

75 per cent of revenue from property taxes

Are property taxes higher or lower in Morrow County than in most other sections of the United States? How much of the revenue collected locally comes from property taxes? The subject of taxes and operating costs has become a matter of major importance in cities and counties all over the country. Many of them are in financial difficulties and are going all out in their search for new ways of raising money. In some communities, re-consideration is being given to various new forms of taxation that were proposed in previous years and were rejected at the time. As for the taxes that are currently on the books, they are being progressively increased. In Morrow County, according to the latest figures from the Department of Commerce,

property taxes account for about 74.3 per cent of all locally-raised revenue. By way of comparison, in other areas of the country the amount collected through property taxes averages 63.5 per cent of the total. In the State of Oregon it is 71.6 per cent. The figures show that the property tax continues to be the mainstay of most local governments, producing a large part of their revenue. The Tax Foundation estimates that \$51 billion was so-generated during the past year. That was \$3.8 billion more than was collected in the previous year. According to the latest nationwide survey, there is a wide variation throughout the country in property tax revenue. In Morrow County it

amounts to \$381 per capita per year. Elsewhere in Oregon it averages \$249 per resident. The United States average is \$205. Although the property tax has been getting bigger in terms of total yield, it has been declining in importance in recent years as many communities have turned to sales taxes and local income taxes for additional operating funds. The yield from these two has tripled in the last decade, the figures show. The Tax Foundation notes that widespread demands for property tax relief have induced the Federal Government and some of the states to expand revenue sharing with local communities to help ease the pressure on this tax.

Rebekah Lodges hold district convention

Distinguished visitors at the District 20 Rebekah convention held in Heppner included Leigh Wilkins, State President; Mildred Kaizer, Assembly Conductor; Freda Thayer, State Jewelry Chairman, and Ruth Nehler, Past Noble Grand of Aloha, whose husband is conductor of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The meeting opened at 1:30 with the San Souci officers in charge. Ola Ruggles, Noble Grand, welcomed visitors and the President. The chairs were then relinquished to the convention. Convention officers were Ruth Bergstrom, Ruth Robinson, Opal Cook, Delsie Chapel, Maureen Davis, Lucile Rietmann, Freda Majeske, Esther Bergstrom, Mary Bailey, Ruby Roberts, Delpha Jones, Jo Irvin, Helen Pettyjohn, Florence McMillan, Donna Papineau, Clara Gertsen, Freda Slocum, Vivian McConnell, and Leita Messenger. Welcome address was given by San Souci Lodge, with the answer by Holly Lodge. Business of the day was conducted through the afternoon. A short prayer was given for the departed sisters. Tribute to Past Chairman was given by Holly Lodge; the tribute to 30 year members was given by San Souci Lodge. The Assembly President gave the address of Rebekah work and answered questions from the floor. Lexington invited the group to meet with Holly Lodge next year.

Programs at city pool

The Heppner Swim Team will register for the 1975 season on Friday, June 13. The meeting will begin at the City Pool at 10 a.m. A.A.U. registration cards will be handed out and the Swim Team Coach, Harve Haskell, will discuss the program in depth and will answer all questions. All swimmers 18 years old or younger who are interested in finding out more about the swim team program, or who wish to sign up are urged to be at this meeting. The Heppner City Pool will be offering a Red Cross Senior Lifesaving Class for swimmers 15 years and older beginning Tuesday, June 17. The class is open to a maximum of ten people and will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday through Friday for 10 days. Anyone interested in obtaining their Red Cross Senior Lifesaving Card through this class should enroll at City Hall before June 17, or contact the City Pool Manager at the pool. The Manager of the City Pool is also looking for people who would like to serve as Volunteer Instructor Aides during Red Cross Instruction this summer. A training program for Instructor Aides will begin on June 17 at 9 a.m. The program will run for one hour a day, Tuesday through Friday for ten days. The Volunteer Instructor Aides will then assist the Red Cross Instructors during class sessions to be held this summer. It is requested that Aides be at least 15 years of age. Parents are urged to become involved. For further information contact the Pool Manager, Harve Haskell, at the pool or through the City Hall. Pre-registration is encouraged. This may be accomplished by enrolling at City Hall.

