

Voters Of District Two To Go To Polls Monday For Vote On KUHS Budget

Registered voters of District No. 2, which embraces Klamath Union high school, will go to the polls in KUHS Monday, May 12, to approve or reject the operating budget of \$431,836.70 for the 1947-48 school year. Voting hours are from 2 to 7 p. m. Eligible voters are taxpayers of the district. At the same time a similar election for District No. 1, elementary schools, is slated at Fremont school.

Explanation of the budget for District No. 2 is included here today in a story dealing with the high school plant and its operation. On Thursday, tomorrow, a similar story will outline and explain the budget necessary to operate the elementary set-up.

This year's estimated receipts contain, for the first time in the history of Oregon school finance, the state aid item listed as a direct receipt. District No. 2 will receive approximately \$80,833.98, as a result of passage of the basic school support fund. Previous state aid was a direct off-set and did not appear as a receipt item on the budget. It was explained by Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp.

Actually the levy will be a little less than last year due to state aid. The budget approved by the voters for the 1946-47 school year totaled \$389,171.50, as compared to this year's \$431,836.70. This year's budget is \$42,664.11 over last year due to four direct causes, all of them attributed to increase of costs. This covers instruction, cost of equipment and supplies, operation and maintenance, and the public employees' retirement requirements.

Taking the first point—cost of instruction—the biggest item in the budget is increase in teachers' salaries. Of the total budget, the teacher salary figure is close to \$235,399.12, or more than one-half of the operating budget. Last year's teacher salary item was \$167,155.

Staff Increase
The increase is the result not only of the increase in salary, but an increase in staff membership due to the growth of the high school population. After months of study, the higher salary scale was incorporated in the budget to be submitted to the voters. Not until this increase is approved will contracts for the coming year be signed. This is a single salary schedule, uniform throughout the entire system, and is merely placing Klamath Falls competitively with other cities of equal size in the more progressive states of the nation, Gralapp pointed out.

Other increases embrace:
1. Instructional supplies; 2. expanding the audio-visual education program in accordance with plans made last year; 3. fuels, both for heating and transportation; 4. maintenance and repair; 5. labor.
Under fuel increases, it was pointed out there is no increase in the use of fuel, but the price has advanced materially.

For the first time the pension item appears in compliance with legislation passed two years ago. Last year the retirement provision

was included and is also being carried forward.

Yearly Maintenance
Under maintenance and repair, it was pointed out that the boards have carried forward a policy of doing about one-fifth of the maintenance each year. This year expenditures will total \$21,888, as compared to \$13,455 last year. Labor increases are the big items in this column. Some additional work is being done on grounds and roofing. Under auxiliary agencies, transportation needs demand a new bus and the price has gone up about 100 per cent over the 1941 quotation, Gralapp said.

"Where the dollar spent in the '30's bought a dollar's worth of goods, the dollars we spend this year buys roughly 50 cents worth on a comparative basis," Gralapp advised. "In some cases it is far less."
Total levy for the coming year's operation is \$431,836.70. Total estimated receipts are \$141,943.98. The amount to be raised by taxation on this particular year is \$289,892.72. Of this amount there is an estimated tax of 5 per cent which will not be collected within the fiscal year and that, then, requires a levy of \$304,388.30. This figure plus the serial levy of \$60,000 voted in 1944, will amount to \$364,388.30 as compared to last year's levy of \$364,318.53.

Under capital outlay, plans now call to tie in the two hot water wells together in order to achieve more efficiency in heating. This item costs around \$6000. Other major improvements is a large pumping plant for Mosier field and auxiliary fields for irrigating purposes. This is one point in the budget that is under last year's figure. This year the budget calls for a capital outlay expenditure of \$39,083, as compared to \$31,654.37 last year for district No. 2.

All eligible voters are reminded again that voting will take place at KUHS on Monday, May 12, from 2 to 7 p. m. for District No. 2.
Members of the budget committee for District No. 2 are: Roy Rakestraw, E. H. Thompson, Vern Owens, Frank Eberlein and William Metter.

Board To Consider Hospital Building

SALEM, May 7 (AP)—The state emergency board will meet here at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow to decide whether to authorize the start of the long-delayed program for new buildings at state hospitals.

The board will consider the proposed new treatment hospital for the state hospital, and the new ward building at the state hospital's cottage farm.
The treatment hospital would cost \$1,516,002 while the ward building would cost \$650,293.
The program has been delayed by high building costs, and the board will have to decide whether now is the proper time to start building.

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Barthell Named To California Job

BERKELEY, Calif., May 7 (AP)—Russell W. Barthell, 38, today became administrative assistant to President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California.

Barthell, native of Seattle and graduate of University of Washington, was assistant director of the bureau of municipal research at University of Oregon before joining the California staff in 1940.
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Baritone, Tommy Schubert, Robert Hanson, Gene Ross, Doug Westrom, Frank Bell, Glen Jackson, Marvin Bland, Doyle Quigley, Keith Sexton, Jerry Wagner, Roger Bliss.
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