

GRAIN PRICES

(F.O.B. Lexington, does not include warehouse chgs.)
(Courtesy of Morrow County Grain Growers)
Soft white wheat 1.67 1/2
Hard red winter wheat 1.64 1/2
Barley 47.50

Appeal Taken on The Boeing Tract

The State Department of Veterans' Affairs bid for a reduced tax assessment on the Boardman Space Age Industrial Park, which it leases to Boeing Company of Seattle for research purposes, has been kept alive by an appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court. Involved were 94,366 acres of land in Morrow County.

The appeal follows a recent decision by Circuit Judge William W. Wells, sitting as Oregon Tax Court Judge pro tempore in place of Tax Judge Carlisle B. Roberts, who disqualified himself because of the former association with the State Department of Revenue, who ruled the Boardman land does not fit the qualifications provided in the law on farm use assessment. Judge Wells' decision overruled the Department of Revenue, which has appealed to the higher court.

The case involved the 1969-70 tax year. Under Assessor Joyce Ritch's appraisal, the tax bill was about \$31,000. Had farm use assessment been granted, the bill would have been about one-fourth as much.

The Assessor also has recently reappraised Boardman Park and this appraisal is under appeal. If the market value listed for the property is upheld, the Department of Veterans' Affairs will have to pay more than \$61,000 in property taxes.

Under terms of the lease to Boeing, the aircraft firm was to pay rent starting at \$60,000 a year, with an escalator clause built in. The rent for 1970 was \$68,820.

In his order upholding the assessor, Judge Wells said the terms of the lease, are subject to the condition that the lessee will make use of the premises primarily for industrial or industrial research or for developmental purposes, permitting, however, grazing and other agriculture uses in areas where the company's activities were not concentrated.

The judge said the sublease for agricultural uses contained severe restrictions, allowing Boeing the right of exclusive possession of all premises it might require from time to time, and the right to terminate the leases at any time without notice—provisions not found in customary farm leases.

The judge concluded the present farm use was merely incidental to that which it is primarily devoted to and that it was apparent the restrictions contained in the written conveyances and leases clearly fall within the exception contained in ORS 308.370 (2) which prevents farm use classification to that "land with respect to which the owner has granted, and has outstanding, any lease . . . for other than farm use."

Morrow County's District Attorney, Herman Winter, has represented our county in both 1970 hearings.

Jaycees Sponsor Drug Meeting

People of Heppner and the surrounding area will have an opportunity to hear a former addict tell of his experiences with drugs on Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Lt. Lyle Early will be the speaker. He will have with him a former drug addict.

The Jaycees are anxious that many will turn out for this meeting.

Larry Rietmann Services Saturday

Funeral services will be held for Larry Rietmann Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione with the Rev. Wm. Arthur officiating. Interment at High View Cemetery in Ione. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Rhea Creek Grange Meeting January 8

The Rhea Creek Grange will meet at the grange hall Friday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck supper followed by a business meeting. A short program is also scheduled.

87th Year

Price 10 Cents

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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New Chamber President Installed

Frank Anderson Heads Branch Fed Reserve Board

Annual appointments to the Boards of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and its four branch offices, effective Jan. 1, 1971, were recently announced.

The San Francisco board designated Frank Anderson, Heppner rancher, as chairman of the branch board for 1971. Mr. Anderson has served on the board for several years.

RC&D Annual Meet Date is Set

Chairman Ed Hoeft has announced the Annual Meeting date for the Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D will be Jan. 18 in the Hermiston Junior High School, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The morning's program will include a business meeting and election of officers. Also, the RC&D Resource Committee Chairmen will give reports on 1970 accomplishments and outline 1971 goals. The Resource Committee Chairmen are:

Ralph Saylor—Community Development & Nuclear Siting; R. Ed Irby—Cropland; Martin Buchanan—Publicity; Raymond French—Rangeland; Glenn Thorne—Recreation & Wildlife; M. R. Johns—Water; James E. Nelson—Woodland.

Guest speaker from the Upper Willamette RC&D will round out the morning session. Mr. Dale Munk, Project Coordinator, will discuss the "Functions of an Operating RC&D." Since it is expected that the Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D Project will become operational during January, 1971, this affords an excellent opportunity to obtain answers from Mr. Munk on any questions one may have pertaining to RC&D operations.

