

## Planning Groups To Give Reports At County Meet

A detailed analysis of Morrow county's agriculture, industry and community living will be given Tuesday, Feb. 18, beginning at 10 a. m. at the Lexington Grange hall at a meeting of the Morrow county town and country planning conference, according to N. C. Anderson, county agent.

The conference will feature reports of six general committees that have been studying the county the last three months, Anderson said. Both town and rural residents are invited to the conference where they will have a chance to review committee findings and help make final decisions for the conference report.

Purpose of the conference is to study the present situation of the county and make recommendations for development of the county's resources during the next ten years. The committees are studying such topics as the effect of an increasing population on the county, road building maintenance, greater development of livestock feeding in the county, increased irrigation opportunities, taxes and public education, opportunities for county youth to go to college, need for more recreational facilities, eradication of livestock diseases and weeds and similar subjects.

The six communities studying these topics include conservation and land use, Alvin Bunch, Heppner, chairman; farm crops, Frank Anderson, Heppner, chairman; livestock, Gerald Swagart, Heppner, chairman; home and community living, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Lexington; youth activities, Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione and public education, Gene Cutsforth, Lexington, chairman.

Kenneth Peck, Lexington, is general chairman of the conference.

Findings and recommendations of 13 sub-committees of the livestock committee have been sent to county livestock growers for their suggestions and comments. The livestock committee has spent the past three months studying livestock problems in the county and is now drafting recommendations for the improvement and expansion of the county's livestock industry during the next 10 years Anderson said.

Present weaknesses in youth programs and activities in the county and ways to build a more vigorous youth program in the future are being considered by the youth activities committee. A questionnaire prepared by the group has been sent to the county youth hoping to gain information that will help them evaluate areas that need improvement. Need for more leader training, development of more parent interest, ways to improve enforcement of liquor, cigarette and driving laws, more school counseling and help for handicapped children are among the topics being studied.

To date the home and community living committee has been investigating ways to keep professional people in the county how to obtain more teacher housing, need for rodent control programs as a health measure and ways to further the testing of milk cows for tuberculosis and brucellosis. In addition they have considered the possible development of a county museum, new parks and picnic areas along county roads. Questionnaires from this committee have been sent also to residents for information on these and similar subjects.

Ways to make better use of locally grown feed through expanded livestock programs on county farms is one of the topics being considered by the farm crops committee. Other studies include the value of alfalfa in rotation programs on county farms, best chemicals to use in chemical summer fallow projects, use of windbreaks, possible effects of contract farming on county agriculture, watermelon marketing problems and the desirability of growing more corn in irrigated areas. Farm crops make up one of the major income producing sources in the county, Angerson pointed out.

One of the main problems being studied by the education committee is whether or not county residents are now getting their money's worth from the tax dollars they are paying. Possible school reorganization and ways to keep county roads open for school buses are being discussed for report at the Feb. 18 meeting.

Studies of the conservation and land use committee include better use of private, state and federally owned lands in the county, best methods to control rabbit brush, improvements and expansion of strip cropping acreages, how to make the best use of diversion ditch water and ways to develop potential irrigation areas and improve present irrigation projects.



Oscar E. Peterson, lone rancher, was sworn in as Morrow county judge this Wednesday.

## Oscar Peterson takes Office as Morrow Judge

Peterson was sworn into office at 1 p. m. Wednesday by Bruce Lindsay, county clerk.

Oscar E. Peterson, well known lone rancher, has been appointed Morrow county judge by Gov. Robert D. Holmes to complete three years of the unexpired term of Garnet Barratt resigned, it has been announced. Barratt, who was elected for a six year term in the last elections resigned the end of the year for health reasons.

Peterson who is a registered Republican, is a native of Morrow county and has farmed for 40 years in the lone area where he was born. He had just returned from a two month trip to the Holy Land and Europe a week ago Wednesday and received the appointment the following Friday. Various county groups had recommended him for the appointment during his absence.

Active in various county affairs, Peterson first ran for political office in the last elections when he was defeated by a small

margin of 42 votes for the office of judge Barratt. Barratt completed nine years in the office the first of this year.

Peterson is a member of the Grange Mutual Inc. as well as area director for the Grange Insurance association and is active in the Valby Lutheran church where he has been Sunday school superintendent for many years. Peterson is a member of the lone Masonic lodge and the Heppner Royal Arch Masons.

In other affairs Peterson was a member of the lone school board for seven years, belongs to the county cattlemen and wheatgrowers associations, was a member of the Farm Bureau and the AAA committee and is a cooperater with the Heppner Soil conservation district. Follow-

ing his elementary education he attended Reed college in Portland.

