

Road Serial Levy Vote Due Monday

Morrow county voters will decide Monday, July 2, whether to provide a \$115,000 road serial levy annually for the next three years.

Polls will be open at the special election from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. in all nine polling places of the county. They are as follows: Boardman, Greenfield Grange hall; Hardman, IOOF hall; Lone, city hall; Irrigon, A. C. Houghton school building; Lexington, city hall; N. E. Heppner, old library room in city hall; N. W. Heppner, Tri-County Equipment Co. building; S. E. Heppner, county clerk's office in the courthouse; S. W. Heppner, county judge's office in the courthouse. All registered voters in the county are eligible to vote in this election.

The proposed levy would take the place of the former serial levies that have carried the road program for the past 13 years. Voters three times approved the previous levy of 10 mills for five-year periods, but a new state law prohibits a serial levy to be expressed in terms of millage. Rather, it must set a fixed sum.

The 10-mill levy last year raised \$165,347.21, but it was determined that some \$17,000 of this was levied illegally because it exceeded the 6% limitation of the previous year's levy by that amount.

The county court proposed to establish a road tax base and called for an election at the time of the primary, but this, too, met a demise on a legal point. After it was too late to take the proposal from the ballot, the court received information that it could not legally ask for the road tax base in addition to the base already established for the general fund, because the county could not have two tax bases.

Thus, the court decided to set up the new form of serial levy to provide for the road program, and July 2 was set as date of the election.

County Judge Oscar Peterson this week stressed the importance of having a large turnout of voters cast ballots in the election so that the will of the people may truly be determined.

"When we think of the importance to those living in outside areas who have to negotiate the woody and rough roads, we feel the road program is far from finished," he said. "With the oil program coming nicely, we are reaching the point where we can give more and more attention to outlying areas."

The judge said that the annual levy of \$115,000 asked in the proposal is at least \$20,000 less for road purposes than has been levied in any of the past 13 years. Even with passage of the levy Monday, the property tax millage levy should be approximately three mills less, he said. If the levy is not passed, the county will have only receipts from outside sources to carry on the road program. This would limit work to bare maintenance. Support for the levy has come this week from the Morrow

county Pomona Grange, the Farmers Union, and the Farm Bureau, although a resolution passed by the latter group carried the qualification that it felt the annual levy to be too great and stressed that county road work should be based on "quality and not quantity."

Sample ballot on the special election is printed on page 4 of this section.

Lightning Sets Fires on Range; Many Give Aid

Lightning strikes that hit in mid-morning Saturday ignited at least six fires on rangelands in the northern part of Morrow county and ranchers there were joined by many volunteers in battling the blazes through the week-end.

D. O. Nelson said that the first fire noticed was about 1 1/2 miles west of his place in stubble strips of Andy Van Schoiack, and some 3000 acres were burned. A second hit range on the place of Mrs. Rosella Lindsay and son Larry Lindsay. Two more were farther to the north.

Van Hubbard and Ralph Crum also had fires on their places, nearer to lone.

Help came from many sources and all directions. Nelson said that he could not name all who pitched in to help, but among them were the Roy Martin family, the Max Barclay family, Riley Munkers and son, Bert Corbin, Carl Rhea, Barney Doherty, Ed Dick, Homer Hughes, Paul Tews and Walt Jacobs. Hired men of nearby ranches came to help, and the Ordnance fire truck arrived, then went west to help out fires there.

By nightfall Saturday, the fires were pretty well out, but one fanned up again Sunday and required more attention until it was quelled.

No loss to crops was reported, but damage was to rangelands. At the place occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peterson, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crum, some small buildings were destroyed.

The two fires that occurred Friday—at the Peterson place and at the Hubbard place—apparently were not caused by lightning. The storm Saturday was a brief one but long enough to set the countryside afire.

Oscar Breeding Dies in Hospital Of Heart Attack

Oscar G. Breeding, 70, Lexington resident for 19 years, died in Pioneer Memorial hospital, Heppner, Tuesday after suffering a heart attack. He had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a. m. at the Lexington Church of Christ with Rev. Homer Wolfington of Heppner officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington IOOF cemetery.

Mr. Breeding, formerly employed by the state highway department, had retired in 1957 after 14 years with the department. He has had hobbies of gardening and fishing and was caretaker of yards and gardens for owners of several homes in Lexington.

He was faithful in visits to the nursing home at Pioneer Memorial hospital calling regularly once a week, as well as visiting others who were ill.

