even pretend to write objective, scientific history. For example: Near the end of St. John's Gospel the writer makes very clear his bias. (Chapter 20:30-31).

"There were indeed many other signs that Jesus performed in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. These written here have been recorded in order that you may hold the faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this faith you may possess eternal life by his name."

In other words, St. John (and this would be true of St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke, too) wrote about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, so that all who read their words would believe in Jesus and know Him to be the Son of God. The four Gospels, then, are not objective, historical documents. Rather, they are propaganda documents in the best sense.

Speculate with me for a minute. If the claim were made that a resurrection from the dead took place today, wouldn't there be great effort made to prove or disprove the event through scientific evidence? This simply was not true in the days of Jesus.

So, we seem to be at a dead-end street with the scientific approach. The fact remains that the scientific method cannot help us decide the truth or falsity of the Resurrection. Science cannot prove the Resurrection of Jesus to be true—neither can science prove the Resurrection to be false.

The second approach to the question of the Resurrection of Jesus seems more productive—and that is the historical approach. It is a fact of history that Jesus was a man who lived in the first century. It is a fact of history that a religious movement called Christianity has its roots in this man's life. The witness of the New Testament, and documents from the early Church testify, without question, that the early disciples had some profound experience of Jesus—the Risen Lord—after the crucifixion. How else can one explain the tremendous enthusiasm of the early Church? How also can one explain a St. Paul, who became a changed man—from a devout Jew to a dedicated worker for the early Christian mission? There can be no doubt that some experience of tremendous influence happened to the early followers of Jesus, which gave them great strength and courage, even under cruel persecution. The early Church's unanimous voice is that men experienced the Risen Lord—that Jesus somehow came through death and was very much with them in their work.

So anyone who is skeptical of the Christian faith and of the Resurrection of Jesus must explain in some convincing way what brought the Christian Church into being, and what provided her great spiritual resources. It seems to me that the most logical explanation is that, in some way personal way, the disciples knew Jesus after the crucifixion, just as the New Testament claims.

But, undoubtedly, to many, these questions seem rather remote, for we are still talking about the first century, and now it is the 20th century. I, personally, am fascinated by history and the study of historical documents, but certainly not everyone is so inclined.

Let's move on to the third approach to the question of the Resurrection, and without a doubt, this approach is the most vital and the most compelling. For lack of a better word, let's call it the "personal experience" approach.

This fact is obvious: The Christian faith is going to mean very little to a person if he or she, personally, is not able to share in the power of Christ's Resurrection, or to say it another way, the Christian faith will mean very little to a person if he or she has not, to some degree, experienced "newness of life" in relationship to Him. And thank God that one does not have to be a scientist or a historian to know the Risen Lord in a very personal way.

I would guess that each one of our lives has been enriched and strengthened through a relationship with Jesus Christ even though we might claim to be non-believers. I would guess that we are deeper men and women because of Him. I would guess that our lives are more loving and more sensitive because of Him; that we care more about each other because of Him; that we know we are loved in an ultimate kind of way because of Him.

Certainly, to some degree, each Christian person has experienced the Resurrection of Christ. Millions of men and women throughout history have tasted "abundant life" through the Presence of the Risen Lord.

Our own personal experience is really the final truth for each one of us. If we have experienced newness of life, healing in our lives, direction and strength, because of Jesus, then we know that the Resurrection is true. May each of us grow in this Truth. The world desperately needs the power of the Resurrection.

Has Back Surgery

Pat Brindle remains hospitalized in Good Samaritan hospital in Portland where she underwent major back surgery on Wednesday, March 26. Mrs. Brindle was taken to the hospital a week before her surgery by her daughter, Ann, who reports that her mother is progressing well following a visit with her on Saturday. She expects her mother to remain in the hospital for about three more weeks. Her hospital room number is 420.

Mrs. Ann Fehmerling of Seaside at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace Buschke.

Col. and Mrs. Clayton Shaw of Corvallis spent the past weekend in Heppner visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Hager. Also a house guest of Mrs. Hager last week was Shaw's mother, Mrs. Ray Shaw, who had been in Pendleton visiting relatives. Shaw is Professor of Military Science at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

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Chaff and Chatter

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GILES FRENCH, Harlan McCurdy and the jacket that used to fit.

IT ISN'T without precedent for Harlan McCurdy to show rare courage. It may be recalled that he summoned enough fortitude, a couple of years ago, to sing an a cappella solo while acting as toastmaster of a teachers' reception.

But he topped himself last Wednesday night. He served as master of ceremonies for the American Legion and auxiliary 50th anniversary program at Ione.

When all the speaking had been done and all the stories told, he produced his army jacket from World War I days. Like a true soldier, he mustered the courage to put on the jacket to illustrate, by his comparative circumference, how many years had passed.

Oddly enough, the jacket fit fairly well.

The above photo shows Harlan looking pretty dapper, but one may note that the jacket is not buttoned. We don't say that it wasn't possible to do so, mind you, but we just point out that he didn't try to make the ends meet.

