

Board adopts work experience program

The Morrow County School Board Monday night voted to implement a work experience program for high school students in the 1975-76 school year.

Objectives and guidelines for the program, which had been studied by board members since the program's presentation at the November board meeting, were the subject of the debate.

Some board members expressed the feeling that the written plan presented to them did not spell out teacher and employer supervision in definite terms. The principals agreed with board members that lack of adequate supervision had been a factor in the lack of success with past work-study programs and programs now being tried. They felt further, however, that previous programs had not had enough purpose and direction. In order to carry out adequate supervision one more position would need to be budgeted for in the district.

Superintendent Matt Doherty told the board it was his opinion that high schools do not offer adequate education for students who are not college bound. This program would provide students with a more varied learning experience, to explore fields in which they feel their career interests lie, realize the connection between on-the-job production and wages, and discover the relationship between education and job success. The expressed benefits to the employer were stated to be the opportunity to train prospective employees of small businesses or industries unable to conduct their own extensive training pro-

grams and reduce turnover because employees have become adjusted to the job before they accept full-time employment.

Doherty reported to the board that there was no increase expected in basic school support monies for this year. He said the last legislature had created a Committee for Equal Opportunities in Education whose goal was to propose legislation that would equalize school funds throughout the state.

The committee had held a financing education conference at which several equalization plans were proposed. Doherty said it appeared to him that Morrow County could lose funds by this plan and that developments in the legislature should be watched carefully.

Board member John Matthews reported that the teacher contract negotiations were discussing 12 items. Agreement has been reached on seven of the items and agreement is near on two more. However three items remain and a state mediator has been requested to meet with the committee in mid-January.

Additions of certified and non-certified personnel were approved to be added to the 1975-76 budget, which will amount to approximately \$56,000. Part of the request was to meet the work-experience program requirements. One teacher was approved to replace the special reading teacher now funded through Title I. The remainder of the certificated requests were for three teachers to meet expected increase student loads in Ione and in the north end of the county.

Non-certificated staff requests were for a part-time

grounds keeper for the Heppner schools. The present grounds keeper takes care of the grounds at both schools and the field at the fairgrounds. A kitchen helper was requested for Riverside School. Principal Daltoso pointed that they used to rely on student help through the noon hour and for clean up, but this help is no longer dependable. He said students receiving free lunches are not required to work in the kitchen; it must be by the student's choice. A one-week extension for the lone secretary in June was added. The district office in Lexington requested that the current half time secretarial position be expanded to a full-time position.

The Clark's Canyon bus run bid in by Lee Hamilton was terminated because Hamilton moved from the area without notifying the school district that he was placing another driver on the run in his place. According to contract terms the driver must be approved by the board and be licensed to drive a school bus. The substitute driver did not meet these terms and other arrangements have been made. The board decided to put the run up for bid and renegotiate terms of the old contract.

The Ione Ski Club was granted a request for the use of a bus to transport the 4-H Ski Club members to Arbuckle Ski Area. The club members furnish the gas and the driver's salary. Club advisor John Edmunson said that this was the last year the club could use the Arbuckle facilities without improvements being made to the facility.

The transportation committee recommended the purchase of four replacement vehicles for the 1976-77 year. It recommended one 66-passen-

ger bus, one 54-passenger bus, one 30-passenger bus and one pickup for a total projected cost of \$45,000.

Two part-time certificates were approved to fill Barbara Stefani's teaching position at Ione. Ann Doherty was approved for the half-time

English position and Martha Doherty was approved for the half-time physical education position. Suzanne Sherman's resignation was accepted. She had taught 5th grade at Heppner Elementary. Corine Miles is substituting in that position at present.

The board approved the one-year extension of Doherty's two-year contract. Board member Jack Sumner was absent from the meeting. The next regular meeting of the board will be Monday, Jan. 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Ione.



