

### County Assessors Meet at Boardman

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — State Rep. Edwin Mann, Jr., of Stanfield spoke on the qualifications of assessors, appraisal costs, who should bear them—state or county, at the Eastern Oregon Assessors' annual Mid-winter Conference and Livestock meeting held here last Thursday and Friday at the Greenfield Grange hall. Mann told the group that assessors in the past have used market value in appraising lands for tax purposes, but that this is no longer a fair method. He said, "In this changing society the absolute of market value is not true any longer. You must use judgment."

Mann said he did not favor special qualifications for assessors, other than the constitutional restriction of being an elector of the state as in any other elective office. But he reminded the group that he had been on the tax committee of the House for five years and that in each session the assessors themselves had requested that minimum qualifications be set up for their office by the Legislature. He said that qualifications cannot be established by the office without it being appointive. Like all elected officials, if the person elected assessor cannot learn to administer his office properly, he will be rejected by the voters.

A recent report of the legislative fiscal committee has recommended a constitutional amendment be presented to the voters which would set up minimum qualifications for the office of assessor, but leave it an elective office.

**Minority Report**  
In a minority report issued by Mann was a recommendation that the salary for assessors be paid by the state instead of the county. But it does not provide for the status and quality of appraisals. Mann also issued a minority report on this. "Local control of appraisals is a myth," he declared. "The state now sets the standards and tells each county the number of assessors it should hire. His minority report, he said, would make the state responsible for the status and quality of all appraisals. He also would require the state to pay the full \$4.75 million bill for assessors' salaries, thus creating a tax offset in the county budgets. The majority report, he said, required only that the money be taken from the general fund as long as it was available. When not available, the balance to foot the bill of meeting the salaries would be pro-rated among the counties.

**Timber Deferral Law**  
A panel discussion on the timber deferral law brought out that there would be no disastrous effect on area taxpayers, if a law similar to the one in Western Oregon were passed by the Legislature for Eastern Oregon.

Because the law which will be considered by the Legislature is much the same as the farm deferral law, most people here felt its adoption would result in huge tax shifts. In Western Oregon this has occurred due to it being used by many to "hold valuable land under a preferred tax rate." Pete O'Brien, timber district supervisor with the State Department of Revenue of Hillsboro, said during the panel discussion.

This is because use of the law has been allowed where it lowered the appraised valuation based on "highest and best use of the land." Farm deferral has had a similar effect in Eastern Oregon.

Because timber land in Eastern Oregon is already valued at the lower timber rate, this could not happen here, panel members Fred Dayton and Ray Stewart of Josephine County declared.

Average assessed valuation in Morrow County is \$18 per acre for timber land. Recreational land in the mountains with homes or cabins is appraised at \$500 per acre. Adoption of the laws would have no effect on small tracts, and would not lower taxes for large timber companies.

Rod Esselstyn of Pendleton, chairman of the timber committee, was moderator of the panel. Earlier in the morning at the Thursday session Dorris Graves of Heppner showed slide pictures of her visit to India last year.

**Fire Chief Retires**  
Zearl Gillespie, Boardman's fire chief, is resigning as chief of the department after 15 years. Coinciding with the retirement, he has been awarded a lifetime honorary membership in the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association. Larry Phillips, city employee, is taking over the fire chief job. Gillespie will remain active in the expanded department and will be fire marshal. Voters in the area recently approved formation of rural fire district.

As chairman of the Urban Renewal Agency, Gillespie was very active in the relocation of the town and executed the documents that conveyed all the deeds when Boardman had to move in the mid-1960's.

In addition to the agency job, he is a member of the City Council and is chairman of the Morrow County Fair board. He retired four years ago as a fireman at the Umatilla Army Depot.

The 4-H building in old Boardman bore a memorial plaque for his son, Lynn, who was active in 4-H activities and died in 1948. He lost another son in 1958 and his wife, Daisy, died in Dec., 1968.

