

Disabled vets apply by April

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their annual Oregon property tax exemptions by Apr. 1, the Department of Veterans' Affairs cautioned today. Application is filed with the county assessor.

H.C. Saalfeld, Veterans' Affairs director, said the exemption amounts to \$7,500 of the true cash value of the property. Entitled are war veterans 40 per cent or more disabled, and unmarried widows of war veterans.

If the taxpayer still has property tax to pay on his residence after the veterans' exemption, and has an income of less than \$15,000 a year, he may be eligible for a refund

under the homeowners and renters property tax refund program. Application for this benefit must be filed by Apr.

15 with the Department of Revenue, Salem. The state income tax packet contains a refund application form.

PGE awards contract

Portland General Electric company has awarded a contract for the final design and construction of the chimney for its Boardman Coal Plant to Pullman Kellogg Co., San Francisco.

The contract was awarded on the basis of a firm bid of about \$2.5 million.

Design for the 200 meter (656 feet) high chimney is expected to be completed in

1977 and construction is to begin in early 1978. A steel liner will be installed as part of the contract in 1979, after the concrete chimney has been erected. Foundation design and construction for the chimney will be done under separate contracts.

Environmental and engineering considerations both entered into determining the height of the chimney.

Oregon—My Home

OREGON MY HOME—Sept. 8, 1972

Note: Came to my home, Junction City, Oregon, from native Nebraska, July 16, 1936.

By Katherine R. Farrar

Oregon:

Land built by stalwart wagon-train men.
Men who followed that long, lonely trail,
To the edge of the west country.
It's shoreline "feather edging" the western sea.
Wilderness as far as man could see.
Land of snow-frosted mountain peaks;
Of verdant wooded pine forests,
Silent and deep.
Valleys and rolling rivers
With promises to keep.
Land of hope and promise for all.
Urging stalwart men to answer its call.
Land of the builders,
Hewn from deep forests
Came Men's homes,
Towns and cities,
Even tall church domes,
Land of plenty;
Planting and sowing.
Building new lives day by day.
Empire builders pioneering the way.
Building a new life,
A good life along each day.
Land of Beauty:
Eye catches mountains, rivers, valleys
Forests and plains,
Beauty in the hearts of men.
Spirit of the wagoners lives again!
Land of Brotherhood,
Peace and good will.
Of love and laughter
Oregon pioneering still.
Welcomes all with open heart and friendly hand,
Still pioneering;
An ever-growing land.

Joan Doherty named Family Leader at Ione

Joan M. Doherty has been named Ione High School's 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. Joan won the honor by competing with other seniors here in a written knowledge and attitude examination on Dec. 7. She will receive a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program, and becomes eligible for state and national honors.

The State Family Leader of Tomorrow, to be chosen

through judging centered on performance in the Dec. 7 test,

for his or her school a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

In April, the 51 winners representing every state and the District of Columbia will be the guests of General Mills on an expense-paid educational tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D.C. During the tour, personal observations and interviews will be conducted to select the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, whose scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth place winners will receive scholarship increases to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively.



Joan Doherty

will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship, with the second-ranking participant in the state receiving a \$500 grant. The state winner will also earn

Wolff attends review

Dr. Wallace H. Wolff of Heppner was among nearly 200 family physicians from throughout Oregon and other states attending the eighth annual Family Practice Review at the Sheraton Portland Hotel, Lloyd Center, Feb. 14 to 18.

Missy and Junior

Long dresses, short dresses and jump suits for the Elks' Annual

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Pivot irrigation hearings

The Oregon Tax Court will hold hearings Feb. 24-25 on center pivot irrigation systems.

At issue is whether these

large (irrigation arms extend up to one-quarter mile) and expensive (\$22,000-\$32,000) irrigation systems are real or personal property.

If they are personal property, as five taxpayers contend, they may be subject to the inventory phase out. Everett Harshman, Morrow County assessor, and the department have concluded that these systems are real property and are not subject to the phase out.

There are more than 600 center pivot systems in Western Umatilla and Northeast Morrow counties.

The Tax Court has consolidated appeals from six taxpayers for one trial. They are: Eastern Oregon Farming Co.; Oregon Potato and the Port of Morrow (joined as single appeal); Far-West Farms, Oregon Ltd.; Boeing Agri-Industrial Co., the Department of Veterans Affairs and Frontier Machinery, Inc. (joined as one appeal) and Sabre Farms, Inc.

