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Obituaries

Jeanne Dobbs
Memorial services were held for Jeanne Dobbs December 28, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Rev. Kenneth Chrysler officiated. She passed away December 21 in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii.

Jeanne was born in Heppner on May 12, 1915, daughter of Claud and Etta Huston. She attended the Liberty School in the Eightmile area, Heppner and lone high schools and Pacific Beauty School in Portland. After working there as a beautician in Marcia's Salon and Beauty School, she returned to Heppner in 1946 where she owned and operated Jeanne's Beauty Shop on Main Street for 27 years.

She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge and a charter member of Soroptimist International of Heppner.

She retired in 1972 due to ill health and moved to Pendleton in and later to Kihei Hawaii, where she lived for 17 years. She returned annually to the mainland for short visits with family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirlee Sweigart in Mesa, Arizona; son Bob Dobbs of Fullerton, CA.; a sister Jane Rawlins, Heppner, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a special friend, Nik Fukushima in Kihei.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Heppner Senior Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

Walter Jepsen

The funeral for Walter Jepsen was held today at the Lexington Baptist Church. Concluding service and burial followed the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Jepsen, 102, of Ione, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 1994 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

He was born Oct. 22, 1891, near Copenhagen, Denmark, to Laurs and Else Jeppesen. A Danish immigrant, he arrived at Ellis Island, N.Y., on March 24, 1911. He worked several jobs in Minnesota and Wisconsin before coming west in 1912. He bought his first farm along the Sandy River, near Bull Run in Oregon. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1917, serving during World War I. After returning from the service in 1920, he came to Morrow County and bought a farm near Rhea Creek.

On Jan. 1, 1924, he married Matilda Berns, at Oregon City. She died in 1972.

He was a member of the Lexington Baptist Church and an honorary member of the Ione American Legion, recently receiving a 75 year medal.

Survivors include sons Bob of Heppner, John of Ione and Frank of Milton-Freewater; daughters Elsie Baca of Fallston, Md., Betty Mault of Coos Bay, Mary Holtz of Federal Way, WA., Virginia Wood of Chicago, Ill., Anna Larson of Portland and Evelyn Elder of Eugene; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lexington Baptist Church, PO Box 561, Lexington, 97839.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Mary F. Nikander

Funeral services for Mary F. Nikander were held Monday, January 3, 1994 at the First Christian Church in Heppner. Concluding service and burial was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Nikander, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1993 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

She was born Sept. 6, 1908, in Oregon City, to Martin and Winifred Stafford Case. At the age of two weeks, she moved with her family to Heppner where she later attended school.

She was married to Gus E. Nikander, Nov. 23, 1927, in Heppner. They lived in Heppner until 1946, when they moved to Scottsburg, Vancouver, B.C. and Corvallis before returning to Heppner in 1966.

Mrs. Nikander was a member of the First Christian Church. She was a talented artist and china painter and she taught through Blue Mountain Community College in Heppner and surrounding towns.

She is survived by her sons Leroy Nikander of Gresham and Ed Nikander of Scottsdale, AZ., five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her husband preceded her in death in 1977.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, PO Box 158, Heppner, 97836 for those who wish.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Betty G. Schmeder

Betty Catherine Schmeder, 73, Irrigon, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1993 at her home.

Funeral services were held this morning in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, Hermiston. Burial followed at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Mrs. Schmeder was born Aug. 10, 1920 at Lower Hutt, New Zealand, to Hugh and Kate Rosina Millar.

She came to the United States as a war bride in 1944 and she and her husband, William, became residents of Irrigon 44 years ago.

Mrs. Schmeder was involved in numerous school and community volunteer projects through the years, sharing sewing and knitting skills through 4-H clubs, Home Extension and the Umatilla Hospital Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, William at the home; sons, Robin of St. Helens, Glenn of Pendleton and David of Spokane, WA.; daughters, Ann Stevens of Vallejo, CA. and Pamela Deardorff of Monmouth; brothers Ross Millar in New Zealand and Murray Millar in London, England; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease

Center of Oregon, PO Box 10051, Portland, 97210.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

Around the County

By Earl Woods, Jr.

I told you last week that I would take a stab at explaining the budget and county tax process. This explanation begins with an historical note.

On November 5, 1912, the citizens of the state of Oregon were asked to amend the state constitution

to provide for a uniform rule of taxation and to establish the authority of counties and cities, etc., to tax. The proposed amendment failed to pass in Morrow County by a vote of 431 to 338. However, it did pass state-wide, and the effect of the amendment was to create a tax base for Oregon's 36 counties in an amount equal to the counties' last levy.

Since that time, Morrow County has not passed a new tax base. The county still operates from that 1912 tax base plus a six percent per year increase that was authorized in 1919 by state-wide vote. The measure is called the "six percent limitation". It means that Morrow County can increase its existing tax base by six percent per year without voter approval.

