

## City Taxpayers Face Enlarged Bill for 1937

### Lowered Base Ups Millage Rate; Total to be Raised Down.

Heppner taxpayers will pay \$9.70 more for every \$1000 of valuation on their property this year than they did last year, according to the statement of taxes just released from the office of J. J. Wells, assessor. With total amounts to be raised by taxation in the various tax-levying subdivisions lower in most instances, the increase comes about through a 25 percent decrease in last year's valuation base.

Total valuation of taxable property in the county last year was \$11,173,197. This year it is \$8,745,335. Heppner's valuation slid from \$1,069,220 to \$828,393. The decrease is accounted for by the considerable amount of property which went into the hands of the county through tax foreclosures, and the reappraisal of various types of property at a lower rate.

Total millage paid by Heppner taxpayers last year was 39.3. This year it is 49. Making up the total are amounts as shown for the two years as follows:

	1936	1937
State, County and General		
School	8.0	7.4
Roads and Bridges	2.4	3.1
Market Roads	.8	1.0
Bond Sinking Fund and Interest	4.0	4.8
City of Heppner	3.1	6.6
School District No. 1	16.2	19.7
School Dist. 1, Bonds and Interest	4.8	5.9
Rodent Bounty		.5
	39.3	49.0

Total amounts for the various purposes in each year were:

	1936	1937
State, County and General		
School	\$ 81,385.58	\$ 64,715.48
Roads, Bridges	26,815.67	27,110.54
Market Roads	8,938.56	8,745.34
Bond Sinking Fund & Interest	44,692.79	41,977.61
City, Heppner	2,516.21	4,173.70
School District No. 1	17,321.36	16,319.34
School Dist. 1 Bonds, Interest	5,132.26	4,887.52
Rodent Bounty		4,372.67
	\$194,802.43	\$172,302.20

The county as a whole will be hit a little heavier this year to pay the total of \$277,073.66 which is less than last year's total of \$290,541.90, due to removal of property from the assessment rolls through foreclosure. However a more healthy situation now exists because, as indicated by last year's collections, a much higher percentage of the tax bill will be collected.

Taxpayers in other parts of the county may figure their own total millage rate by referring to the complete statement of taxes in another column.

## LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

The Lexington Home Economics club met Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Myles Martin. In addition to the regular routine of business, committees to serve at the grange meetings during the year were appointed.

The National Educational Assemblies will present Jack Rank, magic dramatist, in a new 3-act drama at the school auditorium on Friday, January 22, at 8 p. m. This is a one-man drama in which a single actor portrays several widely different characters by means of lightning-quick changes of costumes.

The Lexington high school basketball team went to Echo Saturday evening and were again defeated by the Echo players.

First semester exams were given at the high school last week.

Mrs. Lawrence Palmer has returned from Hot Lake where she

went some time ago for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. A. H. Nelson and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth have returned from Portland where they spent a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ingles of Boardman were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell. On Saturday evening Mr. Ingles refereed the basketball game at Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Massey of Heppner are visiting at the home of Mrs. Massey's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Booher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin of Ione were business visitors in Lexington Tuesday.

Dave Hynd of Sand Hollow spent the week end in Portland.

Orville Cutsforth was a business visitor in Walla Walla last week.

James McLaughlin has resigned as yell leader for the high school and Wilma Tucker was elected to fill the position.

The high school girls were defeated in a game of basketball Tuesday afternoon with a score of 16-6.

Miss Jean Crawford, third and fourth grade teacher, spent the week end in Portland. She attended the Nelson Eddy concert while in the city.

## IONE

By MARGARET BLAKE

Continued snow and cold weather have made it hard on the coal pile and news reporter. Everyone has been contented to sit by the fire, nurse his chillblains and catch up on his reading instead of going places and doing things that would make news.

The Morgan weather observer has reported 1.7 inches of moisture since January 1st.

Bob Rietmann who went east a short time ago to get a new car at the factory in Detroit, Mich., returned home Sunday night. The return trip was made through the southwestern states. Some time was spent in California visiting relatives and friends. Among former Ione residents he saw Lowell Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pomeranz and Charles Cochran.

