

**Fifth of Morrow  
property  
Tax Exempt**

What if all tax-exempt property in Morrow County were to be placed on the tax rolls? How much would property tax bills be cut? Property tax would be cut 20 percent according to the Assessor.

Reports prepared by Morrow County Assessor Joyce Ritch Bergstrom shows tax-exempt property in the county totals \$19,317,963.

The value of all property on the tax rolls this year is \$91,970,828.

Mrs. Bergstrom said the true value of much of the tax-exempt property is even higher than listed in the report. That's because once the property is placed on the tax-exempt list, it is not re-appraised regularly as is taxable property. "It is updated by a percentage through the years."

The cities and towns in Morrow County appear to be the largest class of tax-exempt property, \$8,862,490.

The value of the land owned by the Federal government is \$5,347,200.

The next largest class of tax-exempt property is that owned by school districts. It amounts to \$3,050,000.

The County itself owns property valued at \$948,640, to be the 3rd in line.

Churches and religious organizations own tax-exempt property valued at \$361,800.

Fraternal organizations account for \$313,100 in tax-exempt property.

Veterans widows exemptions amount to \$158,500, in real property and \$7500 in personal property. Veterans exemptions are \$146,870.

The state government controls property valued at \$52,550.

The Cemeteries' property tax exemption total \$44,525. The irrigation districts own property valued at \$35,320, and last the Port has lands valued at \$2,340.

Mrs. Bergstrom noted that much of the Port land has been leased to Desert Magic

**Buck Deer  
Kill Told**

While the deer kill reported locally and brought into local butcher shops last year reflected a sharp drop-about half-the butchers this year report hunters more than holding their own.

Ernie McCabe at Central Market on Tuesday had 53 bucks to process. He said the largest so far was brought in by Louis Carlson. It dressed out at 118 pounds.

Len Ray Schwarz of Court Street Processing reports 60 bucks brought in. Monte Evans had the largest buck, which weighed 123 pounds dressed.

The buck deer season closes next Wednesday.

**Rain Needed**

Some ranchers have completed their seeding, some have part of their seeding done and some haven't started.

Gerald Swaggart from out Butter Creek way was in the GT Tuesday and he said his seeding was all done. Jack Sumner was in Monday from the Eight Mile country and he said it was powder dry.

Usually the areas along the creeks and the high land have more moisture and can get their seeding in early.

Don Gilliam, official weather man, said he measured .23 of precipitation at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It rained steadily into the night. Larry Mills, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers said, "As dry as it is we'll need at least an inch to do us any good. Ordinarily this is the rain that we get in September."

When asked about seeding in the dust he said, "It just lays there until there's enough rain and then it comes up. Sometimes the rain will form a crust and the wheat can't come through."

Ideally he explained that it is good to let the fields sit a week after a good rain, get the weeds killed and then plant. He said as late as its getting the farmers probably won't get to do it that way this year.

**Warning!**

A dangerous practice is showing up on our Morrow County highways. Cars are passing school busses while the red lights are flashing. This is a direct violation of the State Law and is very dangerous to the students using the busses. Please watch it in the future.

89th Year

15 Cents

**Ski Work Day**

Strong backs and willing hands are needed for the annual Work Day at Arbutle Ski Area this Friday. Ski enthusiasts will prepare the course for the first coat of snow due to fall any time. Leaders will be on hand to direct the work of clearing brush, picking up sticks, check out the ski shack and the ski tow.

There will be no school that day as it is In-Service Day for the teachers. Students will be free to go up and work. Elwayne and Joyce Bergstrom are leaders for the Lone Ski Club. Anyone having questions is asked to call them or the Extension office.

Those who can are also invited to help Saturday.

**THE GAZETTE-TIMES**

Heppner, Oregon 97836, Thursday, October 12, 1972

Number 34

**BIG FEEDLOT TO  
BOEING TRACT**

Denver Grigsby of the Boeing Company said this week Pioneer Livestock of Oregon, Inc., had leased a tract of 1030 acres of the Boeing block for a feeding operation. We understand this is east of the test stand.

