

Highest Court Reverses County Tax



ALLEN R. NISTAD

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Allen R. Nistad, Kinzua Corp., was elected vice chairman of the District 10 Board of Governors of the Western Wood Products Association last week in Sunriver.

Lumbermen reviewed progress during the past year and challenges facing the industry in 1972. Lumber production in the West is expected to increase 1 billion board feet to total 19 billion board feet in 1972, based on a revitalized and expanded lumber market.

WWPA provides forestry, inspection, technical, transportation, statistical and other services to lumbermen in the 12 western states. In 1971, its members produced 40% of the nation's softwood lumber output.

Mothers March Tonight

The Mothers who march for funds to help combat Polio and Birth Defects will have auxiliary help this year. Marching right after school on Thursday evening will be two 4-H clubs, the Super Duper Sewers 4-H club led by Mrs. Bruce Griffith and the Stitches A-Go-Go 4-H club led by Mrs. Bob Laughlin. In addition to these two groups others who have volunteered are Shelley, Kelley and Tom Wolff, Cindy and Terry Rogers and Candi Mansfield.

Mothers who march during the evening have been assigned areas and will be calling at homes after dinner. Any size contribution is greatly welcomed.

Only Incumbents Have Filed to Date

No race seems to be shaping up for any of the Morrow County offices. To date three incumbents have filed. The last one to file was Walter Hayes, Morrow County Commissioner for the past nine years, filed for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Sheriff John Mollahan said Wednesday he expected to file that day for the office he now holds. He is serving his first term as sheriff of Morrow County. He will file on the Democratic ticket.

Others who have filed for re-election are Sadie Parrish, County Clerk and Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer.

Water Control Board Elected on Tuesday

One hundred cast their votes at the Water Control board election during a snowy blustery Tuesday at the Heppner City Hall. One ballot was ruined for a total count of 99. Five elected to the board and the number of votes they received were: E. O. Ferguson 72, Donald Bennett 70, Richard T. Wilkinson 66, Charles M. Jones 65, Gene Pierce 64. Others on the ballot were Jewel Hager, Fred Haskins, Jr., and Larry Mills.

Drama Club Tryouts Tonight

Tryouts are tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria for a 3-act drama. You are invited to come on up and try your talents. The play will be presented March 2 and 4 by Heppner Community Drama Club, according to Jane Rawlins.

County Court Thrashes Many Problems

At the Jan. 5 meeting of the County Court, they listened to Larry Chadwick, Man Power Specialist from the Office of Economic Opportunity explain anticipated changes in the present programs coming from that office.

He said that OEO may be eliminated by the revenue-sharing concept supported by President Nixon. The CAP (Community Action Program, as the Neighborhood Center in Heppner), will probably close. The coordinators, as Pat Brindle, may be assigned to the County Courts and under their direction carry on Human Resource planning. This could be in the areas of Senior Citizens, Youth and/or employment training programs.

Judge Jones said the purpose of this switch is to prepare local governments for these problems when revenue sharing becomes a law and "Revenue sharing a fact of life." The coordinator would become aware of the needs of his county and develop information on all phases of human needs.

Emergency Employment Act

Morrow County has received an additional \$16,000 from the Emergency Employment Act. Under this act, three have been added to the sheriff's office. Judge Jones said Tuesday the county was making plans to apply for a county planner and secretary. He said they felt this would be helpful right now as the county is on the threshold of approving a new zoning ordinance. The balance would go to the City of Heppner for possibly another full time police officer.

A Vietnam veteran receives first consideration, then a veteran, unemployed and 4th underemployed under the Emergency Employment Act.

Road Improvements

Road improvements that are now in progress and those to be improved in the near future include: straightening 3 miles of Emigrant Road between Cecil and Ella, improve the Pettys Canyon Rd., widen the Rietmann Rd. at the Jet. of 638 and 809 and where less than 20 feet wide, Dillon Road to connect Irriwon with the Ruffcorn area and repair bridge on the Clarks Canyon Road.

For the convenience of those conducting business at the Court House, the employees at the Courthouse have begun parking their cars on the northside parking lot. This leaves the parking lot in close proximity to the Courthouse, with open parking.

Appointments

Roy W. Lindstrom and Fritz Cutsforth have been reappointed for four year terms to the County Planning Commission. Mrs. Gary Grieb was appointed for a 4-year term.

Larry Lindsay was named to a 3-year term to the Budget Committee. Zearl Gillespie was reappointed to a 3-year term on the Fair Board. Named to the Museum Board were Amanda Duvall, Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Herman Green. Arnold Hoffman was appointed to the Boardman Vector Control District.

The Court has felt there was an over-lapping of some of the Federal and State Agencies. They encouraged the agencies to coordinate all agencies with like responsibilities.

Standard Oil received the bid to provide greases, oils and gasoline for the county. They were the only bidders.