**City Council**  
Donald Black, Wally Hendrix and Joe Tate were sworn in to the Boardman City Council for four year terms at the regular monthly meeting of the council last Thursday evening.

Zearl Gillespie's resignation as fire chief was accepted, and Larry Phillips was appointed as the new chief.

The audit report from Earl Cliswell was accepted.

**Ladies Aid Elects**  
Mrs. Hazel Miller was elected president of the Ladies Aid Society of the Boardman Community Church at the meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Seth Russell. Mrs. Ralph Earwood was elected vice-president. Mrs. Leo Root, secretary, and Mrs. Russell treasurer.

Mrs. Root was in charge of the devotional hour, her topic being "Our Walk."

The group made plans for making hip robes for the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston. The next meeting will be held Feb. 3 at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bishop.

Mrs. Jim Barrick had the thrill of receiving a telephone call, which was relayed by Satellite through Norfolk, Va., from her husband CT/3 Jim Barrick, who is stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. When the call was received here by Mrs. Barrick's mother, Mrs. Bernard Donovan, she told the operator that Sharon was visiting in Ukiah at the M. F. Lewis home for the weekend, so the call was put through there. Mrs. Barrick stated that her husband's voice came through real clear. Barrick will be home on leave Jan. 26 for two weeks, then will be sent to San Antonio, Texas, for 14

weeks of schooling. After that he will be stationed for two years on Stagg's Island on San Pablo Bay in California. Mrs. Barrick will join him there. She is presently teaching the Federal Title I Reading program at Riverside High School.

**Birthday Party**  
Mrs. Dore Middelstedt was hostess for a party at her home Jan. 6 in honor of the 8th birthday of her daughter Lisa. Guests included Mrs. Bill Starke and Billie and Murray, Mrs. Jerry Peck and Jimmy, Robbie and Michael, Christy, Key of Hermiston, Lori Russell, Derek Trumbull, Kathleen Farlow, Helen and Darlene Dalton, Cynthia and Leona King, Peggy Sicard, Tina Meyer, Vickie and Scott Daniels, Wendy Middelstedt and Mrs. Ernie Peck.

There were four tables of pinocle in play at the card party held Tuesday of last week at the Greenfield Grange hall, sponsored by the Women's Activity Committee of the grange. Mrs. Chub Warren was hostess.

Mrs. Walter Hayes won high prize and low went to Mrs. Vern Minnich. Mrs. W. G. Seehafer and Mrs. Arthur Allen received the traveling pinocle prizes.

The next night card party will be held at the hall Jan. 25 starting with potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. Seehafer and Mrs. Hazel Carpenter.

The annual congregational meeting of the Boardman Community Church will be held the evening of Jan. 18 starting with potluck supper at 6 p.m.

**Tex. Discussion**  
Rep. Irvin Mann, Jr. of Stanfield and Sen. Ken Bernstedt of Hood River met with a group of local citizens here at the city hall last week to discuss tax procedures. Among subjects under discussion were farm deferral, legislative reapportionment, welfare legislation and higher education. There were 16 local citizens present.

Don Dalton, principal of Riverside Junior-Senior High School, was in Eugene last Thursday and Friday attending the Oregon Secondary School Principals' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pulley of Portland were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donovan.

Maurice Root, who is home on leave from Vietnam at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root, in Wasco, visited at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Leo Root, last week. Mayor Dewey West, Jr., was

### Teaches National Guard Class

Richard Fleck attends National Guard one weekend a month at Chackamas. Last weekend he was detailed to teach a class in Tillamook on Small Arms Repair. He also allowed the class how to dismantle and put together their guns.

### Enroute to Rhode Island

Gene Wallace is enroute to Cranville, Rhode Island for more schooling in the Naval Seabees. As he left Treasure Island he stopped at San Bernardino to visit his brother, John, in the Air Force there.

### Willows Grange Potluck this Sunday

Willows Grange will meet Sunday, Jan. 17, with a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. The regular Grange meeting will start at 2 p.m.

