

## Area Deaths

### William F. Mahrt

William F. Mahrt, onetime resident of Morrow County, died Jan. 3 in Prescott, Arizona, according to word received by friends in Heppner this week. He was 87.

A native of Reardon, Lincoln County, Wash., where he was born July 10, 1892, he grew up on his parents' farm which was changed from dairying to wheat in 1906. He became an expert with farm machinery, and worked with wheat harvesting crews in the Northwest and Canada. His family moved to Sherman County, Oregon, in 1916.

He was married in 1917 at Vancouver, Wash., to the former Myrtle May Sawyers, a school teacher, whom he had met at a basket social.

The couple moved in 1921 from their Sherman County farm to Ione, where he did wheat farming. In 1928 he started a garage at Hardman and became a salesman for the Delco Light Co., selling individual light plants to farmers. He also took care of the highway building equipment for the Logan Co. when the original Heppner-Spray road was built.

At that time he decided to become an electrician. He bought a 10-volume set of electrical wiring textbooks. Possessing a photographic memory, he learned the contents of the books and became an expert at wiring houses and buildings, and was licensed by the state as an electrician. He had an electrical supply shop in Heppner from 1931 to '34.

From 1934 to '36 he had the Delco agency in Pendleton, and in 1936 the family moved to Hamilton, Grant County. He started a power company in the neighboring town of Long Creek in 1939 using initially a single diesel generator. He sold the business in 1951 to the California Pacific Utilities Co. During his ownership of the power company, he had wired the houses and built 36 miles of

power lines.

From 1951 to 1959, he and his wife operated two ranches, Table Rock Ranch at Hamilton and Deer Creek Ranch near Monument. During that period he also served as postmaster at Hamilton.

They retired to Arizona, living in Tempe one year, Mesa nine years and moving to Prescott in 1971. Myrtle died in Prescott in 1976.

Their daughter, Leah Mahrt, moved from Salem in 1976 to care for her father. In addition to Leah, several nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services were held in Prescott.

### Carl Breeding

Burial services for Carl Breeding of Irrigon took place in Lexington last week. He died Feb. 13 at the Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston at the age of 74.

Breeding, who was born at Spray on Jan. 28, 1906, had been a farm worker and in later years an employee of the U.S. Army Depot Facility at Umatilla.

Surviving are his wife,

Flossie; stepsons George Irvin of Irrigon and Dewey Irvin of Gold Hill; and sisters, Ethel Livingstone of Spray and Lavina Maynard of Darby, Mont.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services took place Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. The Rev. Jack Naff of the First Christian Church officiated.

Burial at the Lexington Cemetery followed.

### Rev. Fred Weatherford

The Rev. Fred Merle Weatherford, 92, for whom memorial services were held Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the Church of the Nazarene, Arlington, was the son of Morrow County pioneers.

He was born near Olex; his father W.W. Weatherford had first settled along Willow Creek below Morgan then moved up on Shuttler Flat where he became eastern Oregon's first wheat rancher. His mother Samantha Alice Sperry's family were prominent pioneers.

Fred grew up on the family wheat and cattle ranches in Gilliam County. He attended

Oregon State University and was graduated from Point Loma College at San Diego.

He pastored churches in Portland, Medford and in California, and he had five books published covering farming, history and religion.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian, The Dalles; daughter, Evelyn Sutton, Palm Springs, Calif.; sons, Fielding K., Arlington, and Ronald F., Medford; sister, Helen Doane, Chehalis, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

The late W.W. (Bill) Weatherford, Heppner, was a nephew of Fred M. Weatherford.

## Morrow County school district plans taxing increase

By Steven A. Powell  
Morrow County property taxes for the school district for 1980-81 will be \$8.22 per \$1,000 valuation, an increase of 49 cents per \$1,000, if the budget announced at the school board meeting last week is adopted by the voters.

Voters will decide on the budget in the March 25 election. No citizens came to the budget hearing.

Taxes on a \$60,000 property would be \$493.20 for the schools. The same valued property this year paid the school district \$463.80.

Next year, property will not be assessed at true cash value but at 85 percent of it for homeowners and 87 percent for others.

The tax was computed on

the basis of the county's having an estimated valuation of \$532 million and the school district's need for a special levy of \$3,670,160 to meet its budget.

The total school district budget is for \$5,536,854. Resources will pay for \$2,200,345. To balance the budget \$3,336,509 is needed however an additional amount of 10 percent is added for past taxes that will not be collected making the figure \$3,670,160.

The law allows a taxing district to go above its tax base by six percent so \$588,510 is subtracted from \$3,670,160 to get the special tax levy that the voters will be deciding on in the amount of \$3,081,650. Including the levy of \$704,674 for three bond issues and interest that were approved for voters in previous elections, the tax to be levied for

all school budgets supported by taxes is \$4,374,834.

The proposed school district budget is \$1,149,268 more than was needed this year which is a rise of 26.16 percent.

Of that increase, \$588,159 or 13.4 percent is for the two new schools in north Morrow County. Amount of growth other than the two new schools is figured at an 1.76 percent increase or \$77,342. The rest of the increase, 11 percent or \$483,767, is for the basic budget and is due to inflation and additional salaries.

The school district budget will be decided on an A ballot only. Next year's budget could have been \$3,745,546 and still have been on just the A ballot.

Included in a special fund of the budget this year that has not been in the past is the student body accounts for the schools.

This year the student accounts brought in \$50,225 in receipts and \$6,775 will carry

into next year.

That special fund next year will be for \$57,000 but it is totally self supporting. About \$21,000 will be spent on athletic officials, \$12,000 for travel, meals and coaches, \$6,100 for supplies, \$5,580 for uniforms and some will carry into the following year.

Some of the school board members questioned the large amount paid to officials but

Riverside High School principal Dan Dalton said, "The home team has to pay the officials and it costs dearly when they have to come all the way from Milton-Freewater."

Superintendent Matt Doherty said, "All special funds and all general funds must be published so people can see them. Budget law requires that they are open to the public."

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### Musical comedy planned at Riverside

The Riverside Community Theatre is putting on the musical-comedy "Carnival" at Riverside High School March 6, 7 and 8.

The cast includes actors from ages 12 to 45 coming from the four cities of Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman. There are 18 persons in the cast.

Performing the music for the play will be a 10-member pep band from the Riverside

High School music department.

"Carnival" is a two-act play that has been on Broadway twice and has been made into a movie.

Admission to the play is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Reservations may be made by calling the high school at 481-2525.

Rick Bateman is directing the musical part of the production and Terry Russell is the drama director.

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