



By Burnie Lee

I have been asked many questions about colts and I guess there are as many ways to break a colt as there are trainers. I have had my best results by starting with a colt as soon as he is born. I put a halter on our colts as soon as they are able to be up and around. At one day old, we start working with him and continue until he is leading well, if done properly this can be accomplished in a week or 10 days. After putting the halter on the colt, I pet and talk to him until I feel he is no longer frightened. Then I snap a long rope (about 8 ft.) to his halter, snap one on the mare and gently try to lead him. If the colt doesn't lead I take the rope and carefully slip it around his hindquarters bringing the end up and around to the place where I snapped it to his halter. Now I can easily take both ends of the rope and control his head with one hand, leaving the other hand free to lead the mare or pet the colt as I urge him by gently applying pressure to the rope around his hindquarters. This method pushes as well as pulls him at the same time and gives the trainer more control of the colt. I never try to lead the colt away from his mother, but always work with the mare close at hand.

I don't recommend a child to do this type of training, for the trainer must master the colt. One young colt I was handling reared and fell to the ground. I was aggravated with him at the time so I sat on him. He couldn't get up and didn't know what to think of the situation. When he quieted down and quit struggling, I petted him and talked to him, then I let him up. He was a different colt and turned out to be one of the nicest colts to train. Later an oldtimer who trained colts many years told me he liked to sit on some baby colts that he broke, then when they grew up they never forgot the experience and they remembered that a man had sat on and mastered them. This instills a healthy, fearful respect for man into the colt. You are stronger than the colt when he is a baby and usually anything you start can be accomplished by gentle but strong handling. Now you have mastered him without breaking his spirit or hurting him. Not every colt needs to be taken down and sat on, but it doesn't hurt them. If you wait till a horse is two or three years old and weighs 800 or 900 lbs it takes more time and sometimes some rough handling. When a horse is bigger than you it is more difficult to master him. They are apt to hurt themselves because they may be frightened and don't have the trust in you. When they only weigh 100 to 200 pounds, training is much simpler.

After teaching the colt to respect the rope and halter, we mess around with his feet. We pick them up and gently tap them and show him we are not going to hurt him. I always talk to a colt as I work with him winning the most important thing of all, his trust in me. When I feel he knows the rope and trusts me and leads fairly well, I take the halter off and turn him out to pasture and never bother him again until I am ready to start his light training at about 1 1/2 or 2 years of age. Should he get hurt, then we catch him to doctor him. Another reason to halter break colts when they are babies, you have already won their confidence and they know you aren't trying to hurt them if they are injured. Many times when a colt gets injured his first experience is a harsh and frightening experience. When you administer the medication it may hurt and scare him and you may never lose this first impression, he may never trust you fully again. Horses seldom forget frightful experiences, so win his confidence at an early age, the younger the better.



Dave Allstott sinks two for the Mustangs during their game against the Red sides, Friday night. The Red sides won the game, in the last second of play, on a field goal by Tom Moore to beat the Mustangs 59-58.

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Feb. 24 at the multi-purpose room of the Hermiston High School, Hermiston. It will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own table service for your family and guests. Stan Christensen, McMin-nville, OR, regional chairman for the Pacific Region for the National Association of Conservation Districts will discuss the work of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

George Gilbert, Outstanding Cooperator for 1974 will show slides and tell of his trip to Litchfield Park, AZ sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. All farmers, cooperators, advertisers and anyone interested in conservation work are encouraged to attend. Bring a neighbor and have an enjoyable evening visiting with your farmer friends.

Obituary

ELIZABETH M. LAKE

Elizabeth M. Lake, 44, died in Tualaty Hospital, Hillsboro, Feb. 11, 1976.

She was born June 23, 1931 in Lexington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Edwards. She was one of six children. Mrs. Lake attended the Lexington schools. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 14, 1976 at the Six Chapel, Skyline Memorial Funeral Home, Portland.

Survivors are the widower Arnold W. Lake, Hillsboro; father, Alonzo Edwards, Lexington; sons Robert Erwin Lynch, Hillsboro; Jimmie Clyde Lynch, Newberg; stepsons, Ted Raymond Lake, Montana; Allen Loyd Lake, Hillsboro; daughters, Shirley Ann Schoonover, Portland; stepdaughter, Kathleen Kay Finch, Kirkland, WA; sisters, Jerrine Marrs, San Francisco, CA and Edith King, Bellevue, WA; brothers, Albert Edwards, Garden Home, OR and John Edwards, Lexington.

TAX PAYMENTS TO CITIES UP

Columbia Basin Electric will again be making larger tax payments to the cities of its service area this year.

The local corporation is charged an occupational tax for doing business in the various cities of its service area. Total payments to Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Condon and Fossil will be \$9,604.65 for the tax payments in 1976.

In Heppner the payment will reach \$3,866.36 for 1976, compared to \$3,749.73 last year. At Lexington the increase will be up to \$612.36 from \$558.06 last year.

Dave Harrison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric, recently discussed the occupational tax with the Heppner city council. He also presented a summary to the council showing a monthly saving of \$413.65 to the city in the rates charged by the local utility to the city for electric service, compared to those present rates of the utility formerly serving the area.

