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Ione woman slain after kidnaping

Michael Olds finally captured in Pittsburgh after shots fired

The legal fate of Michael Andrew Olds, 34, of Walla Walla, Wash., may be decided Thursday afternoon in Pendleton when law enforcement agencies and prosecutors meet to review information and decide who will have first crack at the man charged with two Oregon murders and other lesser charges.

Olds is charged in Umatilla County with murder and kidnaping. He is wanted in Morrow County for kidnaping and car theft and in Malheur County for the murder of Mary Emily Lindsay of Ione. Olds faces a charge of murder in Umatilla County in the shooting death of College Place, Wash., cab driver Steven F. Schmerer, 23.

The capture of Olds in a traffic jam in suburban Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday ended an intensive man hunt which lasted five days. Charges against Olds are pending in four states.

In Pittsburgh, authorities have charged Olds with kidnaping, firearms violations and aggravated assault, among other charges. The legal process generally starts with the most serious offense when jurisdiction is considered.

Morrow County District Attorney Dennis Doherty will be in Pendleton for the session concerning plans for prosecuting Olds.

While events leading to the capture of Olds were underway near Pittsburgh, involving the exchange of shots with police and the freeing of more hostages, residents of southern Morrow County were attending funeral services for 75-year-old Mary Emily Lindsay of Ione.

Reaction to her slaying came in waves of disbelief, fear and finally anger among many residents at the system which gave freedom to the alleged killer and failed to produce discovery despite a massive response.

The search for Mary Lindsay and Marion J. "Nick" Riley (a former Gilliam County resident) started in Morrow County shortly after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, when the Morrow County Sheriff's Office was notified by teletype regarding a suspect in the shooting death of the Washington cab driver near Helix, Oregon.

Based on the time of first reports, Riley was already in another vehicle with Mary Lindsay and the suspect westbound for the Portland and Salem area. They would later return through Burns where Mary Lindsay was taken from the vehicle. She was found dead near Juntura, Ore., which is located on Highway 20 about halfway between Burns and Ontario.

The first positive word in the search came Thursday, 36 hours after Riley was taken from his home in Pendleton. The call came from Riley at Hazelton, Ida., at 6 p.m. He informed his wife and authorities that he was set free along with a second hostage.

Word that two hostages were free was broadcast, leading to hopes that Mary Lindsay was alive. It was soon learned that a Hazelton woman had become a hostage in Idaho and that Mary Lindsay had been taken from the car in Oregon.

Late Thursday, the weight of information left little hope that Mary Lindsay would be found alive. Relatives were notified of the situation. Confirmation that the body had been located was received in Heppner around 10 p.m. Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the search shifted to Brigham City, Utah, where Olds had released Riley and the Idaho hostage. From that point, the search extended nationwide with emphasis on Utah, Colorado and Montana, following several slim but definite leads.

In the first contact with Riley, after his 36-hour ordeal, it was learned that the kidnapper had informed his hostages in Idaho that Mary Lindsay was not alive.

Olds was captured near Pittsburgh after taking a man and his wife and son hostage. The family's station wagon was caught in a traffic jam and police converged on the vehicle. The FBI reported that Olds fired three shots, but no one was injured.

Policeman Louis Rauhecker crept up behind Olds and put a gun to his head. It was all over except for the red tape. (Related pictures Page 4.)



FBI agents, State Police, Morrow County sheriff's officers, newsmen and relatives of Mary Lindsay are pictured in the front yard of the Lindsay farm home, six miles northwest of Ione, as the search for Mrs. Lindsay and "Nick" Riley, of Pendleton, spread through three states Thursday morning, April 7.

Voters face three budget elections

School district budget

The Morrow County School District budget election will go before voters Tuesday, April 19, with a requested increase of \$425,833 to support increased costs due to district growth, new facilities and increases in fixed costs, salaries, insurance and other items.

Polls will be open April 19 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at school buildings in Ione, Irigoin, Lexington and Boardman. Heppner Elementary School is the designated polling place in Heppner.

The total projected budget

for 1977-78 is \$3,085,373, compared with the current year budget of \$2,659,540 or an increase of \$425,833.

