

First time ever

RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON CITY LEVY

The Heppner common council followed the recommendation of the budget committee, Monday night and unanimously agreed that the residents of Heppner vote on a levy of \$93,825 Monday, May 17.

This is the amount of money the city is outside the six per cent limitation on its budget for the fiscal year 1976-77. "This is not a case of irresponsible spending or poor budgeting," said Mayor Jerry Sweeney, "but this is due to inflation and revenue sharing funds which the city will not receive." "The city will receive \$8,200 in revenue sharing funds instead of \$35,000 received last year," continued Mayor Sweeney, "and revenue sharing funds have kept us within the six per cent limitation during the past years." If the city should receive revenue sharing funds the city can file a supplemental budget, however, the city needs the funds to operate from July to January, rather than the fiscal year period, as the city receives no tax money until late January.

"If the voters of this community refuse the levy election the city will have to abandon some of the non-essential items," said Mayor Sweeney, referring to the swimming pool and the library. The police department would be the last place where a cut would be made.

"This year the city has no choice but to put the budget to a vote of the people, for as any business man knows you can't spend more money than you are taking in," said Mayor Sweeney. If the voters approve the \$93,866 levy election the cost to the residents will be \$8.08 per \$1,000 of the true cash value.

If the voters refuse the levy the city has no alternative but to reduce some of its services to the residents. An increase in water and sewer rates and perhaps imposing a business tax on merchants in an attempt to raise the necessary funds to run the city for the coming fiscal year may be necessary.

Councilman Jim Rogers brought up the parking meter situation and after some discussion moved that a 30 day moratorium be placed on the meters. During the discussion, Rogers pointed out that the meters are not working properly and if the city is to collect any revenue from the meters they should be replaced.

Police Chief Dean Gilman reported the meters are 10-16 years old and some are worn out. "In the past it cost the city about \$1 for new timers for the meters, today the cost has risen to \$8-\$9 per timer. Chief Gilman also stated that with the increase in traffic in Heppner, it is almost impossible to work the meters properly. He also stated that while some of the residents were opposed to the meters some of the people were in favor of retaining the parking meters.

The common council voted four to one with one abstention to hood the meters until the June council meeting and at that time make a decision on the parking meters.

During the 30 day free parking period three stalls in front of the Post Office will be used for limited parking only. Residents are urged to obey the rule and allow the elderly people the courtesy of parking to pick up their mail. Violators will be issued parking tickets if they fail to obey the 15 minute parking.

In other business to come before the council:

The council agreed to a proposal from the Bicentennial Committee to re-name three streets within the City of Heppner in honor of the Bicentennial celebration.

A contest will be held to re-name the following streets, Main, Center and May Streets. Contestants may submit new names for these streets and the winners will officially dedicate the streets July 4. Merchants have been contacted and none have voiced any opposition to the plan. Councilmen Boyce and Ceresa were chosen to act on the judging committee.

Approved a liquor application from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt who have recently purchased Bucknum's Tavern.

Approved a building permit for Norman Patterson for the construction of a single family dwelling. The site is located in Shipley's Addition and will cost an estimated \$36,000 to construct. Mike Linnell is the contractor.

Approved a rate increase of 50 cents per month for garbage pickup within the city limits. This applies to residential dwellings only and will take effect July 1. The new rates will rise from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 30 gallon can, with an added 50 cents for each additional 30 gallon can. 50 gallon garbage containers will not be allowed after July 1. Cliff Green also asked that residents place materials such as ashes, soot, vacuum cleaner bags, etc., in plastic bags prior to placing them in the garbage cans.

Took no action on a petition by Richard Peck to start a salvage operation at the city dump. An agreement had been drawn up between Peck and the City last April and Peck has not signed the agreement.

Mayor Sweeney notified the city recorder, Marshall Lovgren to notify Don McEwen as well as Dr. Carpenter that their renewal for a 90 day variance has expired.

City foreman Ralph Marlatt stated he has installed new guard rails along Gilmore St. and the new chlorinator has been installed at the swimming pool.

Marshall Lovgren stated he had met with Steve Anderson, city engineer, and Anderson had checked the South Main Street bridge. Anderson reported to Lovgren the bridge is in good condition, however, it needs some cleaning and should receive a coat of preservative.

Anderson also commented to Lovgren that he had checked on a complaint from Don Cole regarding an injury to a young child when she apparently fell near the school onto the pavement. Anderson reported the fault is not with the city but is the concern of the State Highway Division and that he would contact them regarding the placement of a fence along the property.

Police Chief Dean Gilman reported that the police department had arrested 2 persons for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, 1 with a suspended license, 2 for reckless driving, 2 violations of the basic rule, speeding, 1 equipment violation, 5 parking zone violations and collected \$189 in parking meter money during the month of April.

The meeting was adjourned until May 19 when the council will meet to canvass the ballots and take action on two ordinances.

Field Day results

Results of Heppner Lions Club 4-H and FFA Field Day held Saturday, April 24 at Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner, Oregon.

