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### Letters to the Editor

#### Teachers important to county

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times, Regina Coles submitted a letter to the Editor concerning the teachers of Morrow County and their salaries.

It appears to me that Mrs. Coles is only seeing things from a single dimension. Her point of view is based on the taxpayers' side; she isn't getting a view of the whole picture. Since Mrs. Coles teaches her children at home, she doesn't realize the importance of the teachers of Morrow County to the kids of public schools. I'm sure that it would be a different story if her kids were in a public school. She then might have a different view on teachers and their wages.

Being a senior at Ione High School, I have come to believe that teachers

are worth their pay. I myself, feel that they could stand to be paid more; after all, their efforts extend past the classroom. They are always there when students need their help.

An education is one of the most important goals in life, and without teachers, there wouldn't be an education to be had. There shouldn't have to be a price tag on education.

On the other hand, you get what you pay for. The teachers are being paid to teach the younger generation, and they're doing a good job of it. Without them, where would we be?

If you want the younger ones to have a good education, please vote in favor of the money in this year's budget.

(s) Kim Hendricks, Senior Ione High School

#### Many work to formulate budget

To the Editor:

As I make the rounds of different groups in our several communities explaining the budget and giving credit to the different district committees who helped formulate some part of the budget, I have found people to be amazed at not only the number of lay citizens involved but also at the depth of their involvement. So for everyone to know, the following lists of individuals deserve a great deal of credit for helping with the budget for next year and we thank them.

Wenholz, Irrigon.

Transportation Committee: (x) Bill Adams, Heppner; (x) Jim Bier, Heppner; Eddie Brosnan, Heppner; Jerry Hascall, Boardman; Bob Mahoney, Heppner; (x) Doyle McCaslin, Irrigon; (x) Everett Moore, Boardman; Perry Morter, Ione; Marvin Padberg, Ione; Irv Rauch, Lexington; Keith Rea, Ione; Joe Stevens, Boardman; Don Weivoda, Irrigon.

Computer Education Committee: Jackie Allstott, Heppner; (x) Bob Deeter, Boardman; Pam Docken, Boardman; John Jensen, Boardman; Bill Kuhn, Heppner; (x) Vick Marchek, Boardman; Maryann McElligott, Ione; (x) Chuck Starr, Lexington; Brock Tucker, Lexington; (x) Brenda Weygandt, Heppner; Pauline Winter, Heppner.

- Sincerely,  
(s) Doyle McCaslin  
Superintendent
- Morrow County School District Groups Who Helped Develop the 1986-87 Budget**
- Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee: Mary Lou Carlson, Sue Gibson, John Jensen, George Kenney, Dick Nuttbrock, John Wenholz.
- Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee: Jean Brazell, Peggy Fishburn, Diana Hoeffl, Marcia Kemp, George Koffler, Dean Robinson, Harley Sager.
- Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee: George Miller, Julie Nelson, Marvin Padberg, Keith Rea, Paul Tews.
- Risk Management Committee: Dwayne Carroll, Boardman-Irrigon, George Koffler, Heppner; (x) Doyle McCaslin, Irrigon; Jerry McElligott, Ione; Marvin Padberg, Ione; (x) Mick Tolar, Boardman; John

- Wenholz, Boardman; Pam Docken, Boardman; John Jensen, Boardman; Bill Kuhn, Heppner; (x) Vick Marchek, Boardman; Maryann McElligott, Ione; (x) Chuck Starr, Lexington; Brock Tucker, Lexington; (x) Brenda Weygandt, Heppner; Pauline Winter, Heppner.
- Population and Building Study Committee: Max Hellberg, Irrigon; John Jensen, Boardman; Bob Mahoney, Heppner; (x) Vic Marchek, Boardman; Ray Michaels, Boardman; George Miller, Ione; (x) Chuck Starr, Lexington; Joe Stevens, Boardman.
- Budget Committee: Dwayne Carroll, Bd. Member, Irrigon; Bill Doherty, Bd. Member, At Large; Tyler Hansell, Chmn., Irrigon; Jerry Healy, Vice Chmn., Heppner; Randy Hughes, Bd. Vice Chmn., Lexington; Clint Krebs, Ione; Bob Mahoney, Bd. Member, Heppner; Jerry McElligott, Bd. Member, At Large; Joe Stevens, Bd. Chmn., Boardman; Jack Stregge, Boardman, (x) Staff Member

#### Urges support of March 25 school levy

To the Editor:

I have not noticed a level of effort equal to last year being expended to assure passage of the 1986-87 school budget. My fear is that without substantial promotion, Morrow County residents will not turn out for the election. That can mean defeat by default, because it seems every person who does not support the school budget makes a special effort to vote against it. That is not so of supporters. For some reason many persons who support the schools but are not involved in the process fail to make the effort to vote on election day unless prodded by active supporters.

