

Rodeo Week-end Promises Action, Thrills

County Tax Millages Show Slight Gain

Property taxpayers in Morrow county will find that their millage rates, on the average, will be slightly above those for 1962-63 when they receive their tax statements in the fall.

Assessor Rod Thomson has released figures to show that 16 of the county's 20 code areas will have moderate gains in millage, but the remaining four are down.

Some of the increases, however, are not as much as had been expected in view of the budgets approved for the various taxing bodies. In Heppner, for instance, the total millage will be 82.9 for 1963-64. Last year it was 80.7, thereby showing a climb this year of 2.2 mills. Some had feared that it would reach 90 mills.

Taxpayers living within the city limits of Boardman will notice the greatest millage hike going from 74.4 mills last year to 87.6 for the 1963-64 year. This is largely due to the fact that only about \$10,000 worth of real property remains on the rolls there because the Corps of Engineers has purchased the major part of the property for relocation. Balance of the \$72,305 valuation listed for Boardman is comprised largely of personal property.

In other incorporated cities of the county, the total millages for the coming year are as follows (with last year's millage in parentheses): Irrigon, 71.9 (64.0); Lexington, 74.3 (69.5); and Ione, 82.0 (76.7).

Principally because the county's public utilities assessment was decreased this year from \$2,760,457 to \$2,135,395, a drop of \$625,062, the county's total taxable value is down. Last year the figure was \$17,400,042, and for 1963-64 it is \$16,854,365, a drop of \$545,677.

However, the county's real property valuation shows a slight gain, going to \$12,087,710 as compared with \$12,027,415 last year. Land inside corporate limits is up about \$23,000, reaching \$276,630 as compared with \$253,720 last year. Land outside corporate limits shows about a \$30,000 increase, going to \$8,331,500 from \$8,303,840 last year. Improvements inside corporate limits are placed at \$1,760,400 for 1963-64 and improvements outside corporate limits are set at \$1,719,130.

In the area of personal property, merchandise and stock in trade is down somewhat, to \$299,680 as compared with \$323,235 for 1962-63. Furniture, fixtures and equipment is down from \$84,435 to \$75,885; farm machinery and equipment is up to \$1,024,460 from the \$1,008,050 of last year, and other machinery and equipment is down to \$384,375 from \$415,150.

In the way of livestock, cattle show a substantial gain in numbers climbing from 26,318 head to 29,252 head. However, sheep and goats continue to decline, from 19,761 last year to 16,884; swine is down from 620 to 299; and horses and mules show a slight drop in number, from 786 to 758. Poultry is up to 14,685 from 13,199 last year.

Of the taxes to be collected for county purposes, \$127,511.70 will go to the county's general fund; \$17,439.21 to the county school fund; \$113,950.68 to the county road fund; \$5,959.70 to the county rodent fund; \$5,991.73 of the weed control funds; \$8,710.33 to the hospital maintenance fund; and \$291.11 to the law library fund.

Taxes to be collected for the Morrow county school district will be \$662,997.56 as compared with \$667,473.46.

Valuation of property in the

city of Heppner shows an increase, going to \$1,705,989 from \$1,651,633 last year, and the millage levy for city purposes is down slightly, to 13.9 mills from 14.3.

In Ione, valuation shows a slight drop, to \$367,567 from \$377,335, and the millage levy for the city purposes is up slightly, to 15.9 from 15.1.

Valuation of Lexington is also down about \$10,000, going to \$257,278 from \$267,904, and the levy is up a whisker, to 5.7 mills from 5.5 for city purposes.

Irrigon shows a slight valuation decrease also, dropping to \$138,889 from \$139,295 with a slight increase in levy to 8.1 mills from 7.8 for city purposes.

Boardman's valuation, with the Corps buying property there, is less than half that of last year, plummeting to \$72,305 as compared with \$151,190. The tax levy consequently soared to 33.9 mills for city purposes as compared with 16.5 last year.

Two Men to Open Skate Rink Here

Roller skating will come to Heppner beginning Friday, September 26, when Glen Ward and D. E. (Shorty) Hudson will open the fair pavilion as a roller rink.

They have obtained 140 pairs of shoe skates and 75 pairs of clamp-on skates for use in the rink, which they will operate under lease from the Morrow County Fair Board.

According to their plans, they will operate the rink on Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. through the winter months.

