

Chamber Talks Recreation Areas

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road now nearing completion will make much easier access to the area.

Water Adequate

A water survey showed that Ditch creek waste water would fill Herren Meadows every 12 days, Cutsforth said, and clay soil is such that it would hold water without seepage.

North Jones Prairie reservoir would make a fine skating facility in winter time, just two miles from the Arbuckle Mountain ski development, the parks commission chairman said. Since the road must be kept open to reach Arbuckle in the winter, the access would be easy for the additional two miles.

Jim Farley urged that the Chamber start a project of working towards development, "put some cash into the deal and get something done." He pointed out that the Chamber spearheaded the field light project and paid off the indebtedness over a period of time. "We seem to work better and get more done when we are in debt," he said.

Committee To Be Named
It was suggested that the Chamber consult the Forest Service on work that it has done towards recreation planning in the areas mentioned. Ed Dick said that since water resources are involved, government authority would be needed before development could be done, even if it were possible to acquire the properties involved.

Members agreed that President Randall Peterson should appoint a committee to further explore these possibilities for recreational development. Some members said some in the county are changing their thinking in regard to the need for recreational development, partly as a result of the popularity of Bull Prairie and the interest it is attracting from persons living out of the area.



MISS MARTI DIXON

Youth to Spend Summer Abroad

Miss Martha Dixon, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon, will leave Sunday for Seattle, Wn., on the first stage of a trip to the east coast and on by plane to Austria for the summer.

Miss Dixon arrived home Sunday, following orientation sessions in Chicago in preparation for her participation in the Operation Mobilization, joining other Methodist youth in teams during July and August, working with pastors in Austria to reach its unevangelized youth. She completed her first year at Asbury college, Wilmore, Ky., this spring.

From New York the teams will fly to Brussels for one week and receive their assignments. Miss Dixon will sing in German with a girls' trio and do other work. She expects to return to the states in early September.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burgoyne and daughter Nichole of Klamath Falls were recent guests of the Kenneth Smouse family in Lone. Mr. Burgoyne is a brother to Mrs. Smouse.

Gordon Pratt Presents Report on Heppner High, Recommendations

Gains made at Heppner High during the past nine years were outlined by Principal Gordon Pratt in a talk before the district school board at its regular June meeting. He also gave recommendations for future consideration.

Excerpts from his talk follow: In the year 1956, after Mr. Stewart had been here for one year, I found Heppner High school to be on its way out of what I would term a bad slump. Through efforts of Mr. Stewart and me, a number of things were accomplished that affected the council and the student body and the faculty. Overt action was taken to improve the dress habits of particularly the girls in the school and the neatness of the appearance of the students in general. The standard of education and the level of work by students was appreciably superior in a very short time. Regular school dances and other school activities were instituted which greatly affected the conduct of students.

More emphasis was put on student government and although punishment and rewards were never given as responsibilities of student council, many projects were started through these years by the student council which again affected the conduct and morals of the student body. At the present time, most students are taking some part in either student government or club organizations and the feeling is that with this interest the attitudes toward class work is improved. Conversely, those students who take no part in any student activity are usually the same students who do not do well in school.

Counseling Stressed
One of the most dynamic effects upon total progress was the institution of the counseling program. This particular program has done much to aid the students and solve some very basic problems, more than any other program.

Scholarship assistance has risen from almost nothing to this year's total of \$7,800. We have not only made available information on where to apply for scholarship assistance, but also, how to apply.

A great deal of time and effort is spent in helping our students after they have graduated, both in job counseling and college counseling. The help given students in planning next year's program, can be evaluated in

the progress of these students who have graduated. They generally have been steered in a direction allied with their interest and capabilities. It is my earnest desire that this program be strengthened and enlarged to include at least the Junior High school. With the counseling program, students are able to bring personal problems to the attention of the appointed counselors.

Our policy has been to create confidence in our counselors by the students, by never divulging personal information which was entrusted to the counselors.

Athletics Contributes
Some may say that our total athletic program is a paradox and in some way I may agree. It has been my policy to strengthen the athletic program, particularly through the practice of athletics, by instituting training rules and strengthening and increasing requirements in school organizations, through limiting participation.

To my knowledge, the athletic program has not dominated the total program, but rather, has maintained its influence and has maintained its rightful place in the student curriculum. There has been some significant additions to the athletic program: 1. Athletic director. 2. Cross country program. 3. Golf program. These additions have proved to be not only satisfactory, but of great advantage to the program. It is my feeling that in years to come we should see more emphasis placed on individual sports such as golf, track, swimming, tennis, skiing, and on team sports such as football, basketball, and baseball. If it is our duty to educate students for living, then this philosophy must prevail, as very few ever become outstanding team athletes.

Lately, we developed an Intramural program which would satisfy the needs of all students who do not compete in the athletic program.

New Building Helps
Much controversy has taken place over the building of the new high school, as many people simply do not understand the effect that fine facilities have on the educational growth of our youth. The impact of this new facility has been dynamic and with one stride, has advanced the high school education of students here immensely.

The part of our program which has made steady progress over these last years has been in the area of curriculum. I should simply like to list the courses which have been added to the curriculum since 1956. We have been able to offer shorthand and bookkeeping each year, although these courses were offered previously on an every other year basis. Beginning business for freshmen has also been added in the general business area. In science we have added a biology course for freshmen students who show outstanding ability in science and who might want to take a biology II course which is an advanced course preparing students for college biology. In English we have added a full year course of journalism and a Senior course of composition and have made speech a yearly course. To meet the requirements of students who might wish to enter many fields requiring math, we added a course in advanced math to prepare these students. Although our program is not entirely satisfactory at the present time, we have added a shop one and two course, but

they are not entirely successful and will improve when they can be properly housed. Additions to the social studies has been international relations. A course in business law is now offered. One of the most successful programs has been our developmental reading program which is offered to every student each year. In no sense is this a remedial course in reading, but rather as its name implies, developmental. It was introduced to do two things: a. Increase reading comprehension. b. Increase the reading rate of speed. Current reports have indicated that this program is successful in accomplishing the desired goals. Our foreign language program has

been erratic because of our inability to hire personnel to teach in this area.

Recommendations:

The following is a list of recommendations which are in no order or sequence and have no priority rating:

1. Building an adequate agricultural shop in Heppner.
2. Closing Lone High school.
3. A creation of an adequate 6-6 program.
4. Venture into team teaching.
5. Improve plan for school lunch program.
6. A salary schedule for Morrow County which attracts the strongest possible teachers and will keep them on the faculty.
7. The abolition of advisory

board.

8. The creation of lay committees to work in specific areas.

9. An adequate football, baseball and track area at the Heppner High school with lights so that all games could be played at Heppner High school.
10. More financial assistance on the district level for Heppner school athletics.
11. Increase curriculum in the area of fine art.
12. Finishing the music wing as a student lounge.
13. A joint effort by the school district and the city of Heppner in building a covered swimming pool at Heppner High school.
14. District purchase of all high school text books.

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