

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Assessor to Send Reappraisal Letters

Reappraisal letters are now being sent out by the Morrow county assessor's office to real property owners in the county.

He issued the following statement in connection with the letters: "If your property has recently been appraised and the assessed value has changed more than \$100, either higher or lower, you will receive one of these letters. The real property concerned consists of both land and improvements in the county north of the Willamette baseline and of improvements only south of the baseline. Due to the fact that some property owners are confused as to the meaning of these letters, this article is aimed at clarifying the situation.

"In the first place, the property number on your letter is the same as that on your tax statement. The letter states that by law the assessor is required to appraise at true cash value of the property an estimate of what the property will sell for on today's market. The assessed value is 25% of true cash value. "Most letters will state that in 1964 the land and buildings were assessed at a certain amount with a total assessed value. It then gives the amount of total value for the 1965, or current, tax year.

"Some people state that value could not change like that in one year. Actually all the notice shows is the value it was carried in 1964 and the new value in 1965. Very probably that shown for 1964 was done on the last appraisal, which was about 10 years ago—in 1955.

"The appraisal, in itself, has nothing to do with the tax on the property but is purely an estimate of the present current value of the property. If the amount shown as true cash value is about what you believe your property would bring on today's market, then we have treated you fairly as the law allows us to do. If the amount shown is more than you could get for the property, it would then be well to check with the assessor.

"Luckily for the assessor's office, we do not work on a commission basis, so it is certainly not to our advantage to value your property either higher or lower than it will actually bring on today's market. This office is working for the property owners of Morrow county and it is our endeavor to treat each property owner as fairly as it is humanly possible."

## Anderson Home Hit By Night Fire

Fire, which broke out in the carport at the Ervin Anderson home about 9 p.m. Wednesday night, destroyed the structure, the family car and brought heavy damage to the adjoining house.

A quantity of ammunition, which Anderson self-loads as a hobby, was stored in the carport and added a rather hazardous pyrotechnic display while 12 firemen and other volunteers fought the blaze.

The fire shot across a covered breezeway between the carport and house and involved the main building. It caught in the kitchen and ran to ceilings, making it necessary for firemen to get into the attic to extinguish. Much of the family's household goods was lost in the blaze but the volunteers carried considerable from the structure.

Located on Jones street, between the Catholic parish hall and a shed on the south side, the fire posed a threat to the neighboring buildings, but firemen, led by Chief Charles Ruggles, were able to confine it to the Anderson property except for some involvement to the shed to the south.

Cause of the fire has not been determined and no figure has been placed on the amount of loss. It was probably the worst fire here, though, since the Elks' Temple fire in 1962. Loss was partially covered by insurance. Anderson was at his building supply yard when the fire occurred, but Mrs. Anderson and a young granddaughter were home. When the firemen received the alarm, the carport was totally involved and flames at times seemed to shoot 100 feet into the air. It spread via the breezeway into the house as if fed by a blowtorch.

The Andersons stayed with the Herman Greens Wednesday night and as of Thursday morning had not decided what they would do about their home. Officer John Mollahan was one of the first to arrive at the scene. Mrs. Anderson apparently turned in the alarm. Firemen stuck to the job until about midnight. Fifty caliber and 30-06 cartridges were in the carport. As the fire hit them, the bullets would travel only a short distance but the cartridge shells flew in ensuing explosions. Chief Ruggles said, "One, virtually spent, hit a fireman on the leg but it did not result in an injury."

## Post Office Seeks Bids for Carrying Mail on New Route

Beginning July 1, mail arriving in Heppner will be delivered by truck from Pendleton, instead of from Arlington, and mail dispatched will go to Pendleton rather than to Arlington. Postmaster Jim Driscoll said this week.

The change of routes will mean no changes in service to patrons here, and arrival and dispatch times will be the same, he said.

Bids have been called for carrying the mail over Star Route 40128, as it has been designated. They will be received until 4:30 p.m., May 7, at the office of the Director, Transportation Division, P. O. Box 3867, Seattle, Wash., 98124.

Currently holding the contract to haul the mail to and from Arlington are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenner and Kenneth Brenner of Ione.

The daily schedule, except Sundays and holidays, calls for leaving the Pendleton post office at 3:00 a.m., leaving the Hinkle railroad station at 4:00 a.m., leaving Lexington at 4:55 a.m., and arriving at Kinzua at 7:50 a.m., after stopping at Heppner, Condon, Mayville and Fossil offices. The mail truck will leave Kinzua at 5 p.m. to retrace the route and eventually arrive back at the Pendleton railroad station 9:35 p.m.