Clarence Parker, Community Development Specialist, will discuss the "Area Beautification Program" that the Upper Willamette RC&D is sponsoring in their area. This program has created interest and improved the economic situation among several small Willamette Valley towns.

A "No Host Luncheon" will be held at the Elks Club.

The afternoon's program includes two speakers on resource development. Harold Cantrell, Walla Walla Area Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, will discuss the "Energy Needs of the Region," also, how nuclear power fits the present situation and transmission possibilities to load centers. John Mangan, Area Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, will speak on "Irrigation and Nuclear Powered Thermo Plants." The use of coolant water from nuclear plants for irrigation is of vital interest to the people of this area.

Another Cut Up!

Mr. and Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz of Heppner are the parents of the first baby born in Hermiston on Jan. 4, 1971. He makes three sons at the Schwarz home. Ronnie is 9 and Pat is 5. The new one has been named Ted Raymond and he weighed 10 lb., 1 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Schwarz of Heppner and Mrs. Ida Coleman of Ione.

If this young fellow follows in the footsteps of his grandfather and father, he, too, will be a cut-up! They are both meat cutters!

Advanced First Aid Class Meets Tonight

An American Red Cross Advanced First Aid course will be given this winter. Those with an Advanced First Aid card or a Standard First Aid card may take the course. The first meeting is tonight at 7:30 at the Gilliam & Bisbee conference room. The 10-week course will be taught by Bettie Doherty, Chuck Rauser and Norman Clow.



NEW OFFICERS of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce are Gene Pierce, president; Joyce Ritch, secretary; Pat Wonsler, treasurer; and LeRoy Gardner, second vice president. L. E. Dick, the new first vice president was unable to be present for the picture taking.

Notice to All Fair Superintendents

It doesn't seem possible, but that TIME is here again when we must begin working on the 1971 "Morrow County Fair Premium Book". In order to get it re-typed and to the printers early in the spring, the secretary is requesting that all Open Class Superintendents have changes and recommendations to her by March 17, 1971.

Following is a list of Open Class Superintendents listed in the 1970 Premium Book: Beef—Donald Robinson; Sheep & Wool—Don Greenup; Poultry & Rabbits—Mrs. Johanna Wood; Saddle Horses—Art Vance; Hay, Grasses & Grain—William Rawlins; Fruits & Vegetables—Rev. Edwin Cutting; Mrs. Doris Cutting; Mrs. Fredrick Martin.

General Superintendent — Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman; Community Booths—Mrs. James Lindsay; Clothing—Mrs. Jerry Brosnan, Marilyn Bergstrom; Needlework—Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mrs. Pearl Wright; Mrs. Frieda Majeske, Mrs. Ann Bergstrom; Knitting—Mrs. Kenneth Wright; Hobbies — Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. L. E. Ruhl; Canning—Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mrs. Omer Huston; Foods—Mrs. George Currin.

Flowers — Mrs. Bob Clough, Mrs. Harold Huber, Mrs. Delpha Jones, Mrs. Fannie Griffith, Mrs. Clell Rea, Mrs. Annetta Klingler, Mrs. Barbara Cutsforth; Pet Show — Mrs. Colleen Gallier; Collector's Corner—Mrs. Jo Huston, Mrs. Pete Cannon; Children's Corner — Mrs. Glen Ward, Mrs. Anna Schwarzin, Mrs. Jerry Rood, Mrs. Randy Lott, Mrs. Norm Clow, Mrs. Darlene Arrington.

Again, the Morrow County Fair Board and Morrow County Fair Committee wish to thank you for a "Job Well Done in 1970". We are looking forward to working with all of you again this year—and if you know of anyone who wishes to work in any of the many different divisions of the Fair, please call the Fair Secretary, 676-9143.

Merchants Will Meet Friday

An important meeting is to be held at noon Friday at the Wagon Wheel Cafe. The Merchants Committee, according to chairman, Sharon Gorman, will have a number of things to discuss during the luncheon.

