

County Measure Seeks to Establish \$115,000 Road Tax Base

Among the three measures on the ballot for the primary election on May 18 is the county proposal to establish a tax base of \$115,000 for general roads.

The measure, if approved by Morrow county voters, would permit the county court to levy up to \$115,000 annually for construction, maintaining, replacing and repairing of the roads in the county.

This was proposed when it was determined in February that the serial levy, approved by popular vote for a 5-year period in 1958, is illegal because it calls for a fixed millage (10 mills) rather than a specified sum. District Attorney Bob Abrams has explained. In so doing, it is in

violation of a rather recent state law.

For the fiscal year 1961-62, the 10-mill serial levy brought revenue of \$165,000 for road purposes. Union Pacific Railway Company called attention to the fact that the amount exceeds the statutory limit because it is more than 6% above the amount raised by the levy in the preceding year. County officials recognized the error and have been considering ways and means of making refunds of the \$17,430.80 that was above the limit. No definite plan of refunding the money has been announced as yet.

In 1960-61, the serial levy brought in \$139,544.26. Because

of the fact that the county's valuation soared with the changeover to the 25% ratio to conform to state law, the 10-mill levy, which was approved by the vote in 1958, netted the total of \$165,347.21 for the 1961-62 year.

Now that the levy has been determined to be illegal, however, the county will be without funds for roads, except those coming from non-tax sources, unless the people vote for the tax base. County Judge Oscar Peterson explains.

In setting up the \$115,000 for the tax base, the county court has placed the figure at \$50,000 less than was raised for the current fiscal year. Thus, the millage under the tax base proposal

would be approximately seven mills as compared with the 10 mills under the serial levy.

Once the voters approved the tax base, the county would be empowered to levy that sum, plus six per cent in each succeeding year, without vote of the public in ensuing years.

Should the measure be defeated, the judge said, the county would have to operate its roads on approximately \$60,000 per year that comes from the state and other sources, for it has no road tax base at this time.

Defeat of the measure would mean that the county's road program would be in dire distress and very little improvement could be undertaken, Judge

Peterson said. Many of the road crew, now consisting of some 17 or 18 men, would be out of work, and only bare maintenance work could be done.

The serial levy approved in 1958 was the third time that the voters had backed such a 5-year levy, the others having been voted in 1948 and in 1953, each time for 10 mills annually.

Two other measures on the ballot are state referendums. The first seeks to revise the constitutional provisions governing the 6 per cent limitation, and the other would amend the constitution by providing that legislators' salaries shall be established and paid in the same manner as the salaries of other elected state officers.

Chamber Resolution Asks for Road Work

Improvement of a stretch of road from the Shaw Creek grade via Ellis Ranger Station to the Umatilla county line is asked in a resolution presented to the Morrow county court Wednesday by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution also requested the court to improve a stretch of about two miles to the Grant county line via Sunflower Flats to complete a road route to Monument at a much shorter distance.

Members of the Chamber passed the resolution at a meeting April 23, and it was endorsed and compiled at a meeting of the organization's development committee Monday night.

The two improvements would bring important economic recreation benefits to Morrow county and its residents, the resolution said.

School Vote On Directors Set Monday

A light vote is expected in the annual school election of Morrow county district R-1, which will be Monday, May 7, between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m. in the regular polling places of the county.

Two present directors seek election, each running unopposed. Dick Wilkinson, incumbent, seeks reelection from zone V, Heppner rural, and Mrs. Nels (Esther) Anderson is running for zone VI, Heppner. Mrs. Anderson was appointed to the board when Mrs. Elaine George resigned earlier this year.

Each position is for a 5-year term.

Seven advisory committee positions come up for election. In three instances, no one has filed for the places, and they must be filled by written votes. The four others have candidates.

John Graves and Dr. L. D. Tibbles are not seeking reelection from the Heppner district, and no one has filed. At Boardman, Roy Partlow is not seeking reelection, and this, too, must be filled by written.

At Lexington, Stanley Kemp is retiring from the committee there, but Mrs. Robert Kilkenny has filed for the position. Three who are on the ballot to succeed themselves in advisory posts are Warren McCoy, Irigun; Jack Hynd, Jr.; Cecil; and Don McElligott, Ione.

Polling places are the same as for other school elections: Heppner, elementary school multipurpose room; Boardman, Riverside high school; Irigun, old high school building; Lexington, school cafeteria; Ione, high school; Pine City, community building; Ruggs, Rhea Creek grange hall.

