Snow-tire use okayed after Nov. 1 in Oregon

The use of studded tires on Oregon's highways for the coming winter season will become effective Nov. 1, H. Scott Coulter, state highway engineer, said today.

Under state law, studded tires are permitted on Oregon's highways during the period Nov. 1 through April 30 of the following year. Coulter asked that users defer putting the studded tires on their cars until they are necessary due to snow or ice because of the damage they cause to bare pavements.

Coulter said the use of studded tires costs the Highway Division approximately $1.5 million annually for repairs to the system. The effect of studded tires on pavement markings results in extreme damage, and occurs at a time when these markings are badly needed, he said.

The tires also crush the reflectorized glass beads used in pavement markings, thereby rendering them of little value. The studs also dig ruts in pavement which collect water, and increase the potential for hydroplaning,and cause extensive splash and spray during wet road conditions.

Department of Transportation cars again will not be equipped with studded tires, Coulter said.

The Transportation Commission has the authority to lengthen or shorten the statutory period for the use of studded tires if deemed necessary.

14,000 Oregonians unsure of drinking water

More than 14,000 Oregonians in 29 of the state's 36 counties have no way of knowing whether their drinking water is safe to use, according to information released this summer by the Environmental Protection Agency. A total of 76 of the 890 community drinking water systems throughout the state have failed to establish that the water they provide meets national standards for bacteria and turbidity.

Those 76 systems are leaving their 14,000 customers in the dark," declared Donald C. Gipe, coordinator of EPA's safe drinking water program in Oregon. "Whether it's a case of the water suppliers not testing the water, or testing the water but not reporting the results, it adds up to the same thing: their customers have no assurances the water they drink is free of contaminants that can endanger their health."

The city of Heppner tests its water twice a month and results are mailed to the Environmental Protection Agency. According to Gipe, the cities of Lexington, Ione and Irrigon just began recently to send in samples to the EPA so residents in those areas can now be assured the water is safe to drink.

Gipe said EPA's concern is prompted by data developed by both EPA and the State of Oregon that Oregon has four times as many waterborne disease outbreaks as the national average. "We don't want to see any repeats of the Crater Lake episode of 1975 or the Neskowin incident of 1978" Gipe added, in references to the outbreaks of gastrointestinal upsets that made hundreds of people ill because of impure drinking water. "Contaminated water can make people sick, but without taking samples and analyzing them, it's impossible to tell whether there are impurities in the water or if turbidity is interfering with disinfection. People are entitled to know what's in the water they drink."

Failure of a public water system to test for bacteria and turbidity at prescribed intervals, and to report the results on schedule, is a violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. Under that law, all community water systems must report the results of bacteria tests. For systems that take their water from surface water sources, there is the additional requirement that tests for turbidity be reported as well. Noncompliance with these requirements makes the water supplier liable for both Federal enforcement action and individual citizen suits.

Food stamps reforms made for Oregon elderly and disabled recipients

Oregon's elderly and disabled food stamp recipients will have their benefits increased two months earlier than most of the rest of the nation.

Food stamp reforms made by Congress last April had an adverse effect on the elderly and disabled that Congress had not intended. Since that time Governor Atiyeh has expressed his concern to Congress and has continued to work with them to restore those lost benefits.

The new amendments, which will increase benefits for the elderly and disabled, will go into effect nationwide no later than January 2, 1980. Oregon and Florida, however, are putting the changes into effect two months early. Persons who are 60 years of age or older or those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or who receive Social Security Disability payments, will be able to deduct actual medical expenses which exceed $35 per month; and a full deduction for shelter costs exceeding 50 percent of their adjusted income. These deductions are computed as an offset against income so that persons with high shelter and medical expenses will be able to get more food stamps.

"The Adult and Family Services Division has geared up quickly to make these changes early in light of inflation on food and shelter costs, not to mention the increased costs of fuel this winter," said Keith Putman, administrator of the dividion. "We're grateful to Governor Atiyeh and to our Congressinal delegation for responding to the financial plight of the elderly and disabled."

Approximately 15,000 households could be affected by these changes.

Persons wanting more information may contact the local Adult and Family Services branch office or call toll free 1-800-452-7813, extension 3654. In Heppner call 676-9121.

Petition drive to ban traps

A petition drive is being launched to ban snare and leghold traps in Oregon. The effort is being organized by Oregonians Against Trapping.