Mrs. Berl Akers is quite ill with scarlet fever. She is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely, and it is not known how she contracted the disease. As she came to town Friday on the school bus which her husband drives from Gooseberry all children who were on the bus that day will remain away from school until the period of incubation has passed and all school activities will be cancelled for this week end and until all danger of spreading the disease is past.

Honor roll students in the high school the first semester are: freshmen, Thelma Nelson; sophomores, Helen Lundell, Katherine Griffith and Lola Cannon; juniors, Bertha Akers, Jane Huston; seniors, Wallace Lundell, Charlotte McCabe and Mignonette Perry.

Mrs. Laxton McMurray has received word that her brother-in-law, Chas. Howe, a former Ione resident, is in a hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa, recovering from a serious operation.

Bobby Drake has been quite ill.

The Women's Topic club will hold its January social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter on Saturday night, Jan. 23.

## EXAMINER COMING.

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be at the court house in Heppner, Saturday, January 23, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Anyone wishing permits or licenses to drive cars should get in touch with Mr. Bentley at this time.

Charles H. Latourall was in the city Tuesday on business, departing yesterday morning for his home on the coast near Dpoe bay. Winter had been quite enjoyable on the coast, though the last cold snap sent the mercury to 16 above and resulted in many bursted water pipes. People there don't protect their pipes against freezing, Charlie said. He drove up and found the highways open all the way. The trip takes just eight hours, he said.

Rod Thomson, with the local Union Oil station, was transferred recently to Walla Walla to assist on city deliveries during the winter weather.

## AS SEEN BY A LEGISLATOR

Courtesy of GILES L. FRENCH, Member from 22nd District.

A recent cartoon expresses the thought that the legislature should find out what is necessary for the state, do it and then return to the farm and the office. The process is well under way but there are a great many opinions about what is necessary, who it is necessary to and why it is necessary.

Among the things that are generally held to be necessary are some sort of workable strike legislation, settlement of some sort for the milk control board, passage of a budget and many minor things that affect comparatively small sections of the state.

Some bills have been sent in on highway funds that would seriously curtail the income of the highway department, there are a few bills on educational matters, some to clarify the criminal code, and there will be many, many, many more.

The first vote that may be interpreted as a test of strength between the powers that elected Boivin as speaker and the lesser powers that opposed him was had Monday afternoon over a little detail of where a resolution should be sent. The vote was 36 to 22 with two absent and the speaker was upheld. It is practically safe to say that the house is reasonably conservative by about that count. There will be changes in the

personnel of the sides on other matters, of course, but the so-called conservatives will win on major issues if they are able to keep their battle lines intact.

A measure making a lieutenant governor is before the house. The people of Oregon have voted adversely on this subject four times in the past, but here it is again like death and taxes—but not nearly so sure.

The bill to permit erosion control districts will probably be ready for introduction this week and will be sponsored by the representatives of the districts interested. There should be little trouble about its passage.

The labor bills should have their first reading before the week is out and there will be several of them. Some drastic, some mild, and all will be violently opposed by the avowedly labor members.

While the session may appear to be slow getting under way it is as far along as usual at this time. Bills are coming each day and the committees are keeping up with their work in fairly good style. Ways and Means is always the committee that has the hardest work and is the slowest.

E. B. Wattenburger was in the city Saturday from Pine City on his way to Spray. The ground out his way was reported frozen but slightly and a good covering of snow was welcome. Feed on the creek was sufficient to see livestock through if the siege were not too prolonged, he believed.

## SHIPS HORSES, MULES.

Claude Derrick, horse and mule buyer now working this territory, reports shipping five carloads of animals from this county in the last few weeks. The last carload was shipped from Heppner Saturday.

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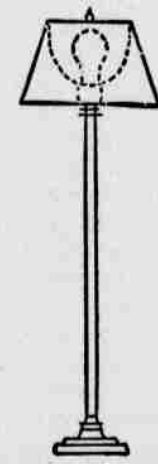
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