

Judge Peterson Statement Suggests Special Election

Judge Oscar Peterson, in a statement issued this week, says that he hopes the new county court, which assumes office in January, "will find it feasible to arrange for a special election so that we will again have the opportunity to vote for the 3-year road levy."

The proposed levy, which would provide \$100,000 annually, was defeated by a small margin on November 3. The judge said that he hoped the election could be held in time so that the levy could be included in the budget for 1965-66.

"In a budget of some 60 mills we believe that a levy of not over five mills for the county road fund is very reasonable," he said.

He pointed out that there are some other sources of funds for the road budget, including the motor license funds, gas refunds, forest rentals, and others, but the sum of these does not exceed \$75,000 or \$80,000 annually. "This is quite inadequate and will support a skimpy maintenance program only," the judge said.

In reviewing the history of the special levy for roads in the county he said, "For the past 12 years we have had in Morrow county a special road levy to help defray the cost of improving our county roads as well as for maintaining them. When this was first inaugurated, the petition called for 10 mills and was to run for five years. This worked nicely and the fund, based on a \$13 million assessed valuation at the time brought in \$135,000 earmarked for the road program."

"New equipment purchased and a healthy road program got underway. Five years later the program was renewed, again for five years. In the meantime assessed valuations rose so that

we exceeded the six percent limitation in the road budget. Thus, in the fourth year of the second serial we were forced to revamp the program and have it based on a certain monetary sum instead of the 10 mill levy. This was done at the election four years ago the specific sum of \$115,000 was asked for. This was for three years and, being passed, cost the taxpayers something like six mills instead of the 10.

"Now the three years are over and our special levy for road purposes is out by July 1, 1965. We don't believe the people of Morrow county want this. What we asked for in this last election was \$100,000 annually on a serial levy to run for three years and would require approximately five mills on the present \$21 million assessed valuation. It is not a new tax but a continuation of what we had in a lesser amount."

Judge-elect Paul Jones said after defeat of the levy that he feels it essential to the county road program and indicated that he favored re-submitting the matter to voters. However, he could not be reached this week because he is attending the Association of Oregon Counties convention in Portland. Jones will be the only new member of the county court, since Commissioner Walter Hayes of Boardman was reelected and Commissioner Gene Ferguson of Heppner is a holdover member.

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week and still receiving care are Grace Craig of Fossil, and Kenneth Marshall of Lexington. Admitted for care and then dismissed was Tillie Rauch, Heppner.

There has been a general impression throughout the state that any significant increase in school taxes was primarily due to last year's voter rejection of the tax measure and the subsequent reduction in basic school support. However, it should be noted that while the special Session of the Legislature reduced basic school support by \$12.0 million, the Emergency Board subsequently restored \$3.4 million. A vast majority of the school districts followed the Emergency Board's recommendation (Portland being a notable exception), and used the restoration as a property tax offset on 1964-65 levies. The net result is that only \$9 or \$10 million of the \$23 million increase in school levies can be attributed to the defeat of the measure.

Property Taxes In Oregon Climb More Than 11%

In an almost unprecedented increase, 1964-65 property tax levies for all taxing units in Oregon (cities, counties, school districts, etc.) rose \$27,134,082, or 11.3%, over the comparable levies for the 1963-64 fiscal year. The aggregate levy for 1964-65 is \$268,029,807, including per acre assessments, according to Oregon Tax Research, Portland.

Of the total levy, \$181.3 million, or 68%, is accounted for by school levies; \$39.4 billion, or 15%, by city levies; and the remaining \$47.3 million (17%), by county and special district levies.

Sharpest increase in any of the 36 counties occurred in Lincoln county, where the 1964-65 levy for all taxing units is up 22.6%. Second highest rate of increase is in Sherman county, 20.7%; followed by Deschutes, 19.8%; Washington, 18.3%; and Marion, 18.1%. Other sharp increases were in Union county, 17.8%; Polk, 17.3%; Lane, 15.9%; Clackamas, 15.5%; and Linn, 13.6%.

Only six of Oregon's counties were able to effect a reduction in their 1964-65 levies. These were Gilliam, Grant, Josephine, Tillamook, Wallowa, and Wheeler. Largest decrease, percentage-wise, was in Wallowa, down 8.6%.

The sharp increase in property taxes is mainly attributable to mounting school taxes. Total school levies rose from \$158,392,502 for 1963-64 to \$181,359,368 for 1964-65, an increase of \$23 million, or 14.5%. A rapidly growing item in school taxes are the levies imposed by community colleges. For 1964-65, six community college districts levied property taxes amounting to \$1,352,390. This excludes the Lane Community College which was only recently formed and did not make a 1964-65 levy. It also excludes property tax levies for community college operations within regular school districts, such as Portland, Eugene, Salem and Oregon City.

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BOWLING

(Editor's Note: In order to be included in a current issue of the Gazette-Times, bowling scores must be brought to the paper office by Tuesday of that week. Scores coming in Wednesday or later will be printed the following week.)

Fiesta Women's Major

Team	W	L
Padberg Machinery	27	13
Lairds' Variety	27	13
Lexington Co-op	25	15
Turner, Van Marter and Bryant	23	17
M. C. Grain Growers	19	21
Lott's Electric	19	21
Kinzua Corp.	18	22
Bristow's Market	2	38

High Ind. Game—Earlene Miller, 185; High Ind. Series—Iris Campbell, 477; High Team Game—Padberg Machinery, 900; High Team Series—Padberg Machinery, 2599.

