

Payment Rush Hits At Tax Deadline

Tax deputies of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman Tuesday were caught in the rush of collecting Morrow county's property taxes as the November 15 rebate deadline was at hand.

Report from the tax collection office was that they had been very busy throughout the day with "customers" coming to the office and at the same time had a stack of mailed payments coming in that they had been unable to process fully.

They did not have time to tally the payments received to date, but said that it appeared to be "better than ever before."

Generally, more than 80% of the tax roll is collected by the rebate deadline.

Nothing of the so-called "taxpayer revolt" that was started by some in Willamette Valley counties was apparent here, the deputies reported. They said that some taxpayers joked about it as they came in to pay their tax bills.

None of the large payments from utilities had been processed by the office as of Tuesday, although three of the largest—Pacific Gas Transmission Co., Union Pacific and Pacific Northwest Bell—announced in news releases that they expected to pay by the deadline date Wednesday.

Pacific Gas Transmission will pay \$64,817.88 in Morrow county, and is apparently the largest taxpayer here. The company will pay a total of \$811,752.07 to nine eastern Oregon counties, according to Herbert A. Danielson, operations manager, Spokane. Deschutes receives the

highest sum from the company at \$165,062.99.

The new PGT compressor station, now close to completion near Ione, will not be on the assessment roll until the next fiscal year.

Union Pacific's payment Wednesday will be \$49,190 in Morrow county. D. D. Glanzman, Union Pacific general tax agent in Portland, said the railroad will pay a total of \$1,385,733 in taxes on its operating and non-operating property in Oregon. Morrow county is among 19 Oregon counties to receive tax checks from Union Pacific.

Pacific Northwest Bell's property tax payment in Morrow county this year amounts to \$20,026.72, according to Dale Slusher, local manager. The firm's total property tax bill in Oregon is \$7,447,000. It pays these property taxes in 34 of the state's 36 counties.

Many other large taxpayers undoubtedly made their payments in full by Wednesday to take advantage of the three percent rebate, but their announcements had not been received by presstime.

Combined Service For Thanksgiving Set Wednesday Eve

A community united Thanksgiving church service will be held for people of all faiths on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 22, at the Heppner Christian church, according to Rev. Melvin Dixon, of the South Morrow County Ministerial association. Churches of the association will share in presenting the service, which will begin at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dirk Rinehart, of All Saints' Episcopal church. It is planned to have music provided by combined choirs of the Methodist and Christian churches.

An evening service was well attended at the Episcopal church last year, changing from the previous tradition of worshipping together on Thanksgiving morning.

All people in the surrounding areas are urged to attend and join together in the thanksgiving.

Neighborhood Center Starts Active Work

Program of the Neighborhood Centers set up by the Community Action Program was discussed by Bob Stangier, Blue Mountain Economic Development coordinator, when he met with the advisory board of the Heppner Neighborhood Center at its meeting last Thursday evening.

"It is hoped to get as many people involved in the program in as many ways as possible," he stressed. There is a catalog that has been made up of the Umatilla county agencies for referral for services, and it is expected that Morrow county will also have one available.

Ten board members were present to hear staff reports on what had been done in the three weeks which the center has been open. There were 110 contacts or calls made; five persons have been enrolled in basic education classes held by BMCC at the high school four nights each week; 14 have expressed desire for the classes for the spring GED; three calls have urged Manpower Development training, and three asked for on-the-job training. One elderly woman has been using one of three sewing machines to sew each week for charity, and five women have desired evening sewing classes.

The center will help with the Abundant Food program distribution as asked by the county court. It was reported that Glendoris Fernandez of Blue Mt. Economic Development Council and Pat Brindle attended the Golden Age club to enlist their aid in the survey of the elderly.

It was reported that the center will have an employment counselor and placement officer one-half day once each week after the first of the year. He will generate jobs, give aptitude tests and job placements for this area. Assistance will also be available later in handling Social Security problems.

Discussion included various needs felt by the community, such as a marriage enrichment program, establishing an alcoholics anonymous program, distribution of donated clothing and furniture, baby sitting for those attending basic education classes, and desire to satisfy various other community needs.

Serving as staff members are Mrs. Ted (Eloise) Smith and Mrs. Patricia Brindle. On the board are Lorna Borman, Alice Luttrell, Barbara Jessmer, Snoda Blake, Eva Griffith, Shirley Loyd, Bob Bryston, Hubert Wilson, Mrs. Jerry Doherty, Millie Evans, Vi Lanham, Wes Sherman and Rev. Don Pederson.

