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Two Words May Save Your Life

The Morrow County Community Shelter Plans were delivered to all homes in Morrow County last week. Judge Paul Jones urges each family to read the plan and check the map to determine where to go in the event of an emergency. The Community Shelter Plan should be kept in a safe place and frequently reviewed so each member of a family will know the action to take should there be a disaster affecting Morrow County residents.

Local shelters for residents of the County are very scarce which means most people will have to travel to the dams for shelter. Officials of the County are concerned about this and would be interested in knowing how much shelter could be provided in the County for residents as evidenced by the National Home Fallout Shelter Survey that was conducted two years ago. In an effort to reach a determination, if each household will compete the form printed in this issue of the paper and mail it to Judge Paul Jones, Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, Oregon, this will assist the Court and Emergency Planning and Operations Director in knowing how many individuals can be taken care of in private home basements or shelters. If you have a basement that will serve as a shelter, if necessary, for your family and if you intend to share that shelter with some other family, will you please so indicate on the form how many people will be sheltered therein and the town in which you live. Judge Jones advises that the County Court has no desire to encroach upon anyone's privacy nor to even suggest they might have individuals other than family members in a shelter; therefore, addresses and names are not being requested—only the number of individuals to be sheltered and the area where located.

The name of your local emergency service organization—Morrow County Emergency Planning and Operations—is, in itself, very significant when it is analyzed. The "Planning" is what your County Court and Director are doing now to protect the lives of Morrow County residents in event of any kind of a disaster. It has been said "not to plan is to plan to fail". Morrow County people can be thankful someone is planning to care for them should the need arise. The "Operations" portion is the action your local government will take if and when necessary to protect property and save lives by means of the well-prepared plans they are now developing. YOU can assist them by giving them your support and if possible, volunteer your services.

Remember, by the simple action of clipping the short questionnaire and inserting two words, **THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN.**

CLIP AND MAIL TO: Judge Paul Jones
Morrow County Courthouse
Heppner, Oregon

Number of Persons to be Sheltered: _____
In or near which town: _____

A New Constitution for Oregon?

On May 26, Oregon voters will decide whether to trade the present state Constitution for a new Constitution as presented by the 1970 Legislature.

Several active organizations have come out against the change and for good reasons. They include the Oregon Grange, Women's Legislative Council and the Oregon Voter.

The new Constitution would give Legislature more control at the expense of the voter. Transfers many vital laws from the Constitution to Statutes. Constitutional Law may be changed ONLY by voters in a state-wide election. Statutes may be changed by the Legislature, any time, any session.

Specific Omissions
The following safe-guards are included in the present Constitution and are specifically omitted in the proposed Constitution:

- Omits two-term per 12 years limit on the office of Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer.
- With the Board of Control abolished and State re-organization what it is, it places tremendous power in the Governor. It opens the office of Governor to unlimited consecutive terms.
- Omits Biennial session limit on Legislature.
- Omits Specific formula for apportionment.
- Omits power to recall public officers who are appointed.
- Omits ban on anyone holding more than one paid public office at a time.
- Omits need for every tax law to state specifically what it may be used for.
- Omits requirement that county clerk, treasurer and sheriff be elected officers.
- Omits requirement that Legislature publish statement of receipts and expenditures of public money with the laws of each regular session.

The Big Ax

It endangers the Veterans' Home Loan fund.
It transfers entire Vets Home Loan Program, State Reformation, bonds for building and maintenance of roads and projects involving higher education and community colleges from Constitutional to Statutory. STATUTES MAY BE CHANGED BY THE LEGISLATURE, ANY TIME, ANY SESSION. Constitutional Law may be changed only by voters in a state-wide election.

It requires that referendum petitions be in 90 days after passage of a law. (Now it is 90 days after end of session.)

The new constitution has further added to the powers of the Legislature by shortening the time for a law to become effective. Laws now become effective 90 days after the regular session in which they are passed. In the new Constitution they take effect 90 days after passage. (This could be months sooner.)

We do not like to vote on a package of 13 entirely different bills with no chance to approve some and reject others. (The new Constitution consists of 13 separate articles. Take one, take all.)

Certainly the Basic Law of Oregon should not be so materially changed as this Measure changes it, in the hurried fashion in which it passed the Legislature in the closing hours of the 1969 session.

Vote No on Measure 3, is our opinion.



ABOVE PICTURE shows Mrs. Pat Wanser accepting the gavel from Mrs. Clyde Allstott, past president of the Jaycee Wives. Mrs. Wanser is the newly-elected president. (G-T Photo).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charlie Heard
Dorothy Heard
Heppner Gazette-Times
Heppner, Ore.

Dear Charlie and Dorothy:
The Morrow County Jaycees would like to take this means of saying Thank you for your support. Without your support the previous year, we would have a harder load to pull. Again the Morrow County Jaycees say Thank You.