Mr. Grigsby said a hearing by the County Planning Commission on Nov. 6th would be held and would consider a use permit for the new feeding operation.

Local ranchers told us this week the big feed yard would no doubt grow from a plant of 20,000 head to about 50,000. Mr. Grigsby said this might take something like four years and that figure would be required to supply a meat packing plant there.

Other land, he explained, must be put under irrigation. The Boeing Company is following a planned program of development, of which this is an important segment.

Ranchers we talked with this week were enthusiastic about the new big feedlot as it would provide a ready market for grain and hay and a chance for some fairly large scale corn silage production.

Of course, the feedlot would be a customer of other ranchers in a wide area. Many other benefits would accrue to the local economy.

There has been talk of the possibility of using the old Navy landing strip as a shipping point for live cattle export to Korea and Japan.

Mr. Grigsby said a study was underway to determine whether to expand their big pumping station at the mouth of Willow Creek. They are considering development of a possible 300 acre storage reservoir which would provide irrigation for 3000 acres, using the present pumping plant.

Heading the Pioneer Livestock of Oregon, Inc. is J.H. Davis, now of Long Creek who owns two California feed lots. The other directors of the firm are Tom Maganias of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Michael Buckley, El Centro, Calif.

Because of the location of the big feedyard and availability of feeds, ranchers who talked to us this week feel it may grow to become one of the largest such operations in the nation.

**Demos Lead in  
Registration**

The County Clerk's office reported that with the close of registrations for voting in the Nov. 7 election there were 1297 registered Democrats, 1046 Republicans and 96 others.

**Lexington Phone  
Project Starts**

Pacific Northwest Bell has named a contractor to begin construction of a new Community Dial Office building in Lexington, according to Dale Slusher, PNB manager. Mid-State Construction Co. of The Dalles submitted the apparent low bid of \$67,704.00 for construction of the one-story concrete block building on East Street near "C" Street.

Slusher says the building is part of a more than \$400,000 service improvement project scheduled for the Heppner, Lone and Lexington telephone exchanges.

The project also includes a microwave relay tower at Lexington, plus the elimination of some 44 miles of open telephone wire between the three exchanges and Pendleton.

Slusher says the project, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission, will transmit long distance calls to and from the Heppner, Lone and Lexington area by microwave to Portland operators.

Presently, these calls are routed over telephone lines to operators in Pendleton. The re-routing will not affect the number of operators in Pendleton.

The present Community Dial Office building in Lexington adjacent to the new site, will be torn down.

The new building will contain 1,200 square feet. Additional telephone equipment will be installed for transmitting long distance calls over the microwave system. The tower at Lexington will beam calls to another tower already at Condon which is linked to a microwave route to Portland.

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-October and be completed early next year. Other bidders were The Timber Company, Inc., Hermiston, with \$78,820.00 and McCormack Construction Co., Pendleton, with \$79,461.00.

**County Building Permits Needed**

The Morrow County Planning office said Tuesday that building permits are required for new construction or remodeling any place in Morrow County under the zoning ordinance adopted last June.

This was according to interpretation by the district attorney's office. No fees will be charged for permits at the

present time. Plans for structures will have to come within the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Permits may be obtained at the county planning office in the courthouse. Information on the new requirements will be mailed with tax statements next month.

**Boardman's Mayor To Run Again**

By Mary Lee Marlow

Mayor Dewey W. West Jr. has changed his mind about running for mayor in the coming election Nov. 7, and will again be a candidate. He had made an announcement about two months ago that he would retire as mayor after ten years on account of his health.

Also announced at the

council meeting last week was that three councilmen whose terms expire this year will file for reelection. They are Vernon Russell, Zearl Gillespie and Cecil Hicks.

