

TAXES IN COUNTY AT HIGHER LEVEL

Taxes in Morrow county show a total increase over last year of \$246,589.00 according to figures released by Harry Dinges, county assessor, this week. The total amount to be collected on the 1960-61 tax rolls is \$3,298,995 compared to \$3,052,406 last year.

Funds for operation of the Port of Morrow was organized at the last election and the first budget for its operation is included on the present tax rolls. The budget is for \$32,095.00 and adds 2.3 mills to the tax.

On the increased budget the school use percentage is less than three mills more than last year; 66.6 percent of the total budget last year went for schools; 69.2 percent this year.

Taxes for different communities of the county vary, mostly because of the school re-organization and adjustments involved. Last year's school budget passed too late to get these adjustments on the tax rolls so the effect is felt this year for the first time. Robert Van Houte, superintendent of schools, said, "Many adjustments in school tax levies were necessary because the requirements in the county unit law made it mandatory for adjustments to be made between former school districts entering the county unit with buildings and other assets and some districts entering with little or no assets or buildings."

Major communities of the county show these comparisons with taxes levied this year and for the 1959-60 tax year:

Heppner, 115 mills this year against 98.6 mills last year. A total of 63.4 mills or 55 percent of the total goes to schools.

Lexington, 90.1 mills this year; 69.1 last year. Of this, 61.1 mills or about 68 percent, is for schools.

Ione, 105.7 mills this year; 90.1 last year; 65.8 mills for operations of schools, or 62 percent.

Irrigon, 79.6 mills this year; 78.4 mills last year, 49.8 mills or 62 percent for schools.

Boardman 110.7 mills this year; 100 last year. 64.2 mills for schools, or 58 percent.

Cecil, Willows, Buttercreek and Hardman, those tax districts which brought the least assets to the county unit, are paying proportionately larger taxes for schools. Buttercreek, Willows and Cecil are paying 74 percent; Hardman 73 percent.

Heppner Budget \$34,784

The Heppner city tax is \$34,784.00, the total budget to operate all city services. This represents 26.8 mills. Heppner cemetery tax, which includes those in surrounding area as well as the city proper, is 2 mills, to raise \$9,080.00. Heppner rural fire district budget is \$6,360.00, adding 3.5 mills for those in the rural fire district. This also was voted since the last election and is new on the tax rolls.

Morrow county budget for operation of the county services this year is only \$8,961.00 over last year's budget, with a total of \$286,065.00.

Statements have been mailed taxpayers of the county by the middle of this week, the assessor said.

Evaluation last year was \$13,785,283.00 and this year it is \$13,954,426.00.

Methodist Minister In Pendleton Hospital

The Rev. Austin McGhee, pastor of the Methodist church, is recuperating at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following surgery Monday morning. He is expected to be in the hospital about ten days.

Last Sunday services at the Methodist church were in charge of the Rev. Fletcher Forster, Pendleton, former pastor here. The services next Sunday will be conducted by Mrs. McGhee and guest ministers will fill the pulpit until Rev. McGhee has recovered.

Wagenblast Fills Conservation Post

Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington, Heppner soil conservation district supervisor, has been appointed chairman of the committee on education of the Oregon state conservation districts, it was announced this week.

His duties will consist of promoting understanding of the soil conservation district activities within the state and of promoting soil and water conservation.

This is the first time a supervisor from the Heppner district has been appointed to a state office, according to Ralph Richards, conservationist.

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Many Attend District 20 Rebekah Meet

Approximately 80 women representing 14 lodges attended the thirty-ninth annual Rebekah convention for District 20 of the Rebekah lodge here Tuesday. The convention was held at the L.O.O.F. hall.

Dignitaries attending the district meet included Mrs. Loretta Emerson, Richland, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon; Selma Watkins, Wasco, warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon; Ruth Burnett, Milton-Freewater, conductor of the Assembly of Oregon; and Hazel Wainscott, Madras, chairman of the sustaining perpetual membership fund.

The all-day session, which started at 10:00 a.m., was followed by a 6:30 dinner in the lodge hall for members and their families of Sans Souci lodge and a special meeting at 8:00 when the state president made her official visit to the local lodge.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Emerson made her official visit to Mistletoe Rebekah No. 25 at Hardman and that evening to Bunchgrass Rebekah No. 91 at Ione.

Teachers Attend Meetings

Heppner elementary school teachers will take in two meetings this Saturday in opposite ends of the state.

Velva Bechtold, third grade instructor and Marguerite Glavey, fifth grade, will attend a classroom teacher's meeting in Eugene. Lucille Brown, first grade teacher and Arolene Laird, special education instructor, will be in La Grande for an American school curriculum development society meeting.