Dan Viera with the Oregon Emergency Services is a frequent visitor in Morrow County. The Court has asked him to be watching for various pieces of equipment and vehicles in surplus government goods. These include a 2 1/2 ton truck for fire fighting and snow plow, Fire Truck, Jeep and Radio, generators, portable radios.

Judge Jones said word had just been received from Seattle that the application has just been granted for \$951 for the installation of the two flood warning sirens. This is a matching program. The sirens are to be installed in the area of the Legion Hall and the REA building. Warning devices have also been requested for Lone, Lexington, Boardman and Irriwon.

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Picture Shows C of C Value of Pushing 'The Positive Button'

"Think the positive" was the highlight of the film "There's a Bit of Genius in All of Us" shown by Dale Anderson, district manager for Pacific Northwest Bell at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Bob Richards, Olympic Pole Vault, turned after-dinner speaker is taped as he gives a speech. In this highly motivating film, he says that 95% of the champions he has known are "ordinary guys," 5'10" and weigh 175 pounds. They pushed "the positive button" to become champions.

There's will power, brain power and motivation power. While most of us had an abhorrence for the well-known boxing champion's way of saying "I'm the greatest", Mr. Richards prompted some thinking when he said, "Where would he have been if he'd said 'I'm second best'?"

Announcements

Reminder for the election Tuesday to elect the Water Control District board members and the budget message Tuesday evening were made. Mayor Bill Collins said the bridge bids would be let at the City Council meeting on Feb. 7. Bids will be let on the Main St. and Chase St. bridges. Because of the water hydraulic problem that may be caused by the hoped-for construction of Willow Creek dam the Kirk St. bridge bid will not be let at this time. The temporary Kirk St. bridge will continue in use. The money voted for the 3rd bridge will be put on timed deposit until the Willow Creek dam situation is clarified and more concrete.

Randall Peterson won the pot. The speaker at the Jan. 31 Chamber meeting will be Milton Morgan on his wheat trip to India.

Board Meeting

Ed Dick, Chamber president, called for a board meeting following the regular meeting. He anticipates having a tentative list of committees ready for the next meeting. In addition to the regular committees, a special brochure committee will be named.

Pomona at Lone Will Be Jan. 29

Morrow County Pomona Grange will convene at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at Willows Grange in Lone. Luncheon will be served. At 2 p.m. the public is invited to hear Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wyckoff of Elgin give a slide-show presentation of their trip to Russia.

WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM

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*—tr. of snow

Many Shortages Plague Hospital

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital is experiencing a shortage of ambulance drivers. After years of taking ambulance calls at night, Bob Lowe is taking days only which leaves Paul Heinrichs for nights and weekends. The main need is for weekends and nights on a relief basis.

Anyone wishing to serve in this capacity is asked to call Mrs. Wyman at the hospital. Men or women who sign up to drive must hold a current American Red Cross First Aid Card. Stand-by pay as you stay at home is \$5.00 a day.

Nurse Shortage

At the Hospital Board meeting Thursday, the board also discussed the shortage of nurses. The housing shortage enters the picture as an RN from out of town would move to Heppner, if housing could be found. Several RN's are working part time to fill in until a full-time nurse can be hired.

Mrs. Wyman noted that it had been sometime since the hospital personnel has had a cost-of-living raise in salary. The board asked her to investigate what comparable hospitals were doing and report at the next meeting.

Along with these salary increases she recommended the cost of a room should be raised from the present \$47 to \$50 per day.

Doctor Shortage

In order to attract another doctor to Heppner, the board is considering an additional wing to the hospital to be used as a clinic. The facility would be rented to the new doctor who would have the use of the hospital equipment. This would reduce the equipment investment for the new doctor and would also help the hospital.

Hill Burton funds would be available for the down payment for construction of the wing and the doctor's rent would be used to pay the balance. All information as to plans and cost of construction would be assembled and made available to show as an incentive in obtaining a doctor. Construction would not be started until the doctor had given a firm commitment on coming to Heppner. The board is agreed that the greatest need is for a surgeon.

Patient Shortage

The first 12 days in January, the hospital had a good census of 11. The average stay went up as patients were older people with the flu. It has dropped sharply. There was one minor surgery.

For the first time in years, Mrs. Wyman noted that the \$1200 coal bill had been paid the month following delivery. She also has \$2496 towards the Feb. 6 payroll which is a good start.

A bright spot in the picture also was the announcement that Sue Greenup plans to come to Heppner in June as a full-time RN.

Fine Outdoor Movie To Be Shown Here

If you are an outdoorsman, are interested in nature or just like to view a good film, plan to attend "Way of the Trout", Wednesday night, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse. Adults and children alike are encouraged to attend.

No admission price will be charged for the 35-minute movie which has been heralded as the best outdoor film of 1970. The complete life cycle of a trout from spawning on is studied with the use of excellent underwater photography.

