

Rep. Mann Says Redistricting Top Achievement

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The proportion of their valuation to the total state valuation. This means that Morrow will receive approximately \$180,500 during the next biennium to be applied against property taxes. At the same time basic school support was raised from \$138 per census child to \$152. Rep. Mann said that he expects this to go to \$160 by 1968, the highest in the state's history.

"These steps don't assure lower property taxes," he cautioned. "That still depends on local budget committees. But we have the seeds of property tax relief."

A capital gains bill, which places the state on the same system as the federal government, was passed and it is designed to encourage new industry, Mann said.

Inventory Tax Phaseout Set
"We timidly approached repealing the inventory tax," he added. "The legislators began to get a little jumpy."

Result is that the bill that came back from the senate altered the house provisions so that a "5-year phase-out" for 50% of the inventory tax is provided.

"The 1967 legislature will have to repeal the other half," he said.

A bill was passed on farmland reappraisal, providing that such lands must be reappraised on the basis of productivity. Mann cited cases where farmlands scheduled to be subdivided, with sharp increases in value, were still carried as farmlands with no increase in assessment.

This bill brought about a "big fight," the speaker said. "I don't know if we have won or lost . . . it depends on how the State Tax Commission construes it."

He discussed the meat labeling bill, which he introduced and which was passed. It provides that any outlet selling foreign meat must have a sign or label stating so. Some criticism was leveled at the bill, saying that it would be a restraint of trade, but Mann said that Danish hams and Canadian bacon, which are marked with pride by their packers, are sought after by consumers.

Reservoir Plan Eyed
Recent action by the Chamber towards planning for more reservoirs for recreation brought comment by Rep. Mann who said that a bill that would seek 50c from each hunting and fishing license to reinstate a public fish impoundment program of the State Game Commission failed to pass in the regular session. However, he said that the commission may have enough funds to start the program without this help. Two locations for consideration are listed in Morrow county, and he said that he would confer with Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the county parks commission, about this.

He briefly discussed the bill passed that limits the amount which a landowner may be taxed for forest fire protection. "We've been trying to get something done about this for 10 years," he said.

State Studies Water Needs
On water development, he said that \$350,000 has been appropriated for a study of water needs in the state.

"The covetous eyes of California are on us," he said, and added that many other western states are also looking towards Oregon as a possible source of water.

"Some feasible plans have been presented," Mann said. The study will seek to determine the state's potential for the next 100 years.

"When it is completed four years from now, we will have scientifically supported answers on whether we can spare any water."

He suggested what might be one answer to neighboring states. "You go ahead and put in your subdivisions. We'll put water on our acres and feed you."

As to his impressions in his first sessions in the legislature, Rep. Mann said that it was necessary "to continually watch out for bills that would be right for valley counties but wouldn't fit ours."

He observed that quality of representation in the legislature was extremely high, "maybe with a 10 percent exception."

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Privett returned home recently from a 10-day vacation, which included a trip by plane to Ava, Missouri, to visit relatives that they had not seen for several years. Those visited were Mrs. Privett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Frazier, and her husband's mother, Mrs. John Privett. They also saw their daughter, Mrs. Leon Taber, who will leave in August to join her husband in Berlin, Germany, where he is stationed. Upon their return to Heppner, they found their son, John, ill in St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton, where he was taken for observation.

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Hauling Salmon Catch Home Poses Problem for Seven

Seven Heppner fishermen had such good luck catching silver salmon over the weekend at Warrenton that they had some problem figuring how they were going to get their limit catch, 42 salmon, home in their two cars without spoiling.

In the group were Marion Green, Barney Malcom, Cornett Green, Howard Bryant, Bill Cox, Paul Jones and Dr. L. D. Tibbles. They left here Friday and had limited by 9 a.m. Saturday with three nice silvers each. They went out again Sunday and had their limit by 10 a.m., fishing five miles out in the ocean.