A closed van type vehicle with facilities for locking doors providing 600 cubic feet of space is required. Other information is available from Postmaster Driscoll.

## Red Cross Drive Over Half Mark

Fund campaign of the Morrow county chapter, Red Cross, went over the halfway mark this week with the quota 53% reached, Jack Locke, campaign chairman, said. To date, \$718 has been received so far towards the quota of \$1354.

Frank Turner reports good cooperation from the local business firms where he has been handling the solicitation.

Chairman Locke said that he expects the drive to be completed next week.

## Kids To Get Free Photos For Paper This Weekend

Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, are the big days for the picture taking of local youngsters!

The Gazette-Times is having pictures taken of all children who are brought by their parents or other guardian to the places shown below, free of charge:

Ione, Friday, April 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Stefani's Restaurant.

Heppner, Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Heppner Hotel.

The Gazette-Times wants a picture of all local children to print in its forthcoming feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow," a series of photographic studies of local children. Those who have been photographed for this feature in previous years are especially invited to return. The more who participate the better the feature will be, so cooperation of mothers and fathers is urged.

It often seems to parents that children are little one minute and are grown up the next, so fast does a child's growing stage pass. Here is a splendid opportunity to catch a likeness of your child or children at the

present stage for the pleasure you will get out of it in future years and for the pleasure you will enjoy in seeing it in print. You will want to clip it from this year's home town newspaper, and preserve it for the youngster when he or she grows up.

There is absolutely no charge or obligation for taking the pictures. Parents don't even have to be a subscriber to the Gazette-Times nor even a reader. You do not have to purchase pictures either, though you may obtain additional prints by arranging directly with the studio representative if you want them. This is entirely up to you. No appointment is necessary. There is no age limit.

If you wish to make an appointment, phone Mrs. Jim Barnett at Ione, 422-7252, or Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn Heppner, 676-9284 or 676-9157. However, no appointment is necessary. You may come at any time during studio hours. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Photography will be handled by the Dansville, New York office of Woltz Studios of Des Moines.

## Redmond Man Chosen As Principal

Jack Grossnickle of Redmond was hired as principal of Heppner Elementary school for the 1965-66 school year at a special meeting of the Morrow County School board Monday night.

During the past three years Grossnickle has served as superintendent-principal of Terrebonne Elementary school, near Redmond. He taught for 11 years in the Redmond Elementary school.

The new principal is 37 years old, is married and has two children. Supt. David Potter said. He received his bachelor degree from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in 1958 in elementary education. He received his master degree in elementary administration from the same college this year.

Grossnickle recently completed a year as president of Deschutes County Education association and is currently serving on the Oregon Education association's ethics committee.

It is expected that he will arrive in Heppner with his family about July 1. Grossnickle was one of a number of applicants considered for the position. He will succeed Hillard Brown, principal at the school for six years.

## Donkey Hoopers To Play Saturday

It will be the high school faculty versus lettermen seniors in donkey basketball at Heppner High school Saturday night at 8 p.m.

No one knows who the losers will be, but it is a sure thing that it won't be the donkeys. Sponsored by the high school's H-club (lettermen), the game's proceeds will go towards the purchase of a whirlpool bath for treatment of athletic injuries and ailments.

Among the faculty members engaged to ride the donkeys are Pete Glennie, Don McClure, Bob Clough, Jim Potter, Jerry Jonasson and Rex English. There is some possibility that the team will ring in a couple of superstars, Margaret McCarter and Virginia Buch.

Seniors competing against the faculty will be lettermen in all sports. Admission is \$1 per adult and 50¢ for students, the latter with tickets are purchased in advance.

## Saturday at Ione Is Cleanup Day

Saturday is cleanup day at Ione, and Mayor Charles O'Connor has issued a call for volunteers to help implement the job.

All those who are willing to mobilize to help haul and clean are asked to assemble downtown at 9 a.m.

Householders are invited to get out their discards, junk, trash and debris, pile it on curbs, and it will be hauled away. Upper grade school children probably will be drafted to help with the annual event, the mayor said.

## Teachers to Present Special PTA Program

A special program of interest to parents of students will be a feature of the monthly Heppner PTA meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at the grade school multipurpose room at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. L. E. Dick will demonstrate some of the equipment used in the developmental reading program in the Heppner schools. Another instructor, Mrs. Dick Meador, will have some of the grade school students demonstrate some of the new methods now being used in the teaching of arithmetic. The program will follow a short business meeting.