The showing, sponsored by the Morrow County Rifle and Pistol Club, is scheduled so that the public may view the film without attending the regular meeting which follows. "Way of the Trout", distributed by Trout Unlimited is supplied by the Game Commission.

Supt. Daniels Delivers 1972-73 Budget Message

At the Tuesday night budget committee meet at the Lexington District office, Supt. Ron Daniels presented the budget message and document. He included a careful explanation of the document and an outline of financial policies for the ensuing year. The big document contains about 70 pages.

Ed Dick was elected chairman of the budget committee, Mrs. Herman Winter secretary.

Tuesday night's meeting spotlighted the Resource Section and the Special Fund Section. Both sections were approved. Resources total \$419,146.

Budget requirements total \$1,614,876. Taxes necessary to balance are \$1,195,730. Taxes to be levied are \$1,318,730.

The school budget as proposed shows an increase of \$94,404, an increase of 6.2%.

It was interesting to note that Morrow County was the only Oregon county to show in 1971 a decrease on true cash value on property. This is an important point, Supt. Daniels said, as any loss in true cash value automatically increases the tax rate on the remaining property. Even with a slight decrease in true cash value Morrow County's tax levy for all taxing agencies was only 4.87% compared to a statewide average increase of 7.50%. The increased tax levy of \$82,073 would require an additional levy of 93c per \$1,000 true cash value.

Cost-wise, Morrow County will be slightly below state average in both teachers and classified employees. While salary increases account for about 65% of the budget increase, the teacher salary increases averaged only about 3% while classified employees averaged 7% to bring them up to a level of other salaries in the county. The budget also contains funds for maintenance and remodeling to sustain the program of continued upkeep on all buildings. The Superintendent believes the program will result in longer life for each building and prevent a major and expensive remodeling program in any one budget year.

A general budget meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., next Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Lone High. This will be followed by another general budget meeting Feb. 8 at A. C. Houghton Elementary, and on Feb. 15 the final budget meeting will be at Heppner High.

Boeing Lands To Have Farm Deferral

The decision of the Supreme Court was called to the Gazette-Times Wednesday morning from Salem. A decision that has been pending for some months went against the Oregon Tax Court and the Morrow County Assessor's office.

The decision as it was read from Salem follows.

"The Supreme Court reversed an Oregon Tax Court decree which denied a special farm use classification for ad valorem tax purposes for 1969 for land owned by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The land in question was leased to Boeing Co. which in turn subleased most of it to farmers.

The tax court decided that a special farm use assessment was not warranted, on the ground that the lease to Boeing required the property to be used for industrial or developmental purposes.

The Supreme Court, however, concluded that the lease did not prohibit use of parts of the property for agricultural purposes, and further held that the assessment was not inappropriate merely because the farmers were lessees and not outright owners of the farmed land.

The Supreme Court thus remanded the case to the tax court with instructions to enter an appropriate decree."

County May or May Not Get New Gas Line

In January last year, Pacific Gas Transmission Co. announced a plan to parallel its big 36-inch gas line through Morrow County. This good news was happily received in the county as it would add the big figure of \$6,192,000 true cash value to the county's valuation. However, before the plan could be carried out, Canada squelched the project before it could get going.

The Canadians are afraid of running short of natural gas and do not want to increase exports. So the new gas line has been temporarily stalled. However, officials of the company say they hope Canada may have a change of heart and permit more exports, in which case the 25.4-mile long line will be built adjacent to the present line. Roger Thompson of the Pacific Gas Transmission Co. told the G-T yesterday they had applied to Morrow County Court for permission to obtain some rights-of-way and permits to cross some roads in case they can build the new line.

Every day slogan: Everybody pick up one piece of litter every day.

Annual Conservation Program Slated

Chuck Liles, Field Representative of the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission, will headline the Heppner SWCD's Annual meeting, Morrow County's challenging growth and serious conservation needs will be the thesis of his talk.

Liles, a native Oregonian, is a graduate of Crow High School and Oregon State University, majoring in Dairy Production. He has lived on the family farm near Eugene, moving to Salem only recently.

He spent three years in the U. S. Army during World War II, serving in the European Theatre of Operations.

His diversified farm operation has included dairy, poultry, beef cattle—hay—pasture operation while he was employed off the farm.

Mr. Liles helped organize the Mid-Lane SWCD and served as chairman of the board for 8 years.

Darrell Learn, Head of Watershed Planning Division, State Engineers Office will present the Progress Report for the Rhea Creek Watershed Development. Farmer-Irrigators on Rhea Creek will want to be present to hear the latest on this well regarded project.

A slide presentation on the Columbia-Snake-Palouse Conservation Program will be



CHUCK LILES

shown at the start of the meeting. The public, along with co-operators are cordially invited according to Ken Turner, chairman of the Heppner SWCD. The program starts promptly at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Lexington Grange Hall. Refreshments will be served.