

Award Contract For Library

KALISPELL — A \$614,000 contract was awarded Wednesday morning by Flathead County Commissioners to Stewart and Janes for an addition to the Flathead County library, that originally was the Kalispell Post Office.

Commissioner Frank Guay said the funds were from a \$698,000 federal Emergency Economic Development Association grant. Stewart & Janes were only bidders though there were about 40 sets of plans out. Engineer's estimate was \$758,686. Hence the award.

Contract is to be underway by April 10.

School Levy

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filling posts of retiring personnel. After that, layoffs would be on a "last hired, first fired" basis.

Souhrada noted the proposed budget being put to the voters includes estimated raises for non-certified and administrative district employees.

Estimates were necessary because final salary rates for these persons have not yet been set by the school board.

Judy Bergstrom, District 6 Education Association president pointed out teachers alone can not be blamed for the levy increase.

"District 6 is fortunate enough to have some of the best teachers in the state because of the salaries paid them," she said.

"If a district does not pay high salaries, it won't get high quality teachers and the quality level of education will decrease," Mrs. Bergstrom said.

She promised the teacher association would support this tax levy as they have all others in the past. "Remember, we (teachers) are taxpayers too," she pointed out.

Majority of the funding for the district still comes from the state federation program and the state and county equalization programs.

Total district budget for 1976-77 was \$2,502,909. If the mill levy is approved at the proposed amount, 1977-78 total budget will be \$3,279,029, up about 21 per cent.

Please see breakdown chart of this budget which shows the areas in which these tax funds are spent.



WEATHER forecast: Snow showers Thursday and Friday with predicted high Thursday about 40, low 25, high Friday 35-40.

Precip.

	High	Low	Airport	AC	RR
March 10	45	28	tr.	.05	.04
March 11	44	20	tr.		
March 12	52	28			
March 13	43	26	.02	tr.	tr.
March 14	36	15	.07	.03	.07
March 15	41	24	.07	.17	.20
March 16	46	23			tr.
March 17	46*	27	.01		tr.

*anticipated

Meteorologist Ray Hall at the airport said normal high and low for March 18 is 40-20 with sunrise and sunset 6:45 a.m.-6:47 p.m. March 20 at 10:43 a.m. is officially the first day of spring.

March precipitation at the airport totals .54 of an inch so far compared to full month's normal .86 of an inch for this usually dry month.

Hungry Horse Reservoir elevation shows as 58.39 feet below full mark compared to 50.90 a year ago.

Big Mountain reports 87 inches of snow on top with 41 inches at the chalet. Normal is about 120 on top in mid March. There has been marked improvement this month.

