

## Your County Surveyor Speaks

By ROBERT BAGETT

In the last year and a half in my role as Morrow County Surveyor I have met many of you folks. In the past several days I have met and visited with more of you.

One of the questions I am frequently asked is: "What are your duties as County Surveyor?"

By state law the county surveyor shall:

1. Execute all orders directed to him by the county court for surveying roads or surveying or resurveying any tract of land, the title of which is in dispute.
2. Within 10 days of when called upon, survey of tract of land or town lot lying in his county at the expense of the person demanding issue.
3. Keep a fair and correct record of all surveys made by himself and deputies and the county roadmaster in a book procured by him for that purpose.
4. Number his surveys and the surveys made by the county roadmaster progressively.
5. Have each survey consist of:

- (A.) A narrative of the survey.
- (B.) A plain and correct plat of the survey.
- (C.) Delivery of a copy of any survey to any person or court requiring same.

6. Establish every survey by a monument of durable material, i.e. iron rod, iron pipe, stone, etc.
7. Make all surveys of legal subdivisions in conformity with the laws and regulations of the General Land Office of the United States, (BLM).
8. Establish all corners of government surveys where witness trees have been cut or have fallen down and where there remains the stump or body on which the bearing marks or blazes can be seen, or where other evidences of the government corners can be found, and keep a separate record of the same in a book called "Bearing Trees of United States Surveys." When so reestablished such corners shall be recognized as the legal and permanent corners.

It is noteworthy to add the following:

Any registered engineer or land surveyor making a survey of lands within this state wherein he establishes or re-establishes a corner or corners shall, within 30 days thereafter, file complete field notes and a map of such survey with the county surveyor, who promptly shall file and index them. Such notes shall thereafter be a public record in the office of the county surveyor.

The preceding duties are excerpts from chapter 209 of the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Another question many people have asked me is:

"Why do you want to remain in this office if you're not getting a salary from the county?"

I have several reasons for wanting to remain in office.

1. I am interested in the people of this county.
2. Having worked in eastern Oregon as a land surveyor the past several years, I feel a great obligation to live by the state laws governing surveys and to enforce them in this county. It is my duty to see to it that the survey records of Morrow county are properly filed and preserved so that they can readily be found when needed.
3. Make contact with the people of this county.

As for my background, I am a native of Oregon, 33 years of age, married, and have two children, ages 10 and 11. I graduated in Surveying Technology from Oregon Technical Institute in 1957, and have attended the University of Alaska.

My surveying experience is wide, having followed this profession since 1955 on projects ranging from construction surveys of the \$26,000,000 Navajo Dam in New Mexico to the Point Barrow, Alaska Townsite Survey.

I am presently a partner in the surveying firm of "Baggett, Griffith & Ferguson" of John Day. We have been in business 3 1/2 years and operate primarily in eastern Oregon. We have the latest electronic survey equipment and pride ourselves on efficient quality work. We operate under the theory that three heads are better than one and our clients benefit greatly from

our wide experience and knowledge.

We have worked closely with city and county governments in eastern Oregon. One large project worth mentioning is the complete and detailed mapping of the John Day-Canyon City area by photogrammetric methods. We have also just completed a road survey for the Morrow County Road Department.

In closing I would like to say that I thoroughly enjoy the office of Morrow County Surveyor since my appointment by the county court in May of 1969. To me this office is a challenge. I have met it and now it is up to you, the people of Morrow County, to decide if you want me to remain in this office. On Nov. 3 your vote for Robert Baggett is a vote for confidence, experience and equality.

Thank you,  
Robert Baggett



JULIE AYERS models a pantsuit at the CowBelle's annual luncheon.

## Irvin Mann Jr.

I am a Umatilla County native, educated in the Adams Schools and at the University of Oregon. Am a non-practicing member of the Oregon Bar Association, raise cattle on the Umatilla ranch, am former president of the Port of Umatilla and the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn., am a World War II veteran and my wife, Peg and I are the parents of five: Dr. David Mann in the Air Force, Lee Ann Jennings, a Sunnyside, Wash., teacher, Julie, a Willamette Junior, Debbie, a University of Hawaii sophomore and Ling, a sophomore at Hermiston High School.

Have served three regular and two special sessions of the Legislature, continuously on the Taxation Committee, two sessions on Fish and Game and Agriculture and one session on Planning and Development and as Chairman of the Elections committee. Am now a member of the Legislative Fiscal committee and served four years as chairman of the House Commission on Interstate Cooperation.

I would submit that my chairmanship of the House Elections Committee will better enable me to represent our best interests in the reapportionment of the Legislature that the 1971 Legislature must do. We now have only 14 out of 90 Legislators from Eastern Oregon and may well lose one or two of these this session, so strength and experience of Eastern Oregon's delegation is most important.

I have consistently said that property tax relief is a must and I am impatient with those who would use this issue for political profit even to the extent of paralyzing the Legislative process with smoke screens and phony issues, and I am preparing legislation that I believe will remove the issue from partisan political tugging and hauling and will provide adequate school finances from non-property tax sources.

Only the schools suffer from being so heavily dependent on property taxes. I am critical of so-called "Home Owner" relief plans which ignore this fact; and also ignore the fact that the historical rate of climb of property rates shows without doubt that the effects of even the most ambitious of such plans would be wiped out in three years. For this reason, and the fact that all such plans give

millionaires property tax relief as well and the aged as the poor, these "Home Owner" plans are haphazard and patchwork and a cruel hoax on those who do not understand the magnitude and the complexity of the problem.