## Five from County On BMC Honor Roll

Five students of Morrow county made winter term honor rolls at Blue Mountain College, according to lists released last week.

Vester Hams of Ione had the highest grade point average of Morrow county students with 3.86. He is enrolled in drafting.



SAYING GOODEBY to Chief of Police Dean Gilman after 25 years service for the City of Heppner and Morrow county is Pat Mollahan, left, who retired at the close of his shift Sunday after 10 years as relief police officer here.

## Hereford Calf Born With Two Mouths

A Hereford calf born on the Sid Zinter place at Ione early this week has two mouths and apparently has normal use of each mouth, Zinter said. It suckles its mother with either mouth.

When the calf was born with the deformity, Zinter said that he thought it would not survive, but he noticed it was using both mouths, which are side by side with separate nostrils. As it reached 72 hours old and seemed to remain healthy, it appeared that the calf will live and develop. In many cases when such a deformity occurs, one of the parts is dormant, and this is unusual in that both mouths seem to function normally.

## Ski Corporation To Seek Larger Issue of Stock

Application to the Security Section of the Oregon Corporation Commission for a \$35,000 stock issue for the purpose of developing the Arbuckle Mountain ski slope was authorized by the corporation's shareholders at a meeting of the old city library.

At the same time the corporation's shareholders authorized the employment of a professional person to sell the stock issue. If the issue is approved, funds will be used for the purchase of a lift and initial development of a lodge building at the slope.

At the present time, the corporation is organized for \$5,000 in stock, of which \$4,130 has been sold. A balance sheet from the first year's operations shows assets of \$7,630.67 and liabilities of \$3,500.67. Thirty-one persons hold stock in the present corporation.

At the same time the stockholders agreed that if a private individual should become interested and was willing to buy the operation and willing to develop it, the corporation should consider selling it. Work on the slope to date has been done by those taking time from their principal occupations to do it.

C. K. (Ken) Peck, president of the corporation, and Bob Henry, one of the principal workers in the corporation, were commended for their parts in progress made during the year.

All directors were reelected, including Peck, Herman Wintner, Wes Sherman, L. E. Dick and Clarence Rosewall. At a directors' meeting following, Peck was reelected president and Rosewall vice president. A secretary-treasurer is yet to be named. Other stockholders at the meeting were Al Lamb, Ed Gonty, Ron Reid, Avery Taylor and Henry.

## Officer Pat Ends Long Service on City Force

Officer Pat Mollahan, the tall, straight policeman whom everybody likes, retired from his position with the city Monday after serving the county and city for 25 years.

Thoroughly as Irish as his name, Officer Pat at various times was chief of police, Morrow county deputy sheriff and employee of the water department before taking the position of relief officer on the city force about 10 years ago.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman expressed the sentiment of the community when he said Tuesday, "No finer man ever walked the streets of Heppner. There are probably a few as good, but none better."

Mollahan, who was born in Leitrim, Ireland, 73 years ago and came to Oregon in 1911, will retire to his 300-acre ranch north of town and help his son, John, who works as the city's night officer, to farm the place.

A man of peace and dignity, Officer Pat has always held the respect of young and old alike. Though every bit an Irishman, he seldom displayed the tempestuous traits so often attributed to his native countrymen. Rather, he spoke calmly and gently to all, but a firmness evident behind his courteous manner, coupled with his erect 6-2 stature, commanded respect whenever he had occasion to talk with someone on "official business."

## Heart Fund Total Falls Below '64

Final returns of the Heart Fund campaign held during the month of February in the Heppner, Ione and Lexington vicinities, total \$562.59, as compared with \$643.23 a year ago, it was announced recently by Harley Sager, local 1965 Heart Fund Campaign chairman.

The 1965 total was derived as follows: Heart Week residential collection in Heppner by members of Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, \$165.08; business block solicitation in Heppner, handled by the American Legion Auxiliary with Mrs. Frank Hamlin in charge, \$224.00; Lexington residential collection, also by Ruth Assembly members, \$36.05; Lexington business block and rural solicitation, with Mrs. John Ledbetter in charge, \$53.00; Carroll I. Miller headed the business block and rural campaign in the Ione vicinity that totaled \$43.50.

No. 89 collected \$40.96 in the residential solicitation in that community. "We are most grateful," said Sager, "for the public spirited services rendered by volunteers, campaign leaders and news media in support of the Heart Fund, and last but certainly not least, for the warm hearted response of the area residents to the volunteers working on behalf of the Oregon Heart Association."