Livestock Judging—4-H. Top ten individuals: 1. Mark Sargent, Hoof & Horn, Morrow; 2. Claudia Huston, Hardman Livestock, Morrow; 3. Brad Anderson, Oregon Trail Livestock, Gilliam; 4. Barbara DeVine, Hoof & Horn, Morrow; 5. Pam Cantin, Hoof & Horn, Morrow; 6. Matt Clark, Hoof & Horn, Morrow; 7. Tami Anderson, Oregon Trail, Gilliam; 8. Todd Harrison, Hoof & Horn, Morrow; 9. Darel Marbel, Oregon Trail, Gilliam; 10. Marie Van Schoiack, Gooseberry Livestock, Morrow.

Top 3 4-H Teams: 1. Hoof & Horn Livestock Club, Morrow; 2. Oregon Trail Livestock Club, Gilliam; 3. Hardman Livestock Club, Morrow.

4-H Presentations: Juniors Ann Lindsay, Blue, Lisa Wilson Red, Intermediates: Todd Harrison, Blue. Seniors: Pam Cantin, Blue, Debby Klaus, Red.

Intermediate Team: Claudia Huston, Dennis Kennedy, Betsy Heath, Blue. Champion Presentation: Todd Harrison.

4-H Tractor Driving. 1. Bobby Fisher, Spray; 2. Glenn Krebs, Ione; 3. Bruce Anglin, Hardman.

4-H Meats Judging. 1. Betsy Heath, Hardman; 2. Pat Clark, Hoof & Horn; 3. Dennis Kennedy, Hardman.

4-H Hay Judging. Jim Jepsen and Tom Huston, tie.

Home Economics Judging Contests. Knitting: Seniors 1. Yvonne Newman, Heppner; 2. Kathy Wolff, Heppner; 3. Suzanne Cutsforth, Heppner. Juniors: 1. Sharlene League and Marlene League, tie.

Foods. Senior: 1. Claudia Huston, Heppner; 2. Debra Klaus; 3. Tami Anderson, Gilliam. Junior: 1. Ann Lindsay, Heppner; 2. Tara Mahoney and Diane Morten, tie.

Clothing. Seniors: 1. Tami Harrison, Condon; 2. Debra Klaus, Heppner; 3. Lori Bergstrom, Ione. Juniors: 1. Ann Lindsay, Heppner; 2. Cathy Lindsay, Heppner; 3. Bonnie Murray, Heppner.

4-H Exhibits. 1. Tricky Cookers; 1. Pins & Needles.

FFA Livestock Judging. 1. Matt Weimer, Condon; 2. Cindy Dougherty, Heppner; 3. Shelly Andrast, The Dalles; 4. Greg Clayton, The Dalles; 5. Diane Morchetti, The Dalles; 6. Dave Conners, The Dalles; 7. Kyrnn Robinson, Heppner; 8. Dan Van Schoiack, Heppner; 9. Mike Sandor, The Dalles; 10. Barb Cooney, Condon and Tim Helberg, Riverside.

Teams—Top 3: 1. The Dalles; 2. Heppner; 3. Condon.

FFA Meats Judging. 1. Matt Weimer, Condon; 2. Barb Cooney, Condon; 3. Scott Patee, Condon.

FFA Hay Judging. 1. Scott Patee, Riverside; 2. Mike Sandor, The Dalles; 3. Craig Clayton, The Dalles.

Judges. Livestock: Blue Mountain Community College Judging Team. Meats: Ernie McCabe, Hay: Harold Kerr, Home Ec.: Burdine Tullis. Presentations: Jane Rawlins and Sandy Bennett. Tractor Driving: Larry Mills. Lions Club Field Day Chairman: Cliff Green.

Approximately 130 youth participated in the field day.

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Local banker killed in plane crash

Kenneth Dean Belcher, 37, was killed in an airplane crash early Saturday morning. The crash occurred as Belcher was spraying a portion of the Graham Ranch, presently leased to W.E. Hughes and sons.

Belcher was manager of the First National Bank, Heppner Branch, was also an ardent aviator and had recently started crop dusting during his vacation and on weekends.

Details of the accident are not available, however, the accident is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Belcher was born in Caldwell, ID, June 14, 1938. He

attended local schools in the area and upon completion of high school he entered the U.S. Marine Corps for two years of service.

He was a graduate of the College of Idaho.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Tullius Oct. 7, 1961 at Caldwell, ID.

In 1964 he started his banking career in Eugene, OR. He was transferred to Heppner in April 1973 where he assumed the duties of manager of the Heppner Branch.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, a member of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, Chairman

of the Board of Directors, Morrow County Rodeo, Chairman of the School Advisory Commission, member of both the city and county budget committees, and a member of the Ione Lions Club.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 4, 10 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Johnson officiating. Sacred selections "Beyond the Sunset" and "The Old Rugged Cross" were sung by Carl and Betty Marquardt, accompanied by Rikka Tews at the organ.