A nominal admission will be charged and \$5 and \$10 tickets will be available to those who wish to purchase them for skating over a period of time at reduced rates.

The rink will cater to private parties and will offer special features for birthday parties. A snack bar will also be in operation. The skates will be rented to those who participate.

Ward and Hudson have been in charge of showing the Friday evening movie at the Legion hall. Whether the movies will be continued depends upon whether some others will volunteer to show them.

The pavilion was improved during the summer with a new floor laid to accommodate the skating rink and new lighting was also installed.

Auxiliary to Offer Eats, Pop, Candy

American Legion auxiliary of Heppner has the food and soft drink concession at the 1963 Rodeo and will operate from the 4-H Snack Shack building near the fair pavilion, Mrs. Frank Hamlin, president, states.

Added to their menu this year will be foot-long hot dogs, Tuna and ham and cheese sandwiches will also be served, as well as hamburgers. Pop, ice cream, candy bars and gum will be on sale at the Snack Shack.

The auxiliary also has the concession in the rodeo stands and will have boys circulate through the crowd with refreshments.

The Snack Shack will be open all day Friday, all day into the evening Saturday, and from 10 a.m. until the rodeo's conclusion Sunday.

Swim Pool to Close Here Saturday Night

Heppner's swimming pool will close for the season after the swim Saturday night and will not be open on Sunday or Labor Day.

It will conclude a light season because of the cool weather. Number of swimmers was down from last year except for the warmer month of August, which was about on a par with previous weeks.

Call Proves Dry Run

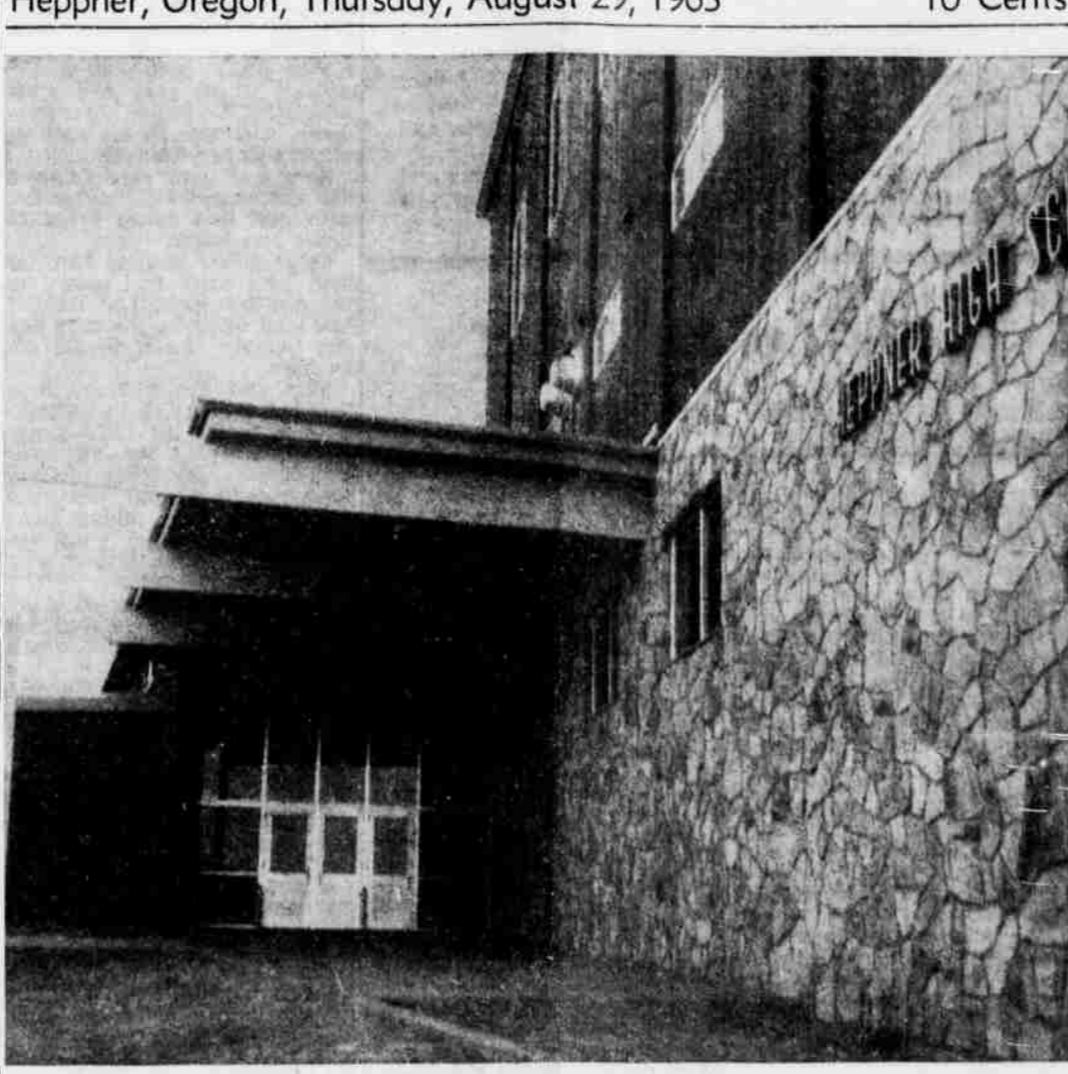
Heppner firemen Wednesday morning answered a call that took them to the Phil Mahoney place, only to find that it was a "dry run." Harold Evans and Mahoney had burned some stubble for a fire guard, and someone saw the smoke and reported it. A number of men responded to the alarm with the big rural truck and the Jeep, leaving their work to go. They said that they would appreciate it if those burning stubble would call the department and report it in advance to save the time and inconvenience of a false alarm.