All merchants are strongly urged to be present for the meeting.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	54	36	—
Thursday	50	31	10
Friday	35	20	—
Saturday	34	14	—
Sunday	26	15	—
Monday	30	11	—
Tuesday	28	14	—

Total Prec. for December, 1"; Normal is 1.38". Total Prec. for 1970, 13.16"; Normal 13.25". Prec. 1969 14.54"; 1968 14.21".

Interested in Gun Control Laws

There will be a meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Lexington Grange Hall featuring A. J. Hollowell, Director, National Association to Keep & Bear Arms, and Russell Struve, Director, National Justice Foundation as the guest speakers. Subjects to be covered are: 1. The proposed Legislation for Firearm Registration & Licensing in Oregon. 2. A Self Defense Law for Oregon. 3. The Nebraska Self Defense Law and the National Justice Foundation.

The public is invited to attend this meeting, sponsored by the Morrow County Arm of the National Association to Keep & Bear Arms.

Junior Rodeo Meeting Soon

Darrell Dooney, chairman, has announced a meeting next week at the Gail McCarty home. This is for the Morrow County Junior Rodeo committee and will be at 7:00 p.m. Jan. 14.



CAPT. KENNETH DAGGETT

Capt. Ken Daggett Awarded Medal

U. S. Air Force Captain Kenneth A. Daggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Daggett, 545 Minor St., Heppner, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces.

Captain Daggett was cited for his performance as wing explosives safety officer of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing while assigned at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam.

He now serves as a munitions officer with a unit of the Strategic Air Command at Plattsburgh.

The captain was commissioned in 1967 upon Completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

A 1962 graduate of Heppner High School, Captain Daggett received his B. S. degree in 1966 from Oregon State University.

Chamber Hears of Express Close

George Gutierrez, Union Pacific agent here and at Ione, appeared at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday at the Wagon Wheel. He read a statement from Sam Haley, public utility commissioner, on a hearing to remove the Railway Express Agency here. The hearing will be at the County Courthouse at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12. REA agency has not operated here for about a year. Local people have been going to Pendleton to get their packages.

The Chamber voted to go on record opposing the closure of REA service and will send a representative to the hearing.

Installation
Jerry Sweeney presided at an installation ceremony for the new officers. New president is Gene Pierce. First vice president is Ed Dick and second vice president is LeRoy Gardner.

New secretary is Joyce Ritch and treasurer is Pat Wonsler.

Directors introduced were Harold Kerr, L. E. Dick, Bob Abrams, Sharon Gorman, Harley Sager, LeRoy Gardner, Ron Daniels, Elma Harshman, Dr. Wallace Wolff and Paul Jones, the outgoing president.

Judge Jones had thanked the Chamber members prior to the installation ceremony, for their fine cooperation during his term of office.

Mr. Sweeney presented Judge Jones a plaque in appreciation of his year of service to the city and county area.

Merchants Meeting
An important merchants meeting will be held Friday noon at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Membership
A raise was approved by a vote on the price of meals for the members' luncheons. Charge will be \$95 a year on full memberships, associate and special memberships remaining the same as in the past.

Defensive Driving Starts in Boardman

By BIRDINE TULLIS

Boardman residents will be driving defensively after completing classes sponsored by the Extension Homemakers Advisory Committee.

Classes begin Jan. 12 at Riverside High School in Boardman. A series of four classes complete the course with classes scheduled for Jan. 12, 14, 19 and 21. Drivers are awarded certificates on completion of the course. Interest has been great in the defensive driving courses sponsored during the past year. Instructors are trained Forest Service personnel who are donating their time to promoting safe driving on our crowded highways.

Mrs. Mel Allyn, chairman of the Boardman Extension unit has assisted in enrolling those interested in the class and making other arrangements for the popular course. Refreshments will be served during "break" by members of the Boardman Unit. Call Mrs. Allyn—481-4045 for information on attending or 676-9642. A fee of \$1.00 is necessary for cost of workbooks and materials.

Queen Chooses Blue

The blues have it! Queen Michele Miller has selected an electric blue for the outfits of the Morrow County Rodeo Court. A color that will go well with the natural coloring of those on the court and a perfect background for the lovely blond queen who wears white. The blue will include hats and boots with white gloves and blouses. The last Court to wear blue was in 1966.