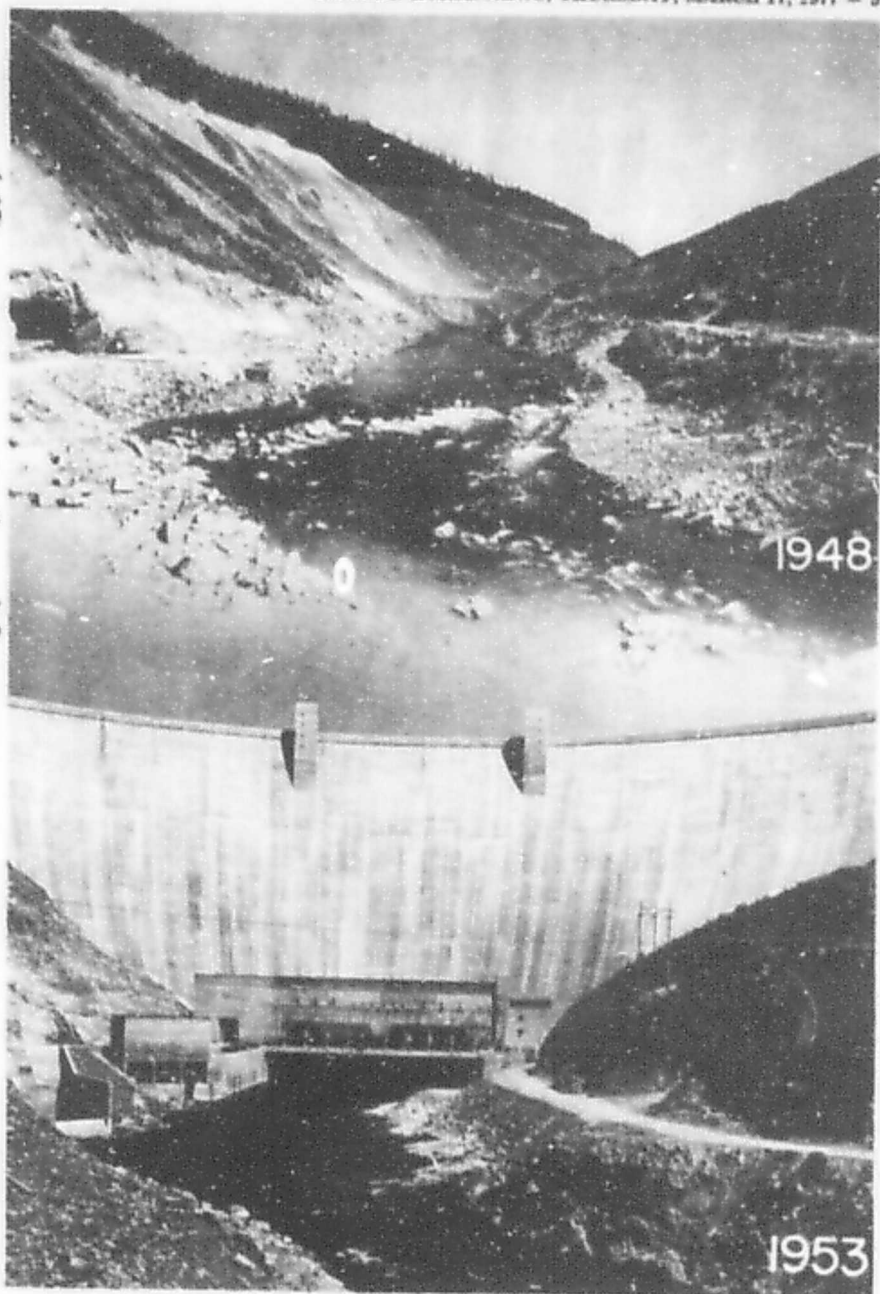
Hayden Leaving Kalispell Schools

KALISPELL — Supt. Patrick T. Hayden has resigned as superintendent of Kalispell District 5 schools effective June 30.

He's to become superintendent of schools at Oak Harbor, Wash.

Board Chairman Paul Tutvedt commented: "It has been our pleasure to work with him for the past five years and we certainly feel the school system has benefited greatly from his time spent here."

Hayden is completing his fifth year in Kalispell coming from Mount Vernon, Wash. where he was assistant superintendent.



HISTORIC BUREAU OF CLAMATION COMPOSITE by Eddie McCloud showed damsite as it looked in 1948 and completed structure in 1953. Hungry Horse

Dam and powerhouse construction employed up to 2,600 men, and was \$102 million project. Base wage at project's start in 1948 was \$1.25 for laborers and \$1.75 for carpenters.

Teachers Elect 1977-78 Officers

District 6 Education Association election of officers Wednesday evening resulted in re-election of Judy Bergstrom to a second term as president.

Louann Larson succeeds Doug Teddy as vice president. Diane Hammer succeeds Alida

Elair in the secretary post. Marka Vranish succeeds Phyllis Robinson as treasurer.

These officers will serve the 119 teachers through March, 1978.

A BLM competitive oil and gas lease sale on two land parcels in North Dakota brought a high bid of \$9,136. It's in the Red Wing Blacktail Fields.

Kite Derby

Columbia Falls Cub Scout Pack 101 will participate in a kite flying derby Saturday at the Evergreen School.

Derby gets underway at 10:30 a.m. with 25 cent registration. Prizes will be awarded to the largest, smallest and prettiest kites.

There are seven dens in Pack 101, with 50 boys involved.