John Privett, President

May 10, 1970

To the Editor:

State highway 74 between Ione and Heppner seems to have many traffic mishaps which we believe could be avoided.

We realize state funds are not in abundance and construction costs are high, but lives of citizens cannot be measured in dollars. Improvements have been made and others are in the process but one of the major hazards has been overlooked. This section, approximately one mile south of Lexington, near mile post 37, has been the scene of numerous mishaps in the past and more will occur in the future unless it is brought to the attention of the State Highway Commission. We, the Morrow County Jaycees, therefore urge all interested groups and individuals to write Forest Cooper, State Highway Supervisor, Salem, Oregon 97310, advocating the improvement of State Highway 74 near milepost 37.

Who nows who will be next, you, a relative, or a friend?
Sincerely,
Morrow County Jaycees
Heppner, Oregon

McMinnville, Oregon
May 10, 1970

Dear Folks:

We would like for you to put an article in the Gazette-Times on Lindy's new record release, the title is "Stand-in Girl" and "Don't Waste A Dime". She wrote the music and words to it.

She is booked on a Summer tour, will be leaving sometime in June.

Thank you and hope to see you folks in June.

Sincerely,
Agnes Leonigg

The Heppner Gazette-Times

Dear Editor:

So many thanks for the article regarding my charity work with the unfortunate Navajo Indians which was sent in by Mrs. Lois Winchester. The most beautiful part of this work is the generous unselfishness of our people. The young ones, (Campfire Girls, Grade School and High School students and Boy Scouts) have been a big help. In any project to assist others, it takes a big heap of help. I sincerely want to thank all the people who have assisted me to assist them.

The Navajos did not ask me to help them; but after touring their reservation I decided someone must do so. This area is one of the worst poverty areas in this great country. It's a disgrace to see small children suffering from malnutrition, lack of proper shelter and clothing. I realize that foreign aid is important, but so are these people

and do believe that they need help first.

In August of this year, a trip is being planned to haul a load of donations to Navajoland. Last year there were a few items of food, toys, clothing and household goods enough to fill a pickup truck. This year we are hoping to fill an entire box-car. However, it takes people like you to make this trip worthwhile.

My sincere thanks for your support to the poor in Navajoland.

If interested please contact Mrs. Lois Winchester in Heppner, Ore.

Sincerely yours,
Howard L. Day
P. O. Box 419
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to Mrs. Joyce Ritch, Morrow County Special Assessor, Box 742, Heppner, Ore.

QUESTION:

A city annexed some land in our county this year. The property description as contained in the annexation ordinance is somewhat different from the property description used in the notice of public hearing on the ordinance. The map submitted by the city to the assessor's office does not fit either description. Question: Is our assessor bound to accept a faulty description?

ANSWER:

No. ORS 308.225 (2) as amended by the 1969 legislature by the use of the phrases "legal description of the boundary change" and "an accurate map", implies that the map must faithfully follow the property description. The assessor can demand an accurate, legal description before he orders a change in the city boundaries to be shown on the tax map.

Poppy Day May 22-23

The American Legion Auxiliary has set May 22-23 as Poppy Days for Heppner.

The poppy, as the memorial flower for American War dead is a tradition which began in the years following the first World War. Veterans returning to their homes in this country remembered the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders, and the soldiers of all nations came to look upon this flower as a living symbol of their dead comrades' sacrifice.

At the first National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary in Kansas City, Mo., in October, 1921, one of its first actions was the adoption of the poppy as the American Legion Auxiliary's memorial flower.

The Poppy Window is being arranged this week in Gardner's by Mrs. Frank Hamlin, poppy chairman.

Info on the New School District Tax Base

The procedure for implementing a new tax base for any taxing agency is really a very simple operation. The governing body must adopt a resolution approving the election for a new tax base. The law then requires that an election on a new tax base be held in connection with either a statewide biennial primary or general election. The ballot must state in dollars and cents the amount of the current tax base and the proposed new tax base. If the ballot then receives a simple majority of "yes" vote the new base is approved and becomes the new tax base for the next budget year.

To assist voters in reaching a sound decision on how they wish to vote, it should be worthwhile to review the affect a new tax base would have on the Morrow County School District.

The current School District tax base of \$310,024 represents only 27% of the actual total tax levied. The new tax base requested by the School District is \$1,199,870. This is the amount already approved for the 1970-71 school year. Therefore, approval of the new tax base would not affect school taxes for next year.

The following year, however, it would mean that the \$1,199,870 could be increased by 6%, providing the budget committee felt it was necessary. Here again it should be pointed out that the 6% increase is in the tax levy, not the total budget. A 6% increase in the tax levy would amount to \$71,992, while a 6% increase in the total budget would amount to \$87,646.