Ferne Albert Reigns As Gridiron Queen

Mustangs Take Burns, 44 to 13

By NEAL PENLAND
Ferne Albert, a Heppner High school senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen at the festivities Friday night at Heppner High. The Heppner Mustangs swamped the Burns Highlanders with a 44 to 13 victory at this last home game of the season.

Queen Ferne and her court were introduced at the half-time activities of the game. The five girls making up the court were driven into the field in an open convertible, then introduced to the crowd and the announcement made of selection of the queen. Princesses were Lydia Van Houte, Diane McCurdy, Mary Slocum and Libby Van Scholack.

Co-captains Dan Brosnan and Neal Penland presented the girls with corsages. The Heppner High School band formed a crown on the field in honor of the queen and put on an extensive half-time show for her.

Following the exciting game Queen Ferne led the grand entrance march at the high school gym. School colors of blue and gold were used for decorations of the gym. Music was provided by the high school dance band under the direction of Dennis Campbell.

Heppner opened the football game fast. The first time the Mustang squad got their hands on the ball they marched 72 yards in seven plays with right half-back Jim Steagall going the final 12 yards. Left half-back Dan Brosnan went off right guard for the extra point.

The second quarter saw the Horsemen rack up 19 more points. The Mustangs second TD came when fullback Neal Penland swept left end for five yards and the score. Penland also made the PAT on a right end sweep. After the kickoff Heppner held

NOT THIS JONES

D. H. Jones Jr., Heppner, who works for Kinzua Corp., has asked us to announce that he is not the Dee Jones whose name appeared in last week's court news.

Conservationists Discuss Problems At Area Panel

Ways of getting acceptance, recognition and support of the soil conservation district program of rural and urban people was the topic of a panel discussion as a part of the program for the area workshop of soil conservation district supervisors held in Heppner last Wednesday.

During the discussion, stress was laid on the need for acquainting everyone, including civic organizations with what soil conservation districts are, their problems, how they are operated, and what can be done.

The panel was moderated by Gene Lear, state extension agent, Oregon State College, and participated in by District Supervisors Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington; Elroy McDole, Ordance; and Bill Etter, Pendleton; Hadley Akins, representing the U. S. National Bank, Pendleton; Ernest J. Kirsch, county extension agent from Condon; and Edgar Bauman, soil conservation service, Pendleton. Nels Anderson, Morrow county agent, and his staff were hosts to the group.

During the day, 34 supervisors and friends of soil conservation, representing the Boardman, Gilliam, Heppner, Mid-State, Southern Umatilla and West Umatilla soil conservation districts, the state soil conservation committee, and various other agencies, discussed needs and accomplishments of districts.

Boy Scout Fund Raising Drive Planned

An organizational meeting to plan a finance campaign for the local scouting program was held Monday night at the Robert Abrams home. Bob Lamont, Blue Mountain scout executive from Walla Walla, took part in the meeting and outlined possible plans for the campaign.

A tentative date of Nov. 21 was chosen for a one-day drive, which will cover the whole area to raise funds for the scout work.

The scout program started here last month with 33 Cub scout carryovers from last year. Sixteen new members are anticipated in the Cub scout age bracket. There are 15 regular scouts in the program at present.

Abrams will serve as finance campaign chairman. He is also a member of the council executive committee for the Blue Mountain council. Others taking part in planning for the fund raising drive are Avery Taylor, scoutmaster of Troop 83; Ralph Richmond, last year's cub pack master; Gene Pierce, Bill Swert, Earl Ayres and Vic Krelmeyer.

There is no sponsoring organization so the drive will be done on an individual volunteer basis.

Further plans for the campaign will be made at a meeting scheduled for Nov. 7.

Mike Gray Recovering From Auto Accident

Mike Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray, Heppner, is able to return to his classes at the Pendleton Technical Institute following injury in an auto accident Oct. 15.

Gray and two companions had started out to hunt. He went to sleep while driving about 4:00 a.m. and ran off the road 16 miles south of Heppner on the Willow creek road. The car came to rest right side up down a 25 foot grade among a bunch of trees. Gray was taken by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial hospital where it was determined he had suffered a compound fracture of the lower jaw. He was later transferred to a Pendleton hospital.

The passengers in the car, Bob Burgess, Pasco and Marion Biddle, Heppner high school senior, were uninjured. The car was badly damaged.

Gray is a 1960 graduate of Heppner high school.

