

## Panelists Frown On Property Tax At Growers' Meet

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gument from any of the other panelists on that point. He pointed out many problems that the property owner now has in paying taxes to support an increasing cost of government.

Farley, in his turn, said that the businessman is paying his share of tax and said, "We know the problems that the cow man has." He told of the burden of unemployment compensation on the businessman and said that accounts receivable are the biggest asset he has, but they couldn't be sold for "50 cents on the dollar." He also said that local business offers employment for boys who leave the farms, where once 90% were employed and where now only 9% are employed. Farley listed comparisons to show that home owners and businesses pay taxes equal or higher than farmers in the county.

Dick pointed out that farmers and businessmen have similar problems and taxes are "just one of them." He said that property is a symbol of wealth but may certainly not be based on the ability to pay. He suggested that any new taxes proposed by the legislature should be earmarked as property tax offsets. Dick said that reappraisal is necessary in order to correct inequities, and pointed out that inequities exist even between businesses with wide differences on personal property taxes paid.

Nistad discussed the state's new timber severance tax law and said that Kinzua Corporation has found it much better than the property tax. Under the property tax, eastern Oregon was taxed on the same basis as western Oregon, although it takes 100 years to develop a timber crop in Eastern Oregon, much longer than in the moist climate of Western Oregon.

During the first six months of the severance tax, the corporation sent in \$19,000 under the tax, and the property tax would have been about \$20,000. Thus, the company has found no great relief on this score. Reappraisal of eastern Oregon timber will pick up some timber not now on the roll and will bring some help, he said.

The concern went on a sustained yield basis, as it had promised, immediately after the severance tax was put into effect, Nistad said.

A major tax problem facing the concern now is the fire patrol tax which was 1 1/2 c per acre in 1934, 3 1/2 c in 1944, 8.8 c in 1954 and 15 c per acre in 1962. In 1961 the company paid \$20,000 for the fire patrol tax and spent an additional \$25,000 of its own money fighting fire.

The Columbus Day storm has added a great deal of blowdown, and its dry needles, with added fire hazard, may mean the fire patrol tax may double again next summer.

Kinzua Corporation now has 164,265 acres on its tree farm. Income of sawmill operators has been going steadily down, Nistad said. "Chips keep some mills from going broke," he declared.

The speaker pointed out that corporation pays on the average of \$134.80 of its own per month per employee for social security, unemployment insurance, Industrial Accident coverage, health and welfare insurance, industry pension plan, paid vacations (up to three weeks), and paid holidays.

Sen. Key said that he had seen taxes from both sides in the legislature, serving first on the ways and means committee where many demands for funds were presented, and then on the taxation committee where the people seek relief from taxes. Ways and means screened budgets carefully, he said.

The upcoming session of the legislature will be a tough one as it seeks to meet needs for funds. Whatever legislation is passed will be subject to a waiting period with possible referral to the people and possible consequent 2-year delay before it may be voted upon.

A "wonderful" solution, he said, would be for the people to write their own tax bill, put it on the ballot through initiative petition and bypass the legislature. That way they would get what they want.

He cautioned that the farmer needs to watch the exemptions in any sales tax bill proposed or he will be paying taxes on all the raw materials in his product. Hoefke said, "The average taxpayer does not understand what we are trying to do with reappraisal." State law requires a ratio of 25% to true cash value, and urban property here is at 23.5%, he said. Farm property is at 18.1%, or 38% off. He cited examples that showed great inequities within the county.

Reappraisal seeks to get a fair value on property, but even under reappraisal mistakes will be made. "That's what assessors are for," Hoefke said. "Don't just cuss him and blow him out of office."

He said "It is real easy to say property tax is too high, but the local level governs what tax you are going to pay."

Hoefke acknowledged inequities in the real and personal property taxes, but said, "Where are we going to pick up \$30 million?" A 3% business tax was advocated at the last legislature, and another proposal is a

## Patterson Services Held Here Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Patterson, 86, Snohomish, Wn., were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal church, with Father C. Bruce Spencer officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery, with Creswick mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Patterson had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Guild in Snohomish, Wn., since 1945. She had been in ill health over a year. She died Sunday, January 13.