Stores to be Closed For Coming Holiday

Stores in Heppner will be closed Monday for Labor Day, last holiday of the summer, and many will be closed on Saturday afternoon during the rodeo performance. It is announced by Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Customers are reminded to shop early for the Labor Day week-end and be prepared to enjoy the events of the rodeo.

WEATHER			
By LEONARD GILLIAM			
Weather report for the past week is as follows:			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	78	52	.14
Friday	70	45	.05
Saturday	77	43	—
Sunday	75	46	—
Monday	78	45	—
Tuesday	79	45	—
Wednesday	84	51	—



STUDENTS WILL pass through the doors of the new Heppner High school on a regular school day for the first time Tuesday when the fall semester starts. Except for finishing touches, the new school is ready and will provide spacious and inviting quarters for those attending there. (G-T Photo)

Tuesday Back-to-School Day for Morrow Kids

Ready or not, it will be back to school for students throughout Morrow county Tuesday at 9 a.m. after they have enjoyed the last holiday of the summer—Labor Day—on Monday.

Wayne Brubacher, county school superintendent, announces that teaching staff is now complete with 87 instructors on the county roster, including administrators, and 88 including himself.

At Heppner, high school students will go to their brand new

building while upper elementary grades will convene in the old high school.

High school students living inside the Heppner city limits may ride to school on a bus. To do so, they should be at the city library where pickup will be made at approximately 8:30. In driving to the new high school, buses will go up the new road off the slaughter house road and come down the Morgan street extension, thus observing a one-way pattern. Private vehicles

going to the school are asked to observe the same one-way route, although signs have not yet been placed to designate it.

A regular schedule of classes will be conducted in each school of the county on the first day and for each day ensuing.

Hillard Brown, elementary school administrator in Heppner, said that hot lunches will be served beginning on the first day at the regular price of 25c per meal. Gordon Pratt said that hot lunches will also be served at the new school at 25c per meal beginning on the first day, although new tables in the multipurpose room may not be completely installed by that time.

Teachers in the county system are as follows:

Heppner Elementary: Hillard Brown, principal; Mrs. Juanita Duffy, Mrs. Wayne (Betty) Cacek (pronounced Saw-sick), and Mrs. Hillard (Lucile) Brown, all first grade; Mrs. Ken (Lucile) Peck, Mrs. Peter (Jackie) Glennie, and Mrs. Anita Stockard, all second grade; Mrs. Adrian (Velva) Becholdt and Mrs. John (Mildred) Hanna, both third grade; Mrs. Floyd (Lorena) James and Mrs. C. C. (Juanita) Carmichael, both 4th grade; Mrs. Wayne (Sara) Wilson, Miss Marguerite Glavey and Mrs. Don (Lois) Kirk, 5th grade; Mrs. Dick (Inez) Meador and Mrs. Harold (Inez) Erwin, 6th grade; Donald Cole, 7th and 8th science; Donald Clark, 7th and 8th reading; Clint Agee, 7th and 8th social studies; Mrs. Frieda Slocum, 7th and 8th English; Tom Hughes, 7th and 8th math; Mrs. Clint (Janet) Agee, girls' P. E. and health; Mrs. Don (Louise) Clark, librarian; Mrs. Elmer (Grace) Schmidt, home economics (2 periods); Mrs. Harold (Arolene) Laird, remedial, grades 2, 3, 4; Mrs. W. S. (Pauline) Miller, remedial reading, grades 5, 6, 7, 8; Mrs. Emil (Ola Mae) Groshens, music all grades, Heppner and Lexington; Mrs. Fred (Kathryn) Hoskins, special education; and Arnold Melby, band (2 1/2 periods).

