

School board:

Two buses bought; teachers needed

By LIZ CURTIS

The Morrow County School Board approved a five-year lease-purchase option on a diesel activity bus and the purchase of a 12-passenger, 1974 Ford Club Wagon at its Monday evening board meeting.

Farley Motor Co. of Heppner, lone bidder on the panel, was awarded the contract for \$4,996. This vehicle is equipped with automatic transmission.

Jim Bier, Leonard Munkers and Irvin Rauch inspected used diesel buses at the Dorsey Bus Co. in Corvallis recently, in search of a bus to replace the Greyhound bus currently used throughout the county school system as an activity bus. Bier and Rauch reported their findings to the board. As a result, the board voted to purchase a bus from

the Dorsey Company for \$16,000, to be paid for over the next five years. The activity bus was reported to receive as much useage as a regular school bus on one of the longer bus runs.

County Superintendent Ron Daniels reported to the board that the filling of teacher vacancies, especially at the secondary level, continues to be a problem. A vocal teacher, a man 6th grade teacher, a librarian at A.C. Houghton and a Title I reading teacher at A.C. Houghton are needed on the elementary level. Nine secondary positions have yet to be filled. Daniels reported that 100 hours in interviews have been spent in the last 30 days. One position was filled during that time, although four other contracts are out. Mrs. Jackie Downie has been hired to teach kindergarten at A.C. Houghton Elementary at

Irrigon.

Resignations were received from Lynda Slusher, language arts teacher at Heppner High School; Howard Mudder, science teacher at Riverside school at Boardman; and Ruth Mudder, Title I reading teacher at Boardman and Irrigon.

The board approved the hiring of all classified personnel. The district hires 60 people in this category: secretaries, bus drivers, cooks, custodians and teacher and library aides.

A report of the Morrow County Schools' Long Range Planning Committee meeting was given to the board. The committee is in the process of studying reports presented by the three area planning committees. A representative of the Field Training and Service Bureau at the University of Oregon and district architect

Bob Smith of Ontario will be present at the next meeting of the committee to explore the need for having an outside agency conduct a facilities study. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 29 at the district office in Lexington.

Ernie Teal, county school curriculum director, explained curriculum study projects that will involve several teachers on extended contracts this summer. These teachers will be establishing district policies and procedures under the state's new graduation requirements program. Some of the teachers will be involved with health education and career education programs while others will be working out procedures for keeping records on students as they progress toward their graduation requirements.

Seven teachers at Heppner Elementary School have asked for one day on extended contract to evaluate the new mathematics program carried out in the school this past year. The board approved funds not to exceed \$2440 for the two programs. \$1500 has already been budgeted for such programs. The remainder of the \$2440 will come from the teacher salary section of the budget.

Don Cole, principal at Heppner Elementary School, and Mick Tolar, principal at A.C. Houghton School, reported on the two outdoor schools held for 6th grade students at Tupper Guard Station. Heppner students enjoyed good weather and a week of educational experiences, May 6-10. Students from A.C. Houghton and Lone schools experienced what was termed "December in May."

May 13-17. Snow fell every day on the latter group, but that did not change the program too much, Tolar reported. The challenges were just bigger, when such experiences as lighting a campfire without matches were encountered.

Highlight of the outdoor schools was observing the porcupine study being carried out by graduate student Graham Smith at Bull Prairie Reservoir. Both principals reported that the schools were successful this year.

The June board meeting of the Morrow County School Board is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 8 p.m., at the district office in Lexington.

Visiting recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniel were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Merit of Arlington, Wn.



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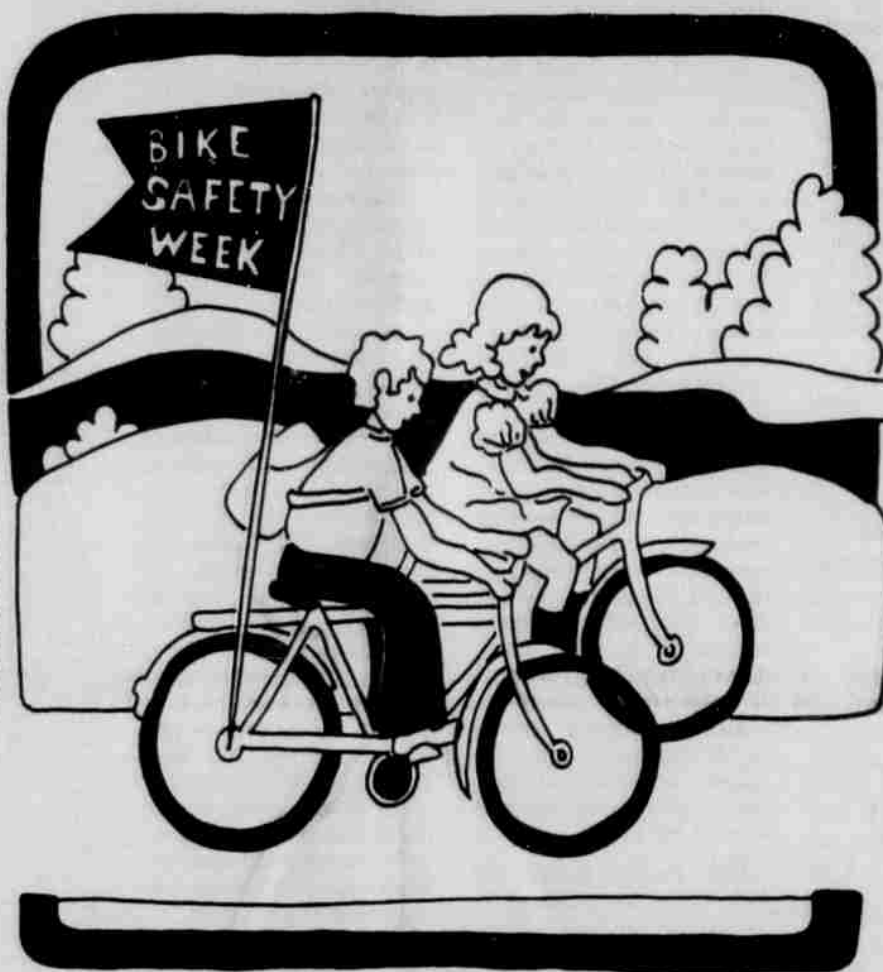


Heppner, May 28-June 1

May 28**Bicycle Safety Inspection**

at the
BANK of EASTERN OREGON

Parking lot--3:30 p.m. Bikes will be inspected by the Heppner City Police. Inspection Certificates will be awarded safe bikes.

**May 29****Bike-O-Rama Skill Test**

Heppner Elementary School Playground, 3:30 p.m. cyclist will run a test course to help improve balance, stopping, control, traffic signals.



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Cross-Country ride: Ruggs to Lone City Park, via Rhea Creek Road

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