

Urban Property Values Affected By Ratio Change

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determined in the just-completed reappraisal program ("true cash value" being what a "willing buyer would pay a willing seller"), under the ratio change this property owner will pay taxes on the same property as if it were worth \$10,000, thus paying on \$2,400 in property that he does not actually own.

As explained by Mack, his recourse is by appeal. Evidence must be presented, he said, to prove the true cash value of the property, and the Commission must make its decision upon the basis of the evidence presented. In the event conclusive evidence is introduced supporting lower valuation, the Commission would lower the assessed value of the property. Similarly, conclusions of a higher value are possible and must be acted on by the Commission.

Taxpayers wishing to appeal must mail or file their appeals within 30 days of publication of the last notice of ratio substitution. This means that the appellant must have his forms in by August 24, one copy going to the State Tax Commission and two to the county clerk.

The copy to the tax commission should be mailed to: Secretary, State Tax Commission, State Office Building, Salem, Oregon. Hearing on the appeal would be within 60 days with an officer of the commission coming to the county for that purpose.

Assessor Thomson said that he has received only 25 copies of the appeal form, but the commission said that more may be obtained if necessary. They may be obtained in his office.

The assessor explained that it will be too late this year for a taxpayer to get relief, even if an appeal is successful, but it would probably be necessary for the county to make a rebate for the amount of overpayment by the taxpayer in the ensuing fiscal year.

Seeking to add further clarification to the matter, Loggan in his letter offered property owners a guide to determine whether they should or should not appeal their assessed value to the Tax Commission.

"If the property owner will decide what the market value of his property is in dollars and then take 19 per cent of that amount, he will come up with a figure representing his opinion of what the assessed value should be," he said.

"If the assessed value on the 1963-64 roll is considerably higher than this figure he might want to appeal to the Commission. On the other hand, if the assessed value shown on the roll was equal to or less than this calculated amount it would be unwise for him to appeal. As an example, suppose Mr. Doe estimates his residential property to be worth \$15,000 (market value). He takes 19 per cent of this (19 x 15,000 equals \$2,850) and finds that in his opinion the assessed value should be \$2,850. If the assessor has placed a value higher than this on the roll the owner would have cause to consider an appeal; but, if the assessor's value was less than \$2,850, the taxpayer would be getting a break."

The same guide may be used, not only for urban property, but for farm property in the county as well if a rural property owner feels his assessment is too high. Reappraisal of all the county's urban property was completed earlier this year, but farm reappraisal is yet to be done. The Tax Commission has held that the county is delinquent in not complying with the state law to complete a reappraisal of all property every six years.

Sherri Lynn O'Brien Injured in Fall

Sherri Lynn O'Brien, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, suffered what was diagnosed as a skull fracture when she was thrown from a horse Friday. The accident happened at Camas Prairie, about 30 miles from Heppner.

Sherri Lynn, who is one of the young workers in the Gazette-Times' subscription campaign, was hospitalized until Sunday. Her injury turned out to be not as serious as was first feared.

Shortly after she was released from Pioneer Memorial hospital, Mrs. O'Brien received word that her mother was quite ill in Milton-Freewater, and they left to be with her.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week are the following: Zelma Brown, Heppner; Elmer McQuinn, Spray; Shirley Lynch, Heppner; John Ceglia, Jr.; Edna Yarnell, Ione; Nellie Mahon, Heppner, and Cecil Botts, Ione.

Those dismissed during this same period are: Raymond Pettyjohn, Arlington; Ruth Bedford, Heppner; Richard Peterson, Ione; Gwen Huff, Heppner; Avon Melby, Heppner; Sherri Lynn O'Brien, Heppner; Vida Holker, Ione, and Linda Van Winkle, Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bryant, Kinzua, are parents of a 9 lb., 1/2 oz. daughter, born Thursday, August 8. The little girl joins four older brothers.