Born in Ohio July 25, 1876, she was the daughter of Andrew and Harriet Baird. She was married to Claire C. Patterson in 1901, coming to Heppner to make their home. Mr. Patterson was in the insurance business here and later was Morrow county judge.

She was a member of All Saints' Episcopal church and Ruth Chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, Heppner.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Guild, Snohomish; a sister, Mrs. J. O. Hager, Heppner; two grandsons, Major Baird Bryson, Arlington, Va., and Robert Guild, Snohomish; one granddaughter, Mary Lee Guild, Eugene; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Among out-of-town relatives here for the service were Maj. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Guild, Robert Guild and Mary Lee Guild.

## Interest Shown In Adult Classes

Over 80 adults have shown their desire for the adult education classes to be held in this county by Blue Mountain College.

Major interest was shown in bookkeeping and typing, with many requesting both classes. The two subjects will be taught the same evening for this reason, with classes in Heppner and in Ione, probably on Monday and Tuesday nights, respectively.

Classes in welding and geology have also been planned.

As soon as definite meeting times, day and hour, have been determined and instructors arranged for these classes, those who have given their names to the committee will be notified.

A workshop in millinery begins Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Lexington school by an instructor who teaches adult education classes in millinery in the Salem area. Only one or two more can be accommodated in this workshop, which will meet three days for six hours a day (with sack lunches) during the coming week.

Two more workshops in millinery, for those who cannot take the daytime class, will begin at Lexington starting Monday night, February 4. The first workshop is on felts, with the second, on straws, following in four weeks. Each will meet one night a week for four weeks. Mrs. Ewing Hynd will be the instructor.

net receipts tax, computed at 1% basic, plus a graduated rate, and no personal exemptions. A cigarette tax would be the easiest to collect, Hoefke said, since the supply to this state largely comes through two big warehouses. A 4c cigarette tax would bring in \$18 million.

The tax commission doesn't determine which tax is best but seeks only to enforce the laws and collect the tax. It cannot deviate in administering the law, Hoefke said.

Dr. Blanch took a strong position for the farmer in his presentation. "Almost everyone is willing to pay his fair share of tax," he said. "The question is, 'What is our fair share?'" Criteria for spreading the load over a taxing jurisdiction should include: 1. ability to pay, 2. benefits received, 3. equality.

The economist said that there is no high correlation between the amount of a person's property and his earnings, and he suggested that business has more opportunity to shift the tax burden on (to the consumer) than does the farmer.

Agriculture today, he said, is in one of the most unfavorable conditions as to the ratio of investment to income. Prices paid by the farmer are continuously rising and prices received by the farmer are continuously decreasing. Property tax has gone up 54% since 1950 yet the farmer's money income has decreased 35% in the same time, he declared.

"Over two-thirds of the property tax goes into education, he said, "but do property owners receive special benefits above others who have children to educate?"

Education should be a general obligation of society because it is of general society benefit, Dr. Blanch asserted.

As to the possibility of a sales tax, he said that he does not like it because he believes it a wrong principal to tax expenditures instead of income. "But if this is what we want, let's get together with the legislature," he said.

Emphasis should be on an income tax base, he said, such as a receipts tax, or net income tax. The tax base needs to be lowered to include more in lower brackets, he declared.

Some important committee reports were made at the annual meeting of the Livestock Growers and some interesting talks were given. Highlights of these will be included in a story next week.

## Willow Project Gets Heavy Favor At Hearing Here

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Hermiston city engineer, who presented a supporting resolution from the City of Hermiston; Claude Cox, who told of damage done to his creamery in a flood of some years ago.

Alvin Wagenblast asked permission to speak, saying that when he signed Krebs' petition against the irrigation feature, he had a misunderstanding on the costs, believing that water would be offered for \$7 an acre foot instead of the \$3 per acre foot estimated by the Bureau of Reclamation. Krebs replied that the \$7 figure was what he would consider necessary for an irrigation of an acre of land, including between two and three acre feet for a proper irrigation.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Civil Defense director, asked the possibility of building a fallout shelter in the dam to accommodate 500 to 600 people.

Judge Peterson appeared again to read a letter from Garfield Crawford, former resident and now of Arlington, Texas, emphasizing the need for the dam. The judge also read a supporting statement from Inland Waterways association pointing out the need for the dam.

