

"MIRACLE CHURCH"—The Columbia View Fellowship, a new non-denominational group at Irrigon, is proposing to build its first church [above drawing] from a forestry building that was disassembled at Pendleton and relocated in Irrigon. The group is hoping to keep the cost of the completed structure under \$100,000.

## 'Informal' Irrigon church to be built from old building

Columbia View Fellowship is a new concept in the traditional expression of church.

"I like the conotation that the word fellowship denotes," said the Rev. Carl Riley, founder of the new Irrigon fellowship which began last June. "For one thing it's informal."

Rather than organizing into a rigid body with an appointed head, the members follow a set of by-laws they wrote themselves this spring. Included in the bylaws is this: "There shall be no effort on man's part to dictate or manipulate the leadings of the Holy Spirit."

"This includes all affairs of the church," Riley said. "Our effort is not to interfere with what God intends for us."

An offering box at the back of the fellowship, which is currently housed at the A.C. Houghton School cafeteria, is used for collections. They are never actively solicited during or after the service. Though many churches feel their congregations would fail to contribute, this new fellowship averages a donation of \$1,200

averages a donation of \$1,200 a month. Bureaucracy has not been allowed to enter into the fellowship unit. Membership requirements consist of nothing more than the belief in the basic Christian teaching. Intentions of continuing the belief in Jesus Christ as savior and participating in the

gospel is all that is required to retain membership.

Non-denominational in approach, the fellowship pastor explained, "I have been affiliated with two different denominations in my life. I just got fed up with the church as an organization." The Rev. Riley left his ministry for 14 years to enter education. He returned to his religious life three and one-half years ago.

Beginning with a congregation of 46 for the first service, the fellowship has continued to grow. Initially, the Rev. Riley and his wife Nathy and two children, Steve and Rhonda, both students at Warren College, Portland, came to Irrigon from their Pendleton church once a month to conduct bible study sessions. In March 1975 the bible study group decided it was ready to form its own church. Riley was asked to be pastor.

"I think this is a testimony that it's really the kind of church people are looking for," said Riley. Services consist of a great amount of non-clergy participation, including the changing off of song leaders and the involvement in a sharing time. For members who wish to explore their faith further, a 6:30 p.m. Sunday evening discipleship is offered.

Aside from 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, adult and children classes and the 11 a.m. morning worship service, a

Wednesday evening fellowship is also offered. It entails open discussions ranging from religion to politics.

With a feeling of solidarity, the congregation felt a permanent building was needed.

Not long after its initial search effort began, the Oregon State Forestry building in Pendleton came up for sale. Working six days a week for four weeks, the crew of sometimes 14 men and women disassembled the two story, 40-by-90 foot building and transported it to Irrigon. It now rests on one of two sites being offered as land donations for the fellowship building. With donated labor, the congregation expects to build its church in stages using the disassembled forestry building as a base. Hopefully the entire cost of the structure will not exceed \$100,000 dollars and will be paid for only when the money is collected. No mortgages will be taken out. Presently the fellowship has secured \$20,000 in its six months of existence for which no donation drive was made.

"It's a miracle church," said Riley. "We don't plan. Events just occur out of faith." A new member of the fellowship is a man who owns and operates his own excavating business. Another member is a plumber. "When the time comes that we need an electrician I know one will come along," said the pastor.

"Man's problem is that he tries to devise things his way instead of accepting God's way."