It behooves us all to know the issues and get behind all of our schools. If you have not studied the proposed budget, you may be inter-

ested to know that the Morrow County School tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value for 1985-86 was \$8.75. The 1986-87 rate is proposed to be \$9.66. By way of comparison the lowest rate in Umatilla County for 85-86 was \$13.72 and the highest was \$23.70. Arlington and Condon were \$17.31 and \$20.97 respectively. The average for the surrounding area was \$17.13. We look pretty good by cost comparison.

I, for one, am proud of our schools and of the persons graduated from them. If you are too, then make the effort to vote for the budget. Remind someone else to vote too. Remember that one of the greatest gifts we can give the world is educated children.

(s) John L. Bristow Ione, OR

#### Support school budget to keep winners

To the Editor:

We will be voting on our Morrow Co. School Dist. R1 budget next Tuesday, Mar. 25.

We all cast our ballots after thoughtful consideration of the issues and facts. This year the teacher contract dispute became an emotional issue for many people. But it was resolved satisfactorily by the School Board and teacher representatives. I hope it remains just that, a resolved issue, not one that will obscure the facts concerning the budget.

Fact number one is that the budget committee has already cut over \$261,000 from the budget originally presented to them. This budget is being presented for your vote with

nothing left to trim but programs. Fact number two is that if programs are cut we will all be losers. I don't think we adults should risk doing that to our children who are such a great bunch of winners. We have another Elks Scholarship winner at the state level. We have a high percentage of Seniors going on to college. We have the Riverside girls basketball team and the Heppner boys basketball team winning district and regional tournaments to get to the State tournament. And we have our State Champion Heppner girls basketball team.

Please vote yes on the Morrow County School Dist. R1 budget Mar. 25.

(s) Aloha DeSpain

#### Support school budget

To the editor:

As a member of the Morrow County School District Budget Committee, I strongly urge your support of the March 25 levy by voting "yes."

Numerous citizens county-wide had a hand in developing this budget. The requests were reviewed by local advisory boards after in-depth studies were made by various committees as to our needs. Then, a substantial amount (75%) of the requests were sliced off by the budget committee. It can truly be said that this is a no frills, no nonsense budget proposal.

We in Morrow County are in the enviable position of having a very low school tax rate-second only to Olex when comparing 15 neighboring school districts in Umatilla and Gilliam counties. Currently, our tax rate is \$8.75 per \$1,000 of valuation. The proposed increase would bring it up to \$9.66 which is still well under the rates of the remaining 14 surrounding districts.

This proposal is a realistic one we should support without difficulty and will give our students the basics they need and deserve.

Please vote "yes" on March 25.

Sincerely,  
(s) Sue Proudfoot

#### Mayor explains city budget

To the Editor:

The City of Heppner budget presented is outside the six percent limitation by \$25,309. After meeting with the budget committee, the figure first presented over the six percent base was reduced by about \$50,000. Some of the items cut from the budget include equipment, police car expense which is budgeted for the purchase of a new patrol car, books for the library, paving materials for our streets, and materials and supplies for our water department. There are no other line items which can be cut to come down to the tax base, except perhaps in person-

nel and services. We cannot afford to cut services.

The levy proposed constitutes a tax rate of \$9.95 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This is a reduction of 0.32 per \$1,000 from last year. This means that the city's taxes will be less overall for 1986-87 than this past year.

Your budget committee has worked long and hard to present you with the best possible working budget. I urge you to vote "yes" on the City of Heppner Operating Budget March 25. Your support is greatly needed.

Sincerely,  
(s) Cara Costa, Mayor

#### Pride in band brings us together

To the Editor:

The community of Ione is to be commended for their pride and support of the band program for their school.

As director of music for Ione Schools, it was my privilege to rehearse and conduct the Ione School and Community Band for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade.

I was really impressed by the hard work of my fifth and sixth grade band students (which made up two thirds of the group). You made a fine representation of your town. Your School and Community are very proud of you. Congratulations.

A special thank-you to Brian and Katie Doherty for adding horns and to Michelle Papineau for not only playing, but helping with the organization.

I cannot say thank you enough to the wonderful group of parents and community members who played and donated their time and efforts: George and Nancy Miller, Ken Nelson, Tom Bedoritha, Rick Minster, Susana Stillman, Bill Sheirbon, Don Papineau, and Richard Ladd.

We couldn't have done it without you. You have taught an invaluable lesson to our young people about the wonderful qualities of music.

Music Educators National Conference has proclaimed March as "Music in Our Schools Month". Our theme this year is "Music Brings Us Together" Ione School and Community - you proved it to be true.

