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Farmer Assistance Asked In Tax Reappraisal Program

Area Committees To Establish Local Land Values

Farmers will be asked to aid in setting land valuations in the county under a plan proposed by Morrow county assessor Mrs. Joseph Hughes and two men from the state tax commission, Edwin Walker, deputy assessor, and Lawrence Michael, commission field man. The proposal is part of the recently started tax reappraisal and equalization program for the county.

Walker said Wednesday that it is hoped that the county can be divided into districts approximately equaling the size of the nine PMA zones, and if possible it is hoped that the nucleus for a committee in each district can be formed from the PMA zone officers and member, however all residents of the districts are asked to participate.

The purpose of the plan is to arrive at new valuation figures for dry-land farm lands in the county. At the present time such land lying south of the baseline has been appraised at \$15 an acre, with lands north of that line being variously appraised at \$10, \$8 and \$6 depending on location and value. The assessor said that it had been known for several years that the appraisal figures were faulty, as some of the greatest, and most sustained wheat yields in the county have come from some of the lands appraised at low value. When the reappraisal is accomplished, the effect will be to raise evaluation on some of the previously low-valued lands, where it is justified, and probably to lower it on some of the former high-valuation acreage.

Farmer Help Asked

Walker spoke at Tuesday night's Farm Bureau meeting at Ione and explained the plan, and he reported that there was considerable interest shown in the proposal by those present at the meeting.

Walker said that as the plan progresses, the final valuation figures will not necessarily follow PMA zone lines, but that it was felt that by dividing the county into smaller areas, the farmers in those areas could get together more easily and work out what they felt was a fair evaluation of the various lands within each district. The PMA committees will be asked to serve only as a nucleus around which a special farmer's committee can be formed. After the individual committees have established such figures, they will be coordinated by the assessor's office and a new overall county land valuation base can be established.

The proposed plan is similar to one tried in Gilliam and other counties, which reportedly worked out very satisfactorily.

Work To Start Soon

Walker said that he will personally contact the various PMA zone chairmen and ask their aid in arranging local committees and meetings. It is hoped that most of the work by the committees can be completed within the next month or six weeks as work on setting up this year's tax rolls will start on March 15.

The nine PMA zones into which the county is divided are Boardman, Irrigon, Morgan, Alpine, Ione, North Heppner, South Heppner, and Eightmile.

CHILI SUPPER PLANNED SATURDAY

The annual Heppner P-TA chili supper is to be held at the Heppner school cafeteria Saturday from 5 to 7 o'clock. It was announced this week. It will precede the Ione-Heppner basketball game.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Glen Parsons and Kenneth Keeling, both employees of the Heppner Lumber company were injured last weekend near Walla Walla when their car collided with another on ice covered roads. Parsons was treated for an injured arm and cuts and bruises and Keeling suffered cuts about the head. Both were treated at a Walla Walla hospital and released.

The two men were returning from a business trip to Canada.

Date of Bloodmobile Visit Here Changed To February 8

The date for the Heppner visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile has been changed to Monday, Feb. 8, it was announced this week by Jack Edmondson, chairman for the following day, Feb. 9, but a conflict in schedules made the change necessary.

The Bloodmobile will be set up at the Methodist church, where it was held last year, and the time has tentatively been set for 1 to 5 p. m., though this may be changed, Edmondson said Wednesday.

Edmondson also said that he is endeavoring to get two special Red Cross films telling the story of the donated blood and how it is used, and he hopes to have them here next week so they can be shown at organization meetings wishing to see them.

Last year's drive obtained 121 pints of blood and it is hoped that figure can be exceeded in February.

Fancher to File For DA Position

Bradley D. Fancher, Morrow county district attorney, said Wednesday that he plans to run for the office again, and though his petition has not yet been filed, that he expects to have it in to the state next week.

Fancher has served as district attorney since October 1, 1949, when he was appointed by Governor Douglas McKay to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Curran, who had resigned. He was elected to the position in 1950 and has served a full term since that time.

Fancher came here from The Dalles, and last year joined with another Heppner attorney, P. W. Mahoney, in the law firm of Mahoney and Fancher.