Full Schedule Set for County Fair

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Livestock showmanship contest will be staged in the judging arena. This is a battle of skills between the champions of beef, sheep, dairy and swine showmanship contests. The person doing the best job of showing all four animals will be judged the winner. Following this contest, will be the 4-H Agricultural demonstration contest which will have 4-H members demonstrating various agricultural practices they have learned in their 4-H projects.

The pet show will again be held on Thursday starting at 10:00 a.m. About 11:30 pet owners will have a chance to parade their pets before the public in the livestock judging arena.

One of the biggest events of the entire fair will take place at 7:30 Thursday evening. This is the annual 4-H pig scramble. The pig scramble will be held at the sale arena, immediately before the livestock auction again this year. All boys and girls will be eligible for the pig scramble if they meet the following qualifications: (1) They must be 9-13 years of age inclusive, and must have the consent of their parents or guardian; (2) The contestants must be able to supply suitable facilities and feed for pigs caught in the scramble; (3) They must feed out in a 4-H project the pig which they catch and exhibit it or one of its litter at the 1964 fair; (4) They must not have caught a pig in last year's scramble; (5) They must have a signed statement from their parents granting permission and releasing the show management in case of injury.

Pigs for this year's scramble are being donated by local organizations, breeder, service clubs and 4-H members who have caught pigs in the 1962 scramble. Boys and girls interested in entering the scramble should make application with Alfred Nelson, Pig Scramble chairman, at the fair grounds some time during the day on Tuesday or Wednesday.

The 4-H livestock auction sale is an event for which 4-H livestock members work all year. They try to produce the best market animals possible for the sale. Everyone interested in supporting the 4-H program or buying a good piece of meat for their locker should plan to attend the auction sale Thursday evening.

Friday will be a more eventful day at the fair this year with the open class livestock being judged. Judging of this top quality livestock is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and is expected to last into the afternoon.

Judging at this year's fair will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waud, Othello, Wn., Mrs. Russell McKinnon and Mrs. George Alkio, Pendleton; Mrs. Clifford Brown and Mrs. Kimbell Tellison.

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Floyd Worden Dies Thursday

Floyd Worden of Heppner, who would have been 69 on August 18, died at his home here about 10 a.m. Thursday. He was a long-time resident.

Mr. Worden had been in ill health for some time but just a few days ago was out to look after matters at his ranch.

The body is at Creswick Mortuary where funeral services are pending. It was tentatively expected that the service might be held Monday.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

Hermiston: David Burkhardt, Milton-Freewater; and Ronald Black, Boardman.

Fair-goers are reminded that food will be available on the fair grounds all day, everyday, during the fair. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fair.

Dr. Tibbles Hopes To Return Soon

Dr. L. D. Tibbles, who has been confined to the hospital and home for several weeks because of infectious neuritis, is feeling considerably better, and if progress continues, he expects to be back on duty in his office in two or three weeks, he said Thursday.

His receptionist for four or five years, Mrs. Margaret Gaarsland of Ione, has left the office because of the curtailed work schedule, and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland is in the office on Mondays and Fridays only from 9 to 4, the doctor said.

The doctor is able to be in the office for short periods occasionally to do light work. He is to return to Portland Friday for treatment. Sale of tickets to the Shrine football game, which Dr. Tibbles has handled for many years, has been turned over to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant.

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Directors Eye School Finishing Work

Consideration of work left undone at the new Heppner High school occupied the board of Morrow County school district R-1 at its meeting Monday night with Wayne Brubacher, new administrator, in attendance.

Causing concern was the possibility of erosion by wind and rain to the dirt piled around the school from excavation work that has been done. It was decided to go ahead and take steps towards finishing the playing field to alleviate this erosion.

Director Howard Cleveland has been working on plans for the grounds and had estimates on a sprinkling system that would pump water from Willow Creek to be used on the grounds. It was decided to proceed with this plan, and a call for bids on the system was issued (legal notice on page 9 of this paper).