AAUW members plan play visit

Two groups of A.A.U.W. members, along with many of their husbands, are planning to go to Pendleton to attend the B.M.C.C. play, Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Most of the playgoers will also dine out before or after the production. One group attended Friday, Feb. 18.

The second group, who will go to the Feb. 25 performance,

should contact Chloe Pearson at 676-5035 very soon.

Bob Clapp of the B.M.C.C. Drama Department gave a good talk about the play at the Heppner Branch meeting on Feb. 5 at Karen Dubuque's home. He aroused a great deal of interest in this production. The women decided to schedule attendance as a cultural event for the early spring season

Bank reduces power to save

Energy conservation is the rule rather than the exception at First National Bank of Oregon in Heppner, Lyle Lowe, branch manager, said. Over the past four years, the bank has reduced power consumption along with 143 other branches throughout Oregon for an average saving of 20 per cent.

The conservation program was devised during the winter of 1973 in response to the power crunch that threatened the Pacific Northwest. It since has been incorporated into the day-to-day operations of the branches.

Controlling energy use throughout the entire bank system is a complex task. Energy levels differ from branch to branch because of age, type of construction, varying mechanical systems, location and fuel used. Despite the differing conditions and requirements, a series of steps have been adhered to over the past four years to cut power use. Included are the following:

—All branches have turned off their outside signs.

—Interior lights are turned off at night—only a minimum

number of lights are left on for security.

—Mechanical systems—heating and air conditioning—are turned on later in the morning and turned off earlier in the evening and shut down on non-banking days.

Branch inspectors continuously monitor energy consumption in each branch with an eye toward cutting it wherever possible or maintaining it at a minimum level, depending on the particular needs of the branch.

First National has established an "optimum energy cost" which is used to determine how efficiently individual buildings are operating. In cases where energy consumption is not within an acceptable tolerance of this limit, the system is reviewed to determine the reason and how it can be corrected. Existing mechanical systems are modernized whenever feasible for saving power.

Cash grain markets close with strength

According to the USDA's grain market news summary for the Pacific Northwest, cash grain markets closed the week ended Feb. 17 on a note of strength. The long range weather forecasts which indi-

cated continuing dry condition in Western U.S. and the impact on new crop prospects is a bolstering influence on grain futures.

Trade sources indicate grains are difficult to buy with

farmers reluctant to sell in prospects of a short crop. The USDA reported increased activity of 1976 crop wheat going under loan. Latest report that 273.0 million bushels of wheat have been placed under loan since the season began last June 1.

White wheat markets closed 4 cents over last week and featured by premiums paid for white club. Strength persisted in white wheat with premiums 10 over Chicago May or flat prices that producers would sell for. There is no flurry of selling despite wide margins above the loan. Concern over moisture contributed to the strong holding pattern.

Hard red winter estimated export for 1976-77 are being revised downward due to U.S. offers' inability to compete with other origin. However, rumors that Argentina's latest wheat sale was \$5.00-6.00 per ton higher than previous price, indicated a possible improvement in world wheat prices.

Export workings out of the Pacific Northwest was less than 200 thousand bushels through the first two weeks in February.

Farmer selling improved somewhat with prices above support loan but no large flurry. Mill demand was active in catching up for lost time during cold weather. Export interest for shipment to the Pacific Northwest is supplied mainly by Japan, other countries are parcel buyers.

Export activity for the first two weeks of February is moderate in white class and light in other classes. New sales during the week amounted to about 4 cargoes of wheat. Japan bought 2 cargoes of 14 per cent spring wheat and 1 cargo of 13.0 per cent winter wheat for April delivery and 1 cargo of white wheat for May delivery. Cargo is based on 15,000 metric tons. Korea bought 2,900 metric tons of 14.0 per cent spring wheat for March lifting.

Heppner High honor roll list

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL (1976-77)

HIGH HONOR

2nd Nine Weeks

SENIORS—Nola Binschus, Sharon McCarl.

JUNIORS—Kristi Edmundson, Kathy Wolff.

SOPHOMORES—Bill Ken-

ny.