He was just a youth of 19 when he came alone to Oregon from Ireland to seek work, following an older brother to this country. The brother, James, had gone to the Pilot Rock area, and Pat also went there. One of his first jobs was working with Billy Baker on a ranch. Baker is still around but currently is under hospitalization in the Veterans' hospital at Walla Walla.

Chief Gilman recently had occasion to visit with Baker, and the conversation drifted to Pat Mollahan.

"When I first saw him," said Billy, "that was the biggest, stoutest rawboned Irish kid I'd ever seen in my life."

Pat liked the country, which is obvious now that he has been here for 54 years. After working at Pilot Rock for a year he went to Butter Creek to work on another ranch for two years, then came to Heppner where he worked with John Kilkenny on Hinton Creek, the present Don Greenup ranch.

In 1940 he bought the place north of Heppner and has been there since. He was married in

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## Curtis Culp Here As New Officer

Curtis Culp, formerly of Klamath Falls, is now on duty here as state police officer, succeeding Jim Gordon, who was recently transferred to Baker.

Officer Culp served five years with the Oregon State Police in Klamath Falls, and for two years prior was an officer in La Grande.

They are residing in Heppner in a house at Center and Gale owned by the C. A. Warrens. In the family are Culp's wife, Bonnie, a son, Chris, 2, and daughter Kathrina (Kitty), 10 months. Both Mr. and Mrs. Culp were originally from Vale and enjoy the Eastern Oregon country.

## Drama-Music Festival Due Friday at Heppner High

Double entertainment is offered the public by Heppner High school Friday night in the music-drama festival to be staged at the school, starting at 8 p.m.

The drama department, of which Mrs. Janet Groves is instructor, will present three one-act plays, and the concert band, directed by Arnold Melby, will perform before the plays and during intermissions. The band is working on numbers from the Broadway show, "Hello, Dolly!" for the festival.

The one act play, "My Primitive Self," a fantasy, will feature four girls, Jill Cline, Anita Groves, Kay Daggett and Jean Siewert. Two of the characters represent the primitive selves of the cultured and sophisticated modern selves.

A second play, "The Highway," takes place after a young married couple, played by Kathie Ray and Mike Warren, has an accident and finds shelter in a

## Potter Asks For Good Turnout

Countrywide vote on the Morrow County school budget will be Tuesday, April 13, from 2 to 8 p. m. at six polling places in the county.

Polling places are Heppner Elementary School cafeteria, Lexington School cafeteria, Irigoin School multipurpose room, Riverside High school, Ione school, Ione School cafeteria, and Rhea Creek Grange hall at Ruggs.

General fund requirements in the budget are \$1,042,285, as compared with \$971,738 involved in the general fund budget for the current year, an increase of \$70,547.

However, cash carryover and anticipated income from sources more than taxes is substantially more for the 1965-66 school year, which mean a small reduction in the amount of taxes to be levied for the county schools.

Total for all funds in the budget amounts to \$1,338,612 compared with \$1,275,715 for the current year. Budget resources are \$554,229 for the coming year compared with \$471,291 for the present year. Thus, the total amount of taxes to be levied for 1965-66 will be \$97,914 as compared with \$828,557 for the current year, a reduction in taxes to be levied of \$20,643 for the 1965-66 school year.

"Because of this reduction and other factors there is considerably less personal interest in the school budget than has been displayed in the past," Supt. Potter said. "It is, therefore, most important that you vote on Tuesday, April 13, and that you take several of your neighbors with you."

## Wahtonka Due For Ball Games; Trackmen Travel

Heppner High's Mustangs open their baseball schedule here Saturday against Wahtonka of Chenoweth, rated as the "team to beat" in the Greater Oregon League.

The teams will play a double-header with the first contest to start at 1 p. m. Wahtonka went to the quarter finals of the state playoffs last year.

Meanwhile, the Mustang trackmen, who have shown well in their first meets this season, will go to Moro for a variety meet with Sherman and Wahtonka. The 3-way meet is scheduled to start Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

On Tuesday, Condon High's Blue Devils will come to Heppner for a non-league baseball game, to start at 2 p. m.

**WEATHER**  
By LEONARD GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the week of April 2-8 is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Friday	56	31	.04
Saturday	53	27	—
Sunday	59	30	—
Monday	60	35	—
Tuesday	65	34	—
Wednesday	52	27	—
Thursday	57	34	—

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