### Mother Visits

Mrs. Jessie Sherman of Rapid City, S. D., visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Apee for several weeks this fall. During the holidays, her grandson, Mark Allen Hopkins, drove her to her home.

### GOOSE HUNTING EXTENDED IN SOME COUNTIES

The Oregon Game Commission today advised waterfowl hunters that the goose season extends through Jan. 24 in five Columbia Basin counties. The counties include Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla. In all other areas of the state the season on geese closes Jan. 19.

The season on ducks also extends through Jan. 24 in the Columbia Basin area and includes Baker, Malheur, Union, and Wallowa counties as well as those listed above.

A recent press release issued from the department and published in many newspapers stated that the goose season closes statewide on Jan. 19, which is in error. Hunters may continue to hunt geese in the five listed counties through Jan. 24.

in Portland last week to attend a League of Oregon Cities executive board meeting held at the Sheraton Hotel.

### LOCAL NEWS

**Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt left**  
Wednesday morning for Grants Pass to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohler. They planned to visit also in Medford with her aunt, Mrs. Leona Cartwright who is in the hospital there. At Florence they will visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Wells. They expected to be gone about a week.

### Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Sr. watched the New Year in at a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Jr. in Boring. While they were there they went on to Canby to spend a few days with Mrs. Padberg's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross.

### Mr. and Mrs. Hal Sunday

McMinnville were here recently visiting her folks, the Burton Clarks. The Sundays attend Linfield College. Mrs. Sunday (Nonda) expects to be doing her practice teaching soon at Newberg.

### Next Monday Mrs. Sunday

will start her practice teaching at Newberg. Her major is in PE.

### Lexington Grange Has Pancake Feed

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — Lexington Grange 726 met on Saturday night for their regular meeting with the Master Edward Hunt presiding. A pancake supper, starting the evening, was greatly enjoyed with the men of the Grange cooking and serving the supper with chairman O. W. Cutsforth, Kenneth Smouse, Alfred Nelson, Jr., Cecil Jones, Carl Marquardt and Ed Hunt present. Mr. Cutsforth was installed as a member of the Executive Board, and Mrs. Hunt as Chairman of the Women's Activity committee, with Mrs. Wilbur Steagall as secretary and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse as treasurer. The program consisted of a group of slides on the 1970 wheat fire and on Utah shown and created by Kenny Lynn Smouse. A Past Masters pin was presented by the newly installed Master Ed Hunt, and Lecturer Delpha Jones. The Feb. 13 meeting is visitation night with Willows furnishing the dessert, Ebea Creek the program, and Lexington the main course.

### DoIVEN Services

Word was received in Lexington Monday of the death of Ray Dolven at a hospital in Texas. He was stricken three weeks ago by a stroke in Arizona. Funeral services will be here later this week.

### SPRAY NEWS—

Sunday, Jan. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith from Aurora who recently purchased the Robert Reed ranch were dinner guests at the Don Griffith home.

### JAN. 14

Neighborhood Center Advisory Council will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Center.

### Amicitia Club met at the home of Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth

on Wednesday evening with the following ladies present, Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Roger Campbell, Mrs. Lee Padberg, Mrs. Delbert Piper, Mrs. Bob Davidson, Mrs. Vern Viall, Mrs. Mel Boyer and the hostess. Instead of the usual high and low prizes, fun prizes were given with each lady receiving one of these. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Harvest of security