The county clerk's office reported Wednesday that no one has yet filed for any of the three county offices in which terms expire this year. They are county judge, treasurer and assessor.

Filing deadline is March 12.

Heppner Boy Hurt In Head-on Wreck

Dean Graves, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves of Sand Hollow was hospitalized for several days last week following an auto accident on the Sand Hollow road south of the Graves ranch. He suffered a concussion and an injured leg, and a passenger in the other car, whose name is unknown, suffered an injured nose.

The Graves car and one driven by Floyd Rea, Walla Walla, collided head-on on the icy road last Thursday afternoon. Both cars were badly damaged. Rea was unhurt.



RALPH L. BENGE, well-known retired Heppner rancher who last Saturday celebrated his 90th birthday with a family party at his home. Mr. Bengel, who was Morrow county judge from 1926 to 1930, came to this area over 75 years ago, and has been a rancher here until his retirement several years ago. He is in excellent health, which he attributes to his philosophy of "Never worry." (Photo by Alex Thompson)

Farm Bureau Talks Water Resources, Meat Grading

More than 100 persons attended the Morrow County Farm Bureau meeting Tuesday at Willow Grange hall in Ione to hear Bureau livestock chairman, Bill Weatherford report on the state meat conference and representative Allen Tom discuss the coming public hearing of the state Water Resources committee at Arlington.

Tom announced the public hearing will be held at the Arlington grade school gym, Feb. 15 at 1 p. m., and said there are seven questions which the people of the state are being asked to consider and prepare statements on it to be presented at one of the various hearings.

The questions are: (1) The water resources act charges the committee with making specific recommendations regarding the formulation of a state-wide coordinated system of water resources development. How can this best be done? (2) Should the state be authorized to assist in technical and financial assistance in the development of water resources? If so, how? (3) What should be done relative to protection of ground water resources? (4) How should the state provide for minimum stream flow during dry seasons to protect fish life and public health? (5) What are the local problems in connection with water resources? (6) What Oregon streams are over-appropriated and what should be done to protect supplies for future development? (7) What provisions should be made for recreation, sports fishing and commercial fishing in the development of Oregon's water resources?

A committee to study the questions was set up at the meeting and it will meet at the Garland Swanson home Feb. 4 at 8 p. m., it was announced. Members of the committee are Kenneth Smouse, Kenneth Peck, John Wightman and Irvin Rauch.

Tom also spoke briefly on the northwest power situation and urged residents to give the problem careful study.

Meat Conference Report

Weatherford told the group of the state meat conference which he, Orville Cutsforth and N. C. Anderson recently attended and he gave figures which he had worked out and presented at the meeting on the margin of profit made on meat by packers and retailers. He said his figures did not bear out the statements by packers that they are losing money. He also said that on the whole, consumers are satisfied with meat supply but would like a better system of grading.

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LIONS CLUB PROMOTORS are shown following their organizational meeting last Thursday evening at O'Donnell's cafe. Left to right is Morris Kennedy, extension chairman of the Pendleton Lions club; Jack Cooper, special representative for Lions International, Victoria, B. C.; Loyal Parker, temporary secretary of the Heppner club; Cy Perkins, Hood River, district governor; and Lowell Gribble, Heppner, temporary president of the newly formed club.



NOT A STRIP-TEASE, but a March of Dimes benefit auction resulted in these two visiting Lions losing their shirts at the organizational meeting of a new Heppner Lions club last Thursday. Arlo Fjelland, center, president of the Pendleton club went through the same ordeal a week previously at his home club, though there he lost his pants and had to leave the meeting in a barrel. The other shirt-less Lion is Cy Perkins of Hood River. The auctioneer was John Ernsdorff, who is shown, right, depositing the \$40 raised during the funfest in a March of Dimes container. (GT Photos)

New Heppner Lions Club Is Organized Thursday

A new Heppner Lions club was formed last Thursday evening following a dinner at O'Donnell's cafe and temporary officers were named to lead the group until it receives its charter and a regular election can be held. Lowell Gribble was named temporary president and Loyal Parker temporary secretary-treasurer.