With Queen Michelle, Princess Dovie Alderman, Princess Jan Schlichting and Princess Jeanne Daly met at Gardner's Men's Store Thursday. Marj Gardner measured each one and later Princess Jeri Snow came in to be measured. The order has been mailed in for the custom tailored suits.

County Officials Sworn In



COUNTY OFFICIALS are given the oath of office by County Clerk Sadie Parrish, right. Officials are from left: Commissioner Homer Hughes, Assessor Joyce Ritch, County Judge Paul Jones, Justice of Peace Charles O'Connor and District Attorney Herman Winter.

New City Officials Take Oath of Office

(See additional details and pictures on page 2)

Newly elected city officials took the oath of office to open the 1971 meeting of the Heppner Common Council Monday evening. Taking office were W. C. Collins, mayor; Mary Jean McCabe, treasurer; Elaine S. George, recorder; Rita Hedman, Robert Jones, Clyde Allstott, Jerry Hollomon, councilmen. Attorney Phil Mahoney administered the oath of office.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State

Heppner Students Conduct Annual Bird Count

Forty-three Heppnerites combined a 15-mile diameter circle in the Ruggs area on Dec. 22 from daylight to dark for the annual National Audubon Society Christmas bird count. The circle centered just south of Ruggs on Hwy. 207 where Porcupine Road junctions with the highway. Kirk Horn, biology instructor at Heppner High School directed the count.

The area was selected because it shows a typical cross section of biological niches used by birds in the area. There's farmland with heavy and light agricultural use, sagebrush habitats, riparian, mountainous habitat ecosystems.

Mr. Horn has been active in bird counts in the Willamette Valley and while he was in graduate school at the University of Arizona. He said, "I especially appreciate the outstanding cooperation from the community. It would not be possible in anyway without their help and cooperation. I would especially like to thank Orval Matheny and Bill Rawlins for their help. There were a lot of college returnees who were a tremendous help. I would also like to thank the private land owners who gave us permission to trespass during the Christmas count."

The area was first platted and then submitted to the National Audubon Society for approval. A team was assigned to each of the seven sections. If a bird could not be identified it was not to be counted.

The same circle will be used year after year. Comparing the figures will show a possible trend in bird population.

The 1970 Bird Count
There was an estimated 3346 individual birds counted this Christmas bird count with 52 species accounted for. Two were new on the Morrow County bird list. They were the Slate colored Junco and the Bohemian wax wings. The most commonly observed were Horned Lark, Blackbill Magpie, California Quail, Ringneck Pheasant, Starlings, House Sparrow and Oregon Junco.

This is the 4th Bird Count in Morrow County and it is beginning to reveal some interesting points of observation. Since the 1968 count the Golden Eagle has shown a continual decrease. The Marsh Hawk and Sparrow Hawk which are both mouse feeders, have shown a steady increase.

Mr. Horn observed "In regards to the increase in Hawks and the decrease in Eagles, it might

of Oregon and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of . . . of the City of Heppner according to the best of my ability."

Jerry Sweeney was elected chairman of the council. Appointments Made
Mayor Collins named the following non-elected officials: Glen H. Kolkhorst, Chief of Police; Dr. W. H. Wolff, Health Officer; Mahoney & Abrams, attorneys; Vic Groshen, superintendent; Forrest Burkenbine, Fire chief and Elaine George, utilities clerk.

At a special meeting of the Council on Dec. 10 an application for dancing at Cal's Lounge was disallowed.

The official figure for Heppner's 1970 census was given as 1429 by Gary Barnes of the Center for Population Research and Census. This is two above the census that the Jaycees took. Council expressed gratification to the Jaycees for their efforts which brought the census up from 1388. The addition of 41 increases the revenue from the state based on a per capita basis.

Building Permit
A permit to remodel a residence at 360 Union Ave., was granted to Merle E. Loyd of St. Helens. They expect to add a wood frame 24x24 addition at a cost of \$1500. Mr. Loyd will do the work himself. The Loyds will move to Heppner when the remodeling is completed.

No action followed the discussion of the removal of the REA Express Agency from Heppner. Members of the Chamber planned to attend the hearing to protest the closure.

Rita Hedman will serve as the Heppner Representative on the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council.
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Mayor Collins named councilmen to the following committees:

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