

Industrial Planning Group Now Officially Organized

Representatives of the six-county planning organization got back in gear last Thursday afternoon, after a delay of one week while discussion centered around a fight between the state tax commission and the Wasco county assessor over tax valuation for the Harvey Aluminum Company in The Dalles.

Thursday the group took positive action as is reported in the following story which appeared in Friday's East Oregonian:

The Mid Columbia Planning Council was organized in Pendleton and its first order of business was to request that the nation's largest firm of engineering consultants submit a proposal for making a planning study of the area.

The Council will be composed of representatives of county courts, port commissions and

planning commissions in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Hood River counties.

The Council's officers, elected yesterday, are Judge Oscar Peterson, Morrow county chairman; Judge D R (Sam) Cook, Umatilla county, vice-chairman; Judge Higgins, Hood River county, secretary-treasurer.

Prior to yesterday's meeting the organization had been operating through a steering committee composed of representatives of the six county courts.

The organization was started two months ago to plan industrial development in the six Columbia River counties after the state had established a space age industrial park at Boardman.

After hearing a proposal from Robert Tarr, director of the state department of Planning and Development, and William Rooney, western representative of Ebasco

Services, the council voted to request a formal proposal from Ebasco for a planning study.

Tarr explained that federal funds would be available to match any funds the council provided for planning and that the state funds in the amount of \$4,000 were available now. He suggested that Ebasco Services could do an effective planning study because the organization's findings were highly respected in investment houses on Wall Street.

Ebasco, he said, would associate Thomas J Murray and Associates, Portland, and Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield of Corvallis, in a planning study of the six county area.

Rooney explained that a planning study would establish economic development potentials and would determine what was economically and sociologically best for the region and each community in the region.

He said, "You are about to get into the big leagues. This planning study will prepare you for big league competition."

Rooney also said that the planning study would have an important effect on investors looking to the west. He said, "It will count heavily in your favor when investors see that you are taking care of this job yourselves."

Rooney estimated that the study would cost \$15,000.

Judge Peterson said the council now had \$7,400 to contribute to the study. This includes \$1,500 each from the Umatilla county court and the Port of Umatilla Commission; \$1,500 each from the Morrow county court and Morrow county Port Commission; \$1,000 from the Hood River county court and \$400 from the Sherman county court. No members of the Gilliam county court were present at the meeting so the extent of their financial participation will have to be determined later.

Wasco county judge James Hunt said that his county would not be able to participate in the study until its tax problems were settled. He was referring to a dispute between the Wasco county Board of Equalization and the state Tax Commission as to the assessed valuation of the Harvey Aluminum Co. plant at The Dalles. Until this is resolved it will not be known how much in taxes the Harvey company must pay Wasco county and the State of Oregon.

Judge Peterson asked that within five days the county courts, port commissions and planning commissions designate their representatives on the Mid-Columbia Planning Council.

Tarr congratulated the council on its action. He said "Responsible professional planning must be shown to any company that is looking at this area. You have recognized that by your action of today, I am sure that the federal government will pledge considerable financial aid to this because of the importance of what you propose to do."

Tarr revealed that six major prospects are studying preliminary information that has been submitted to them by the state Department of Planning and Development on the space age industrial park at Boardman.

Judge Peterson told the Gazette-Times Wednesday that the council has requested a formal proposal from Ebasco Services, planning consultants, and that it is hoped that this information will be forthcoming within a short time. If the proposal is accepted by the council, actual planning work will probably begin immediately.

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PLANNERS ORGANIZE—Morrow county judge Oscar Peterson (center) was named president of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, at the organizational meeting of the six-county group last week in Pendleton. At left is Umatilla county judge Sam Cook, vice chairman, and Hood River judge Harris Higgins, secretary-treasurer. See story. (Cut courtesy The Dalles Chronicle)

Many Machinery Exhibits Expected To Add Interest

Last minute plans for the Morrow county fair which gets underway on Tuesday of next week were made when several groups met this week. With renewed interest in machinery exhibits the fair board arranged for exhibit space for what they hope will be one of the best machinery exhibits yet. Booths began to shape up with quite a number of organizations developing background on the theme "Fairy Tale Lane". Twenty one booths have been reserved at this time, reports N C Anderson, secretary of the fair committee.

4-H livestock leaders and superintendents made plans for the annual 4-H and FFA livestock sale with a committee representing the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. John Graves, chairman reported that there would be approximately 15 steers, 20 lambs and 12 pigs to go through this year's sale.

Members of the Livestock Association committee, Raymond French, Barton Clark, Dick Wilkinson and Ralph Beamer and FFA instructor, L L Robbins with John Graves pointed out that there are still some people who do not understand the sale provisions. With ceilings of 5 cents over the market price on beef and 10 cents on sheep and hogs, with exception of the grand champion animals, persons who wish to support the sale could spend no more than \$10 on a lamb; \$20 on a pig and \$50 on a steer considering the average weight and these support prices if they chose to resell the animal. The committee is hopeful of making contact with businesses and others who might like to encourage a Future Farmer or 4-H member by paying the difference between resale value and the ceiling price. Interested persons are invited to visit with any of this committee, 4-H leaders, or the county agents.