The new Heppner club was organized under the sponsorship of the Pendleton club and many of its officers and members were present at Thursday's night dinner to help make arrangements. Also here was Jack Cooper, Victoria, B. C., special representative for Lions International and Cy Perkins, Hood River, who is Lions district governor. Included among the delegation from the Pendleton club were Arlo Fjelland, president, William Scharn, Morris Kennedy, extension chairman, John Parker and Robert Vogel.

Among the charter members taken into the new organization during the meeting were Gribble, Parker, John Ernsdorff, Jeff Carter, Ed Gony, Robert Penland, Bill Farra, Roscoe Kelly, Malcolm O'Brien, C. J. D. Bauman, and Russell O'Donnell. The Pendleton officers said there were several other Heppner men who had indicated a desire to join the club, but were unable to attend the first meeting.

It is tentatively planned to hold evening meetings, probably twice a month, but a definite schedule has not yet been worked out, the new president announced. A charter night is also planned for the near future, but a definite date has not yet been set.

Heppner at one time had a Lions club, but it was discontinued in the early 1940s and many of its activities were taken over by the chamber of commerce.

Twice-Cancelled School Meeting Now Set for Next Tuesday

The meeting of the Heppner school board, which was announced last week for Tuesday evening, was postponed until next Thursday, Feb. 2, H. C. Reed, Heppner school superintendent announced today.

The meeting had originally been set for last Thursday, but A. L. Beck and Stewart Tuft, state department of education executive and architect who were to be here for the meeting, were unable to get up the Columbia river highway because of road conditions at that time, so that meeting was postponed until last Tuesday.

Later it was found that a conflict in schedules prevented the two men from making the trip early this week so they will try again to be present to discuss the site and building program next Tuesday. The meeting will be at the school at 8 p. m.

Guns Stolen From Local Hardware Store

The Gilliam and Bisbee hardware store was broken into sometime last Thursday night or early Friday morning, police report, and the burglars removed three guns and a quantity of ammunition from the store. Entrance was gained by breaking a back window in the building.

A check showed that only two rifles and one pistol and several boxes of shells were missing.

Heppner UO Student Gets ROTC Post

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Robert Allen Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bennett of Heppner, has been appointed cadet major on the University of Oregon Army ROTC staff.

The cadet staff is in charge of compiling and executing the drill programs for their units. Bennett, a senior in business at the university, is a graduate of Heppner high school.

6-DAY MAIL SERVICE GOES INTO EFFECT HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Chamber of Commerce to File Formal Protest Against Restriction

Heppner, Lexington and Ione's soon-to-be-restricted mail service came in for considerable discussion Monday noon at the chamber of commerce meeting when local postmaster, James Driscoll explained the postal departments reasons behind the change in service.

Starting Sunday, Jan. 31, there will be no Sunday delivery or dispatch of mail. Previously all Willow creek towns have received and dispatched mail every day of the year. All national holidays are also excluded in the new post office plan.

Driscoll explained that the reduction in mail service to towns lying off the main rail lines, is part of a nation-wide plan to reduce expenses in the post office department. He also said that it had been proposed for this area previously, but at that time he had been able to convince postal officials that the seven day service was needed and used here.

New Mail Contract

Driscoll also announced that Orville Gentry had been awarded the new contract to carry mail between Heppner and Arlington, stating that his bid was the lowest of the four persons entering bids for the route. Flatt's Truck service has held the mail contract for several years, but that it was forced to ask for a cancellation of its contract because it was not able to make the run

at a profit. It was disclosed that some of the reason for this was that Flatt also handles freight and express for the Union Pacific and because of conflicting train schedules into and out of Arlington, the company was forced to run two trucks to handle the mail and other shipments, whereas one truck could easily serve the area if schedules would coincide.

Flatt rebid for the contract, but Gentry's bid was lower which resulted in him being awarded the bid. Manuel Easter and James J. Farley also submitted bids for the mail haul contract.

The chamber has had a committee investigating the mail restriction since it was first announced several weeks ago, and at the Monday meeting the group voted to order the committee to prepare a formal objection to the change and send copies of the resolution to the post office department and to representatives and senators. It is also planned to ask the support of other organizations in the area in filing protests.

