

Chamber of Commerce

Members call budget 'discouraging'

"It's discouraging trying to make a city budget without money," Glen Ward told almost 30 people at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

Ward, along with other Heppner budget committee members, discussed the pros and cons of the city's proposed \$32,138 levy over the six per cent limitation, set for voting June 14.

After some discussion at a

budget meeting two weeks ago, the committee decided to come back to the voters with a levy proposal of \$32,138 outside the six per cent limitation.

Ward said the lowered levy, cut from the original of \$93,866 would "cut out livability of the town." But, he said, "if we've got to do it, we've got to do it."

Members said they had to be "optimistic" to even think the first levy would pass. "We had two chances," Gene Pierce

told the audience, "slim and none."

Pierce, with a tone of disgust in his voice, said that the city employees this year will have no sick leave pay, no vacation pay and no overtime pay.

This means he said, that if an officer puts in his 40 hours at midnight and an accident or burglary takes place at 1 a.m., that officer cannot be called to investigate. The officer cannot work overtime if he is not

paid for it.

"That's all there is to it," one committeeman said. "We've done it before and we're hoping we can do it again."

Pierce was the major proponent of raising the city's water rates. Water rates are now \$3.50 per first 1,000 gallons, \$.50 for the next 2,000, \$.15 more for the next 10,000 gallons and just \$.10 per 1,000 after that. According to rate charts, 80,000 gallons of water will cost \$12.70, that's \$9.20 for 79,000 gallons of water after the initial first 1,000 gallons.

"The ones that are using less, pay the most," Pierce said. "I think they ought to be raised," he said emphatically.

Pierce was also a proponent for raising swimming pool charges to double their present rate.

"That pool is the best baby sitter in town," Pierce said. "It should carry its own way."

One member said he spent \$4.25 in Baker last week at the swimming pool for three youngsters. In Heppner the

same three youths fee would be 75 cents.

The members discussed more levy information from street paving crews to sewer maintenance to a part time police clerk.

There was no voiced opposition to the levy at the

meeting.

"There is not any fat," Pierce said of the levy. "We'll about give services . . . with some curtailment." Pierce said workmen's compensation costs have increased 25 per cent this year, as an example of inflationary means that

have hit the city.

"I don't see how a town this size can function without going over the six per cent," Pierce said.

The budget committee has recommended to the city council that sewer rates increase \$1 and water rates \$2.

There has been no council action on these recommendations.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney told the audience that "this is not a threat . . . it's a statement of fact."

The levy vote is Monday, June 14.

Vice-President

V.E. (Gene) Norton, recently appointed vice president of Boeing Agri-Industrial Co., has been named resident manager of the firm's development at Boardman.

He replaces Jack McFadden, who is leaving the company.

Norton will be responsible for the continuing development of the 100,000-acre tract which Boeing leases from the State of Oregon. Boeing began

this development in 1971 with the objective of demonstrating that the desert land of north-eastern Oregon could be turned into productive farmland.

With this objective achieved, the company recently announced its withdrawal from direct involvement in farming operations. It will focus its efforts on further industrial

and agricultural development of the site through subleasing land to other firms.

In January Boeing subleased its 8,300 acres of developed land to SIM-TAG Farms. This brings to 24,000 acres the land subleased and operated by SIM-TAG.

Norton, who served as project engineer during the initial irrigation development at Boardman, returns to the

area after an assignment in the Middle East for Boeing Aerospace Company, parent of Boeing Agri-Industrial Co. A civil engineering graduate of Kansas State University, he has held numerous positions in the Boeing engineering organization during a 20 year career with the firm.

"Since I left Boardman in 1974, much has happened in eastern Oregon," said Norton. "During my travels in the Middle East, I encountered a great many people who knew of Boardman and what was happening here to make the desert bloom. I'm glad to be back and hope to be a part of the continuing growth of this area."

Norton and his wife, Fern, will make their home in McNary, OR. He is a member of the McNary Golf Club and the Hermiston Elks.

Unemployment rates rise in Morrow County

"Employment gains were less than would normally be expected for this time of year," the Employment Division said in their monthly "Labor Force Trend," referring to the month of April.

Morrow County saw its seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jump from 5.7 per cent to 9.6 per cent, considerably above last year's 5.9 per cent. "Even though total employment increased during April, due primarily to intensified construction activity at PGE's coal-fired plant, the unemployment increase was even larger due to a major lay-off at Kinzua Cor-

poration's plant at Heppner," the Employment Division noted.

The construction workforce at the PGE project jumped from 101 persons to 211 in April. But, at the same time, Kinzua laid off about 160 persons. The plant was expected to return to full operation last Monday.

Gourmet Foods of Boardman reported a slight increase in employment. This was attributed to the decreasing quality of cold storage potatoes and an increasing need for hand labor to prepare potatoes for processing.

Morrow County's employ-

ment picture improved with 3,450 persons on the job in April compared to 3,370 in March. A total of 340 persons were without jobs compared to 210 in March.

Contract construction was the big gainer in Morrow County with 120 new jobs. The major portion of this was due to the PGE project about 10 miles south of Boardman. The workforce there is expected to reach 800 in 1977.

Commenting on agricultural activities, the Employment Division said it appeared that some mid-Columbia Basin potato growers have cut acreage this year in anticipation of a nation-wide surplus due primarily to a large carry-over from last year and the resulting decline in prices.

Oregon Potato, Boardman, one of the major Pacific Northwest fresh potato shippers, is cutting plantings from 6,000 to 5,000 acres.

TimTag Farms, Boardman, the region's largest potato grower, is planting between 8,000 and 9,000 acres, the same as last year. Its newly cultivated acreage is being planted in wheat instead of potatoes.

