

# Boards Propose County Park District

Formation of a park district to include all of Morrow county with the exception of park districts already formed or in the process of formation at Boardman and Iririon is proposed by the county parks commission, Orville Cutsforth, chairman, said Wednesday.

The district would make possible the development of possible park sites as well as provide for maintenance and operation of those now formed (Cutsforth Park and Anson Wright park). It would provide the organization to obtain federal matching money for such purposes.

Decision to work towards the district was made at a meeting Monday with members of the county parks commission and the county planning commission present. Those attending were

County Judge Paul Jones; W. C. Rosewall, chairman of the county planning commission; Roy Lindstrom, member of the parks commission; Kenneth Lamb of the Iririon park district; Vernon Russell of the Boardman park district, now in the process of formation; and Cutsforth.

The group proposed that if the district is formed, an immediate objective be the development of a dam on Swale Creek, 28 miles from Heppner, and eight miles above Cutsforth park. The Swale Creek site is two miles above the Ditch Creek site that had been under consideration as another possibility for a dam impoundment.

Recent survey, however, showed that a dam on Ditch Creek was "out of reach" at this time

because of the difficulties involved in construction of a dam there.

**On Forest Service Land**

Cutsforth said that the Swale Creek dam and reservoir would be on National Forest land, and no cost would be involved in site purchase, provided that an agreement could be reached with the Forest Service to provide the site if costs of construction of the dam were borne on the local and federal matching basis.

The site is listed by the Forest Service as "outstanding" and is located on the proposed Western Route road, which will eventually extend through to Ukiah and run to Fossil.

The Swale Creek impoundment would cover 53 acres, making a lake nearly twice as

big as Bull Prairie, Cutsforth said. The occupancy area around the fringe of the lake and other land needs would bring the total area in the development to 118 acres. The district would ask the Forest Service to develop a park around the impoundment and maintain it. It is understood that no such money is available in the Forest Service budget here at this time, but the installation might be provided in a reasonable length of time, Cutsforth said.

The Forest Service has construction of the Swale Creek impoundment in its planning for the year 1960, the park commission chairman said.

**By Mill Levy Talked**

As envisioned by the parks commission, the proposed park (Continued on page 8)



THIS NEW CADILLAC ambulance with Superior coach, gift of Mrs. Amanda Duvall, will serve Morrow county and adjoining areas through Pioneer Memorial hospital. Bob Lowe, hospital engineer, who also serves as ambulance driver, stands beside the resplendent new ambulance. The ambulance is completely equipped with all accessories. (G-T Photo)

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## Fair and Rodeo Plans Discussed At Joint Meet

Plans for the 1966 Morrow county Fair and Rodeo were discussed at a joint meeting of the fair board and rodeo committee at the fair grounds Monday night with Bernard Doherty, fair board chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Leuna Smith, fair secretary, brought out that 4-H Demonstration Day this year will be held July 17, separate from the fair. Previously it has been held as a part of the fair but could not be worked into the crowded program this year. The 4-H Horse Show will also be held prior to the fair for the first time this year. It will be on Sunday, August 14.

Winners of these events will be eligible for competition in the state fair. More details will be announced at a later date.

Proposal to set regular meeting dates of the fair board and rodeo committee on the same night at the fairgrounds was discussed with some favor by those at the meeting. At the present time, the rodeo committee meets the first Wednesday night of the month and the fair board meets the third Monday. Since the groups are working for the same general purpose, it was felt that closer coordination might be achieved by having meetings the same night with a short time set aside for a combined meeting to consider matters that might be of interest to each group. The change may necessitate altering the rodeo committee by-law.

The two groups discussed improvements in progress at the grounds and the painting in progress at the buckeroo stands and on other facilities. Need for a new grandstand was stressed by some of those present.

The fair board authorized installation of a 42-inch fan in the ceiling of the fair pavilion for ventilation, acting on a report of Archie Munkers from the rodeo committee.