While the silvers ran about the same size, Cornett Green probably had the largest of 12 lb. They had made a box in which to pack their catch in ice for the homeward trip, but this was far too small. Finally, they conceived the idea of obtaining large plastic bags and putting the fish on ice inside. It worked fine.

Youth Range Camp Set August 2-7

Three Morrow county boys have been chosen to attend the Oregon Youth Range camp at Lake Creek Guard Station near John Day, and there is an opening for a fourth youth, preferably one who lives in town, according to J. G. (Moose) Stephens, county chairman for the program.

The camp will be held from August 2 through 7, he said. Those attending are between the ages of 14 and 17, and all expenses are paid without cost to the youths except their personal expenses.

The three who have been chosen are Earl Struckmeier of Heppner, Bruce Jones of Irrigon and Jim McElligott of Ione.

A full program is planned for the six days and top specialists in range management, wildlife and soil conservation will appear. One of the featured guests will be Reub Long, co-author with E. R. Jackman of "The Oregon Desert."

Others include Dr. Don Hedrick, professor of range management, Oregon State University; Bob Kindschy, Bureau of Land Management, Vale; Gale Larson, Malheur National Forest, Prairie City; Bill Phillips, BLM, Burns; Larry Williams and Bill Farrell, county agent, Grant county; Andy Landforce, extension wildlife specialist, OSU; Dillard H. Gates, range management specialist, OSU; Len Duggin, Soil Conservation Service, Canyon City; Art King, soil conservation specialist, OSU; Wade Hall, U. S. Forest Service, Baker; and Don Taylor, information specialist, OSU.

A field trip to Strawberry Lake is planned for Thursday, August 5. Contests will be held on Friday, August 6, and awards will be given.

Any youths between 14 and 17 who would like to apply for the fourth opening from the county are asked to contact the Forest Office in Heppner immediately.



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Not pictured is Larry Anderson of Heppner.



McCurdys Return From Miami Trip

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., installed last week as a district deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon at the National Elks convention at Miami, Fla., and Mrs. McCurdy arrived home Monday night from their cross-country trip.

Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolff remained through this week after attending the convention. Dr. Wolff, exalted ruler of Heppner lodge No. 358, was official representative of the lodge at the convention, and a special trip for exalted rulers from around the country was arranged to take them to Mexico City and the Bahamas. McCurdy was one of 204 in the

nation who were appointed as district deputy grand exalted rulers, five of whom are from Oregon.

He said that the 52 Elks from Oregon at the convention made a fine appearance, clad in their green coats.

Although weather ranged only in the high 80's, the humidity made it uncomfortable in Miami, he said.

The McCurdys flew to Minnesota following the convention to spend from Friday to Monday there, visiting with Mrs. McCurdy's mother, Mrs. Palma Nelson, at Waseca. She helped arrange a housewarming for her mother in a new home with five of the

School Directors Offer Contracts To 11 Teachers

Resignations of three teachers in the Morrow county school system were accepted by the district board of directors Tuesday night, and contracts were offered to eleven new teachers.

Supt. David Potter said that two positions remain to be filled, a first grade teacher at Heppner Elementary school and a band position at Riverside High.

Those whose resignations were accepted at the regular meeting Tuesday were Mrs. Arlene Laird, Heppner Elementary; Mrs. Lucille Brown, Heppner Elementary; and Darrel Swenson, Irrigon.

Resignation of Raymond D. Porter as bus supervisor was also accepted with some reluctance by the board. He resigned to take advantage of another opportunity after working with buses here for several years.

A number of the new teachers are coming from South Dakota and Idaho. Two teachers who had previously been offered contracts, Edward J. Boley of Roseburg and John Snyder of Estacada, did not sign them, Supt. Potter stated.

Those offered contracts include the following:

Dean Swenson of Rufus, brother of Darrel Swenson, who is resigning, 8th grade position at A. C. Houghton and coach. He has three years training in elementary education in Montana and two years teaching experience.

Mrs. Cecilia Adams of Spearfish, S. D., to teach business at

Ione High. She has B.S. degree in physical education and business.

