

State Basic Hike Of \$23,159 Due Morrow Schools

Morrow county public schools will receive an estimated \$215,340 in state Basic School Support Funds for the 1969-70 school year, Dale Farnell, state school superintendent, announced today.

This represents an increase of an estimated \$23,159 over the original estimate of \$192,180. The increase is due to an additional \$20 million appropriation to Basic School Support Funds for the 1969-71 biennium by the 1969 Legislative Assembly.

The appropriation for the biennium is \$177,855,042, one-half being available for each of the two years.

In a memorandum to local school district superintendents and intermediate education district superintendents, Parnell today outlined the changes in school financing made by the legislature, and the budget tax adjustments that the increased BSSF appropriation will bring about if and when the bill becomes law.

School districts which have already adopted a budget must decrease the net levy of the school district to be certified to the county assessor on the basis of such adjusted figures.

This means that the additional BSSF money in those districts cannot be used to increase the school budget, but must be used to cut property taxes.

In 1967-68, the BSSF appropriation totaled \$77,785,920 and was distributed to school districts in general purpose grants, transportation aid, and apportionment for growth on the basis of formulas determined by the legislature.

The Basic School Support Fund is the principle source of state funds for elementary and secondary education, but in recent years the percentage of state support in comparison to overall school costs has been decreasing. It dropped from a high of 40.4 percent in 1951-52 to 23.5 percent in 1968-69.

Beginning in 1971-73, there will be an annual appropriation equal to \$178.65 for each child between the ages of 5 and 17 as shown on the 1970 school census.

Unofficially, the BSSF appropriation will not be made until the bill passed by the legislature is signed by the Governor. The state school superintendent is required by law to furnish each school district with a revised estimate of its BSSF receipts for the 1969-70 school year.

Highway Engineer Retirement Told

Retirement of A. F. (Doc) Parson, Division 5 engineer of the State Highway Department headquartered in La Grande, has been announced by Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer.

Parson's division includes Morrow county, and he is well known here.

A no-host retirement party-dinner to honor his 34 years of service with the highway department was held Wednesday, May 28, at the Sacajawea Hotel Ballroom in La Grande.

Parson served as Division 5 engineer for 17 1/2 years. He began his career with the department as a resident bridge engineer on February 22, 1935, at Grants Pass, where he built the bridge across Applegate River. He has worked continuously for the department since then, except for service in the U. S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. Mr. and Mrs. Parson plan to make their home in Pendleton in retirement.

L-Leaguers Schedule Double Header Games

Double header games of the four teams of Willow Creek Little League will be played Saturday, June 7. These will replace those cancelled last Saturday, due to conflict with events of the college rodeo.

The first game, between the Dodgers and Braves, will be played at 3:00 p.m., and the second one, between the Indians and Giants, is scheduled for 6:00, following the Lone Community Auction, according to Lindsay Kincaid, coach of the Indians.

Applications Taken

Applications are now being taken at the Lexington office of Morrow county School District R-1 to fill a secretarial position, created recently by the resignation of Mrs. Bruce (Linda) Rigby.

Applications for the position may be obtained by phoning the Lexington office, 989-8123, or contacting Superintendent Ron Daniels.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall and family enjoyed a recent family reunion with relatives at the home of his mother, Mrs. Cora Burnside, in Spray. Coming from California to visit were Steagall's sisters, Mrs. Irene Clark and children of Sacramento and Mrs. Eunice Strudger of Granada Hills. The visitors left for the return trip to their homes on Monday.

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MRS. SHIRLEY MCCARL, State Grange Sewing Winner

County Dress Winner Judged 3rd in State

The dress which won first place honors for Mrs. Morris (Shirley) McCarl in the county Grange Cotton Dress Contest, has been judged one of the best in its division in the state contest, it is announced by Mrs. Delpha Jones, District 6 chairman.

Judging of the cotton dresses was held May 22-23 in Portland at the State Grange headquarters. There were 68 dresses entered in the three classes, all first place winners from the counties throughout the state.

Mrs. McCarl's dress was a third place winner in the contest and her dress will be displayed at the Oregon State Grange session next week in Ashland. She was entered in Class A, over age 18 sewing for self. It is fashioned of white cotton with green polka-dots, mandarin collar, yoke, and button trim. She will receive a merchandise prize. Mrs. Jones was among those attending the judging.

Henry Robertson Dies in Toledo

Funeral services for Henry C. Robertson, 59, of Toledo, who died at the New Lincoln hospital there on May 26, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic church on Wednesday, May 28, and requiem mass followed on Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment was in Pacific View Memorial Gardens in Newport.

Rev. Nicholas J. Dees conducted the services with Bateman Funeral Chapel at Newport in charge of arrangements.

Robertson was born in Echo on June 22, 1909. He had been a resident of Toledo for 36 years and was a member of the Catholic church, the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge No. 1664 of Toledo. He was a power-house foreman for Georgia-Pacific Corporation. He was married to the former Ann McDaid of Heppner, and the couple lived here for about two years in the 1930's.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Hall of Toledo; three sons, Ralph of Toledo, Robert of Renton, Wash., and David of Corvallis; a brother, Ben, of Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Coxen of Toledo, Mrs. Bertha Neal of Monroe, Wash., and Mrs. Della (Dee) Wood of Hermiston; and 11 grandchildren. He was the son-in-law of Mrs. Mary Johnston of Heppner, and brother-in-law of James Johnston and Mrs. Ed Wilson.