He was born in Spray January 26, 1892, son of Thomas and Dorcas Breeding, and was a veteran of World War I, having served in France.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lola Belle Breeding, Lexington; three daughters, Mrs. Freida Dennis, Portland, Mrs. Wanda Jones, Portland, and Mrs. JoAnn Smith, Lexington; two sons, Max of Portland, and Paul of Heppner; two brothers, Albert of Hermiston and Carl of Grants Pass; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Livingston of Spray and Mrs. Lavina Maynard of Idaho Falls, Idaho; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers at the service will be T. E. Messenger Sr., of Mitchell, Armin Wilson, Cecil Jones, Lonnie Henderson, Dallas McDaniels and Ed Wilson.

Kickoff Dance Set for July 14

Kickoff dance for the 1962 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will be Saturday night, July 14, in the fair pavilion at Heppner, Al Fetsch, dance chairman, announced.

Queen Marlene Fetsch and her court will be present for the dance, which will start at 10 p. m., and Leonnig's orchestra will furnish the music.

Dances for the princesses and the queen on following week-ends will be announced later. County fair date is August 21-24, Wranglers' horse show August 31, and Rodeo September 1 and 2.

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MARCEL JONES, Morrow County Father of the Year, holds desk pen gift set presented him by the Morrow County CowBelles as sponsors of this annual award. At left is his daughter, Judy, who represents the Hoof and Horn Livestock 4-H club. On the right is Sheridan Wyman, representing the Super Sutures 4-H club. The two 4-H clubs nominated him for the honor and were given scrapbooks by the CowBelles.

CowBelles Honor Jones As County Father of Year

Morrow County CowBelles held a noon luncheon June 20 at the home of Mrs. Frank Wilkinson in honor of Marcel Jones, father of the year, and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Jones was given a leather desk pen set by the group, and was presented by Mrs. Donald Robinson, chairman of the Father of the Year contest. Scrapbooks were given to Judy Jones, representative of the Hoof and Horn Livestock club, and to Sheridan Wyman, representative of the Super Sutures 4-H club. These two clubs nominated Mr. Jones for the title of Father of the Year which he won and later entered the state competition.

Following the luncheon the CowBelles conducted a business meeting with committees reporting on the various activities. They are conducting a membership drive and have added 12 new members for a total of 45. Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact Mrs. Bob Brindle, president.

The group was organized to promote the use of beef cookery in the nation, state, and locally. The State Beef Council has given the CowBelles \$15,000 for use in beef promotion this year, Mrs.

Ewing Hynd, state president, reported. Of this, \$4,000 is sent to schools to be used in their home economics departments. The Morrow county organization donated money to Riverside and Heppner home economics classes last year, and letters were read at the meeting from teachers telling how the students had used the donations in buying meat and preparing it.

A meeting on beef promotion ideas is scheduled for June 28 (today) in La Grande. Delegates from the local CowBelles are Mrs. George Rugg, beef promotion chairman; Mrs. Brindle, president; and Mrs. Walter Wright, secretary. They will present ideas and learn new ideas in promoting the use of beef.

A beef cookery cookbook will be given to the 4-H member having the best 4-H meat demonstration at the Morrow County Fair this year.

Shannon Mahoney will take with her to the Supreme Assembly of Rainbow for Girls in Chicago this week-end, place mats and earrings donated by the local CowBelles. They will be used for publicity at the assembly from the Morrow county group.

Eighteen members were present for the meeting and luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Jones and daughter, Judy, and Shannon Wyman as guests.

Three Men Tell Plans for College

Three men connected with the Blue Mountain Community College, recently approved by vote in the two-county district, appeared at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday and told of plans for the college.

The speakers were Wallace McCrae, Pendleton city school superintendent, who is devoting part of his time to the college work; Bob Hawk, director of the Pendleton Technical school; and Oren G. Allison, Pendleton, a newly elected director of the community college district.

Hawk told of the establishment of the technical school and told of the curriculum planned in the college, including technical education, lower division work, and extension work.

McCrae said one of the dreams of the board in establishing the technical school is now coming true with the formation of the college. He outlined the work of volunteer committees and interested persons in doing the "spade work" necessary to form the college district and expressed amazement at the speed at which they worked.

Allison reviewed the budget that calls for expenditures of nearly \$247,000 of which \$103,000 would be raised by taxes if it is approved by voters on July 20.

