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## TO THE EDITOR . . .

I was somewhat disturbed when I read the article in last week's Gazette - Times, "Taxes in County at Higher Level." Certainly the title was correct, but it seems the subject matter a bit misleading. The 2.3 mills levy for the Port of Morrow is brought out very emphatically, but the increase in school costs in a somewhat obscure, and vague manner. Now, if we are going to speak of the 2.3 mills increase in taxes for the Port of Morrow on a millage basis, shouldn't we speak of the increase in the cost for our schools on a millage basis also?

As we all know, the special four year levy for the school building program is, this year, 9.4 mills. The County school cost varies under the different code numbers and is based on a pro-

part of Morrow county should pay into the consolidated setup. Thus we find it in Code 1-1, Heppner, 49 mills, up 4.6 over one year ago. In Code 35-1, Ione, 48.3 mills, up 3.9 mills. In Code 40-1, Hardman, 54 mills, up 9.6 mills. In Code 25-1, Boardman, 36.4 mills, down 8 mills. Other areas are in proportion.

Now, if we add some of these millages together, we can easily see where the bulk of the cost for this "Higher Level" is: For the Heppner area, it is 14 mills, Ione, 13.3 mills, Hardman, 19 mills, Boardman up 1.4 mills only, even with the special 9.4 mill levy.

Now, these millages or costs are, no doubt, justifiable and for the most part acceptable to the tax paying public. At least they were given opportunities to appear at hearings and as in the case of the 9.4 special levy for the building program, an opportunity at the ballot. So, also with the 2.3 mill levy for the Port of Morrow. To me, the Port District is of great importance to our Morrow County. It is an investment for the future and the only vehicle we have that will encourage the bringing in of new investments and the broadening of our tax base.

There are 36 port districts in the Columbia and Snake River areas. All counties bordering the rivers in Washington and Oregon, except Yakima in Washington and Sherman in Oregon, have port districts. Of the active port districts, the Port of Kennewick is the oldest, having been in operation since 1915. Last year tax returns for that area, Benton county, from industries now located there, brought in more than \$320,000.

Let's not minimize the value of our Port of Morrow.

OSCAR E. PETERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Gail McClintock, the former Roseann Ayers, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ayers, over the weekend. They are living in Portland where he is working as an appliance repairman and going to school part time.

## Chats With Your Home Agent

By Esther Kirmis

Twelve Heppner women are burning midnight oil these days as enrollees in Mrs. Merritt Gray's Dressmaking I class.

Maxine is making use of the facilities of the homemaking department in the Heppner school to conduct these classes. The group met on Oct. 27, and Nov. 1. They will conclude the 4-day workshop on November 3.

Each woman is completing a lovely cotton dress while learning the basic principles of sewing.

The 12 include Mrs. Robert Abrams, Mrs. Leon Ball, Mrs. Jessie Griffin, Mrs. James Johnston, Mrs. Bernard Marshall, Mrs. Willard O'Hara, Mrs. Bud Peck, Mrs. Arnold Springer, Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland, Mrs. Andy Van Scholack, and Mrs. R. G. Watkins.

Because our announcement didn't get publicized in time, the afternoon Dressmaking I classes to be taught by Mrs. Albert Wright and Mrs. L. A. McCabe did not get started this week. We are waiting for more interested women to sign up before this class is begun. We should have at least eight women to make a workshop worthwhile. If you are interested in taking this training please call our county agent's office for details.

As long as I'm on the subject of dressmaking, I'd like to tell you that I just returned from La Grande last week where I took Dressmaking II, or Better Dress, training from Miss Mary Routh, Oregon State College clothing specialist.

I plan to give this training to clothing project leaders of each extension unit in November. One workshop is scheduled for Boardman, beginning Nov. 9; the other in Heppner, Nov. 21.

This will be a two-year project so there will be plenty of time for everyone to complete and have experience with cotton dresses before tackling a better dress.

## Farmers Union To Meet

The regular meeting of the Farmers Union will be held Nov. 7 at the Paul Brown ranch near Heppner, starting at 8:00 p. m.

Members are requested to bring their voters pamphlet so that measures of the coming election can be discussed.

Also local resolutions will be formed to send with voting delegate, W. C. Rosewall, to the Farmers Union state convention to be held in Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 10.