The new restrictions will mean that no mail will be received in this area on Sundays and holidays, nor will any be dispatched on those days. Previously it has been possible to get Sunday-received mail from post office boxes on those days. No mail will leave Heppner for the outside between 6 p. m. Saturday and 6 p. m. Monday, nor on holidays.

Post Office Closed Sunday

Driscoll said Wednesday that starting Sunday the post office lobby will be closed all day Sundays. In the past, though the windows have not been open, residents have been able to get their mail from the boxes at any time.

Gentry took over the hauling contract this morning (Thursday) and Flatt made his last trip to Arlington Wednesday night.

Condon Area Mail Service Cut To 5-Day Week. A further indication of how the new restrictions will affect mail delivery and receipts from nearby areas was revealed Wednesday when the new postal dispatching schedule was received at the Heppner post office. It can under certain conditions cut mail service between Heppner and Condon, Fossil, Kinzua, Spray and other communities in that area to three days a week.

The new order stipulates that pouches will be exchanged between the above mentioned towns five times a week, but not on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays or the day before holidays.

An example of what this will mean can be illustrated on the next national holiday, Monday, February 22. Mail for Condon, for example, which is deposited in the Heppner post office on Friday night, February 19, will not leave this office until Tuesday night, Feb. 23, and will not be delivered in Condon until Wednesday, February 24. It will lay-over in the Heppner office for four days before being dispatched.

There is also a large group of telephone monitors working for the March of Dimes, each of whom telephones all residents of their area. They include: Mrs. Zoe Bauernfiend, Morgan; Mrs. George Curran, Butter-creek; Mrs. Dallas Craber, Hinton creek; Mrs. Sam Turner, Sand Hollow; Mrs. Dee Cox, Blackhorse; Mrs. Freida Slocum, upper Rhea creek; Mrs. Ed. Albert, Hardman; and Mrs. Elsa Leathers, Ruggs.

The Morrow county drive has shown good results, according to reports, but 50 percent more money is needed this year than previously due to the added expense of manufacturing Gamma Globulin, a polio serum.

This is the third year the Mother's March has been carried on, and the past two years' drives resulted in considerable additional money being raised for the fund.

Drive chairmen in other sections of the county are: Mrs. Robert Davidson, Lexington; Mrs. Robert Jepson and Mrs. Elmer Holtz, Ione; and Mrs. Gene Inskip, Irrigon.

The Mothers' March on Polio will be held in Heppner tonight (Thursday) as one of the last big fund-raising projects of the current March of Dimes campaign. The Heppner Boy Scouts will do the soliciting.

Residents who wish to aid the fund during this special drive are asked to leave their porch lights on between 7 and 8 o'clock tonight, it will indicate that the resident has a donation to make. The Scouts will stop at only those houses where the light is showing. Mrs. Jack Loyd, Heppner chairman of the Mother's March, also asked that anyone who is missed who wishes to donate, if they will phone 6-9487 someone will call for their donation.

Even Lexington and Ione felt the breath of winter for a much longer time than did Heppner, and as late as Wednesday, the roads in the Cecil area and along the Columbia were still covered with snow and ice.

The thaw locally removed nearly all traces of snow and ice from the ground within 12 hours, and while there has been a few snow showers during the week, none lasted for more than a short time. Rains have fallen at various times.

The cold front, which sent temperatures down to 4 below here, continued to hang in the Columbia basin and to the north though there were indications that a break was also in sight for that section. Heavy snows blanketed many valley areas during most of the week.

The weather gods definitely had the immediate Heppner area under their wings this week, for while most of the rest of the state was getting a continued dose of winter that piled up drifts of snow higher and higher—even in the Willamette valley, local residents basked in comparatively warm weather practically free from snow and ice.

The about face in the weather came around noon last Thursday, when for about two hours a cold front and a warm front fought a battle which nearly confounded anyone who was watching the thermometer go through its gyrations. During that period the mercury went up from 12 degrees to about 42, then dropped to 10 in some spots within a few minutes, only to jump up again to 40 where it finally

WEATHERMAN SMILES ON HEPPNER AS OTHER SECTIONS GET MORE SNOW, ICE