Giles French, an old warrior himself—going back to WW I days and a legionnaire for 40 years, poked a bit of fun at Harlan about the whole proceeding. Giles had come to Morrow county to do some research on the forthcoming county history book, and so we invited him to go to Ione with us while we took some pictures. Giles enjoyed it, renewed acquaintances with some of the folks and met others.

We tried to tell Donna McCurdy that her husband always was a big guy—even in college

The Rhyming Philosopher

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OUR LENTEN RESOLVES ARE ALL LEFT IN THE
LURCH;
WE WOLF A BIG BREAKFAST, THEN HONOR TRADITIONS
BY NEEDLE AND WHEELIE GET FATHER TO CHURCH.

THEN, WEATHER PERMITTING, WE GET BACK TO
NORMAL.
WITH OVER-INDULGENCE TO HASTEN DEMISE.
LIKE BIRD AND THE FISHES WE'RE FREE AND
INFORMAL
UNTIL SOME FINE MORNING WE'RE CUT DOWN TO
SIZE.

SO SOMETIMES I WONDER, WHEN I BREAK CONNECTION
AND SLIDE DOWN THAT SLIPPERY PATH TO THE
GRAVE,
WILL SOMETHING LIKE EASTER CONFIRM MY ELECTION
TO START A NEW LIFE, IF I'M WORTHWHILE TO
SAVE?

SO THERE I'D BE NAKED, WITH NOTHING TO HIDE ME,
AND NOTHING TO LEAN ON EXCEPT WHAT I'D
LEARNED.
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MEETING CALENDAR

Monday, April 7—
Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon,
Wagon Wheel Dining Room
South Morrow Ministerial Asso-
ciation, 1 p.m.
City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of
Rainbow for Girls, Masonic
Hall, 7 p.m.
American Legion & Auxiliary,
Legion Hall, Post No. 87, 7
p.m.
Henhouse Biddies, Lexington
City Hall, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8—
Degree of Honor, Episcopal Par-
ish Hall, 8 p.m.
LDS Relief Society, Legion Hall,
9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 9—
Ione Garden Club
Willow Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8
p.m.
Jaycees, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 10—
Lexington Three Links Club, 2
p.m.
Soroptimist Club, 12 noon, Wag-
on Wheel Dining Room, Pro-
gram Meeting
Morrow County Port Commis-
sion, Boardman City Hall
Friday, April 11—
Rhea Creek Grange, potluck
dinner, 6:30 p.m., meeting fol-
lowing

days—but she disagreed. She said that he once weighed 150 pounds.
But, like us, he still weighs 150 pounds. . . . at least.

THE TALK Monday was about the school budget, about the difficulty of getting anyone to turn out at the public hearing, and of the taxpayers' apparent apathy—until it comes time to vote.

C of C President Jerry Sweeney thereupon told the story about the fellow who was asked if he knew what the word "apathy" means.

"No," replied the man, "and what's more, I couldn't care less."

RON DANIELS tells good stories, too, even if he does occasionally leave out parts of them.

In speaking of the continuing battle to put over the school budget, he told of the big guy that came up to the little fellow sitting at a counter. With-out warning, the big man whopped the small one across the neck with the edge of his hand.

The little guy plummeted through six rows of tables and crashed into the wall.
"That's karate from Japan," said the big man.
The small fellow resumed his seat.

Again the monster whacked the little fellow who reeled across the room.

"That's karate from Japan," again boasted the giant.

This time the little fellow went outside, and the big man sat down.

Suddenly, the small one re-appeared.
He jumped up, struck one blow, and the big fellow crumpled into an unconscious heap.

"That's tire iron from Sears and Roebuck," announced the little guy.

SAY, let's don't fight all summer over this school budget. Let's pass it on the first try.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL
Heppner at Wahtonka, doubleheader
Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.
Heppner at Umatilla, varsity and Jaycee
Friday, April 4, 1 p.m.

BAND CARNIVAL
Saturday, April 19, Fair Pavilion
Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m., booths, 6:30-10:00 p.m., dance 10:1-00
Plan now to attend

PUBLIC DANCE
Saturday, April 5, 10:00 to 1:00
Music by Burnt Sleep combo
Sponsored by Morrow County Jaycees
Fair Pavilion

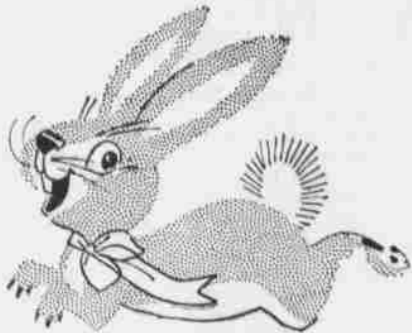
EASTER MONDAY CARD PARTY
Monday, April 7, 8 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
Dessert, bridge and pinochle \$1 per person

LUNCHEON, CARD PARTY
Saturday, April 12, 1:30 p.m., Ione Masonic Hall
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