Merchants Slate Sunday Game Here

Heppner Merchants' baseball team will play the Condon Air Base team in a Wheat League contest Sunday, July 1, at the Morrow county fair grounds, starting at 2 p. m., Manager Bert Corbin of the Merchants announced.

This is the first of a six-game schedule. Other games will be July 8, Condon here; July 15, Kinzua there; July 22, Air Base there; July 29, Condon there; August 5, Kinzua here. All games will be at 2 p. m., except the July 29 contest which will start at 1 p. m.

At the opener here Sunday, Wayne Ball or Jack Ford will be on the mound, Manager Corbin states. Prospects are for another pennant-winning team this year, and the public is urged to attend the games. A small admission will be charged to help defray the expenses.

Sheriff Returns Five Escapees

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, accompanied by Deputy Pete Moore of Boardman, Monday returned five escaped inmates from the Eastern State Hospital, Medical Lake, Wn., to the Washington line near Walla Walla and turned them over to Walla Walla county authorities.

The five had been captured by state police at Boardman and were placed in the Arlington jail. Three escaped from the jail but were apprehended again at 5 a. m. Monday, Sheriff Bauman said.

The six who overpowered an attendant with a knife and escaped from the maximum security ward at the state hospital were Lawrence R. Braun, 25; Clarence R. Thomas 27; Richard Humphrey, 22; Erin Reed Cox, 44; Donald F. Ballou, 31; and William J. Reid, 38. One was caught shortly after but the other five went as far as Boardman before they were apprehended.

The sheriff here was called to deliver them to the Walla Walla county deputy sheriff because they were Morrow county prisoners by virtue of being caught at Boardman.

July 4 Holiday Due Next Week

Little in the way of an organized Independence Day celebration is scheduled here for Wednesday, July 4, but it will be a holiday to be enjoyed by many families on picnics and outings.

June's annual Fourth of July fireworks will be Saturday night at 9 p. m. in order to permit families the chance to see them as well as to take trips on the holiday.

Virtually all businesses will be closed for July 4. The Gazette-Times office will be closed, but the paper will be published at the usual time, Thursday afternoon.

Due to the Wednesday holiday, it will help greatly if everyone with items or advertising submits them early to give the staff a little head start for the week.

Miss Lone Makes Hit; Pageant Starts Friday

"Miss Lone" in the person of Michelle Morrison made an excellent impression Tuesday on her first test—unofficial but important—towards becoming Oregon's candidate for Miss Universe.

With 10 other candidates for the state title, she met the press at a Lions club meeting at the Thunderbird Motel in Portland Tuesday, and her official escorts, Mayor and Mrs. Charles O'Connor of Lone, said that she was one of the most photographed and most interviewed of the group.

In the process, dark-haired Michelle made her television debut with other contestants. Their pictures were on later newscasts over KOIN-TV.

Also attending the luncheon in their new red jackets were Lions, Don Eubanks, Junior

Stefani and Herb Ekstrom. The lone group received particular credit because they came the farthest distance and had the only entry in the contest from Eastern Oregon.

Ron White, assistant advertising manager of Pacific Power and Light Co., was present to help introduce Michelle to members of the press and lend a hand to her candidacy for the state crown.

At 10 a. m. Friday, Michelle will check in at the Continental Motel in Portland and from that time on, she is permitted to have no independent plans until the contest is completed. A rehearsal will follow at 10:30 a. m. in the Lloyd center auditorium, and luncheon with the judges will be from 1 to 2 p. m.

At 2:30 Friday the girls are to be entertained on a river cruise on two yachts.

First competition will be in bathing suits at the Lloyd Center auditorium starting at 7 p. m. Friday.

On Saturday, a parade will start from Lloyd Center and end its way to downtown Portland. Morrow county will be well represented in the parade with more than 20 of the lone Lions joining Michelle.

Morrow county's Fair and Rodeo court, in their new outfits, will ride in convertibles in the parade, and they will also be guests at the Friday night pageant.

Furnishing music and fanfare in the parade from lone will be the "Sagebrush Six." It is reported that the parade will be televised.

By noon Saturday, 10 finalists in the contest shall have been chosen and they will participate in another rehearsal at that time. From 2 to 4 p. m. the girls will pose for pictures at the Lloyd center and the final competition of the pageant is scheduled for 8 p. m. at the Lloyd Center auditorium.

Tickets Available For Beauty Pageant

One hundred tickets for each night of the state contest for Miss Universe candidate are on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in lone and at the insurance office of Charles O'Connor, lone.

