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## Taxing the Elderly

Legislators have received a mandate that they must consider during their next session . . . property tax relief.

A good place for them to start their labors would be in seeking tax relief for retired senior citizens on fixed incomes. This is one aspect of the property tax that magnifies the inequities of the system.

The elderly, who may have been paying in support of city and county government and schools through their property taxes for 40 or 50 years, are discovering that this continuing drain on their finances is unbearable.

They may have sacrificed and scrimped and saved all of their lives so that they would have a home paid for and in which they could retire. Only on retirement to find out that increasing property values and taxes have all but made it impossible for them to continue living there.

When school budgets are presented for a vote these people are being asked to choose between their homes and the schools. Most would have no place else to go if they lost their homes so they have little choice except to vote against tax increases.

Property taxes for everyone over the age of 65 and with a limited income should be frozen at a figure they can live with.

We all know taxes are necessary and expect to be paying them all of our lives. There is no reason, however, that taxes should become such a liability that existence is an impossibility.

For that reason property taxes for all persons over the age of 65 should be frozen at a specific amount or at the level they have reached when that person attains his 65th birthday and retires.

The state would then have to reimburse each county for the amount county governments and schools would lose through such exemptions.

For example, if the taxes on an elderly couple's home when they reach age 65 are \$200 per year, they should be frozen at that amount until the property changes hands. This way the tax bill on their home would never increase . . . no matter how high taxes continue to skyrocket. The next year, if taxes on their property are figured at \$250 the couple would still only pay \$200. The state should then step in and reimburse the county for the additional \$50.

The state funds would have to come from increased income taxes . . . but at least that money would be coming from someone who could afford it and more-than-likely from someone who still has children in school, which the over-65 couple certainly would not.

It is almost criminal that these members of our society haven't already been given some respite from the burden of property taxes.

A solution should be foremost in the minds of all legislators when they resume their duties in Salem.

(CENTRAL OREGONIAN)

## Showing At Jr. Stock Show

Morrow County sent a delegation of young folks and their livestock this week to The Dalles for the annual Oregon Wheat League's Junior Livestock Show. Attending from Morrow County are 4-H members Gwen Drake and Rick Drake, beef; Herbie Ekstrom and John Ekstrom, 2 beef each; Mary Ann Greenup, two beef; Glen Griffith, sheep; Patricia Hughes, beef; Dawn Peterson, Joel Peterson, Paul Peterson, Rick Peterson, each with a beef entry; Jody Rugg, two sheep and Bill Tews, two swine. County Agent Gail McCarty planned to attend the annual event.

## Chas. Gilliland Graduates

Charles Lloyd Gilliland was recently graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky with the Master of Divinity degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Gilliland. Mr. Gilliland is a graduate of Corry Area High School and in 1966 received the A. B. degree from Asbury College.

Members of the Heppner PFA who entered are Greg and Bill Greenup with two steers each and Rick Drake with a steer. They planned to exhibit and enter judging contests. Advisor Hal Whitaker expected to accompany them.

## Ione's Rainbow Girls Honored

IONE—On May 31, a reception was held at the Masonic Hall honoring Miss Nancy Ashurst, worthy advisor of Ione assembly, Sharlene Hamlett, Grand Deputy to the State of Wisconsin, and Marsha Ball, Grand Choir member.

For her installation as Worthy Advisor Nancy Ashurst chose her colors, blue and white, and as her theme "The Impossible Dream."

Nancy's installing officers were Debbie Warren, Installing Advisor; Installing Marshal, Tanya Tucker; Installing Chaplain, Sharlene Hamlett; Installing Recorder, Marsha Ball; and Installing Musician, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom.

The impressive crowning ceremony was conducted by Lewis Halvorsen, with Tanya Tucker and Wendy Christopherson singing "The Impossible Dream" accompanied by Darrel James.

Special guests introduced and welcomed were Mrs. Ruby Becker, Grand Deputy; and Mrs. Dot Halvorsen, Mother Advisor.

