

Hearing on banning high volatile 2,4-D

High volatile ester forms of 2,4-D, commonly used by some wheat farmers for eradication of weeds, would be prohibited from use in five Oregon counties along the Columbia River by regulations proposed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

As proposed, the regulations would prohibit the use of the high volatile ester forms during the period April 1 to Oct. 31 of each year. During the remainder of each year restricted use of the chemicals would be permitted for the control of sage brush and rabbit brush, only.

No restrictions are proposed on other forms of 2,4-D.

Bill Kosesan, director of the department's pesticide program, said the move by the department to place controls on 2,4-D is being done as a part of a two-state investigation into sources of severe damage to grape crops in the Yakima Valley of Washington.

Grape farmers in the region believe the damage is being caused by airborne, 2,4-D drifting north from Oregon. Others theorize the chemicals may be coming in from other areas. Oregon's restrictions would help isolate the source of the contamination.

The period of April to October is when the grapes are in foliage and susceptible to the high volatile esters.

Public hearings on the

proposed regulations have been scheduled in each of the counties to be affected. They are: 10 a.m., March 11, in the Vert Little Theater, Pendleton; 2 p.m., March 11, Willows Grange Hall, Ione; 10 a.m., March 12, County Courtroom, Gilliam County Courthouse, Condon; 2 p.m., March 12, Circuit Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse, Moro; and 10 a.m., March 13, Pacific

Property tax refunds amount to 109,903

418 County homeowners and renters had all of their 1973-74 property taxes refunded through the State Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Refund program, according to County Assessor Everett Harshman.

Harshman said statistical tables depicting the results of the tax refund program received from John Lobsdell, director of the State Department of Revenue, revealed that 381 homeowners and renters in Morrow County had an average of 58.5 per cent of their total property taxes refunded in 1974.

Morrow County homeowners and renters received \$109,903 in refunds, with homeowners averaging

\$148.21 and renters \$79.54.

Harshman said. The maximum refund for homeowners is \$490 and \$245 for renters.

The assessor said the state-wide average refund to households with less than \$6,000 incomes was 71.6 per cent of their total taxes. As this group includes a high proportion of retired and elderly people, it is apparent that the Homeowner and Renter Refund program provides a greater tax break for elderly homeowners than the Senior Citizen's Home-stead Tax Deferral program or the now defunct Senior Citizens' Property Tax Relief Law.

Harshman said homeowners and renters have until April 15 to file a claim for a refund on their 1974-75 property taxes. He said the refund claim forms were distributed as a part of the state income return packet, and that claims for refunds must be sent to the Department of Revenue, Salem, Ore., 97308.

There will be a 5-minute movie on Kinzua's new tree harvesting machine. This will be shown at intervals during the day.

R.A. Chambers, contractor for Evergreen Terrace will be available for questions.

Some of the foresters will be present with maps of Kinzua tree farms.

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Trustee position is open

One position on the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education will be on the ballot in the college's budget election, May 6, President Ron Daniels announces.

Daniels told the board that the term of board member Brent Horn, Hermiston, expires June 30 and that Horn had not yet decided whether he would seek re-election. Horn has served on the board since July 1963.

Persons interested in running for the position are asked to contact Daniels or the college business office for further information. Candidates must be residents of Morrow or Umatilla County. Term of office is four years, and deadline for filing is April 1.

Arrest report

Kenneth Ray Davis, 18, Irrigon, and three juvenile companions were arrested by Oregon State Police Feb. 11 and charged with theft in the second degree. They are accused of having in their possession stolen copper wire, beer kegs and a motor taken from a storage shed owned by Ruben Wetherall, Arlington.

Francisco Lepe Ramirez is accused of the unauthorized use of a vehicle without the consent of the owner, Felipe Roman Segura. The Segura vehicle was stolen Feb. 12 and reported to the sheriff's department.

David George McNary and Robert Leslie Humphreys are accused of theft in the second degree. Both men are charged with the theft of gas caps at Ione, the property of the Morrow County School District.

Two juvenile girls were arrested by Heppner City Police for shoplifting last week. The girls were arrested for theft from a store on Main Street, Heppner.

Dyksira Construction Co. reported the theft of a portable arc welder from the Kinzua Plant. The theft was reported to the sheriff's department Feb. 26. Estimated value of the welder is placed at \$1,500.



"He's a veterinarian!"

Property values to rise as much as 100 per cent

Valuations on residential property in Morrow County will be increased on an average of 141 per cent for fiscal year 1975-76.

Land values will be increased for tax purposes from about 170 to 200 per cent.

This was the news given members of the Chamber of Commerce at its Monday meeting by Bill Kletzer, appraiser.

(It was later explained by Charlie Patching, county appraiser, that the percentages were calculated by using this year's valuation as a base of 100 per cent. This means an average of 41 per cent raise on residential property to a high of 100 per cent on certain farm land. Deduct 100 per cent from any 1975-76 valuation to determine the increase over this year.)

Kletzer said the state has sent a directive to the Morrow County Assessor's office through the Department of Revenue to raise residential values throughout the urban areas of the county by 141 per

cent. The order is based, Kletzer said, upon the state's ratio studies of sale prices to assessed values. The raises in Morrow County is to equalize values statewide.

Kletzer said the results of appraisals in Heppner to date indicate that the raises in values in town range between 135 and 150 per cent, with variations under that figure due to age deterioration of improvements and variations over due to additions or extensive remodeling. Maintenance variations seem to stay well within the averages, he said.

Land value increases range from 170 to 200 per cent, but there have been a few instances where sales in an area indicated that land

values there had been over-estimated in prior appraisals, and corrections have been made.

The small display cases at the Heppner Public Library are now filled with "What Nots."

These small items of ivory, china, stone and straw were collected by the librarian, Mrs. W. W. Weatherford. Some are American, some European, some Asian.

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March 23
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and
THE COUNTRY BUGS
Musical Family Group
Entertainment for the Entire Family
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Sponsored by
Heppner Lions Club
Columbia Basin
Electric Co-op
Heppner, Oregon

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Electric Co-op

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Heppner, Oregon

Open house

Kinzua Corporation is holding open house at its new office Friday, March 14, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tours of the plywood plant will leave from the office on the hour, from 12 to 6 p.m. If large groups wish to arrange for a tour they may contact Monte Stookey, 676-9183, Ext. 42.

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Benefit
SPAGHETTI FEED
for
John Ekstrom
Sunday, March 9, 5-7 p.m.
Ione High School

This event is sponsored by the Cardinal Club and Ione High School Student Body

Girls Basketball, 4 p.m.

White Elephant Sale, Silent Auction and Cake Walk

Music by the Depot II during the afternoon

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Adults 1.50

12 and under 75c.
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	Red or White 6 lbs. \$1	
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