

Polling Places Picked for December 8 Election

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Polling places for the special election on an annual \$150,000 county road serial levy for five years have been established at nine locations in the county, Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said Tuesday.

The election is just eight days away, being scheduled for Friday, December 8, with the polls to be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Most of the polling places are the same as those for the last general election. Boardman, Ione and Lexington voters will cast ballots in their respective city halls. Southeast Heppner and Southwest Heppner voters will go to the county courthouse. Northeast Heppner voters will ballot in the old city library next to the Heppner city hall on Wilcox street, and Northwest Heppner voters will go to the vacant building, now owned by Randall Peterson, next door to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance in downtown Heppner.

Irrigon polling place will be in the A. C. Houghton school, and at Hardman, voters will cast ballots at the Hardman Community hall.

POLLING PLACES

- SPECIAL ELECTION
ROAD SERIAL LEVY**
- Friday, December 8, 1967
- Southeast Heppner — County Courthouse
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 - Northeast Heppner — Old City Library (Next to City Hall)
 - Northwest Heppner — Vacant building next to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance Agency
 - Boardman — City Hall
 - Ione — City Hall
 - Irrigon — A. C. Houghton School
 - Lexington — City Hall
 - Hardman — Community Hall

It had been planned to conduct the Hardman vote by mail, because of the small registration, but some objection was voiced, Mrs. Parrish said, and it was decided to set up the polling place as in the past.

The proposal on the ballot would continue the serial levy system of financing the road program that has been in operation in Morrow county since 1948, when a first 5-year levy was voted, empowering the court to levy a 10-mill tax annually for the purpose. Most recent serial levy was voted early in 1965, when voters overwhelmingly approved a \$225,000 annual levy for three years.

This time, the county court has decided to ask for \$150,000 to take care of the needs of the road program. This will mean a slight increase in taxes, the increase amounts to 28c per \$1000 of true cash value of property.

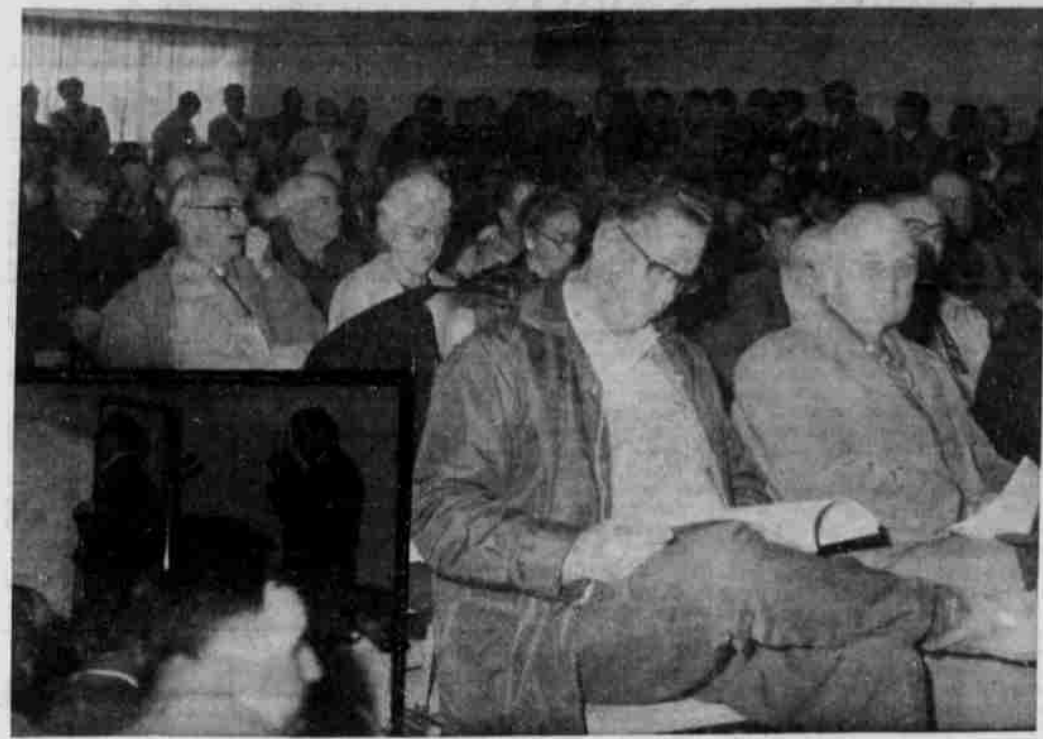
Supporting the proposal is the recently-formed Morrow county