Creswick reported on the survey that he had taken among farmers who might use irrigation to advantage and said that virtually all had signed statements indicating that they would be interested if a feasible plan is worked out.

Colonel J. H. Beddow, district engineer, presided at the hearing, and he was accompanied by these other engineers from the Corps: Allen Robertson, hydrology; Willard Sivley, chief, flood section; Howard Preston, assistant chief of the engineering division; Glen Von Gunten, chief of the planning division; William Zink, administrative officer; and Phil Haffner, supply branch, equipment area engineer.

Representing the Bureau of Reclamation was John Mangan of Spokane and Carl Huish, head of the bureau's hydrology department.

Col. Beddow in opening remarks reviewed the history of the study on the dam and told of its potential benefits as a multipurpose project. Statistics brought out were these: Height of dam, 145 ft.; length at crest, 1700 feet; 2 million yards of earth and rock in construction of the earth fill project; bottom of the lake would provide 1400 acre feet for sedimentation and fish survival; inactive storage for recreation and fish survival, 500 acre feet; joint use for flood control, sports fishing and recreation, 8300 acre feet; flood control (only filled during floods), 1300 acre feet; width at top of dam, 32 feet; width at bottom, 610 feet; minimum pool, 2042 ft. elevation; normal pool elevation, 2099 feet; maximum, 2120 ft. elevation; would provide for floods 20% greater than the 1903 flood; 300 ft. spillway would be safety factor for any rare floods that might occur over this maximum; channel through Heppner would carry 1500 second feet of water; channel clearing would have to be done below Hinton creek confluence with Willow creek and up Hinton to the fairgrounds.

Annual benefits are figured at \$271,200 as compared with estimated annual costs of \$207,000, a benefit-cost ratio of 1.3 to 1. Annual benefits are figured as follows: Flood control, \$110,000; irrigation, \$114,300; wild life, \$2,200; sports fishing, \$23,800; recreation, \$20,900.

Mangan of the Bureau of Reclamation and Quantion Bowman of the State Water Resources board explained parts of the project in connection with their respective agencies. Mangan said that irrigation water, to be supplied at an estimated cost of \$3 per acre foot should bring benefits of \$13.30 per acre foot, based on 3700 acres which might be irrigated.

Col. Beddow said that the record would be open for 30 days and those who wish to submit written statements may send them to him at the Walla Walla headquarters. At a later date a list may be available of those who have submitted written testimony not reported here. A count of cards collected by the Engineers showed 135 citizens attending.

## Ponies Divide Tilts On Stanfield Floor

Heppner's grade school Ponies split with the Stanfield graders on the Stanfield floor last Thursday afternoon. The eighth graders whacked the Stanfield team, 25-12, and the Heppner seventh grade team lost by a close 21-18 score. Up to date the eighth graders have a 2-win 1-loss record and the seventh grade has a 1-win 2-loss record. Both teams meet Pilot Rock here Thursday (today) with the first game at 3:30. They travel to Condon for games there Saturday with the first one starting at 1:30 p.m.

In the first game the seventh grade team just couldn't keep up in the last quarter as the two teams were tied in each quarter and at half time it was 12-12. Stanfield scored five points in the fourth to Heppner's two.

In the second game the Heppner eighth graders romped to a 10-1 first period score and from then on were never headed, as they won 25-12.

## Speakers at PTA Tell of College

A large crowd attending the Heppner PTA meeting last Wednesday night heard reports on the proposed Willow Creek dam, Blue Mountain college, and the adult courses available here this spring.

Mrs. L. E. Dick, president of the PTA, conducted a short business meeting at which time Mrs. Gordon Hutchens was elected treasurer to fill out the unexpired term of Robert Hopper.

Bruce Thomson played a clarinet solo, accompanied at the piano by Marti Dixon. This was followed by a flute duet with Tamara Smith and Janis Baker doing the honors. The musical program was concluded with a saxophone solo by Barbara Blake, who was also accompanied by Miss Dixon.

Mrs. Kenneth Peck's second graders then presented a Mother Goose program with the youngsters reciting nursery rhymes as pictures they had drawn were shown on a screen. Mrs. Peck was dressed as Mother Goose, complete with floor-length h dress and tall hat.