Morrow County's tax base for 1993-94 was \$784,892. This is the 1912 base together with the six percent increase since 1919. However, the county-approved and adopted budget for 1991-94 was \$10,832,745, excluding the medical fund. Other taxing authorities, principally state and federal, contributed \$7,022,842 to county revenue and county taxpayers contributed \$3,240,535. The total of those contributions funded the county's budget for 1993-94.

One interesting feature of the state and federal contribution is the fact that virtually all of that money is directed, i.e., child support enforcement, road fund, emergency management and other programs mandated by state and federal authorities. This is why some departments within the county are harder hit by levy failures than others. As an example, the sheriff's department receives very little outside funding, and therefore is very dependent upon voter-approved levies. This is why the sheriff said last year that he would have to lay off all of his deputies if the last levy failed, while another department wouldn't have had to lay off anyone. This situation doesn't help the morale of those folks who "go on the block" each year. However, this may be the reality of being publicly employed in the 1990s, and maybe this is as it should be. However, somehow it would be nice if the system allowed for a little more equity and a little more opportunity for the people of the county to choose.

I'll get back to this topic later in this series if there seems to be sufficient interest. I think this area of mandated services deserves some scrutiny.

Changing gears, the city of Heppner has notified the county that the city will initiate annexation proceedings to bring the sewage disposal site within city boundaries.

Proceedings involving the siting of the proposed Coyote Springs Co-Gen facility are on track and ground breaking is tentatively set for March 1994.

Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla will be jointly hiring a building inspector to do basic building construction inspection within the three cities. Morrow County has entered into a new contract with the Oregon State Building Codes Division for building inspections. The county is happy with the contract in that it will result in additional revenues to the county over the old contract. The codes division will now be inspecting electrical and plumbing installation during the construction of the co-gen facility, which should produce additional income.

A sad note from the computer department: Ed Struthers turned 50. I promised I wouldn't tell.

Justice Court Report

The Morrow County Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Kirk A. Looslie, 19, Lexington-Violation of the Basic Rule, 43 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$101 fine;

Jose Gutierrez, 18, Hermiston-No Operator's License, \$155 fine;

William Jay Devin, 32, Maupin-Failure to Transfer Title, \$34 fine; Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$41 fine;

Robert Evan Keen, 36, Prescott, WA.-Driving While Suspended, \$397 fine; Open Container in a Vehicle, \$86 fine.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

December 29: Patrick Thomas Shire, 34, McMinnville; and Theresa Ann McElligott, 35, McMinnville.

Correction

A story published in the Dec. 29 Gazette-Times concerning funding for county fairs was incorrect, according to Darlene Scroggins, Morrow County Fair secretary.

Scroggins says that Morrow County Fair will receive around \$70 thousand from the state lottery system biennially, not annually as reported earlier. Scroggins says that the payment will be approximately \$34 thousand a year.

STOREWIDE JANUARY CLEARANCE

Brushpopper Shirts
By Wrangler
\$10 off
Entire Stock

Sweatshirts
by Saturdays, B U M
Nike and C C Sport
1/2 Price

Levi Boot Jeans
Navy twill perma press
Reg 26⁹⁵ Now **15⁹⁵**

Lee Frisko Jeans
Black and Green 31 to 36 waist
Reg 27⁹⁵ Now **19⁹⁵**

Walls Insulated Coveralls
Green Blizzard Proof
Mens Sizes Reg 59⁹⁵
Now **35⁹⁵**

Sweaters
By Saturdays
Ise of Cotton and River Brand
1/2 price

Gardner's Men's Wear
193 N. Main St. Heppner

Jan. 6: Ladies Nite Dinner 6 p.m.
MEMORIAL SERVICES
For the following deceased Brothers in 1993
Clayton Ayers, Patrick Cutsforth,
William Healy, James Barratt
Wayne Harsin, Robert Rietmann

Jan. 12: Town and Country (meetings all day)
Social hour 6 p.m.. Banquet 7 p.m.

Jan. 30: Super Bowl Sunday
Lots of food and socializing

Bingo every Wednesday night 7:30 p.m.
Dining every Fri. and Sat. night 6-9:30 p.m.

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

Court Street Market
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643
GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE
Prices good Jan. 5th - 11th

BAG BARGAINS HERE

Red Potatoes	19¢ lb.	S & W Natural .16 oz. Reg. \$1.29	Fruit Cocktail or Peaches	85¢ ea.
Baker Potatoes	29¢ lb.	2 lb. med loaf	Tillamook Cheese Reg. 5 ⁹⁹	\$4.19
Broccoli	49¢ lb.	Hillshire 16 oz.	Little Smokies Reg. 4 ⁹⁹	\$2.99
Red Delicious Apples	49¢ lb.	Western Family 10-1oz.	Hot Cocoa Reg. \$1.79	99¢ ea.
Orange Juice	\$1.99 ea.	Western Family 15 oz. Reg. or Hot	Chili Con Carne Reg. \$1.09	75¢ ea.
Western Family 18 oz., Reg. \$2.69	Strawberry Preserves	\$1.25 ea.		

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