The tickets were obtained because it was felt that a large number of people from Morrow county would want to attend the event in which Michelle Morrison is participating as Miss Lone. O'Connor said that seating is limited, and he urged anyone planning to attend to buy tickets before leaving the county to be assured of obtaining seats.

Al Lamb Home After Fast Trip Back From Africa

After completing his work with the U. S. Department of Commerce Trade Mission to Central Africa, Al Lamb was back in Heppner greeting friends Saturday.

Only two days prior—Thursday—he was in Africa, but the flight home was made in fast time.

Upon his arrival he said that Heppner and Morrow county looked very good to him after being away since May 2. He was one of six businessmen on the trade mission.

The party met the best possible reception at every stop, he said, and America ranks high in the regard of the people of Central Africa. His impression was that communism is gaining no great inroads in the countries he visited, including Chad, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Gabon and Congo. They found interested audiences in all these countries and an eagerness to learn about business.

He was impressed with the better methods of farming and meager incomes of the natives who are faced with prices as high as those in this country. With the others on the trade mission, Lamb visited with presidents and leaders of the countries as well as those of lesser status. He took a trip or two into the jungle areas and said that he saw a hippopotamus on one of the trips.

Mayor Lamb attended the lone Lions club installation in the fair pavilion Saturday night, bringing Lions club emblems from Africa, and he was also at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. He will report on the trip to Chamber members Monday.

Firemen Called; Season Closed

First fire alarm of the summer season took Heppner volunteers to the city dump in midday Thursday. Fire had broken out in debris collected from the razed Elks building.

Because of the stubborn nature of the smoldering fire and possible threat to adjoining property, the firemen returned Thursday night, Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday night. At the original call the blaze had broken out in grass around the dump.

This week Fire Chief Charles A. Ruggles gave notice of a closed fire season in the city. No burning will be permitted through the season at any time within the city limits.

He also sounded a word of warning to those living outside of the city.

"Due to the extreme fire hazard, care in any burning should be used within the Heppner Rural Fire Protection district," he said.

R-I Board Discusses Policies

Personnel policies and salaries for non-certified personnel occupied much of a long special meeting of the board of directors of Morrow County School District R-1 at the courthouse Monday night.

A schedule of salaries for cooks, assistants and helpers was proposed but was tabled for the present after considerable discussion because of what board members felt were some problems to be worked out.

Under the plan, a school with less than 100 students being served daily would have one cook; those schools with 100-200 students daily would have one cook and one assistant; and those with more than 200 students daily would have one cook, one assistant, and one helper for each 80 students above the 200 base.

Base salary for a cook would be \$170 per month with an additional \$20 for one assistant and \$3 for each 15 students served beyond the 200 student base. For example, if the cafeteria served 260 students per month, the head cook's salary would be \$202—\$170 base, \$20 for the one assistant, and \$12 for the 60 students above the base. Base pay for assistants would start at \$145 for 100 hours per month with provision to increase to \$175 per month after four years experience in schools serving up to 200 students. In schools serving more than 200 per day, the base would be \$205 for 140 hours per month to \$225 per month after four years experience.

It is expected that the matter will be discussed again at the regular August meeting.

A uniform salary schedule for custodians had been established at an earlier meeting, and adjustments were made in the salaries of some of the custodians at the special meeting to conform to the schedule.

A policy on credit ratings of teachers was also adopted at the meeting. The policy states that the board will consider a teacher or other employees of the district unsatisfactory if their flagrant abuse of credit puts fellow teachers, employees or the school district under criticism in the community. Attaching of a teacher's or employee's pay check by a creditor would be considered an abuse of credit by the school board. However, a teacher or other employee will be given an opportunity to explain an unusual circumstance which may have occurred.

The directors approved bills prior to the end of the fiscal year and authorized first payment to Bechtel Bros. on construction of the Irrigon school addition.

Jack Hynd Jr., upon recommendation of the lone advisory committee, was appointed to the lone advisory committee by the board.

George Wiese, Dewey West and Mayor Joe Tatone of Boardman presented sketches to the board of the new townsite for Boardman together with a booklet on a plan for the relocation of the town. The townsite provides for a 30-acre site for school use, and they pointed out the merits of the site they had in mind. The board took no action on the matter.

At a previous meeting, Director Harvey Warner had urged the board to take an option on a site at the outskirts of Irrigon, and the matter was deferred. No further action on this was taken at the Monday night meeting.

