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## Happenings in Irrigation Here

We strongly urge everyone to read the two-page annual report of the Heppner Soll and Water Conservation District that is in this issue of your Heppner Gazette-Times.

Some new things are happening. Of great interest is that a county-wide irrigation development committee has finally been formed. Ken Turner's article also points out the three leading possibilities for supplementing irrigation pumping and delivery costs. The Blue Mtn. RC&D has been designated and funded and the area should get top priority for resource development. The USDA and the Nixon administration are officially committed to help rural areas grow and reverse the trend of increasing city congestion.

A number of other articles are equally interesting.

And speaking of interest - we should all attend the big annual meeting at 7:30 p.m., next Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Lexington Grange Hall.

## Hope for the Post Office Dept.

Chatting with a friend of ours from another county who has been working for the Post Office for more than 30 years, we learned of a few ideas that seem to make sense on post office reorganization.

He said first there was a need for re-organization and that it should be taken out of politics. There is a bill before congress that if it goes through would be a solution to some of the problems. This would call for the formation of a commission such as the FCC and others. He said he felt a commission was better than a corporation.

Primarily the Post Office is a service and should not be required to show a profit, as it would have to, if it became a corporation. He said to form the corporation would require borrowing 80 billion dollars. Then he said letters would go to 15c and magazines and newspapers would be prohibitive in order to show a profit and pay back the loan plus interest.

He went on to say that there would be seven members on the proposed commission with staggered terms of office so that eventually, as on the Supreme Court, various presidents would have an opportunity to make appointments to the commission.

Postmasters would no longer be appointed but would come up from the ranks. He said the beginning salary for postmen is so low that young men aren't going into the serv-

He said the chance of promotion is limited. He used as an illustration that a mail carrier wanting to become a clerk in the same post office can't do so without losing his seniorny

He favors electronic equipment to speed up the sorting of mail.

Something else out of the past is the restriction of post office employees talking and giving news before groups. All they can do is talk to their friends and write their congressmen

## Why? Teachers Salary Increase

By BON DANIELS, Supt. of Morrow County Schools

At a special meeting held on were \$331 below the state ave. lleve, but I finally figured out Jan. 20, the Tecahers Profession- rage.

al Economics Committee and The top step on our salary the Morrow County School Board schedule was \$9,760, compared cast iron butterflies in my tumreached an agreement on the Our last years teacher com-mittee agreed to accept this low for such an arid country. So, by placed on B Honor Roll. 1970-71 teachers salary schedule. The Heppner Gazette-Times carried the story which indicated that beginning salaries would be \$6,700, an increase of \$600 the county was down.

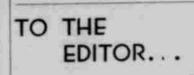
over this year. I'm sure the initial reaction to

the increase was varied with was about right, and many others feeling that the salary increase was far too large. The purpose of this article is to provide some information that Board members had to consider

in determining what the salary increase should be. Last year our salary schedule

was increased from \$6,000 to \$6,100. This was the smallest raise granted in any first class school district in the State of Oregon. It also left Morrow County as the lowest paying first class school district in the

The average starting salary in all Oregon school districts for 1969-70 was \$6.431; with our 1969-70 was \$6,431; with our starting salary of \$6,100 we



Dear Editors: Please change the mailing address of our paper to 2020 W. Sherman Ave We moved into our new home

home from Oregon State Univer- ginning salary of \$6,700 and the sity and our sons, Larry and maximum salary of \$10,320 prous also.

We enjoy the paper and the

ward to it each week. Yours very truly, LaVerne Henderson 2020 W. Sherman Ave. Hood River, Ore. 97031

Dear Editors: Here is some news which will | be of interest to "old timers" in Heppner.

C. R. (Cres) Maddock said he had received a Christmas mess-Pacific University at Forest She is about 73. Her Grove. present name is Edith Thorley ette Lake, Idaho in McCall and attract good young teachers a real good idea, too. into the school district.

where she owns property. Cres visited her last summer in Mc-Call and says she is teaching Odile Groshens Luper, sister of twins Leon and Leland Magill think there was nothing unus-Emile Groshens. scribed to Ye Heppner Gazette- ents on Feb. 1. Other guests ex- something different at Randall Times so as to keep up on the pected are Mrs. Leon Magill, the Peterson's: a silverplated para-Morrow County News. Very truly yours, Josephine Mahoney Baker Mrs. Jay Huson and family, Dick Hynd and Joe Halvorsen. Portland 97201