Prowlers Enter Phil's; Get \$49

Prowlers who forced their way into the rear of Phil's Pharmacy sometime last Saturday night took \$49.20 from a till in the store, Jim Myers, owner, reported.

He could find nothing more missing in the store but state liquor control commission officials were checking inventories this week to determine if any liquor had been taken.

Entry was gained by contriving to release a metal bar on the inside of metal covered rear doors, and then breaking the glass of a locked inner door.

None of the store's stock seemed to be disturbed, Myers said. State police have joined Heppner city police in working on the case. This is the third entry in the same general location in recent weeks. Case Furniture store and Central Market were both entered several weeks ago.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, Observer)

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Thursday	61	45	.07
Friday	60	30	.11
Saturday	53	32	.07
Sunday	58	30	—
Monday	68	44	—
Tuesday	71	46	.06
Wednesday	67	43	.07

Rainfall for the week up to 9:00 a. m. Thursday was .52 of an inch and still raining.

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SHIRLEY CARLSON



SHANNON MAHONEY

Two Junior Girls Chosen To Attend Girls' State

Shirley Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartle, and Shannon Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mahoney have been selected as representatives from Heppner High school to Girls' State at Salem next month. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the program here and expenses of one girl are paid by the Soroptimist club.

The Girls' State program offers junior girls an opportunity to realize the responsibilities of American citizenship, to arouse in each girl the love of democracy and sense of freedom. Through actual practice, the rights, duties, and responsibilities of American citizenship become a reality for a week.

Girls are selected on the basis of their leadership and ability to benefit from a program of this type. At the conference the girls

are divided into two mythical political parties, the Nationalist and Federalist. Interest in holding office is keen. Parties are also means of dividing girls for competition in election.

Shannon Mahoney is the newly elected president of the Girls' League and is a past worthy adviser of Rainbow for Girls. She was high school drill leader, vice president and parliamentarian for FHA, grand representative pro tem to Florida at the Rainbow Grand Assembly and was delegate to both the FHA state convention and to Tri-State Girls League convention.

Shirley Carlson is the new FHA parliamentarian, a member of FBLA, cheerleader, delegate to the Seattle press conference, a member of National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll. She will participate in Pacific University's Music in May Festival at Forest Grove this month and was a homecoming princess. She is one of vice-presidents of the junior class and is in charge of the junior-senior banquet.

Groups to Press For Better Route

Representatives from Arlington, Ione, Lexington and Heppner were being invited by the development committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce to meet with that committee Monday night at 7:30 p. m. in the county courthouse to form a plan of action for seeking a better highway from Heppner via Ione to Highway 30.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce recently asked the State Highway Commission at a meeting in Salem to straighten and improve the lower Willow Creek highway or to consider a shorter route to Arlington. They plan to have a delegation to the next highway commission meeting May 25 and are enlisting support of the neighboring towns to press for action.

Mayors and civic leaders of the towns have been asked to be present at the meeting. Elmer Schmidt is chairman of the development committee.

Irrigon School Bid Call Given

Call for bids by Morrow County School District R-1 on construction of the addition to the A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, has been issued by the district board of directors. Legal notice is printed elsewhere in this paper.

Bids will be received until May 17 at 8 p. m. by Beverly Gunderson, clerk, on the project. The work will include a library, cafeteria and classrooms to be added to the building.

Bond issue for this project, together with construction of the Heppner-Lexington high school and supplementary funds for the relocation of the Riverside school, was approved by voters in February. The bond issue totalled \$870,000. The Irrigon project will be the first of the three to be undertaken.

Direct Distance Dialing To Start Saturday Eve

Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) starts on telephones in Heppner, Ione and Lexington at 11 p. m. Saturday, May 5.

"To dial a long distance call to an Oregon phone, just dial the digit '1' plus the seven-digit phone number," says Dale Slusher, Pacific Northwest Bell's manager in this area.

There is no change in the way local calls are dialed.

Complete instructions for dialing a call to any one of 76 million phones in the U. S. can be found in the front of the new phone book, Slusher said.

"If a wrong number is reached, find out the name of the place

and the phone number if possible," Slusher said. "In any case, hang up, dial the regular operator, '0', so that she can see you are not charged for the call.

Operators will continue to handle long distance calls such as person-to-person, collect, credit card, coin or others requiring operator assistance.

DDD service and ANC (all number calling) will be in use in all Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam county exchanges of Pacific Northwest Bell after Saturday night, Slusher said.