The group made plans for the annual pig scramble which will be held immediately before the sale. Besides providing this entertainment, free coffee will be served during the sale to insure the utmost comfort for all buyers.

4-H leaders, superintendents and parents are invited to participate in a fairgrounds clean up day scheduled for this Saturday. Pens will be readied, the livestock judging arena put up and everything put in ship shape condition for receiving exhibits on Monday.

A complete program of events for fair week appears elsewhere in today's paper.

Negotiations Under Way For Purchase Of School Site

Negotiations are presently underway between the Morrow county school district and Frank S Parker for the purchase of 32 acres of land from Parker as the site for a new Heppner high school, it was revealed this week by the school superintendent's office.

The Parker site, which lies west of the west end of Water street, and south of Morgan street on a fairly flat bench, is one of several which had been considered by the board as the location for the new school. Surveys by the board members, and engineering consultants gave the location a high rating among those being considered, and several weeks ago negotiations were started for purchase of the property. School Superintendent Robert Van Houte said that while all details of the purchase have not yet been worked out, it is expected that both parties will agree on terms within a few days.

The 32 acre site will ultimately be developed into a full high school plant, complete with athletic field and all related facilities, but present plans call for the construction of from four to six classrooms during the coming year which will serve as grade school rooms to ease a serious housing shortage in this division. As the building program can be developed during the next two or three years, the complete high school plant will be constructed on the Parker site and the present high school building converted into a junior high school.

The firm of Tuft and Hayslip, Portland architects, who designed the Heppner grade school, are now drawing plans for the first unit of the new school and it is hoped that construction can start within a few months.

Tentative plans call for the school to be served by two streets, one to be an extension of Water street and the other to enter the site from the west off the county road which borders the area on that side.



TOM DRISCOLL

Heppner Gridder On Shrine Team

Hundreds of Morrow county football fans are expected in Pendleton Saturday to watch the Shrine All-Star football game and to see a Heppner gridder, Tom Driscoll, perform for the East team.

Driscoll, who was a top player all of his four years in Heppner high school, is listed as a half-back for the East squad and he is the third lightest, but second fastest man on the team. He has been training with the East Squad at La Grande.

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School Opening Slated Sept. 6

County school superintendent Robert Van Houte announced this week that all county schools will open on Tuesday, September 6 with regular classes.

A more complete schedule of registration and other information on school opening will appear next week, but Van Houte emphasized that all school offices are now open during the day and that parents are welcome to discuss registration or school problems with local school officials.

County School Post Filled

The Morrow county school board Monday night appointed Harold Baker, Boardman, as member of the board. He fills the position vacated July 1 by Henry Gantenbein, who resigned.

Baker was named to the post after he had been selected by popular vote at an election held last week in the Boardman area. The local school committee had been requested to submit the name of a resident of that area, but after a difference of opinion had kept the committee from arriving at any decision, put the matter up to the voters at a special straw ballot. He will serve until June 30, 1961.

In other business the board approved contracts for two new teachers, and their hiring fills all positions in the county school system. Hired were William McKinney who will teach the 7th grade at Ione. He comes here from Evans Valley in the Rogue River area. Also hired was Otto Abrahamson of Minot, North Dakota, who will teach typing, shorthand and business subjects at Heppner high school.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	99	58	—
Friday	95	46	—
Saturday	90	49	—
Sunday	86	50	—
Monday	76	48	.32
Tuesday	64	46	.03
Wednesday	79	49	—

Rainfall for the week .35; for August .86; for the year 9.19 inches.

Railroads Seek Rate Reduction For Grain Haul

A general reduction in railroad freight rates for moving grain from interior Pacific Northwest points to coast terminals will be filed Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D C and is expected to become effective September 30, 1960.

The new rates, under study for a year, will put an estimated \$7 million in the pockets of grain growers who are traditionally paid the coast terminal price less the published railroad freight rate for their crop.

The rates will cover all principal shipping points in Oregon, Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana.

The reductions are being made in an attempt to meet unregulated truck-barge competition which has tripled its tonnages since 1957 and has penetrated up to 200 miles beyond river points, according to Harold J Turner of the Oregon Railroad Association.

"Many railroad branch lines, such as the Grass Valley in Sherman county and the Condon line in Gilliam county, exist today only because of grain traffic," Turner said. "If railroads don't meet competition by lowering grain rates, they will continue to lose this vital traffic and will be forced to abandon many branch lines."

Examples of the proposed reductions per 100 pounds from representative Oregon points to Portland-Vancouver are: Pendleton, Athena, Milton-Freewater, all 26c reduced to 18c, Umatilla 22c to 16c, Heppner 20c to 18c.

The railroad spokesman indicated that Northwest grain marketing in California would be protected by rate reductions to maintain present relationships on shipping costs to California points from origins in Oregon, Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana. Tariffs covering this phase will be filed before local Northwest cuts become effective.