Nancy introduced her father, Bill Ashurst.

Addenda was given honoring Sharlene Hamlett, Grand Representative to the State of Wisconsin, and Marsha Ball, Grand Choir Member. Each officer presented Sharlene with a yellow tulip and Debby tied them with a green bow. Marsha was presented with large red letters spelling Rainbow Choir. As the flowers and letters were presented each girl gave a verse relating to the occasion. They were both presented with a gift from the Assembly. Debby Warren was presented a past Worthy Advisor pin.

The tea table was centered with a blue and white sheet cake flanked with white carnations and blue candles. Mrs. Roy Lindstrom presided at the coffee table. Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen cut the cake and Miss Debby Warren served the punch. Leta White and Cheryl Turner had charge of the guest book and programs. Sharlene Hamlett had been asked to give the response to the welcome at Grand Assembly at Corvallis the last of this month.

Mrs. Ivan Remlinger and Don, from Bothell, Wash., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McCabe. Mrs. Remlinger is the former Irene Anders, who taught in Ione High School in 1929, and 1930.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Magill of Cecil, were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Perkins from Boise, Idaho, and Mrs. Blanche Perkins from Canoga Park, Ca.

Mrs. Marjorie Baker arrived here from her home in Mason, Ariz., the middle of last week. She is staying at her mobile home at Hat Rock and will spend some time with her daughter, Mardene, and family.

Mrs. Kenneth Klinger and boys from Beaverton spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Helen McCabe, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Hitchcock of Middleton, Idaho, spent Thursday through Monday at the home of their niece, Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell of Milwaukie, spent the weekend at the Clell Rea home. They came up to see their brother Cot Swanson who underwent surgery Thursday at the Community Hospital in Pendleton.

## Irrigon Has Eight New Fire Hydrants

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON — Eight additional fire hydrants were installed the past week, bringing the total to 13 within the city limits of Irrigon. This will put most homes in Irrigon within a radius of 500 feet of a hydrant, according to Mayor Chester Wilson.

The hydrants were installed with funds from the construction account of the Municipal water system, approved by the Farm Home Administration, for this purpose.

## Play Ball

Baseball scores for Little League and Babe Ruth teams for the past week were: June 2—B &

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hendrickson of Granger, spent the weekend at the Darrel James home. They came to attend the United Church of Christ auction besides visiting their daughter and family. They also enjoyed a delayed birthday celebration for their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson of Salem are visiting friends, and also attended the auction. They spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rietmann, and are now staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Bill Fletcher came up from Portland to attend the auction, and was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Fayte Fletcher and Mrs. Shirley Asborne, also of Portland. Mr. Fletcher has resigned from the Ione school system and will teach at Clatskanie this coming school year. We wish Bill a successful year and that he will come back and visit his students and friends as often as possible.

The United Church of Christ held a coffee hour following the 9:30 a.m. service Sunday morning. The members of the choir acted as hosts and hostess. Rev. A. H. Hazzard will conduct the services again next Sunday.

**Little League Winners**  
The Little League Baseball team (Indians) from Ione have won the 1st half play of the season with 1 loss, and are leading the 2nd half with 3 wins and no losses.

## U of O to Award Degrees on Sunday

A graduation class of 2,658 candidates will be presented for baccalaureate and advanced degrees at the University of Oregon's 1970 Commencement Sunday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m.

College of Liberal Arts, a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science to Mark Christian Brown, Heppner. In Sociology, a Bachelor of Arts degree to Sonja Gretchen Sweek, Monument and Bachelor of Science degree to Margaret Alma Green, Heppner.