FRESHMEN—Paula Heinrichs, Debra Klaus, Larry Palmer, Marie Van Schoiack.

1st Semester

SENIORS—Nola Binschus, Vicki Edmundson, Sharon McCarl.

JUNIORS—Kristi Edmundson, Kathy Wolff.

SOPHOMORES—Bill Ken-

ny, Scott McEwen.

FRESHMEN—Alice Abrams, Dale Holland, Debra Klaus, Larry Palmer.

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2nd Nine Weeks

SENIORS—David Allstott, Darla Cooper, Jeff Cutsforth, Tim Daly, Vicki Edmundson, Keven Haguewood, Deborah Holland, Guy Kenny, Judy Ledbetter, Charlie Rawlins, Mark Sargent, Tina Schmidt, Tom Skow, Mike Smith.

JUNIORS—Ron Currin, Shelly Grace, Ken Grieb, Dee Hedman, Diane Holland, Jim Kenny, Doug Marquardt, Sheree Marquardt, Don McEwen, Sam Myers, Cathy Palmer, Kryn Robinson, Shelley Thompson, Carla Thorpe.

SOPHOMORES—Connie Burkenbine, Michelle Cutsforth, Eric DeBaal, Barbara Devine, Judy Farley, Julie Grieb, Laurie Harrison, Maureen Healy, Linda Keithley, Jackie Mollahan, Wendy Myers, Joycelyn Thorpe, Marie Yocum.

FRESHMEN: Lela Breidenbach, Sandy Farley, Geri Grieb, Todd Harrison, Paula Heinrichs, Sandra Hudson, Claudia Huston, Lee McCarl, Deborah Paustian, Jana Steagall, Jojean Stevens, Marie Van Schoiack, Ron Young.

Scott McEwen, Jackie Mollahan, Wendy Myers, Joycelyn Thorpe, Marie Yocum.

FRESHMEN—Alice Abrams, Lela Breidenbach, Sandy Farley, Todd Harrison, Dale Holland, Sandra Hudson, Claudia Huston, Mike Lott, Lee McCarl, Deborah Paustian, Jana Steagall, Jojean Stevens, Mark Walsingham.

1st Semester

SENIORS: David Allstott, Carl Christman, Darla Cooper, Jeff Cutsforth, Tim Daly, Deborah Holland, Guy Kenny, Judy Ledbetter, Sally Matheny, Charlie Rawlins, Mark Sargent, Tina Schmidt, Tom Skow, Mike Smith, Steve McLaughlin.

JUNIORS—Jerry Cutsforth, Lynne Gochnauer, Shelly Grace, Ken Grieb, Dee Hedman, Gordon Hoffnagle, Diane Holland, Doug Marquardt, Sheree Marquardt, Don McEwen, Sam Myers, Cathy Palmer, Lori Rhea, Kryn Robinson, Sally Sumner, Shelley Thompson, Carla Thorpe, Bruce Young.

SOPHOMORES—Teresa Anglin, Michelle Cutsforth, Eric DeBaal, Barbara Devine, Judy Farley, Julie Grieb, Laurie Harrison, Maureen Healy, Linda Keithley, Jackie Mollahan, Wendy Myers, Joycelyn Thorpe, Marie Yocum.

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Mint disease control to start

The State Department of Agriculture announced this week that the mint disease control area established in Morrow County will take effect Mar. 1, according to Leonard Kunzman, state director.

The new order limits importation of mint root stocks into Morrow County unless the root stocks are Oregon State University (OSU) Certified 11 or better.

The order also requires mint growers to submit mint field maps indicating the location and certification of mint root stock and allows only a change of ownership of propagation of such stocks which are OSU Certified 11 or better.

Mint growers are also required to retain documentation of mint root stock sources and maintain maps of new plantings. The order provides for inspection of mint fields by the State Department of Agriculture.

Complete copies of the order are on file and can be obtained from the Morrow County Clerk.



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PUBLIC MEETING & WORKSHOP

Heppner Elementary School

March 1, 1977 - 7:00 pm

The Umatilla National Forest invites you to attend a meeting to discuss the land use planning process and future management direction for the Heppner Planning Unit.

Participants will be able to discuss various issues of concern such as timber management, recreation, grazing, and wildlife.

Results of this meeting will be used by the planning team to construct management alternatives for the Unit.