Church Directory

- METHODIST**
SS 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
- LUTHERAN**
SS 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Children Choir 9:30 a.m.
- CHRISTIAN**
SS 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Even. Serv. 7:30 p.m.
- NAZARENE**
SS 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Even. Serv. 6 p.m.
- EPISCOPAL**
Communion 8 a.m.
SS 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Adult Ed. 10 a.m.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
SS 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve. service 7:00
Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
- CATHOLIC**
Catechism Mon. & Wed.
Worship:
Heppner, Sun. 11 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Ione, Sun. 8:45 a.m.
Saturday worship, 6:30 p.m.
St. Patricks
- CHURCH OF CHRIST, Lexington**
SS 9:45
Church 11:00
Sun. Eve. 7:30
Bible Study, Wed. 7:30
- INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP**
Bible Study, Wed., 10 a.m.
340 Baratt Blvd.
Sponsored as a community service by LEBUSH SHOP

Courthouse notes

Last week the new parking strip behind the courthouse was blacktopped by the county road crew. The Planning Department has processed five applications for out-of-city building permits. Three were from the north county; mobile homes being planned by Alvin M. Savage, Beverly Cotten and Jack Mardis. Howard Stone, Inc. will construct a dwelling in the north section. James Bloodworth was issued a building permit for a dwelling on his property between Lexington and Heppner. In connection with the Solid Waste Ordinance recently passed, the planning department and the County Court have agreed on an Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance which will apply outside the cities and not on state highways. Judge Jones left on Wed., June 4, to attend an official meeting in Salem. He was back at his desk this Monday. Last week was a vacation week for Secretary Alma Green, who divides her days, spending mornings in the Health Office and afternoons in the Judge's Office. She spent most of the week attending the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on the campus of Willamette University. She was the lay delegate from the Heppner Church. Results of the recent equipment auction were about as expected according to "Doc" Sherer, county road boss. He

reports that there were 90 persons who bought tickets to buy, and they came from all over Oregon and from three adjoining states. Sherer says his department still has two dump trucks that were not sold. One of the most interesting items offered for sale, "the county navy", brought the sheriff's department \$3700 from buyer Fred Hiller of St. Paul, OR. The complete sale, including the boat and motor, brought \$24,143.00. After paying the auctioneers Orville and Eldon Sherlock, Walla Walla, their \$1,753 fee, the county realized \$22,389.43 from the sale. SWIM TEAM BEGINS The Heppner Swim Team is starting their third year this month. They are urging all interested boys and girls to sign up this Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m. The new swim coach, Harve Haskell, will be there to meet with all interested persons.

GEM CLUB MEETS

The Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society will meet Monday evening, at 7:30, in the conference room of the First National Bank. This will be their last meeting until fall. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

IONE POOL SCHEDULE

Swimming lesson schedule for the Ione Swimming Pool Red Cross approved lessons:

Beginners	June 10-13, 17-20	10 a.m.
Advanced Beginners	June 10-13, 17-20	11 a.m.
Intermediate	July 8-11, 15-18	10 a.m.
Swimmers	July 8-11, 15-18	11 a.m.
Advanced Swimmers	July 29-Aug. 1, 5-8	10 a.m.
Junior Lifesaving	July 29-Aug. 1, 5-8	11 a.m.
Senior Lifesaving	Aug 12-15, 19-22	9 p.m.-10 p.m.

Lessons are \$1.00 per person for each 2 week session.

The season tickets for the pool are:
 \$4.00—grades 1-6
 \$6.00—grades 7-12
 \$10.00—Adult
 \$20.00—family

Daily prices are:
 15 cents—grades 1-6
 25 cents—grades 7-12
 30 cents—adult

Pool rental \$10.00 after regular hours.
 Pool hours are 2-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Tentative opening is set for June 1.
 Women's swimming on Saturdays 10-12 a.m. starting on June 7.