Concluding services and interment were held Wednesday, May 5, at 2 p.m., at

Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, ID, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Allen Hughes, Bob Mahoney, David Dollarhide, Roice Fulleton, Paul Hansen and Terry Thompson.

Survivors are the widow Shirley, sons Mark and Gary,

Heppner; mother Edna Belcher, Boise, ID; two brothers, Jack Belcher, Boise, ID; Lee Belcher, Spokane, WA.

Contributions may be made to the Oregon Elks Eye Foundation.

A trust fund has been established by the First National Bank for the sons of Ken Belcher.



KEN BELCHER

Courts first appearance

The 1976 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court made its first appearance at Arlington Saturday. Queen Patricia Van Schoiack and princesses Kate Evans, Kimee Hague-wood, Bonnie Schiller and Janice Spaulding rode in the parade escorted by the permanent pendants Donna Palmer, Debra Palmer, Shauna Seitz and Kathleen Van Schoiack.

Following the parade the Court attended the Queen's luncheon at the Methodist Church. Queen Kelly Wise of Arlington, greeted her guests and had each of the visiting

queens introduce her court.

In the afternoon, at the Rodeo Grounds, the Court rode into the arena in the Grand Entry. A large group of supporters were on hand applauding Queen Patricia and her Court.

Among those in Arlington for the festivities were: Mrs. Robert Hoskins, Ione, Court Chaperone, Stan Kemp, Lexington, Court Director.

Others present included: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hague-wood

and Kristi, Ava Wright, Bob Van Schoiack, the Vern Evans family, Irrigon, the Bob Schillers, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, Ione; the Darrell Harris's, Roice and Betty Fulleton, Joe Taylor, Monte Evans, Walt Coffman, Bob Steagall and family and Kathy Gilbert.

The Jerry Dougherty family accompanied their daughter Cindy, who is a member of the Spray Court and rode with the group.

The next scheduled appearance for the queen and her court will be at Spray, May 29.

Governor Straub appoints 2

Gov. Bob Straub announced the appointment Thursday of a Heppner woman and the reappointment of Prineville man to the Livestock Advisory Board of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The appointees are Shirley Rugg, a sheep and cattle rancher and Martin Howard, a cattleman.

Both Ms. Rugg and Howard represent the Oregon Cattleman's Association on the committee. Their terms are for three years. Ms. Rugg fills the position held for the past

six years by Dalton Strauss, Central Point.

A native of Heppner and a former Oregon State University student, Ms. Rugg has been connected with ranching in the Heppner area all of her life and in 1969 was named the livestock grower of the year for Morrow County.

She is president of Quarter Circle "V" Ranches, Inc., and vice-president of and manager of Willow Creek Ranches, Inc.

Ms. Rugg is vice-president of the Oregon Sheep Growers Association and its regional representative; a member of

and secretary of the Livestock Grazing Advisory Board to the U.S. Forest Service; and a past president of the Blue Mountain Chapter of the Society of Range Management. She also served on the liaison committee working with the Oregon Department of Agriculture in implementing its sheep branding program.

Howard, who is beginning his second term on the committee, is a native of Oregon City but moved to Prineville as a small boy when his family began ranching in that area. He is second vice-president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association and chairman of the association's Land Resource and Environment Committee.

Howard is the only cattleman serving on the Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee to the Land Conservation and Development Commission; is chairman of the Oregon State University Rangeland Resources Program Committee; a member of the Squaw Butte Experiment Station Advisory Committee and chairman of the Crook County Planning Commission.

New bank manager

Grant Perry, Senior Vice President of the First National Bank of Oregon, announced yesterday the appointment of Lyle A. Lowe as the new manager of the Heppner Branch of the bank. Lowe, who has been with the bank since 1965, will assume his duties early next week. The new manager comes to Heppner from the Sherman County Branch where he had been manager since 1975.

Lowe, who is 34, began his

banking career in the installment loan division and later was appointed installment loan officer at the Medford branch. He later was made general loan officer of the John Day branch where he served until his appointment as manager at Moro, Oregon. Lowe, graduated from Bend Senior High School and Columbia Christian College in Portland. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1960 until 1964.

Thieves loot Morrow County Grain Growers

The Morrow County Grain Growers was broken into and robbed early Saturday morning. Taken were numerous sets of wrenches, hand tools, gloves and a 12-inch chain saw.

A cutting torch was used to gain entry as the thieves cut an outside window leading into the shop. Once inside the shop bolt cutters were used to cut the padlock into the main store.

The culprits loaded a wheel-

barrow with the tools and made numerous trips to their car and when they completed their haul they left the wheelbarrow inside the store.

A gunny sack filled with assorted ammunition was left behind by the culprits near the sporting goods section.

The estimated loss is placed at \$1,500, however, the exact amount will not be known until an inventory is completed.

The sheriff's department is investigating the theft.



Newcomers

Ann and John Skow, new owners of the Northwestern Motel. The Skows moved to Heppner three years ago. Prior to that time they resided in Skagway, AK.