

Costs \$58,450

# School board discusses sports program expense

The Morrow County School Board adopted a policy of "gradual development" in terms of incorporating girls' athletics into the curriculum in the county at its Monday meeting at Boardman. The board decided to keep pace with the league.

The decision came after a review of a survey of athletic costs in its district's schools. Board member, John Mathews, pointed out that the time will come when the district's budget will not pass and cuts will have to be made. Costs and lack of facilities and staff are the determining factors in how far each school goes with the girl's program. However, several programs for girls have gone into operation in the

last two years in the county's schools.

Athletics cost the district \$58,450 in the past year. That figure was projected to climb to \$82,270 for 1975-76. The largest amount of that budget is for salary which roughly amounts to half of the total cost. The board indicated they would be watching two different school districts to see what direction might be taken in the future.

Condon has indicated that some boys athletics will be cut in order to bring girls sports up to an equal level and still remain within the budget. It has been rumored that Pilot Rock will develop a girls program equal to the boys program regardless of the cost.

In other business Kenneth Broadbent, of Boardman, was elected to fill the unexpired board term vacated by resigning board member Jerry Peck. Broadbent has been a member of the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee.

The board accepted the resignation of Riverside coach Gail Enright, who will take a position at Cove. Four teachers were hired. Linda Johnson of Heppner was hired to fill the half-time kindergarten position at Lone. Jeannie Howell of Heppner was hired to fill the half-time home economics position at Lone. Kathryn Hoskins of Heppner was hired to be the special reading teacher at Lone. At the A. C.

Houghton school Susan Jones from Hermiston was hired to teach the combination second and third grade class. This will be Miss Jones' first teaching position. The board also hired the classified employees for the district schools.

Joan McElligott was hired as manager of the Lone Swimming Pool. It was pointed out that the pool does not pay its way and will cost the district about \$700 this year. However, members expressed the feeling that the service provided to the community was well worth the money spent.

The board also approved the use of two buses to transport Irrigon and Boardman children to Hermiston for two weeks during the summer for swimming lessons. Last year 88 children took part in the program.

A screening committee was appointed to screen applications for the assistant superintendent's position. Mick Tolar of A. C. Houghton, Jim Bier of Heppner High School and board members Pauline Bier, John Mathews and Irvin Rauch were named to the school board.

Don Cole and Mick Tolar reported on the success of the Outdoor School for sixth grade students. Fifty-two students from Heppner Elementary attended the first session at Tupper Guard Station. In the

second week forty students came from A. C. Houghton Elementary. Three schools from Hermiston also used the Guard Station for Outdoor School programs.

Board members asked the administrators how much use they were deriving from the educational television piped into the schools. Poor reception last year has discouraged the use that had been anticipated. Largest use is made by teachers in grades under the sixth. This is due in large part to the types of program offerings. It was concluded that the program had not lived up to its expectations. The principals felt that the use of video tapes on the video tape

player and monitors and taping of evening programs for later use in the class room received extensive use.

The long range planning committee will meet May 29 at the district office in Lexington at 8 p.m. to assess the results of opinion gathering efforts in regard to building expansion of the various schools in the county.

Board member Jack Sumner was absent from the meeting. Superintendent Doherty had been in contact with Sumner on Monday. House Bill 2629, introduced by Sumner was expected to come onto the floor of the house on Tuesday and Sumner told Doherty he thought the bill

would pass. The bill would make provision for industries being developed within the school district to pay taxes before they began actual operations. This bill would have an impact on Morrow County because of the industrial developments which will bring added stress on the district's facilities during the time the industries are being built.

The June meeting of the Morrow County School Board will be held Monday, June 16, at 8 p.m. at the district office in Lexington.



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### Pioneer Memorial Picnic Sunday

The 22nd annual Morrow County Pioneer Memorial Picnic will be held Sunday, May 25 at the Fair Pavilion in Heppner.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. supervised by the Soroptimist Club. The program will open at 12:45 with a memorial service honoring the county's dead. This service will be conducted by the Heppner Legion Post No. 87 with Grace Steers, Post Commander in charge.

