

School Budgets Show Drop As Election Date Slated

School Districts One and Two both will hold their budget and board of directors elections May 4. Residents of the districts will decide at the polls whether to approve property tax levies amounting to \$1,139,426.69.

The total asked is \$67,158.31 less than the \$1,226,585 approved by voters in the two districts last year.

Lake Schedules Holy Week Rites

LAKEVIEW—A schedule of Holy Week services for St. Patrick's parish in Lake County has been released as follows by Father James O'Connor, pastor, and Father Elden Curtis, assistant: Wednesday, 7 p.m., Lenten devotions followed by confessions. Holy Thursday, Masses 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until midnight. Good Friday, 10 a.m. devotions for school students; 6 p.m., solemn ceremonies of Passion and Death of Our Lord, with Holy Communion; adoration of the Cross.

On Easter Sunday the Masses at Lakeview will be at 8 and 10 a.m.; at Plush, 7 a.m.; Adel, 9 a.m.; Paisley, 5 p.m.

Confessions after services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening, and on Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m., and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Masons Observe Thursday Rites

Scottish Rite Masons in Klamath jurisdiction will observe Maundy Thursday on March 26 at the Scottish Rite Temple at 8 p.m. when they will meet and perform the ceremony of receiving and giving the bread and wine. Countless thousands of Knights Rose Croix will observe the ceremony privately and in hundreds of Masonic Temples throughout the world to celebrate the Day of Command.

All Scottish Rite Masons within a radius of 40 miles are commanded to attend these services. If unable to do so, they are expected to meet with other Masonic brethren and observe this day. All Scottish Rite Masons of the Rose Croix degree are invited to attend this meeting and the Easter morning breakfast.

To the Scottish Rite Mason, Maundy Thursday is the most important spiritual day of the year. It is more important than Christmas or any other of the spiritual days celebrated by the followers of the Christian religion. It is the day when all Scottish Rite Masons renew their spiritual contact with Christ and with humanity.

To the Jew it is the commemoration of the Passover and to the Gentile, the Lord's Supper. It is the anniversary of Dies Mandati, the Day of Command, in which Christ taught his disciples, saying, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

A big slash in estimated elementary district expenditures is responsible for the drop in the total asked for next fiscal year. The elementary district is asking for \$70,873 less than it asked last year. The high school district is requesting \$3,714 more.

Total combined budgets of the two school districts amount to an estimated \$2,324,397 for the year beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1960.

The high school board anticipates an expenditure of \$1,028,312, and the elementary district has budgeted \$1,296,085.

Part of the high school's large total is accounted for in an expanded special improvement fund. None of the \$234,000 special improvement funds budgeted so far for the 1959-60 fiscal year will have to be raised by property taxes voted May 4, since \$120,000 of it will come from a serial tax levy voted in 1954 that will provide that much money yearly until 1962. The remainder will come from a cash carryover from last year's budget and from delinquent tax receipts.

Board members explained at a meeting in the high school cafeteria last night that they contemplate no major expenditures from the special improvements fund. They say the money will act as an emergency cushion.

Also to be decided May 4 are two positions on the elementary board and one on the high school board of directors.

No applications have been received for two positions opening on the elementary school board. Conrad O. Borsting, a Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company branch forester, has applied for a five year term on the high school board apparently being vacated by Ed Hickman.

Deadline for application for position on the elementary board is April 3. It is April 23 for the high school board.

WAC Lieutenant On Duty In SF

First Lt. Grace LeSparks of Klamath Falls, a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently was assigned to the Army garrison at the San Francisco Presidio. Lt. LeSparks, executive officer in the garrison's Company D, entered the service in September, 1958. She is the daughter of Mr. Sarah E. McMillan, 5662 Leland Drive.

She is a graduate of Bly High School and Southern Oregon College, and was a teacher in Klamath County before enlisting.

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Move Planned By Photog

Wesley Guderian, owner of Guderian's Photographic Studio for the last eight years has sold the business to O. Robert Anderson, Albany. Mr. and Mrs. Guderian and their two daughters, Stephanie, 12, and Robin, 3, plan to leave Klamath Falls in the near future to go into business in Eugene.

Guderian has been a resident of Klamath Falls 32 years, is a past president of the Exchange Club, a member of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247 BPOE, of the Loyal Order of Moose and Masonic bodies. He has been active in many civic affairs since his residence here.

He was employed from 1935 to 1950 in various capacities by the Klamath Falls Herald and News, working as a news reporter, in the advertising department, photography and engraving departments, and for three years as wire editor.

The family home has been at 1305 California Avenue.

He will remain for a time in the local studio to acquaint the new owners with the business.

SURPLUS ROASTED PECANS
MERIDIAN, Miss. (UPI) — The Magnolia Pecans Shelling Co. had a surplus of roasted pecans. Fire burned the shelling plant Monday.

Bonded School Debt Issue Under Study

To bond or not to bond? That is the question that members of School Districts One and Two will ponder with bankers and a cross section of townspeople Wednesday night at 7:30 in the high school cafeteria.

And if they decide to bond, it will mark the demise of an old Klamath Falls tradition—that of a debt-free school system.

But the time has come for an adjustment of outlook, A. L. Gralapp believes. He is superintendent of both school districts.

The debt-free philosophy was meant, all the time, only as precaution against the time that additional funds would be needed, Gralapp said.

Well, a sudden spurt of population is going to uncock the safety valve, school officials are convinced.

School children are multiplying in the area by leaps and bounds. Klamath Union High School, from preliminary surveys, expects a six per cent enrollment increase next September from elementary district graduates alone.

Then there is the big upsurge of personnel at Kingsley Field Air Force Base that is expected by June to reckon with. A lot of Air Force families are going to have to live in the district because of lack of housing at the base.

What is more, the area shows lots of signs of growth—no evidence of a population cutback.

And so, some building is going to have to be done soon.

A special improvements fund serial tax levy amounting to \$120,000 per year voted in 1954 for both districts is just not going to prove adequate, Gralapp says. The elementary district serial levy expires this year, and the high school district's in 1962, anyway.

A bond, according to modern thinking, may be more economical than a serial levy, too, because of inflation. Interest rates on a bond issue may prove to be less than

annual loss of value because of inflation on money raised through taxes.

The districts have a master plan of future sites and building all ready to take care of any foreseeable school needs. All it takes to go into operation is money.

The bond can help there, too, Gralapp says he believes a short-term bond will allow a school building to be built at a saving all at once rather than piecemeal.

But none of these theories are verified, and that's why the boards are meeting tonight. They hope they can get the answers from the men who handle finance, and they want to test public reaction to the plan.

Gralapp said he hopes the bond question can be solved early enough to reach the May 4 school elections.

One of every eight Oregon drivers was involved in an automobile accident last year.

That is an average compiled by the State Department of Motor Vehicles in Salem.

The number of accidents in the state dropped substantially from the year before, and the number of deaths dropped a little, but the number of injuries took a big jump.

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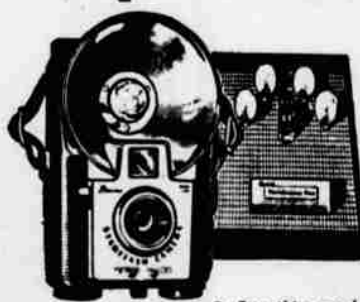
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