Two new teachers were offered contracts, Mrs. Juanita Duffy to teach a first grade class at Heppner and Mrs. Lois Kirk a fifth grade class at Heppner. Mrs. Duffy, now at La Grande, has been attending Eastern Oregon College. She has four children. Mrs. Kirk, of Kennewick, attended Central Washington College at Ellensburg. She has four children, two of whom are grown, and her husband works in industrial construction.

No accidents occurred except for one youngster being bucked off a horse, resulting in a mildly sprained wrist.

On the committee in charge of arrangements were Mr. and Mrs. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Roice Fullerton.

Wrangler Trail Ride Draws 50

Fifty riders of all ages, and as young as four years, participated in the Wranglers Trail Ride on Saturday and Sunday to Johnson Creek, 35 miles east of Heppner.

Under the leadership of Harold Erwin as trail boss, the group left from the Don Greenup place about 1 p. m. Saturday and arrived at its destination about 6:30 for the overnight campout.

Others came in cars and pickups to join the riders so that the total was swelled to 95 for the evening meal that was prepared by Winn Crist. Some of the party slept in tents, but others slept in trucks and under the stars.

In the evening a camp fire and group singing were enjoyed. Weather cooperated to make a perfect occasion, being excellent throughout.

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Starks Buy Motel From Mrs. Lister

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Starks have purchased the Northwest Motel in Heppner from Mrs. Ada Piper Lister and will begin operation on July 1, Mrs. Lister announced. Mr. Starks, who is employed at Heppner Auto Parts, will also continue his work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Starks came to Heppner earlier this year from Camas, Wn.

Mrs. Lister has operated the motel for five years after it was built in 1956. She said that ill health forced her to sell, and she asked that appreciation be extended to all for their support and patronage.

Stock Dissolution Election Friday

Special election on the proposition of dissolution of the Morrow county Livestock district will be Saturday at the Lexington Grange hall from 2 to 7 p. m.

Only those living in rural areas within the district may vote at this election. Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, states. Those who own ranches but live within city limits cannot vote.

The special election was called after a group of farmers in the county had petitioned for the dissolution of the district.

Girls to Attend Supreme Assembly

Shannon Mahoney of Ruth assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Linda Halvorsen of lone assembly will attend Supreme assembly of the Rainbow Girls in Chicago next week, leaving Friday by train.

Shan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mahoney, is honorary grand drill leader and Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halvorsen, is grand choir member. They will board the train at Hinkle and join other girls of the state who will attend the assembly. Alice Pitney of Junction City is grand worthy advisor, and Mrs. Josephine Brown, also of Junction City, will be chaperone.

The girls will stay in the Conrad Hilton hotel in Chicago, and they expect to have some time for sightseeing while they are at the assembly. They expect to arrive back home on July 8.

July X-Rays Canceled

Due to the next regular date of free chest X-rays falling on a holiday, July 4, there will be no X-rays given next month under the sponsorship of the Morrow County TB and Health Association, according to Mrs. W. W. Weatherford, president.

The regular schedule, first Wednesday of each month will begin again August 1.

Bureau Supports Road Serial Levy

Morrow County Farm Bureau, meeting at the Kenneth Pecabin on Willow Creek for a potluck supper Tuesday evening, passed a motion in favor of the county road serial levy measure which will be voted upon at a special election Monday. However, the motion stated that the levy is felt to be excessive.

Support for the plan drew favor because of the late date. The bureau asked that the future policy of the county court stress better maintenance of present oiled roads and heavier sub-base on all new oiled roads.

Business also included a report of the Northwest regional meeting of the 11 western states by Harold Beach, a discussion of the status of the farm bill in Congress, and the availability of hail insurance through the Farm Bureau for the first time.

Van Houte Going To NEA Conclave

Robert Van Houte, president of the Oregon Education association, will leave Friday by airplane for the National Association convention in Denver, Colo., and will be there for a week.

Ewald Turner of Pendleton is president of the national association and Oregon is expected to play a major part in the convention this year. Pendleton also will be represented by a musical chorus and a delegation of Main Street Cowboys.

Van Houte is a member of the national resolutions committee and will participate in the formation of resolutions to be considered by the convention.

WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

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Thursday	83	48	—
Friday	84	53	—
Saturday	89	54	—
Sunday	91	54	—
Monday	82	44	—
Tuesday	74	51	—
Wednesday	75	53	—