DARCY REA, Ione, displays her check for \$20 for correctly identifying Rachel Harnett as last week's Mystery Person. There were 13 clues, and Darcy got 12 to miss the jackpot. Last week's clues: conterminous; got a bang out of recent girl; 2 days only; knit 1, perl 2; search county pioneers; geneologies; 14 years; encased and fenced; sign in; open for appointment; here since '58; 4-H; and June addition. This week's winner will receive the \$20 plus a jackpot of \$15 for guessing the correct number of clues to the Mystery Person's identity.

Best Wishes!



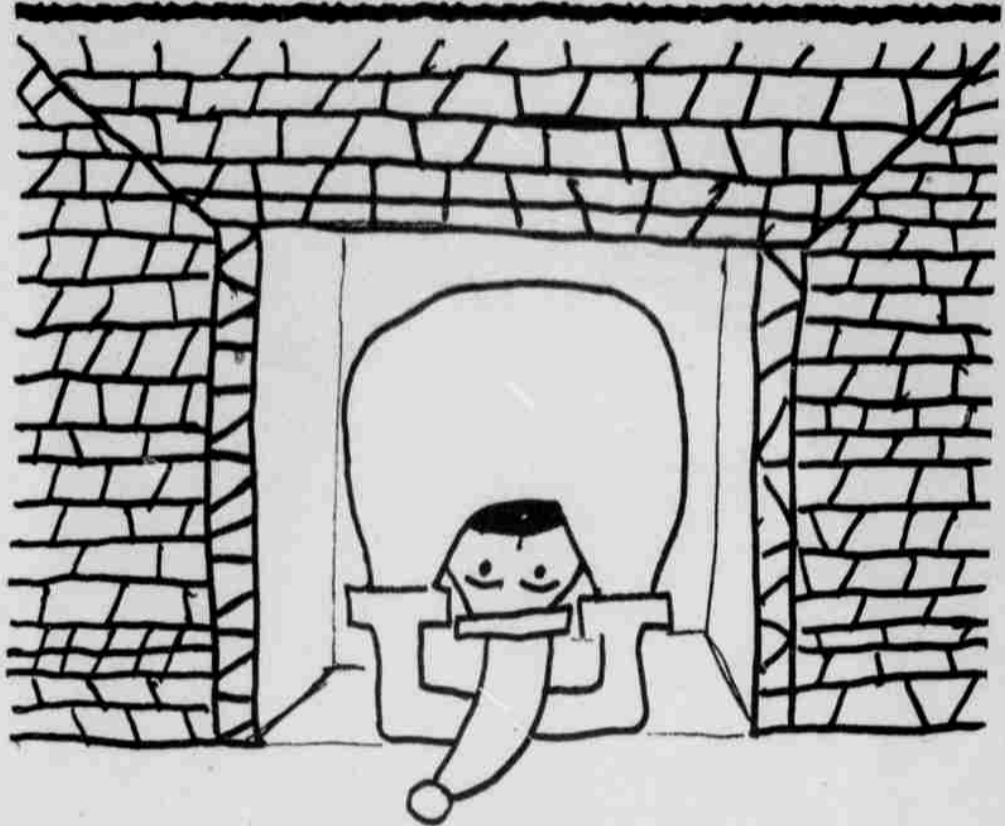
May we take the time to wish our fine patrons a very happy Christmas.

HEPPNER CLEANERS

Irrigon news

The Irrigon Assembly of God had an old-fashioned Christmas gathering on Monday, Dec. 16. Everyone was asked to wear old-fashioned clothing and celebrate in an old-fashioned way. The women of the church prepared their favorite Christmas treats for refreshments.

A film, "O Holy Night," was shown by Pastor Robert Schmoll. A special Christmas program will be presented next Sunday, Dec. 22, with Sunday School classes participating.