College of Education, Curriculum and Instruction, a Bachelor of Science degree to Judith D. Jones, Heppner.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL  
Opens June 14

WRANGLERS OVERNIGHT  
Ride June 20-21

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1920  
Fifty Year reunion  
June 14, Wagon Wheel Cafe

Ione Lions Club vs. Jaycees  
Meadowood Benefit Baseball game  
June 14, 5:00

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Morrow County Fair and Rodeo  
June 27, Music by Western Gentlemen

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I Cubs 3 vs. Echo 7; June 3, Irrigon Bobcats 22, vs. Stanfield, 7. Boardman Bombers vs. Echo was called because of weather; June 6—B & I Cubs 6, vs. Stanfield Mariners 0, Stanfield Bombers 11, vs. Irrigon Bobcats 17. Babe Ruth teams on June 2, B & I 3, vs. Inland Empire 4, June 3 B & I 11 vs. JC 8.

## Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Betty Anne Eppenbach on June 12 at 7:30 p.m., at the Community Baptist Church basement. Hostesses will be Mrs. James Forney, Mrs. Norman Eppenbach, and Mrs. Wayne Eppenbach. Friends of the bride-to-be are invited to attend.

The wedding date has been set for June 27 at 3 p.m. at the Baptist Church, when Betty Anne Eppenbach will be united in marriage to Gary Baird. Friends and relatives are welcome.

## Umatilla Marina Opens

Commodore Burrell Cooley and other members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 94, were present at the Grand Opening of the Umatilla Marina, June 6 7, to give courtesy motor boat examinations.

Miss Donna Pummel, who was recently named Miss Flotilla 94, was presented to cut the ribbon at the opening ceremonies. Donna Pummel will go to Walla Walla, June 13 to compete with other Flotilla representatives for the title of Miss Coast Guard Auxiliary.

## Ill in Kansas

Harley Hammond is seriously ill at Newman Hospital, Emporia, Kans. He has been a summer visitor at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coy, for many years and is well acquainted in the community.

St. Patrick Altar Society had installation of officers at a luncheon in Mrs. Joe Christy's home in Plymouth, Wash., on June 2. Eight ladies attended from Boardman and Irrigon. A gift was presented to out-going president Mary Lou Daitos, and various projects were discussed for fall.

## Sew for Bazaar

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Community Baptist Church, met June 4, with an afternoon lunch. There was a

business meeting with Mary Adams presiding. The group is preparing for a church bazaar in the fall, and sewed on a new quilt.

The Rev. Duane Parrish concluded a 5 day Youth Crusade at the Assembly of God Church on Sunday. The young people of the local Youth Choir sang each evening as well as the Rev. and Mrs. Parrish.

The Assembly of God young people attended the Youth Sing Out at the Assembly of God, in Hermiston on Tuesday night.

Members of the church enjoyed a potluck dinner in the parsonage basement Sunday.

## Graduates

Clara Fay Coy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coy of Irrigon received her B. S. degree

June 5, from Werner Pacific College, Portland. Senator Mark Hatfield was the speaker at the commencement program.

Linda Stafford of Athena is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. James Everett here this week. She was a visitor at Blue Mountain Community College on Monday as a guest of her cousin, Jana Everett, a student there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abell of Inchelium, Wash. were morning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Morgan, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Batie Rand returned from a fishing trip to Curlew Lake in Northern Washington. Mr. Rand said the fishing was good with the trout weighing up to 2 pounds. They also visited friends in the area.

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7 to 9 P.M.  
Saturdays and Sundays . . . . . 2 to 7 P.M.  
Mondays . . . . . Closed

Smaller children must be accompanied by a person responsible for their safety.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Ladies' Swim, Tues. thru. Fri. . . . . 6 to 7:00 P.M.  
Teen Swim, Friday . . . . . 9 to 10:30 P.M.

Special Events are not included in the Season Ticket.

## FEES

	Daily None	Season \$18.00
Family		
Adults	.50	9.00
All Children and High School Students	.25	6.00

Season Tickets available at City Hall starting Monday, June 15, at 1 P.M.

Swimming Lessons will start July 7, second session on July 21, third session on August 4. Basket Fee \$2.50. Details will be announced at that time.