School Program Being Evaluated

Lyle Riggs, Salem, state supervisor for elementary schools, is in Morrow county this week visiting the Irrigon, Lexington and Ione schools. He is evaluating the program being offered students in these schools for the State Department of Education.

Riggs is a former Ione teacher and has many friends in the Ione area.

Heppner elementary school was inspected and declared standard some time ago.

Popular Assembly Held At School

One of the most popular assemblies of the year was held at Heppner high school last Friday when Mr. and Mrs. Joss Wind, of Holland, appeared in a national school assembly. Mrs. Wind did a Hungarian dance. He did impersonations of well-known American singers and entertainers.

The program met with full approval of the audience, made up of students from the sixth through twelfth grades.

MARINE RECRUITER HERE NOV. 1

Staff Sergeant Clifford Colby, the Marine Corps recruiter for this area, will be in Heppner on November 1 and may be reached at the post office from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

School Kids Pose For Photog

Individual pictures were taken of all students at the Heppner schools this week by Ray Buteau, Yorkima.

High school students posed on Tuesday and elementary school students on Wednesday.

The pictures are used with school records and are taken without cost to either the parents or the school. Those students who wish to order copies are charged a nominal price after they have seen the prints.

Civic League Rummage Sale Big Success

More than \$550 was raised by members of the Heppner Civic League at their rummage sale last weekend according to co-chairmen, Mrs. Jim Prock and Mrs. Marion Green. The money is used to operate the kindergarten where 36 pupils attend two sessions a day in the George house.

The amount raised makes this one of the most successful sales held in recent years. All members of the Civic League helped with the work involved and said they wished to express thanks to the general public for helping make the sale such a success.

The rummage sales are a semi-annual event and are the only means of raising money for operation of the kindergarten since it was organized about ten years ago.

County OEA Holds Initial Gathering At Irrigon

Oregon Education Association of Morrow County held its first meeting of the year at the Irrigon school Monday night. Committees for the year were announced and met during the evening to outline the year's work.

The county organization meeting is held once in each school community during the year. Present schedule calls for a Nov. 21 meeting at Boardman, Feb. 27 at Heppner, March 27 at Lexington, and April 29 at Ione.

The membership has a dinner put on by the host school, a business meeting, and a program.

The program at the Irrigon meeting consisted of talks by Ben Musa, Democrat, state senator who is running for re-election; state representative Frank Weatherford, Democrat, and his Republican opponent, Paulen Kaseberg.

Committee chairmen announced for the year at the meeting are: budget, Gladys Bly, chairman; legislative, Joe Hausler, chairman; public relations, Clifford Williams, chairman; economic welfare, Bob Strutz, chairman; membership, Elsie Gugle, chairman; teacher educational and professional standards, Lucille Peck, chairman; ethics and personal policy, Arolene Laird, chairman; fair, Llewellyn Robbins, chairman.

Officers of the organization are Ronald Black, Boardman, president; Joe Hausler, Ione, first vice president; Juanita Carmichael, Lexington, second vice president; Helen Stitzel, Boardman, secretary; and Kathryn Hoskins, Heppner, treasurer.

Grass Fire At Wightman's

Heppner rural fire truck responded to a call to the John Wightman ranch at 5:25 last evening. A small spot of fire had been fanned into a few-acre blaze by the high wind blowing at the time.

The fire was south of the Kinzua mill. Firemen soon had it under control and had checked back in to the station within 35 minutes.

Origin of the fire has not been determined.

Russell Miller Dies Of Heart Attack

Morrow county commissioner Russell K. Miller, 51, Boardman, died Saturday at The Dalles hospital, where he was taken following a severe heart attack at his home Oct. 18. Services were conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Wooten, pastor of the Boardman Community Church, Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Boardman school gymnasium.

Mr. Miller took office as Morrow County Commissioner in January, 1949 and had held the office continuously since that date. He was instrumental in helping weld the two parts of Morrow county into one successfully functioning unit and took a broad view of the interests of the county as a whole. He was a member of the court which pulled

the county together at a time it was ready to split apart. He was instrumental in obtaining roads for the north end of Morrow, and in resource development of timber and water. He promoted the North Morrow County Fair being included on the tax rolls of the county and helped in building the only hospital in the county.

Mr. Miller was active in the Greenfield Grange No. 579 at Boardman and had held an office for several years. He was an elder of the Boardman Community Church and a member of E.P.O.E. No. 358.

He was born in Beggs, Oklahoma, April 18, 1909 to Frank and Effie Miller. The family came to Morrow county in 1936 and lived at Ione. He was married to Hazel Akers on January 11, 1930 in Hood River and farmed at Gresham before moving to Boardman in 1936.

