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**DONALD E. PETERSON**, Ione, who last week was named Morrow county Conservation Man of the Year, is shown standing beside one of the two ponds he has developed for irrigation and stock water on his ranch at Eightmile. His continuing use of many better farming practices won the title for him. Peterson's son Kerry, 5, shown with him, was more interested in the pond than in the photographer when this photo was taken. (Photo by Tom Wilson)

## Welfare Aid Drops in County Report Reveals

Total expenditures of the Morrow County Public Welfare Commission for 1954-55 were \$1,763,30 less than the previous fiscal year, according to the annual budget report which was approved at a meeting of the commission last week.

Overall expenditures for the 54-55 period totalled \$65,455.98 with the total average cost per case figured at approximately \$979.40. This puts the reduction in total expenditures in its proper perspective as it would represent an estimated margin for a possible overall increase of less than two cases for the year, Ray Myrick, Jr., administrator, pointed out.

Largest expense item was for old age assistance totaling \$43,250.77. Other aid costs were for dependent children, \$4,145.00; permanently and totally disabled, \$4,322.00; blind, \$263.00; general assistance, including foster care, \$1,355.53; all medical care, \$4,010.95 and for administration, \$8,108.73.

Allocation of funds showed \$9,627.31 received from the county, \$28,173.96 from the state and \$27,654.71 from the federal government. Breakdowns showed administrative costs to be the only item supported only by federal funds of \$2,398.52 and state funds of \$5,710.21 without county assistance.

For each category the average monthly caseload was 58.75 or nearly 59 persons, for old age assistance; 4.5 for aid to dependent children 3.58 permanently and totally disabled cases and .35 for aid to the blind.

A decrease of \$2,850.23 in old age assistance payments, compared to 1953-54, was substantially offset by increases of \$1,488.78 for medical care and \$783 for aid to the permanently and totally disabled over last year, Myrick explained. The expenditures for medical care are supplemental to the maintenance programs and represent the total amount expended.

## Boy Badly Burned In Woodpile Blaze

Larry Bellenbrock, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bellenbrock, is recovering from severe burns on his face, right arm and ankles in a narrow escape from a woodpile fire which he set while playing with small friends Friday afternoon on the Stephen Thompson ranch where the Bellenbrocks reside.

Trapped in a play fort on one end of the wood pile when the entrance became ablaze, Larry was rescued by his mother and a visiting friend, Mrs. Creston Robinson, who tore out the posts on the outside of the "fort" after the other children ran to the house to report the fire.

Body burns were from the intense heat only as the flames had not yet reached the boy who was crouched in the rear of the play tunnel.

About four cords of wood and twenty acres of range were burned in the blaze which was put out by volunteers who responded after a call was made to the city fire department by Mrs. Ned Sweet, also visiting at the Bellenbrock home at the time. City fire trucks were not allowed to drive to the fire because of city ordinances prohibiting the equipment from leaving the city limits.

## Frank Papineau Hurt Seriously in Wreck

Frank Papineau, 74, suffered serious injuries last Sunday afternoon when the car in which he was riding struck a bridge abutment on highway 207 near Hermiston. He was taken to the Good Shepherd hospital at Hermiston where his condition was at first described as critical.

With Papineau was Elvin L. Rex of Heppner who suffered only minor hurts, according to reports. Conflicting stories of the accident failed to identify the driver of the car.

Papineau is reported to have suffered possible internal injuries, a broken nose, shock and contusions.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig have as their guests, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Koenig of Salem, who arrived Monday for a visit.

## Valuations Up In County, Report Shows

Total county valuation has increased \$968,341 and the general county millage has decreased 2 mills following the recently completed reappraisal program, Harry Dinges, county assessor, reported this week.

Assessments reports show a total county valuation of \$14,378,681 for 1955 compared with \$13,410,340 for last year and a county millage of 18.3 this year compared with 18.5 in 1954.

Regular school district millage increased to 37.3 in 1955 compared to 30.8 last year. Comparison of city tax millages showed Heppner 11.6 mills this year and 11.5 in 1954; Lexington, 21.2 this year and 23.5 in 1954; Ione, 5.5 and 6.1 in 1954; Boardman, 37.6 this year and 29.7 in 1954. Special city taxes in Heppner increased one mill for the city park for a total of 11 mills this year and at Ione remained 10 mills for both years.

Lowest total county millage by code was 55.6 mills for O1 district, a school district located in the timbered area, compared to 49.3 in 1954. Highest was in the city of Boardman with 108.6 compared with 94.5 in 1954. The increase in Boardman was attributed to lowered valuations in the reappraisal program automatically resulting in higher millages and taxes, it was pointed out.