In 1924 Peterson was married to Miss Esther Engstrom. They have a daughter, Mrs. Rod Kvistad, Beaverton, and two sons, Donald and Gerald. Peterson plans to get an apartment in town and his sons will handle his wheat and cattle operations both at lone and the mountain ranch.

Peterson complimented Barratt for the programs started during his office and pledged his efforts for the best interests of the people and the county as a whole.

Dear Editor:

I wish to convey this little message to you and the people of our county.

It is with a great deal of humbleness in my heart, and kindness to the people of Morrow county that I accept the opportunity to serve you in the capacity of County judge. Having been absent from the county for al-

Peterson is a director with the Inland Empire Waterways association most two months the appointment came almost as a surprise, immediately upon my return here.

Indeed, I recognize it as not only an honor but a responsibility. I do hope and pray that I can follow through honorably and creditably.

Now to the people of Morrow county I want to say this: I am going into this wholeheartedly and will in the new capacity serve you to the very best of my ability. I want to thank the people who have been my loyal supporters always, and not only them, but all the people of the county. You are all my friends and I shall look to you for continued confidence and support.

To the retiring county judge, Garnet Barratt and Mrs. Barratt, I want to convey my best wishes for a speedy return to health, and for the future, many prosperous years in our midst.

Very sincerely  
Oscar Peterson

## Soil District Meet Set For Monday Night

Farmers, businessmen and others interested in the conservation of our soil and water are reminded that the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation District has been scheduled for Monday evening, January 27. It will be held at the Lexington Grange hall beginning at 7:30 P. M.

An interesting program has been arranged for with films and illustrated discussions. Tom Wilson, Work Unit conservationist with the District since its organization, will show slides and discuss progress in conservation in the district over the past 16 years. Charles Ross, Extension Forester, Oregon State college will illustrate his discussion on windbreaks for Morrow county with colored slides taken in the Columbia Basin showing the rapid growth of windbreak trees adopted to the area.

Interest in windbreaks for shelter and beautification for the homestead has been high in the District during the past several years.

The film, "Returned to Eden" depicts the operation of a Soil Conservation District with an interesting plot. A report on the progress of the District over the past year and election of supervisors will complete the program for the evening. Refreshments will be served.

## Buschkes Buy Hdw. Interest From J Key

John Key has sold his interest in the Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke, it has been announced. Consideration was not disclosed. The Buschkes took over the operation the first of the year. The name of the store will remain the same, Buschke said. It has been in operation since 1887 and Buschke and Key purchased it from Gilliam and Bisbee about three years ago.

## WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	58	47	
Friday	60	43	.21
Saturday	48	28	.17
Sunday	49	22	
Monday	43	32	
Tuesday	41	31	
Wednesday	46	28	

Total rainfall for the week .48; for January 1.18 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay attended a district county clerk's meeting in LaGrande Saturday. The state director of elections was in charge of the discussions.



New officers of the Willows I O O F lodge no 66 and Sans Souci Rebekah lodge no 33 of Heppner recently installed in joint services are from left, Randall Martin, noble grand; Mrs. Clarence Bauman, noble grand; Mrs. Gerald Rood, vice grand and C. H. Privett, vice grand.

## Chamber Names 1958 Committees

Committee members of the Heppner-Morrow chamber of commerce for the coming year were announced today by Jack Loyd, president.

Members of the program committee who will each serve two months periods are Joe Stewart, Dr. Clifford Wagner, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Orville Cutsforth, Oliver Creswick and N. C. Anderson. Merchants committee members are Phil Blackney, chairman; C. E. McQuarrie, Keith Imus, Allen Case, Del Jordan, Rod Murray, Pete McMurry and Loyd Burkenbine.

Other committees include special activities: Robert Penland, chairman; Tom Wilson, Jack Bedford, John Williams, Elmer Schmidt, J. R. Huffman, Harry Bongers, Paul Koenig; youth activities: the Rev. Lester Boulden, chairman, B. P. O. E. representative, Jim Farley, Bob Abrams, Clarence Bauman; safe drivers: Joe Stewart, chairman, Clarence Bauman, Clarence Rosewall.

Public relations: Frank Turner, chairman; Ed Dick, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Jack Flug, Al Lamb, Robert Penland; membership: Bruce Lindsay, chairman, Newt O'Hara; recreation and wildlife: Dr. A. D. McMurdo, chairman, Dr. Tibbles, Vic Kreimeyer, R. L. Fullerton, John Pfeiffer, Claude Buschke; legislative and government: Mahoney and Abrams, chairman; Allen Tom, County court representative, Elmer Schmidt, the Rev. Merlin Zier.

Agriculture and resources: N. C. Anderson, chairman; Frank Anderson, Newt O'Hara, Orville Cutsforth; streets and highways: Vic Kreimeyer, chairman; Wayne Snyder, Allen Cose, Loyal Parker, Dr. Harold Huber; county picnic: Harley Young, chairman; Bruce Lindsay, county court representative.