Road Improvement Committee, headed by Norman Nelson, chairman, of Lexington. Organizations and businesses have joined with the committee in contributing to a campaign to inform the public about the election.

It is planned to send letters to voters throughout the county by early next week to explain the measure and why it is needed.

An open meeting for the public interested in hearing of the proposed levy will be held Monday night, December 4, at 7:30 in the Lexington Grange hall under auspices of the road improvement association. The members of the county court will be there to explain the proposal.

Members of the county court state that they will be glad to answer any questions on the proposal and will arrange to speak at meetings on the subject between now and election time upon invitation.



THERE WAS standing room only at the Greenfield Grange hall Friday afternoon for the Bureau of Land Management's auction of 26 tracts of public lands in the northern part of Morrow county. Many could not get into the main hall at the start of the auction and listened in a side room. Despite the large crowd, estimated at more than 500, only 10 or 15 entered the bidding. Photo shows one portion of the crowd. In the inset, Irving W. Anderson (right), chief, division of lands and minerals, program management and land office, Portland, prepares to start the auction on one tract. (G-T Photo).

BLM LAND SALE

22 Tracts Bought For \$472,500

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Twenty-two of 26 Bureau of Land Management tracts in the northern part of Morrow county were sold at auction Friday afternoon in the Greenfield Grange hall, Boardman. Total paid for the 9,744.74 acres was \$472,500, which was \$40,600 above the BLM's appraised value of \$431,900.

Average appraised value of the lands sold was \$44.32 per acre and average price paid was \$48.49 per acre.

The tracts ranged in size from 119.98 acres (tract 23) to 653.83 acres (tract 13). Left unsold are two 640-acre tracts, together with one of 520 acres, and one of 320 acres. The 640-acre tracts are No. 2, located 9 miles east of Boardman, and No. 25, 13 miles northeast of Boardman; the 520-acre tract is No. 14, lying 2 miles southeast of Boardman; and the 320-acre tract is No. 3, located 9 1/2 miles east of Boardman and adjacent to the Ordnance Depot.

price per acre on this tract paid by the Petersons was \$62.81, making it one of the highest in the sale.

Top Price \$72.50 Acre

However, two other tracts brought higher average prices. Tract No. 16 of 160 acres, lying 3 miles southwest of Boardman, brought \$72.50 per acre. It is listed as having fine loamy sand soil. Purchaser was Roy R. Smith of Brewster, Wash. Also bringing close to \$72.50 per acre was tract No. 23, 11 miles northeast of Boardman and one mile south of Irrigon where soil is listed as "sandy to loamy sands." This was sold to C. E. Newquist of Battleground, Wn., for \$8,700.

The two major purchasers at the sale were Rex Ellis of Pendleton, who bought six tracts at a total price of \$93,000, and Joe Andrews of Echo, who bought three of the tracts for \$83,000.

Fourteen of the 22 tracts were sold on the first offering. Anderson had explained that all tracts would be offered once, and he would go through the list again to offer unsold tracts a second time. The process would be repeated, he said, until all bidders were satisfied.

