

## PLANNERS RECOMMEND--

# Port Commission, Road Levy, Better Crop Use Gets OK

Literally hundreds of recommendations were made Tuesday at the Morrow county Town and Country Planning Conference which, if followed during the next 10 years will have a great effect on the economy, the development, education and general welfare of the county.

The conference was the culmination of many weeks of work by members of six main committees and dozens of sub-committees. The meeting was held at the Lexington Grange hall and was attended by well over 100 residents of the area. Kenneth Peck of Lexington was general chairman.

The studies and recommendations covered every phase of county life from crop and livestock problems, conservation and land use, government, taxes, schools, roads to industrial development and problems arising from foreseeable increases in population during the next 10 years.

Highlighting the well over 250 recommendations that were presented in the committee reports were suggestions that the formation of the Morrow county port commission be investigated. Discussion brought out that many counties along the Columbia river now have such commissions and that if this area is to get its share of industrial development along the banks of the river, a port commission could be useful.

### Road Levy Approved

It was recommended that the special 10-mill county road levy be continued for another five years to complete the improvement projects now under way. In connection with the formation of a port commission, it was also felt that it would be wise to establish a county planning commission which might carry out many of the recommendations made at this conference.

A modified form of sales tax was suggested which should be used exclusively for schools and would be set up as a direct income tax offset.

A driver training program in county schools was recommended, and it was also discussed from the floor that such a proposal is being considered by the rural school board for the coming year. Further study of school reorganization was asked and the state highway department was urged to consider the construction of a Morgan-Arlington cross-country highway to replace the lower section of the Willow Creek road.

### Feeding Prospects Said Bright

Considerable time was taken with the discussion of crop surpluses and the presentation of figures to show that a much greater percentage of the county's production could be absorbed by the development of more cattle feeding operations. The need for a greatly expanded hog raising program was pointed out with figures which showed that a great majority of the pork consumed in the northwest and the Pacific coast is imported. Less than 25 percent of the pork consumed here is grown in the area.

Youth and youth activities came in for discussion with several recommendations made for improvements in counseling and training, as did the results of a housing survey on living improvements made during the past 10 years.

A report was given on the development of forest products and how such products can affect the county's future. Heppner Forest Service Ranger Vic Krelmeyer and Cal Weisenfluh told of the future needs of the forest for access roads and how timber cutting concerns the county.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock and the reports were completed shortly before 5 p. m. At noon a luncheon was served in the hall dining room by members of the Lexington HEC.

The six main committees and their chairmen who made the reports were conservation and land use, Alvin Bunch, chairman; home and community living, Mrs. Norman Nelson; public education, Gene Cuthforth; Livestock, Gerald Swaggart; Farm crops, Tad Miller, who gave the report for Frank Anderson, chairman;

youth activities, Mrs. E. M. Baker, chairman.

### Full Reports Coming

Because of the length of the several reports, it is impossible for the Gazette Times to run them in their entirety or at one time but they will be presented in a series during the coming weeks. The first complete report, that of the conservation and land use committee follows:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We feel that there is a need for some research on the analysis of the ash soils and high clay slick spots found in many of our fields. Such research could provide a means of treating these soils for high production through chemical and mechanical methods.

2. Further research is needed for the control of rabbit brush on range land through the use of selective sprays. Present recommendations are too detailed for the average rancher to use effectively.

3. We recommend that an educational program be initiated, calling to the attention and asking farm operators for their cooperation in preventing serious water erosion on long water sheds involving several ownerships. The problem is brought about on these long water sheds when one farmer does not carry out conservation practices to reduce run-off which consequently causes heavy losses on the land below.

4. Strip cropping is an important means of controlling wind and water erosion. It is a system of farming which makes conservation practices such as fall chiseling of stubble, stubble mulch and crop rotations much more effective.

5. We recommend that consideration be given the maximum amount of ACP funds that can be earned in any one year for the strip cropping practice. This would encourage more strip-cropping, a much needed conservation practice.

6. The Lexington Blow Control District was the second Soil Conservation District to be organized in the United States. This district has done much in preventing losses from wind erosion. Farmers in the district are becoming more conscientious and are attempting to farm in a manner to prevent wind erosion. In some cases soil blowing has been caused from careless road grading which causes a threat to the surrounding land. It is recommended that the County Court be contacted relative to this matter, calling to their attention the necessity of careful planning in grading roads in the blow district at a season when blows are not apt to occur.