Heppner High School

Heppner Elementary

Fri., Feb. 20—soup, salad, dessert, milk.

Mon., Feb. 23—macaroni and cheese, beets, vegetable stir, fruit crisp, milk.

Tues., Feb. 24—tacos, shredded lettuce, dressing, buttered corn, baked maple bars, milk.

Wed., Feb. 25—turkey supreme, buttered peas, carrot and celery sticks, orange juice, rolls, butter, milk.

Thurs., Feb. 26—beans, cabbage salad, corn bread, butter, honey, fruit cobbler, milk.

Fri., Feb. 27—school's choice.

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H&R Block Tax Service
will be in Heppner every Thursday, starting February 5, in motor home at Cal's Arco.
Hours 10 a.m.—5 p.m., later appts. taken.
More information contact Hermiston Office, 567-8498
THE INCOME TAX PEOPLE
H&R BLOCK Co.
1025 North First St.
Hermiston

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The budget for MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 for the fiscal year 1976-1977 beginning July 1, 1976, as detailed and summarized below, was prepared by the Cash, Accrual, Modified Accrual accounting basis, and is, is not consistent with the accounting basis used during the last two years. Major changes, if any, and their effects on this budget are set forth in an accompanying statement.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained between the hours of 8:00 A.M., and 4:30 P.M., at The District Office. A meeting of the Morrow County School District Directors will be held March 8, 1976, at 7:30 a.m. at The District Office for the purpose of holding a public hearing on this budget. Any person may appear to discuss the budget, or any part of it.

/s/ John Matthews
(Chairman of Governing Body)
Morrow (County) Lexington (City)
January 12, 1975 (Date)

SUMMARY OF TAX LEVY AND OTHER BUDGET RESOURCES

Item	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Levy Within 6% Limitation	414,879	439,771	466,157
Levy Outside 6% Limitation	1,071,178	1,325,186	1,472,049
Levy Outside 6% Limitation (Serial Levy)	58,310	57,880	253,569
Not Subject to Limitation	1,544,367	1,822,837	2,191,775
TOTAL PROPOSED LEVY (To be certified to Assessor)	107,300	114,465	127,088
Total Budget Resources from LB-2	630,240	702,754	957,834
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied from LB-3	2,092,707	2,445,654	3,020,601
TOTAL BUDGET ALL FUNDS			

SUMMARY OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Debt Outstanding		Debt Authorized, Not Incurred	
	This Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1976	Next Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1977	This Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1976	Next Fiscal Year as of July 1, 1977
Bonds	298,000	1,354,000		
Interest Bearing Warrants				
Short Term Notes				
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS	298,000	1,354,000		

FUNDS NOT REQUIRING AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BE LEVIED

	HOUSING FUND		
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Total Instruction	5,300.00	5,600.00	6,400.00
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services	7,700.00	7,300.00	6,305.00
Total All Other Requirements	13,000.00	12,900.00	12,705.00
Total Budget Requirements	13,000.00	12,900.00	12,705.00
Total Budget Resources			
FOOD SERVICE FUND			
Total Instruction	67,200.00	70,380.00	72,021.00
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services	4,000.00	5,795.00	10,445.00
Total All Other Requirements	71,200.00	76,175.00	82,466.00
Total Budget Requirements	71,200.00	76,175.00	82,466.00
Total Budget Resources			
PUBLIC LAW 89-10 FUND			
Total Instruction	16,550.00	24,190.00	29,920.00
Total Supporting Services			
Total Community Services	6,550.00	1,200.00	1,997.00
Total All Other Requirements	23,100.00	25,340.00	31,917.00
Total Budget Requirements	23,100.00	25,340.00	31,917.00
Total Budget Resources			

FUNDS REQUIRING THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

	GENERAL FUND		
	Last Year	This Year	Next Year
Total Instruction	1,465,894	1,763,246	1,411,408
Total Supporting Services	388,059	450,457	1,203,724
Total Community Services	53,344	32,126	4,727
Total All Other Requirements	19,000	26,480	39,681
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)	1,926,297	2,272,309	2,659,540
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied	625,240	697,754	951,334
Ad Valorem Taxes Received	1,301,057	1,574,555	1,708,206
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance		190,000	230,000
Estimated Tax Not to be Received		1,760,957	1,938,206
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied		439,771	466,157
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation		1,325,186	1,472,049
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation			
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)			
Not Subject to Limitation			
BOND DEBT FUND			
Total Instruction	60,310	58,880	233,973
Total Supporting Services	60,310	58,880	233,973
Total Community Services	5,000	5,000	6,500
Total All Other Requirements	55,310	53,880	227,473
Total Requirements (Including Transfers)		4,000	26,096
Total Resources Except Tax to be Levied		57,880	253,569
Ad Valorem Taxes Received			
Ad Valorem Tax Required to Balance			
Estimated Tax Not to be Received			
Total Ad Valorem Tax to be Levied			
Levy Within 6 Percent Limitation			
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation			
Levy Outside 6 Percent Limitation (Serial Levy)			
Not Subject to Limitation			