When the School District was reorganized in 1959, the tax levy for the first year of operation was \$618,404. If this amount had been established as the School District tax base, and the budget committee had taken the 6% increase each year, the total levy for the 1970-71 school year would be \$1,173,908. In actuality the approved levy is \$1,199,870, which indicates that voters have approved budgets in excess of the 6% limitation.

The average tax levy increase since the 1959-60 levy has amounted to a 6.6% increase. This points up the fact that a tax base in 1959-60 plus a 6% increase each year would have resulted in a lower tax levy than we now have.

Ron Daniels

Antiques Coming in For Ione Auction

Preparations for the Ione United Church of Christ Auction and Barbecue are in full swing. A variety of merchandise and antiques is accumulating for the sale on Saturday, June 6.

A few of the articles which will be of interest to antique collectors are fruit jars, lamps, pressed glass, iron beds, antique jewelry, old picture frames, treadle sewing machines, a butter churn, old trunks, books, and a silver baby cup embossed with nursery rhymes. A large printed list of auction merchandise will be on display at Bristow's Market.

Women of the community are busy preparing articles for the Country Store. This popular attraction includes food (the good, old-fashioned kind), a New-to-You section, a Sewing Department, Arts and Crafts, a Children's Corner, and a Fish Pond. There will be something for every member of the family at the Auction and Barbecue. A barbecue dinner will be served.

Mother's Club Elects Officers

The Heppner Mothers' Club met May 4 at the home of Ginger Kethley. Guest speakers were Bonnie Clow who gave pointers on buying and using small appliances, and Sandra Graham who demonstrated using a blender.

Officers elected for the coming year: Barbara James, president; Frances Privett, vice president; Pat Jensen, secretary; program committee: Peggy Johnson, Linda Hager and Frances Privett.

Other guests of the group were Diane Gerking and Arlene Malcom. The next meeting will be June 1 at Barbara James'.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Babb have returned to their home in Heppner after spending the winter in Arizona.

DINNER TO HONOR REV. AND MRS. MIKE LUEDDE

A Farewell Potluck dinner Sunday at the Community Church in Ione will honor the Rev. and Mrs. Mike Luedde, Colt and Mark who are leaving soon for St. Louis, Mo. The Rev. Luedde has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church there.

The dinner will be served at 12:30 and all friends are invited. Mrs. Helen McCabe is dinner chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Boner, Brian and Tracy were in Joseph for Mother's Day weekend. They report 4" of snow Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heard went to Milton-Freewater Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Tom Young.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCENCE!

THIRTY YEARS AGO

May 16, 1940

Superintendent Alden Blankenship will take Don Bennett, Hugh Crawford, Bob Pinckney and Howard Wray to Portland to represent Heppner High School in the tennis tournament to be held at Reed College next Thursday.

Gerald Cason landed a 24-inch steelhead in Potamus creek last Sunday. Dr. L. D. Tibbles landed a 22 1/2-inch steelhead there the same day.

Leland Edmondson has been selected as winner of the Union Pacific \$100 scholarship and will attend Oregon State college this fall.

Mrs. Evelyn McDowell of Portland has opened a beauty parlor in the Roberts building next door to the Gazette Times.

Miss Lucille Vale, county health nurse, concluded her second six weeks in Morrow county and left Wednesday evening for Moro where she will be employed until July 1.

The spirit of improvement that has prevailed in Heppner this spring seized the Masons the past week with the result that the D. A. Wilson and W. O. Dix store fronts are glistening with fresh coats of paint.

Miss Frances Inskeep was the only graduate of Hardman union high school this year. Exercises in her honor were held last Friday evening.

Earl McKinney of Rhea creek will leave next week for Detroit, Mich., where he plans to purchase a truck and a passenger car.

Wool buyers were active in Morrow and Umatilla counties this week, resulting in the purchase of 500,000 pounds of wool in this district. Prices ranged up to 27 1/2 cents a pound, with the average better than 26 cent.

Henry Aiken, Harlan McCurdy and E. O. Ferguson were Heppner men motoring to Pendleton this morning for the cowboy breakfast, a regular feature of the annual convention of the Oregon Horse and Cattle raiser association.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

MAY 16
Methodist Church Lawn Sale
10:00 a.m. — Pie and coffee served and sandwiches

IONE HIGH SCHOOL
Baccalaureate May 17, 3:00 p.m.
Cafetorium

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Baccalaureate May 17, 7:00 p.m.
Boardman Community Church

SOROPTIMIST TEA for Heppner High Senior girls and mothers, May 18

Spray Rodeo — May 16-17

May 22, 23, 24 — Blue Mountain College Rodeo
Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner

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(Pd. Pol. Adv. by Charles O'Connor, Ione, Ore.)

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