7. The burning of stubble is a practice which should be discouraged. Heavy stubble should be reduced in the fall with implements or other necessary equipment.

8. More sod waterways are needed to carry the excess water run-off safely from fields.

9. We recommend that winter irrigation be carried out on irrigated lands where practical. We realize that all creek bottoms cannot be irrigated in the winter months but feel that those that can should be.

10. Diversion ditches have become important in our county when used in conjunction with other conservation practices.

11. The spreading of chaff-dumps after winter grazing of stock is a problem. Unless spread dumps will hinder cultivation and tie up nitrogen producing bacteria causes reduced yields. They can be spread with several different implements before initial cultivation is started. The use of an additional application of nitrogen will eliminate reduction yield in these areas.

12. We recommend that dry lands of the north end of the county subject to wind erosion be farmed with soil conservation practices such as sub-surface tillage, wind strip-cropping, nitrogen fertilizers and grass rotations.

13. We commend the many farm equipment companies which have provided newly adapted machinery for conservation farming. We encourage the continuing.



**CHAIRMEN** of the Morrow county Town and Country Planning Conference and the committee heads were photographed Tuesday during the conference at the Lexington Grange hall. They are, left to right, Tad Miller, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Gerald Swaggart, Kenneth Peck who served as general chairman, Alvin Bunch, Mrs. E. M. Baker and Gene Cuthforth.



**YOUTH COMMITTEE** reports are given at the planning conference by these two high school students who were among nearly 15 who aided the committee with their study. They are Ed Groshens, lone high school, left, and Ed Groshens, Heppner. They reported on the Oregon youth code, and made several recommendations of concern to the youth.

## QUALITY OF IONE LIBRARY WINS COMMENDATION OF STATE LIBRARY

The lone library, through its librarian Mrs. Echo Palmateer, this week received congratulations for an excellent operation from officials of the Oregon state library. The word came in a note to Mrs. Palmateer and said:

"Ione, a town of less than 300, has an exceptional library for such a small community. The library was visited December 11 and Mrs. Helen Proudfoot, chairman of the library board and president of the Topic club, which has for its aim the maintenance and betterment of the library, showed what had been accomplished to provide library service to the community.

"Although the membership of this club is only 19 this year, the club is library-minded and the quality of the collection is kept at a high level. An attractive children's corner is filled with bright, interesting books including the Landmark books, a set of encyclopedias and a globe, while the adult collection has new readable books, both fiction and non-fiction. The library is a pleasant room in a building shared with the fire department and city hall."

## Former Morrow Man Dies in Seattle

Robert Young, 66, died February 15 at Seattle following lingering illness. He was raised in Morrow county and attended the Heppner schools, graduating in 1912. He had lived in this area until 15 years ago when he moved to Seattle to make his home.

A sister, Mrs. Chive Huston of Heppner, left Monday for Seattle to attend funeral services which were held Tuesday.

Mr. Young is survived by his widow Estelle; two sons, Ed of Riverside, Calif. and James of Eureka, Calif.; two brothers, Ray of Medford and Harvey of Eugene; two sisters, Faye George of Portland; and Eugenia Huston of Heppner.

## Two File For County Offices

Only two persons had filed for county office by Wednesday, but other petitions are expected within the next few days, county clerk Bruce Lindsay, reports.

One of those filing is Lindsay who will run on the Democratic ballot in the primary. The other to complete his petition is Harry Dinges, Republican candidate for county assessor, who seeks to succeed himself in the position.

Several other petitions have been issued, the clerk's office said, and filings can be made at any time prior to the deadline Friday, March 7 at 5 p. m.

## FHA Girls Again Plan "Hobo Week"

The Heppner chapter of the Future Homemakers of America plans to hold a Hobo week March 10 to 15 inclusive, announces Connie Anderson, chapter reporter. The purpose of the week is to raise funds for the chapter.

The girls will do many different types of jobs. They do not expect an hourly wage, but hope to get paid for what the job is worth.

## WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:			
	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	57	39	.14
Friday	51	32	..
Saturday	47	37	.07
Sunday	53	38	.57
Monday	57	40	.04
Tuesday	64	49	.13
Wednesday	66	44	..
Rainfall for the week .95; for February 1.93; for the year 3.49 inches.			

# Anonymous Donor Offers Money For County Museum

## About \$50,000 Would Guarantee Memorial Building

## Whirlwind Drive Slated For "Heart Sunday"

Letters went in the mail this week heralding the start of the Morrow county Heart Fund drive which will be conducted entirely in one day as a test campaign for the state of Oregon.

The one day drive will be held on Heart Sunday, February 23 and drive chairman, Rev. Merlin Zier, has received the cooperation of the county's high school students and others in conducting the whirlwind campaign. Sunday afternoon the volunteer workers, which will include the students as well as other workers in several communities, will contact all residents to pick up the gift envelopes from those who wish to contribute to the fund. Those desiring, or who may be missed in the drive, may make their contribution by mail.

Zier reiterated that the drive is aimed at distributing the information on the need for continued research on heart diseases which are the greatest killers of known diseases in this country. The contributions received will go to aid research in the field.

## Chamber Approves School Proposal For Driver Training

The chamber of commerce Monday unanimously recommended the inclusion of a driver's training course in all county high school curriculums.

The approval was given after Jack Flug, county school superintendent, asked the group for its opinion because the rural school board is considering the budgeting of \$8,000 for next year for such a program.

A training car would be provided through a county automobile dealer and part of the cost of the training would come from the state. The last legislature added \$1.00 to the cost of drivers licenses with the additional money to go toward paying part of the cost of the training in high schools.

Alvin Bunch, chairman of the land use committee of the county planning conference spoke briefly on his committee's report and the Rev. Merlin Zier showed a short film on the coming Heart Fund drive.

## Ernest Hunt Dies February 13; Had Lived Here 75 Years

Ernest Hunt, 81 years of age, died February 13 at Pioneer Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for about two and one-half years.

Mr. Hunt was born January 19, 1877 in Jewel City, Kansas and had spent about 75 years of his life in Morrow county. He was a member of the Christian church and the Odd Fellows.

Services were held Sunday at Creswick Mortuary chapel with the Rev. Charles Knox, pastor of the Heppner Christian church, officiating. Interment was in the Lexington cemetery.

He is survived by one sister, Cassa Shaw of Heppner, eight nephews and six nieces.

## Local Delegates to Attend FHA Meeting

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The Future Homemakers of America chapter at Heppner high school will be one of 109 Oregon chapters participating in the annual state meeting March 7 at Oregon State college.

FHA is composed of high school girls taking home economics classes. The state membership now totals 4,294 girls.

The local chapter has 45 girls enrolled. Joann Brosnan is chapter president and Mrs. Katherine Hager is chapter advisor.

Joanne Kemble of Ontario high school is state president this year. Theme for this year's thirteenth annual meeting will be "Now is the Time to Earn." One of the highlights of the sessions will be awarding of state homemaker degrees, the state's top award for high school home economists. To qualify, girls must complete special work in school, home, and

The chances that Morrow county may have a county museum appeared much brighter this week with the announcement at Tuesday's Town and Country Planning conference by Robert Abrams that an unidentified donor has offered to put up sufficient money for the construction of a suitable building for the proposed museum.

Abrams said that the law firm of Mahoney and Abrams had been asked to investigate the possibility of the county, or a special museum committee, accepting such a donation. Abrams made the announcement following a planning committee report which recommended that efforts be made to develop a museum.

Though no definite amount was stated in the offer to the attorneys, the donor, who wished to remain anonymous at the present time, indicated that he, or she would be willing to offer in the vicinity of \$50,000 for the construction of an adequate museum building to house historical relics of Morrow county. The only requirement, Abrams said, was that the museum must be located in Heppner. Along with the offer came a recommendation that the building be constructed out of appropriate materials, possibly such as native stone.

Several weeks ago, while the home and community living committee of the conference was starting its study for the conference, the suggestion was made that there is a need for a county museum with the result that a sub-committee was appointed to investigate such a museum, as well as the formation of Morrow county historical society. Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Mrs. Omar Rietmann headed the group.

Since publicity was given the original idea, two offers have been received by the committee prior to the latest one. Two houses, one in Lexington and one in Ione have been offered as possible sites.