Total millage in Heppner increased from 73.8 mills last year to 85.3 with the 4.1 mills on school bonds, one mill park levy, rural school budget and cemetery taxes included in the new figure. At Ione millages raised from 74.7 to 81.9 this year and at Lexington from 69.8 to 76.8 this year.

A new special school levy of 4.1 mills was reported at Heppner for the new elementary school bond issue. At Ione a bond issue of 2.9 mills was levied to raise \$9,999.54 in order to bring the district in line with the rural school budget. Ione was the only district to run behind on their budget when they entered the rural school district budget at its instigation, it was pointed out. In addition to regular school bonds of 7.9 mills the school levy at Ione totals 10.8 which compared with 9.3 last year. Boardman school levies are 12.4 mills or one mill less than last year and at Ione 6.3 mills compared to 5.8 last year.

New school buildings have been built or are under construction with bond issues at Irrigon, Ione, Heppner and Boardman, it was explained. Since all these schools have been brought up to standard by the new construction their millages are expected to have reached their peak this year for some time, it was explained. The rural school budget increased \$116,281.12 this year to a total of \$500,121.12 compared to \$383,840 in 1954.

Other special levies include three mills each for cemetery districts at Heppner and Boardman and .071 for the state forest fire patrol.

## Lexington Church To Vote on New Pastor

Members of the Lexington Church of Christ and Congregational church will vote Sunday August 14 following the morning services on whether to extend a call to Norman Northrup of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Northrup were guests of the church last Sunday and Mr. Northrup was the guest speaker. The pulp committee returned a favorable report Monday evening at its business meeting.

If accepted, Mr. Northrup will replace Rev. Lewis Wetzel who resigned, effective the end of August.

## James Laney Injured When Car Overtakes

James Laney, 17, Lexington, received injuries to his face and hands when he demolished his '47 Ford coupe when it turned over in loose gravel on a curve on the Clark's Canyon road en route to Lexington Friday at 9:30 p. m. Laney has been working in the wheat harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell have returned from a week's vacation at Priest Lake, Idaho.

## Ione's Princess Dance For Carolyn Crabtree



Princess Carolyn Crabtree

Princess Carolyn Crabtree, Ione, will be honored at the fourth of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo princess dances Saturday night, August 13 at the American Legion hall, Ione. The dance, the first of a series of royal court dances preceding the annual county show, Sept. 1-4, is sponsored by the Ione Willows Grange.

A senior at Ione high school next term, Princess Carolyn, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree. A slender 5 foot, 4 inch blonde with blue eyes, she is secretary-treasurer of the student body and secretary to the high school superintendent. Born at Salem, she entered her sophomore year at Ione after graduating from Parrish junior high, Salem, where she was a member of the

glee club and librarian. Princess Carolyn, who is a member of the Heppner Wranglers, will ride her Palomino, "Lady", which she recently purchased, during the rodeo. In addition she has a horse, "Babe" which she has owned for five years. Along with riding, dancing is among her favorite hobbies. Sharing her excitement in her role as princess are a brother Ronald 9, a sister, Sharon, 11, and her aunt, Mrs. Archie Munkers, who was queen of the rodeo in 1934 and is this year's chaperone of the royal court.

Other court members are Queen Carol Ann Wigglesworth, Echo, and princesses Marilyn Munkers, Lexington, Betty Olmstead, Boardman and Sharon Rill, Heppner.

## SECOND WRESTLING BOUT, TRAMPOLIN ACT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20

A group of well known wrestlers and a three member trampoline group from Seattle have been signed to put on the second of two special rodeo field lighting fund benefit performers Saturday night, August 20, it was announced today by Jack Loyd, chamber of commerce committee chairman in charge of the promotion. Signed for the wrestling bouts are Doug Donovan, Henry Lentz, Jack Kaiser and Jon Arjon, all light-weights. Donovan wrestled here last month during the first match.

An added attraction will be a special 15 minute trampoline act which will be put on by a nation-

ally publicized team from Seattle. This type of acrobatic performance has received considerable attention recently as a result of several appearances on well known television shows. The group to appear here have recently been presented in some of the top supper clubs on the coast.

Wrestling scheduled is two 15-minute one round preliminaries and one hour, best two out of three fall, tag team match. The bouts will be presented under the lights at the Heppner rodeo field starting at 8:30 p. m. following the dress-up parade and ahead of the Queen's dance scheduled for later in the evening at the fair pavilion.

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS PAID IN COUNTY SHOW 37% INCREASE

In Morrow county at the end of last year 85 retired workers were receiving \$4,393.00 in monthly social security payments, according to figures just released by Vernon A. Welo, Social Security administration district manager in La Grande.