## Budget meeting slated

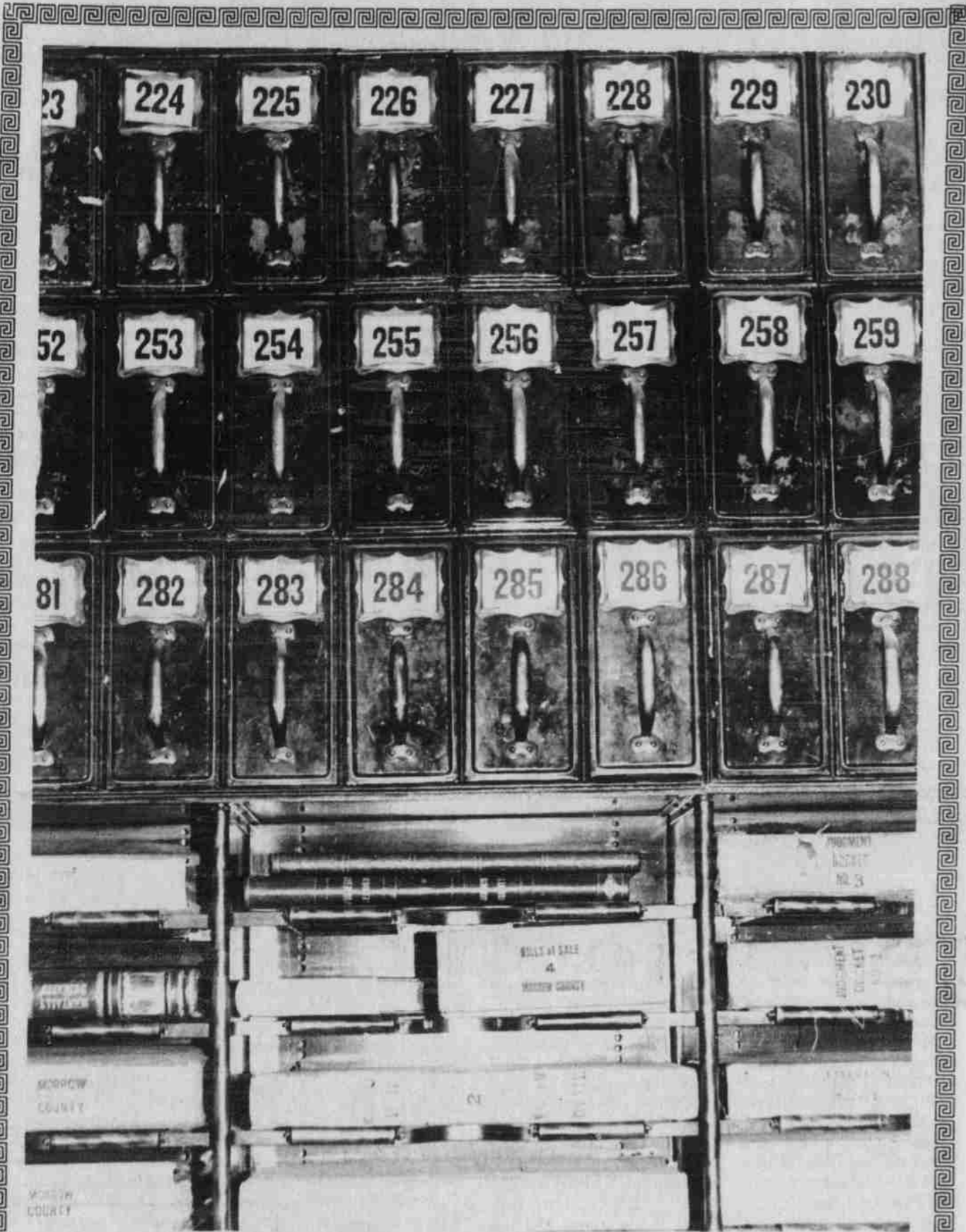
The Morrow County School District Budget Committee will hold its first work session on the 1977-78 budget on Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the district office.

The first draft of the district budget has been in the process of development for the past three months, with staff members and local advisory board involved in most of the work.

The first draft will be presented to the budget committee as the basis upon which the final budget will be developed and voted on Apr. 19.

The budget committee will hold work sessions on Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 2 and 9.

The committee is expected to complete all work prior to Feb. 19.



## Remember who you voted for in 1928?

If specific areas of history, concerning Morrow County, ever escape you, then try the County Courthouse for answers.

Just off the clerk's office, in a huge vault-like room, are hundreds of docket, thousands of pages of history dating back to pre-Morrow County days.

Back when Morrow and Umatilla County were one in the same, records were kept, many in longhand and with the flair of a pen and quill. Irrigation rights to execution dockets line the four walls in the vault with history of the county that many have forgotten.

Do you remember who ran for president in 1928? Herbert Hoover and Charles Curtis won the general election, but their names didn't appear in the primary election dockets from May 18, 1928.

Remember who you cast your vote for? If you were a Republican, you had the choice of Frank Q. Lowden, Alfred E. Smith, Charles McNary, S.E. Notson and Dawes. Lowden took it with 40 votes.

Democrat? Then you had the choice of James E. Reed, Alfred Smith again, Thomas J. Walsh and Alonzo F. Workman. Alas, Alonzo only got four votes while Smith took it with 81, Walsh had 72 and Reed, 41.

In the end, the general election from 48 years ago said Herbert Hoover had taken this county with 1,092 votes. Smith and Robinson from the Democrats' party were second with 542. The Socialist Principle's party, headed by Norman Thomas and James Maurer had

23 votes; the Socialist Labor party with Verne L. Reynolds and Jeremiah D. Crowley had 14 votes and Independent's William Z. Foster and Benjamin Gitlow had 12.

In 1928, a popular lady, Lucy Rodgers, received the most votes of anyone or any candidate, including Hoover. She had 1,332 votes.

Precincts were a little different in those days. A special election on June 28, 1927, had a list of 13 different voting places.

Here's how they voted on a repeal of Negro, Chinaman, and Mulatto Suffrage Section of the Constitution:

Alpine: six yes, two no; Boardman: 33 yes, nine no; Cecil: 15 yes, 10 no; Eight Mile: 16 yes, 10 no; Gooseberry: 13 yes, nine no; Hardman: 12 yes, 17 no; Ione: 44 yes, 17 no; Irrigon: 19 yes, 17 no; Lexington: 26 yes, 23 no; Lena: nine yes, nine no; North Heppner: 72 yes, 16 no; Pine City: three yes, four no; South Heppner: 21 yes, 15 no.

Despite Pine City and Hardman voting against the repeal, it was voted for in Morrow County, 289-148.

Since 1886 when Morrow became a county, and even before, the records are still available. Some of the books are dusty now and have the look of weathered and worn covers, but the records, whether they be in longhand with a pen and quill, in pencil with smudges, or typed with a new electric typewriter... the answers are there, tucked into the vault at the courthouse.

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