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## Why A Port District?

(The following article was written by county judge Oscar Peterson and was sent to us as a letter to the editor. We feel it covers the question on the formation of a port district within Morrow county so thoroughly that we are using it here as an editorial, and as an explanation of what the measure means. This paper is in agreement with Judge Peterson that the port district measure should be given the approval of the voters on November 4.)

On the ballot to be voted upon in the general election November 4 there appears a question or resolution (300 x Yes; 301 x No) which reads as follows: "Shall that portion of Morrow county, state of Oregon, described as being the whole of said county, be incorporated as a municipal corporation to be known as the Port of Morrow, in accordance with the provisions of ORS Chapter 777 which provides for incorporation under the general law of ports in counties bordering upon bays or rivers navigable from the sea or containing bays or rivers navigable from the sea, and which defines the powers of ports so incorporated." In short, it means simply this: "Shall we or shall we not form a port district here in Morrow county?"

Petitions containing more than 200 names have been filed with the county court asking that there be submitted to the legal voters of Morrow county whether the county of Morrow shall be incorporated as a municipal corporation to be known as the Port of Morrow.

Just what is the need for a port district and what is the purpose of it all?

The reasons are many and varied. Support of the federal development of the Columbia-Snake river waterways system is being given an impetus on the local level through port districts between the mouth of the Columbia river and the confluence of the Snake and the Columbia. There are 21 of these districts now; 12 of them were formed prior to the completion of Bonneville dam in 1938. The remaining nine have come into existence since the comprehensive de-

velopment of our river system has gotten underway. Six more, including the pending establishment of one here in Morrow county, are now in the process of being organized.

We need to be organized to stay competitive. Port districts expend their own public funds to provide cargo handling facilities, docks, warehouses, grain elevators, petroleum storage, dry-docks and other services to shippers and receivers. They also can, after public hearings are held, create industrial development districts. The power and authority given ports is vested in, and shall be exercised by a board of three commissioners. Ports assess, levy and collect by annual tax an amount not to exceed two mills and in very few instances has the levy come up to that, or even in excess of one mill. Ports have the same right of eminent domain to take property for public uses as already exists within the state.

The mighty Columbia river is at our front door—27 miles of it with an unlimited water supply. Upon completion of the John Day dam, slack water navigation will be possible to the Pasco-Kennewick area, and in the not-too-distant future all the way to Lewiston, Idaho. This river system is an artery of international commerce. Hydroelectric power rates along the Columbia are comparable to the lowest in the nation, and there is an abundance of it for more than 40% of the power potential of the entire nation lies right here in our Columbia basin watershed. Also, we have superior transportation facilities in the form of railroads and U.S. highways and we are close to many natural resources.

We are living in a rapidly expanding Pacific Northwest and we need an organization that can assist in not only the development of the river but of our own Morrow county as well. A port district can do this job. We need to expand our tax base and how better can this be done than through the building of industry right here in our area. How better can it be done than through an organization set up specifically for the industrial advancement of the county?

We believe all this can be done through a port commission.

## County Agent's News

By N C ANDERSON

One of the recommendations coming out of last winter's Morrow County Town and Country Planning Conference was an indication from the farm crops committee that a cost study on wheat production was needed. Harold Snider, lone, chairman of this sub-committee spent quite a bit of time with a number of farmers and with Oregon State college farm management specialist, Manning Becker, in working out cost schedules on the various operations for an overall production cost. It soon became evident that there were many different conditions affecting costs of operation and that a hurried up study would not reflect all of the many conditions prevalent throughout our county. It was decided by the committee and later approved at the conference that a cost study should be made soon taking each operation separately in arriving at a total cost per acre. A number of farmers indicated interest in cooperating with such a study at the time. Arrangements have now been made for Mr Becker to spend November 11, 12 and 13 in the county setting up the procedure for the study. In order for this to represent all types of soil, rainfall and farming methods we want to have at least 15 farmers scattered about the county involved in the cost study. Harold Snider, lone, chairman of the sub-committee or I would appreciate having a phone call or contact from anyone who is interested in this project. We will need to hear from you soon as time is growing short for getting details underway.

With the widespread infestation of spotted alfalfa aphid here in Morrow county farmers who are planning to seed new fields of alfalfa in the spring are urged to consider seeding Lahonton,

the only variety with aphid resistance. The damage done by the spotted alfalfa aphid is especially serious in new seedings of alfalfa. While Lahonton is bound to be a little higher priced than the seed of other varieties it is good hay alfalfa. It is one of the top yielders in several alfalfa demonstrations in our neighboring experiment stations. It would be wise to buy the seed that you will need for next spring now.

From the time all of us grumble about taxes which seem to increase each year. A part of the taxes that go up each year are those for road building and maintenance purposes. Recently we read an article which made us feel that perhaps taxes expended for road building were doing some good. The article read as follows: "Of the farm property sold in the fall and winter of

1957-58, about one fifth were on dirt roads and two fifths on gravel roads. Reporters estimated that the property on dirt roads would have sold from 3 to 11% higher, depending on the area, if they had been on gravel roads, and from 7 to 32% higher if they had been on hard surface roads. If the properties on gravel roads had been on hard surface roads, it was estimated that the sales prices would have been about 5% higher."

Morrow County Wheat Growers Association county committee chairman will attend a workshop training session at the Pendleton Memorial armory at Pendleton on Tuesday, October 28. This all day meeting will be aimed at bringing these people up to date on current projects, programs and league activities that will be helpful in county meetings. Those who have been in-

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times  
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Mr and Mrs R B Rice of Artesian Well farm were in the city on Saturday for a few hours.