Mayor West is vice-president of the League of Oregon Cities, and is slated to be named president of the organization at its November meeting in Portland.

At the present time the group is meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month with meetings alternating between the County Court House and school house at Lexington.

to join may pick up an application blank at the Sheriff's office in the Court House. Membership is limited to 50.

At the present time the group is meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month with meetings alternating between the County Court House and school house at Lexington.

**Search & Rescue  
Posse Sworn In**

Kenneth Nelson, president of the newly organized Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse said Monday that Sheriff John Mollahan was expected to attend the Tuesday night meeting of the organization. He would swear in the posse members.

Dues to join the organization are \$10 (\$5 initiation and \$5 annual dues). Anyone wishing

**Doug Holland Wins Punt, Pass  
Kick, On to Seattle**

Doug Holland, 9 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Holland, will represent Eastern Oregon at Seattle this weekend in Division competition of the Ford Punt, Pass and Kick contest.

Doug, for whom the number 9 seems to be a winning combination, just turned 9 years old on Oct. 9 and is competing in the 9 year old division. He successfully completed his punt, pass and kick at Hermiston Sept. 30 to take the first place trophy in local competition with a score of 163.

**Red Cross**

John Selvig field director of the Inland Division at Spokane with other officials will be in Heppner to meet with the Morrow County Red Cross chapter on Oct. 18. All Red Cross families are invited to the potluck supper at the American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m. All officers and chairmen are urged to attend and others who have contributed to the Red Cross fund drive are cordially invited. Meat and coffee will be provided.

Moving on to Area competition in The Dalles on Oct. 7, Doug improved his score to 167 1/2 to take first place in his division.

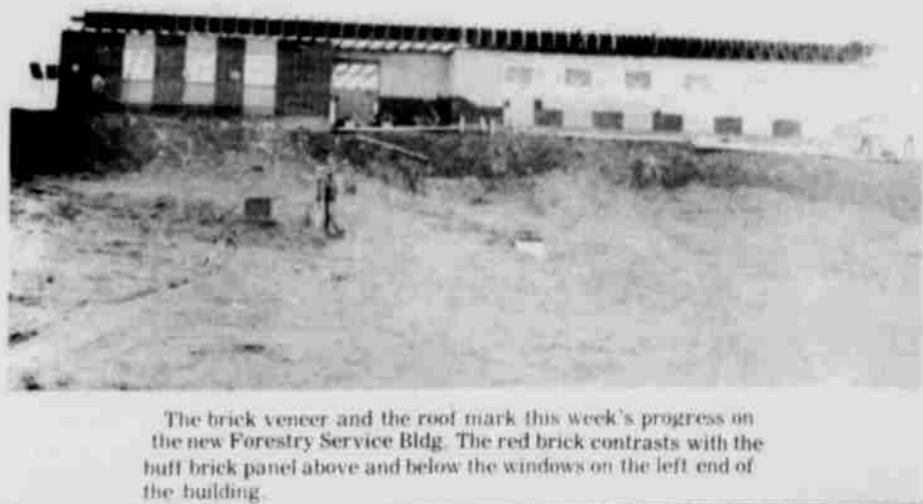
This Saturday, Oct. 14 Doug will compete with his age group in Seattle at the High School Memorial Stadium for the Division Championship with representatives of four states. These states include Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho.

Should Doug be successful in his bid for first place he will then move to Regional competition in San Francisco.

**FIRST AID COURSE  
COMING UP**

Red Cross Multi-media First Aid course instructors R.B. Cogburn and Chuck Rouse have just completed the two-nights of instruction for the new Search and Rescue Posse. They are now making plans to give the course again in November. Anyone interested in taking the course is asked to have his or her name put on the list by calling the Gazette-Times.

In Heppner: Shirley George 676-3871  
Linda Hager 676-9443  
In Lexington: Karl and Larry Palmer, Dennis and Debbie



R.B. Cogburn checks the splints that Don Heliker on the left, and Leonard Toll have applied to victim, Bill Brannon, at the Red Cross Multi-Media course given for members of the Morrow Search & Rescue Posse.