"The average long distance call dialed by a customer will be ringing at the end of the line in about 25 seconds," Slusher said, "whether the call is to Florida or La Grande."

Staging Dates Set For Student Three-Act Comedy

Rehearsals during the coming week will get the student body play, "The Little Dog Laughed," ready for production on the high school gymnasium stage Friday and Saturday nights, May 11 and 12.

The three-act comedy is a presentation by Heppner High school student body, made up of a cast of 15 students under the direction of Mrs. Janet Groves, speech instructor. Linda Van Winkle is assisting as student director.

"Here I am—home from college," declares Laurie Huntington, a sophomore majoring in psychology, "expecting to find a normal well-adjusted family. And what do I see instead? A bunch of psychological knots!" This sets off the theme for the highly entertaining comedy, centered around interesting developments in the Huntington household.

Taking the part of Laurie Huntington, a sophomore, home from college, is Marcia Rands; Sidney Huntington, her father, is played by Don Clark; Martha Huntington, charming but anxious mother, by Marie Pettyjohn; Wally Huntington, her brother, by Richard Clark; Miss (Gus) Gustavisky, Martha's part-time helper, by Linda Van Winkle; Joan Wood, Wally's one and only, by Ginny Lou Turner; Ted Wood, Sid's competitor in used cars, by Nat Webb; Liddian Wood, Joan's culture conscious mother, by Christine Spencer; Mark Bradford, Joan's cousin and a medical student, by Bill Sherman; Horatio Honeywell, a bird fancier, by Rodney Ayers; Amelia Dennis, a catty kiltzer, by Anita Groves; Caroline Blakesly, a foolish matron, by Kathy Ray; Grace Shoebuck, wife of a department store owner, by Karen McCurdy and Wolola's maiden sister will be played by Nancy Cleveland.

Harryman Hired Lone School Head

Bill E. (Gene) Harryman of Parma, Idaho, has been offered a contract as administrative principal of the lone schools by directors of Morrow County school district R-1. The action was taken at a special board meeting Wednesday night.

Harry has served as principal of the Parma high school for one year. Prior to that he was elementary principal and counselor at Kuna, Idaho, for two years, and has also served as elementary principal for one year and high school principal for four years at Middleton, Idaho.

The new administrator is married and has three children, ages 14, 6 and 4. He was to be notified by telephone Thursday. If he accepts the contract, it is expected that he will move to Morrow county about July 1.

Harryman will succeed Darel Reisch, who has served as administrative principal at Ione for the past year. He has been offered a contract as director of special services, a new position, with the county school system but has not accepted as yet.

At the Wednesday evening meeting the board spent some time defining duties of the new position, which will include supervision of buses in the district, handling the mentally retarded program, remedial reading and other duties.

Leonnig Takes Post With Station KUBE

Ronnie Leonnig, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Leonnig of Heppner, has taken a position with radio station KUBE, Pendleton, as announcer.

The young man has completed a course in radio broadcasting at Northwest Schools, Portland. Among the programs on which he is heard is Heppner Hayride each Saturday from 10 a. m. until noon.

