



A GROUP of community leaders check fallout pattern on a map during Civil Defense exercises in an all-day conference at Elks Temple Tuesday. From left are Glen Ward, C. C. Jones, Ken Methwin, John Wightman, Mrs. Ralph Skoubo, Don George, the Rev. Walter B. Crowell, Dave McLeod, Dale Price, director of the Civil Defense Education program and County Judge Paul Jones. The latter three are only partially visible at the far right. (G-T Photo)

60 Leaders Work On Civil Defense Problems Tuesday

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The second problem concerned the emergency that would exist following a nuclear attack on Portland and the McNary dam, and the group was asked to consider the local consequences and what actions would be imperative under the emergency situation.

Fallout Considered

Finally, the third problem had to do with fallout that would come following a nuclear attack and how the community must respond.

At the luncheon meeting in a preliminary talk, Chase discussed the defenses of the North American continent.

"There will not be another Pearl Harbor because of our defenses," he said. He explained the DEW line (distant early warning), BMEWS (ballistic missile early warning) and the umbrella of radar protection provided by SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment).

In explaining the magnitude of nuclear potential, Chase said that a one megaton bomb was equivalent to one million tons of TNT. This would be equivalent to a trainload of TNT 200 miles long, he said.

After the connection was made with Col. James, a public information officer at NORAD headquarters, the report was made from there that three unidentified aircraft had been spotted in the past 24 hours. It was necessary to send interceptors in two of the cases, and in each case the craft was determined to be friendly.

Actual Report
Since this was an actual report and not a simulated one, it brought pointed attention to the continuous vigilance of the nation's defenses.

Col. James said that NORAD currently is also tracking 721 objects in space of which 192 are payloads (satellites) and most of which are American, while 529 are space debris.

The conference opened at 8:30 with registration and welcome was extended by Judge Paul Jones. Attendance far exceeded expectations and continued to grow through the day until 69 were signed by mid afternoon.

Topics considered on the morning agenda were: Possible consequences of major disasters, Who has disaster readiness responsibility? What constitutes an adequate disaster readiness capability? Steps in Developing a Disaster Readiness Capability, Resources Available to Local Government, Establishing a Realistic Program for Your Community.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, who was in charge of Civil Defense in this county and made local arrangements for the conference, said that segments would follow up the conference to see that an effective warning system is developed, and that emergency equipment is ready and available.

Price said that the group did

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Group Discusses BLM Lands Use

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Group Awaits Report

Oscar Peterson, who has filed on a plot of BLM land under the Desert Entry act, was there representing the North Morrow County Irrigation association which has done some preliminary work towards development studies. Their filings, however, have temporarily been somewhat thwarted by a group of Portlanders who have filed on the land with the announced purpose of developing it by irrigation and with the reputed backing of millions of dollars.

Peterson said that an engineer's study by the association he represents is expected to be completed next week so that a statement may be made to the county court.

Should a Bureau of Reclamation project be developed, there would be a 160-acre limit per individual, Judge Jones said. This is just half that allowed on BLM entry. Some opposition was expressed to this limitation. Also under a Bureau of Reclamation project, the person must live on the land.

Could Prove Up in Year
Under a BLM desert entry it would be possible to prove it up in one year by making the total amount of improvements in that time, it was brought out at the meeting.

Another question posed at the meeting and unanswered was whether the navy bombing range might be released to be included in such a project.

After a 2 1/2-hour meeting, the officials toured the lands in question and said that the soil appeared sufficient to be capable of such an irrigation development.

The judge said that he expects to call a meeting of the planning commission, the port of Morrow and the county court to follow up on this meeting as soon as such a meeting can be arranged. It will be given publicity so that all interested may attend, he said.

an especially good job of studying the simulated problems. He was gratified with the response here.

Mrs. Paul (Betty) Brown assisted with registration and Mrs. Claude Graham and Mrs. Bauman prepared and served coffee for morning and afternoon breaks.

J. H. Heppner of Abbotsford, B. C., was seeking historical information on his first visit here last week. Although he has lived in Canada and British Columbia all his life, he felt that he might be linked to early settlers here, knowing that some of his relatives were in this area in the 1850's.

Those who were admitted for medical care and were later dismissed are the following: Carol Gribble, Heppner; Okey Knighten, Condon; Lois Johnston, Heppner; Earl Ayres, Jr., Heppner, and Craig Howard, Heppner.