**Grain Prices**

White wheat	2.23 bu
Red wheat	2.17 bu
(Jan. delivery)	
Barley	60.23 ton

**WEATHER**  
By DON GILLIAM

Wed.	63	37	
Thurs.	61	28	
Fri.	66	33	
Sat.	71	36	
Sun.	78	40	
Mon.	66	50	
Tues.	55	42	23

FLASH...if you're planning to work at the Ski Work Day Friday take your tools, axe, chain saw, hammer, hoe etc.

**North Morrow  
4-H Family  
Nite Oct. 19**

North Morrow 4-H families and 4-H leaders will get together for a potluck and awards nite at 6:00 p.m. at the A.C. Houghton School Thursday, October 19. The "4-H Family Nite" replaces the traditional end of 4-H year achievement night. It is hoped that the entire family of the 4-H'ers will attend and join the fun.

**NEEDED FOR  
RUMMAGE SALE**

The annual Heppner Community Kindergarten Rummage Sale has been announced for Oct. 27 and 28 in the Fair Pavilion. The hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The sale will include many household items; a TV set; a radio; vacuum cleaners and other appliances; clothing, etc.

Mrs. Kit George, President, says: "This is a very good opportunity for everybody to all clean out our attics, garages and closets. Let's all get busy."

The co-operation of many people is needed to have this rummage sale run smoothly. We hope all the mothers will come help. The funds received from this sale go towards financing our children in kindergarten. For free pick-up please call:

In Heppner: Shirley George 676-3871  
Linda Hager 676-9443  
In Lexington: Karl and Larry Palmer, Dennis and Debbie



Dale Holland has just been presented this Forest Fire Prevention certificate by the Keep Oregon Green Ass'n. R.B. Cogburn made the presentation. Dale spotted the beginnings of a fire near Madison Butte and was instrumental in guiding fire fighters to the scene. In addition to the certificate he received a knife and letter of commendation from Keep Oregon Green. Smoky the Bear patch, Service under Fire award, and other mementos of the occasion.

Prior to the presentation Fire Control officer Cogburn gave an educational talk to the 5th grade on safety measures to follow while in the woods. Each student was presented with a Smoky the Bear pin, rulers, cutouts and other fun things having to do with Prevent Forest Fires and Keep Oregon Clean and Green.

**Red Cross First Aid Course Grads**

Chuck Rouse, instructor, has announced the names of those who have completed the Standard First Aid Course offered by the Red Cross. Receiving their cards are: Joe R. Yocom, William Nichols, George E. Tucker, John W. Jepsen, Stanley Cos, Bob Laughlin, Edward Tarnasky, Gerald Bunch, R.G. VanSchojack, Archie Ball, Jr., Donald K. Stroeber, Glen Ward, Wayne Hams, Kenneth E. Nelson, Leonard Toll, Martin R. Potter, Simon B. Winters, Jr., Donald E. Heliker, Bill Brannon, Bob DeSpain.

**Hunter Safety Course Grads**

The recent Hunter Safety Course sponsored by the Morrow County Rifle & Pistol Club had 44 graduates.

Chairman Glen Ward announced the graduates: Group I: Bruce and Teresa Anglin, Jerry Baker, Mike Brandhagen, Kenny Brannan, Bill Campbell, John Bier, Eric Clow, Carl Christman, Randy Cole, Tim Daly, Jay Devin, Judy Farley, Cathy Garrett, Scott Groshens, Mark Leftoy, Grotz, Mike Jones, Steven Marlatt, Don and Scott McEwen, Rita McRoberts, Jackie Mollahan, Ken Howard. Group II: Sam and Wendy Myers, Cathy, Karl and Larry Palmer, Dennis and Debbie

Mr. Ward said to remind all parents that children under 14 cannot hunt by themselves.