Graveside services for Mattie Walker

Mattie Brock Walker, 64, died in Heppner Friday, June 6. She had lived in the Heppner area for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Walker was born September 8, 1910, at Hyden, Kentucky. She was united in marriage to Johnny Walker on February 8, 1957 at Winneturca, Nevada. Graveside services and vault interment were held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Monday, June 9, at 11 a.m., with The Rev. Ed Sikes officiating. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Survivors include the widow, Johnny, Heppner; sons, Guy Brock, Heppner; Gerald Brock, Roseburg, OR; daughter, Geraldine Asher, Lexington, Kentucky; a brother, Don Brock, Newport, Washington; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Saturday markets begin June 21

The Heppner Branch of the Associated University Women will hold their first Saturday Market sale in the Heppner City Park, Saturday, June 21. Anyone wishing to sell their crafts, baked goods or garden produce is encouraged to participate. There will be no charge to those who wish to sell goods. This is a correction from an earlier announced charge.

GRADUATES FRIDAY

Cheryl Ann Smouse will graduate as an R.N. on June 13, 1975, from Linn Benton College at Albany, Oregon. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Ione. She is a graduate of Heppner High School and Oregon State University.

Returns to duty

Ensign Norman Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams, Lexington, left Tuesday for Pensacola, FL, where he will attend flight school. He graduated June 5, from the Coast Guard Reserve Officers Training School, Yorktown, VA. and has been visiting his parents.

1975 Fair and Rodeo

Queen's Coronation

June 21

Presenting Queen Mickey Hoskins and Her Court

DANCE

9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

FAIR PAVILION

Music by Country Revue

Adults - \$2.50
Children under 12 - \$1.00

Irrigon

A bridal shower is being given for Lola Smith, bride elect of Loyd Humphries, at the Assembly of God parsonage basement recreation room, on Thurs. June 12 at 7:30 p.m. All friends of the couple are welcome.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Max Breeding of Gresham have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Lola Breeding in Irrigon during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Griffin and family spent several days camping in the mountains south of Heppner last week.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hooker of Irrigon, gathered at their home for a picnic Saturday. The occasion was held after the wedding of their granddaughter, Laura Mulvaney to Gregg Caudle at the First Baptist Church in Hermiston. There were 37 guests at the occasion.

Among those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hooker of Weston, his mother Mrs. Alton Hooker of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parrish of Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mulvaney and family of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hooker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hooker and family, Janet and Linda Spencer all of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grimes of Kennewick and Hazel Longhorn of Pilot Rock.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner have been their daughter, son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Pember and 2 children of Springfield, Mo.

HARDMAN REUNION
Remember the Hardman Reunion at the Community Hall on June 15. There will be a potluck dinner at noon. This will also be a farewell party for the Becholdt family, long-time residents of Hardman, who have moved to Pendleton.

ATHLETIC AWARDS
The athletic letter awards for Heppner Jr. High have arrived. They may be picked up in the school office.

G-T WANT ADS PAY

Try a Gazette-Times Classified Ad

Ukiah Basque Bar-B-Q

July 5, City Park 2-6

Adults \$3.50 Children \$2

DANCE JULY 4

Music by the Rebels from Mt. Vernon

\$3 couple \$2 single

Game, parade and Entertainment

Please Pop!

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Models 571/572
... compact shop performs dozens of jobs

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Models 261, 271, 281
exclusive 30,000 RPM motors
dozens of accessories

Engraver
Model 290
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Creative power tools

GONTY'S


Sign up for swim team at the swimming pool on Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m. and meet the new swim coach, Harve Haskell.

Heppner Swim Team Association

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT ALUMAX IN OREGON

Water tight.

OUR PROPOSED Hermiston-Umatilla aluminum reduction plant won't discharge any waste water. All process water will be treated, impurities removed, and reused over and over again. The best way to avoid damage to our natural resources is to stop it before it starts.



People working to build a stronger economy compatible with Oregon's environment.

Thank You

Our 19 years of business in Central Market have been 19 years of happiness serving you. We know Forie and Ernie will continue in the same manner. Heppner is home to us and we plan on staying in this good community. Thank you for being our friends.

Clinton and Marie McQuarrie