Purchasers on the first offering were: Tract 4, Clark E. and Irene H. Fee, Eugene, 200 acres, \$10,000; tract 10, Oscar Peterson and Gerald Peterson, 640 acres, \$40,200; tract 11, J. C. Sandlin, Zillah, Wash., 640 acres \$38,400; tract 12, Paul T. Jara, Madras, 486.28 acres, \$27,500; tract 13, F. L. Goodwin, Gresham, 653.83 acres, \$39,700; tract 15, Bilden, Inc., Augusten Kittson, Kennewick, Wash., 280 acres, \$14,500; tract 16, Roy R. Smith, Brewster, Wash., 160 acres, \$11,600; tract 17, Rex Ellis,

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SANTA CLAUS had no sooner arrived on the fire truck Saturday than he was whisked away by the large crowd of children assembled to meet him. Here he is shown (circled) engulfed by the children and mothers of little tots. (G-T Photo).

Land Sale Tracts Printed on Map

A map printed on page 3 of section 2 of this paper shows land sale tracts involved in the BLM sale at Boardman Friday. The map was prepared prior to the time it was learned that four additional tracts had been sold after most of the crowd had dispersed, and so only 18 of the 22 sales are marked on it.

Details of the first 18 sales are also listed in connection with the map. After the map was prepared, it was learned that tracts 1, 7, 19, and 21 were also sold. This leaves only four unsold—2, 3, 14, and 25.

Excitement High

As expected, excitement was kept at the auction, and a crowd estimated at 500 persons attempted to jam into the Grange hall. However, some had to stay in a side room and listened to proceedings over a speaking system.

But the standing room only crowd contained far more spectators than bidders. Only some 10 or 15 took an active part in the bidding.

Irving Anderson, chief of the division of lands and minerals, Portland office of BLM, acted as auctioneer. He took the tracts in numerical order and reached tract No. 10 before an oral bid was given.

Two sealed bids had been submitted in advance of the sale, and the first tract to be sold was No. 4, consisting of 200 acres lying nine miles east of Boardman, to Clark E. and Irene Fee of Eugene. Their sealed bid offered \$10,000 for the tract which was appraised at \$9,900.

When tract No. 10, 640 acres six miles southeast of Boardman, was offered, the tempo changed. Several bidders were repeted for the tract, among them the Andrews interests of Echo and Oscar Peterson and his son, Gerald. Bidding advanced in multiples of \$100 from the opening at the appraised figure of \$31,600. Four or five would-be purchasers entered bids, but it eventually narrowed to Andrews and Peterson. The price went to \$40,200 before it was sold to the Petersons, who were the only purchasers who reside in Morrow county.

Tract 10 lies in a good position for irrigation and is close to both the bomb range road and Highway I-80N. Average

Fallout Survey Starts Here and Statewide

Home fallout protection survey was officially kicked off in Oregon Tuesday by Governor Tom McCall, and it was scheduled to get underway in Morrow county, Ted Smith of Heppner, Civil Defense director, announced.

County to Lose Home Extension Agent January 1

Morrow county will lose its home extension agent as of January 1, 1968.

This was the information brought to the county Tuesday by Jerry Nibler and Muri Scates, both state extension agents of Corvallis. They met with County Judge Paul Jones and Gene Winters, county extension agent.

The action is being taken because of cuts made recently on the state budget. Faring of the budget seemed necessary when the state's revenues appeared to be falling considerably short of that expected, and rather severe cuts were made in a number of areas of state services.

Morrow county is one of a number of counties in the state which will be affected by the budget reduction that hits extension services.

Mrs. Marjorie Wilcoxen has been home extension agent since September, 1966, coming here from the Sacramento, Calif., area. Her husband, Charles Wilcoxen, is employed by Fullerton Chevrolet Co. here.

Winters said Tuesday night that an effort will be made to keep the home extension program going in Morrow county by keeping the units active. He said that the county may receive some help by being served out of adjoining counties. Personnel from counties such as Umatilla and Sherman may be able to come here to conduct leadership training for volunteers, he said.