The new Northwest tariffs involve Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Milwaukee Road and Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroads and their subsidiary lines.

Museum Plans Special Opening Hours During Fair

The Morrow county museum commission announced this week that the museum will be open to the public on several extra days next week to accommodate fair and rodeo visitors who might like to tour the building and exhibits.

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it will be open from 1 to 5 p m, on Saturday from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 3, and on Sunday regular hours of 2 to 5 p m.

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Heart Attack Takes Life of Howard R Evans

Howard Ray Evans, 49, well known Spray rancher, died Tuesday of a heart attack while he was on his way to Heppner from his home near Spray. A physician was called to meet him at Hardman but he had passed away before medical aid could arrive.

Mr Evans was born Oct 27, 1910 in Morrow county and had lived his entire life in this area. He was a member of the Heppner Elks lodge and the Oregon Cattleman's association.

Survivors include his widow, Harriet; three daughters, Alma L Younce, Mary E Evans and Georgia H Evans, all of Spray; his mother, Mrs Emma Evans, Portland; one brother, Harold of Heppner. He also leaves two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a m at the Heppner Christian church with the Rev Charles Knox officiating. Burial will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Horse Show Plans Readied

A full day of the popular Morrow County Fair and Rodeo horse show will attract many persons to the arena Friday, Aug 26 to watch the 24 or more separate events and contests that are scheduled.

Fred Mankin, show superintendent announces that all entries for the show close on Wednesday, Aug 24 at 8 p m, that halter classes will be judged beginning at 9 a m Friday, and working and performance classes will show starting at 1:15 in the afternoon.

Horse show judge will be Les Marks of Fossil and Howard Bryant is arena director. Show secretary is Beverly Steagall and her assistants will be Sue Valentine, Karen Valentine, Pat Dougherty, Janice Beamer and Joan Robinson. The announcer for the show is to be Bruce Lindsay.

A complete list of divisions can be found in the premium list, and a list of all divisions and chairmen can be obtained from Beverly Steagall, Wranglers riding club secretary. The club is supervising the show.

ATTENDS POSTMASTER MEETING

Mr and Mrs James Driscoll attended the meeting and potluck dinner of the postmasters at the home of Mrs F McClintock in Cecil on Sunday.

Rodeo Fans to Be Treated to New, Fast Events

Rodeo fans will be treated to some new events at the rodeo, chairman Floyd Jones and his committee revealed this week, and one of the most interesting will be the girls' OBRA barrel racing which is scheduled on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday programs.

This new event is open to members of the Oregon Barrel Racing Association who are 15 years of age and over and it promises to be a snappy event. There will also be Wrangler barrel racing on the Saturday night show, Jones said.

All the other popular rodeo events that have become a tradition for the local show will also be presented. Top among these is the contest for the Northwest Amateur Saddle Bronc championship, bareback riding, calf roping, bull dogging, bull riding and the always-popular Morrow county amateur calf roping, which brings out the best of the local ropers. The Morrow county chariot race and the wild horse race will be features of the Saturday night show. The Morrow county derby will again be a high point of the Sunday performance.

Jones said the committee is stressing a fast show this year and that it will not last over three hours. A top professional announcer will keep rodeo fans advised of events. He is W V "Bill" Jones of Vancouver, Wash., who is also editor of the well-known horseman's magazine, The Lariat.

The Rose City Sound Service of Portland has received the contract to provide the sound system for all performances and rodeo officials emphasized that the system will be adequate for all seats in both stands.

An interesting feature of the grand rodeo parade on Saturday will be the entry of the Long Creek high school band, one of the best known in this section of the state. The Heppner high band is also practicing for the parade and rodeo.

Stock for this year's show is again being furnished by John Van Belle of Outlook, Washington.

DEMO WOMEN MAKE PLANS FOR Campaign Work During Fall

Morrow county Democratic women voters met August 12 at the W C Rosewall home and made plans for the group's activities during the coming political campaign.

The meeting was opened with the reading of an editorial entitled, Women Voters, which stressed the role of women in politics and particularly in the coming election.

In lieu of electing officers, the planning committee composed of Miss Marguerite Glavey, Mrs Marcel Jones, Mrs Max Barclay and Mrs Clive Huston, assisted by Mrs Paul Brown, temporary chairman, volunteered to head the organization.

Among the group's activities will be a plan to educate the voter on proper voting, and to contact every non-registered voter, regardless of party affiliation, to urge them to register. The women will also greet all Democratic candidates who visit the county.

Mrs Harry Duvall and Mrs Newt O'Hara won jeweled donkey pins, and members will order similar pins to wear while working at the Democratic booth at the fair.

Another meeting is set for early September with the date to be announced.

ON EUROPEAN TRIP

From friends who have heard from Mrs Sam Turner and Mrs Edna Turner, who left on a European trip the middle of July, they are having a wonderful time. So far they have visited in Scotland, Norway, Ireland, Sweden and Germany.