Principal Writes Greetings From New High School

Principal Gordon Pratt has written greetings to students who will be the first to attend school in the new Heppner High school building, just completed.

He announces that students who drive to school will please observe a 15 mile per hour speed limit on the school grounds and also while approaching the school on either road. Please drive in front of the building and around the end to park on the level behind the upper level wing.

"I welcome you back to school with the hope that this year proves to be for each of you, a golden year in your life. A hope, too, that at the end of this year you find yourself better able to cope with the many problems that you face by living in the fast-moving, sometimes precarious 20th century."

"On the minus side for some of you comes the announcement that cars must be parked all day and may not be driven during school hours. Those of you who drive to school will please observe a 15 mile per hour speed limit on the school grounds and also while approaching the school on either road. Please drive in front of the building and around the end to park on the level behind the upper level wing.

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Local Cow Riders To Open Rodeo Shows

Morrow county's rodeo shows Saturday and Sunday afternoons will open with a new punch this year. Nine local men, most of them Heppner businessmen, will participate in a cow riding event to kick-off the afternoon shows, Floyd Jones, rodeo chairman, announces.

Listed as participants are the following: Bill Slowter, banker; Jim Myers, pharmacist; Wes Marlett, service station operator; Herman Winter, district attorney; Fred Gimbel, power company manager; Dave Barnett, auto sales manager; Bob Mahoney, rancher; and Don McClure, teacher.

Inspiration for this event is a little vague. It may have started as a dare. One of the riders remarked confidently that the cows will be "gentle old bossies" but this is not confirmed.

At any rate, friends agree that this event alone will be worth the price of admission for the entire program.

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Horse Show Opens Event; Parade Set

Cowboys from throughout the West will come from all directions this week-end to join home talent in the 1963 Morrow County Rodeo, the show that dates back 41 years to its inception in 1922.

Starting with the Wranglers club Horse Show at the rodeo grounds, Heppner, Friday, events in the action-packed week-end will continue through the afternoon Rodeo show Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday will be the colorful Street Parade in the morning, starting at 10 a.m., the opening Rodeo performance at 1:15, special night show at 8 p.m. and the Rodeo dance at 10 p.m.

Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast, beginning at 7 o'clock Sunday morning and continuing until

10, will open proceedings on Sunday, and the afternoon Rodeo show, getting underway at 1:30 p.m., will complete the 1963 celebration.

Bronc busters from far and wide will compete again for the coveted Hamley saddle in the Northwest Amateur Bronc Riding championship, one of the top features of the rodeo. Last year Buzz Seelye of Arlington walked off with the prize.

Morrow county amateur calf ropers will vie for another prized saddle, also made by Hamley and Company, but given by Kinzua corporation. Jim Farley copied this prize last year.

As in the past, the rodeo programs will be jam-packed with thrilling events with humor mixed in. The rough and ready stock of John Van Belle, Outlook, Wn., will again provide the rip-roaring challenge for the cowboys and Chuck Blaylock, aided by Benny Bidwell, both of Redmond, will be on deck to provide mirth as clowns for the shows.

A group of plucky and uninitiated Chamber of Commerce volunteers will add some fun and zest to the afternoon shows this year in a special cow riding event. Calf roping, bareback riding, bulldogging, bronc riding, team roping, Morrow county amateur calf roping, wild cow milking, bull riding, girls' barrel racing, 2-year old futurity for Morrow county owned horses, pony racing, and flag racing will be on the Saturday afternoon program, and the Sunday show will have similar events as the finals. Morrow county derby will also be on Sunday afternoon.

At the Saturday night show will be Wranglers' wild cow riding, team roping, 1/4-mile cowing race, exhibition bucking, cowboy race, Morrow county calf roping, and wild horse race.