The petition, if enacted by the voters of Oregon in November of 1980, would ban the sale and use of leghold traps immediately, with the exception of predator control trapping. The petition provides for a five-year phase out of predator trapping. Also included is a provision for the temporary suspension of the ban by the State Health Division if human health and safety is endangered, such as in the case of a rabies outbreak. Mouse, rat, gopher, and live "box" traps are exempted from the act.

During the 1978-79 trapping season in Oregon, more than 80,000 animals were reported trapped in the state.

Justice Court

Violations from the office of Morrow County Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray were:

Steven Henry Griggs, 7740 S.E. 62nd in Portland, hunting violation, $55 fine.

Larry Allen Derr, 23 Green Valley Acres in Prineville, hunting violation, $55 fine.

Glen Garret Gunter, 2118 S.E. Tonle in Gresham, hunting violation, $55 fine.

Michael Richard Murtha, P.O. Box 215 in Milkkald, driving while under the influence of intoxicants, $157 fine.

Robert Carron, 6805 S.E. 70th Ave. in Portland, hunting violation, $24 fine.

Sheila Dianne Smythe, Box 563 W. 1st and Hemlock in Arlington, driving while under the influence of intoxicants, $210 fine.

Robert Hazeltine, 6738 S.E. 70th in Portland, game violation, $24 fine.

Stanford Eugene Dowdy, 318 Boardman Ave. in Boardman, axle overload, $12 fine.

Paul Arien Carpenter, 2708 N.E. 92nd in Portland, hunting in a prohibited area, $29 fine.

David Arias, 7555 NE Stanton in Portland, hunting in a prohibited area, $29 fine.

Jerry Leeking, 545 Pioneer Drive, P.O. Box 644 in Heppner, speeding, $29 fine.

Mahlon Ben Couch, 2748 W. Autler in Redmond, operators license suspended, case dismissed.

Harold Robert Bergstrom, Strawberry Road in Lexington, over wide load, $12 suspended fine.

Robin Dickenson, P.O. Box 266 in Umatilla, hunting on another's enclosed land, $157 fine.

Paul Jay Knudson, 2245 N.W. 7th Place in Portland, minor in possession, $34 fine.

Stephen Keith Anderson, 21601 S.E. Salmon in Gresham, minor in possession, $34 fine.

"Most of the violations were game," Gray said. "All of last year we had 77 game violations and we have 68 already this year."

SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT :

The following are cases handled by the Morrow County Sheriff's office this past week:

Sergio J. Gutierrez, Locust Trailer Court No. 32 in Boardman, was arrested for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. He will appear Nov. 1 in Irrigon court.

Franklin Edmond Herrling, Rt. 1 Box 33A in Boardman, was cited for failing to yield in a two-car accident with Alan D. Roath, 515 Marua Layten in Utah. Herrling was driving his 1974 GMC Sprint pickup and on the road to the Navy facility near Boardman when he hit the 1974 Vega driven by Roath. Minor injuries did occur.

Gary Lee Dale, 700 Wilson Road Apt. No. 2 in Boardman, reported two Pioneer speakers worth $175 taken from his 1978 Ford Mustang car.

Columbia Basin representitive speaks on conservation ideas

Homemakers attending a recent Ione Topic Club meeting learned how to heat their houses and yet conserve energy.

The speaker was Rod Aho, customer service representative for the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.

He pointed out that probably the greatest loss of energy in the home is through electric heat and hot water heaters turned too high. If heat is to be turned down, it is suggested that one have higher humidity (50 percent) and keep the feet warm. The water heater can be turned down as low as 130 degrees instead of 160 degrees as many homemakers have it.

Of course, Aho added, most homes need to be checked for proper insulation to conserve fuel. There are tax credits and refunds available for adding means of conserving fuel.

He stated that one of the problems for Columbia Basin is outages caused by users adding electric heat that puts a load on transformers. This could be prevented if the company is notified, and servicemen will check to see if heavier transformers are needed and will replace them without cost to the homeowner.

The club met in the home of Margaret Morgan and entertained members of the Bookworms at the Oct. 17 meeting. Frances Carlson assisted the hostess.

The librarian reported that the library is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and, it is hoped, soon on another day of the week. Susan Vosburg is the librarian. A number of new books for children and adults have been added.

Special guests for the day included Justine Weatherford, Frances Mitchell, Inez Erwin, Marian Brosnan, Helen Currin, Ella Smith, Margaret Blake of Heppner and Virginia Barker of Butte, Mont.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1979 before the Lexington City Council at the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Subject of the hearing is an application by Joyce West to annex 2.65 acres, Tax Lot 4501, located in T2 S, R 25 EWM, Sec. 34 to the City of Lexington.