Attorney Bob Abrams spoke on the Blue Mountain college, its aims for the future and the progress up to date. He is a member of the board of directors for the college. Other speakers for the evening included Judge Oscar Peterson, who gave a short talk on the proposed Willow Creek dam and urged all to attend the hearing which was Monday. A discussion was held on the adult classes to be offered here this spring with Mrs. Ewing Hynd giving the details on the schedules and fees.

A 30-minute movie on "What's Happened in Education?" was shown which told of the advancement of education from the one-room school to the modern day teaching methods.

The Ray Smith family won as PTA's of the month and will receive tickets to the high school basketball game here January 25. Sixth grade room mothers, Mrs. Bud Marshall, Mrs. Pat O'Brien, and Mrs. Bill Scribner, served refreshments following the meeting.

## Frosh-Pilot Rock Game Date Moved

A basketball game scheduled by Heppner High school freshmen with Pilot Rock has been changed to January 24 here at 6:30, it is announced. The game originally was scheduled for 6:30 Thursday (today) in the Heppner High gym.

Another game with Pilot Rock has been scheduled for February 7 there, starting at 6:30.

## Directors Study Plans for Budget At Monday Meet

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building the new Lexington-Heppner high school, on completion of the kitchen at a cost of about \$19,000. This will make it possible to use the multipurpose room as a cafeteria, when the bid was let, the kitchen option was not exercised, which would make it necessary to prepare food at the old high school and transport it to the new school to serve students there. About \$9000 of the needed amount will come from the bond issue and the remaining \$10,000 will come from the bond reserve or emergency funds.

The board also agreed on work that it will call for in the 1963-64 district budget to complete construction of the new school. It is expected that some from the lone high school staff \$59,000 will be accrued from three sources: 1. delinquent taxes paid by property owners; 2. unused portions of the emergency fund; 3. unused portions of specific items in the budget. The surplus would have to be budgeted specifically for the construction purposes in the 1963-64 estimates. Of the amount, \$5000 would go to modifying parts of the old high school building for grade school use.

Outlined for completion under the program are these phases of the construction: 1. Band room, \$25,000; 2. paving, provide for physical education area, \$10,000; 3. install bleachers, baskets in gymnasium, \$10,500; 4. complete multipurpose room with stage, \$10,500.

Superintendent Van Houte said the Heppner building is now about 50 per cent completed and it is hoped that it will be finished by May 15. Graduation of the class of 1963 may be in the building. Most of the roof is covered with two layers of paper and tar with the exception of just one coat on the gym at the present time.

The superintendent said that he had contacted the county about completing drainage work on the Morgan street extension and has been assured that it will be done very soon.

He reported that about 88% of the district's share of the property taxes have been received from the county. Resignation of Arnie Hedman was accepted. He is entering business in Heppner. Arnold Melby, Heppner instrumental music instructor, will go to Ione for a half day, with his salary was raised to compensate for the extra work. Mrs. Gene Rietmann will teach part time in the elementary school at Ione.

## Mustangs Win Important Game over Sherman Five

Heppner High's casaba quintet, which now holds 10 votes in the Oregonian's A-2 poll and is among the top 12 A-2 teams in the state, took an important Greater Oregon league victory at Moro Friday night, 68 to 54.

The Sherman county basketballers had previously defeated John Day and Burns and are regarded as one of the powers in the Greater Oregon circuit. Coach Bob Cantonwine was happy that he could tuck away a victory on this road trip.

A big factor in the victory was the 28 points netted by Lee Padberg, who thus had counted 51 points in two games. The coach said that in view of Padberg's performance, his offense has been revised to capitalize on this scoring.

The team was clicking against Sherman county, and Heppner violations were few. Moro hopped to a 12-8 lead in the first quarter but the Mustangs found the range in the second period and edged to a 26-23 halftime lead in the thrilling contest.

Not to be denied, Sherman county squeaked back in front in the third stanza, 44 to 43, but the Mustangs put on the steam in the final period with 25 points while holding the leaders to 10.

John Porter was second high man for Heppner with 12, but Ron Johnson had 16 for Moro and Doug Bish connected for 14. Porter, Dick Springer and Padberg are in a 3-way duel for rebounding honors, and all were active on the boards against Moro. Fred Harnden and Shan Applegate played good floor games, and Harnden's pinpoint passing was particularly effective.