### Water Nuclear Development:

I have authored a plan which I think has an excellent chance for success in 1971, to provide state loans to Oregon people for development of Oregon lands with Oregon water through an Oregon "Water Bank."

The Bureau of Reclamation must adopt a fresh approach to its planning in this area that is flexible enough to accommodate its slower development to existing and immediately feasible private developments in order not to obstruct immediate development.

Nuclear Power plants that provide irrigation from their coolant water are a definite and easy feasibility for this area, but in planning for them we must also be cautious not to impede currently developing irrigation projects but rather we should proceed with current developments, well-planned, to accommodate future nuclear plants and use the coolant waters.

Two years ago, we called irrigation of Northeastern Oregon the "sleeping giant". Today, those who fly to Portland and notice the green circles emerging like mushrooms on both the north and the south sides of the Columbia know that the giant is no longer asleep. He is awake. He has thrown back the covers and has one or both feet out of bed and on the cold floor of reality.

### Pvt. Hams Here

Pvt. James Darold Hams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darold Hams of Heppner, left by plane from Pendleton Monday night to return to his Marine Training at Camp Pendleton. Pvt. Hams was on a 15 day leave. Upon his return he will enter more advanced training.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ball of Gresham were visiting in Heppner over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Darold Hams.

## ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON

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## Claud McElrath

As Democratic candidate for State Representative from the 28th District, I am convinced the people want a change. That was why I decided to enter the race as I too am dissatisfied with the representation we have had.

If I am elected to the office in November I will be open, accessible, and responsible to the people and would encourage maximum citizen involvement. I will work for and support any measure that will give property tax relief for the homeowner, but I will never support a sales tax which would only place more of a tax burden on those least able to pay. I believe if we close the loopholes in the State income tax law and reduce State spending by eliminating all extravagances, we would need very little more money to meet the State budget.

I will support health, education, and welfare programs which are essential for a progressive State and the eventual elimination of the serious costly problems of crime, delinquency, drug abuse, and other forms of alienation.

I advocate cessation of State raids upon the Veterans Home and Farm Loan Fund and the immediate repayment of the \$15 million plus interest to the Veterans Fund.

I believe we need improvement of the rural economy by securing irrigation projects for family size farms, and more industry for Eastern Oregon.

I will work for legislation to secure equal justice for rich and poor alike that are tried in the courts of Oregon. I believe we need mandatory stiffer penalties for destruction of all property whether private, State or County owned as vandals are causing thousands of dollars damage to property each year.

I do not believe the people of Oregon want the State divided into 14 administrative districts thus eliminating local control. I

do not believe Counties or districts should be zoned without a vote by the people concerned, nor do I approve of a charter form of government for the Counties as this would be minority rule and I think the people are concerned about their government and should be allowed to vote on all county officials.

I have been asked numerous times what I think of the Gun Control Law, and I will tell you frankly I am opposed to it as every Nation that has lost their independence has lost their guns first. I believe a person seeking public office should be willing to state their views on any proposed legislation.

I have lived in Umatilla County all my life. Have been a farmer, businessman, and also worked for the Oregon State Department of Agriculture as brand inspector for 13 years. I believe I understand the problems of the farmer and small business and I will support any

legislation that will alleviate their problems and bring prosperity to Oregon.

If elected to the Oregon House of Representatives for district 28 in November I will devote my time and efforts to represent the majority of the people and not a favored few.

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One of the most important benefits of rural electrification is the miracle of electric lights throughout rural America. It wasn't many years ago that only a few homes enjoyed electrical living... now we all take it as a matter of fact.

Did you ever consider how proper lighting can change your life? It makes your home safer, more comfortable and convenient. Lighting can even change the mood of any room... soft, indirect lighting encourages relaxation... comfortable lights encourage you to speed through household chores (and helps children study).

There's no trick to decorating with good lighting. Valances, for example, are ideal to emphasize the beauty of windows and drapes. They provide

inches to the left or right. Be sure to have adequate bulbs; a minimum of 150 watts is desirable for reading.

### Study is easier in a well lighted area

An adequate study area is important to your children's success in school. It need not be expensive. Chances are a little planning could change a dark corner into an ideal study center!



First, there should be adequate room for the student to spread his work in front of him. A table or desk is sufficient. The chair should be comfortable and encourage proper posture.

Lighting should be free from glare and shadows. A single lamp will do the job; place it on the side of the desk opposite the writing hand. The bottom of the shade should be 15 inches above the desk top; place the lamp about 12 inches from the front edge of the desk. Use at least a 150-watt bulb.

Two wall mounted lamps also give excellent lighting. Place them 15 inches above the desk and spaced 30 inches between the center of the shades. Use a minimum of 100-watts in each lamp.

### Work better and safer, too

Proper lighting can help you work, too. For such tasks as ironing, wood-working, etc., you should use a minimum of 150-watts. The lighting fixture should be about 48 inches above the work. You'll find sewing easier



(and better) if light source is about 14 inches above the work. Don't strain your eyes... use at least a 150-watt bulb.

Many home accidents can be prevented with proper lighting. A small, inexpensive night light can save dangerous and painful falls. Outdoor lights serve the dual advantage of letting you work later and discouraging unwanted visitors.

Yet, electric lighting costs are low, thanks to rural electric power. It's your biggest bargain in better living!



good balanced lighting and bring out the colors of walls and furnishings. Cornices and wall-brackets can be effectively used to display planters, fireplaces and other interest areas.

Well placed lamps make reading and many tasks (such as sewing) easier. Floor lamps should be about 47 inches from the floor and 26 inches behind the reading material. It's usually best to have the light source slightly to one side... say 15



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