

Planners Study Youth, Problems

Here is presented the third in a series of articles on the recommendations made by committees at the recent Town and Country Planning conference. This report was made by the youth activities committee under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione, chairman.

In Morrow county there are 625 boys and girls enrolled in our schools in grades 5 through 12. In a survey of these grades, 566 participated. Of this number 180 were enrolled in 4-H club work, 52 in Boy Scouts, and 24 in Campfire Girls. This indicates

that only 44 per cent of the eligible boys and girls are being reached by these organized youth activities. There were 307 participating in church youth activities or 54 per cent.

As a result of the survey and because the youth committees recognized that there were problems involving the youth, several groups were called in to discuss these problems with the members of the committee. These groups included representatives of organizations interested in recreation for the youth, law enforcement officers, school officials, and some of the youth themselves. The problems and recommendations can be divided into several groups.

EDUCATION:
The committee feels that the teenagers have done a fine job in developing the Oregon Code for high school students and in making it available to all of the student bodies for their study and consideration. This code sets forth a basic rule for students and parents, guides for parent-youth planning, home entertaining, general dating, hours, driving, drinking and smoking. We recommend that there be more parent study of the Teenage Code so that they will be in a better position to cooperate with the students in their efforts to carry out the provisions of the code.

We recognize the value of the drivers training program in the schools and we recommend that the schools of Morrow county give consideration to the establishment of such a program.

It was felt that there was a need for more counseling in the schools and by other agencies to help the youth plan their programs and coordinate their activities. A well-balanced training should include participation in school, church and community activities.

Notice was taken of a car club

that has been organized at one of the schools in the county. If this proves to be successful we recommend that consideration be given to the organization of other such clubs.

LEADERSHIP
Problems: 1. How to secure the necessary leadership for youth programs. 2. How to obtain more interest and cooperation in youth programs. 3. How to properly train leaders so that youth programs can be more effective.

Recommendations: 1. That there be more training for leaders and potential leaders. Some leadership training could be given which would apply to leaders in any youth group. The leaflets "Understanding Club Members," "Club Members Together," prepared by Wilma Beyer Heinzelman of the Cornell University staff are recommended and could be used for such a study.

2. That 4-H chairmen in the extension units be more active in helping to further the 4-H work in the communities and in securing 4-H leaders.

3. That more educational work be carried on as to the variety of 4-H projects that are available.

4. Since parent interest in the youth organizations to which their children belong is an important factor in determining the results obtained, that the parents be encouraged to give their understanding and support.

RECREATION:

1. There are quite a few organizations that are helping to provide recreational activities for the youth and the committee wishes to commend them for their efforts and recommend that they continue their projects.

2. There has been considerable work done by the fair board and others in trying to get the floor of the fair building fixed so that it can be used for roller skating. We commend those who have worked on this for their efforts and we recommend that the program be continued and that skating be made available for our young people.

3. Some school facilities are being opened to provide recreation for the young people. It is suggested that this might be done more so as to provide a place for supervision recreation.

4. We recommend that the formation of community youth should include youth themselves working together with adult representatives of the church, the school, P.T.A., 4-H, fraternal and youth organizations in building and correlating an adequate program for youth.

5. We recommend that each community in the county have a calendar for youth activities and that these be made available so as to facilitate the scheduling of events.

6. We commend those who have worked towards making a ski area available near Cutsforth Park. We wish to call to the attention of the people that there is a possibility for more development of a winter sports area at that place. If the area is to be used for this purpose more development is necessary.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:
Morrow county is fortunate in not having a real juvenile delinquency problem. An overwhelming percent of teenagers are well-behaved. While there were figures given that only 3% of the youth in our country are delinquents, there are more than that who present problems. The principle problem seems to be that the troublesome min-

Monument News

By **MARTHA MATTESON**
The Bob Kelly family of Long creek came down Sunday morning to the Joe Mellor home where the wife and children stayed while Bob went fishing for steelhead.

Mr and Mrs Fred McWillis drove to Redmond Tuesday on business. They returned home Friday evening.

Gary Engle, Mr and Mrs Lyle Van Dusen and children were Sunday dinner guests at the McWillis home.

Mr and Mrs Earl Lewis and children spent Friday evening at Top visiting at the Jack Forrest home.

Mr and Mrs Fred McWillis drove to John Day Monday on business.