According to district officials, the increase in financial needs for the district breaks down as follows:

—Due to increases in salaries, fixed costs, insurance, maintenance and improvements to facility and programs, \$263,879.

—Increase due to district growth, \$110,000.

—Amount needed to equip and insure new shop facility and equalize the educational

opportunity, \$51,879.

The total increase is 16 per cent above the current budget.

The cost to taxpayers, according to district computation, would be \$9.21 cents per thousand dollars of property, an increase of .39 cents per thousand over the present \$8.82 per thousand.

Based on a \$40,000 home, the increase for the year would be \$15.60 cents. The current assessment on a \$40,000 home is \$352.80 for the year.

Passage of the measure would mean the annual tax on a \$40,000 home would be \$368.40.

Heppner city budget

goes to voters April 26

"The people of Heppner will have a second opportunity to vote on the proposed city budget on Tuesday, April 26," Mayor Jerry Sweeney said Tuesday.

The decision to resubmit the proposed budget, after it was defeated April 5 by seven votes, 129 to 136, came during a meeting of city officials Monday night.

"We are not going to resubmit the budget just be-

cause it lost by only seven votes," Sweeney said. "We are going to resubmit it because it is a good honest budget. It will be submitted for the same amount."

The proposed budget for the coming year is \$46,445 outside the six per cent limitation. The tax increase on the proposed levy would be 75 cents per \$1,000 using current valuation. The present tax for city operation is \$2.77 per \$1,000

true cash value. If passed, the tax for city operation will be \$3.52 per \$1,000 true cash value.

The second vote on the budget will be held from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the old city library next door to City Hall on Tuesday, April 26.

During the first vote, a total of 256 ballots were cast by Heppner electors from among 855 registered voters, according to current records.

BMCC April 19

Almost two-thirds of Blue Mountain Community College's proposed 1977-78 operating budget is for instruction, President Ron Daniels said today.

In response to a request for more detailed information on budget items, Daniels said 62.6 per cent is for instruction. This comes to \$1.10 of the total \$1.79 levy per \$1,000 true cash value. Another 3.7 per cent is for instruction support services.

Student services, including admissions, counseling and student activities, absorbs 9.8 per cent of the budget and student financial aid takes 3.4 per cent. Costs for plant operation and maintenance accounts for 9.6 per cent of the

operating budget and college support services requires 8.4 per cent. The balance, 2.5 per cent, is for capital outlay and contingencies.

Daniels announced the comparisons after the college's recent two-county survey revealed that 15 per cent of the people surveyed wanted the additional information. Of some 1,600 surveys returned, 244 indicated a need for the categorical information.

The college's operating budget to be voted on April 19 requires a district tax levy of \$1,858,367. If approved by voters, the cost to taxpayers of Morrow and Umatilla counties would be about \$1.79 per \$1,000 true cash value. This represents an increase of 26 cents over the current year's levy.

Care Center children busy with visits, field trips

Chloe Pearson, director, Heppner Child Development Center, reports that the children have had two field trips recently.

The center staff transported the children in their private cars to the Fiesta Bowl to bowl.

On April 4, the staff and all children able, visited the Harold Wright farm at Ruggs. The children especially enjoyed the animals.

Mrs. Pearson says that, "the Wrights generosity and cooperation was greatly appreciated."

The next field trip for the children will come on April 19 when they will visit the

Heppner Fire Department.

The center was recently given an American flag by the Heppner American Legion Post.

The children enjoyed dyeing

Easter eggs and had fun hunting the eggs the staff hid

for them. An on-going craft workshop is conducted with the children.

Hospital gets go ahead

The Heppner City Planning Commission Tuesday night approved a conditional use permit for proposed expansion of Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

The permit calls for an extension of the hospital by 57 feet on the north end and a depth of 108 feet, equal to the present width of the existing hospital. The two story addition would allow 16,000 square feet of floor space. Ten thousand square feet upstairs would be devoted to hospital rooms while six thousand square feet on the ground floor would be used for laundry facilities, maintenance activity, storage and an emergency generator.



Chloe Pearson, director of the Heppner Child Development Center, and children at the Center accept American Flag presented by officials of the Heppner American Legion Post, Ed Baker, commander, and Grace Steers, adjutant.