It approved the advertising budget for the fair and rodeo of \$738 proposed by Wes Sherman of the rodeo committee, including sums for advance programs, posters, newspaper advertising, radio advertising, bumper strips and other items.

It was decided that hours for rodeo dances this year will be 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. as compared with the former hours of 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## Meetings Slated On Public Lands

"Public land users and other interested parties will help decide the future proprietorship of public domain lands in Morrow county," so said Chester E. Conrad, BLM district manager, in announcing informal meetings at which possible BLM actions on these lands will be considered and discussed.

The meetings have been set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in the courthouse at Heppner and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, in the Grange hall, Boardman. All persons interested in the future use of the land are invited to attend.

This will be the first step in determining the proper classification of approximately 25,000 acres of public land in Morrow county, Conrad said.

Interested parties at the meetings will be asked to submit written recommendations for consideration prior to formulating a proposed classification of the lands.



STEVE WAGENBLAST of Heppner FFA shows off his Grand Champion Hereford steer at the Oregon Wheat Growers League Junior Livestock Show at The Dalles. This is the second consecutive year that the Lexington youth has won the award. This year's entry of wheat fed beef weighed in at 930 lb. Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Wagenblast, Lexington.

## C of C Discusses School Problems

Discussion of local school problems occupied much of the meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Dr. Wallace Wolff, who had represented the organization at recent meetings of the PTA study committee, touched off the discussion in a report to the Chamber. The study committee had been formed to help change the "image" of Morrow county for teachers and educators.

Many in the Chamber expressed concern over what might be done to create a more desirable situation here for those in the education field.

As a result of the discussion a committee was appointed by President Harley Young. As part of its function, it will seek ways of welcoming new teachers and will correlate its work with the PTA committee.

On the committee are Gene Pierce, chairman, Joe Balle, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Lynn Pearson, Tim Moore and Dr. Wolff.

Dr. Wolff said that there is a more rapid turnover of teachers than is compatible with the local situation.

The thought was expressed by others in remarks at the meeting that teachers are not given enough of a welcome here. This led to the suggestion that a Welcome Wagon or similar plan might be developed to help make not only teachers feel more at home but other newcomers as well.

The new committee held an evening meeting later and discussed further ideas, agreeing to correlate its work with the PTA group.

## Many Credited For Blood Bank Drawing Help

The Morrow County Red Cross chapter and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the blood program for the Red Cross here, released the names of those people who helped to put on the recent blood drive in Heppner.

Those telephoning to remind possible donors and to make appointments were: Mrs. Ambrose Chapin, Mrs. Marion Olsen, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. G. A. Farrens, Newt O'Harra, Mrs. Ernest Garrison, Mrs. Blanche Brown, Mrs. Ralph Richards, Frank Turner, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mrs. Mary Lundell and Mrs. Vida Heliker, both of Ione.

Mrs. Merjorie Worden and Mrs. Wave Wilkinson were in charge of the center.

Dr. C. M. Wagner, Dr. Wallace Wolff and Dr. L. D. Tibbles divided their time so that each one would be there part of the afternoon and there was a doctor in attendance all the time.

Custodial assistance was given by Wayne Lamb, John Pankey, Dave Barnett, Bob Henry, and Jerry Holloman.

Others who assisted during the drawing were: Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Erda Pieper, Mrs. Ed Schaffitz, Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mrs. Mervin Leonard, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Mrs. Jerry Sweetney, Mrs. Edith Case, Mrs. Vernon Prock, Mrs. Cara Lee Hariman, Mrs. Elsa Mott, Sheridan Wyman and Mrs. Albert Fettsch. Rainbow Girls who helped were: Linda Clark, Ruby Fullerton,

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## Trash Makes Mess At Pool; Parents' Help is Asked

Those who have been throwing rocks, dirt and debris into the municipal swimming pool and mud on the building and deck are complicating the city's struggle to keep the pool open and are jeopardizing the summer swimming program for the many in the community who enjoy it.

This was evident this week when city crews Tuesday reported another onslaught of mud tossed on the facilities, presumably by children.