Both Winters and Judge Jones expressed regret at the prospect of losing the home agent. It is reminiscent of a similar situation a few years ago when the state's voters failed to pass a taxing program and cuts were made. At that time, Morrow lost its home agent, but the position was later restored when the economy improved.

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While much of the state will handle the survey by mail, Smith said that he expected most of the work to be done here on a house-to-house basis. A meeting of workers was scheduled here early this week.

Governor McCall said that as a result of his request to the President of the United States, the Department of Defense has contracted with the Bureau of the Census to survey every one-, two-, and three-family dwelling in Oregon.

Information obtained on the structure of the homes will be fed into a computer, and the amount of protection the house affords against radioactive fallout will be determined. Individual results will be mailed to the resident, and will be kept confidential between him and the Bureau of the Census. The Bureau of the Census is conducting the survey for the Office of Civil Defense.

The governor said that so far only about 80 percent of the population of Oregon could be sheltered with presently known facilities in the event radioactive fallout should spread over the county as a result of nuclear attack.

Fourteen large metropolitan areas will have the survey conducted by mail. In other areas questionnaires will be filled out by enumerators who visit homes. It is expected that the survey will be completed in about four months.

Governor McCall said, "I am anxious for the people of Oregon to participate in this program. I feel it will add greatly to the defensive posture of the state and nation."

Rep. Mann Slated For Report Here

Rep. Irvin Mann of Stanfield is scheduled to be the speaker at the Monday meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Avon Melby, program chairman, announced.

He will discuss the special session of the legislature, which adjourned last week, and the tax problems facing the state. Rep. Mann represents the 28th district in the legislature.

First Snow Makes Highways Slick; Mercury Drops

First snow of the season came to Morrow county Monday when a total of one inch was reported in Heppner by measurement of Don Gilliam, official weather observer.

It accompanied a cold spell that ensued after the Thanksgiving holiday. Temperature early Monday morning dropped to 17 degrees, lowest of the season and nearly as low as the thermometer reached all last winter, Gilliam surmised, although he said he had not checked the records to determine this officially. The 1966-67 winter was a mild one.

Most noticeable result of the snow was the slippery highways. Mrs. Everett Harshman and Mrs. Jerry Dagggett, returning to Heppner from Portland after a business trip for Elma's Apparel Monday, said that it took them 1 1/2 hours to travel to Heppner from the D. O. Nelson place on the bomb range road. The roads were icy all the way.

State Patrolman Curtis Culp said that travel conditions were extremely hazardous on the slick highways Monday night and even early Tuesday and that cars were "all over the road."

One collision was reported at Lexington involving a car of a Washington man and a local car. It was necessary to tow his Mustang to a garage. No one was hurt in the accident.

Snow falling Monday afternoon had the appearance of setting in for some time, but it dissipated in early evening and hadn't started again by Tuesday night.

Gilliam's weather report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	57	28	—
Thursday	51	35	.03
Friday	55	38	—
Saturday	41	32	—
Sunday	43	24	—
Monday	32	17	.08*
Tuesday	45	25	—

(*One inch of snow).

Mob Greet St. Nick At Opening Event

There was a demonstration in downtown Heppner Saturday afternoon.

But, rather than being a protest of some type, it was a demonstration of affection for that roly-poly gentleman from the North Pole—Santa Claus.

And it was evident that he has lost none of his popularity with the younger set.

When he arrived in town at 2 p.m. Saturday on a Heppner fire truck, he was greeted by a tumultuous crowd of about 450 kiddies (measured by the number of bags of candy given out). Many of them were little tots, carried by their mothers.

Santa was clad in a bright red suit, and his flowing beard seemed whiter and longer than ever. Some said that the twinkling eyes carried a resemblance to those of the Rev. Al Boschee, and others had similar comment about his frost-tipped nose. Eyes and nose were about all of Santa's face that was visible through his luxuriant beard.