Jerry Martin of Spearfish, S. D., to teach 7th grade and coach at Ione Elementary school. He has a B.A. degree in social studies and physical education.

Mrs. Ione Martin of Spearfish, S. D., to teach third grade at Ione Elementary school. She has five years teaching experience.

Mrs. La Rue Briggs of Boise, second grade in Heppner Elementary; B.A. degree in elementary education.

Harley Y. Harris of Keystone, S. D., Ione Elementary school for 5th grade and elementary art. He has a B.S. degree in elementary education and one year teaching experience.

Mrs. Dorothy Harris of Keystone, S. D., Heppner Elementary school 6th grade. She has a B.S. degree in elementary education and seven years teaching experience.

Mrs. Eleanor Sargent of Hermiston, 6th grade at A. C. Houghton school. She has a B.A. degree in elementary education and 21 years teaching experience.

Robert Haux of Spearfish, S. D., to teach science at Heppner High school. He has a B.S. degree in science.

Carol Byerly of Boise, to teach third grade at Boardman. She has three years teaching experience.

Gretchen Sutton of Boise to teach third grade at A. C. Houghton. She has three years teaching experience.

Irrigon Council Gives Franchise

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—Irrigon City Council met last Tuesday evening, with Mayor Chester Wilson presiding. The council granted Leon Kennedy a disposal service franchise for one year, with option to renew.

Mayor Wilson reported on the findings of the street committee, which was appointed to make a study of the city streets and recommend as to which streets should be first improved.

The council discussed a surplus equipment sale to be held in Portland July 17, and authorized Harry Snyder to purchase a pull grader, if the price was within reason.

Rev. John H. Kenney returned from the Assembly of God boys and girls camp at Blue Mountain Camp Wednesday and left again Monday for a week of youth camp at the same site, eight miles east of Prairie City. Lonnie Wilson, Bruce Buchanan and Jack Curtis accompanied Rev. Kenney to the camp. Other young people leaving Monday for the camp were Anita, Donna Kay and Darrel Pummel, Terri Senn and Sheryl Partlow. Mrs. Perry Pummel and Mrs. Albert Partlow accompanied this group. Those from Irrigon attending boys and girls camp were Debbie McCorkle and Lenna Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hartley of Portland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schmeder and family. Sunday, they joined Frank Shade and friends for a day of boating and water skiing on the Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cork, Salem, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom and Donna Wednesday evening. Mrs. Myrtle Markham and her daughter, Mrs. James Mills of Hermiston, went to Portland

by train Thursday evening and visited Mrs. Markham's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Berry, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy. They returned to their homes Saturday.

Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Sharon and Tom, spent the week-end in La Grande with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reeder.

Donna Kay Pummel spent the week with her friend, Vivian Phillips, Boardman.

Miss Donna Isom hosted an outdoor barbecue at her home for employees of the Umatilla Inland Empire Bank and their families last Thursday evening. After the barbecue, the guests surprised Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom with gifts for the Isom's new vacation trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy, Vancouver, Wash., visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Markham, Sunday afternoon. The McCoy's had attended a family reunion of Mrs. McCoy's relatives in Hermiston over the week-end with 38 present.

The Irrigon Assembly of God church had a waffle feed at the church basement last Wednesday evening for the Junior Church group. The group spent the evening working on scripture cards, playing games, and concluded with attending the young peoples service. Mrs. Myrtle Markham, Mrs. Vernon Stewart, Mrs. John Kenney and Mrs. Albert Partlow prepared the refreshments.

Vera Rutherford of Los Angeles, Calif., singing evangelist, sang and spoke in both the morning and evening services at the Irrigon Assembly of God Church Sunday.

Patty McCoy, who had spent a month with her grandmother, Mrs. Ruth McCoy, and other relatives, left by plane for her home at Long Beach, Calif., Wednesday. Mrs. Ben McCoy and Mrs. Ruth McCoy took her to the Pendleton airport.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gibbs, Kahlottus, Wash., visited at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partlow and Sheryl Saturday.

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