The public hearing will consider both the question of annexation and amendment of the Lexington Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

City of Lexington

by Lois M. Allyn, Recorder

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ATTENTION WATER USERS

Insulate your water meters for the winter months. You may use gunny sacks, insulation, etc. Please do not use sawdust or bark. If you have had frozen pipes in the past, it advisable to let a faucet run at a fast drip during extremely cold weather. You will be billed a minimum until spring when the meters will be read again. Thank you.

Earl Papineau,

Water Supt.

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STOP disposing of your garbage by placing it on the City streets.
It is being scattered by wind and dogs.
Please do not litter.
Take pride in your city.

Earl Papineau
City Forman

Public Notice

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ELECTRICAL UTILITIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICES TO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDINGS OR NEWLY PLACED MOBILE HOMES OR PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS UNTIL THE UTILITY IS PROVIDED A VALID ZONING PERMIT FOR THE BUILDING, MOBILE HOME OR PREFABRICATED BUILDING: PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMIT COPIES, PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES ON VIOLATIONS.

ORDINANCE NO. , ORS chapter

THE COUNTY COURT OF MORROW COUNTY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS

Section 1 SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the "Morrow County Utilities Ordinance" and be so cited and pleaded.

Section 2 SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the County Court that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not effect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance.

Section 3 DEFINITIONS

(a) **Building.** A structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind.

(b) **County Court.** The member of the County Court for Morrow County, Oregon.

(c) **Utility.** Any public or private corporation or company which supplies the public or a group of individuals with electrical powers.

(d) **Service.** Providing or attaching to any newly constructed building or newly placed mobile home or prefabricated building the initial line, hookup or metering device to provide electricity.

(e) **Zoning Permit.** A zoning permit issued subject to the regulations as described in the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4 PROVIDING SERVICES WITHOUT A ZONING PERMIT PROHIBITED

No utility shall provide any service to any newly constructed building or newly placed mobile home or prefabricated building outside the limits of any incorporated city in Morrow County until such utility has been furnished with a copy of the zoning permit which has been issued for such newly constructed building or newly placed mobile home or prefabricated building.

Section 5 ISSUANCE OF COPIES

When a zoning permit is issued pursuant to the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance, the issuer shall furnish to the successful applicant copies in an amount sufficient for said applicant to provide the utility with a copy.

Section 6 PROCEDURE ON VIOLATION

The procedure on violation of this ordinance shall be that procedure set out in the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance, said remedies shall not exclude any other remedies herein or otherwise provided.

Section 7 PENALTIES

Each violation of this ordinance shall be punishable as provided in ORS Chapter 215 and the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 9 EMERGENCY CLAUSE

Whereas this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety for Morrow County and its inhabitants, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on , 1979.

A hearing pertaining to this ordinance will be held Wed., Nov. 7 at the regular meeting of the Morrow Co. Court at 10 a.m.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify eligible agencies that funding is now available to start a WIC Program in Morrow County. WIC (The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children) is a nutrition program for pregnant women, infants and children (to age 5). It involves nutrition assessment, nutrition education, and a special food package.

Agencies eligible to apply include public or non-profit health agencies and human service agencies in the following priority order:

1. A public or private non-profit health agency which can provide health and administrative services.

2. A public or private non-profit health or human service agency which must enter into a written agreement with another such agency for either health or administrative services.

3. A public or private non-profit health agency which must enter into a written agreement with a private physician, to provide health services.

Guidelines for preparation of a grant application are available through the address listed below. Potential local agencies should notify the Oregon State Health Division of interest within 30 days. Write or call:

Betsy Clarke
WIC Program Manager
Oregon State Health Division
P.O. Box 231
Portland, OR 97207
229-5697
1-800-452-7813

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CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Morrow County School District will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 1979 for the transportation of public school students who reside in the attendance areas served by Riverside High School and Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman, and Columbia Junior High School and A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon.

Bids will be received at the Morrow County School District Office, P.O. Box 368, Lexington, Oregon 97839.

The proposal is to be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope plainly marked "TRANSPORTATION BID".

Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. at the Morrow County District School Office and will be considered by the Board at the regular District Board Meeting at Riverside High School in Boardman at 7:30 p.m. on November 19, 1979.

Specifications may be obtained by writing or calling Matthew Doherty, Superintendent at the Morrow County School District Office (503) 989-8123.

The School District reserves the right to postpone consideration until a later time or to reject any or all bids.

Matthew Doherty,
Superintendent
Morrow County School District

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