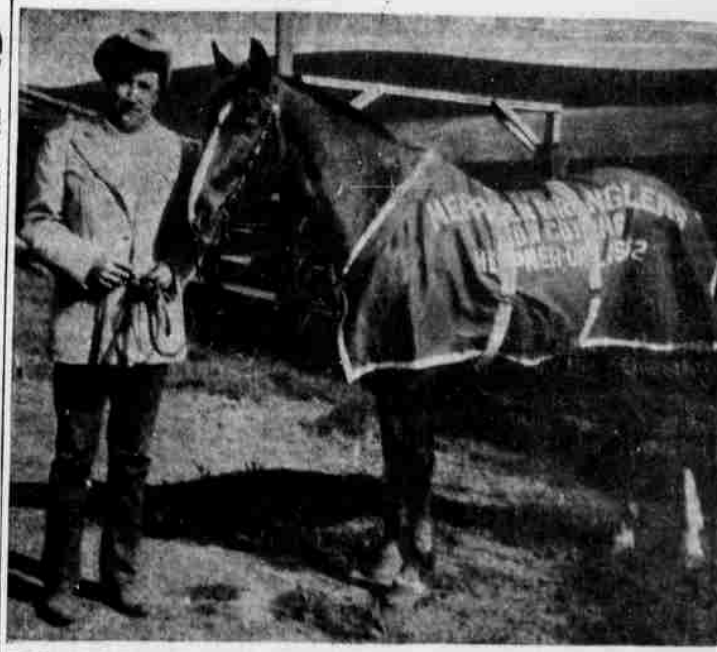
4-H Summer School Delegates are Chosen

Twenty-seven boys and girls over 13 years of age who have been doing a good job in 4-H were selected recently to represent Morrow county at the annual 4-H Summer School, announces N. C. Anderson, county extension agent. Morrow county's delegation will attend the event on the OSU campus during the week of June 11 which will include classes, general assemblies and participation in social activities while learning to work and play together with over 1800 other 4-H boys and girls from throughout Oregon. Selected on the basis of having completed two or more years of 4-H club work, priority was given to those who had attended one year of summer school with the thought that their experiences would be more meaningful and helpful by attending the second year.

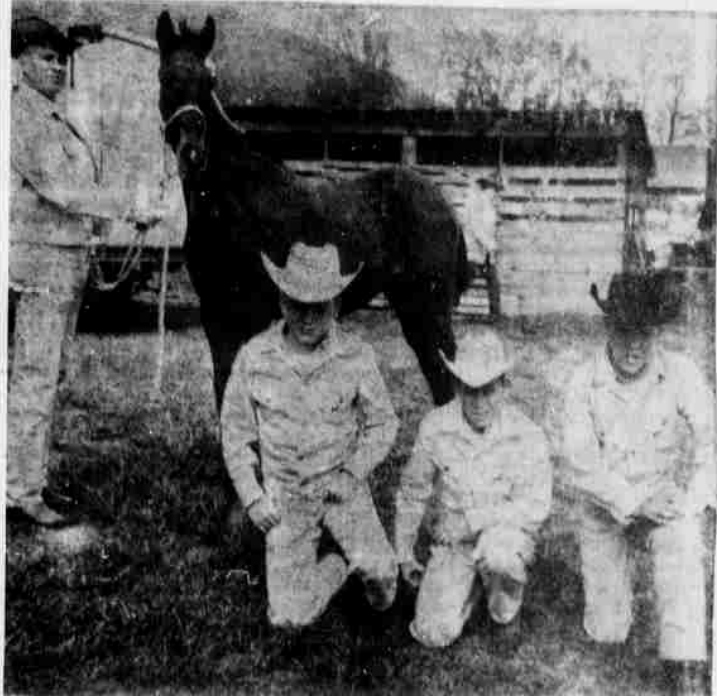
Those selected were: Mitchell Ashbeck, Karla Luciani, David Proudfoot and Julie Smith, Echo; Sherry Corley and Elaine Gaarsland, Ione; Martha Peck, Lexington; Douglas Anderson, Eric Anderson, Patti Collins, Tony Doherty, Terry Ann Greenup, Ronnie Jones, Jean Siewert, Jean Stockard, Dale Van Blokland, Diane Warren and Ropenia Wilson, Heppner; Elberta Carpenter, Kerry Daniels, Anna Mae McQuaw, and Dewena West, Boardman; Mary Gerberding, Shirley Jackson, Dee Ann McElroy, Jeniece McElroy and Penny Jones, Irigun. Selected as alternates in case some of these boys and girls are unable to attend were Susan Drake, Heppner; Connie Coppinger, Echo; Janice Baker, Heppner; Sheridan Wymann, Heppner; Karen Hams, Ione; in this order.

With 73 boys and girls eligible to attend and a quota of only 27 delegates to represent Morrow county, the 4-H selection committee, composed of Mrs. Walter Corley, Ione; Mrs. George Luciani, Echo, and William Collins, Heppner, found it difficult to make their selections. 4-H members who had attended summer school two years or more in the past were disqualified. The remaining of the delegates were filled by older 4-H members who had not yet had the opportunity to attend. Alternates were chosen according to their age. The committee urged that consideration be given to those who did not get to attend this year in making selections for 1963.

Scholarships in the amount of \$25 which takes care of board, room and incidental expenses are provided by interested persons, organizations and businesses. The club members pay for their own transportation. Committees who are now soliciting for scholarships in the Heppner-Ione-Lexington area are Willard Blake and Gene Pierce, Heppner; Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tullis, Ione. Scholarships for North Morrow delegates have been collected and are being provided by: Umatilla Electric, Inland Empire Bank, Fredrickson's Market, Pendleton Grain Growers, Irigun PTA, U. S. National Bank, Mayflower Milk Company, Irigun Grange, Stewart's Grocery, Easton's Cafe, Home Economics club, Boardman, Hitchin' Post Cafe, Mother's Club, Boardman, and the Nugget Motel.