Upon closing the registration books, Clerk Anderson has figured the increase over the preceding registration and finds it to be 5 percent. The total registration is 2297, distributed as follows: Republicans, 1667; Democrats, 530; Socialists, 20; miscellaneous, 68; progressives, 3; prohibitionists, 9.

Dr John Perry Conder, candidate for joint representative, Morrow and Umatilla counties, returned the end of the week from a thorough canvass of his district.

Gay M Anderson, Gay, Jr, Dr F E Farrior and Spencer Crawford arrived home late Sunday night from Portland.

Harold Cohn, Phillip Mahoney and Pete Kilkenny took in the Oregon - Washington football game at Portland on Saturday and got a lot of genuine thrills out of the performance.

Invited from Morrow county are production and land use chairman and vice chairman, Tad Miller and Kenneth Turner; wheat disposal and transportation, Kenneth Peck, and Bob Jensen; federal agricultural programs, Walter Jacobs and John Graves; taxation and legislation, Fredrick Martin and Harold Beach; youth activities, Bernard Doherty and Alfred Nelson, Jr; domestic wheat utilization, Mrs Kenneth Peck and Mrs Jack Barak. County president, Milton Morgan and vice president, Max Barclay will also attend the session. Information received during this day will be used by the chairmen in the conduct in committee meetings at the annual fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association which will be held at the Lexington Grange hall on Monday, November 10.

## PINE CITY SADDLE CLUB

The Pine City 4-H Saddle club organized Sunday, October 19 at the Pine City school.

Charles Daly, leader of the club opened the meeting. Election of officers were Billy Doherty, president; Tommy Martin, secretary-treasurer and Karla Luciani, news reporter.

Other members include Julie Smith, Mitchell Ashbeck, David Proudfoot, and Bernard Doherty. The next meeting will be the evening of November 11 at the Bill Doherty home.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Doherty and Charles Daly. Karla Luciani, reporter

## "Chats With Your Home Agent"

By ESTHER KIRMIS

It amazes me the large projects our 4-H leaders and parents undertake in Morrow county! My first experience with this dynamic group was at the Morrow county fair. The 4-H council members appointed committees—the committees functioned—result? A 4-H booth, a 4-H float, and a 4-H public dinner one day of the fair.

This month I see a repeat performance. We're getting ready to have our annual 4-H achievement party on November 1st. The 4-H achievement party committee appointed Mrs Kenneth Peck, Lexington, chairman of the program committee; Mrs William Rawlins, lone, decoration chairman; Max Barclay, Heppner, physical plant and clean-up committee chairman; and Mrs Walter Corley, lone, lone chairman of the food committee with Mrs Walter Wright, Mrs Harold Wright, Mrs Marcel Jones and Mrs Harlan McCurdy as co-chairman. Besides the people mentioned above about 40 other 4-H leaders and parents are assisting in carrying out the plans for this enormous "Potluck" party which is to be held in the fair pavilion in Heppner.

Nels Anderson, the county agent, and I met with these committee chairmen last Friday and now the wheels are beginning to roll. The menu has been selected, the decorations planned, and the awards program mapped out. Next comes the mimeographing of letters to inform all 4-H members they are to receive their 4-H pins and special awards on the night of November 1st—and parents are asked to bring the food to feed this crowd of some 300 people.

The wonderful part about it all is the "friendships" that develop from these people working together on committees. People from all over the county are brought together because their children are enrolled in 4-H. They get acquainted, like each other, and invitations to "Come and see us" are very frequent. The symbol of the "4-H heart" is truly exemplified.

I'm feeling like the "traveling minstrel man" this month as I visit each extension unit in the county with my "bag of tricks" on color. It's all very enjoyable as I am getting acquainted with many more extension unit members than ever before and seeing the community where they live.

The color lesson includes a film strip on "color, the key to decorating" put out by Better Homes and Gardens; a quick brush up on color vocabulary; and a work session on color problems. I divide the group into four divi-

## Open House Slated Sunday by Catholics

An open house will be held at St Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner on Sunday, October 26 from five until six p m, the Rev Gerald Condon announced this week.

Visitors will be conducted through the church and will be given an explanation of the various sacred vessels and vestments used at Mass and also of the other religious objects of the church.

Following the visit to the church, refreshments will be served by the women of the Altar society in the church basement.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Fireman Save Your Firehouse!

Looking back over these columns for the past six years, I notice I've always been partial to the "unlikely" twist.

For instance, the policeman who got a ticket for parking... the candidate who forgot to vote on Election Day... the fireman who discovered that the firehouse was burning.

But now I've got to confess one on myself. I started with the Clarion twenty years ago—and every night since, a copy of the newspaper has been left at my front door. Not so last

night—my subscription expired!

From where I sit, the trouble with all of us now and again is that we get so wrapped up in other people's affairs that we neglect our own. It's like the people who are concerned with my right to enjoy an occasional glass of beer. I don't impose my choice on them—why shouldn't they act likewise. We all have enough to do to keep our own "papers" in order.

Joe Marsh

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## STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 23, 24, 25

### Left Handed Gun

Paul Newman, Lita Milan, John Dehner. PLUS

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With Arthur Franz, Doris Dowling

Sun., Mon., Oct. 26, 27

Walt Disney's

### Light In The Forest

Fess Parker, Joanne Dru, Wendell Corey and many more. Sunday at 4, 6, 8.

Tues., Wed., Oct. 28, 29

### King Solomon's Mines

Deborah Kerr, Stewart Granger.