The pool was opened on a conditional basis this summer and is due for an inspection by the State Sanitary Authority to determine whether it may be continued to operate. For several years, it has been depreciating rapidly and is in need of repair. However, the job would be of such major nature that a committee is now working on planning towards a new pool.

"If it is denied a continuance of its license, the responsibility will be directly with those doing the damage at the pool," Mrs. Elaine George, city recorder, said.

When the city crews reloaded the pool for opening, they found on June 4—the day before opening—that dirt, rocks, and debris had been thrown into the pool. They had spent two weeks in cleaning, painting and patching the pool.

"There were some sick fellows around city hall that morning," Mrs. George said.

There is no way to empty the pool of its 170,000 gallons of water and clean it in a short time. Lifeguards and others swept the bottom of the pool under water to have it ready for opening.

"The pool is about 50% self-supporting; tax monies of the City of Heppner are levied in order to provide this recreation for the children of the town, and it is discouraging for them to show their appreciation in this manner," Mrs. George said.

Parents in the area of the pool, as well as those elsewhere, are asked to keep their children away from the pool property when it is not open for swimming and under supervision.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman has reported continuous trouble from this problem for several years but points out the difficulty of keeping the pool under observation at all times.

## Log Truck Tips On Highway Hill

A log truck owned by Leroy Britt and driven by Franklin E. Hunsaker, 32, of Kinzua, tipped over on a sharp curve on the Condon Highway hill south of Heppner early Tuesday morning and blocked the highway for about two hours, according to state police who investigated.

Hunsaker was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment but was released later in the day.

The state officer said that bunks on the loaded truck apparently broke loose, causing the truck to shift and tipping the load on to the southbound lane. Chains held the logs and kept them from rolling.

Traffic was routed across a dirt cutoff at the U-shaped curve while the highway was being cleared.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$1000. The mishap occurred about 7:45 a.m.

## Circus Coming Wednesday Night

Birnham Bros. 3-ring circus will be in Heppner for two performances Wednesday night, June 22, under sponsorship of the Morrow county Jaycees. Shows will be at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. John Pankey, Jaycee president, states.

Advance ticket sales have been going very well, the president reports. It is important that the public buy tickets in advance of the performance because if more than \$1000 worth is sold, the Jaycees will receive 50% of the advance sales for use on local projects. Of tickets sold at the gate, the Jaycees receive only 10%.

Anything less than \$1000 sold in advance brings a graduated percentage to the organization. Tickets are available at the First National Bank, Columbia Basin Electric and Jerry's Barber Shop.

Tickets to the circus will also be sold at Jack's Chevron Station Saturday and Sunday when Jaycees operate the station, receiving commission from the owner for car washes, lubrication jobs and oil changes. The public is invited to bring their cars in and free coffee will be waiting for them.

The circus coming, while not of the magnitude of Barnum and Bailey or Ringling Bros., has two elephants, a good horse act, tight rope and trapeze performers, clowns and other acts expected in a circus. Members of the Jaycees, elsewhere viewed the circus at Nyssa and reported to the local Jaycees that it was a good show, Pankey said.

## WEATHER

By DON GILLIAM  
Official weather report for the two weeks from June 2-15 are as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	65	40	.23
Friday	56	42	.03
Saturday	72	39	—
Sunday	78	47	—
Monday	77	53	tr.
Tuesday	77	51	.02
Wednesday	82	54	.04
Thursdays	77	54	—
Friday	62	44	.25
Saturday	63	43	—
Sunday	75	44	—
Monday	88	50	—
Tuesday	85	51	—
Wednesday	88	55	—

## New Ambulance Goes in Service

Morrow county's new ambulance, gift of Mrs. Amanda Duvall, went into service Monday and made its first official trip to Condon to bring a man to Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Bob Lowe, hospital engineer who also is ambulance driver, said after the trip that the vehicle performed splendidly.