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Directors Face School Matters At Busy Session

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special students living in the county for which the district has no program was presented. A committee composed of Directors Maxwell Jones, Cleveland, L. D. Tibbles, William Scrivner and Mrs. Irma West is studying the matter and met prior to regular session but has not completed its work.

Bid Method Changed

Change in the method of receiving bids on district purchases was made as a matter of policy after discussion by the board. Time of opening of bids henceforth will be set prior to the school meetings so that they may be tabulated in advance for presentation and consideration at the meetings.

A letter from City Superintendent Vic Grosheens of Heppner was read, pointing out that state funds might possibly be available for paving Morgan Street extension to Heppner High school. The paved street should provide two curbs and a walk, he said, but the state would not furnish the walk and one curb. He asked the district if it would be interested in supplying the one curb and the walk. The reply from the board is that it is definitely interested and will await the figures on costs.

Federal Benefit Eyed

Funds available to the district under Public Law 89-10, passed as Federal aid to education recently by Congress, were considered by the board. Title I of the act applies to the educationally deprived student and the county district is eligible for \$18,004.80 under this provision based on the number of students considered "deprived" in the county at the time of the 1961 census. The matter was turned over to the curriculum committee to consider areas where a suitable project might be developed.

Title 2 applies to libraries and textbooks and the amount available is determined on the basis of average daily membership in the district. Approximately \$2500 will be available to this county each year for five years.

Title 3 is designated for curriculum improvement. Money coming to the district this year will be used by the curriculum region, including Morrow and Umatilla counties. The sum unallocated for this provision has not been determined.

Coach Makes Appearance

Coach James Potter of Heppner High school appeared before the board to speak on several matters. He opposed some sections of football eligibility requirements which had been worked out by administrators, ostensibly in consultation with coaches. Coach Potter was joined in his objection in at least one instance by Director Tibbles, who voiced opposition to

section 7, which states, "Any student caught using tobacco or alcoholic beverages will be automatically suspended from athletic competition for a 3 month period."

The coach cited the need for an athletic director at Heppner High and related experiences in connection with jayvee football games where better supervision and assistance were needed. The high school had an athletic director during the past two years but after he resigned and a new administrator came, it was decided that the new administrator be given a year to work out his plans for an athletic director. The matter was left to the administrator and coaches to work out.

The football eligibility requirements were tabled for further study.

Tax Proposal Eyed

Supt. Potter gave a preview on what to expect if the 1 1/2% property tax limitation should be passed next year as proposed on an initiative petition being circulated.

The State Department of Education has taken four areas to determine what it would do in these example cases, he said. At Blue Mountain College, the present 2.7 millage would be cut in half, and the tax revenue

would drop from \$163,000 to \$136,000. In Pendleton, the schools would receive \$750,000 as compared with the present \$1,300,000 and in Stanfield the schools would lose 48% of their revenue.

Morrow county schools would also lose heavily. Supt. Potter said, but the amount has not been figured.

Coming Agenda

On the agenda for the Tuesday meeting at Boardman are the following items: 1. Consideration of exchange of land at Riverside High school site. 2. Consideration of the tavern relocation. 3. Lone school flood control program. 4. Consideration of working agreement with Morrow county Civil Defense officials. 5. Details pertaining to taking delivery on first school bus which was recently ordered. 6. Other business.

Mrs. Paul Doherty left this week for an indefinite stay in Portland to be near her husband, who has been a patient at the Veterans Administration hospital the past two months. He underwent major surgery September 30 and is showing some signs of improvement in his leg that was seriously injured in an automobile accident several months ago.

Parishioners Prepare To Serve Smorgasbord

Members of the parishes of St. Patrick's and St. Williams Catholic churches are busy this week making last minute preparations for the serving of their annual Harvest Smorgasbord dinner at St. Patrick's hall Sunday afternoon, October 17.

Mrs. Irene Wyman is serving as general chairman, assisted by officers and members of the altar societies.

Serving will be between 3 and 7 p.m., with a nursery provided for small children. The usual varieties of fine foods is promised those who attend. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$2 for adults; \$1 for high school age; 75c children, and pre-school free. A public invitation is extended to all to attend.



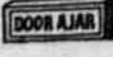
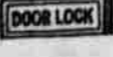




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