Are you guilty of thinking that federal aid to education will be given without federal control? Pt. Adv., Morrow Co. Republican Central Committee.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Early last week a letter was sent to our mailing list indicating plans for a farm management short course to be held in Heppner on Feb. 1, 2, 8 and 9. The letter enclosed proposed topics for the short course and was aimed at serving two purposes; one, to give those interested a chance to indicate their choice of the topics offered and also as an indication of interest in such a short course. We are limited to an enrollment of 45 persons and if interest is small, the short course would not be held. Neighboring counties holding such a short course in past years have filled their maximum enrollments and have had to turn interested persons away.

To date we have 19 replies. They are still coming in, so it appears as though we will beat the minimum requirement. If you have been putting off sending your questionnaire sheet we would appreciate having it at once in order that our steering committee can make their definite plans. Proposed topics, from which four of the most popular will be chosen, include general economic considerations, enterprise selections and combinations, income tax management, the corporation farm, credit and finance, record analysis, and size of farm. Those who might have been overlooked when these were mailed can get more detailed information at this office.

Of all the ways there are to make a living, farming must surely rank near the top of the list from the standpoint of uncertainty of results. What could be more risky than investing your money in an enterprise controlled by so many factors over which you have little or no influence? But farmers have the courage and stamina to overcome all obstacles. That's why they are still farmers.

Just the same, many smart farmers are hedging against adversity by regular savings. A recent report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that American farmers own liquid financial assets in excess of 14 billion dollars—\$14 billion to be exact. The largest single item in this holding is United States Savings Bonds, with farmers owning \$5.2 billion worth, or 36 per cent. Their demand deposits total \$4.3 billion, and time deposits \$2.9 billion. Their cash in

hand was estimated to be \$1.9 billion.

To us, these figures bring a great deal of comfort in a business where fickle weather can rob you in broad daylight.

Plans are now under way to observe Farm-City Week, with the traditional banquet which has been jointly sponsored during the past several years by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner Soil Conservation District. The date for the banquet has now been set for Monday evening, Nov. 2. Speaker will be Robert Baum, administrative officer of the State Soil Conservation Committee. Tickets will be available through supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, both banks in Heppner, and the county agents office as soon as they are printed. Mark this date on your calendar and watch the paper for further plans and announcements.

Ranchers who are looking for good bulls to go into their herds will have excellent opportunity to buy these at the Range-Ready bull sale which will be held at the Fair Grounds in John Day this Saturday, Nov. 5. The sale begins at 1:00 p.m. The sale name "Range-Ready" means just that. In looking over the catalog there are 47 bulls being consigned from some of the best range bull breeders in the entire country. If the quality of the bulls to be offered at this sale are indicated by the three bulls that Frank Anderson, Heppner, has consigned, these bulls will improve anyone's herd. Last Thursday afternoon while grading the remaining 1960 calf crop at the Anderson ranch, I graded these bulls one minus and two plus, which are good bulls wherever they are found. Two of the bulls are from Frank's Tex Royal Zato 32 herd sire, and one from Wetmore Mixer, the big top quality bull owned by Paul Miller, Walmic. The mother to this bull calf was purchased as a clean pedigree cow from the Mullers last year. Others consigned to the sale are Homer W. Barry, Wayne Barry, both of John Day, Robert L. Carter and E. T. Stanbro, Prairie City, J. R. Breese, Prineville, Roy Robinson, Mount Vernon; Clyde and Bertha Johns, Fox; William Duff and MM

Hereford Ranch, Adams; and Benton Carter, Long Creek.

Last Thursday and Friday demonstration plots for the selective control of cheat grass in wheat were put out at the Walter Jacobs ranch south of Ione and Melvin Moyer ranch in Blackhorse. Fifty-eight small one-eighth acre plots were established to compare various chemicals at different rates applied at the various times as a check against the four acre plots treated with the chemical called Randox. Field days will be held at these plots next spring to make observations and answer questions which farmers might have.

4-H Livestock club members interested in beef for a project this year should take note of the

"Holiday Sale" being sponsored by the Oregon Aberdeen-Angus association. The sale will be held at the Pacific International building in Portland on Dec. 10. The purpose of the sale is to enable 4-H members to obtain quality Angus cattle that might not be as easily available through other channels.

All cattle on sale will be top quality. Records of animals obtained from this sale and past years have shown that they have seldom, if ever, been defeated at county or state fairs, except by another obtained at the same sale or from a breeder consigning to the sale. If any of you 4-H members are interested in obtaining an animal through this sale, please contact the County Agent's office so that we might write for more details on the sale.

## STAR THEATER

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