Officers for this year are Loyd president; Harley Young, first vice president; Bruce Lindsay, second vice president; John Veard, treasurer and Gene Pierce, secretary. Members of the board of directors are Joe Stewart, Kreimeyer, Keith Imus, Abrams, O'hara and Koenig.

## DICK RUHL CUTS ARM

Dick Ruhl, Heppner high school junior, cut the veins in his left arm when he ran it through the glass in the gymnasium door Monday. Several stitches were taken and he is recovering satisfactorily.

Ruhl, a forward on the basketball team, will be out of action on the floor for about four weeks.

## Clinics To Be Held In County Schools

The annual school immunization program will start in Morrow county schools Feb. 4 and continue through April 15, it has been announced.

The clinics will be conducted in each school by the county health officer with the public health nurse and volunteer workers assisting him.

Diphtheria - tetanus-whooping cough combination vaccine will be offered all youngsters under 12 years of age. Smallpox vaccinations and typhoid vaccine will be offered to all age groups. Salk polio vaccine will be offered to all youngsters up to 20 years of age.

Pre-school youngsters and adults of the communities are welcome at these clinics and may check with their local schools for the clinic dates.

Clinic dates have been tentatively set for Heppner on Feb. 4, March 4, April 1; Lexington and Ione, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8; Irrigon and Boardman: Feb. 18, March 18, April 15.

The Hardman school will transport their students to the immunization clinics at the Heppner school.

## Meet Set to Discuss Hospital Auxiliary

Some 100 letters have been sent to leaders of countywide women's organizations asking them to send representatives to a meeting to discuss and organize a hospital auxiliary, the home and community living committee of the town and country planning conference, has announced.

The meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 27, at 8 p. m. at the courthouse and is open to all interested persons. Activities and duties of such a county-wide auxiliary will be explained and a film shown on auxiliary work in other hospitals. Harry Bongers, administrator of the Pioneer Memorial hospital, will be present to outline projects that could be carried on here and answer questions.

## New Monument Gym Setting for Famous Gay 90's Dance

Monument's well known and waited-for Gay 90's dance will be held in their new school gym next Saturday night, Jan. 25 and a special invitation has been issued to all residents of Morrow county to dig out their stove pipe hats, Old Gray Bonnets, and other appropriate paraphernalia and take in the affair. A full list of the prizes to be given can be seen at O'Donnell's Cafe.

The Troy Fowler orchestra from Prineville will provide the music. Last year the dance couldn't be held at Monument because the gym was destroyed by fire just prior to the date, and this will be one of the first functions in the new building.

## Education Committee To Meet

The public is invited to a meeting of the public education committee of the Morrow county town and country planning conference Friday, Jan. 24, at 1:30 p. m. at the county courthouse, Gene Cutsforth, chairman of the committee, has announced.

## FARM BUREAU TO MEET

An informal discussion on farm problems will be held at a meeting of the Farm Bureau Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 8 p. m. at the home of Dr. Clifford Wagner.

## Special Events For Polio Fund

Several activities stated for the Morrow county March of Dimes drive this coming week include a pig auction Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3 p. m. on Main street, the Mothers' March Thursday evening, Jan. 30 and a Polio Rock 'n' Roll dance Saturday after the basketball game, drive officers have announced.

A pig for the auction Saturday afternoon on Main street was donated by A. L. Osmin and the event is sponsored by the Sophomore class. Auctioneer will be Bob Rulon.

Mrs. Rod Murray, representing the Heppner Civic League, is chairman of the Thursday night Mothers' March. Those wishing to contribute are asked to leave their porch lights on between 7 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Committee members who will canvass seven districts in Heppner that evening are Mrs. Merlin Zier, Mrs. Roy Quackenbush, Mrs. Philip Blackney, Mrs. Gordon Pratt, Mrs. Keith Imus, Mrs. Jack Flug, Mrs. Alex Thompson and Mrs. Murray.

Collections to date are Heppner, \$400.20; Ione, \$95.70; Lexington \$90.63 and Hardman, \$20, for a total of \$606.53. Mrs. Keith Imus, treasurer, reported Wednesday.

A "Teens Against Polio" contest at Heppner high school shows \$28.70 cleared by the sophomore class from a food sale; \$31.80 by a freshman class candy sale; \$48 from a junior class cake auction and \$35 by the seniors with bottle selling, work day donation, cupcake sale and coffee and cupcake sale at the basketball game. The projects totaled \$143.50 for polio funds. The Teens Against Polio report that they are planning on collecting more money this week and over the weekend.