## Ione Honor Roll CHUCK WAGON

Perhaps it isn't quite cricket to talk about our ailments. And The following students have Roseburg. it may seem a little hard to bebeen placed on the A and B honwhat was wrong. Feller told me or rolls for the first semester at I was glassy eyed out at the lone High School by Principal fairgrounds last Sunday, Some Harold Beggs. A Honor Roll designates a student who has earned a GPA of 3.5 or better. Stuto the state average of \$11.181. my. Well, sir ,as you already

salary settlement because they golly, the trouble must have recognized that the economy of been seasickness. Pettyjohn. While the economic picture of There have been more folks the county has not greatly im- stopping at Morrow County Ab-Snow proved, both the teachers and stract and Title Co. to see Harry some people feeling the raise the school board realized that O'Donnell's handsome counter. gott. was too small, others feeling it we must improve our salary po- Probably most folks in this sition if we hope to retain our county have already seen it. Wilson. present teachers and find suit Harry and family labored hard,

able replacements for those long and carefully, rubbing and polishing and have the best terson, Gene Zinter. teachers leaving the district. Teacher turnover in Morrow looking counter I ever saw. If County was 20.2% last year I weren't such a big coward I'd Kathy Holtz, Marianne Pettycompared to a state average of probably swipe it.

john, Tanya Tucker.

Sophomore

Pat McElligott.

Guests at

70

son, Charles McElligott.

17.9%. Obviously a high teacher We were impressed Sunday by trom, turnover in a district results in a poorer educational program, our visit to the museum here. Christopherson, Jackie Howton, Salaries may not be a factor in You folks here already know it some teacher resignations, but is fabulous. If you have com-McElligott, Julie Zinter. studies indicate that it is a ma- pany, they shouldn't miss the museum. It is open Saturdays jor factor in most instances. Our school board did not want to get in a position of serving as a tracher training nearbox. And Sunday. Hours Sunday are vid Warren. From 2 to 5 and on Saturday 10 to 12 and 1 to 5. They will op- is McCabe,

then move on to a higher pay-Dorothy and yours truly are major factors to be considered real impressed with the friendly and very fine young people in determining the salary increases that would have to be in Morrow County. This happened once again at the Fair-

grounds when nine lovely girls The next question to be answere competing for places on wered is, how does our new sal- the Morrow County Fair and Roary schedule compare statewide. deo royal court. It is apparent Only 22 districts have reported that graciousness runs in famsettlements, so it is too early to ilies and is one of the hallmarks of you good folks of Morrow However, the 22 settlements re- County. Now we learned that ported have an average starting students at Heppner High are

starting a project to raise money to build a school in an un-

Giles French, the sage of Ladd, and his family, were with vided for in Morrow Counties Moro, came in Monday and said he was expecting to finish his One other point that should be history of Morrow County some

> and Mrs. Owen Leathers and the salary schedule is changed. We've almost finished a His-Mrs. Vern Leathers.

reaches the top step on their Counties which was loaned by column of the salary schedule, Barton Clark. "Yesteryears of no raises are provided unless Morrow", published in 1959 by the salary schedule is changed. Morrow County Extension units, We have forty teachers in the is another very fine book. We district this year that would not recently finished a charming "Shamrocks and Shepcrease if the salary schedule had herds: The Irish of Morrow not been increased. With the County" by John F. Kilkenny. age from Edith Thorley who cost of living up 6.1% over 1968. It is available at Murrays, al-

> It was the feeling of the board One lady said she had been members that the salary in- thinking of writing a history of going to hold our good teachers Morrow County. This seems like

> > We kind of get a few kicks

Ralph Taylor visited at the Stan Magill nome one day this week. Mr. Taylor is an old friend **Posted for Semester** of the Magills and lives in

COMMUNITY dents with a GPA of 3.-3.49 are A Honor Roll - Seniors: Joy BILLBOARD Beggs, Kristin Nelson, Linda Juniors - Jane Krebs, Jeri Sophomore - Mary McElli-Seventh-Joel Peterson, Sherri IONE GARDEN CLUB Feb. 11, 10:00. Potluck dinner **B** Honor Roll-Seniors: Anita Crawford, Lynn Justus, Kris Peat noon Pruning demonstration by Tom Zinn of Condon at 1:30 Juniors - Carley Bergstrom, Public invited - Shauna Bergs-MARCH OF DIMES Cheri Carlson, Wendy Bowling Tournament Jan. 31, Fiesta Bowl, 6:30 Toni Justus, Clint Krebs, Ann MOTHER'S MARCH, Jan. 29 Leave your porch light on. Freshmen - Christina Lindstrom, Kathleen McElligott, Da-HEPPNER HIGH Eighth-Joan McElligott, Dor-BASKETBALL is McCabe, Kathy Gilbert, Don-na Flack, Jan Ekstrom, Mary Jan. 30, Wahtonka at Heppner Seventh - Greg Christopher-PTA MEETING Heppner Elementary PTA I'm burning the candle at both meeting ends," said the patient to the Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Grade doctor, "I came for more wax." School Multipurpose room, 8:00 p.m. M. V. Nolan was in the other SOIL & WATER day, commented on the big CONSERVATION DISTRICT rain. Said he wished instead of ANNUAL MEETING planting wheat he'd tried rice. (Bill Weatherford could prob-Thursday, Feb. 3 ably write a poem about this.) Lexington Grange Hall, 7:30 p.m Amos L. Oleson, guest speak er SPONSORED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY C. A. RUGGLES Insurance Agency P. O. Box 247 PH. 676-9625 If no answer call Ray Boyce, 676-5384 SALE All Oregon Hereford **Range Bull** Tri-County and Blue Tag Combined Sale HEREFORD BULLS 70 Horned & Polled--Clear Pedigreed RANGE BULLS BEING OFFERED ARE THE TOPS FROM THE HEREFORD HERDS OF OREGON