FRANK BATES of Boise, Idaho, and his horse, "Hell Cat B.," teamed for championship honors at the Heppner Wranglers' cow cutting contest here over the week-end. They took both the \$1000 novice and open classes. (G-T Photo)



JOINING a happy family is the quarterhorse colt held here by Leo Ashbeck, winner of the Wrangler raffle. Ashbeck's three sons are in the foreground. (G-T Photo)

Boise Man Repeats As Cutting Champ

Weather was as cantankerous as some of the cutting stock Saturday when the Heppner Wranglers' annual spring meet opened at the Morrow county fairgrounds. But the sun smiled through on Sunday, and the

event reached a happy and successful climax with good participation, good attendance and a fine crowd.

"Hell Cat B." well-trained horse owned and ridden by Frank Bates of Boise, Idaho, proved to be the champion in both the open and \$1000 novice cow cutting events. "Mescale Taylor," owned by John Carmichael of Yakima, Wn., and ridden by Buster Smith, copped the \$500 novice event in the meet, which is approved by the national, Pacific coast and northwest cutting associations.

Morrow County Has \$20,000 Goal In Freedom Drive

Morrow county's goal in 1962 Freedom Bond drive will be \$20,000 in Series E and H bond sales, Jack Bedford, chairman of the volunteer bond committee for this county announced today. The campaign extends through May and June.

Bates went home with the honors for the second year in succession, having won the championship here last year also.

"Frank Buck" brought the ladies' cow cutting championship to Mrs. Buster Smith of Naches, Wn., and she won a belt buckle donated by Corbett Green.

Bates received a blanket donated by O'Brien Bros. in the \$1000 novice and one donated by Ronald Leonnig in the open finals. Smith won the blanket from Humphreys Drug store in the \$500 novice.

Jan Beamer of Heppner kept some of the honors at home when she won the barrel racing event with times of 19.8 seconds in the first go-round and 19.3 in the second. She received a gold and silver buckle given by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Ron Currin had the calf roping all his way, winning both go-rounds, the first in 29 flat and the second in 29.5.

Climaxing the spring meet was the awarding of the raffle quarterhorse colt, and Leo Ashbeck of Butter Creek was the happy winner. Four sons in the family were as happy as their father.

Twenty-three horses were entered in the cow cutting, eight barrel racers competed, and 12 calf ropers took part. Dance and cake auction Saturday night contributed to the week-end.

Other finalists in the open class cutting were "Mt. Snip," owned and ridden by Ray Haysom, Selah, Wn.; "Sodo Bailey," owned and ridden by Frank McGuire, Yakima; and "Frank Buck," owned by E. R. Fowler, Naches, Wn., and ridden by Buster Smith.

In the \$1000 novice were "Pacos," owned by Melvin McGuire, Yakima, and ridden by Charley Nix; "Domino Melody," owned and ridden by Ralph Beamer, Heppner; and "Maestro," owned by Heppner Beamer and ridden by Buster Smith.

In the \$500 novice were "Sally," owned and ridden by S. E. Phelps, Baker; "Pacos," owned by Melvin McGuire and ridden by Charley Nix; and "Domino Melody," owned and ridden by Ralph Beamer.

Second in barrel racing was Evelyn Broun with a total of 39.5 in two go-rounds; third was Sandra Eubanks, 40.9; and fourth, Marlene Fetsch, 41 flat. Second in calf roping on the first go-round was Jerry Dougherty with 38 flat, and third was Charles Daly with 60.4. In the second go-round, Sherman Murray was second with 36 flat and Jim Farley was third with 39.5.

March of Dimes Totals \$1512

March of Dimes collected \$1512 in Morrow county in its campaign early this year. LaVern Van Marter, finance chairman, said last Wednesday. This sum is about \$400 less than the \$1900 contributed last year.

However, Van Marter pointed out that conditions generally were depressed here this year somewhat and said that the total was "pretty good" in view of this fact.

Heppner High school students contributed nearly \$500 in their drive, and another \$300 was raised by the local Mother's March. Ione High school contributed \$135. The balance came through coin containers, mailed contributions and funds collected in Boardman, Irigun, Lexington, Ione and Cecil.

Of the total, half stays in the county for use on polio cases requiring treatment, and half goes to the National Foundation.