Previously cultivated land planted to wheat costs \$300 an acre in production cost compared to \$1,000 an acre for potatoes.



MAE DEETT THROOP HINTON

Area teacher honored by 200

A gala Bicentennial event was held in the Monument School Cafeteria, May 30, in honor of Mrs. May DeEtt Throop Hinton, who retired from teaching after 31 years.

She began her teaching career at the Top School, on the Mountain in 1934 moving to the schools in Monument in 1936 for a five-year period. She taught at Dayville from 1943-44, Prairie City 1945-46 and returned to teach at Monument in 1949.

During the afternoon there were approximately 200 guests, including former and present students, school administrators and friends who signed the guest book.

Wayne Leathers read a history of May DeEtt and related some of her teaching experiences mentioned by former students and friends.

Sharon Livingston presented her with a flowering quince money tree. She will use the

money to take a visit to Alaska to visit her younger brother and his family.

Mildred Goe presented May DeEtt with a Bicentennial quilt made by the ladies of the community. The quilt has 321 autographed stars, representing 52 former and present teachers and 296 students.

The cake in the form of a little red schoolhouse was made and decorated by Jean Murphy with the help of Trissy Murphy.

Sharon Livingston assumed the responsibility for the reception with the able assistance of Hank Dahill, Sylvia Cockrell, Loiselle Dahill, Mary Alice Rulifson, Rilla Livingston, Peggy Murphy, Jean Murphy, Trissy Murphy, Cora Stubblefield, Oleta Farnens, Becky Stewart, Lois Hill, Ella Kenton, Mary Ella Neal, Ethel Leathers and Mildred Goe.

Weekend wrecks

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The one-car wreck left Jim Lollen, Condon with a large gash in his head but he was treated and released. The car, police said, apparently missed a corner. The truck was driveable by Lollen after he was treated.

There were no citations issued. Gorman was treated as an out patient.

About fifteen minutes before the McCabe accident, another one-car accident occurred less than three miles away from the McCabe wreck.

Don't panic, just smile

If your driver's license is due to expire in July, don't be alarmed if you don't get a renewal notice as early as usual.

The state just wants to see your smile.

The Motor Vehicles Division has changed the mailing schedule for renewal notices because the state's new color photo driver license program, which takes effect on July 1, will bring a new way to renew licenses for half the drivers due to renew after that date.

Here is the mailing schedule for July renewals:

Renewal notices for drivers not scheduled to get a photo license in July (those with even-numbered birthdates), will be mailed by the Division about June 4. These drivers are urged to renew by mail as soon as possible so that field offices can concentrate on the photo license business during July.

Renewal notices for drivers scheduled to get photo licenses in July will be mailed on a staggered basis. Those for drivers with odd-numbered birthdates with licenses expiring between July 1 and July 9 will be mailed about June 15.

Those with licenses expiring between July 11 and 19 will be mailed about June 22, and those expiring between July 21 and July 31 will be mailed about July 9. These drivers must renew in person at a DMV office or examination station.

The staggered mailing schedule will help spread the workload over the initial weeks of the conversion to photo licenses. Drivers with odd-numbered birthdates who renew before July 1 will be issued old-style paper licenses.

The division says drivers should be sure to read the instructions printed on renewal notices. Renewal procedures and fees differ for those scheduled to get photo licenses and those who are not scheduled to get the new type of license until they renew two years from now.

Kinzua grabs top bid

H.B. Rudolph, Forest Supervisor, announces that the Notch timber sale was sold May 26, 1976 to Kinzua Corporation, high bidder, for \$1,076,674. This was the appraised value for an estimated 26,300,000 board feet plus an unestimated volume of older dead ponderosa pine.

The sale area is on the Heppner district in Wheeler county, located in the extreme west end of the district. It is approximately 10 miles airline east of Kinzua, Oregon in the Rock Creek and Minor John Day tributaries drainages.

Final bid prices per thousand board feet were: Ponderosa pine, (except older dead ponderosa pine), \$58.82; Douglas-fir and western larch, \$30.50; white fir and other species, \$35.19; older dead ponderosa pine, \$1.00.

SWIMMING POOL WILL OPEN TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1976

—FREE SWIMMING ON OPENING DAY—

SEASON TICKETS ON SALE AT CITY HALL, June 14, 1976

Family \$40 — Adult \$20, Student \$15

OPENING HOURS:

Weekdays 2-5 p.m.

Weekday evenings 7-9 p.m.

Saturday & Sundays 1-5 p.m.

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Swimming Season ends the last week in August.

Pool available for Private Parties with arrangements of Life-Guard.

Certified Red Cross Swimming classes will be announced at a later date.

Library sets story hours

All children between three and eight years of age are invited to come to the Children's Room of the Heppner Public Library for a story hour each Monday morning at 10 a.m. The first storyteller was Jeanne Howell on June 7, who has assumed much of the responsibility for organizing this summer program. The program is again being presented by the American Association of University Women's Heppner Branch.

Next Monday, June 14, Mr. L. Dee Lorengle, the teacher from the Heppner Child Development Center, will be the storyteller. Others who will entertain the children are: June 21, Anne Doherty; June 28, Lora Broderick; July 12, Marion Abrams; July 19, Mike and Kathy Anderson; July 26, Kathy Wolff; August 2, Julie Angermeyer and August 9, Mike Howell. There will not be a story hour on July 5 and the library will be closed that day.

Each Monday the library will be open between 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and children

and their parents may check out and return books during those two hours.

COMMUNITY SINGSPIRATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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