This reunion will be the kick-off for the Bicentennial celebration in Morrow County. Mike Sweeney will be master of ceremonies and is also the local Bicentennial chairman.

The buffet luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. The luncheon will be prepared by the school cooks. Families attending are asked to bring potluck dishes to add to the menu. Many organizations are contributing to the dinner.

The covered wagon that has been on display at Lloyd's Center in Portland will be on display at the reunion. This wagon will represent Oregon in the Pennsylvania pilgrimage which will cross the continent this year. This group plans to camp overnight at Cecil on July 15. Special events are being planned for the visit on this section of the Oregon Trail.

### TV Cooperative meeting considers channel 12

Heppner merchants will award prizes for the oldest pioneer and for the one coming the farthest distance. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steers, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers and Grace Buschke are co-chairmen for this year's reunion.

### Burglary charges dismissed

Charges against Richard Ellis "Rick" Pettyjohn, which had been pending in the Heppner Justice Court, have been dismissed upon the motion of Dennis D. Doherty, District Attorney.

Pettyjohn had been arrested on Feb. 25, 1975 and charged with being an accomplice to the burglary of Murray's Rexall Drug Store which occurred during the night of Feb. 21.

Doherty explained that the charge was based primarily on circumstantial evidence and that the case has been presented to the Grand Jury.

The role of the Grand Jury, which is composed of seven lay citizens, is to consider criminal cases and decide whether prosecution should go any further. No one may be tried upon a felony charge unless he, has either been indicted by the Grand Jury or had a preliminary hearing in which the magistrate rules that he should be held to answer the charge. In Pettyjohn's case, the Grand Jury declined to return an indictment.

Doherty stated that the police investigation revealed that a juvenile has confessed to the burglary and has assumed full responsibility. The juvenile's case has been disposed of in juvenile court.

### SCHOOL REUNION PLANNED

The second Heppner School Reunion (for all classes) will be held August 16, 1975 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heppner High School.

Anyone knowing name or address changes of classmates, relatives or friends should call or write Carlita L. Marquardt, Box 582, Lexington, Or., phone 989-8476.

### INSTALLATION DUE

State Representative Jack Sumner will be installed Grand Master of all Oregon Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, May 22 in Klamath Falls.

Attending the ceremony will be his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sumner and his sister, Mrs. Paul Hansen, Heppner.

### TV Cooperative meeting considers channel 12

Tuesday, May 13, the annual meeting of the local cable television cooperative was held at the conference room of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The annual financial statement was submitted by the board of directors to the membership present for review and discussion. The statement showed an operating loss for the past fiscal year of \$2,706.02 after depreciation.

The main topic of discussion was a request by the membership to place KPTV Channel 12, Portland, full time on the system. To do this, it will be necessary to utilize the translator signal of the North Sherman TV Co-op situated across the Columbia River from Rufus overlooking the John Day Dam. The board explained Heppner was really out of the transmission range of this translator and only a marginal picture quality could be received. The board plans to order the necessary special equipment and install it as soon as it is received, and the necessary permission received from the Federal Communications Commission. This could take a few months according to Robert C. Kelly the outgoing president of the cooperative.

President Kelly stated he would be gone from Heppner

### Fishing opens Saturday

Fishing season for this area will open this Saturday, May 24. Some waters opened last month and the balance will be open from this Saturday until closing.

Game Commission personnel reported that Rock Creek was stocked with 2,500 fish from 8 to 10 inches in length. Planting started below Anson Wright Park.

Upper Rhea Creek and Willow Creek were planted on Tuesday of this week. Each area received 1,000 legal fish. Cutsforth Pond was also planted with 1,000 fish.

Due to the prolonged period of ice on Penland Lake, a substantial loss occurred. Fishing prospects are uncertain but some fish should still remain in the lake. The road to Penland is muddy and the campground has mud and snow.

Bull Prairie has been producing some good fish up to 14 inches. Camp 5 will also produce some good catches.

Fishing for crappie and bass in the Columbia River should produce some excellent catches. Crappies could run as large as 14 inches.