Mr. Miller and his brother, Robert operated one of the larger farms in the Boardman project. He promoted modern methods on the diversified operation where his early potatoes were tops in the area. They also raised corn, livestock and feed crops.

A real loss is felt in the county with the death of Mr. Miller. Survivors are the widow, Hazel, Boardman; one son, James, Boardman; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Baker and Patty Miller, Boardman, and Grace Carpenter, La Grande; his mother, Mrs. Effie Miller, Boardman; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Baker, Corbett, and Mrs. Louise Harding, Sacramento, California; one brother, Robert, Boardman, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Gladys Baker, Corbett, on Monday, October 24, 1960. Burial was in the Boardman Riverview cemetery.

BIEGEL TO FILL VACANCY

The Morrow County Court has named Milton A. Biegel, Irrigon, to serve the unexpired term of County Commissioner Russell K. Miller who died last week. The term ends January 3, 1961.

Biegel lost to Miller on the Republican ticket in the May primary election.

The Republican Central Committee met Wednesday night and certified Biegels name to go on the ballot next month in the general election.

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Special Masses Announced For Feast of All Saints

Father Raymond Beard has announced three special masses for the Feast of All Saints on Nov. 1.

Early mass at 7:30 a.m. will be conducted at St. William's Catholic church in Ione. Mass will be said at Saint Patrick's in Heppner at 9:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Commemoration of All Souls special masses Nov. 2 will be held the same hours.

Nov. 4, the first Friday of the month, masses will be at 7:30 a.m. at Saint Patrick's and at 5:30 p.m. at Saint William's.

ATTEND SCHOOL MEETING

Hillard Brown, Heppner and Lexington elementary schools, Donald Clark, Ione and Don Oimscheid, Irrigon, attended the state meeting of elementary school principals in Salem Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker, and Mrs. Josie Jones attended the fifty-ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer of Stanfield on Sunday, Sept. 16.

First National Bank Announces Changes In Personnel

Bert Huff has been transferred from Pendleton as assistant cashier of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank. He replaces Don Pyle, who has held the position for one and one-half years. Pyle is being transferred to the La Grande branch where he will hold the same position.

Roy Erickson replaces Ben Stenkamp as operations and installment loan officer. Erickson comes from the Bend branch where he has been with First National for four years. Stenkamp is being transferred to Pendleton branch as operations officer. He has been here two and one-half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff and two small children will be at home at 330 S. Main Street, the house formerly occupied by the Pyles. Mrs. Erickson and small son will move here as soon as they sell their home in Bend.

Spooks and Goblins Abroad Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en witches and black cats will have to concentrate in one of two areas to find any young Heppner residents to frighten Monday night. Thanks to plans of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner and the ministerial Association few young fry will be loose on the streets.

A long standing event held each Hallowe'en Eve is the annual Hayride sponsored by the Soroptimists. All students in the seventh or eighth grades or high school are invited each year. Mrs. W. C. Collins, general chairman, announced that plans have been made to take care of 150 youngsters. They will meet at the high school at 5:30 p.m. Hallowe'en Eve where the hayride will start.

A Hallowe'en feed is included in the evening's activities.

A party is held each year following the actual hayride but it is always a surprise as to location and type. Those in charge of the plans this year said that the party would be over at 10:30 p.m.

All members of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner work on the annual hayride. Committee chairmen for this year's event are: general chairman, Mrs. Collins; food, Mrs. E. E. Gonty; transportation, Mrs. R. E. Fulleton; program, Mrs. Collins.

The hayride is the main yearly event of this service club. Pro-

ceeds of the annual hayride card party, held each September, are used to meet expenses involved.

The younger group will have a party sponsored by the ministerial association at the All Saints' Episcopal parish house from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This will include first through the sixth grade. Prizes will be awarded for the best homemade costumes. Cartoons will be shown and refreshments served.

Hallowe'en parties will also be held at the Heppner elementary school for all rooms Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m. for the first three grades and at 2:30 p.m. for the fourth through sixth graders. The parties are sponsored by the room mothers.

Parties in private homes are also scheduled for Hallowe'en Eve.

WEATHER

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Thursday	69	38	—
Friday	64	47	—
Saturday	65	42	—
Sunday	77	46	—
Monday	79	43	.15
Tuesday	62	37	—
Wednesday	65	45	.02
Maximum temperatures, 68			
Minimum, 35			
Rainfall for the week was .17			
of an inch. Total for the year is 10.82 inches.			