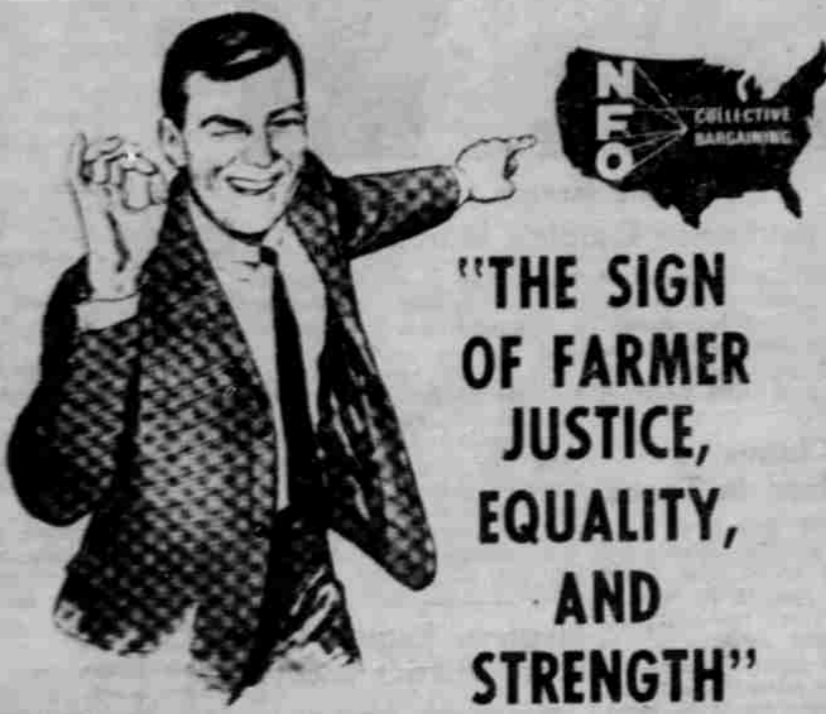
The day of the "horse and buggy" is gone. Today's farmer, like Jack Sumner of Heppner, relies on modern methods and equipment to produce high-yield harvests of wheat and barley. Jack is a leader in the National Farmers Organization. He feels that the modern marketing methods implemented by NFO through collective bargaining is necessary to give a fair profit to the farmer and save rural America.

Jack believes in taking the modern approach to his personal and business financial security, too. That's why he relies on Standard's Jerry Haguewood, who knows the farmers' problems through life-long residence in Eastern Oregon. Jack is backed by the resources of Standard, a \$2 billion company dedicated to excellence for policyowners.

To bring your financial security program out of the "horse and buggy" days, call Jerry Haguewood. Phone: 276-7610, Pendleton Agency, 404 S.E. Dorion, Pendleton, Oregon

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Jack Sumner (left) shows Standard Agent Jerry Haguewood how the grain drill has helped to increase production.



## FARMERS REALIZE:

1. Farm prices are at a drastically low level. (while producers' expenses are at an all time high)
2. Conglomerate Corporations are buying out farm producers.
3. Major feed companies are mushrooming vertical integration.
4. These and many other factors are squeezing the commercial family farmer into non-existence.

## MUST ACT NOW:

1. Become a part of the dynamic NFO movement initiated at the 1970 convention.
2. Take advantage of the unity and determination of neighboring farmers NOW, join NFO and become a participating member.
3. Stand behind NFO to raise your farm prices.

AND THIS, coupled with NFO's determination to take whatever steps necessary for commercial family farm survival, is the turning point for rural America - we must stand UNITED - once this is accomplished, the major farm battle is won. Only farmers can change the chaos at the market place by using collective bargaining through NFO.

FARMERS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ARE SENDING AN URGENT PLEA FOR FARMERS TO UNITE. THE FACT IS NOW RECOGNIZED THAT

## "NFO IS THE FARMERS ONLY HOPE" ACTION

- NFO has initiated a three-fold attack for the 1971 farm battle
1. A massive commodity lift to raise general price levels. (including red meat, grain, and specialties crops)
  2. Legislative action to stop vertical integration and packer feeding.
  3. Use every legal weapon available to achieve our goals.

FARMERS WON THE BATTLE IN 1776 FOR THEIR FREEDOM, FARMERS MUST WIN THE BATTLE IN 1971 FOR THEIR SURVIVAL.

Morrow County NFO  
PAT CUTSFORTH, President  
**PROGRESSIVE FARMERS JOIN NFO**