This was the first league game for the Mustangs and gives them a 1-0 mark as they head into the rough road trip this week-end when they face Grant Union at John Day Friday and then move on down to Burns Saturday night, a double-barreled doozy and a crucial test.

Heppner's jayvees made it eight in a row when they smacked the Sherman county jayvees, 56 to 34, after leading at halftime, 47 to 23. Coach Dick Strait's boys have yet to taste defeat this season. Dave George was highpoint man with 15, followed by Carl Bauman with 12. Gentry of Sherman county led his team with 10.

Varsity score: HEPPNER 68, Applegate 9, Harnden 6, Springer 9, Porter 12, Padberg 28, Wright, Clark, Nichols, Smith 4, Sherman.



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SHERMAN COUNTY 54  
Kellogg 10, Lane 4, Fields 2, Bayer, Johnson 16, Bish 14, Doolin 8.

## HOSPITAL

Those admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: John Privett, Heppner; Stanley McMinn, Kinzua; Mary Ann Pettyjohn, Ione.

Those dismissed during this same period were: Ruby Billingsly, Kinzua; Donald Eubanks, Ione; Ed LaTrace, Heppner; Gladys Beckett, Heppner; Effie Weems, Heppner; Thelma Smethurst, Heppner; Janet Strong, Fossil; Steven Lane, Lexington; Verna Howell, Heppner; Margaret Lindsmith, Condon; Terry Malvick, Condon; Sandra Carlson, Ione; Craig Smith, Spray; Fred Pettyjohn, Ione; Victor Chittock, Condon; and Earl Carlson, Condon.

New babies this week are: to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherer, Ione, a 7 lb. 9 oz. son, Brett Michael, born January 14. To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bowman, Kinzua, a 6 lb., 14 oz. daughter, Cynthia Mae, born January 15.

## Cardinals Down Echo, Umapine; Climb in League

Bouncing back from a slow start in league play, Ione High's basketball team clicked out a pair of victories over the weekend to bring its season's mark in the Umatilla-Morrow B circuit to four wins, three losses.

Coach Glenn Biehl's lads went to Echo Friday night and captured a 55 to 43 victory after a cold first half, and then came home to blast Umapine Saturday night, 85 to 32.

At Echo, the Cardinals fired more than 50 shots at the basket in the first half and made only 11, but this was good enough for a 22-16 margin at halftime. In a big third quarter, the Cards drilled 28 points and led, 48 to 30, going into the final period.

Ron Crabtree, the Cards' high scoring center, made 24 points to lead all players by a large margin. No others on the Ione team were in double figures, but Hays of Echo had 13 to lead his mates.

Young Bill Klinger was the big gun for Ione in the Umapine contest as reserves played most of the game against the undermanned visitors. Bill took nine shots and made eight good from the floor, a phenomenal .889 shooting average. He tallied six of eight free throws and thus wound up with 22 points.

At halftime, Ione held a runaway lead of 56 to 7 and coasted through the second half. Ron Crabtree had 16 points for Ione, and Steve Lindstrom tallied 12. Tops for Umapine was Trump with 12.

Ione's layvees also won a pair, notching a 41-32 triumph over the Echo jayvees and a 48-21 victory over Umapine.

None were in double figures against Umapine but Lindstrom and J. Halvorsen each connected for eight points to lead all others. Varsity scores:

IONE 55  
Martin 7, Ekstrom 8, Crabtree 24, Heimbigner 8, Padberg 6, Klinger 2, Morgan, Akers, Lindstrom.

ECHO 43  
M. Flanagan 6, Brown 3, O'Brien 6, Hanson 6, Hays 13, Billing, Fife 1, Furniss 8, UMAPINE 32

Trump 12, Schubert 9, Williams 3, Leinbach 2, Krumbah 2, Benz, Marlatt 2, Larson, Hodgson 2.

IONE 85  
Martin 5, Ekstrom 5, Crabtree 16, Heimbigner 2, Padberg 8, Morgan 8, Akers 7, Lindstrom 12, B. Klinger 22, Townsend, Halvorsen.

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