After he had passed out the bags of candy, he toured the hospital to visit the ailing there, cheering them and giving bags of candy to those who could enjoy it.

Heppner's Main street was decorated with a new Christmas tree, brought in with the cooperation of Oris Crisp Logging, and with bright colored lights, installed by crews of Columbia Basin Electric.

Meanwhile, hundreds of persons—leaning heavily to children—participated in the annual guessing contest sponsored by the merchants.

Winners included these: Central Market, 12 lb. turkey, won by Brenda Carpenter; Elma's Apparel, \$10 gift certificate, awarded two prizes, one to Mary Pierce and one to Judy Healy; Gardner's Men's Wear, shoe kit, to Mike Doherty, and set of trouser hangers, Shannon Farley; Gazette-Times, \$10 cash, Mrs. Tom Huston, Hardman; Gony's, tape recorder, Cyde In Winners merchandise, Mrs. Bretta Howell McFadden; J. C. Penney Co., thermal blanket, Gary Hunt, Lexington; Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., gallon of paint, Raymond French; Peterson's Jewelers, silver-plated fruit bowl, Jeannine Hunt; Van's

Fiddlers Contest Scores Big Hit; Winners Named

Heppner residents who were in attendance at the Old Time Fiddlers contest were well entertained both Friday and Saturday nights at the Junior High gym by fiddlers who came from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to participate in the competition.

The contest, sponsored by the Morrow County Jaycees in conjunction with the Eastern Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association, was the first of its kind to be held in Heppner.

Jaycees were pleased with the public response shown, reporting an estimated attendance of about 700 persons for the two nights.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the two nights of musical competition was Gary Van Blokland, whose lively commentary kept the program moving.

Friday night's contest heard the intermediate division playing, with first place of \$25 and a trophy going to Barney Swan of Mt. Vernon. Ivan McDaniel of Long Creek won second place of \$15 and a trophy in this division, and third place of \$10 and a trophy went to Doug Jenkins, 16, of Nampa, Idaho. Bob Stevens of Hardman and Mike Medlock of Fossil took fourth and fifth places respectively and were awarded plaques for their efforts.

The seven county contest included entrants from Morrow, Wheeler, Grant, Malheur, Baker, Union, and Umatilla counties. Those placing in this division were Pete Haynes of Baker, who won first place of \$25 and a trophy. Second place of \$15 and a trophy was awarded Jimmy Baker of Seneca, and Ivan McDaniel of Long Creek won third place of \$10 and a trophy. Barney Swan of Mt. Vernon and Emil Domas of Ritter won plaques for placing fourth and fifth.

Saturday night's contest saw the Old Timers of 65 and over in competition for trophies, with first place going to Gladys Frazier of Walsey, Idaho. Cliff Buker of Waldport placed second and Charles Willis of Hermiston took third.

In the men's and women's regional open competition, Bill Yohey of McMinnville fiddled his way into first place, winning \$75 and a trophy. Second place winner was Rusty Modrell of Terrebonne, winning \$50 and a trophy, and Pete Haynes of Baker took third place, winning \$25 and a trophy. Jim Miller of Hillsboro won fourth place in this division for \$15 and a trophy and Edna Jenkins of Nampa, Idaho, took fifth, winning \$10 and a trophy.

One of the contestants in the Old Timers division, Cliff Buker, holds the title of National Seniors champion, and Don Gish of Yakima, who was another contestant, is president of the Washington Fiddlers Association.

Some of the fiddlers provided music for a dance at the fair pavilion following the competition.

Judges for the two nights of lively entertainment were Mary Bryant of Heppner, Vernon Leathers of Lexington, and Gene Vaughn of Fox. Additional musical entertainment was provided during the evening by a family of four generations, Gladys Frazier of Walsey, Idaho, her daughter, Mrs. Myrna Richards of Spray, Oregon, Leonard Toll of Heppner, and his daughter, Toni Lee.