A king and queen will be chosen at the Saturday Rock 'n' Roll dance from the class that collects the most funds for the drive, it was announced. Prince and Princesses selected are Dan Brosman and Mary Slocum, freshman class; Mike Gray and Cara Lee Corbin, sophomores; Ned Clark and Kay Keithley, juniors and Burke Gentry and Beulah Davis, seniors. The winners will be crowned by last years king and queen, Ed Groshen and Judie Spaulding.

## High School Students Set Clothing Drive

World clothing week will be observed by Heppner high school students with a used clothing drive Monday through Friday next week, student council officers have announced.

The clothing will be sent to orphaned and neglected children and needy adults in 35 countries, including the United States. Clean wearable clothing of all kinds for children and adults, bedding and shoes are needed. Shoes should be tied together in pairs and all gifts wrapped in paper.

Persons wishing to give clothing may call 6 9138 at the school for pick up or leave it at the school office.

Last year Heppner was one of the top 20 schools in the nation to receive an award for its contribution in the world clothing drive.

## Eddie Swisher Dies In Modesto, Calif

Eddie Swisher, 23, son of Mrs. Larry Bevan, Hardman, died Sunday, Jan. 12, in Modesto Calif according to word received here this week. Burial was in Modesto.

Besides his mother, Mr. Swisher is survived by his widow; a three-year old son, Charles; a brother, Charles J. Bevan stationed with the navy in Norman, Okla. and his father, Orville Swisher of Gresham.

## McQuarries Buy Central Market

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie have taken over complete ownership of the Central Market following purchase from Ed Bennett of his interest in the grocery, it has been announced. Consideration of the transaction, which took place the first of the month, was not disclosed.

The meat market section of the store will continue to be rented to Tom Howell. Operation of the business will continue as in the past, McQuarrie said.

## Funeral Rites Held For Edwards Child

Funeral services were held at the Christian church on Sunday afternoon for Marcus Raymond Edwards, small son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of Lexington. Marcus was born May 23, 1953 in Soap Lake Washington and passed away at his home in Lexington Jan. 16th. Rev. Norman Northrup was in charge of the services with music furnished by Ren-a-Marquardt who sang "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam" accompanied by Betty Marquardt. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery with Marvin Way, Franklin Messenger, Ray Papineau, and Jim Bloodsworth acting as pallbearers. He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards and two sisters Karen and Janice, a grandfather A. M. Edwards of Lexington and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lowry of Mt. Vernon, Ore, and a host of aunts and uncles and relatives. Creswick was in charge. Those attending the services from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edwards of Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred King of Seattle, Mrs. C. A. Lowry of Mt. Vernon, Mr. Alvin Lowry of Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Don Aarstad of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. David Barnett of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Hatter of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jackson of Ione.

## Contract Renewed For Joe Stewart

A two year contract for Joe H. Stewart, superintendent of the Heppner public schools, was renewed for 1958-59 and 1959-60 at a meeting of the school board Thursday night at the school.

The board will hold a special meeting Feb. 4 to go over the proposed budget meeting and a budget meeting will be held with the budget committee at the next regular meeting Feb. 11, it was announced. Budget committee members are Howard Bryant, Frank Anderson, Dick Wilkinson and Harold Becket.

Plans for remodeling the science room, library and commercial room are now being worked out by the architect, Freeman Hayslip and Tuft, Portland, it was reported. Stewart will meet with the architect Feb. 7 in Portland to inspect the plans for the remodeling, estimated to cost \$50,000. Half of the amount was approved in last year's vote.

Purchasing of a new bus and station wagon for use next year was approved. Specifications will be drawn up and bids let in the spring.

Raymond French reported the Heppner Soil Conservation district is considering a scholarship for a teacher in the Ione, Lexington or Heppner schools who is doing the most outstanding work in teaching conservation. The winner would be sent to a soil conservation workshop at Hoodoo, near Bend, next summer.

An adult typing class to be taught by Gilbert Lujan, Ione school typing teacher, will start Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the Heppner high school typing room, it was announced. The course will consist of 12 two-hour classes and is open to the public.

Teachers who will attend meetings in the near future include Gordon Pratt, high school principal, who will attend a state secretary-principals' meeting in Eugene the end of January; Norman Peters, music instructor, who will attend a choral reading clinic conducted by Wayne Hertz, Central Washington college of Education in Ellensburg, Wash. Jan. 24 and Mrs. Roy Kirk, commercial teacher, who will accompany several members of the Hehisch paper staff to a press conference Feb. 20-23 in Seattle where they will demonstrate their process of printing pictures in the school paper.

Mrs. Sam Turner accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson of Ione to Portland for a short stay.



This poor bulb was just as confused as we luskly people who live in the "Banana Belt". With the warm winds and mild weather that has been blessing our locale Mr. Tulip, residing at the home of C. A. Ruggles in Heppner, decided to see what was up, and rushed the season a bit.