Besides the saddles to be presented, other trophies include handmade western boots made and presented by Del Brown, Pendleton, for second in the amateur calf roping; a Stetson hat by Wilson's Men's Wear, Heppner, for third in the amateur roping; a pair of chaps from Severe Bros., Pendleton, for second in saddle bronc riding; \$25 certificate by Claude and Margaret Buschke of Gilliam and Bisbee for girls' OBRA racing; and trophy buckle by Herman Green, Heppner, for first in cow riding.

Rodeo Chairman Floyd Jones declares that his committee has things well in hand for the Rodeo. Working hard this week on last minute preparations are Bert Huff, secretary; Bill Smethurst, veteran on the rodeo committee who is in charge of the queen and court; John Eubanks, in charge of races; Fred Mankin, new member but old hand at the Horse Show, working on trophies and awards; Al Fetsch, in charge of dances; Everett Struckmeier, Wrangler representative; Gerald Swaggart, who is in charge of the grounds; Raymond French, in charge of the barns; Wes Sherman, working on publicity and advertising; and Fred Gimbel, Chamber of Commerce representative who is working on parking as well as being chairman of the parade.

Huff said that entries by mid-week totaled 50, an unusually high number for this early. Last year's total entry list was 147, but most of them came in on the last day. This may top previous records. Entries close at 5 p.m. Friday at the Wranglers clubhouse, rodeo office. Huff will be there to accept late entries, aided by Mrs. Bill (Thelma) Smethurst.

The Wrangler Horse Show Friday will bring out the finest horses in the county for both conformation and halter and performance classes with Mankin, superintendent for many years, in charge once more. After starting at 9 a.m. the event will continue throughout the day with a stop only for lunch.

Little Leaguers will sell programs in the stands throughout the rodeo and will share in the proceeds.

Cascade Amusement Company carnival is already on hand and will offer additional entertainment for crowds attending the rodeo.

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Parade Due To Start At 10 Sharp

At 10 a.m. Saturday, the big street parade for the 1963 Rodeo will get underway and travel south on Heppner's gaily-decorated Main street, Fred Gimbel, chairman, states.

Those who plan to be in the parade must be ready to go at that time for it is planned to start the line of march without delay, he said.

All entries are advised and urged to be on hand by 9:30 a.m. General assembling point will be on Main street between the city park and Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company, and from there different types of entries will be dispersed to different areas.

Kiddies in costume and those with pets are requested to assemble in the parking lot of Ford's Tire Service. Floats will group on Church street, west from Main, and this includes both those for adults and children, Gimbel said. Farm machinery and family groups will be on Gale street, and riding groups will be on Baltimore, west of Gale.

Grand Marshal Bill Smethurst, who was in charge of the parade for years, will be at the corner of Baltimore and Main to lead the long procession. Assembling behind him on Baltimore will be the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court, visiting courts, former queens and courts.

Indications are that there will be a bumper crop of entries in all divisions this year. It is hard to enumerate them because of the fact that the parade requires no advance entry.

However, some of them known to be coming are the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce float, the Umatilla Ordnance depot float, Pacific Power and Light Company float, the Western Starlettes of Pendleton which is a girls' marching group sponsored by VFW auxiliary, post No. 92, representatives of Happy Canyon

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HORSE SHOW—RODEO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 30

9 a.m. Wranglers Horse Show opens, Rodeo Grounds, all day.

5 p.m. Rodeo entries close. Drawings made.

Saturday, August 31

10 a.m. Downtown Street Parade. Forms in vicinity of city park on side streets. Entrants should be on hand at 9:30. Judging of floats, 9:30.

11:30 a.m. Luncheon for Morrow county Rodeo Queen and court and visiting queens and courts in Elks club.

1:15 p.m. First performance of rodeo. Admission: Adults \$2, students \$1. No reserved seats.

8 p.m. Special night show at rodeo grounds. Admission: Adults \$1, children, 50c.

10 p.m. Rodeo dance in fair pavilion. \$1.50 per person.

Sunday, September 1

7 to 10 a.m. Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast at clubhouse near fair pavilion. Everyone invited. Adults, \$1.50 per plate; students, 75c; children, 50c.

1:30 p.m. Final show of the rodeo. Adults, \$2; students, \$1.

Carnival will play throughout the week-end in grounds beside the fair pavilion.

American Legion Auxiliary will operate Snack Shack with food and soft drinks throughout the horse show and rodeo.