Director Cleveland said that because of the nature of the soil about half of the excavated area can be worked for seeding this fall, but the other half will need to settle. He pointed out the serious dust problem and the probability of severe washing in

winter if it is not seeded. Approximate cost of the sprinkler system is \$3000, the director said. It was also decided to build a new section of road to help correct a drainage problem with a limit of \$1000 set for this project.

The board discussed the matter of completing the band room in the new school. The Timber Company, when it won the bid on the high school construction, had listed this alternative at \$24,000. However, directors expressed the feeling that they had no assurance now that the contractors would do the work at this figure because most sub-contractors have completed their work and are gone.

A figure of \$18,000 is available for the work, and the board decided to ask Principal Gordon Pratt and Arnold Melby, band instructor, to propose a plan with alternatives that might allow for a completion of the band rooms within the \$18,000 figure. This plan, then, will be reviewed by the board.

Also in connection with the building, the district office had investigated the possibility of installing a vocational shop in the area under the new building, but by the time of the meeting Monday had received no definite answers from the State Department of Education and the Fire Marshal's office. Therefore, any plans were held in abeyance.

The matter of transporting students within the city limits of Heppner to the new high school came up. Chairman Milton Morgan said that he does not believe the budget will allow special buses to pick up students, but the board seemed to concur that in-town students might meet buses coming in from the country at specific locations and ride to school. Principal Hillard Brown of the grade school said that he would like to have something worked out so that high school students would not assemble at the grade school so that "the little children do not have to fight their way into the building."

The school administrators were asked by the board to work out a plan for picking up the students in town. Administrator Brubacher advised that each in-town student be assigned to a

certain bus to avoid congestion on a few of the buses.

Four teachers were offered contracts: Mrs. Diana Kincaid, 1/2 year at Ione; Mrs. Wayne (Betty) Cacek (pronounced "Sawzik"), first grade in Heppner; William (Sarah) Wilson, fifth grade, Nelson, mathematics, Heppner; Mrs. Wilson is a newlywed and comes from New Jersey. Mrs. Cacek taught seven years in Nebraska and her husband works for Al Bunch. Nelson will receive his master's degree from Brown University soon after taking undergraduate work at Reed College, Portland.

Marguerite Glavey, still recovering from a hip injury suffered in a fall last year, will not be able to teach for the first two or three months of the school year, Principal Brown said, but Mrs. Gene (Maxine) Rietmann probably will be available to take her place until she is able to resume work.

This leaves three teaching positions yet to fill—seventh grade at Irrigon, English and Spanish at Heppner High, and girls' physical education and English at Ione High. Brubacher said that he is working to find applicants for these positions.

While considering the hiring of bus drivers, it was decided to appoint a committee of the school board and lay advisors to study each zone in the county, then to meet and form a pattern of routes. It will then be decided which bus will take each route, and salaries will be fixed on the basis of the routes.

Bids will be called for on fuel oil, bulk gasoline and servicing buses. It was decided to leave maintenance of buses on an individual basis without calling for bids.

Date of August 27 at 2 p.m. was set for a meeting in the north end of the county to review the contract with the Corps of Army Engineers for the Riverside High School. The board will first meet at Irrigon then go to Boardman for an evening session, with a member of the Corps to be asked to be present.

These matters, with other routine actions, kept the board in session until after midnight.

Gilliam to Transfer To Vets' Hospital

Lou Gilliam of Condon, who has been hospitalized for nearly a month after suffering a basal skull fracture in a fall while playing tennis in Condon, will be transferred to the Veterans' hospital, Portland, Monday, his wife said Thursday.

Gilliam, son of Leonard L. Gilliam of Heppner, has been showing good improvement here in Pioneer Memorial hospital but is making the transfer to get specialized treatment.

Lessons Begin Aug. 12

Adult beginning swimming lessons will start at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 12, at the Heppner city pool, Mrs. Tom Hughes, instructor, has announced. Plans are now to have only one beginners class for adults this summer, so all those interested are asked to be present on that date to register or contact Mrs. Hughes before that time. There is a charge of \$1.00 for the two weeks session of lessons.

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