(s) Geneva Mathews  
Music Director, Ione Schools

### Obituaries

#### Vera Ellen Rietmann

Vera Ellen Rietmann was born in Ione, December 11, 1902. She died at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner Sunday, March 16 at the age of 83.

A native of Ione, Vera married Victor Rietmann in 1925. She and her husband farmed north of Ione for many years.

She was a member of the Ione United Church of Christ and has served as a deaconess for 11 years. She is also a member of the Rebekah's and the Willows Grange. She was a charter member of the Ione American Legion Post No. 95 Auxiliary and had been active in this for 58 years.

She organized the North Ione Improvement Club in 1930 by inviting seven other neighbor women to her home to start the club which later became the Ione Topic Club and organized the Ione City Library in 1933 which it still maintains. She has worked 56 years in this organization and was the only remaining active charter member.

During the years her three children were in school, she served on the Ione School Board. She helped start the Ione PTA and while she was president, the organization started the first school hot lunch program and an auction to finance the program.

She is survived by two sons, Bob and Bill Rietmann both of Ione, a daughter Ruby Ann Rohde, of Kennewick, Wa., two brothers, Gene Engelmann of Milwaukie, and Joe Engelman of Ione; two sisters, Ruby Roberts of Ione and Fern Turner of Baker; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor in 1969 and a sister Zelma Morrison.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ. Burial will follow at the High View Cemetery in Ione. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the IUCO or to the heart fund. Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, in care of arrangements.

#### Lennie Hawk

Word has been received of the death of Lennie Hawk at his home in Craig, Colorado.

Hawk died Monday, Feb. 10, 1986. The funeral was held in Denver.

A native of Fossil, he was born November 27, 1921, the son of Lester and Lennie (Enyart) Hawk. He was one of 13 children.

On November 8, 1948, he married Myra Chandler. They were divorced in June 1961.

After serving in the Navy, Hawk worked in trucking most of his life. He worked for companies in Denver and also did long-haul trucking in many states.

He retired in September 1985 and moved to Craig, where he raised hogs.

Surviving are sons Ray of Loveland, Colorado, and Don of Parker, Colorado, daughter Rita Dempcy of Brule, Nebraska; four brothers: John of Fossil, Perry of Heppner, Harold of LaGrande, and Wayne of

Hermiston; seven sisters: Viola Whitlacker of Portland, Mary Gunther of Heppner, Bonnie McIntyre of Ontario, California, Elenor McNamara of Sidney, Montana, and Ida Johnson, Isabel Bookout, and Grace Herriman, all of Hermiston. There are five grandchildren. A brother died earlier.

#### Dellie Matlock

Dellie Wright Matlock, 84, of Portland, formerly of the Heppner area, died Friday, March 14, 1986 at a Portland hospital.

She was born at Eight Mile near Heppner, on Dec. 29, 1901, the daughter of Sylvanus and Lulu (Munkers) Wright.

She attended schools in Hardman, Monument and Heppner.

On Nov. 1, 1921, she married William Fred Matlock at Heppner. The couple operated a dairy south of Ione until 1924 when they moved to the Bend area to operate a hay farm.

In 1927, they returned to Lexington where Mrs. Matlock did cooking in cook houses in the harvest fields.

In 1933 they moved to The Dalles where Mrs. Matlock worked in fresh fruit pack at Stadelman Fruit Co. and worked in brine cherries for Hudson House and The Dalles Cherry Growers.

The couple later moved to Beaverton where they purchased a shoe repair business.

Since her husband's death in 1963, Mrs. Matlock has made her home in Portland near two of her four daughters.

She is survived by daughters, Lulu (Mrs. Lyle) Cole and Betty (Mrs. George) Wilson of Portland, Carol (Mrs. Robert) Wasson of Zigzag, and Juanita (Mrs. Michael) Ignowski of The Dalles; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral was held in Monument Tuesday, March 18.

Contributions may be made to the senior citizen building fund or a charity of donor's choice.

### Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police Dept. reports handling the following business during the past week:

March 11: 7:22 a.m. Dog Complaint; 11:12 - Assist Morrow County Sheriff's Office; 2:15 p.m. - Assist Oregon State Police; 11:17 p.m. - Request Officer for Security Check.

March 12: 2:32 a.m. - assist ambulance; 3:30 - Take Theft Report.

March 14: 6:48 - False Alarm;

March 15: 12:30 - Motorist Assistance.

March 16: 11:43 - Request Officer for Security Check.

### Correction


Fair and Rodeo Premium books will be printed differently this year with the fair committee expected to sell advertising to pay \$600 in printing costs. Premiums and parade costs are listed as a \$10,000 expense.

Part of this explanation was left out of the county budget story in the February 26 issue of the newspaper. We regret the error.

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