

# County forced to roll back Pacific Power's property taxes

Morrow County is one of 28 counties in the state to receive recomputed assessments of Pacific Power and Light Company, following a Supreme Court decision. The counties will have to

make refunds for some of the 1975 and 1976 property taxes collected from the utility. Morrow County's valuation computed in 1976 at \$1,462,549 was reduced to \$1,120,449, a \$342,091 reduction.

Utility company property is appraised by the revenue department which provides counties with the valuations. Counties then apply local tax rates to those valuations. The counties will use the recomputed values to figure out what tax refunds are due the utility.

Pacific Power and Light disagreed with the values set by the revenue department for 1975 and 1976. The dispute was

heard in the Oregon Tax Court, then in the Oregon Supreme Court.

The counties will use the recomputed property values to make refunds, plus interest

of 1 percent per month, for taxes that were collected on the original assessments.

## Perry Cooper joins U.S. Air Force

Perry Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cooper of 580 S. Chase, Heppner, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, according to MSgt Steve Childers, Air Force recruiter. Upon successfully com-

pleting the Air Force's six weeks basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he will receive training in the mechanical aptitude area. He is a 1979 graduate of Heppner High School.

He will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

## Lexington news

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Committee members from the Heppner and Ione garden clubs met at the home of Mrs. Huber where the ladies made plans for a joint garden club flower show to be held at the Long school Sept. 23.

The garden clubs are working together in hopes they might bring to the community an outstanding flower show. Present for the planning were Jane Rawlins, Alberta Johannes, Loree Hubbard, Pat Pettyjohn, and the hostess Eula Bloodworth is a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton.

Venice Hendrickson was taken by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial Hospital one day last week with injuries suffered in a fall at her home. Her daughter, Mrs. Dale Chick, has been with her mother over the weekend from Pendleton where she and Mr. Chick are employed.

Ralph Burcham, who was a patient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, has returned to his home.

Mrs. Ray Eckles and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lonie Smith were visiting friends in Lexington last week. Mrs. Eckles is from Pendleton and the Smiths from Missouri. They moved to Ione later in the week, as Mr. Smith has found employment in Heppner. Mrs. Eckles is a former Lexington resident.

Kenneth Klinger (Pete) has returned to his home after several weeks spent in the Vets hospital in Walla Walla. Visitors over the weekend at the Klinger home were their sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klinger and sons from Vancouver, Wash., Victor Klinger of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Klinger of Hermiston. The family spent Saturday hauling wood from the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Irvin and their infant twin grandchildren, Katie and Jim were Lexington callers on Sunday from their home in Irrigon. The twins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowen, were being cared for over the weekend by their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones and sons and Jackie Johnson were weekend visitors at the Oregon Coast and Portland. They visited Sunday with his sister Charlene Whitney in Portland. Mrs. Henry (Josie) Peck is a patient in The Dalles General Hospital where she underwent major surgery on a knee last Thursday.

Mike Kane left on Sunday for Saudi Arabia where he will be employed for several months. He spent last week with his wife and small son in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom have had their small granddaughter's, children of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jones, during the last two weeks while their daughter has been ill in the hospital. They were taken home over the weekend by Millie and Marie Yocom.

Gladys VanWinkle, Betty Christman and Beebe Munkers returned this week from San Francisco where they attended a school cooks convention. While there they enjoyed some visiting and sightseeing.

Lola Breeding of Irrigon was a Lexington and Heppner caller one day last week. She was visiting her mother Cora Burnside who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall drove to Spray on Thursday taking Mrs. Burnside to her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker and family have returned from a weeks vacation in Lincoln City. Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Vinson were calling on her mother Catie Padberg Sunday. The Vinsons were on vacation from their home in Monument.

Mrs. Charles Buchanan has returned home from a weeks visit with her mother and other relatives near Portland.



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