Purchased from Comrie Olds-Cadillac of Pendleton, the ambulance has a Superior body, built by Superior Coach Company of Lima, Ohio. Engine and chassis were built by the General Motors Company. The vehicle was brought from Portland on June 6 and was on display at Heppner Auto Sales until going into service Monday. Radio was installed prior to that time.

The new ambulance is superbly equipped. It contains all the following extras and accessories: 110-volt outlet for cot warmer, electric road sanders, cot hooks, super-lift shock absorbers, rear bumper step, 130-amp. alternator, front and rear air conditioning, door edge guards, wheelhouse compartment, transformer and double outlet, tinted glass, nine openings, rear view mirrors, safety belts, plasma bottle hooks, Strat-O-Ray center roof

mounted trim base, side and front roof signs, siren, hanging stretcher hardware, nylon tires, heavy duty front springs, non-slip differential, Autronic eye, Holistart heater for engine, combination stretcher chair, folding stretcher, all level cot and mattress, cot warmer, 3-inch mattress, Med-Ox manifold, large and small cylinder regulator, Handy resuscitator, oxygen masks and connecting tube for oxygen. Cost of these extras was \$3,550.

The new "White Angel" has 51 inches of head room compared to 42 inches in the old ambulance. The upper part of the canopy is fiber glass, which is lighter for better balance and conducts heat at a lower rate than steel.

The "White Angel" which the new vehicle replaces is also a Superior Coach ambulance built on a 1949 Cadillac chassis. Its purchase was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6100, and donations were collected from all over the county. The final balance was paid by BPOE No. 358 of Heppner. Total cost was \$8,500, about half the cost of the ambulance just placed in service.

## Morrow Democrats Elect Officers

Morrow county Democratic central committee elected officers at a meeting Tuesday night in the old city library.

Mrs. Virginia Rosewall was elected county chairman and Alvin Bunch was chosen vice chairman. Mrs. Sadie Parrish was elected secretary - treasurer, and Paul Jones was chosen as voting delegate to the state convention.

In addition to precinct committeemen and committeewomen from both the north and south ends of the county, three county candidates were in attendance, as well as other interested Democrats.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rosewall.

## Barratt Still 'One Man Chamber' For Home Town of Heppner

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JIM BARRATT

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, Corvallis (Special to Gazette-Times)—The good citizens of Heppner may not realize it, but there's a roving good-will ambassador loose in the Willamette Valley still chanting praises of the eastern Oregon town he loves so well.

The one-man Chamber of Commerce representative is none other than Jim Barratt, newly appointed Director of Athletics at Oregon State University and a person who has never forgotten where he grew up.

Barratt, of course, hails from Heppner and first learned how to work hard on a livestock ranch.

"It still bothers me to see people flood out of an office at exactly 5 p.m. whether or not they have their work finished," says the diligent 41-year old athletic director. Jim has been known to work 36 hours without rest on such assignments as Rose Bowl preparations.

He received hundreds of letters and telegrams, following his appointment to the top job in OSU athletics, and laughed at a quip sent in by one of his many friends. It read, "Congratulations — this is the biggest thing in Heppner since the

"be a politician all your life, not just when you are running for office."

Teachers who made invaluable contributions include Mrs. Juanita Leathers Carmichael, for "sense and understanding," Kenny McKenzie, now a farmer at Stayton for "love of athletics" and Harold Buhman, now deceased, for "appreciation of bands and music." Probably the most dedicated teacher he ever enjoyed was Mrs. Dix, whose students learned the "Palmer Method" in writing.

His father, former rancher and county judge, J. G. Barratt of Mesa, Ariz., was most understanding in allowing Jim to participate in sports and activities at Heppner High, even though a heavy work load was due at the ranch.

Barratt, who is called upon to speak at banquets and athletic functions has repeatedly mentioned the value of being raised in a small town and educated in a small school. "I have always felt the value of extra-curricular activities are as important as those gained in the academic classroom. In Heppner it was common for a student to take part in athletics, in the band, in forensics and work on the school paper, all while getting a fine education." He points out, "Can you obtain such a well-rounded education in a large

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