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draw any definite conclusions. four days before Christmas, so salary of \$6,866, and an average we spent the holidays enjoying maximum salary of \$11,572. it. Our daughter Betty was Both figures are above the be-

granted

new salary schedule.

news of our many friends in cleared up is the contention that time this year. salary increase whether or not,

The fact is that once a teacher tory of Umatilla and Morrow

have received any salary in book, graduated from Heppner High School and later on attended the would have been less. It is available at Murrays, al-though they may at times be teachers would have been less.

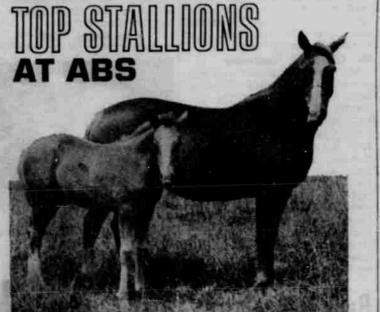
crease was 3 must if we are the Scandinavian settlers

just looking around and admir-

C. C. Carmichaels derprivileged country! Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Giese of Hailey, Idaho, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael for a few days. Mr. Giese,

nephew of Mrs. Carmichael, had been through the University of Oregon Medical clinic. While here they visited Mr.

Morrow County, and look for- all teachers receive a yearly Knowing of his ability we are sure this will be a fine book.



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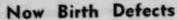
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JOE YOCOM

The twenty-second birthday of ing things in stores. You might will be celebrated at a birthday ual around here. But one trav-And by the way Cres has sub- dinner at the home of their par- eling salesman said there was former Vickie Robinson, Mr. and keet casket! (Actually, it's a very Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mr. and dazzling butter dish.)

ntary and

"I didn't come here to be told



With near prevention of polio, the National Foundation March of Dimes decided to focus on the long-neglected but extremely serious child-health problem: congenital disease or birth defects.

This is defined as any malformation or defect of body chemistry present at birth, except injuries occurring in the process of birth itself.

March of Dimes support research looking for ways to improve diagnosis and devise better treatment methods and reresearch into the underlying causes of birth defects.

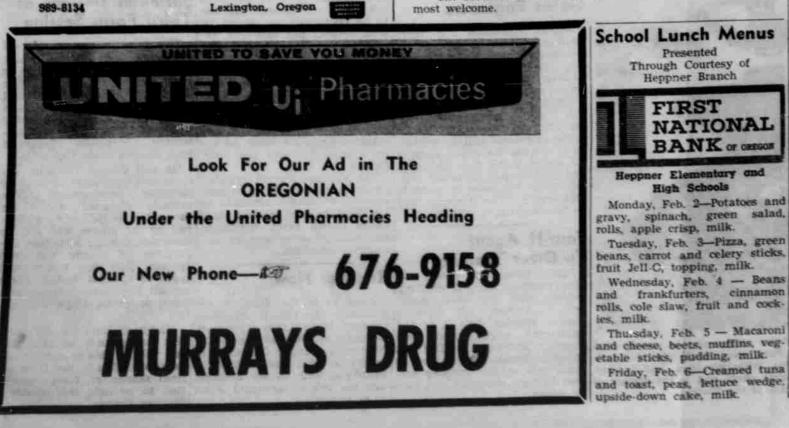
Support 111 Birth Defects Centers.

Support Salk Institute for Bioloican Studies. Education health professionals.

Inform the public of advances in medicine. For instance, information about new vaccines against rubella (German measles and Rh incompatability disease.) Each has the potential of preventing thousands of birth defects in the immediate future.

Promote community service programs for health education, prenatal care and genetic counseling.

The Mothers March is tonight. Any amount you give is most welcome.



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