Commercial

Team	W	L
A. L. Daggett	30	10
St. Patrick's	26	14
Bank of EO	24	16
Willow Creek Club	22	18
Heppner Studs	21 1/2	18 1/2
First Nat'l Bank	14	26
IOOF	12 1/2	27 1/2
Gardner's Men's Wear	10	30

High Ind. Game—Allen Hughes, 205; High Ind. Series—Allen Hughes, 511; High Team Game—Bank of EO, 973; High Team Series—Bank of EO, 2799.

Pin Spinners

Team	W	L
Bank of EO	32	12
Peterson's Jewelry	30 1/2	13 1/2
Central Market	26	18
Del's Market	24 1/2	19 1/2
Jack's Chevron	21	23
Heppner Elks	20	24
PMH Angels	12	32
Elma's Apparel	10	34

High Ind. Game—Mary Malcom, 189; High Ind. Series—Marie McQuarrie, 448; High Team Game—Del's Market, 913; High Team Series—Central Market, 2576.

Commercial

Team	W	L
A. L. Daggett	30	14
St. Patrick's church	30	14
Bank of EO	28	16
Heppner Studs	24 1/2	19 1/2
Willow Creek Club	23	21
First Nat'l Bank	14	20
Gardner's Men's Wear	14	30
IOOF	12 1/2	31 1/2

High Ind. Game—Del Piper, 218; High Ind. Series—Fr. R. H. Beard, 594; High Team Game—St. Patrick's Church, 1020; High Team Series—St. Patrick's church, 2852.

Blue Mountain

Team	W	L
Central Market	29	15
Gar Aviation	29	15
H & M Construction	26	18
Wagon Wheel	22	22
Rietmann's Hdw.	20	24
Kinzua Corp.	18 1/2	25 1/2
Ford's Tire	16	28

High Ind. Game—Ken Brenner, 232; High Ind. Series—Ken Brenner, 574; High Team Game—Central Market, 956; High Team Series—Rietmann's Hdw., 2702.

Thurs. Night Ladies

Team	W	L
C. Ed Cole	34	10
Miladies	31	13
C. A. Ruggles	29 1/2	14 1/2
First Nat'l Bank	22 1/2	21 1/2
L. E. Dick	17	27
Humphreys Drug	15	29
Phil's Pharmacy	10	34

High Ind. Game—Jo Ann Dyck, 213; High Ind. Series—Jo Ann Dyck, 501; High Team Game—Humphreys, 921; High Team Series—C. Ed Cole, 2604.

Wheat Men Elect Jepsen President; Hear Thomas Talk

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some way to control price of wheat for various uses, and this the speaker called, "Market splitting."

"We have tried to program wheat basically into two uses: domestic food and export outlets," he said.

Thomas discussed the proposed referendum that would have imposed strict controls with heavy penalties. This was defeated in 1962. The present program, which Congress put into effect after passing in April of this year, recognizes that wheat is worth different amounts for different uses, he said.

During the day's sessions, the growers went on record as favoring a special assessment of Wheat League members to carry on activities and work of the league. E. H. (Ted) Miller Jr., is a member of a state committee considering such an assessment, and the group voted to support the committee proposal of an annual special assessment of \$5 per member plus \$1 for each 1000 bushels of wheat he raises, or \$5 per member plus 3c per acre. This would also make it possible for each member to receive a weekly newsletter from Washington, D. C., a publication that is now received by only a few of the members.

The growers also went on record as favoring continuation of the certificate or two-price wheat program. They indicated that they would like the program to be more voluntary and more permanent, the latter on the theory that they cannot seed for permanent grass or permanent conservation practice for just a year or two. If no new legislation is drafted by Congress before April, another referendum will be submitted to the growers nationwide for vote, and the members at the meeting Tuesday felt that this would be futile in view of the defeat of the referendum in 1962.

Jepsen will succeed Paul Tews, who presided at the Tuesday sessions, as head of the Morrow association. Other officers are Louis Carlson, first vice president; Kenneth Turner, second vice president; and Nels Anderson, secretary. The position of second vice president was added this year because of the increasing number of activities.

Lowell Turners Leave After 3-Week Visit

Visiting relatives and friends here for the first time in two years were 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lowell Turner and their 16-month-old daughter, Kim, who, after a three-week stay, left for Myrtle Beach, S. C., Monday. Lt. Turner, who is the son of Mrs. Ernie Winchester, was able to do some elk hunting while on leave. Mrs. Turner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morris.

Also spending last week-end at the Winchester home were Nolan Turner and Mrs. Ida Turner of Green Acres, Wn., uncle and grandmother of Lt. Turner.

Pays \$19,535 Taxes

Pacific Northwest Bell paid its 1964-65 property taxes Friday (November 13) in Morrow county with a check for \$19,535.70. Dale Slusher, local manager, who delivered the check to Sher-


Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County administratrix of the Estate of George Fichter, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, verified as required by law, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice to said administratrix at the office of Burda & Somers, attorneys at law, 106 East 4th Street, The Dalles, Oregon.

Mary Fichter, Administratrix of the Estate of George Fichter, deceased.
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iff C. J. D. Bauman, said the phone company's property taxes in the county had increased 13.4 per cent over the previous year's total.

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November 23-27

Nov. 23 Morrow County OEA at Ione, 4:30.
Kindergarten Meeting at A. C. Houghton old building, 7:30.
Adult class in tailoring at Ione Elementary.
Nov. 24 Boy Scouts 7-9 at A. C. Houghton.
Cub Scouts 3:15-4:30 at A. C. Houghton.
Nov. 25 Bluebirds, 2:30-4:00 at A. C. Houghton.
Nov. 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Vacation.

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