Board meetings will be the third Monday evenings of each month at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will be December 18, with those interested in the center invited to come and bring their ideas.

City Accepts Bid On Police Car

At a short special meeting of the Heppner city council Tuesday afternoon the bid of Fullerton Chevrolet Co. on a new police car was accepted at a price of \$140 with trade-in.

The bids were received at the regular November meeting and were turned over to the streets and properties committee at that time for review and recommendation. Fullerton Chevrolet was low bidder at \$140 on a new Chevrolet.

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JOHN DAY LOCK AND DAM, under construction by the Walla Walla district, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, near Rufus on the Columbia River, is shown with both cofferdams in place on the Washington shore (upper left). Pool level sills on the spillway will be raised behind the cofferdams, completing the dam which is scheduled to begin power generation in the spring of 1968. Oregon fish ladder is partially shown in the lower portion of the picture, with the 16-unit powerhouse extending to the spillway and cofferdams. The multi-purpose project will be the largest dam on the Columbia when completed. (Courtesy Hermiston Herald).

Old-Time Fiddlers to Play In Two-Night Contests

Old-time fiddlers from Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho are expected to perform in Heppner on the nights of Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, under the sponsorship of the Morrow county Jaycees in conjunction with the Eastern Oregon Old Time Fiddlers' association. The event will be in the junior high school gymnasium.

Included among the performers will be a former Oregon champion and at least one who has placed high in national competition, according to the Jaycees.

Linnie Baum of Twin Falls, Idaho, has sent in her registration. She was fifth in the national championships in a recent contest. Coming with her will be her father, who also is a competitor.

Rusty Modrell, of Terrebonne, a past Oregon champion, plans to be present. He is current Eastern Oregon champion.

Some 60 other applications have been sent to outstanding fiddlers in the four states and a good number of them are expected to be here. Among them are Harold Allen, Dorena, who recently won first place in a Bakersfield, Calif., contest and took a \$1000 purse there.

Another is Loyd Wanzer of Caldwell, Idaho, currently the national champion.

Two from nearer home are Ivan McDaniels of Long Creek, who expects to enter the 7-county competition, and Ralph Elliot, Kinzua, who has won national honors.

But the competition isn't only for the experienced ones. There is also a bracket for beginners, called the "intermediate contest." All fiddlers will find an appropriate spot in the competition.

The Friday night event will start at 7:30 with the first contest being that for intermediates. The second event will follow, and this 7-county contest is open to competitors from Wheeler, Morrow, Grant, Baker, Union, Malheur and Umatilla counties.

On Saturday night, with the event starting at 7 p.m., will be the regional contest, followed by the classic old timers contest.

Jaycees point out that the fiddlers furnish lively entertainment. The fiddling is interspersed with other types of music, skits and jokes. It is hoped to have the president of the Eastern Oregon association as master of ceremonies, and he is known for keeping the program rolling at a fast pace.

Intermediate winner will receive a trophy and \$25 cash; second place, \$15 and trophy; (Continued on page 8)

Truck Crash Kills Five Head Cattle But Driver Escapes

Harlan Gentry, 33, Heppner, suffered only bruises and a bump on the head but five of some 40 cattle in the truck and trailer he was driving were killed last Wednesday night in an accident near Cascade Locks on Interstate 80-N.

The rig struck posts dividing the eastbound and westbound lanes of the freeway, knocked out 24 of them, spun around and tipped, ending in the eastbound lane.

Gentry, driving for Let'er Buck Motor Service, Hermiston, was headed west. His wife said that he was unsure what caused the accident, perhaps hitting a slick spot on the highway. In addition to the five cattle killed, four were crippled, and the others were roaming along the highway until they were rounded up later.

The accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, and Gentry was taken to a hospital at The Dalles for treatment. Mrs. Gentry left here to be with him and brought him home Thursday. He was confined at home for several days on advice of his doctor.

Loss is believed to be covered by insurance.

Paper to be Out Wednesday P.M.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday and the Christmas Opening event on November 24 and 25, the Gazette-Times staff expects to have next week's paper in post office boxes in Heppner late next Wednesday afternoon.

Papers going to rural areas and other towns will be in the mails also Wednesday afternoon but will not reach subscribers until Friday because of the holiday.

All advertisers are requested to have copy ready early for next week's paper, and all wishing news items in the paper are also urged to turn them in as early as possible.