The Tuesday planning conference adopted the recommendations that a historical society and the construction of a museum be investigated further. The formation of the historical society could logically be the first step in developing the program.

## Lex Department Controls Home Fire

The Lexington fire department answered an alarm at 10:05 Monday morning to the Dale Gardner home where the upstairs of the house was found in flames. The department quickly controlled the blaze but not until considerable damage was done to the building and contents.

It was thought that the fire started either from a defective flu or defective wiring. Damage was estimated at about \$1,000.

## NAVY... TAKE NOTE!

# Ione Boys' Rocket Launching Successful

A four-foot rocket was fired by three members of the Ione Rocket club Sunday, Feb. 16 at 4:55 PST from a tower at the Kenneth Smouse ranch near Ione. . . and the firing was successful—in fact, so successful that the missile hasn't been seen since.

It was called the Feuerschwanz (German for "Tail of Fire") T-ZN S-1, and it was powered by fuel made from a mixture of zinc and sulphur.

The first attempt to launch the rocket was made about 3 p. m. but was unsuccessful. It was left to cool for a half an hour before being approached, then it was disassembled. The trouble was found to be in the ignition system and a new one was installed.

The second try at 4:55 p. m. was different. A six-volt battery was used to ignite the fuel and when the switch was closed, at first nothing happened. . . then—P-H-O-O-M. . . away it disappeared in a cloud of smoke and fire. And, disappear it did, for it hasn't been found yet. Orange

flames shot three feet behind it as it zoomed about 200 feet into the air.

The boys were greatly elated at their success and have announced plans to fire another in about two months. The three members of the club who launched the Feuerschwanz were Phil Emert, Bob Rice and Kenneth Smouse. Other members not present were David Hatfield, Skip Pettyjohn and Harry Swart. Interested observers at the successful launching were Grant Rigby, Kenneth E. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rice, Mrs. Ella Burgoyne, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Smouse and children.

The basic plans for the rocket were taken from a scientific American magazine and two of the most important parts, the nozzle and the nose cone were machined by Ervin Anderson of Heppner.

The boys definitely have the honor of having gotten Morrow county's first rocket off the ground and are, at least, the first in Oregon to claim success.

## Stockmen Plan Work For Year

Meeting last Wednesday evening at the courtroom, members of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association planned their program for the year. Thirty-one of the present 75 members attended this first meeting of 1958. Bill Barratt, newly elected president, presided.

Committee appointments which had been made earlier in the month were discussed and announced. Those committees which will be active in carrying through the needs, programs of the association are membership and finance, Raymond French, Heppner, chairman; legislation and taxation, Barton Clark, Heppner, chairman; insect, predator and rodent control, Bob Van Schoelack, Heppner, chairman; livestock disease control, Ronald Currin, Heppner, chairman; livestock corrals, Floyd Jones, Heppner, chairman; marketing and transportation, Howard Cleveland, Heppner, chairman; theft and brand, Gordon O'Brien, Heppner, chairman range and pasture improvement, Don Greenup, Heppner, chairman; bull sale, Don Robinson, Heppner, chairman; annual meeting, George Rugg, Heppner, chairman; resolutions, O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, chairman; meat promotion, beef commission and publicity, W. W. Weatherford, Heppner, chairman.

Each committee has three members in addition to the chairman which will meet together during the year. Newly appointed this year were two members to represent the livestock association at the Morrow County-Heppner Chamber of Commerce. They were Harry O'Donnell and N. C. Anderson.

Business transacted during the evening included plans for a meeting of the insect, predator and rodent control committee with members of the sheep sub-committee of the livestock planning committee in a joint meeting with representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Possibilities for an accelerated coyote control program were to be planned. Members of the livestock disease control committee indicated that they would meet soon to plan a program for Brucellosis testing of herds which are necessary to be tested this year to keep the county as modified certified Brucellosis free area.

A resolution going on record favoring a beef commission as a group was passed. W. W. Weatherford, chairman of the beef commission committee asked that everyone who is eligible to vote do so and pointed out that the last day for casting votes is February 24.

Considerable discussion resulted from a report of the theft and brand committee giving details of action taken in bringing about recommendations on the dog shooting case which occurred in the Wilkinson and Rugg range in North Morrow county.

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