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By Shirley Johnson, 7th grade

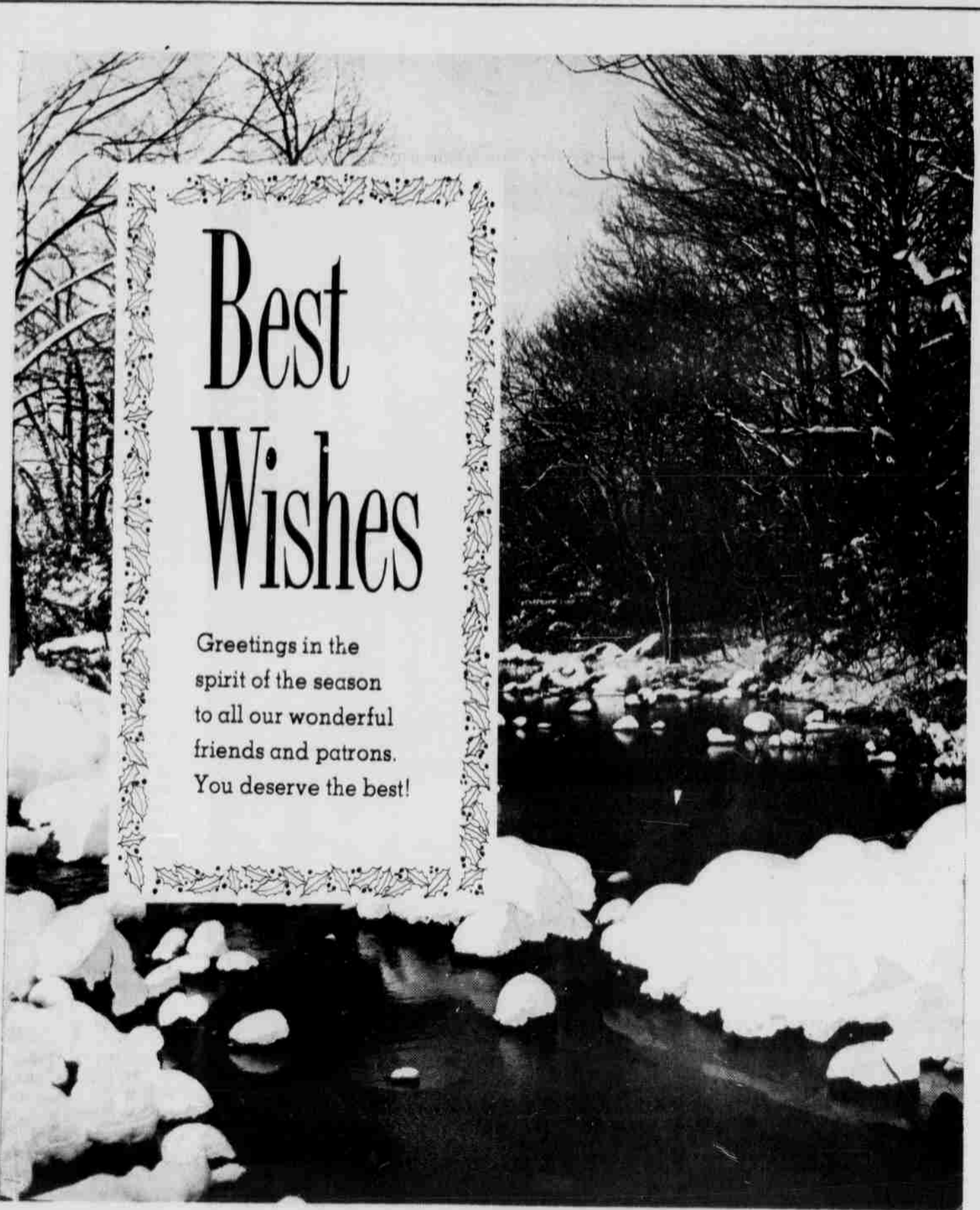
Miles Tire Service

AULD LANG SYNE



Old-fashioned greetings to our customers at the start of the New Year! Here's hoping that 1975 is filled with harmony for you!

Jim Rogers' Infamous BOOZATORIUM



Best Wishes

Greetings in the spirit of the season to all our wonderful friends and patrons. You deserve the best!



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