House guests at the home of Mrs. Ida Farra last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delaney of Portland, who arrived Friday to visit through the week-end. On Sunday following church services, they were joined for dinner by Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon, Mrs. Delaney is a niece of Mrs. Farra.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Britt entertained several out-of-town guests on the day of graduation exercises of their daughter, Cheryl, on May 25. Grandparents here were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kelsay of Spray, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Britt of Stanfield; also, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Britt and girls of Spray; Mrs. Vera Huntington of Madras; Mrs. Maida Britt and Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Britt, all of Heppner. Friends coming from Madras were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edkins and Sherry. The group was entertained at dinner following the graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brooks and their six children from Seattle visited here last week-end, while staying with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor. Mrs. Brooks will be remembered to friends here as the former Marlene DuBois, a former local resident who attended Heppner schools. The Brooks family was accompanied to Heppner by their nephew, Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don DuBois of Seattle. On Friday evening the visitors enjoyed a picnic to the Connors mountain cabin, and on Saturday they attended the college rodeo, a first for the children. On Saturday evening, they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson at their ranch home.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman and Cathy on Memorial Day were their son, Jim, and his fiancée, Cathie Cone, of Eugene. On Friday the group traveled to Richland, Wn., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sherman and Becky, where Dick is employed as a senior systems analyst with the Atlantic Richfield Hanford Co.

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Fire Destroys Home Of Pascal's Parents

Reggie Pascal of Heppner received word Tuesday night that the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Pascal, of Fruitland, Wash., was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday.

The fire, of undetermined origin, started while no one was home, and all their possessions were lost. Included were priceless Indian keepsakes which had been handed down through generations of the Spokane tribe.

The Pascals are temporarily living with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flett, and family at Hunters, three miles from Fruitland.

Reggie Pascal, linotype operator for The Gazette-Times for four years, grew up in Fruitland.

Mrs. Lena Kelly left on Sunday for Salem, where she will meet with her sister, Mrs. Harold (Edith) Pfeil. From Salem the two women will travel to Murphys, Calif., where they expect to visit with their sister, Mrs. Ethel Gaarde, for two weeks. They also expect to spend some time visiting with other relatives in the San Bruno area before returning to Oregon.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nikander over the past Memorial Day week-end were her brother, Harold Case, and another former Heppner resident, Art Siegenthaler, both from Mist, Ore. Other visitors at the Nikander home included their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nikander and family from Portland, who came to get their son, Robbie, who had spent the past three weeks visiting his grandparents.

BMCC to Graduate 14 from Morrow

Fourteen students from Morrow county are among the 141 at Blue Mountain Community College who will receive certificates and degrees at graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. on the lower campus lawn, Pendleton.

Those from Morrow county are: Heppner — Michael James Bunch, associate of science degree in automotive technology; Helen Marie Cooper, certificate, practical nursing; Erin Dick, associate of arts degree in liberal arts; Linda Jean Heath, certificate, general business; and Kathy Rae Matthews, certificate, dental assistantship.

Irrigon — Rodney Donald Linnell and Virgil Lloyd Morgan, both associate of science degrees in technical agriculture.

Lexington — Stanley Michael Rauch, certificate in diesel technology.

These two matters were turned over to the city services committee for consideration. Supt. Vic Groshens said that the puncture weed at the park had resisted all efforts to kill it, being undertaken twice with sterilants.

Wilson inquired about a fountain that is presently located near the rodeo grounds but not in use. He was advised that this is on state property and that vandalism caused so much of a problem in the past that the state highway maintenance crew is considering removing it entirely.

The vice president also pointed out that many house numbers are missing on homes in Heppner and asked what the club might do to help restore them. He was advised that the city has a supply of numbers that are available to the public for the asking. Wilson said that the Jaycees would put them up if the city will furnish them.

Mr. Elaine George, recorder, reported that Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine has supplied a list of lots in Heppner that have tall grass which will become a fire hazard when it dries, and the recorder will contact the owners asking them to cut the grass.

Councilman Jerry Sweeney said that he has received copies of ordinances from other cities that define the grass as a potential hazard before it dries and require that the property owners keep it cut. These ordinances were turned over to the streets, properties and ordinance committee — Councilmen David McLeod, Clyde Allstott and Joe Balfé — for study.

Discussion on the possibility of raising the license for transient magazines solicitors coming to town was discussed. Mrs. George said that some cities charge \$10 to \$25 per day per solicitor. Heppner charges \$1. Citizens have complained of the solicitors as nuisances, it was brought out at the meeting. This matter was also turned over to the ordinance committee for study.

Groshens was authorized to advertise for bids on street work — sealing and applying top coat — with the bids to be opened in July.

Building permits were granted to Gene Pierce, 615 S. Alfalfa, for a new roof and remodeling garage, and to Bruce Bothwell, 335 August St., for building a storm entrance, doing work on a basement and installing a fireplace.

Application for a variance on the zoning ordinance from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brandenberg, who asked for permission to install an 8'x40' mobile home at 475 West Water to be used for storage, was tabled pending more information to determine if it complies with regulations required for a variance.

Gardner, Wonser Named as Officers

Two new officers have been appointed in the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce to replace two who have resigned because they are leaving the community.

LeRoy Gardner has been appointed by President Jerry Sweeney to the position of secretary, replacing Harlan McCurdy, Jr., who resigned recently. McCurdy expects to move to Portland to accept a position with North Pacific Grain Growers.

Pat Wonser has been appointed treasurer to replace Norman Supple, who has been appointed manager of the Moro branch of the First National Bank of Oregon.

Both of the new officers have

started to serve in their positions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Clark and family returned last week from a two week vacation trip, during which they visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. Bruce Spencer at their home in Shafter, Calif. Rev. Spencer serves as Vicar of St. Marks Episcopal church in Shafter. Enroute to California, the family traveled through Nevada, where they enjoyed a visit to Virginia City and other points of interest. They had intended to tour Yosemite National Park while in California, but were unable to because many mountain passes are still closed from the heavy winter snows.

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