BPA Official Says Load Doubles Every 10 Years

About every 10 years power loads of the Bonneville Power Administration have been doubling, Harold Cantrell, manager of Bonneville Power Administration at Walla Walla, told members of the Ione Lions club in a talk Monday night at the Masonic hall in Ione.

"It is estimated that the load will double in the next 10 years so we will have to do as much in the next 10 years as we have in the last 30," he declared.

When the system of dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers are completed and there is no more room for power generation on the rivers, it will be necessary to turn to thermal plants, most of them nuclear, the speaker said.

This development is expected to start by the mid-1970's, he pointed out.

From the year 1974 until 1986, Cantrell envisions the need for a million kilowatt plant every year.

"We have to get as large as a million kilowatts to gain economy of scale," he said. "Several utilities must join to absorb the output of one of these plants."

Even though cost of generation of power through the thermal plants is higher than the hydro-electric powers, after dams are once constructed, Cantrell predicted that it will be possible to retain the low cost power base now being enjoyed.

A 20-year program of Bonneville Power Administration envisions a total expenditure of \$13.7 billion, of which \$8.7 billion would come from non-federal funds and \$5.0 billion would be in federal funds.

The speaker outlined the dams on the rivers now in operation or under construction. He reviewed the start of BPA, dating back to the construction of Bonneville dam, when it was

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45 Flags Placed In Legion Project

Forty-five American flags were placed on streets of Heppner and Lexington for Veterans' Day as the Heppner American Legion post started its new flag service.

President Dave Baker presided at the Lions meeting. It was announced that the recent broom sale brought an excellent response from the public and the club extended a hearty thank you for this cooperation.

"The response was more than generous," Gene Rietmann said. Possibility of undertaking several new projects was discussed, including one to provide light at the 'Y' leading into the west side to make it easier for traffic to spot the entrance to the town at night.

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John Ceglia, owner of Ceglia's Auto Wreckers, walked about five miles Sunday night before he was picked up and brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment after his four-wheel drive pickup turned over near Black Mountain, about 30 miles south of Heppner.

Ceglia had been hunting and was alone at the time of the accident. Ten stitches were required to close a facial cut, and he remained in the hospital until Tuesday. He suffered bruises and mild shock also in the accident.

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U.S. in Vietnam Checks Communism 'Cancer,' Benge Says

"Vietnam is like an insurance policy to Southeast Asia. We are in the process of killing a very malignant cancer growth. If we do pull out, if we show weakness, communism will spread like a cancer."

So said Mike Benge, who has spent five years working with the Montagnards and the South Vietnamese in the central highlands of Vietnam. He made the statements Tuesday while here on emergency leave.

He came home to attend funeral services for his step-brother, Ralph Benge, who was killed in an auto accident recently.

The lone man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Benge, said "Cambodia will come over to us very quickly as soon as it can."

However, if the U. S. leaves Vietnam, he is of the opinion that Malaysia and Thailand will be lost to communism in "no time at all."

"The Philippines would go over, Indonesia would go back over," he declared. "How could we protect the Philippines? We would have to go in there and fight the same kind of war as in Vietnam."

Benge declared that India is "very susceptible" to China now.

"India couldn't withstand communism," he said. "What would we do—give up in Vietnam and go into India to fight the same thing in a mess there?"

Benge, who is associated with the Agency of International De-

velopment with his work centered at Ban Me Thout in Darlac Province, said that he is sure the United States is making progress in Vietnam.

"We are going into guerrilla warfare areas where no one has been since 1953," he said. "We're rooting them out, blowing up their tunnel complexes and air-lifting large numbers of troops. We're blocking them off so they can't retreat."

"But this isn't a war we're going to win in a year," he added.

The North Vietnamese are making the tactical error of starting to run in large units, he said, when guerrilla warfare was their best tactic.

South Vietnamese, often criticized for not "doing their

share" in the war involving them, are being placed in a pacification role, Benge said, and he believes this a highly important contribution to the effort.

Benge helps in his area to organize Rural Development cadres of generally 59-man teams. They are given general training in security and setting up patrols. They go into a hamlet, secure the hamlet, work on edges "that are ours by day-time and the Vietcong's by night." The cadre provides enough security so that it takes a large force to take the hamlet.

This unit builds fences around the hamlet. It takes a census, asking such questions as, "How many people are in

the hamlet? Where's your husband? How much rice do you raise?" It forms a hamlet committee and seeks to hold an election to develop a leadership in the community.

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