Anglers are advised to consult the regulations about limits and special regulations in certain waters.

for a year so would not be a candidate for re-election to the board of directors. Winn Crist, manager of the Elks Club, was unanimously elected to replace Mr. Kelly as a member of the board.

Present board members are Riley Munkers, Conley Lanham, E. E. Gonty, L. E. Dick, and Winn Crist.

The board will elect officers for the ensuing year at the next board meeting.

### School house arrives today

The Democrat Gulch, a one-room school house was moved into Heppner today. The 18 ft. by 24 ft. school house was located on the Schrivner property in the eight Mile area. The property was recently purchased by Jim Farley who donated the school house to the Historical Society. Plans are presently underway to have the school placed on city property near the museum. Orville Cutsforth is in charge of the project.

### 54 % of local spending is for education

What price education in Morrow County? How do local governmental expenditures for school operations compare with those in other communities?

A report recently released by the Department of Commerce, following a nationwide survey, shows that education is, by far, the most costly element in local budgets.

No less than 54 per cent of the expenditures made in Morrow County by local government agencies are for school construction and maintenance, for teachers salaries, for equipment and for various other expenses connected with school operations.

It runs considerably more than this in some part of the country and somewhat less in others.

On the average, throughout the United States, local governments have been allotting 41 per cent of their budgets for education. In the state of Oregon, 56 per cent has been earmarked for that purpose.

Local governments provide only a portion of the education bill. The rest comes from

Federal and state sources.

The data was compiled by the Social and Economic Statistics Administration in the first study of the kind since 1967. It surveys the finances of local communities every five years.

Of the total expenditures made by governmental bodies in Morrow County, which were equivalent to \$611 for every man, woman and child in the population, \$331 went for education, it shows.

By way of comparison, the outlay for education at the local level elsewhere in the United States was \$234 per capita. The average was \$281

in Oregon.

The magnitude of education's impact on the American economy is indicated in reports released by the National Education Association and the U.S. Office of Education.

They estimate that expenses in the current school year will amount to \$108 billion, which is about 8 per cent of our gross national product. Some \$68 billion of it will be going to elementary and secondary schools and \$40 billion to institutions of higher education.

Involved are 38.6 million students and over 3 million teachers.

### NOTICE

Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day.

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed as well as most business firms.

Gazette-Times correspondents are reminded that their news must be hand delivered on Monday or mailed to reach the newspaper the previous Saturday if it is to appear in the issue of May 29.

Advertisers will be contacted earlier next week because of the Memorial Day holiday.

### lone 4-H boy wins national honors

Glen Griffith, lone, has been selected for National 4-H honors and a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago this fall, according to Mike Howell, Morrow County 4-H Agent.

At the same time, Griffith was selected as a state finalist for the Alpha Gamma Rho national college scholarship. Nominations for the national awards trip are made from records submitted to the state 4-H Office, with final selection made in September when completed 4-H records are again submitted.

Griffith was selected for work completed in the tractor club, and his national award would be in Petroleum Power. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith, lone, and has been an active 4-H member in tractor and livestock projects.

He served as a teen leader in the lone Tractor Club.

As a state nominee for the Alpha Gamma Rho National Scholarship his records will be submitted for consideration with those of other state winners.

National 4-H Club Congress is held each fall in Chicago, during Thanksgiving Holiday. Last year Morrow County was represented at the Congress by Karen Richards, Irrigon, who won the trip for her swine project.

"Griffith is the first national awards nominee in Petroleum Power ever selected from Morrow County, as far as we know," stated Howell. "It is a great experience for the 4-H member and we are certainly happy and proud when Morrow County 4-H members have the honor of attending."



GLENN GRIFFITH



The Boardman Harvest Festival Court, from the left, Tammy Zemliaka, Melanie Rayner and Terry Hodson. The court was recently chosen to reign over the Harvest Festival and Boat Races to be held in Boardman Sept. 6-8. This weekend they will attend a luncheon with the Umatilla Sage Riders at Hermiston. (Not pictured is Lori Schnell, the fourth member of the court.)