Robert Gertson and Charlie Crombie drove to John Day Saturday.

Word was received late Saturday that Grandmother Capon-

ority does not enter into activities with the majority. For lack of good activities they turn to bad. A 100% participation in worth while activities would leave little time or incentive for delinquent proclivities.

To help solve this problem there needs to be more counselling with youth and all youth encouraged to take part in worthwhile activities.

We recommend that the city councils, judges, city recorders and the citizens of the communities support and cooperate with the law enforcement officers.

When the representatives of some of the high schools of the county met with the committee the teenagers themselves brought out some very pertinent observations:

1. Parents need to be firm in controlling the child's driving, and they must assume responsibility for the way their young person drives.

2. The present liquor laws pertaining to teenagers should be enforced.

3. Advertising on TV and radio programs has a terrific influence for both smoking and drinking. The ads are being aimed at the young people.

4. Discipline of the child must start at an early age. If there has not been discipline as a young child the problem is multiplied when he becomes a teenager.

5. The teacher should have the right to discipline young people in his charge. Parents should support the teacher in this.

had passed away at the rest home in Redmond where she had been living for the past two years. She leaves one son, George, daughters and step-daughters and grandchildren. Her son Harry and a daughter, Nora Boyer, preceded her in death.

Mr and Mrs William Settle returned from Colorado where they have been living since selling their store here.

Mr and Mrs Barney Cork and children of Prineville were here over the weekend visiting with their folks Edna Moore, the Roy Corks, Boyers and Leslies.

Ansil Martin started work Friday for the telephone company.

Mr and Mrs Henry Martin returned home Sunday after a two week trip to Salem and other points.

The M M M club met at the home of Mae McWillis Thursday afternoon instead of at Olive Cox's due to illness. They plan a rummage sale for March 29.

Some of our boys went to Pendleton to see the ball games and a number of folks went to Spray for the show and dance Saturday night.

Jim Croker drove to John Day Monday on business for his garage.

Helen Brown and Mary Du Bosch drove to John Day Thursday morning where Helen underwent surgery. They returned home Saturday noon.

4-H CLUB NEWS

THE HOOF AND HORN LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Hoof and Horn Livestock club met at the home of Jerry Anderson Sunday, March 9. The meeting was called to order by president Jerry. Roll call was answered by telling how our animals are.

Judy Jones gave a report on dairy breeds. Jerry Anderson gave a report on the hay pelleting plant on Butter Creek.

We made plans to go to the Federated farm at Ordinance the 15th of March with our leaders, N C Anderson and Marcel Jones. We discussed going to the Portland markets also.

Under old business we continued judging of dairy breeds. There was no new business. The meeting was adjourned and we went to the barn to see the 4-H

projects. Refreshments were served to Judy Jones, Ronnie Jones, Marcel Jones, N C Anderson, Jerry Anderson and David and Douglas Anderson.

Douglas Anderson, reporter

IONE School Notes

Linda Heimbigner won the United Nations Pilgrimage contest. She will enter the final contest March 29.

Several students are entering the speech festival at Irrigon March 18. Parents-teachers conferences will be held April 1 and 2nd. The report cards will also be

given out at this time. Spring vacation will be March 21 and 22. The High school will give a play April 10.

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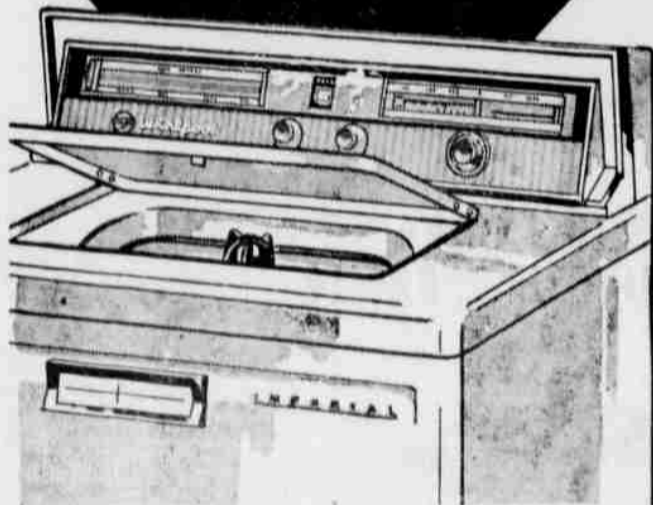


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