In addition to the retired workers themselves, 57 people were receiving 2,233.00 a month as dependents of aged workers or as survivors of those who had died.

These amounts represent an increase of 37 percent over the benefits being paid at the end of 1953, Welo pointed out, due primarily to the 1954 amendments to the social security law, which increased all benefits.

One of the changes in the law made it possible for the first time for the survivors of some workers who died after 1939 and before September 1950 to qualify for payments.

Beginning in September 1954 he amendments permit the "dropping out" of up to 5 years of lowest earnings in figuring the worker's average monthly wage. This has the effect of increasing the average earnings, from which the monthly payments are figured.

Other improvements in the law did not go into effect until the first day of 1955; although these changes had not affected the payments that were being made at

the end of 1954, they will contribute to further increases in the total amount of benefits payable in Morrow county during the year. Among amendments that went into effect on the first of the year, one changes the rules for receiving payments while the beneficiary is working, one extends coverage to many kinds of work that did not count toward social security benefits before 1955, and another increases the maximum amount of annual earnings creditable toward benefits from \$3,600 to \$4,200.

A major change made by the 1954 Amendments was provision of a method by which totally disabled workers can protect their future benefit rights by "freezing" their social security wage records while they are disabled. This can increase the payments now being made to many people who are already 65 but were disabled for a considerable period before they reached 65.

Children made up a large group of beneficiaries; 28 of them were receiving \$1,212.00 in benefits at the end of the year. Most of these were children of younger workers who had died, but some were children of retired workers.

Miss Joyce Buschke and Miss Alice Hastings left Sunday for a week's vacation near Kalispell, Mont.

## Use of New School Building Expected By Opening Date

The new Heppner grade school building probably will be ready for occupancy by the opening of school, it was revealed this week by representatives of Simonton and Steele, Portland contractors who are building the new structure.

Every effort is being made to have the classrooms ready for use by the time school opens, though it is not expected to have the entire building completed, it was indicated. Workmen are now concentrating on the classrooms and other necessary facilities with the hope that they can be ready for the children by September 6. The multipurpose room, offices and other finishing work will be completed after the school is opened for use, but work on these rooms will not keep the school district from using the classrooms, it was pointed out.

When completed the building will house 19 classrooms and will add many other badly needed school facilities. Work was started on the building early last spring.

The school board, meeting last week, is attempting to fill three vacancies in the teaching staff, and expressed the hope that all teachers would be hired by this weekend. One position, that of 5th grade teacher, was thought filled last week, but Joe H. Stewart, new superintendent received word this week that the teacher who had been expected to fill the job had accepted other employment. The other two positions vacant are girls physical education instructor and a fifth grade teacher to replace Mrs. Mildred Hoberg who resigned recently. Stewart has been in the valley this week attempting to find teachers.

The board awarded Dick's Richfield Service the contract for bus gas, oil, tires and accessories and Rosewall Motor company was awarded the contract for labor, parts and towing service on district buses.

The board also announced that high school physical education will be mandatory for the first two years and optional for juniors and seniors. In the past state law required the taking of PE by all students, but the law was changed by the last legislature, leaving the decision up to the local board.

## Weekend Weather Sends Mercury to 96

Temperatures climbed again over last weekend after a cool air mass over this section of the state had held the mercury down in the comfortable low 80s earlier last week. The highest recorded at the Heppner weather station during the past week was 96 on Saturday. The hot temperature was accompanied by a high humidity which convinced nearly all persons who could get away that the mountains were the place to spend the weekend.

Sunday's high of 94 was nearly as hot as the previous day but the air had dried considerably making the heat much more bearable.

Maximum temperatures by days were: Friday, 91, Saturday 96, Sunday 94, Monday 83, Tuesday 85.

The weatherman forecasts continued warm weather.

## Graveling of Bombing Range Road Complete

County road crews last week completed the graveling and grading of the bombing range road connecting the north and south ends of the county. The road has been passable for some time but crews finishing the work say it is now in excellent condition. It shortens the distance between Heppner and Boardman by nearly 20 miles.

## MRS. JOE GAARSLAND INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Mrs. Joe Gaarsland of Ione suffered back injuries and bruises when her car left the highway about five miles west of Heppner at 11 p. m. Tuesday. She was taken to the Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment.

According to the accident report, Mrs. Gaarsland fell asleep at the wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elide and family left this week for Moses Lake to make their home.

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Monday, August 15)

## LAST QUARTER TAXES DUE NEXT MONDAY

Deadline for payment of fourth quarter real and personal property taxes is Monday, August 15, the sheriff's office announced this week.

Mrs. Clayton Beaver and children, Portland, visited in Heppner over the weekend.